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ND announces Roemer internship

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

In recognition of a commitment to public diplomacy, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy has created a special internship at Notre Dame to honor retiring Congressman Tim Roemer. The internship will be awarded each semester to a student participating in the University's Washington Program.



Celli

Michelle Celli, a sophomore double major in political science and French, will be the first recipient of the Tim Roemer Internship.

"I'm really excited," said Celli. "It's going to be a great opportunity."



Roemer

members work on the issue of public diplomacy, the U.S. govern-

The advisory commission consists of a six-member panel appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The

ment's direct communication with the public in foreign countries, and make policy recommendations to the president, secretary of state and Congress.

Celli said her internship duties would likely include assisting with the nomination process this spring when President Bush names his choices for appointment to the commission.

Roemer received his master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1981 and 1985 in government and international studies, respectively and has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1990 as a Democratic representative from Indiana's 3rd Congressional District. Roemer was influential in preserving the oversight role of the commission

and pushed to keep the committee in operation.

"Congressman Roemer played the key role in supporting and reauthorizing the commission on public diplomacy," said Mark Brown, chief of staff for Roemer's Washington office. "He was able to get legislation approved which kept the commission going."

Brown said Roemer's contribution to maintaining the committee will be especially needed in the post Sept. 11 world. Roemer's office said it was pleased and surprised when the new internship was announced, as staff members had no involvement in creating the new program.

The new internship will help to further Roemer's commitment to involving others in public service,

according to Brown.

"He's tried to create opportunities for other people to take part in public service," Brown said. "Internships are quite often the starting point for people who go on to have long and successful careers in public service."

Celli said she first learned about the possibility of receiving this internship through the Washington Program and American studies Professor Robert Schmuhl.

"I wanted to do something along the lines of international relations," she said. "It turned out that they decided to create this new internship."

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Students allege assault

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

Two male students allege they were assaulted in the D6 parking lot adjacent to the security building early Friday morning on their way to their dorms, according to a Notre Dame Security/Police crime alert.

Both students were struck in the face but only one sustained injuries. He suffered minor lacerations and a chipped tooth and was treated at a local hospital, the crime alert reported.

Currently, officers have a rough description of one of the suspects and the vehicle. According to the crime report, one of the suspects was a college-aged white male with short brown hair. The other suspect could not be identified as he did not leave the vehicle, a dark-colored Jeep Grand Cherokee, the report said.

Associate Director of Security Phillip Johnson said that campus police couldn't come to any conclusion about the motivation behind the assault, saying that it was too early in the investigation to know. He said, however, that he suspects road rage could be the motive as the victims first reported seeing the suspects while stopped at a traffic light on State Road 933.

"Suspects may have simply followed students back to the parking lot," Johnson said.

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

SUB, BOG present to group

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Executive Cabinet members met Monday evening to hear presentations from the Student Union Board and Saint Mary's Board of Governance and also to discuss ways to further publicizing club and organization events.

The Office of the President is in the process of creating an online calendar for student events that will be posted on the Student Government's Web site. Any student club or organization can submit postings to inform students of planned activities. The calendar is about 80 percent complete and will be available for use soon. The Executive Cabinet will also have an Instant Messenger screen name by which they will list the day's events.

"Feedback from students is always welcome," said Executive Council member Susan Longenbaker. "I would like to encourage them. I would like to know more from students how we can better serve their needs."

Council members also discussed ways to improve the accessibility of "Everything Under the Dome," Student Government's twice-weekly publication to inform students about the week's activities. Council members brainstormed ideas to make the publication more accessible to students and decided to give copies to each dorm's resident assistants to ensure a constant posting place within each dorm. The



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

SUB representative Stephen Christ presents his organization's 10-year plan to the Executive Cabinet during their meeting on Monday. SUB announced plans to launch a new low-cost event.

Cabinet proposed having each RA post one copy by their door and spread a few copies of the publication throughout the dorm to ensure that many students will have the opportunity to discover the week's events.

"We are trying to reach students on a more personal level - right where they live," Longenbaker said. "Hopefully we will have a greater impact on how we are able to reach [students] and increase our audience base."

Saint Mary's Student Body President Kim Jensen, Student Body Vice-President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, and Executive Council Representative Lindsey Evans explained the organization of their Board of Governance and their efforts to pass a study day proposal. Executive Council members said that hearing about the set-up of Saint Mary's Student Government provided them with new ways of bettering their organization and the positions available.

"It was very helpful for me to see how our sister school is set up," said Meghan O'Donnell, Executive Council member and junior class president. "It gave me some insights into different ways that our student government could be taking. There is a sense of cohesion that I would really like to see happen here," she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Christmas already?

It's my favorite time of year again. Christmas carols are being sung, and people are rushing to check everyone off their Christmas lists. The only difference this year is that it seems to have come a bit earlier than normal. Finals are still weeks away, yet the Christmas buzz is all around. A local radio station plays Christmas music 24-hours a day.

Liz Gaydos

Staff
Photographer

It even looks as though this year's wishes for a white Christmas are being answered early. While walking around campus, one can see freshly built snowmen adorning the property. I even heard a group of girls strolling down the sidewalk belting out the words to "Let it Snow."

My question is, what happened to Thanksgiving? Amidst all the holiday cheer, we seem to have left out an important celebration. Thanksgiving is a time to be with friends and family and do just what its name suggests: give thanks for what we have. The important thing is to not focus on the commercialism of Christmas, but to remember the spirit of the first Thanksgiving. So many traditions are associated with this holiday, yet this year, they appear to have been forgotten already.

Every year at my house, the heavenly scents of my mom's home-cooked food waft through the air as the family watches the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in the living room. The banter is often interrupted as Mom asks someone to make yet another trip to the grocery store for that necessary ingredient she inevitably forgot.

Carving the turkey is just the beginning. As much as we all hate to admit it, Thanksgiving wouldn't be Thanksgiving without its corny traditions as well. Though the children of my family always complained about having to express what we were thankful for, our holiday wouldn't be complete without Dad passing around the piece of bread, requesting that everyone break off a chunk and give thanks for some aspect of our life.

Another Thanksgiving tradition is decorating for Christmas. The tree goes up, lights garnish the shrubbery outside, and various other Christmas paraphernalia decorate the house.

This is when the real countdown can begin. What better way to kick off the holiday season than with the biggest shopping day of the year? Now is the time to visit Santa at the mall, send out your holiday greetings, kiss under the mistletoe and sip hot chocolate by the fire.

Remember this before you get swept up in the holidays and take out your copy of "It's a Wonderful Life," or pop your N'Sync Christmas album into your stereo. Take the holidays one at a time, and enjoy them all.

Be grateful when Dad makes you take time to think about what you appreciate. It just might help keep you grounded enough to celebrate the season we're in.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful break.

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Irish poet accused of anti-Semitic statements	Bush taps Ridge to lead Homeland Security	U.S. charges 3 in ID theft case	Columnist asks, 'What would Jesus drive?'	Harrison releases latest album	Irish fall to 4, Miami remains number 1
Award-winning Irish poet Tom Paulin has faced criticism for his anti-Semitic views. He has spoke at Notre Dame twice.	Bush announced Monday that Tom Ridge will lead the new Homeland Security Department.	Federal authorities charged three men with stealing credit information from more than 30,000 people.	Columnist Joanna Mikulski criticizes a pool that lists cars Jesus would support based on their environmental friendliness.	The Observer music critics review George Harrison's latest album, Brainwashed.	Notre Dame fell to fourth place despite its Saturday shutout and Miami retained its top spot in this week's Sandwich Index.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

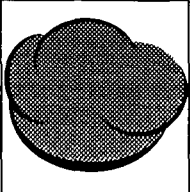
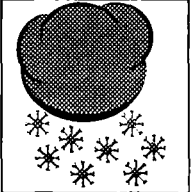
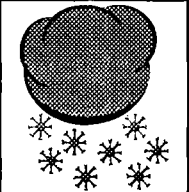
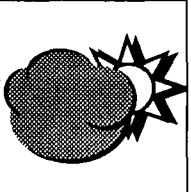
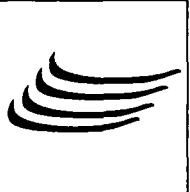
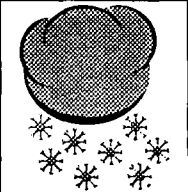
- ◆ Campus Bible Study. Coleman-Morse Center Conference Room, 7 p.m. Please bring your own Bible.
- ◆ Lecture. "Cyanide, Cigarettes, and Cement: Issues in Technology Transfer in Late 19th Century Mexico," by Edward Beatty. O'Shaughnessy Hall, room 119, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Spanish Mass. St. Edward's Hall, 10:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Freshman class meeting. Hagggar College Center, room 304, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Junior class board meeting. Hagggar College Center, room 303, 9 p.m.
- ◆ Senior class board meeting. Hagggar College Center, 9 p.m.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Noble Family Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Baked meatless ziti, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable and supreme pizzas, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, tortilla soup, smoked creole flank steak, roasted poupon potatoes, pasta primavera, baked Swiss spinach, Philly steak sandwich, sweet and sour chicken and baked salsa cod.	Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, bianco pizza, Greek pork loin, turkey pot pie, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, chicken teriyaki and portobello fajita.	Today's Lunch: Chicken rice soup with jicama, Minesota wild rice soup, mushroom garlic and cheese pizzas, teriyaki chicken wings, Italian beef sandwich, curly fries, twice cooked pork, country kitchen vegetables, baked penne melanzane, caesar bean burger, Santa Fe salad wrap, chef's pasta, sizzling fajitas and fudge mint brownies.
Today's Dinner: Baked meatless ziti, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable and supreme pizzas, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, tortilla soup, pork loin with apples, baked jardiniere haddock, hot and spicy sea nuggets, cantonese bbq chicken and chicken and cheese chimichanga.	Today's Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, bianco pizza, peppered flank steak, buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod, bbq rib sandwich, peppered tangerine chicken and grilled spicy chicken.	Today's Dinner: Chicken rice soup, Minesota wild rice soup, cheese pizza, fried fish portions, grilled hamburgers, tempura chicken and shrimp, garden burgers, Santa Fe burritos, chef's pasta and broccoli and cauliflower salad.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 32 LOW 26	HIGH 32 LOW 29	HIGH 33 LOW 18	HIGH 35 LOW 22	HIGH 40 LOW 31	HIGH 39 LOW 26

Atlanta 60 / 46 Boston 42 / 29 Chicago 33 / 25 Denver 27 / 13 Houston 50 / 35 Los Angeles 77 / 52 Minneapolis 25 / 15 New York 45 / 32 Philadelphia 45 / 32 Phoenix 72 / 52 Seattle 52 / 37 St. Louis 31 / 25 Tampa 76 / 56 Washington 46 / 36

Poet's words criticized

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
Assistant News Editor

An award-winning Irish poet who gave a lecture at Notre Dame Thursday has been under criticism for his anti-Israeli views. Tom Paulin, a lecturer at Oxford University's Hertford College, has sparked widespread debate because of comments he made during an interview with the Egyptian newspaper Al-Aram in April.



Paulin

In the interview, Paulin voiced his concerns and misgivings of the state of Israel and how the Israeli government was dealing with the Palestinians.

"[Israel] is a state created by the powerful nations somewhere else. It is an artificial state," he said.

Also, when the issue of Brooklyn-born Jewish settlers was brought up, Paulin was quoted as saying, "They should be shot dead. I think they are Nazis, racists, I feel nothing but hatred for them."

This is not the first time Paulin's views on Israel has garnered criticism. Last year the poet stirred up controversy

when he wrote a poem for the London Observer newspaper, labeling Israeli soldiers as "Zionist SS."

Although his statements may appear extreme, Paulin has repeatedly said he is not anti-Semitic, and that he wishes for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East.

"I just laugh when they [label me as anti-Semitic]. It does not worry me at all. These are the Hampstead liberal Zionists," he said. "I have utter contempt for them. They use this card of anti-Semitism."

Because of his comments, Harvard University canceled a scheduled lecture Paulin was to conduct. Protests from students, faculty and alums caused the university to retract its invitation. Yet, only a week after the event was canceled, Harvard's English Department decided to re-invite Paulin.

The department cites free speech as their primary reason for deciding to reconsider Paulin's appearance on campus.

"We are ultimately stronger as a university if we together maintain our robust commitment to free expression, including the freedom of groups on campus to invite speakers with controversial views," said Lawrence Summers, Harvard's president.

On Thursday, Paulin gave a lecture at Notre Dame entitled, "William Blake, Irish Visionary:

His Influence on Yeats, Joyce and Van Morrison." The Keough Institute for Irish Studies sponsored the event.

Paulin was asked to speak at Notre Dame last summer when members of the Institute learned that he would be a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York.

Although Harvard and later, the University of Vermont canceled lectures with Paulin, the Institute did not feel it was necessary to cancel as well.

"Harvard, like Notre Dame has the word 'university' in its title. If one has a problem with what a speaker says or reportedly said, a talk provides an open forum and an opportunity to come and disagree with him," said Christopher Fox, director of the Institute.

Although no incidents were expected during the lecture at Notre Dame, campus security was alerted of the possible controversy surrounding the poet's visit.

"Tom Paulin is a significant scholar along with being a major Irish literary figure," Fox said. "His Thursday lecture here on Blake, Yeats and Van Morrison was well attended and very well received, as was a Friday seminar, on Irish poetry, for Notre Dame graduate students."

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SMC celebrates Kwanzaa

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

In honor of Kwanzaa, Brother Sage, a.k.a. Verge Gillan, will host a pre-Kwanzaa celebration at Saint Mary's Monday at noon in Stapleton.

Gillan is the host of the radio program "Providing Options" which airs Sunday evenings for WSBT 960 AM. He is also well known for his Kwanzaa Celebrations.

"Our hope is that the Saint Mary's community join us in the great learning opportunity."

Marie Willis
assistant director
Multicultural Affairs

"Brother Sage said he is honored to come on campus and wants the participants of the celebration to understand that the Kwanzaa celebration focuses on a African American value system," said Marie Willis, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs.

Kwanzaa is an African American Holiday that is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 that encompasses African traditions and American customs.

Maulana Karenga held the first celebration of Kwanzaa in 1966. Kwanzaa recognizes the basic principles of the harvest celebrations of Africa. The holi-

day is primarily aimed at children to give them a greater understanding of African culture and its integration with American traditions.

The basic principles are Umoja (unity), Kujichagula (self determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative econom-

ics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

A focus of the pre-Kwanzaa celebration will be to create a Kwanzaa Resource Kit that will be displayed in

the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Gillan has designed a Kwanzaa table that is on display in the Multicultural Affairs.

