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Choppers give cadets ride to campus



Photo courtesy of Patrick McHugh
A Notre Dame Army ROTC cadet participates in a training exercise at Ft. Custer on Saturday.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the four Black Hawks flew again.

The UH-60 utility choppers, belonging to the Illinois National Guard, transported dozens of Notre Dame Army ROTC cadets back to campus Sunday after a weekend-long field training exercise at Ft. Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich.

For about an hour Sunday, the field between Pasquerilla Center and the Joyce Center was transformed into Landing Zone Irish, as the quartet of large helicopters descended briskly. Cadets in full combat

gear swarmed out, and the choppers took off after less than three minutes on the ground.

Lt. Col. Kelly Jordan, professor of military science and commander of the ROTC battalion, said the use of air transport allows for a better training weekend.

"It reduces travel time and increases training time," he said.

The training exercise, conducted two or three times a year, allows cadets to practice tactical and leadership concepts they learn in the classroom. The weekend included day and night land navigation maneuvers, practical problem-

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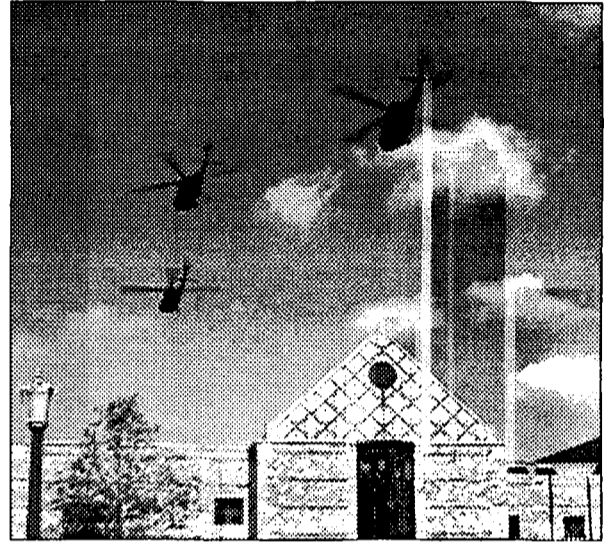


Photo courtesy of Patrick McHugh
Helicopters depart from campus Saturday after dropping off Army ROTC cadets.

ND showcases performing arts



ANDY KENNA/The Observer
John Haynes, the Leighton Director of the Performing Arts, leads guests through the DeBartolo Performing Arts main stage theater.

Director offers media sneak peek of new DeBartolo Center

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame showcased its DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday through a media tour. The tour offered University publications and local television stations an up close look at the interior of the \$62.6 million, 150,000 square foot complex that will house the department of Film, Television and Theater and play a vital role in campus life and the South Bend community, according to officials.

"This is the single most complicated thing from an engineering and design perspective that Notre Dame has ever built," said John Haynes, Leighton Director of Performing Arts, as he led guests through the building.

The project is by far Notre

Dame's biggest contribution to the performing arts since the construction of Washington Hall in 1888.

The building, which has grand entrances on the DeBartolo Quad and Angela Boulevard, is fitted with an exterior collegiate Gothic architectural style. The visible portion of the building primarily houses offices and classrooms and conceals two flat-roofed areas where the performing venues are located.

Open spaces surrounding the Center will initially serve as parking lots but long term plans call for the construction of a new museum to replace the Snite and a new music hall — in effect creating a cultural corridor on the south side of campus, Haynes said. Angela Boulevard, which currently curves inward toward the Center, will be straightened, making room for a public park and setting the stage for revitalization of the surrounding neighborhoods that will include shops and housing.

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NDPRESENTS new arts program

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

When John Haynes announced last week that he wanted the arts to be as pervasive as athletics at a University steeped in football tradition, located in a state dominated by basketball, many wondered if he was crazy.

The Leighton Director of Performing Arts, however, announced Saturday the creation of "NDPRESENTS," a new program focused on bringing talented artists from around the world to South Bend.

According to Haynes, a major complaint among new arrivals to South Bend — including students — is a lack of cultural programming. While the Morris Performing Arts Center hosts Broadway musicals and other popular commercial ventures, non-profit performing arts like ballet and orchestra are being neglected.

"There's this great big gap [in programming], and in that gap you don't get professional touring companies," He said. "Half a million people don't have access to it, unless they travel to Chicago."

The solution, Haynes said, is NDPRESENTS, a unique link between Notre Dame

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Police: No rape drug involved

Notre Dame students live in house where incident reported

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The off-campus house where a 21-year old Saint Mary's student claims she was sexually assaulted Sept. 28 was inhabited by Notre Dame students, but there is no medical evidence a date rape drug was used, police said.

The woman told police that she went to the Linebacker Lounge Sept. 27 with three other individuals, including a male friend of hers. While at the bar, she said her friend's roommate bought her drinks and they went back to their house around 3 a.m. and continued to drink. The woman said she was given a blanket and pillow to sleep on the couch, but woke up naked next to the roommate the following morning.

She said she suspected she was sexually assaulted and that a date rape drug may have been used.

Brent Hemmerlein, commander of the St. Joseph Family Violence and Special Victims unit said that a medical test was negative for a date rape drug. He said he could not release information on the results of the other rape exams. The Family Violence and Special Victims

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NDPRESENTS:



Romeo and Juliet
Thursday, October 16
Washington Hall

The Suzanne Farrell Ballet
Tuesday, October 28
Morris Center



Opera Verdi Europa
Wednesday, February 11
Morris Center

Cirque Eloize
Monday, March 22
Morris Center



MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

INSIDE COLUMN

Beware the voucher

Fall break is fast approaching and that means many of you will be heading home for the week to catch up on sleep and enjoy real food. For those of you flying, pay special attention to my story.

It begins last December after final exams. The semester was over and I was ready to ditch South Bend and its crappy weather for my home in Orlando. I had booked a flight several months prior and arrived at South Bend Regional Airport the prescribed two hours early.



Andrew Thagard

Assistant
News Editor

I checked my luggage, went through security, boarded the plane and began perusing the in-flight magazine. Then, the unexpected happened. I heard my name called overhead and learned that I would not be on that flight. Instead, I was being rerouted to Chicago's O'Hare Airport via bus. "Don't worry," the gate agent assured me. "You're being placed on a non-stop flight to Orlando, and you're receiving a free roundtrip ticket valid anywhere in the U.S." "Wow!" I remember thinking. "Sure the shuttle's a bit of an inconvenience but I'm not in a rush to get home and a free ticket sounds like a good deal." I eased the pain of the shuttle ride by creating a mental list of all the places I could potentially visit with my travel voucher. I got home safely, unpacked and put the voucher away in a secure place. If only the story ended here. Unfortunately, I made the fatal mistake of trying to use my travel voucher instead of simply framing it and hanging it up on a wall.