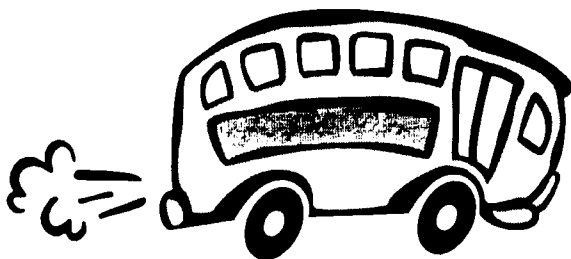
The Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Student Diversity Board and the Sisters of the Nefertiti Club are the sponsors of the pre-Kwanzaa Celebration.

"Our hope is that the Saint Mary's community join us in the great learning opportunity," Willis said.

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NEED A RIDE TO THE AIRPORT?

FREE SHUTTLE TO SOUTH BEND AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY AND BACK TO SCHOOL ON SUNDAY



As a service to students flying home for Thanksgiving, Notre Dame Express Shuttle will be running to the airport on Wednesday and back on Sunday.

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WEDNESDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE (Nov. 27)

	MICHIANA REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNS			
	1	2	3	4
LIBRARY CIRCLE	NOON	1:30	3:00	4:30
MAIN CIRCLE	12:20	1:50	3:20	4:50
REGINA	12:40	2:10	3:40	5:10
MCCANDLESS	12:50	2:20	3:50	5:20
MICHIANA AIRPORT	1:10	2:40	4:10	5:40

SUNDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE (Dec. 1)

	MICHIANA REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNS						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MICHIANA AIRPORT	NOON	1:30	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	9:00

The shuttle will be dropping students off at LIBRARY CIRCLE, MAIN CIRCLE, REGINA, and MCCANDLESS.

Assault

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Although the victims said that the incident occurred at 3:30 a.m., they did not report it until noon Friday, according to the crime report. Johnson said that the time difference is significant because it affects Security's ability to follow-up on leads.

"We are hopeful that victims will report crimes immediately," he said. "When there's a significant delay in reporting, it makes it difficult to follow-up on the case."

Johnson advises anyone who suspects that they are being followed to go to either a security station or a call box on either side of campus.

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Board presented its 10-year strategic plan, stressing ways to assess both the quality and the quantity of their sponsored events and encouraging other clubs and organization to co-sponsor activities with them. SUB is also looking for a relatively inexpensive mainstay event like Acoustic Cafe that will become a constant fixture.

♦ Senior Class President Matt Smith announced the plans to collaborate with other class councils to engineer a "Toys for Tots" drive the last week of the fall semester.

♦ Members brainstormed ways of publishing The Shirt Charity Fund. A portion of the proceeds from The Shirt sales go into a rectors' fund that students can use in times of crises like health emergencies or to ensure that financial considerations will not prevent them from enjoying activities like football games or retreats.

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SMC honors heritage month

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

In honor of Native American Heritage month, Linda Topash-Yazel held a workshop in the Reignbeaux Lounge of Le Mans on Monday evening.

Topash-Yazel is part Objibway and Potawatomi and an active member of the Potawatomi tribe, located in Michigan. She is also renowned for her Native American beadwork. Topash-Yazel regularly attends "pow wows," Native American traditional gatherings where she sells her beadwork.

Through the Title IX program, federal funding has supported Yazel's many appearances in all levels of school. Additionally, Topash-Yazel has worked in various museums. Currently, she works in the Catalog Center at Notre Dame.

Topash-Yazel has spent over 20 years educating the public on Native American culture.

"People need to do beadwork, it's a dying art. Our history is so oral rather than written, you are forced to learn [Native American] history," she said.

Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff participated in the event. The workshop gave all participants a chance to take a study break and socialize while gaining a



LIZ GAYDOS/The Observer

Students make beaded watches on Monday. The crafting workshop was one of the festivities marking Native American Heritage month.

greater appreciation of Native American art.

Each participant was given the face of a watch and then created a wristband out of beads. The participants in the workshop were given a taste

of the time, concentration and creativity of Native American beadwork. Several of Topash-Yazel's own beadworks were displayed for sale at the workshop.

"I think that this is a fun

experience that everyone should take part in," sophomore Mercera Payne said.

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Bush taps Ridge to lead Homeland Department

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Monday named close friend Tom Ridge to head the new Department of Homeland Security, but said even the biggest government shakeup in more than a half century can "neither predict nor prevent every conceivable attack."

"We're doing everything we can to protect America," Bush said as he signed a bill creating the department. "In a free and open society, no department of government can completely guarantee our safety against ruthless killers who move and plot in shadows."

With that sobering assessment from an East Room stage, Bush asked the Senate to confirm his nomination of Ridge and named two high-powered deputies: Navy Secretary Gordon England and Drug Enforcement Administration Director Asa Hutchinson.

A large portion of the department will take shape March 1, when the Secret Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and a few other agencies transfer their employees and budgets to the new entity, officials said. The final pieces will be put in place Sept. 30, 2003 — more than two years after the attacks that prompted the overhaul.

The officials spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity.

Ridge, 57, is a Vietnam hero, a former congressman and longtime political ally of the Bush family who nearly 14 months ago left his position as Pennsylvania governor to serve in the White House. No one else was seriously considered for the job, Bush aides said.

As the president's homeland security adviser, Ridge has won praise for improving communication between Washington and local governments. His most visible creation — the color-coded national warning system — became an instant butt of jokes but has helped Americans understand the ebbs and flows in terrorism threats, even if they're still unsure what, if anything, to do about the dangers.

Bush initially opposed creation of a homeland security department. But, facing criticism from Democrats, he embraced the concept in June and used it as a political issue in the midterm election campaign.

"The continuing threat of terrorism, the threat of mass murder on our own soil, will be met with a unified, effective response," Bush told an overflowing White House crowd.

He has given Ridge a daunting assignment to combine nearly two dozen agencies, \$40 billion in budgets and 170,000 employees spread across a broad swath of federal bureau-



Reuters Photo

Tom Ridge greets guests prior to the signing ceremony for the Homeland Security Act Monday. The act will create a cabinet agency to prevent terrorist attacks on the U.S., setting in motion the biggest government reorganization in half a century — a process that could take years to complete.

cracy and well-protected turf.

It is the biggest federal reorganization since the Defense Department's birth in 1947, and critics warn that problems are sure to crop up.

White House press secretary

Ari Fleischer said it will take more than a year to get the agency fully up and running.

But the administration's transition plan, devised in secret meetings near the White House for months, sets a more ambi-

tious goal of Sept. 30, 2003, officials said.

Agencies can begin moving to the new department 90 days after the plan is submitted to Congress. Bush plans to submit it almost immediately.

Blix warns Iraq must provide convincing evidence

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Monday he warned Iraq that it must provide convincing evidence if it maintains — as it did last week — that it has no illegal weapons programs.

Iraqi officials said they intend to cooperate fully with U.N. inspectors who will resume work on Wednesday after nearly four years, Blix told the U.N. Security Council.

But on the critical issue of access, Iraqi officials remarked during talks last week in Baghdad "that the entry into a presidential site or a ministry was not exactly the same thing as entry into a factory," Blix said, according to his briefing notes.

The resolution allows inspectors to go anywhere at anytime, including presidential sites, and Blix said he stressed this point to the Iraqis and told them his teams would exercise this right. "We said we would inspect all sites on an equal basis," he told a news conference afterwards.

Blix said he would have 100 inspectors on the ground by Christmas and that logistics were being rapidly strengthened. He also wants to open a field office in the northern city of Mosul "without delay."

"Thanks to assistance from the government of New Zealand we already have communications people and medics in place and before the end of the week, we may have the first of eight helicopters in Baghdad."

Blix told the council that the Iraqis had expressed "some uncertainty," about how it should prepare a declaration of all nuclear, chemical and biological programs.

Iraq is mandated to provide the council and inspectors with the declaration by Dec. 8.

Some of the Iraqi concerns appeared to be technical, including how detailed the submissions should be on Iraq's petrochemical industry.

"Clearly, the most important thing was that whatever there existed by way of weapons programs and proscribed items should be fully declared," Blix said he told the Iraqis.

"I added that four years had passed since the last inspections and that many

governments believed that weapons of mass destruction programs remained in Iraq. The council had wanted to offer Iraq a last opportunity," he said.

"If the Iraqi side were to state — as it still did at our meeting — that there were no such programs, it would need to provide convincing documentary or other evidence," he told the council.

Blix said he urged Iraq to make a complete declaration and "to look into stores and stocks" to ensure that everything is reported on Dec. 8.

Under the resolution a false statement or omission in the declaration, coupled with an Iraqi failure to cooperate with inspectors, would constitute a new "material breach" which would be reported to the council for possible action.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.K. Parliament supports Iraq resolution:

Britain's Parliament declared its support Monday for the U.N. resolution on Iraq, overcoming rumblings of dissent and misgivings over the manner in which military action would be decided. The decision came after Prime Minister Tony Blair warned that Saddam Hussein would face "serious consequences" if he denies that Iraq possesses banned weapons.

Mideast moderates work on peace plan:

Israeli and Palestinian moderates are close to a draft peace treaty, both sides said Monday, but at least one potential deal-breaker remains unresolved: the fate of Palestinian refugees. Even if completed, the 40-page document would have largely symbolic value since those negotiating it are not in positions of real power. However, it could serve as a guideline in future formal negotiations.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ex-FBI agent acquitted in Fla. crash:

A former FBI agent was acquitted Monday of killing two brothers by driving drunk the wrong way down an interstate, but he was convicted of lesser charges. The case had led to allegations that the Florida Highway Patrol engaged in a racist cover-up to protect the agent. David Farrall, 39, was cleared of drunken-driving manslaughter and vehicular homicide.

Boston diocese must release papers:

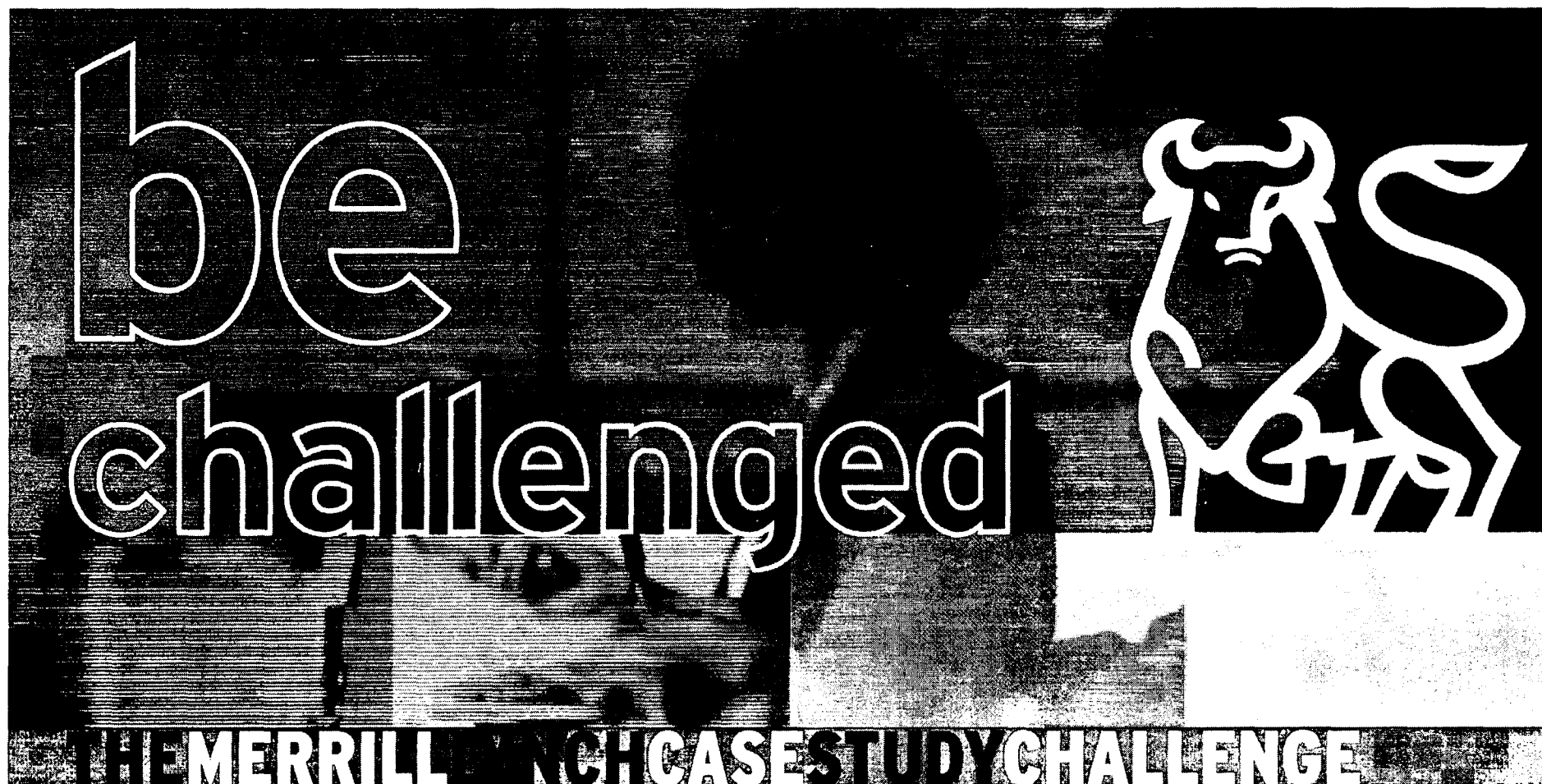
Sharply criticizing the Boston Archdiocese, a judge Monday ordered the public release of about 11,000 internal church documents related to 65 priests accused of molesting children over the past three decades. The two rulings by Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney came as lawyers for alleged victims and the Roman Catholic Church met to try to settle more than 400 lawsuits.

Woes force states' taxes to rise sharply:

State budgets are in their worst shape since World War II, prompting legislatures to institute the largest tax increases in a decade, the National Governors Association said Monday. Soaring health care costs and a sputtering economy that hurt tax collections were blamed for the budget problems. State lawmakers responded with \$8.3 billion in tax hikes for the fiscal year that began for most states on July 1. That was the largest dollar increase since 1992, when \$15 billion in tax hikes were enacted, the association reported.

Ex-Ky. mayor pleads guilty to child porn:

The former mayor pleaded guilty Monday to child-pornography charges that prompted his resignation earlier this year. Paul R. Reeves, 57, admitted receiving and possessing two videos that contained child pornography. Under the plea agreement, he faces 27 to 33 months in prison and a fine of \$6,000 to \$60,000 at sentencing April 22.



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NYSE		
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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
LUCENT TECH (NDRU)	+21.85	+0.33	1.84
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	0.00	0.00	14.89
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	+0.97	+0.27	27.99
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-1.81	-0.07	3.80
ATMEL CORP (ATML)	+44.08	+1.24	4.05

IN BRIEF

Raytheon settles with SEC, Motorola

Defense contractor Raytheon Co. has agreed to a settlement with federal regulators in one of the first cases involving alleged violations of a rule barring companies from revealing information to stock analysts before the general public.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which announced the settlement Monday, also said it had investigated similar allegations against Motorola Inc. but closed the case without taking enforcement action because a company official had gotten legal advice before starting one-on-one conversations with analysts.

The companies were not fined.

Bankruptcy filings climb 12 percent

Bankruptcy filings by individuals and businesses jumped 12 percent in the three months ending in September to a record 401,306, according to data released Monday.

New bankruptcy filings in the 12 months ended Sept. 30 totaled 1,547,669, up 7.7 percent from the year-earlier period and exceeding the record high of 1,492,129 in 2001, a year in which the economy slid into recession, data compiled by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts show.

The American Bankruptcy Institute, a group of bankruptcy judges, lawyers and experts, said the filings surged 30 percent from the third quarter two years earlier.

Existing-home sales rise in October

Sales of previously owned homes registered their third best month on record in October and are on track for an all-time high this year, as the beacon of low mortgage rates turns house hunters into home buyers.

The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that existing-home sales climbed to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.77 million in October, representing a 6.1 percent jump from the previous month.

U.S. charges 3 in ID theft case

◆ Predicted losses over \$2.7 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Federal authorities broke up what they called the biggest identity theft case in U.S. history and charged three men Monday with stealing credit information from more than 30,000 people, draining victims' bank accounts and ruining their credit.

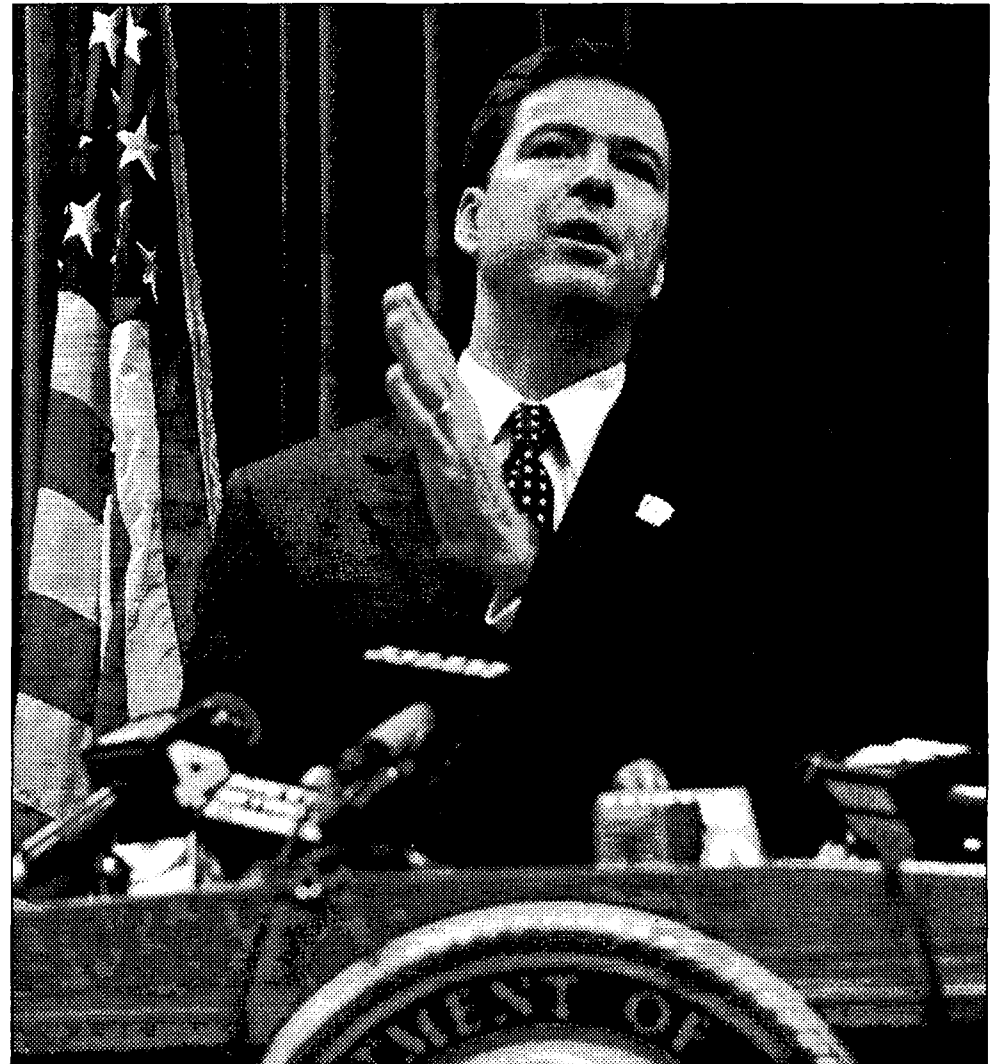
U.S. Attorney James Comey said the losses were calculated so far at \$2.7 million but would balloon to many more millions and affect consumers in every state. He called the case "every American's worst financial nightmare multiplied tens of thousands of times."

"With a few keystrokes, these men essentially picked the pockets of tens of thousands of Americans and, in the process, took their identities, stole their money and swiped their security," the prosecutor said.

Authorities said the scheme began about three years ago when Philip Cummings, a help-desk worker at Teledata Communications, a Long Island software company, sold an unidentified person passwords and codes for downloading consumer credit reports.

Cummings was allegedly paid roughly \$30 for each report, and the information was then passed on to at least 20 other people, who set out to make money from the stolen information, prosecutors said.

"The potential windfall was probably far greater



Reuters Photo

U.S. Attorney James Comey shown at a press conference on Nov. 12, called the ID theft "America's worst financial nightmare" and said the losses will exceed \$2.7 million.

than the content of a bank vault, and they didn't even need a getaway car. All they needed was a phone and a computer, or so they thought," said FBI Assistant Director Kevin P. Donovan.

More than 15,000 credit reports were stolen from Experian, a credit history bureau, using passwords belonging to Ford Motor Credit Corp., officials said.

They said thousands of other credit reports were stolen from companies such as Washington

Mutual Finance Co. in Crossville, Tenn.; Dollar Bank in Cleveland; Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Illinois; the Personal Finance Co. in Frankfort, Ind.; the Medical Bureau in Clearwater, Fla.; Vintage Apartments in Houston; and Community Bank of Chaska in Chaska, Minn.

Victims have reported losing money from their bank accounts, seeing their credit cards hit with unauthorized charges, and having their identities

assumed by strangers.

Comey said one sobbing victim telephoned prosecutors to say someone stole her identity, opened a \$35,000 line of credit and cashed a check for \$34,000.

"So that's now on her back, that \$34,000," he said. "The people that take the hit ultimately will be all of us, although in the short term it will be the companies that paid on the credit cards, the banks that lent them money."

Parents damage children's credit

Associated Press

CHICAGO

It was her first credit card application, or so she thought, prompted by an offer on her Ohio college campus for a free T-shirt.

But a rejection letter uncovered troubling news — someone had already opened four credit cards in her name and racked up \$50,000 in debt.

That someone, it turns out, was her father.

"I couldn't believe it," said the young woman, who asked not to be named for fear of humiliating her father, who was never charged criminally.

Now 25 and living in Chicago, she said she knew her father was struggling financially after his divorce from her mother and the failure of his restaurant. But she never imagined he'd fill out credit card applications sent to his home in her name. "He completely violated my trust and my privacy and my future," she said.

With the proliferation of credit cards, experts say parents who've botched their own finances are increasingly tempted to dip into their children's credit. As co-signers, all they need is a birth date and Social Security number.

"I've seen it happen a lot — and the damage it takes to correct it is tremendous," said Howard Dvorkin, president of Florida-based Consolidated Credit Counseling Services. "These people don't go in with the intention of screwing up their kids' credit. The problem is, old habits are hard to break."

In some cases, law enforcement is stepping in. Last month, a father from Billings, Mont., was sentenced to five years in prison for charging \$12,000 to credit cards in his daughter's name.

Some parents put bills — cable TV, utilities — in their kids' names.

That's what Teena Touch, a 28-year-old Los Angeles resident, said her father did.

"It started with my summer jobs — checks my dad was supposed to

deposit but never did," said Touch, whose father was convicted of embezzlement in 1993.

Dionicio Campos, a 29-year-old Chicagoan, said he's been stuck untangling the trouble caused by his mother's ex-boyfriend and others using his Social Security number.

"I'm sure a 17-year-old kid isn't worrying about his mom taking his stuff from him — but maybe he should," Campos said.

Overall, identity theft and credit card fraud have reached an "epidemic level," said Carl Pergola, national director of fraud investigations for accounting firm BDO Seidman.

Vital information, he said, is stolen by everyone from parents to co-workers to hucksters who post fake job listings or run other schemes.

He said young people whose parents have money problems should consider running regular credit reports — and request that the three major credit agencies notify them when new accounts are opened in their name.

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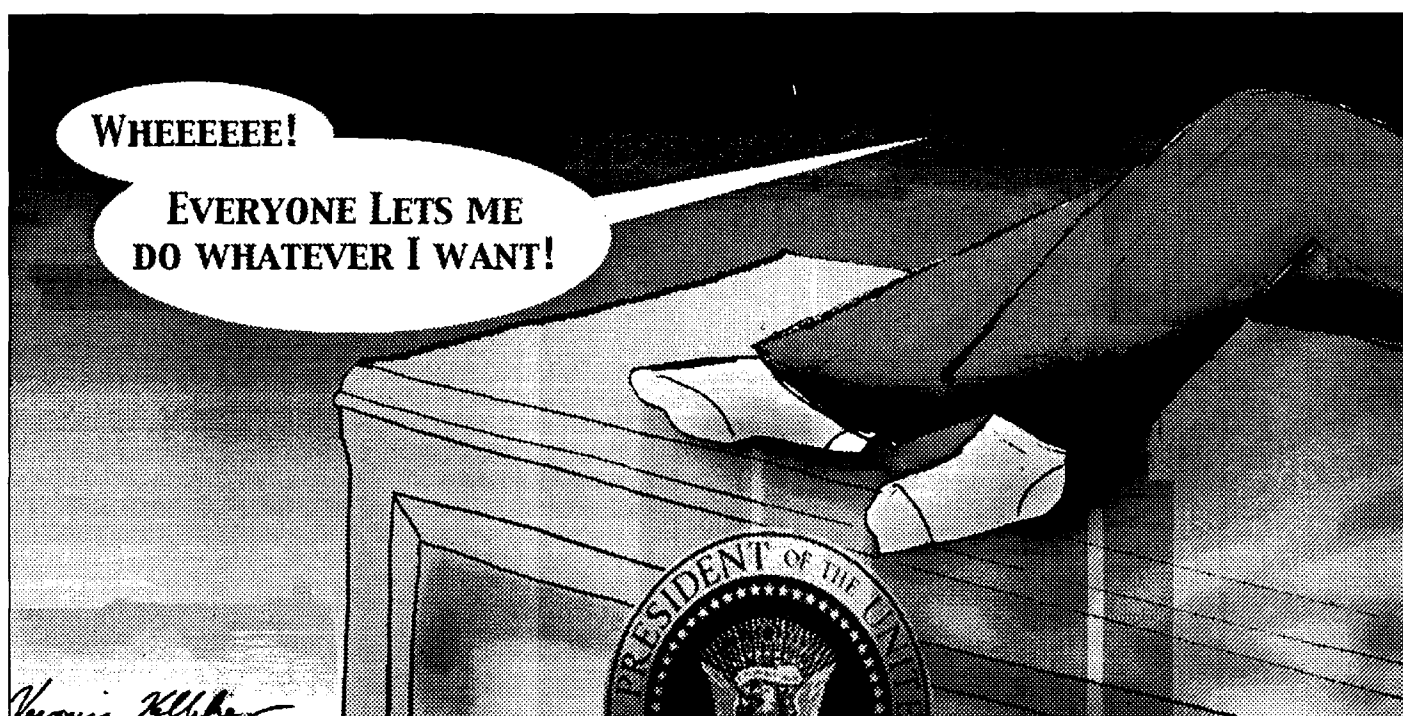
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Exploring 'just war' criteria and Iraq

Two recent news items may clarify the "just war" debate on Iraq.

First, the New York Times reports that the government may drop its federal court prosecution of Zacarias Moussaoui, "the 20th hijacker," and transfer him to Guantanamo Bay for trial by a military tribunal.

Charles Rice

Right or
Wrong?

The tribunals were established by President Bush to try non-citizens for terrorist violations of "the laws of war and other applicable laws." They are constitutional, and would be so even to try U.S. citizens, under Congress's power to punish offenses against the "law of nations."

A tribunal defendant would have limited procedural rights. Government lawyers are reluctant to give Moussaoui access to Al Qaeda prisoners and to some evidence. Moussaoui's transfer to a tribunal could be challenged in federal court; pending cases have challenged the government's right to designate Al Qaeda persons as "enemy combatants."

If Moussaoui did what the federal court indictment alleges, he was an enemy combatant acting in violation of the laws of war. He should have been tried in a military tribunal rather than sent to a civilian court as if the attacks of Sept. 11 had involved only ordinary domestic homicides.

The possible transfer of Moussaoui now to a military tribunal reminds us that, regardless of Iraq, we already have a major war on our hands, against Al Qaeda and other Islamic terrorists. The reality of that war reminds us, too, that if there is a significant connection between Iraq and the terrorist groups, the attack on Iraq could be justified as an aspect of that just war we undertook after Sept. 11.

The second news item was the New

York Times headline, "Bishops Say Attack On Iraq Is Not Justified." The bishops' actual statement on Nov. 13 did not live up to that billing. Perhaps in an effort to reclaim the credibility they squandered in the sex abuse debacle, the bishops brought forth Cardinal Bernard Law to deliver a very guarded statement.

The "just war" theory is a method of moral reasoning to prevent war and to minimize its effects if it does occur. There are three basic requirements for justice in going to war: proper authority, just cause and right intention.

The Catechism lists further details: "The damage inflicted by the aggressor ... must be lasting, grave and certain;" war must be a last resort, with "all other means ... impractical or ineffective;" "there must be serious prospects of success;" and "the use of arms must not produce evils ... graver than the evil to be eliminated." Justice in fighting a war requires proportionality and discrimination (non-combatant immunity). The proposed war on Iraq is debatable under just war criteria.