Since then, I have discovered that just because I have a "travel" voucher doesn't mean I'm entitled to travel anywhere. For example, over the summer I tried to use the aforementioned voucher to book a flight for fall break, only to discover that no seats were available. I proceeded to inquire about every single break we have this year. There was not a seat available for any flight I was interested in over the course of the school year. The breaking point for me came several weeks ago when I attempted to use my voucher to book a flight to Atlanta. A friend from home is getting married there at the end of January. "Sorry," I was told. "No seats available." How is that possible? It's the middle of January, I called six months in advance and I was willing to fly out of South Bend or one of the Chicago airports. Something like two-thirds of all flights on the planet connect through Atlanta, there must be one seat. You (and US Airways) may think I've given up. No! I have made it my life's mission to use this infernal voucher before it expires on Dec. 20. I don't care if I have to fly to my departure point to take a red-eye flight to a destination I don't want to go to. I will use this voucher. As for the rest of you, remember my story and heed this advice: "Beware the voucher."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT TEAM DO YOU THINK WILL BE IN THE WORLD SERIES?



Ben Butwin
Junior
Dillon Hall



Betsy Brown
Junior
Holy Cross Hall



Lisa Sustman
Junior
Lyons Hall



Katie Boyce
Junior
Holy Cross Hall



Kathleen Wiggins
Junior
Regina Hall



Rosamond Byrne
Junior
Holy Cross Hall

"Cubbies, baby!" "The Cubbies." "Northsiders, of course." "White Sox — no doubt." "The Yankees." "Yankees suck."



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Saint Mary's fans show their belle pride before a soccer game on Saturday. The fans took advantage of Saturday's sunny weather to tailgate prior to the game, grilling burgers and brats.

OFFBEAT

You'd better not eat those stolen sheep

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Twenty-one sheep stolen from a kudzu-munching herd might be tasty but could end up causing a big bellyache.

The sheep were given their worm medicine one day before they were stolen last week, shepherd Meaghan Thacker said. And the worm medicine could make anyone who eats the sheep sick, she said.

"If they haven't killed them yet, they can always bring them back," Thacker said.

The animals, valued at \$2,000, are owned by New Hampshire-based Bellwether Solutions, which has a contract with the city to reduce kudzu, a fast-growing vine. A native of China, kudzu was introduced to the South 70 years ago to stop erosion — a big mistake.

Kudzu grows at a rate of a foot a day in warm weather and chokes entire forests in weeks. Pesticides don't work well and humans tire of endlessly hacking away amid the dense underbrush. Sheep, however, will eat it.

Bar at Univ. of Nebraska serves oxygen

LINCOLN, Neb. — There was no chance of students getting drunk by bellying up to a bar on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

The bar was serving bottled oxygen, not booze.

"I'm not wasted," UNL student Tim Randall, 23, said after inhaling 97-percent pure oxygen for about five minutes. "I'm more relaxed."

Students lined up for the chance to sit at one of three stools at student union Wednesday and inhale the oxygen scented with one of 12 aromas, including lavender, vanilla and strawberry.

IN BRIEF

Student Activities will host a concession stand training session at 4 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. Any student organization running a concession stand at an upcoming football game is required to have at least one trained representative.

Notre Dame Professor Fred Freddoso will deliver a lecture titled "Faith and Reason." The lecture, which explores issues of faith and philosophy, takes place in room 220 of Malloy Hall at 7 p.m.

Tim Mitchison, director of the Institute of Chemical Biology at Harvard Medical School, will deliver a lecture titled "What Governs the Size of a Mitotic Spindle." The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in room 102 of DeBartolo Hall.

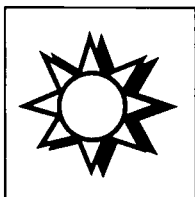
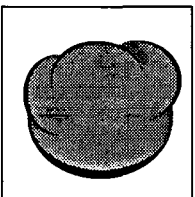
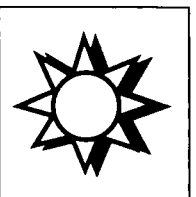
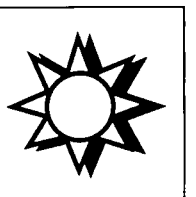
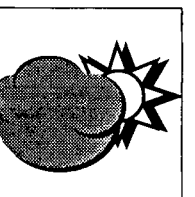

A panel discussion on Affirmative Action at Notre Dame will be held at 8 p.m. in room 141 of DeBartolo Hall.

Come to Legends to watch Monday Night Football. The game watch begins at 9 p.m.

"As You Wish Imports" will be selling assorted items, including jewelry and purses, all day Monday in LeMans Hall.

Stop by Lafortune Hall Tuesday evening to watch the annual "Mr. Walsh Pageant." The event will feature gentlemen from across campus competing to win the title. Doors open at 7 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Atlanta 72 / 60 Boston 60 / 42 Chicago 65 / 47 Denver 75 / 49 Houston 83 / 67 Los Angeles 77 / 62 Minneapolis 75 / 52 New York 61 / 44 Philadelphia 62 / 43 Phoenix 96 / 71 Seattle 63 / 55 St. Louis 76 / 53 Tampa 88 / 71 Washington 66 / 48

Chapin sings for WHY

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

As a follow-up to her workshop presented Thursday on "The Hows and WHYS of Hunger", singer and songwriter Jen Chapin gave a concert on Friday at the Little Auditorium at Saint Mary's to benefit the cause of world hunger.

Co-sponsored by the World Hunger Coalition, the Center for Social Concerns and Saint Mary's, the event brought Chapin and her husband, bass player Stephan Crump, to campus in an effort to raise funds and awareness for charities aimed at relieving the strain of hunger in the United States and worldwide, specifically the World Hunger Year (WHY).

Continuing the legacy of her late father Harry Chapin, the well-known folk singer and activist who founded WHY and performed at Notre Dame in 1979, Chapin is chairman of WHY's board of directors and travels around the country performing benefit concerts to further its crusade.

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DOMER RUN



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Students, faculty and alumni run in the 21st annual Domer Run Saturday morning. The event was sponsored by RecSports and the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Proceeds benefited Notre Dame's Prostate Awareness Cancer Education Program.

Founder of Habitat challenges students

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

Milton Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International, addressed the Notre Dame community Saturday at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium during his visit to what he describes as "one of the most dynamic student chapters in the world."

Fuller received a warm introduction from fellow humanitarian and Medal of Freedom recipient, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

"He took the Gospel rather seriously, sold all of his possessions for the poor and went to work building the kingdom," Hesburgh said of Fuller.

In his speech, Fuller told the story of Habitat's creation, relating some of the program's greatest achievements. According to Fuller, the 28-year old program has provided housing for 150,000 families around the world. At a rate of one new house every 26 minutes, the program will have served 200,000 families and one million people by the year 2005.

According to Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International has made it a priority to work within Islamic communities in the Middle East. The program recently completed 4,000 new homes in Egypt and has already begun its work in Jordan by

building 100 homes. "We are making a real, concerted effort to reach out to the Islamic world," he said. "We want to let them know that while we have religious differences, we don't hate them."