The bishops' statement, however, is significant because it affirmed the fact-dependent and contingent nature of the just war criteria and the deference owed to the government's evaluation. The bishops said, "We offer not definitive conclusions, but ... our serious concerns and questions. ... People of good will may differ on how to apply just war norms in particular cases, especially when ... the facts are not altogether clear. Based on the facts that are known to us, we ... find it difficult to justify the ... war against Iraq, lacking clear and adequate evidence of an imminent attack of a grave nature."

But then the bishops acknowledged, "There are no easy answers. Ultimately, our elected leaders are responsible for decisions about national security."

The effort to win the war against terrorism merely by "homeland security"

could involve unacceptable restrictions on personal liberty. Instead, success in that war requires elimination of the terrorists' support. The decisive question on Iraq, in that light, is whether Iraq aids, or is about to aid, Al Qaeda and the Islamic terror network.

The Bush administration has not publicly disclosed sufficient evidence to make its case clearly on that issue or on others relevant to the just war determination. But, as the bishops implicitly acknowledge, the public does not have a right to disclosure of facts where that would be contrary to national security. And the decisions of duly constituted authorities in this area are entitled to the benefit of the doubt up to a point of incredibility that does not appear to have been reached in this case.

One relevant factor, perhaps, is that we no longer have an adjudicated liar in the White House. In any event, all of this shows the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution in putting the decision on declaring war in the hands of Congress rather than in one man. The President has an inherent war power, to enable him, as James Madison said, "to repel sudden attacks."

Congress has given the President a blank check on Iraq. He may decide not to go to war. But Congress itself should make that decision — and account for it to the people.

Nevertheless, Congress has ceded its authority to the President and his decisions are entitled to a presumption of regularity, including both a decision to try Moussaoui in a military tribunal and a decision to go to war against Iraq.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."*Albert Einstein
physicist and philosopher

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What would Jesus drive?

Car commercials to air in Indiana are giving new meaning to the popular Christian expression, "WWJD." The question is no longer, "What would Jesus do?" but instead, "What would Jesus drive?"

The organizers of the campaign, the Evangelical Environmental Network, have at least part of the answer to this provocative question: They claim that the big JC would not drive a big SUV.

Joanna
Mikulski

Tuesday Voice

Instead, they say He would opt for small fuel-efficient vehicles. The WWJD campaign, led by Rev. Jim Ball and supported by both Christian and Jewish groups, contends that the Good Shepherd smiles brightest upon bi-fuel vehicles, powered by gas and electricity.

By this measure, I should be worried about my own salvation. Since my 16th birthday, I have driven a number of cars, including a Ford Explorer and a Dodge Caravan. Neither would get the OK from God, according to the WWJD campaign.

Furthermore, my mother once tried to teach me how to drive standard on a more fuel-efficient Honda Accord. Ten minutes into the first lesson, I backed into a tree. From then on, I drove the frowned-upon family minivan, and my mother drove the Accord.

Given that I couldn't master stick shift on the God-approved car, I have a few questions for Rev. Ball and his supporters.

1. Do you regard my inability to drive the fuel-efficient four-door as a sign of my ultimate fate?

2. Do you think I still have time to redeem myself?

3. Would Jesus take you seriously?

The "What Would Jesus Drive?" campaign might be offensive, if it wasn't so ridiculous. (As I recall, Jesus liked to walk.) Yet, arguments against using the Son of Man to promote the purchase of automobiles aside, the commercials make an important point. The United States must do more to develop environmentally friendly vehicles and to encourage the use of alternative sources of energy for the health of the country and the world.

Last week, I cringed at the pictures of sea life and coastline covered in black sludge after an oil tanker, a victim of storms, rocks and all-too-flimsy construction, went down off the coast of Spain. The images took me back to the fourth grade, when I sat watching oil flow from the Exxon Valdez.

How long will it be, until another oil tanker leaves toxic sludge along an American coast?

However, Americans can't count on President Bush to encourage automakers, who can make up to \$8,000 profit on each SUV, to pour more money into alternative fuel vehicles or support any legislation that benefits the environment at the expense of big business. Just last week, he expressed his support for easing emissions controls at power plants.

Ironically, policies that support alternative energy and cleaner vehicles help Bush fight the one fight he seems to care about: the war on terrorism. The greatest weapon that the terrorists wield is not chemical, nuclear or biological. It's America's dependence on Middle East oil.

Although finding other sources of oil could reduce the United States' dependence on Middle East oil in the short term, the use of renewable sources of energy offers the best long-term solution for the health of the country and the world.

Of course, Americans like myself will always hesitate to give up their SUVs. (I love my car.) I suppose then that the Evangelical Environmental Network might have something right — a little divine inspiration might ease the transition to environmentally friendly vehicles.

WWJD.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality is a fact of nature

Apparently our Irish football team is not the only organization that has taken a hint from Tyrone Willingham. The Catholic Church has also added "fake left, go right" to its playbook.

After completely mishandling the child sex abuse scandal and developing a plan that fails to satisfy any sensible person, the Catholic Church has finally reverted to what it does best — ignoring the problem.

Despite Vatican II, when the Church made a great leap into the 18th century by allowing Mass in English, the remnants of absolute hypocrisy are still hanging on by a steel cable.

I am referring to the recent move by the Pope to dump the sex scandal on the homosexual priesthood.

It's not the inanity of this act itself that I wish to comment on, however — it's the fact that, were the Church moderately consistent in its views on sexuality, it would not even be condemning homosexuals in the first place, making this whole issue a moot point.

But, you respond, it says in Corinthians that homosexuality is a moral sin. I know what the Bible says about homosexuality. I also know that Deuteronomy demands the execution of a son who is "stubborn and unruly" and "will not listen to his father or mother."

That's beside the point, however. I realize I could act like ignorant atheist groups and cite Biblical passages with ludicrous implications to claim some sort of proof by preponderance of evidence, but I would rather beat the

Church on its own grounds.

So let's examine why the Church condemns homosexuality. The Church considers the primary purpose of sexuality in marriage to be procreation, which allows it to state that homosexual acts are "gravely disordered."

Interesting, given that the Church does not actually believe that procreation is necessarily even a purpose of sexual union.

Note that in the same Catechism, "birth regulation based on self-observation and the use of infertile periods," or in other words using a calendar, is completely moral.

But I ask, then, how is this in conformity with fecundity? If a married couple is intentionally trying not to have kids, are they not breaking God's command to "be fertile and multiply?"

The Church apparently doesn't think so.

What if some physical disorder prevented either a husband or wife from reproducing, or what if the couple decided to simply not have children, but they still engage in intercourse anyway? The Church never says this is immoral either.

The point here is that you can't have your cake and eat it too — you can't on the one hand say that procreation is the natural purpose of a sexual union between two people, and on the other that it is acceptable not to procreate.

Moreover, the fact that the Church now supports evolutionary theory shows yet another hypocrisy towards its stance on homosexuality.

One of the tenets of evolutionary

theory is that certain biological tendencies and instincts are common from species to species.

This is seen in many facets of human existence, from the construction and ordering of civil society to morality within that society.

Homosexuality just so happens to be one of those tendencies. New World monkeys, a primate group including the chimpanzee (our closest relative), usually exhibit a homosexuality rate of somewhere between 5 and 10 percent, roughly the same proportion as in human beings.

Moreover, a recent study involving sheep seems to suggest that homosexuality is a result of brain structure.

But how can the Church expound evolutionary theory and then condemn homosexuality as though it were a choice? If we are to accept evolutionary theory, we must also come to accept that homosexuality is a biological fact and a natural law as ordered by God.

All this hints at the sad truth that, like any other institution, the Church is a product of social norms.

Homosexuality is not "gravely disordered" — it is a biological fact that the Church refuses to recognize, even at the price of copout and contradiction.

Let us as individuals not fall into the same trap.

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GUEST COLUMN

'Big Brother' is watching

EUGENE, Ore.

Has the world of George Orwell's "1984" come to pass with the recent passage of the homeland defense bill? Perhaps it doesn't legislate authoritarianism, but the combination of a denial of information to Americans along with the increased collection of their personal information by the government could lend itself all too well to abuse by a "Big Brother" figure.

Oregon Daily
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Staff Editorial

Since Sept. 11, 2001, President George W. Bush has spearheaded efforts to bring together various people and agencies that may be important as a cohesive unit for combating terrorism.

Although the editorial board is supportive of efforts that would actually enhance people's safety, many of the measures enshrined in the homeland defense bill, in conjunction with the now nearly year-old USA Patriot Act, should scare Americans.

The Pentagon, under former Admiral John Poindexter, a key figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, has been given permission to keep a massive database, called the Total Information Awareness program, which would collate the personal details of Americans' lives.

Nearly every purchase people make, every event they attend, every e-mail they send and the departure and destination for every flight they take will all go into this database.

The government says the database is benign — it might allow them to "put the puzzle together"

before another terrorist attack — but it would still be any KGB or Gestapo man's dream come true. Its own motto, in fact, shows the danger as well as the potential: "Knowledge is Power."

More worrisome, though, is that just as more private information is being collected, knowledge about the government is being hidden. The homeland defense bill allows any information now freely available through the Freedom of Information Act to be deemed a "potential security weakness" and brought back under the cloak of secrecy. And the rub: Only the department decides what a "potential security weakness" is, precisely.

These two new proposals show almost limitless bounds for abuse. Will embarrassing information be suppressed under color of "security weakness," and then anyone requesting that information (for instance, journalists) be hounded through the Total Information Awareness program? Will the next group of "plumbers" getting dirt on a rival political candidate walk into the Pentagon rather than sneak into the Watergate?

Americans have good reason to be afraid of their government given these new marching orders. They should speak out, and the Bush administration should rethink these authoritarian measures before the slope becomes any more slippery.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Gray stays true to his sound

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Scene Music Critic

David Gray is quite a popular name on college campuses and it isn't uncommon to hear one of his songs being played in a dorm room. However, things weren't always this way.

Gray has been writing and producing music for more than 10 years. In the early '90s, Gray released two small albums without much acclaim and parted ways with two records labels.

Just as things were spiraling downward, Gray decided to release his fourth album, *White Ladder*, on his own record label in 1999. The album achieved much commercial and critical success, and secured Gray as a powerful folk-rock artist. "Babylon" and "Please Forgive Me," his most well known songs, are a unique blend of electric beat mixing, acoustic guitar and Gray's poignant vocals.

With his latest release, *A New Day At Midnight*, Gray overcomes new struggles. He shows that his work is consistent and creates an album of the same caliber, if not better, than *White Ladder*.

The album gets off to a strong start with the songs "Dead in the Water," "Caroline"

and "Long Distance Call." They each include Gray's signature acoustic arrangements and a rapid, pulsing beat. Gray's voice, perhaps his most gifted asset, rattles over the upbeat tempos, giving the songs a simplistic and humble tone. The chorus of "Caroline" is the catchiest on the album. "The final war/ A steel eyed dinosaur/ Girl I need you more/ Than I can say/ But Caroline/ It seems like every time/ Honey all I get is further away."

Ironically, the last three songs on the album,

A New Day At Midnight



David Gray

RCA Records



"Be Mine," "Easy Way to Cry" and "The Other Side," shift from the accelerated pace of the early few songs and are obviously slower, more reflective ballads. On these, Gray's voice and piano take center stage. On "Easy Way to Cry" he sings: "Faith gone from your eyes/ Each word it flies/ Straight to the heart and I know/ Watching you go/ There ain't no easy way to cry."

"Real Love" and "Freedom" combine lucid lyrical melodies

and a heavy beat that progress into rather long instrumentals and layered effects.

From start to finish, it may seem as though all the songs on the album sound the same. Gray uses the same pattern to construct the skeleton of most of his songs and the common themes of love, despair and hope fill in the rest. His vocals and basic mixing techniques allow the listener to distinguish differences between songs and draw from his own experience.

At a time when music is driven by sex appeal and pop culture, Gray remains devoted to his work. As he says on his website, "I've never had to follow up the success. The challenge is to reinvent your music, keep yourself interested, and keep yourself moving forward -- to keep it about the right stuff rather than be swamped by money and attention. It means you focus on what's important. Music is far more enjoyable than those things."

A New Day At Midnight could be titled "White Ladder 2" for its comparable sound and Gray's unchanging, solid vocals. All in all, David Gray's consistency and talent have created another enjoyable, laidback album.

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Coldplay set the critics straight

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Scene Music Critic

After the successful release of *Parachutes*, Coldplay's debut album, critics immediately began comparing them to other bands from the United Kingdom including The Verve, U2, Oasis and Travis, ultimately deciding that the British quartet was just another brand of "Radiohead lite," a brand worth trying but not nearly as good as the original. Coldplay's infectious hit single "Yellow" received a decent amount of airplay, and *Parachutes* achieved notoriety despite the numerous comparisons to other British bands. Very few listeners, however, expected Coldplay to have any sort of lasting impact on the music scene. Boy, were they wrong.

With the release of their sophomore album, *A Rush of Blood to the Head*, the youthful yet rapidly maturing band has silenced their critics and surprised nearly

everyone. Though echoes of the mournfully mellow style found on Radiohead's 1995 release *The Bends* still exist on *A Rush of Blood to the Head*, Coldplay's latest release has forced critics to retract their Radiohead clone assertions. Coldplay has successfully found its own niche in the music scene.

Each track on *A Rush of Blood to the Head* contains majestic orchestrations featuring Jonny Buckland's guitar melodies capped with Chris Martin's soaring falsetto.

Opening the experience is "Politik," Coldplay's memorial to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a song that was written the same week that the 2001 tragedy occurred. Buckland's chugging guitar riff pounds Martin's message to "open up your eyes" into the heads of listeners.

"We imagine 'Politik' to be your beliefs about something, your own 'politik,'" explained Martin in an interview with MTV News. "As soon as it arrived, we thought, 'Alright, that's going to be the first song'

because it seemed like a good idea for a band everyone thinks does acoustic songs to have a record that starts by going 'Bash! Bash! Bash! Bash!' With no grace or beauty whatsoever!"

The opening strains of "Politik" alert fans of Coldplay's previous album that they are in store for something quite different from the original.

"I think the differences on this new album -- they're more extreme," bassist Guy Berryman told MTV.

"The Scientist" is a slow piano piece and the opposite would be something like 'A Whisper,' which is more of a heavier guitar soundscape and less of a song. We still want to make a record that you would put on and you could listen to from beginning to end without being bored and without it being too long. We could have put on four or five more songs if we wanted, but I don't think that works. Eighteen songs like Moby's got, it's just too much for us."