Fuller emphasized the Christian message behind Habitat's work, which he calls the "theology of the hammer."

"It's all God's idea. We are total plagiarists," he said. "Everything came out of the Bible. We don't charge interest to the poor. All we do is give our partners an opportunity and finance their house on the Bible-finance plan."

Fuller said that the "theology of the hammer" calls for people of all religious affiliations to lay aside their differences and work together in expressing their faith and love through hard work.

He posed a challenge to the greater South Bend community, describing a 1992 Habitat for Humanity undertaking that raised all inadequate housing to a decent level in the community where Habitat's headquarters are located. Fuller issued a similar challenge to the Notre Dame chapter, the alumni group, area churches and community centers to work together with 4,000 poor families residing in St. Joseph County in order to completely eliminate substandard housing in this area.

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Center

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The building consists of five performing venues — including a mainstage theater, concert hall, THX-certified cinema, organ and chorale hall and a studio theater — along with workshops for set production, offices and catering facilities. The Center is unique in that it is constructed on seven separate foundations, ensuring that the different venues and scene shops will not interfere acoustically with each other.

A long, two-tiered lobby that provides access to the five venues dominates the middle of the building. The lobby, which boasts an expansive view of DeBartolo Quad and a ceiling with support beams painted gold and blue, is itself designed to serve as a venue and can accommodate up to 700 guests for black tie dinners or receptions.

Mainstage Theater

The Patricia George Decio Theater is the Center's mainstage theatre. It is designed to host both professional and student plays.

"It's the first truly professional stage built on Notre Dame's campus," Haynes said. "I can tell you confidently that there will not be a place within driving distance that's better to see a play."

The theater contains a state-of-the-art performance stage with an orchestra pit. Unlike Washington Hall, the Decio stage is equipped with large wing space, ceiling girdles that can easily be moved and hollow spaces beneath that allow

scenery and props to be raised, lowered or pushed to one of the sides.

A scene shop, with a 17-foot high ceiling and a loading dock, is located adjacent to the stage.

The room is capable of seating 350 patrons, including approximately 75 in the balcony.

"There isn't a single impediment to sight for any seat," Haynes said.

Organ and Chorale Hall

Adjacent to the main stage theatre is the Center's organ and chorale hall, which will seat an audience of 100.

The room resembles the sanctuary of a grand cathedral. As patrons enter the hall, their attention will initially be focused on the wall opposite them and the one-and-a-half story organ that dominates it. The organ is currently being hand-made by Master Organist Paul Fritts in Tacoma, Wash. at a cost of \$1 million. When complete, it will be shipped to campus and reassembled.

"He's still making organs as they were made in the 17th and 18th centuries," Haynes said.

The side walls of the three-story hall consist of three tiers of classic-style columns that rise to the ceiling, which is braced by wooden trestles that match the organ case-ment.

The hall is unique for a performing arts center, according to Haynes, and affirms Notre Dame's commitment to sacred and liturgical music.

Concert Hall

The Leighton Concert Hall is the Center's largest venue and can accommodate an audience of up to 1,000.

"Most of this room is finished in a thick plaster that's all been applied by craftsmen. When you walk into this room it will be utterly silent," Haynes said. "This is what acousticians call an infinitely tunable room."

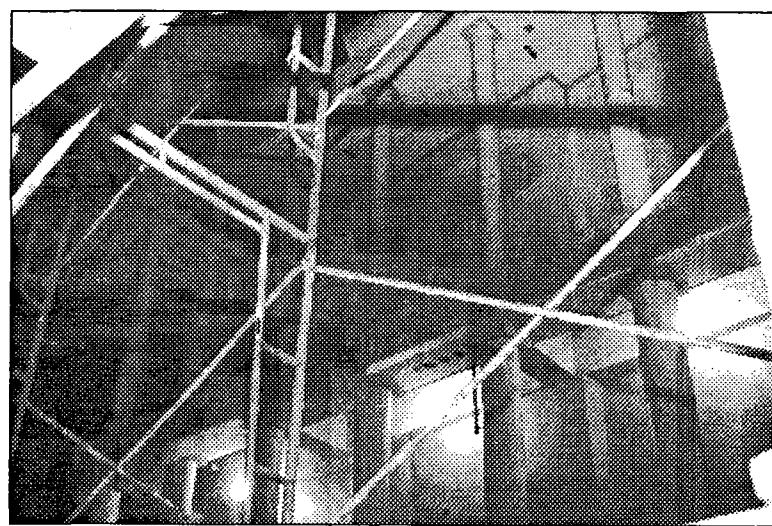
The hall will be used primarily for musical performances, including choral and orchestra concerts. The room can be configured to acoustically accommodate different types of performances from solo to large scale.

Designers utilized the finest in acoustic technology. The floor beneath the audience is pocketed with special heating and air-conditioning ducts that allow air to be moved in and out in absolute silence. The upper ceiling of the hall is one foot thick to mask air traffic and includes a six inch concrete slab, insulation, substrate roof and slate. The massive roof is supported by trestles that weigh 34,000 lbs. each. The combined weight was so great, Haynes said, that engineers were forced to predict the length the trestles would slide to an eighth of an inch, then bolt one side down as the other rested on Teflon. The other side was then successfully bolted down.

Adjoining the main concert hall is a smaller performance room that can be used for rehearsals or more intimate concerts. The room is simple in design, characterized by high windows on its west side. It will seat 70.

Cinema

Opposite the concert hall is a THX-certified cinema that can accommodate 200. The cinema is accessible via a separate entrance and will have a movie theatre style



concession stand. The cinema's THX certification — developed by Lucasfilm in the early 1980s — ensures top audio quality.

"This will probably be the busiest room in the building," Haynes said.

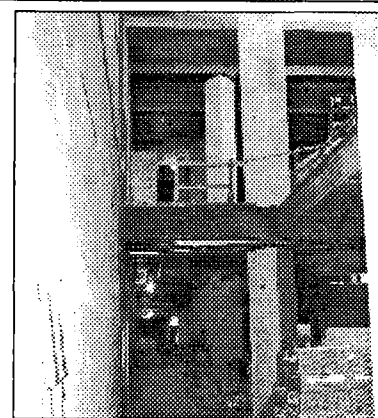
The room, in fact, will house "ND Cinema" and serve as a commercial movie theater, displaying first run films. The facility will also be available to professors to show films to their classes.

Studio Theater

The last major venue in the Center is the Regis Philbin Studio Theater, a smaller experimental theater. The theater's walls are painted black and the ceiling is spanned by five rows of cat walks.

The theater floor will consist of moveable platforms so that the entire room can be rearranged to accommodate different productions.


The building, which Haynes said is on budget and on time, is slated to be completed June 1, 2004. The



ANDY KENNA/The Observer
Columns span the walls of the organ and chorale hall (top left). Construction continues on the Center's lobby (above).