At times, *A Rush of Blood to the Head* does enter into familiar territory -- for example, on the track "In My Place," the album's first single. This song was written just as Coldplay had finished recording *Parachutes*, barely missing the cut for their previous release.



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With their second release Coldplay has refuted claims that they are just another Radiohead clone band.

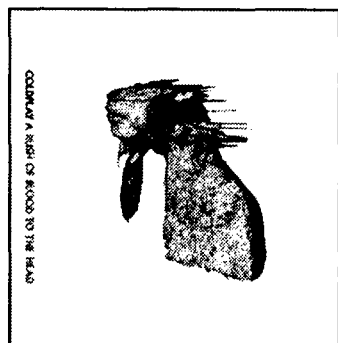
Building from that song, Coldplay has created a masterpiece. Possessing cohesion rarely found in modern albums, *A Rush of Blood to the Head* is a success from start to finish making it difficult to praise individual tracks. The entire album is praiseworthy. Coldplay has abandoned the overtly moody and at times whiny tone that is characteristic of *Parachutes* in favor of spine-tingling emotion driven by fervently layered musical compositions. Expect to hear critics comparing other new bands to Coldplay as the British quartet continues to become a more integral part of the music scene.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Harrison's guitar sounds from the grave

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

As the year anniversary of his death rolls around, it is only fitting that George Harrison should have one final word to say. His new album, *Brainwashed*, was the project he had been working on when he succumbed to cancer in late November of last year. Although the album remained unfinished at the time of his death, Harrison was prepared. He left specific instructions for his son Dhani, and his good friend and former Travelling Wilburys' bandmate, Jeff Lynne about how to finish the album. And a year later, it is done.

But don't expect any revelations or end-of-life wisdom from Harrison on this album. Although he spent much of his life searching for reasons and meaning, this album shows that even at the end of his life he was no closer to a complete understanding than he was at age 20. "I keep traveling around the bend/There was no beginning/There is no end," he sings on the first track "Any Road." Nearly every word that Harrison sings on this mellow mix shows acceptance that life's mystery shall remain a mystery, even at the point of death.

If his lyrics leave the mystery of life unanswered, Harrison uses his music to draw some conclusions. During his lifetime

as a musician, the guitar had always been his outlet. As the quiet sideman in the Beatles and even on his own as a solo artist, Harrison's guitar was his voice. This album serves to showcase Harrison's guitar, in the form of acoustic and electric, and even his late favorite, the ukulele.

"Give me plenty of that guitar," are the first words heard from Harrison as the album begins, and the music obeys quite nicely.

The opening song, "Any Road," is a jaunty number that moves quickly with the smooth strumming of Harrison on acoustic as well as slide guitar and the banjulele. Harrison sings of the to and fro rhythm of life, "I've been traveling on a wing and a prayer/By the skin of my teeth by the breadth of a hair," but he reassuringly adds that although the destination of such traveling is uncertain, the only certainty is that there is an end, "And if you don't know where you're going/Any road will take you there."

On "Stuck Inside a Cloud," Harrison seems to address his emotions regarding his illness. "Never been so crazy/But I've never felt so sure/I wish I had the answer to give/Don't even have the cure." He finds a temporary cure with his dazzling slide guitar solo that breaks between the simultaneously haunting and heartbreaking lyrics, bringing an uplifting spirit to the song.

The gem of the album comes in the instrumental piece, "Marwa Blues." Harrison's slide guitar gracefully slips along and envelops the listener in what feels like a tour of the deep blue depths of a rippling sea. The effect is together mysterious and magical, simply gorgeous.

The final song on the album, "Brainwashed," is a juxtaposition of musical, poetic and religious genres that leaves the listener a little uncertain as to what Harrison was trying to accomplish. Harrison sings somewhat bitterly about the brainwashing of society at the commencement of the song, "Brainwashed in our childhood/Brainwashed by the school/Brainwashed by our teachers/And brainwashed by all their rules." Spliced in the middle of a song is an ill-fitting female

Brainwashed

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voice that preaches a gospel from "How to Know God" (The Yoga Aphorisms of Patanjali). The song picks back up with the brainwashing lyrics again, but at the end it suddenly transforms into Indian hymn chanting. This odd mix doesn't hold together as one song. After 11 other enjoyable tunes, "Brainwashed," ends things on a jumbled and confusing note. Perhaps if Harrison had had the time to complete the album during his lifetime, he might have smoothed out the rough edges.

Despite the last song, the rest of the album can stand on its own as a final statement from a dying man. Harrison lived his life as a "dark horse," but he had immense talent behind the guitar. And as this album shows, even with its uncertain tone, Harrison found peace in life and death through his music.

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A year after his death, George Harrison has released an album showcasing his skill on the guitar, ranging from the electric to the acoustic to the ukulele.

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NFL

Newsome named Ravens GM

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ozzie Newsome became the first black general manager in NFL history Monday, signing a new five-year contract with the Baltimore Ravens that includes an upgrade in his title.

Newsome becomes the Ravens GM and executive vice president. He formerly held the title of senior vice president of football operations.

"From a historical standpoint, this is very significant," Newsome said. "I'm the only black general manager in the National Football League. Growing up in the South, there were a lot of times when I was one of the first. I was one of the first blacks to play Little League baseball."

"Sometimes it's all about the right timing."

Newsome was already responsible for most of the chores associated with being a general manager, and other NFL teams have had blacks in the similar role of vice president of player personnel. But Newsome is the first to hold the title of general manager.

"The new title reflects his

duties and importance to the franchise," Ravens owner Art Modell said. "It will broaden his scope into more of a GM role."

Even before the promotion, Newsome was the highest-ranking black official on an NFL team. He said his new job has nothing to do with a September news conference in which attorney Johnnie Cochran called for the league to hire more minority head coaches.

"He was the architect of our Super Bowl team of two years ago, and he's the mastermind behind the transition we are undergoing right now," Modell said. "This new title and contract salutes what he does for the organization, and should assure fans that the team is in good hands for the future."

Newsome was named the NFL executive of the year in 2000, when the Ravens stunned the football world with their march to the Super Bowl title. He was responsible for several successful drafts and was the force behind the acquisition of free agents Michael McCrary, Sam Adams, Shannon Sharpe and safety Rod Woodson — all key components

of the championship team.

The 46-year-old Newsome enjoyed a spectacular career as a tight end with the Cleveland Browns and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999. After the Browns moved to Baltimore in 1996, he was named the vice president of player personnel, a position upgraded to senior vice president of football operations in 2001.

His latest promotion comes in the midst of the Ravens' unexpected success this year. A salary-cap purge during the past offseason forced Baltimore to unload more than a dozen veterans and forced the team into a rebuilding mode.

But the Ravens are 5-6 and just 1 1/2 games out of first place in the AFC North, a testament to the solid relationship between Newsome and head coach Brian Billick.

Billick, who recently signed a new four-year contract, said of Newsome's promotion, "I couldn't be more excited, personally or professionally. What Ozzie and I have is genuinely unique. If I can finish my career here in this type of relationship with Ozzie, I will consider myself lucky."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Hurricanes' 'bet' may be violation

Associated Press

MIAMI

No. 1 Miami and the NCAA are trying to determine if center Brett Romberg's "friendly wager" with a radio talk show host earlier this season violated NCAA rules, athletic director Paul Dee said Monday.

According to talk show host Paul Castronovo of WZTA-Miami, he and Romberg made a bet before the Hurricanes' Sept. 7 game against Florida. If the Gators won, Romberg and his fellow offensive linemen would don Gators jerseys for a picture that would appear on the station's Web site. If the Hurricanes won, Castronovo, a University of Florida graduate, would take the linemen to dinner.

Romberg called Castronovo the next day and informed him that it would be an NCAA violation for the radio host to take them to dinner, so they altered the bet to make it dinner at Castronovo's house.

Miami beat Florida 41-16, but Castronovo said he hasn't provided the players with any meals.

"The whole thing was a joke, and nothing has happened," Castronovo said. "There has been no NCAA infraction. It was just a gentleman's thing. It was more fodder for radio fun than anything else."

According to NCAA rules, student-athletes are not allowed to solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item that has tangible value, including money, clothing or dinners. Repeated calls to the NCAA were not returned.

Romberg, a fifth-year senior, is a regular guest on the morning show, and he and Castronovo have jokingly referred to the bet on several subsequent interviews.

Miami officials said it became an issue when someone placed an anonymous call to the NCAA to disclose the wager. Dee released a statement Monday, and Romberg could not be reached for comment.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Red Sox make Epstein youngest GM in baseball

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Boston Red Sox made 28-year-old Theo Epstein the youngest general manager in baseball history Monday, ending a long search for a front-office leader by promoting one of their own.

The Red Sox had been without a permanent general manager since Florida financier John W. Henry bought the team in spring training and fired Dan Duquette.

Mike Port was interim GM for the season and was a candidate for the long-term job that went to Epstein. The team said Port has been invited to remain as vice president of baseball operations.

Epstein, who was raised near Fenway Park in suburban Brookline, became director of baseball operations for San Diego

in 2000, when Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was running the Padres. Epstein also spent two years each in San Diego's media relations department and as a baseball operations assistant.

"The Red Sox are very much in my blood, which makes this — standing here today as the new general manager of this club — a humbling experience," Epstein said at a Fenway Park news conference.

Randy Smith, previously the youngest GM, was 29 when he was hired by San Diego in 1993.

"We concluded that the right person was right before our eyes," Lucchino said. "We believe this franchise will benefit from a new structure and fresh philosophies."

Epstein said his immediate goal was to get the team into the postseason. A World Series title has eluded the franchise since

1918.

"We have Hall-of-Fame caliber players on the roster — and they're in their prime," he said.

He also wants to "turn the Red Sox into a scouting and player-development machine."

Boston has baseball's second-highest payroll at \$110.2 million. The Red Sox finished second in the AL East at 93-69, 10 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees and six games behind Anaheim for the AL wild card.

The group headed by Henry and Lucchino bought the Red Sox in February, bringing Epstein to Boston as an assistant general manager. From the start, there were whispers the Yale-educated Epstein would eventually get the GM job.

"Irrespective of his age, we are confident Theo is among the best and brightest, and the brightest, in baseball," Red Sox chairman

Tom Werner said. "We believe that the team he'll assemble will achieve results for which we so yearn."

Oakland GM Billy Beane spoke glowingly of Epstein on Sunday night. Beane had been Boston's first choice, even accepting the job before deciding to stay in Oakland for family reasons.

"He's a bright, passionate individual," Beane said. "I think the world of Theo."

Epstein worked with Port to represent Boston at the recent general managers' meetings, and he also worked on negotiating compensation for the A's when it was thought Beane would take the job. But a day after accepting a five-year, \$13 million offer, Beane decided to stay in Oakland.

After riding out the season with Port, the Red Sox pursued Beane and Toronto's J.P. Ricciardi, but

both chose to stay with their teams. Also identified as candidates were Mets assistant GM Jim Duquette, Baltimore adviser Mike Flanagan, Cincinnati director of player personnel Leland Maddox, former White Sox general manager Ron Schueler, Boston special assistant Lee Thomas and Phillies assistant GM Mike Arbuckle.

Thomas has been invited to stay with expanded responsibilities, the team said.

On Nov. 14, Lucchino said the ideal candidate would have experience as a major league GM.

To make up for Epstein's relative inexperience, the Red Sox are expected to surround him with GM veterans, possibly including Thomas and Port. Jim Duquette and former Montreal Expos GM Jim Beattie were also contacted about taking a position in the Boston front office.

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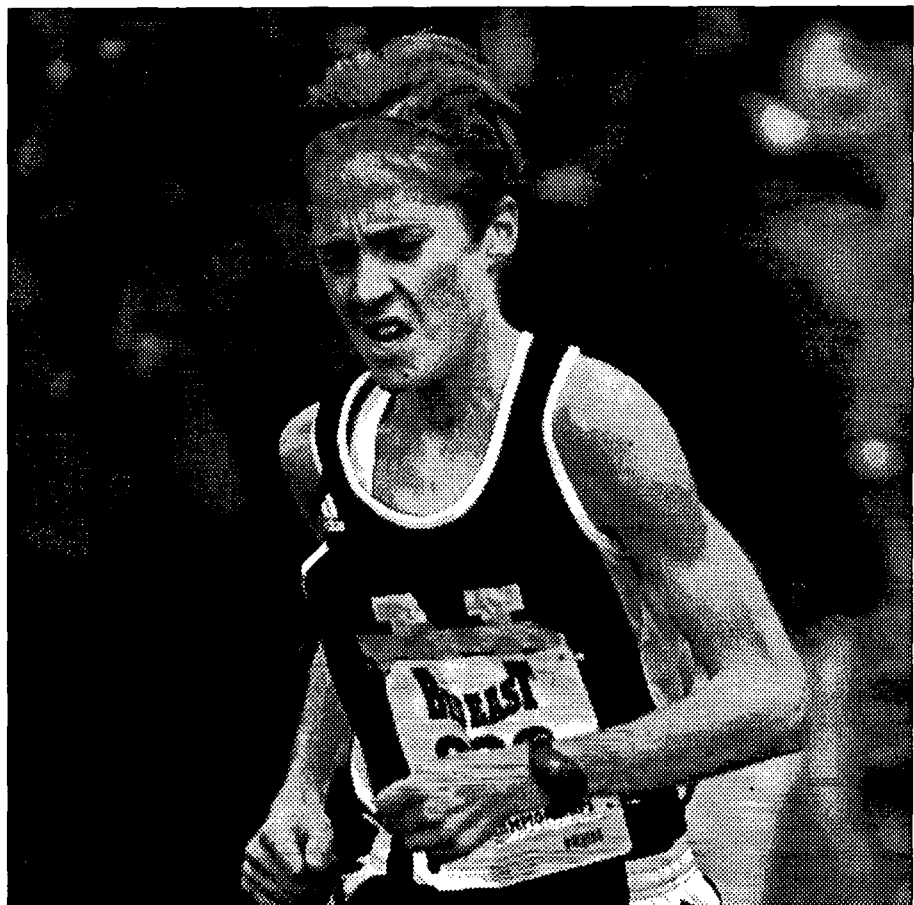
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SARAH SCHNIEDER/The Observer

Using the All-American performances by Freshman Molly Huddle and Sophomore Lauren King the Irish finished a school best third at Monday's NCAA championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

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ization of how good we are," King said. "Really early in the season, we had a third place ranking and we just kind of laughed it off, like 'yeah right.' The fact that now we are sitting here and that's the reality... that is just amazing."

King said the team's great performance was due not only to the runners on the course, but also to the other team members who traveled down to Terre Haute to cheer for the Irish.

"I am just really proud of the girls on the team who ran and who

didn't run," King said. The Irish fans were all wearing bright green shirts, and their presence and noise gave the Irish harriers confidence as they tackled the course.