Center will host a community-wide grand opening on Sept. 19, 2004.

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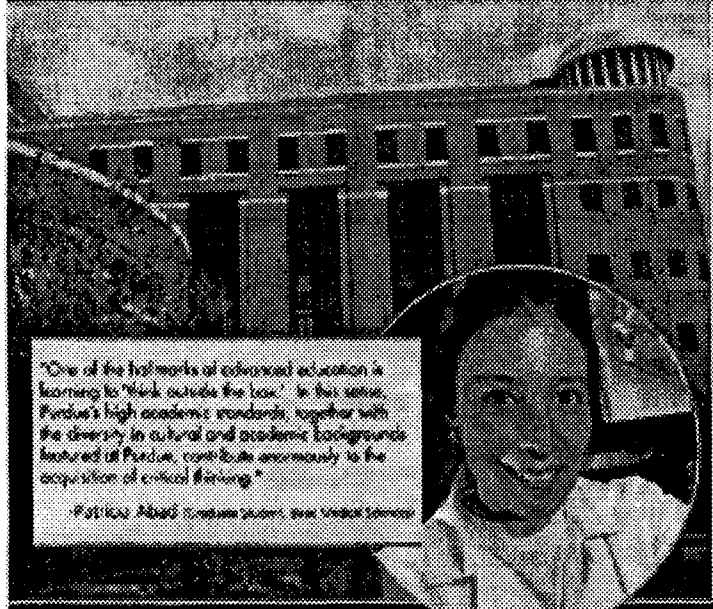


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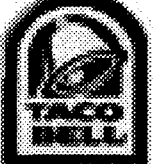
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arafat declares emergency

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat installed an eight-member emergency Cabinet on Sunday with Ahmed Qureia as prime minister, an apparent attempt to deflect possible Israeli action against him following a suicide bombing a day earlier.

Israel threatened last month to "remove" Arafat, without setting a time, and there were new demands for his expulsion after Saturday's attack by Islamic Jihad. Nineteen Israelis were killed in a crowded beachfront restaurant in the northern port city of Haifa.

Aides to the Palestinian leader said he was clearly concerned about possible Israeli action after the bombing. There was no direct move against Arafat on Sunday; instead, Israel bombed a target inside Syria that it claimed was an Islamic Jihad training base, striking deep inside its neighbor's territory Sunday for the first time in three decades.

Chechens get the vote

GROZNY — In their war-shattered capital and impoverished villages, Chechens voted for a president Sunday in an election condemned by critics as a sham but promoted by the Kremlin as a step toward ending a decade of violence and chaos.

Authorities said no official results would be available until Monday, but Russian news agencies quickly reported that Kremlin-appointed Chechnya administration chief Akhmad Kadyrov appeared headed for victory, as was widely expected.

Chechen Prime Minister Anatoly Popov said preliminary results indicate Kadyrov won some 80 percent of the votes cast in 12 of 20 regions in Chechnya, ITAR-Tass reported. A candidate needs more than 50 percent to win the election outright and avoid a runoff.

NATIONAL NEWS

Arnold ahead despite accusations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Marching on the Capitol he hopes to claim in the recall election, Arnold Schwarzenegger said he sensed "an unbelievable momentum" Sunday, despite new allegations of sexual harassment and signs of a tightening race. The embattled incumbent, Gov. Gray Davis, signed a law making California the largest state to require employer-paid health care.

A poll released over the weekend found Schwarzenegger's lead among replacement candidates waning with news of harassment claims, but the Republican remained ahead of the pack and voters still favored removing Davis from office in Tuesday's election.

Schwarzenegger did not address the allegations during his march and rally at the Capitol, his only scheduled public appearance Sunday, but said Davis "has terminated opportunities and now it's time to terminate him."

Mauled Roy in critical condition

LAS VEGAS — Roy Horn, the illusionist of the Siegfried & Roy duo who was mauled by one of his tigers during a show, was able to communicate with doctors but still in critical condition and on a ventilator Sunday.

The mauling could mean the end of one of the Las Vegas Strip's most popular shows. Its employees were encouraged to look for new jobs, and officials said that even if Horn recovers it's unclear whether he would ever be able to perform again in the rigorous show.

LOCAL NEWS

Widow sues makers of Prozac

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman who blames her husband's suicide on Prozac has filed a lawsuit claiming that Eli Lilly & Co. should have warned patients that some people's bodies cannot metabolize the drug's active ingredient.

The lawsuit filed against the Indianapolis-based drugmaker Thursday in Marion County Superior Court is the second to make such a claim. Lilly settled a similar case in Georgia this spring.

But Houston attorney Andy Vickery, who has filed more than 20 lawsuits against the drugmaker including the Georgia suit, said this case is different.

Syria demands UN condemnation

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Syria urged the U.N. Security Council to condemn an Israeli airstrike on a purported terrorist camp near Damascus on Sunday, while Israel defended the attack and accused its neighbor of harboring terrorists.

Syria's United Nations ambassador, Fayssal Mekdad, said the strike was blatant military aggression, telling an emergency meeting of the 15-member council that "Arabs and many people across the globe feel that Israel is above the law."

The draft resolution calls for Israel to stop committing acts that could threaten regional security or expose "the already deteriorating situation in the region to dire consequences."

The Israeli raid on what it claimed was an Islamic Jihad training base came in retaliation to a suicide bombing carried out by the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad on Saturday. The bombing, at a restaurant in the Israeli coastal city of Haifa, killed 19 people and the bomber.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Dan Gillerman, said the attack inside Syria was a defensive response and did not violate international law. He accused Syria of providing "safe harbor, training facilities, funding, logistical support" to terrorist groups.

Gillerman expressed anger about the timing of the meeting — called at Syria's request — because it came just before the holiest Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur. He also compared Syria's calling the meeting to Osama bin Laden demanding a Security Council meeting after the Sept. 11 attacks.

It was unclear when the council will vote on the resolution, but a decision appeared unlikely Sunday. Gillerman said he did not expect the United States to



Israeli ambassador to the United Nations Dan Gillerman speaks to the media at the U.N. Security Council, called by Syria in response to Israeli attacks.

support Syria's resolution.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte repeated U.S. calls from earlier in the day that both sides keep from heightening tensions in the region, and did not condemn the Israeli attack. He echoed Israel's claim that Syria is harboring terrorists.

"The United States believes that Syria is on the wrong side of the war on terrorism," Negroponte said. "We believe it is in Syria's interest, and in the broader interest of Middle East peace, for Syria to stop harboring and supporting the groups that perpetrate acts such as the one that occurred yesterday."

Other council diplomats condemned both Israel's airstrike in Syria and the

bombing in Haifa.

Britain, the leading U.S. ally in the Security Council, was more critical of Israel. Britain's Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry said, "Israel's action today is unacceptable and represents an escalation."

"Israel should not allow its justified anger at continuing terrorism to lead to actions that undermine both the peace process and we believe Israel's own interests," he said.

Jones Parry, however, also sounded a sympathetic note for Israel, saying the council must recognize that terrorists are still being allowed to attack it.

Pakistan's Ambassador Munir Akram and Jean-Marc de La Sabliere, U.N. ambassador from France,

called Israel's attack a violation of international law.

"We urge the council to speedily adopt the decision to condemn this military aggression and to uphold the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic," Akram said.

Many diplomats also called on all sides to return to negotiations led by the so-called Quartet — the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations — and stick to the U.S.-drafted "road map" peace plan.

"We need to break the vicious cycle of violence and counter-violence," said Germany's Ambassador Gunter Pleuger. "There is no alternative to the road map."

Woman kills mom, pastor, self

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A woman opened fire at an Atlanta church before services started Sunday morning, killing her mother and the minister before committing suicide.

Congregants of Turner Monumental AME Church said Shelia Chaney Wilson, 43, was agitated when she came to the church, in the Kirkwood neighborhood on the city's east side.

Wilson apparently shot the Rev. Johnny Clyde Reynolds after he greeted her and was walking away with his back to her, said Atlanta police spokesman Sgt. John Quigley.

Police believe Wilson then shot Jennie Mae Robinson once in the head before turning the gun on herself.

One woman in the sanctuary at the time fled after the first shot was fired, and the other took cover behind a pulpit, Quigley said. He said an assistant pastor came in after hearing shots and found the three bodies on the floor.

Wilson's cousin, Nekeshia Burton, said Wilson went to the church early in the morning to talk to Reynolds, 62.

"Something wasn't sitting right with her," Burton said. But Burton said there were no signs that Wilson

would become violent.

Assistant Pastor Christy Miller said the pastor had just finished teaching Sunday school and was walking through the sanctuary when he stopped to talk with Wilson and Robinson, 67.

Geraldine Andrews, the pastor's daughter-in-law and a friend of Wilson's family, said Robinson recently took her daughter out of a mental health facility.

Debra Mitchell, a member of the church, said Wilson had recently lost her job.

"We knew she has some instability, but we didn't know it was this deep," Mitchell said.

Students book spring break trips

Anthony Travel reps say best beach, skiing deals go to those who book early

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

The first chilly breeze that sweeps through Notre Dame brings thoughts of distant spring break and destinations that promise an escape to tropical weather.

While many students may think that the beginning of October is too soon to be planning for March, others see the advantage.

Anthony Travel, the on-campus travel agency, is already booking trips for students at a rate of about four requests a day.

The agency has several deposits on trips to Cancun and it is anticipating Acapulco, Jamaica, Barbados and Cabos San Lucas to be hot spots.

Saint Mary's senior Diana Capanyola said she and her friends have been thinking about spring break 2004 since last year. They are planning to go to either Jamaica or Acapulco.

"We just want to go someplace warm and by an ocean," Capanyola said. "And the earlier you book your flights, the better."

Because major airlines reserve a certain amount of seats at low rates, for those considering Acapulco or somewhere major airlines fly, the sooner you book the flight, the better.

However, if you are planning on taking a charter plane, the sooner you get to the date of the flight, the cheaper your ticket will be because the airline wants to fill as many seats as possible.

Even if you do not have specific

plans in mid October, there is nothing wrong with fantasizing about where you will be mid-March.

"My friends and I are always talking about it," said Saint Mary's junior Vanessa Bejec. "It comes up in conversation, but we have not looked for plane tickets or anything."

Bejec and her friends want to either find warm weather in South Padre Island or go skiing in Colorado. Last year, the group went to the Bahamas. While it was a good place to go if you are under 21 (the legal drinking age is

18), the group does not want to return.

"I was scared going outside of the hotel at night," Bejec said. "We stayed in a hotel where most of the

"We just want to go someplace warm and by an ocean."

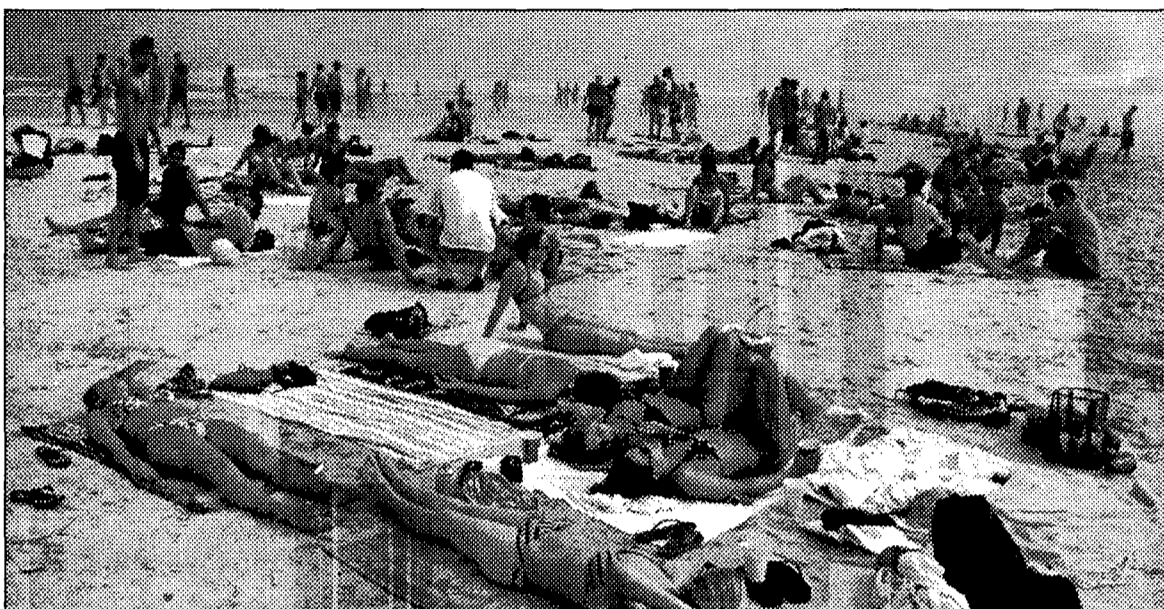
Diana Capanyola
Saint Mary's student

clubs were, so we didn't have to go far, but even the clubs were sketchy."

Anthony Travel agent Kayleen Car recommends going through someone you know or an agency.

"There are a lot of travel scams out there," Car warned. "Be careful if you do not know the company, because many of them will cut ties with you once they have your money. Anthony Travel will help you take care of any problems that arise with your plans and travel, even after you come back from spring break."

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College students make the best of a foggy day on Daytona Beach in Florida during Spring Break 2003. Students usually head off to sunny destinations like Florida or Mexico for spring break.



Tourists enjoy the scenery as they ride up the mountain on a ski lift in Lake Tahoe, Calif. Ski resorts are popular break destinations for college students, even in the warm weather months.