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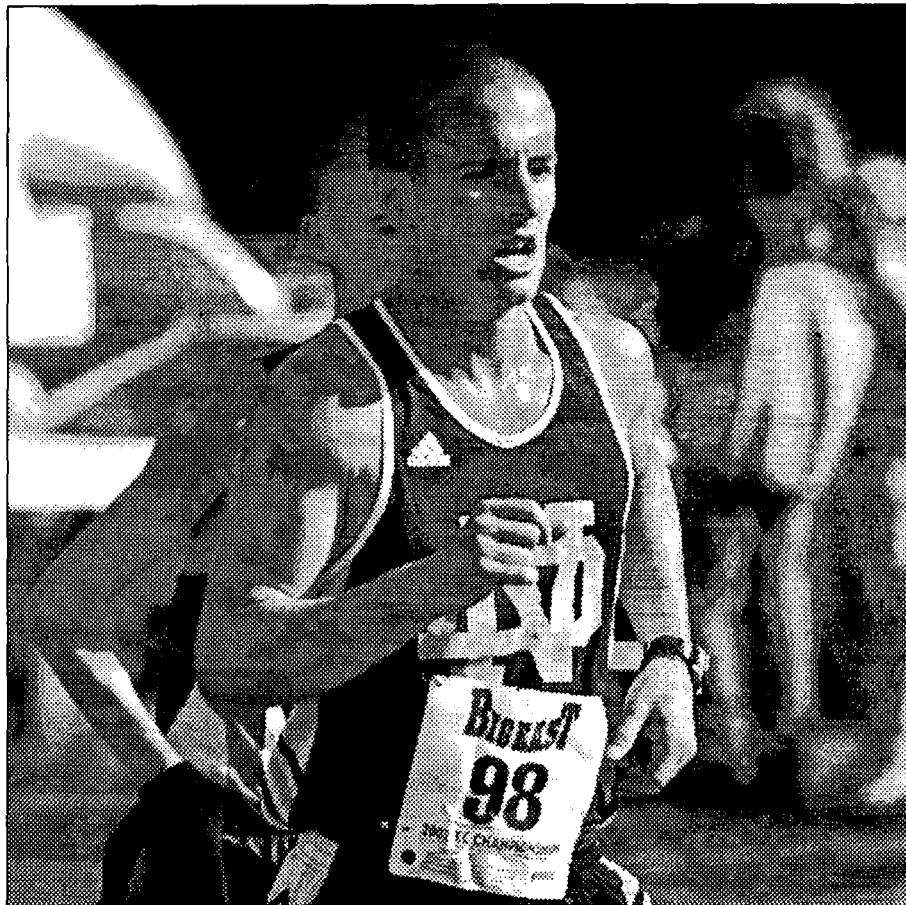
Lauren King
Irish runner

Jen Handley, the only senior who ran for the Irish, said that a whole new attitude was present this season, a demeanor which she said had been lacking in years past.

"I can't describe it," Handley said. "I was so emotion-

al after the race."

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SARAH SCHNIEDER/The Observer

An Irish runner competes in the Big East Championships. The mens cross country team finished in 22nd place. Injuries and a youthful lineup hurt the Irish at the NCAA Championships.

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crossed the line in 80th. Mobley has been recovering from an injury for the past weeks, and ever since his injury he has not been able to lead the team in his accustomed style.

"We finished in the top eight percent of all cross country teams in the nation," Irish coach Joe Piane told und.com. "I don't think we ran as well as we could. But I am thrilled with our finish after thinking that we might not make the meet."

Notre Dame finished with a team total of 527 points, while Stanford won the national title with its low total of 47.

The Irish have had high expectations given their previous success in the post-season. Last year, with the efforts of All-Americans Luke Watson, Ryan Shay and Mobley, the Irish climbed to sixth in the national championships. Shay graduated

though, and Watson has used up his cross-country eligibility, leaving Mobley and a talented, but young, squad.

"We only had one senior in the race for us today," Piane said. "We will be very strong in the future."

With Mobley's injury-related struggles, Moore, the national high school champion, has stepped up his performances and led the Irish to a disappointing but still respectable fourth place finish at the Big East Championships, as well as to an eighth place finish at the Great Lakes Regional Championships. Had Notre Dame finished one place at the regional tournament, they would not have qualified for the national championships.

Moore and Mobley were followed by junior David Alber, freshman Eric Morrison, sophomore Ryan Johnson, junior Brian Kerwin and senior John Keane.

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Irish offense showed against Rutgers it has the capability to keep up with the Trojans. Against the 1-9 Scarlet Knights, the Irish scored 42 points, their most since 2000.

Most impressive was Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday's passing ability. Holiday, criticized before the season for his inability to throw the deep pass, threw for 270 yards and four touchdowns Saturday.

And the Irish defense won't

exactly roll over, either, especially since they boast the nation's No. 2 passing efficiency defense.

"Coming off a good win, I think we know what we can do against USC. With a good week of practice, I think it will put us in a good situation going into the game," Ryan Grant said. "It's just a matter of us going after it this week, understanding that this is our last shot

in the regular season-We've got to go all-out, especially against that caliber of team."

Although Holiday doesn't come close to matching Palmer's impressive statistics — just 1,696 passing yards and 10 touchdowns — he's been efficient and hasn't thrown an interception in a month and a half.

Before the Rutgers game, many wondered if the Irish offense would ever awaken. With a four-touchdown third quarter — admittedly against one of the worst teams in college football — Holiday and the rest of the Irish offense probably shocked USC coaches.

"We've actually been pretty good on pass defense, so that was kind of a shock when that happened in the second half," Rutgers coach Greg Schiano said Saturday. "If Holiday can throw like that and they can run routes like that, they're going to be pretty tough to beat."

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Womens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Duke (25)	0-0	971
2	Tennessee (11)	1-0	955
3	Kansas State	2-0	843
4	LSU	0-0	816
5	Connecticut (4)	0-0	786
6	Stanford	0-0	783
7	Purdue	0-0	671
8	Vanderbilt	0-0	634
9	Georgia	0-0	599
10	Louisiana Tech	1-0	586
11	Texas	0-0	547
12	NOTRE DAME	0-0	532
13	Texas Tech	0-1	519
14	Penn State	2-0	489
15	North Carolina	0-0	429
16	Arkansas	0-0	342
17	Minnesota	0-0	286
18	Iowa State	0-0	200
19	TCU	0-0	198
20	Boston College	0-0	186
21	Cincinnati	0-0	176
22	Old Dominion	0-0	163
23	Mississippi St.	1-1	148
24	Colorado State	1-1	120
25	Oklahoma	0-1	112

Mens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (27)	1-0	771
2	Kansas (4)	2-0	743
3	Texas(1)	2-0	658
4	Duke	1-0	632
5	Texas	1-0	583
6	Pittsburgh	1-0	531
7	Alabama	2-0	509
8	Florida	3-0	494
9	Oklahoma	2-1	571
10	Oregon	1-0	525
11	Michigan State	1-0	497
12	Maryland	1-0	391
13	Connecticut	1-0	375
14	Marquette	3-0	338
15	UCLA	0-0	334
16	Xavier	2-1	286
17	Kentucky	0-0	262
18	Missouri	1-0	242
19	Georgia	1-1	239
20	Cincinnati	1-0	189
21	Indiana	0-0	179
22	Gonzaga	1-0	137
23	Mississippi St.	0-1	121
24	Tulsa	2-0	81
25	Illinois	1-0	77

Eye on Irish Opponents

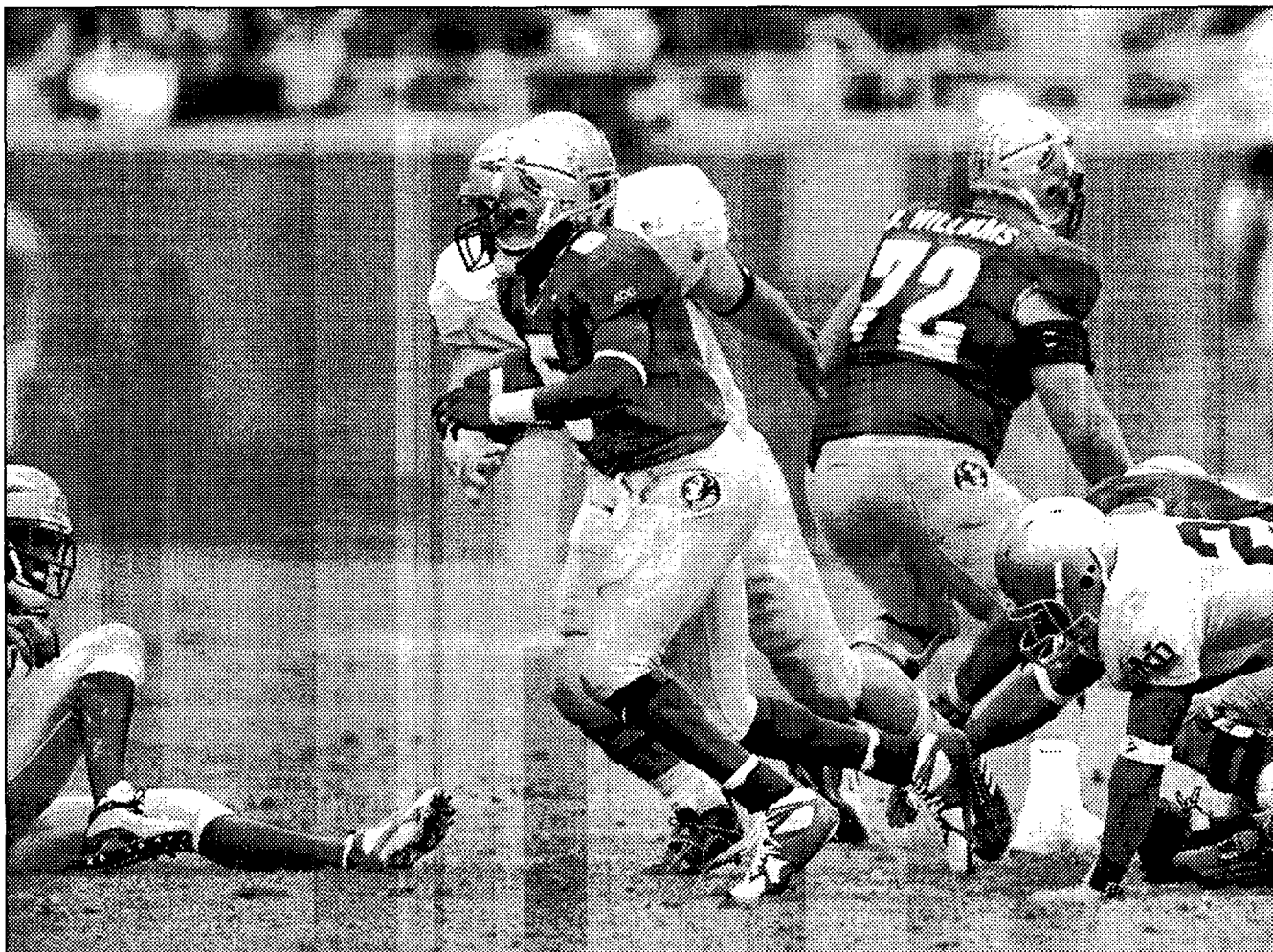
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PITTSBURGH at West Virginia
Rutgers at BOSTON COLLEGE
NOTRE DAME at USC

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson tries to evade Notre Dame's defense earlier this season. Following rumors of police investigation coach Bobby Bowden dismissed McPherson from the team Monday.

Florida State loses McPherson as quarterback

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE
Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson was dismissed from the team Monday amid reports that police planned to question him in the theft and forgery of a blank check.

Coach Bobby Bowden would not give details of the violation, but said McPherson would remain in school and on scholarship through the end of the semester.

"That's about all I can say," Bowden said. "This is kind of new to me, too."

Bowden called his decision to dismiss McPherson

"clear cut."

A source familiar with the situation told ESPN The Magazine's Gene Wojciechowski that when confronted with the issue by FSU on Monday, McPherson did not tell the truth. FSU then felt it had no choice but to dismiss McPherson from the team.

At the end of Monday's news conference, sports information director Rob Wilson said the investigation did not involve gambling or point shaving.

No one has been charged in the check forgery, and police would have no further comment until criminal charges are filed, the

Tallahassee Police Department said in a statement.

McPherson attorney Grady Irvin said McPherson had not spoken to police but that he would cooperate fully with the police, any Florida State investigation or any investigation by the NCAA. Irvin said McPherson is not the subject of the investigation but that the police wanted to talk to him about the conduct of another individual.

Irvin told reporters that McPherson talked to the Florida State coaching staff last week about an issue regarding conduct and was allowed to play and start

against North Carolina State.

Irvin said he was surprised McPherson, a 19-year old sophomore, was kicked off the team.

"They jumped the gun," Irvin said. "Florida State acted so that the NCAA won't come to investigate them."

McPherson led Florida State to victories over Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and North Carolina. Though his numbers through those three games were not spectacular — 51 of 98 for 654 yards — McPherson threw one interception while throwing eight touchdowns.

IN BRIEF

Texas A&M lineman dies

A promising Texas A&M freshman defensive lineman from Colleyville died Monday at a hospital after complaining to his roommate that he was having trouble breathing.

Brandon Fails, 18, was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan at 9:03 a.m. CT after collapsing in his Cain Hall dorm room without any previous indication that he was having health difficulties.

Fails played in four games for the Aggies this season as a true freshman before undergoing knee surgery Oct. 22. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

Coach R.C. Slocum said Fails' roommate, Aggie tight end Patrick Fleming, told him Fails collapsed as the pair prepared to leave for breakfast in the dorm cafeteria.

"It would be only speculation at this point as to the cause of his death," Slocum said.

The team did not practice Monday. Slocum said workouts would resume

Tuesday for Friday's regular-season finale against the Texas Longhorns in Austin.

NFL will not fine Sapp

Warren Sapp will not be fined for a hit that badly injured Green Bay offensive tackle Chad Clifton and prompted an angry postgame exchange between the Tampa Bay lineman and Packers head coach Mike Sherman.

"The play was reviewed," NFL spokesman Michael Signora said Monday. "And because it was legal, there will be no disciplinary action."

The NFL also will not discipline Sherman, who appeared to initiate the obscenity-filled confrontation after his team's 21-7 loss to the Buccaneers.

The league has been taking stronger measures on illegal hits this season, often handing out tough penalties.

Sapp hit Clifton on an interception return by teammate Brian Kelly. The hit appeared to be on the front of the right shoulder, and a good distance from where Kelly was at the time.