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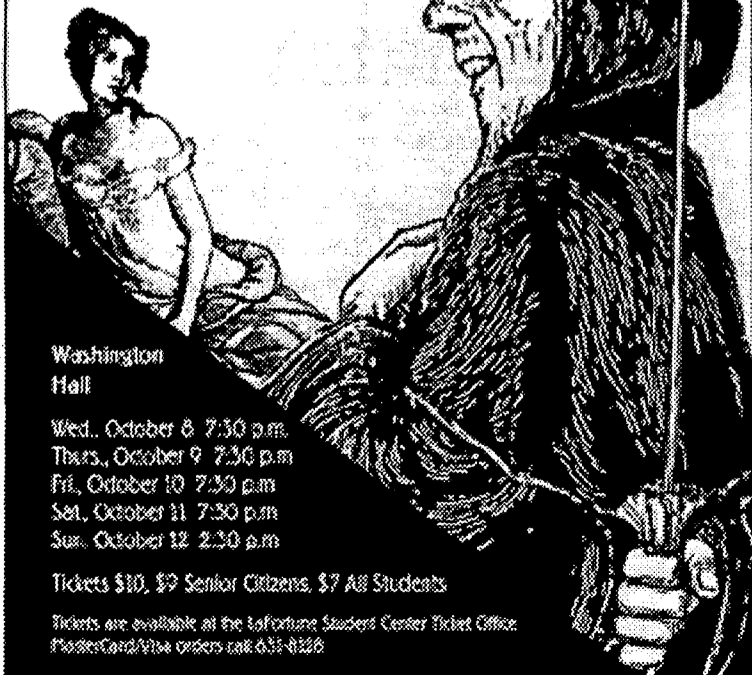
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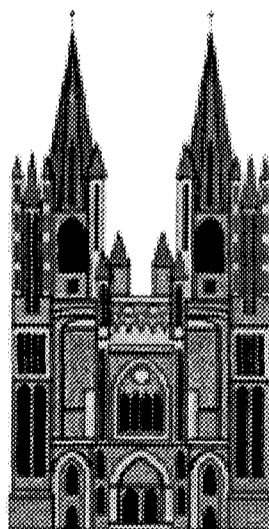
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Vehicle road tests improved

WASHINGTON — After years of using a dry, mathematical formula to predict rollover risk, the government is adding a wheel-squealing road test intended to give consumers more information about a vehicle's handling capabilities.

Automakers say the road test will reward the best-handling vehicles in each class by highlighting performance measures the formula could not assess. One example is stability control, a system that applies brakes to specific tires and decelerates if it senses a driver is veering off course.

The government's auto safety agency is considering two different road tests and will announce its decision Tuesday at its test facility in Ohio. In the future, the government's five-star rating system for rollover risk will factor in both road tests results and the mathematical approach.

Charter protects downloaders

ST. LOUIS — Charter Communications Inc. has filed a federal lawsuit attempting to block the recording industry from obtaining names of Charter customers who allegedly shared copyrighted music over the Internet.

Charter, based in the St. Louis suburb of Town and Country, filed papers Friday in U.S. District Court in St. Louis trying to quash subpoenas that the Recording Industry Association of America issued seeking the identities of about 150 Charter customers.

"We are the only major cable company that has not as yet provided the RIAA a single datum of information," Tom Hearity, vice president and associate general counsel for Charter, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Indiana CEO discharged

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. — Utility holding company NiSource Inc. has eliminated the chief executive positions at its subsidiaries, including the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., in a companywide management restructuring.

NiSource also said its executive leadership will remain at company headquarters in the northwest Indiana city of Merrillville, but other functions could be transferred elsewhere.

Proposal divides SEC officials

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a series of corporate scandals, the government's top securities regulator endorsed a proposal last year to make it easier for big shareholders to install directors on a company's board.

Now, divisions have arisen between William Donaldson, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and his fellow Republican commissioners. Also, the biggest U.S. pension funds insist the plan does not go far enough.

Criticism also is coming from Evelyn Davis, who is known for putting Fortune 500 chief executives on the defensive at company annual meetings. She considers the plan to be biased in favor of large shareholders, such as pension and mutual funds.

"It's outrageous that these institutional investors would be allowed to put in directors while individual investors would be left out," Davis said.

Donaldson has staked his prestige on the initiative, framing it as a crucial change to make companies more accountable and thereby shore up investors' confidence.

He said there has been a trend among major companies in recent years toward "imperial" chief executives and corporate boards that often have acted as rubber stamps to executives' actions.

But the two other Republicans on the five-member SEC, Paul Atkins and Cynthia Glassman, have problems with the proposal as written, at least in its latest draft as of Friday.

They are concerned it could sweep many companies that govern themselves stringently into board takeover contests and that parochial interests could prevail.

"You have to weigh what the owners of a company



REUTERS

SEC Chairman William Donaldson shakes hands with New York Stock Exchange Chairman John Reed after a press conference in Donaldson's office last week.

want against the fear of special interests taking over," Atkins said in a telephone interview.

At a meeting Wednesday, the five commissioners likely will open the rules for public comment.

Under current rules, shareholders are allowed to nominate candidates for director. But they cannot put a nominee's name in the company's official ballot materials — known as the proxy — that are mailed to investors. As a result, it is expensive and difficult to mount a campaign for alternate candidates.

Advocates of greater access for shareholders say they now have no effective way to oust a miscreant director other

than by withholding approval for an entire slate of candidates chosen by company executives.

For shareholders to get their candidates for the board of directors officially nominated, they would have to meet certain conditions. Among them, for example, would be previous company resistance toward proposals for policy changes.

Investors backing a candidate would have to hold a certain percentage of the company's stock, between 3 percent and 5 percent in the latest draft under discussion.

Shareholders could nominate as many as three directors for companies with large boards and one director for those with smaller boards.

The nominated candidates would have to be independent, with no financial ties to the shareholder groups putting them forward.

The ownership threshold is a key issue in the debate. Glassman is said to consider that range too low, while Atkins called it "sort of pulled out of the air."

On the other side, the AFL-CIO believes "an ownership hurdle is a significant barrier," said Michael Garland, an official in the labor group's investment office.

Managers of the largest pension funds — controlling more than \$640 billion in eight states — say the proposal heavily favors company management.

West African oil project sets sail

Associated Press

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — The first tanker set off from a Cameroon port with crude from a massive \$3.7 billion pipeline, officials said Sunday, launching an ambitious World Bank project aimed at developing West African oil as an alternative to Mideast supplies.

President Bush's administration, hopeful of lessening U.S. dependence on Mideast oil, has pushed development of West Africa's industry.

The 665-mile pipeline from the landlocked nation of Chad to the Atlantic ports of Cameroon represents the World Bank's largest-ever

investment in sub-Saharan Africa.

Conceived in 1996 with support from the Clinton administration, the pipeline was developed by an international consortium, with ExxonMobil holding a 40 percent stake, Malaysia's Petronas 35 percent and ChevronTexaco 25 percent.

A tanker carrying the first 950,000 barrels left the Cameroon port of Kribi for world markets on Friday, Cameroon's National Oil Transportation Co. and National HydroCarbons Co. told The Associated Press.

Presidents Paul Biya of Cameroon and Idriss Deby of Chad are to inaugurate the pipeline next

Friday.

West Africa, led by Nigeria, already supplies the United States with about one-fifth of its oil — roughly equal to Saudi Arabia's share of the U.S. market.

The pipeline project included development of 300 wells in the Doba oil fields in southern Chad. The oil fields are estimated to hold reserves of more than 900 million barrels.

The World Bank, in its first foray into supporting oil production, supplied 3 percent of the financing for the pipeline. It is part of a strategy to get developing countries to use revenues from their own resources to alleviate poverty.

Incident

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Unit works under the authority of the county prosecutor and investigates all incidences of sexual assault within St. Joseph County, including the city of South Bend, where the alleged incident occurred.

South Bend Police Captain Phil Trent said the alleged assault occurred in a house in South Bend.

"It is likely that [the alleged assailant] was someone in the residence ... the residence was rented by Notre Dame students," said South Bend Police Captain Phil Trent.

Hemmerlein said the case remains an active investigation and the woman has not yet decided on how she wants the case to proceed.

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ROTC

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solving courses, and squad tactical exercises or "STX lanes."

In the STX missions, groups of cadets are placed in simulated combat conditions and given an objective, for example, attacking enemy bunkers or clearing a simulated landing area. Cadets learn how to take prisoners, deal with changing battlefield environments and react under rifle and artillery fire, simulated by blanks and loud — but harmless — explosions.

"We wanted to give the battalion a cadet-run training opportunity," Jordan said. He went on to praise the younger cadets in his command, saying they brought enthusiasm to the exercise. "The freshman class in particular was outstandingly motivated," he said.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Patrick McHugh, a junior, said the weekend was worthwhile.

"We got a lot of valuable training out of it," he said. "We did things that are hard to simulate in the Notre Dame environment."

Cadet adjutant Leoncio Gil agreed, saying the event will pre-

pare juniors for the training they will receive at their mandatory summer training camp.

"The way we've run this FTX, I think we've set these kids up for success this summer," Gil said.

Jordan, who came to Notre Dame three months ago from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., said he aims to reduce the time burden on his cadets, while maintaining a high degree of military professionalism and competence.

"They're students and they're cadets and they're campus leaders. They have a lot of responsibilities to juggle," Jordan said. "ROTC should complement the college experience, not dominate it."

Along with the members of the Fighting Irish Battalion, several civilians were on hand to witness the helicopter landings. Cory Berk, a 9-year-old from Naperville, Ill., was on campus to watch an Irish hockey game, and saw the cadets arrive.

"I think they were so amazing," Berk said.

Not to be outdone, his younger sister Samantha said she hopes to one day ride in the Black Hawks.

"I want to be a cadet," she said.

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Program

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and the South Bend community where the University will book cultural events both on campus and at the Morris.

"No one else was doing it," he said. "We should be."

The program will not cost the University any additional money as funding will come from ticket sales and underwriting grants.

"It directs no resources from any current Notre Dame activi-

ties," Haynes said. "It's an additional action that I think will be warmly rewarded. I think it offers some wonderful opportunities for students."

NDPRESENTS kicks off on Oct. 16 at Washington Hall with a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, a group chosen by the National Endowment of the Arts to tour the country as part of a new arts program.

On Oct. 28, the Suzanne Farrell Ballet Co. of Washington D.C. will perform an evening of Balanchine cho-

reography to the music of Tchaikovsky at the Morris. Next year, a Bulgarian opera company and Cirque Eloize of Montreal, Canada will perform.

Haynes said he hopes students and members of the community will attend the cultural events as they attend University athletic events.

"You can play golf all your life; you can play tennis all your life," He said. "But, you can also go to orchestras and theater all your life."

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Students riot after defeat

Associated Press

MANKATO, Minn. — Police arrested dozens of students during an alcohol-fueled riot in the streets following a homecoming football game loss at Minnesota State, Mankato.

As many as 3,000 people were in a crowd that gathered Saturday night in a largely student residential area, some setting fire to trash bins, tearing down fences, smashing car windows and throwing rocks and bricks at officers, police said.

Two officers retreated after reaching the scene and waited for backup.

"When police backed off, the students were so excited because they thought they had defeated the cops," said Brian Boothe, a senior.

Police in riot gear then used eye and skin irritants to disperse the crowd, and arrested 45 people. Four officers were injured by objects thrown at them, said Jim Franklin, the city's public safety director.

The area became so dangerous that it took an armored vehicle to pick up a student who reportedly wasn't breathing, Franklin said. Police also received reports of students being assaulted by fellow students. About a dozen people were treated for injuries at a nearby hospital.

Franklin blamed alcohol for the problems.

Witnesses said the riot started when about 400 students at a party after the game became violent and started throwing empty beer bottles at around 11:30 p.m. As the crowd grew, students damaged vehicles and filled the street.

About 160 police officers were called in before the crowd was finally dispersed about 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Franklin said.

Mankato lost the homecom-

ing game 20-9 to North Dakota State. The team is winless six games into the season.

Bob Idding, who lives nearby, said he couldn't believe what was happening.

"It was the scariest feeling in the world," Idding said. "I shouldn't have been there. I know that. My wife and I were telling each other, 'This isn't Mankato, Minnesota. We have police in riot gear in the streets.'"

The university's president, Richard Davenport, said students identified in videotapes that were taken at the scene would face disciplinary action.

"I found the events of last night deeply disturbing," he said. "To the extent that our students were involved with others, we are extremely disappointed."

"It was the scariest feeling in the world."

Bob Idding
bystander

Mormon leader addresses followers

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The president and prophet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday told members of the faith that they must "hold back the world" by resisting the everyday evil embodied in popular entertainment and the Internet.

President Gordon Hinckley, speaking during the church's 173rd semiannual General Conference, said that while many not of the faith would support their values, "we cannot be arrogant. We cannot be self-righteous."

The church's leader also noted he was pleased that the church-owned NBC affiliate in Salt Lake City had refused to air a program of a "salacious nature," apparently referring to the network's new sitcom,

"Coupling," a remake of a BBC show focusing on the sex lives of a group of friends.

The NBC affiliate in South Bend, Ind., owned by the Roman Catholic-affiliated University of Notre Dame, also has refused to air the program. "It is comforting to know that there are others who feel as strongly as we feel and are willing to do something about it," Hinckley said.

Cable stations in both cities will air the series for the full season.

The two-day conference sessions are a time of celebration for church members, and also a time when their leaders deliver talks aimed at renewing their religious commitment.