Sapp, who was not penalized on the play, said he was just playing football

Miami still a contender

Ohio State may be headed for the BCS national title game in the Fiesta Bowl, but Miami still sits atop the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The defending national champion Hurricanes increased their lead over the Buckeyes to 1.32 points Monday from the slimmest margin of 0.01 points last week when they moved ahead of Ohio State for the first time.

The Buckeyes (13-0) completed their regular season with a 14-9 victory over Michigan on Saturday. As one of only two unbeaten teams remaining — Miami (10-0) is the other — Ohio State assured itself of at least a second-place finish when the final BCS standings are released Dec. 8.

If the Hurricanes win their final games against Syracuse (4-7) on Saturday and Virginia Tech (8-3) on Dec. 7, they will play the Buckeyes for the national championship.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

McGraw and the Irish ready to play for real

♦ Irish finally start season against Cleveland State tonight

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Muffet McGraw and her team watched.

The Irish, who haven't played a regular season game yet this season, watched the scores roll in from around the country. They watched the Cleveland State score flash across the screen — the Vikings lost to Western Michigan. The Irish watched and they wished the scores had Notre Dame next to them. Now, they're ready to play.

"I think at this point, we're so happy to play a game," McGraw said. "We've been watching all weekend, watching the scores come in, and we're just anxious."

The Irish are getting used to taking breaks. After the first three weeks of pre-season practice, they played an exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars. They won and then they waited. They waited an entire week before playing another exhibition game, this time against the Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine All-Stars. They won again. They waited again.

It's been a whole week again. Tonight, the Irish will

finally get into the season. They open tonight against Cleveland State.

"I think we feel like this is the longest preseason we've ever had," McGraw said.

For the Irish, that preseason, as long as it seemed, may not have been such a bad thing. Had the Irish started the season when it was originally scheduled — this past weekend against Colorado State — Katy Flecky and Kelsey Wicks may not have been as healthy. As it is, Wicks and Flecky have had a few more days to nurse their injuries and sharpen their mental skills to play over the pain.

"Both of them are doing a great job of trying to block it out and get some practice time in and then head to the training room afterwards," McGraw said. "I'm really impressed with both of their mental toughness."

In addition, the long preseason has given the Irish some time to install their new triangle offense. Last week against the All-Stars, Notre Dame had trouble scoring in its zone offense. When the All-Stars switched to zone defense, Notre Dame had even more problems scoring. A week later, McGraw thinks the offense is looking a little better.

"We put the man-to-man in first," she said. "We had really just put the one zone offense in two days before. We've worked on it quite a bit since then."

In addition, the Irish have had some time to work on their defense. Although Cleveland State has only played one game this season, the Vikings lost to Western Michigan, the Irish are expecting to see some threes. A week of practice has given them time to prepare for those three-point shots. That improved defense should help, especially considering the fact Notre Dame is getting shots off on nearly every possession, but not seeing all of those go in the basket.

"I'm pleased with the shot chart," McGraw said. "The fact that not all of them are circled, well that would be great, but



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw is ready to lead her team into its first regular season game this year tonight against Cleveland State.

we have to rely on defense."

Despite all that, the fact remains that the Irish would have liked to have a few more games under their belts. After taking on Cleveland State, who will play under head coach and South Bend native Duffy Burns, the Irish have to fly to California to take on what

promises to be a tough Southern California squad.

"I wish we had played sometime this weekend," McGraw said. "They're a good team."

Tip-off is tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Thomas and Miller lead Irish in win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Chris Thomas and Dan Miller scored 20 points each to lead Notre Dame to a 75-50 win over Furman in the semifinals of the Guardians Classic on Monday night.

Matt Carroll added 15 points for the Fighting Irish (4-0), who



Thomas

will meet Creighton in the championship game tonight.

Kenny Zeigler led Furman (1-3) with 16 points, hitting 7 of 8 shots from the field. He had four points as the Paladins opened the second half with an 8-0 run, trimming Notre Dame's lead to 39-31.

Thomas and Carroll answered with back-to-back 3-pointers, starting a 10-0 run for Notre Dame.

It was the second big run of the game for the Irish, who led just 18-14 midway through the first half but then outscored Furman 18-3 over the next seven minutes.

Thomas scored eight points and Miller added seven points in that run.

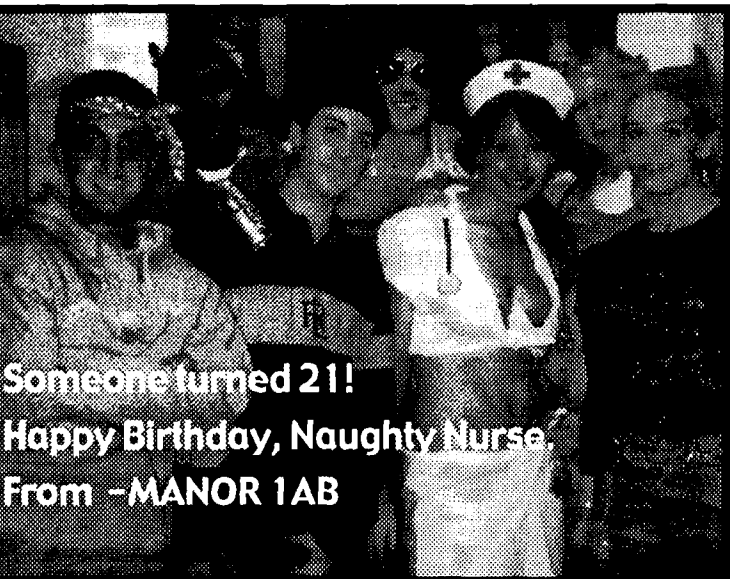
Furman's Karim Souchu, who averaged 25.2 points in Furman's first three games, was held to 15 points.

The Paladins, who will play Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis for third place on Tuesday night, shot just 11 percent (1-for-9) from 3-point range to Notre Dame's 75 percent (8-for-12).

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SENDWICH INDEX

Irish slip down to No. 4, Miami stays at top

Can you smell the salsa? Ohio State and Miami can.

The Buckeyes and Hurricanes both remained unbeaten, despite facing quality opponents, as they took major steps toward a national appearance in this year's national championship, the Fiesta Bowl.



Eric Chanowich

Sports Columnist

The victory was Jim Tressel's second against archrival Michigan in as many years as Ohio State head coach. More impor-

tantly, the victory assured the Buckeyes a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, where they will once again count on some sort of

divine intervention as they vie for a national championship.

In Woodstock-esque fashion, Ohio State supporters rioted in the streets of Columbus, igniting more than 100 fires while overturning and burning 20 cars. Buckeye fans apparently thought they were in a competition for the "Big 10 Conference Idiot Fans of the Year" award with Iowa fans, who recently took a goal post out the stadium after a road victory at Minnesota.

Panthers no breeze for Hurricanes

In one of the few Thursday night games that featured teams anyone actually wanted to watch, Miami thwarted a Pittsburgh comeback

attempt to remain in the driver seat for the remaining spot in the Fiesta Bowl.

After trailing for all of 22 seconds, Miami scored three straight touchdowns to take a commanding 28-14 lead late into the fourth quarter. The resilient Panthers clawed back into the game with a 3-yard Rod Rutherford touchdown scramble, cutting the deficit to seven points with 4:37 remaining in the game.

After a defensive stop, Pitt got the ball back with 2:12 left and drove down the field, only to see Rutherford overthrow Yogi Ruth in the end zone on fourth-and-5 from the Miami 20. With the 28-21 victory, Miami held onto the top spot in the Sandwich Index. Pittsburgh dropped to No. 31.

Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey struggled mightily in the first half, completing just 5 of 15 passes for 13 yards and an interception. While Dorsey added 150 yards and a touchdown in the second half, it was running back Willis McGahee who truly carried the offensive burden with 159 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

The Hurricanes will face an improving Syracuse team on the road before wrapping up the season against struggling Virginia Tech at home. Should Miami win its final two games, the Hurricanes will be heading to the national

championship, but they can also lay claim to a BCS bowl with just one more win.

Irish update

So you may be asking, "How could Notre Dame drop two spots this week in the Sandwich Index, despite dominating Rutgers 42-0?"

First off, Rutgers is horrible. They are the Cincinnati Bengals of the Big East. The Scarlet Knights left Notre Dame Stadium with a 1-10 record, a No. 100 Sandwich ranking and their tails between their legs. Adding Rutgers to their list of former opponents really hurt Notre Dame's strength of schedule.

To make matters worse, prior Irish opponents enjoyed a 2-8 record this weekend, and the two teams that did win, Boston College and Purdue, beat opponents with a combined record of 7-17.

Safe to say, not even a late touchdown by "Tiny" Tim O'Neill could have helped the Irish cause this week, although it would have been pretty cool.

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Sandwich Index Top 25 through Week 14

No.	School	Sandwich Points	W-L	Last Week
1	Miami, Fla.	9.53902	9-0	1
2	Oklahoma	6.87595	10-1	3
3	Ohio State	6.29717	13-0	4
4	NOTRE DAME	6.22788	10-1	2
5	USC	5.84051	9-2	6
6	Iowa	5.69937	11-1	5
7	Georgia	5.32345	9-1	7
8	Colorado State	3.90851	10-2	14
9	Alabama	3.85591	8-3	8
10	Florida State	3.76901	8-4	11
11	Arkansas	3.75199	8-3	10
12	Wash. State	3.69367	8-2	9
13	Texas	3.49143	9-2	13
14	Maryland	3.46863	8-3	24
15	Florida	3.45904	8-3	15
16	Kansas State	3.37019	8-2	16
17	N.C. State	3.29345	8-3	29
18	LSU	3.20523	7-3	19
19	Virginia	3.17752	8-4	39
20	Michigan	3.09168	9-3	17
21	Colorado	3.03718	8-3	12
22	Penn State	2.91660	9-3	27
23	UCLA	2.82019	7-4	20
24	South Florida	2.79482	7-2	22
25	Auburn	2.74779	7-4	34

Top 4 Games to Watch for Week 15

No. 4 Notre Dame at No. 5 USC

Forecast: Irish secondary shuts down Carson Palmer's aerial assault for a gritty win.

No. 15 Florida at No. 10 Florida State

Forecast: Gators easily handle FSU but the 'Noles are laughing all the way to the BCS with 5 losses.

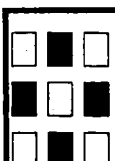
No. 26 Georgia Tech at No. 7 Georgia

Forecast: Heated rivalry turns into more than an SEC Championship warm-up for Georgia, but they prevail.

No. 18 LSU at No. 11 Arkansas

Forecast: Razorbacks catapult into the SEC Championship with a major victory over the slipping Bayou Bengals.

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A tutor is needed for a seven-year old boy. He could come to Hesburgh Library on Thursdays at 5. Contact **Rachel Scrugs** @ 287-6573 or 1-4682.

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MENS SOCCER

Irish hope to upset No. 5 Hoosiers in playoffs

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

If the Irish have any say about the series between themselves and the Hoosiers of Indiana University, a trend is about to begin.

The Notre Dame mens soccer team, for the second year in a row, will travel to Bloomington, Ind. Wednesday to take on the fifth-ranked Hoosiers.

Last October, the Irish made the trek across the state and upset No. 5 Indiana in Bloomington, 1-0, on a goal by Erich Braun.

This time around there's much more at stake; specifically, a trip to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, to face the winner of Wednesday's Connecticut-Penn game next weekend.

Prior to last year's Irish victory, the series between the two teams had been thoroughly dominated by the Hoosiers — in the 20 previous meetings between the two teams since 1978, the Hoosiers had won 18 of them, while the Irish won only one.

In addition, the Irish and Hoosiers have a postseason history, albeit a brief one — the Irish and Hoosiers faced off in the NCAA Tournament back in 1994 at Bloomington. The Hoosiers escaped that meeting with a 1-0 overtime victory.

However, the Irish know this year's squad can take motiva-

tion from last year's team, knowing that the mighty Hoosiers are indeed beatable.

"We have good memories there from last year," forward Rafael Garcia said. "Hopefully we can start a little streak against them."

The Irish have plenty of momentum on their side. They have won eight of their last 10 games, including a victory over then-No. 5 Connecticut on Oct. 20.

Notre Dame beat Akron Friday, marking only the second-ever victory for the Irish in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish clicked on all cylinders in Friday's match and are looking forward for the opportunity to exact some 8-year-old revenge.

"I think we're confident [at this point in the season]," coach Bobby Clark said. "I think we've looked forward to the NAAs. When we lost to Georgetown, it wasn't the worst thing to happen because this is the thing you want to do well in."

However, the Hoosiers bring into the match an extensive string of postseason success. The Hoosiers are 39-3 at their current home stadium, and will be playing in their 16th consecutive NCAA Tournament and 27th in the last 30 years.

"We've got to be very disciplined," Clark said. "[Pat] Noonan and [Ryan] Mack up front are a real handful, so we've got to deal with that. We'll have to deal with their organization — they're very



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Irish defender Kevin Goldthwaite dribbles the ball past an Akron player during Friday's NCAA tournament game. The Irish look to beat No. 5 Indiana for the second straight year.

well organized. And they've got a history of doing well, so they've got the experience."

Noonan and Mack occupy the top two point-scoring positions for Indiana this season, with 37 and 21 points respectively.

For comparison, Braun and Chad Riley lead the Irish with 23 and 20 points respectively.

The key for the Irish in this match will be its defense.

Neutralizing Noonan and Mack will be a tough task for the Irish defensive line of Jack Stewart, Kevin Goldthwaite, Dale Rellas and Kevin Richards. However, this defense has only allowed more than one goal per game four times this season, out of 20 games played.

"I think this is how a team grows up, going into Indiana,"

Clark said. "It'll be a good challenge for us. This is a great opportunity for them to go down to Indiana, without question the team with the history in this state. But we've got to start making our own history."

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HOCKEY

Irish break through against Michigan to earn split

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The Irish continued their streak of tough play against the nation's top teams this weekend, going into Ann Arbor, Mich., and coming away with a two-game split from the No. 5 Wolverines.

With the win and loss, the Irish moved to 5-4-2 on the season and 4-4-0 in CCHA play. Notre Dame's victory Saturday ended Michigan's nine game unbeaten streak and gave the Wolverines their first conference defeat this season.

"From our standpoint it's a confidence builder," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It sort of shows us where we're at — we're a pretty good hockey team. ... Six of our eight league games have been against the top three teams in the conference, and then we played the number one team in the country in Boston College."

Friday night, the Irish were unable to overcome a 2-0 first period deficit to Michigan and ended up losing 4-2.

Freshman goalie Al Montoya made 35 saves for the Wolverines as Notre Dame out shot Michigan 37-24 in the losing effort.

Defenseman Brett Lebda and center Jake Wiegand had the two Irish goals in the match.

In the second game of the series Saturday, the Irish got three third period goals from defenseman Tom Galvin and wings Cory McLean and Rob Globke to upset the Wolverines 4-3 in come-from-behind fashion.

"We were down 1-0 after the first period and down 2-1 after the second," Poulin said. "In that building, I wouldn't imagine they've given up many leads. They had gone 16 in a row without losing in the CCHA going into that game — they just don't lose at home."

The Irish fired 24 shots at Montoya through the first two periods with only one goal to

show. But in the final period Saturday, the Irish shooters finally broke through with three goals on only seven shots.

With the Irish trailing 2-1 at 2 minutes, 48 seconds of the final period, Galvin took a pass from Irish center Connor Dunlop and fired a wrist shot past Montoya for his first goal of the season to tie the match at 2-2.

The Irish got their first lead of the weekend with just over 5:30 left to play in the contest. McLean took a lead pass from defender Neil Komodoski and fought past the Wolverine defenders to get a shot on Montoya. The freshman goalie

turned away McLean's attempt, but the sophomore was able to knock in his own rebound for the 3-2 Irish lead.

At 16:05, Michigan tied the match at 3-3 on a goal from Milan Gajic. But just 15 seconds later, the Irish answered with what would prove the game-winning goal.

After Montoya turned Dunlop's shot away, Globke gathered the puck and fired it into the net for his second goal of the night.

"Robby [Globke] and Connor [Dunlop] were both really, really good for us," Poulin said. "Everybody played well for us offensively. In terms of us step-

ping up offensively, we have to have Connor and Rob Globke on the 'A' page without a question. They came up big when we needed them."

Irish goaltender Morgan Cey made 25 saves in the contest, including 13 in the third period to preserve the Irish victory.

The Irish next return to the ice Friday as they travel to Alaska-Fairbanks to take on the Nanooks in a pair of CCHA games. Alaska-Fairbanks is 2-6-2 in conference play and 2-7-2 overall.

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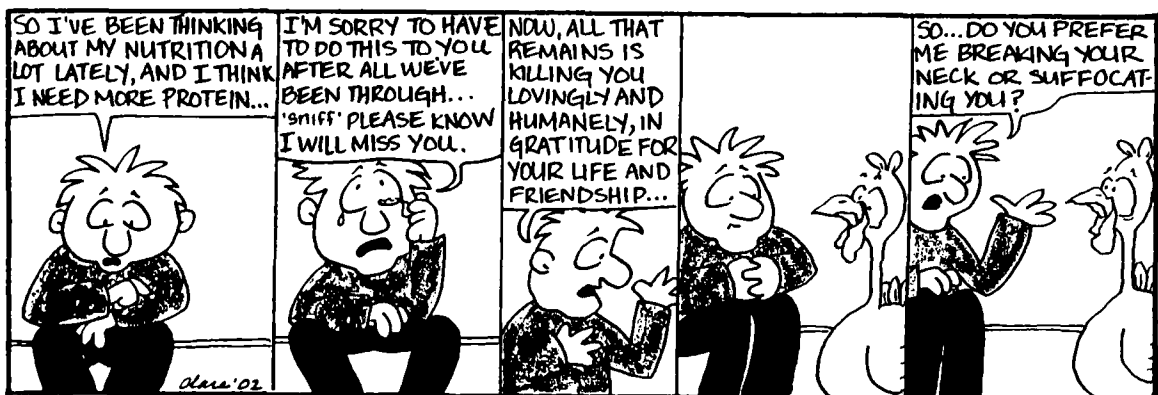


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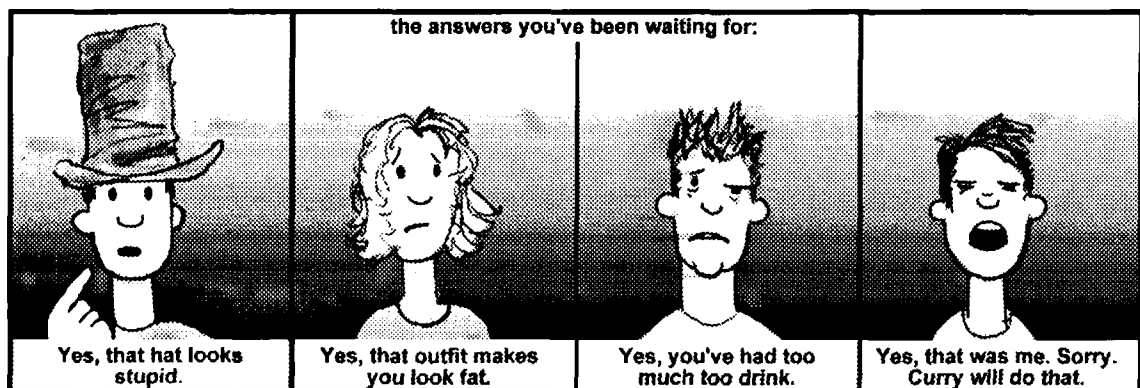
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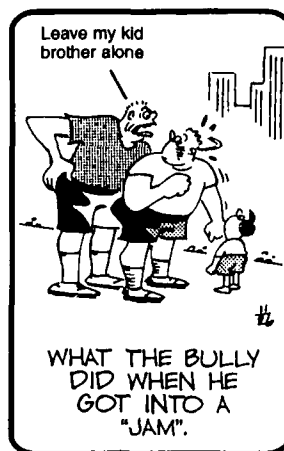
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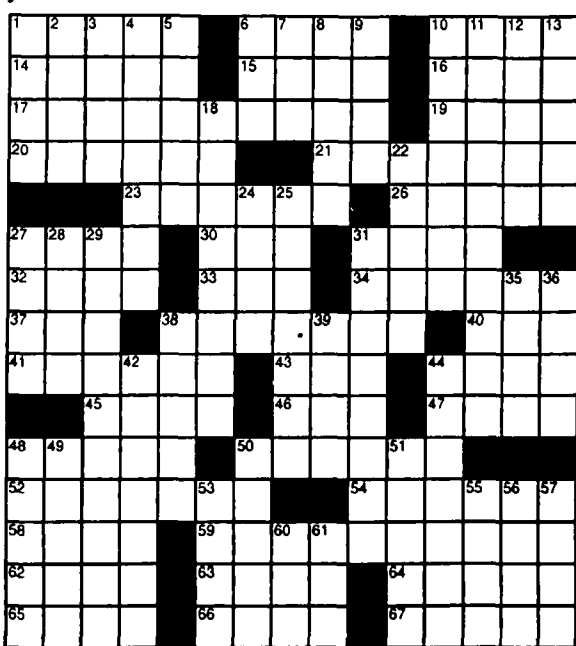
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tina Turner, George Segal, Robert Goulet, Charles Schulz

Happy Birthday: Hard work, dedication and determination will be required if you are going to reach your set goals this year. This year can be your turning point if you read yourself for the events that are about to unfold. You will have the ability to pull things together to do whatever is asked of you. Your numbers are 10, 13, 22, 31, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take trips that will provide you with adventure and cultural knowledge. Social gatherings will open doors to love connections. This is a day to make a positive move. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your refusal to listen to the advice given by friends or relatives could be your downfall. Try to see your situation in terms of possibilities rather than limitations. Remain open. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Friends may be unhappy if you allow a new love to monopolize your time. Try to maintain balance in your life. Don't be too eager to get involved in joint financial ventures. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Heated arguments with loved ones may lead to changes in your home. Drastic reactions toward others will be detrimental. Keep your feelings to yourself. Be careful whom you lend money to. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your dramatic approach to emotional matters may alienate you from the ones you love. Adopt a more practical outlook with less melodrama. Be clear about your role in the situation. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems will surface if you have to deal with institutions. Put off meetings with superiors until a more suitable time. Focus on detail and satisfying yourself. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make major improvements if you set your mind to it. Someone you live with appears to be confused. Your ability to see situations from all sides and your need for balance and fairness should help. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your mental agility will be at an all-time high. Your ability to communicate with others and articulate your ideas will be noticed. Pursue your professional goals. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your need for excitement and adventure will be satisfied if you travel or get involved in philosophic groups. New places and new ideas will be very stimulating for you and will inspire a change in your professional direction. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be subject to dealing with the affairs of elders in your family. If you haven't left yourself enough time, your partner may be disgruntled by the whole affair. Somehow you must find balance. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tension will cause confrontations with your mate. Discuss the root of this with your partner. Secret activities could damage your reputation. Be forewarned. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): One-sided romantic connections will only lead you astray. Keep your thoughts to yourself. This is not the time to rock the boat. Respect the politics that surround you at your place of work. ★★

Birthday Baby: You will always be trying to accomplish and never daunted by failure. You will pick yourself up and start again without thinking twice or looking back. You will strive for perfection and you will make your mark.

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SPORTS

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

CROSS COUNTRY

Irish turn in mixed results

◆ The Irish women finished a school-best 3rd place

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame womens cross country team turned in the program's best ever performance Monday as the Irish took third place at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Freshman Molly Huddle led the Irish with her sixth-place finish, the highest finish for a Notre Dame womens runner since former Irish standout Joanna Deeter finished third in the national championships in 1996. Huddle ran 19 minutes, 55.7 seconds and was 12 seconds behind the individual champion, Shalane Flanagan of North Carolina.

"We couldn't have hoped for more," sophomore Lauren King said. King, who led the team all season, earned All-American status for the second year in a row with her 19th-place finish. Deeter is the only other Irish womens runner to have achieved that honor twice.

The team had high expectations, but knew a third-place finish would be chal-



SARAH SCHNIEDER/The Observer

An Irish runner races during the Big East Championships earlier this season. At Monday's national championship race the Irish finished in third place

lenging.

"I thought we could finish in the top five," Huddle said. "That we finished third is awesome."

The Irish had 170 points

behind national champion Brigham Young who had 85 and second place Stanford with a score of 113. The Irish finished just ahead of Colorado, which was a sur-

prise to the team given the Buffaloes' storied program.

"The whole season has been such a cumulative real-

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◆ The Irish men finish in a disappointing 22nd place

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens cross country team couldn't overcome a young lineup and an injury to its All-American in the NCAA Championships held at Terre Haute, Ind., Monday.

While the Irish did not place as high as they had hoped, their 22nd place finish in a field of 31 still showed the other teams that Notre Dame belonged among the nation's best after being the last at-large team to qualify for the national championship race.

Monday marked the first time that Notre Dame has finished lower than 15th in the last 10 times the Irish have competed in the NCAA Championships.

Freshman Tim Moore led the Irish with his 63rd-place finish and 10 kilometer time of 30 minutes 50 seconds. Junior Todd Mobley, who achieved All-American status at the same meet last year,

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FOOTBALL

Trojans and Irish play for possible BCS berth

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Finally the rivalry means something.

Notre Dame and USC meet Saturday in a game with huge BCS implications for both teams. It's also the first meeting that both teams are ranked in the top 10 — the Irish are No. 7 in the BCS, the Trojans No. 6 — since 1989.

If the Irish win Saturday, they'll finish in the top six of the BCS standing and automatically earn an at-large bid to one of three BCS bowls.

And even if the Irish narrowly lose to the Trojans, they still remain an attractive choice to BCS bowl organizers looking to put people in seats.

But the Irish want to win. And

in order to win, they have to contain USC quarterback Carson Palmer.

"This is a young man who's playing probably the best football of any quarterback in the country and he's complemented by some of the best receivers in the country," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "So I consider that more than just a little problem. I think that's one of those huge, truckload-full of problems that you have to deal with every now and then."

What kind of problems does Palmer, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate who played his way into contention by carrying the Trojans on the strength of his arm, present for a veteran Irish defense?

Plenty.

He's easily the most experienced — and most talented —

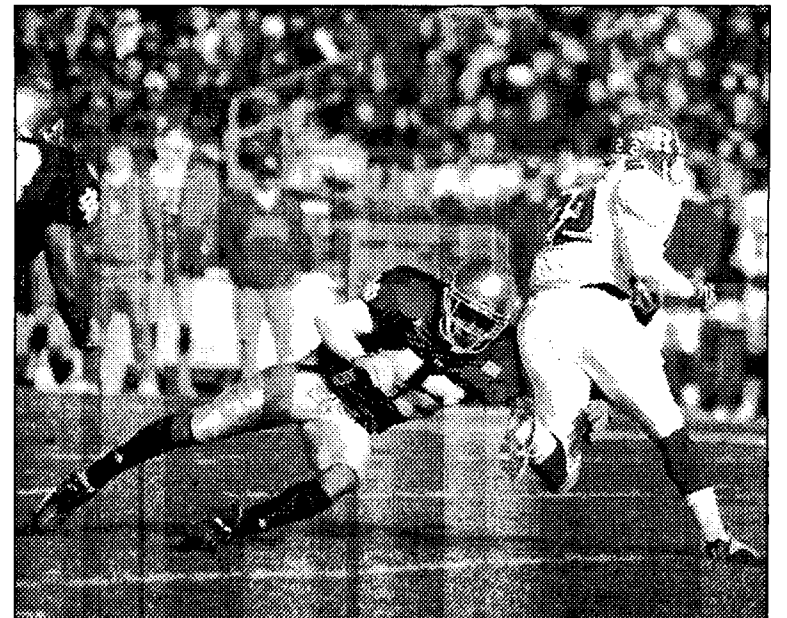
passing quarterback the Irish have faced this season. This season, he's thrown for 3,214 yards and 28 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. USC's offense averages 296 passing yards a game, good enough to rank them 10th in the nation.

"They'll beat Notre Dame," UCLA coach Bob Toledo said after his team got crushed 52-21 Saturday behind Palmer's 254-yard, four touchdown performance.

"What more can you say about Palmer's great leadership ability?" USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Carson is playing better than anyone in the country right now. He should win the Heisman if we win next week."

While Saturday's game could easily turn into a horserace, the

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Irish cornerback Shane Walton makes a tackle against a Rutgers player. No. 7 Notre Dame plays No. 6 USC Saturday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

**Notre Dame 4
Michigan 3**

The Irish return from No. 5 Michigan this weekend with a two-game split.

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MENS SOCCER

The Irish travel to No. 5 Indiana in hopes of defeating the Hoosiers for the second year in a row in playoffs.

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SENDWICH INDEX

Notre Dame fell to No. 4 in the Sandwich, while Ohio State and Oklahoma advanced upwards.

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MENS BASKETBALL

**Notre Dame 75
Furman 50**

Irish move to finals of Guardian Classic where they will face Creighton tonight.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

The Irish open their season tonight against Cleveland State.

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