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Texas primary unlikely

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AUSTIN, Texas — The role of Texas in Democratic presidential politics could be damaged by bitter Republican infighting over congressional redistricting.

As the clock ticked Sunday without a deal on redistricting, a delay in the March 2 Texas primary became increasingly likely.

That could leave state Democrats without much influence in picking their party's nominee to challenge President Bush next year, since one of the Democratic candidates might have his party's nomination sewn up before a delayed Texas vote.

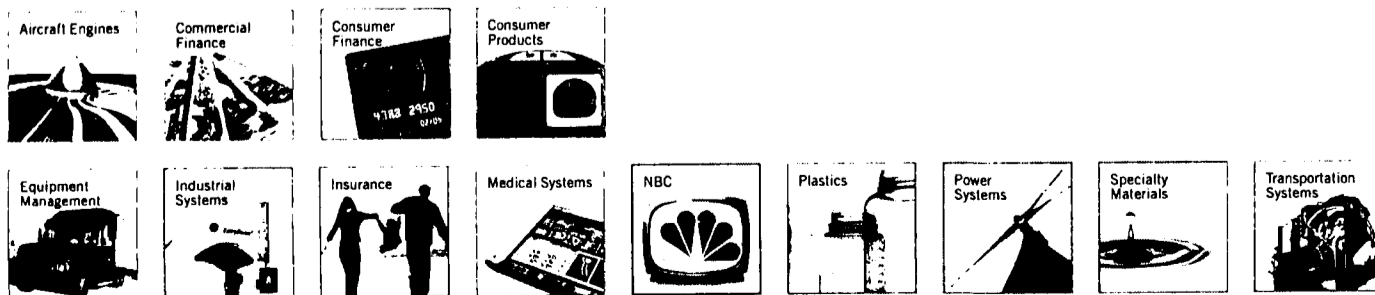
Lawmakers on both sides of the Capitol had hoped to have an agreement in place by Saturday. No map had been filed by Sunday afternoon, and the House and the Senate left for the day.

Gov. Rick Perry has cited Monday as the "drop dead date" for him to sign a map agreed on by lawmakers. With a required 24-hour waiting period before any map could be considered for a vote, the Monday deadline was nearly impossible.

The office of Secretary of State Geoff Connor has said the Legislature must adjourn and the bill must be signed no later than Monday to maintain the March 2 primary with new congressional districts.

The Texas Senate approved the redistricting legislation Wednesday in an 18-12 vote mostly along party lines. The House adopted its own GOP-friendly map last week following two Democratic walkouts.

Republicans, however, are arguing with themselves over the shape of three West Texas districts. House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, wants a new Midland-based district that would represent the oil and gas industry.



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in the dining

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ill-tempered

grouch who e-mailed me recently to

tell me where he read my columns) in

the bathroom, the game will be over,

and I will have either gotten drunk

and cried (which means they lost) or

just gotten drunk (which means they

won).

The devotion we have is an odd

thing to explain to those people who

aren't Cubs fans. Non-Cubs fans gaze

upon us with an odd look on their

faces, as if they were confronting a

member of a masochistic religious

cult, and wonder why we would waste

our precious time following a team

who hasn't had consecutive winning

seasons in 30 years. It's as whimsical-

ly illogical as dancing naked in the

snow, and sometimes as painfully irra-

tional as getting a tattoo in the middle

of your forehead. OK, it's that painful-

ly irrational often, not just sometimes.

My best friend is a New York

Yankees fan. Ordinarily, I wouldn't

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished
Alumnus

five years.

Cub fans hate bandwagon jumpers.

And God willing, the Cubs will wipe

out the Atlanta Braves, who started

calling themselves "America's Team"

when millions of fairweather nimrods

started rooting for them and still refer

to themselves that way even though

the Yankees have supplanted them as

the team most followed by mindless

sheep. Choosing to cheer for the

Yankees or the Braves just because

they're winning is like hoping for the

Harlem Globetrotters to win, or for

Bugs Bunny to outwit Elmer Fudd.

There's no effort required, and it

upends the classic sports tradition,

from Rocky to Rudy, of cheering for

the underdog.

The Cubs, meanwhile, have devoted

fans despite nearly a century of futili-

ty. They've lived and died with the

Cubs. In fact, they've literally lived

and died waiting for them to win a

World Series. They last won one in

1908. That was seven papacies and 17

presidential administrations ago. That

was four years before my great-grand-

mother was born.

I'm a Cubs fan because of Ron

Santo, who played third base for the

Cubs for 14 years and now serves as

their radio announcer. Before the last

game of this season, the team retired

his jersey number.

Santo has plenty of reasons to be

upset. He's lost both his legs to dia-

betes, he's been associated with the

Cubs for 40 arduous, mostly losing

seasons, and if all that weren't

enough, while calling a game early

this year he sat too close to a space

heater and singed his toupee. And

while his career was solid, since he

was never a vital component of a

championship dynasty, the Hall of

Fame will probably never enshrine

him. But he stood on the field upon

two prosthetic legs, watched a flag

with his name on it take its place

under Ernie Banks, and basically told

Cooperstown to stick it: "That flag ...

means more to me than the Hall of

Fame. This is my Hall of Fame."

I'm a Cubs fan because every game,

celebrities sing "Take Me Out To The

Ballgame" to honor Harry Caray, even

though he died six seasons ago. I'm a

Cubs fan because of Wrigley Field,

which has remained essentially

unchanged for decades. I'm a Cubs

fan because no matter how long we

wander through the desert of losing

seasons, we know someday we'll

reach the Promised Land. If not this

year, then next year for sure.

I'm a Cubs fan because I went to

Wrigley on my 21st birthday, and even

though I drank all afternoon and most

of the night, I only paid for one beer

the entire day. My fellow Cubs fans

are that cool.

Normally, at the end of a column

such as this, I'd invite you all to watch

the game with me, say at the new

Hooters on Day Road, but since you all

already know how it turned out, it'd

be silly. So, invent a time machine, go

back in time to last night, and join me

in a Cubs victory.

Or, if they lost, go back in time to

1945 and tell the Wrigley ushers to let

that damn goat in.

Mike Marchand, class of 2001, is

such a big Cubs fan that he bought a

boombox from Meijer and a pack of D-

size batteries (no, that's not a veiled

Hooters reference) so he could listen

to the games while he works. His col-

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

Václav Havel
Czech playwright, president

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Undergraduates deserve respect

I don't know much about Notre Dame study-abroad programs. No, let me qualify that: most of what I know is based on participants' enthusiastic reviews, which would certainly disqualify me from expressing an opinion in Will McDonald's book according to his letter that ran Oct. 2.

I take it that he has heard one too many undergraduates rave about his or her "ultimately hollow" experiences in Rome, London or where-have-you and would prefer that students stayed in South Bend to "pray, ponder, read, ask and wonder." He is entitled to express his view on the programs themselves, albeit (in my book) patronizingly.

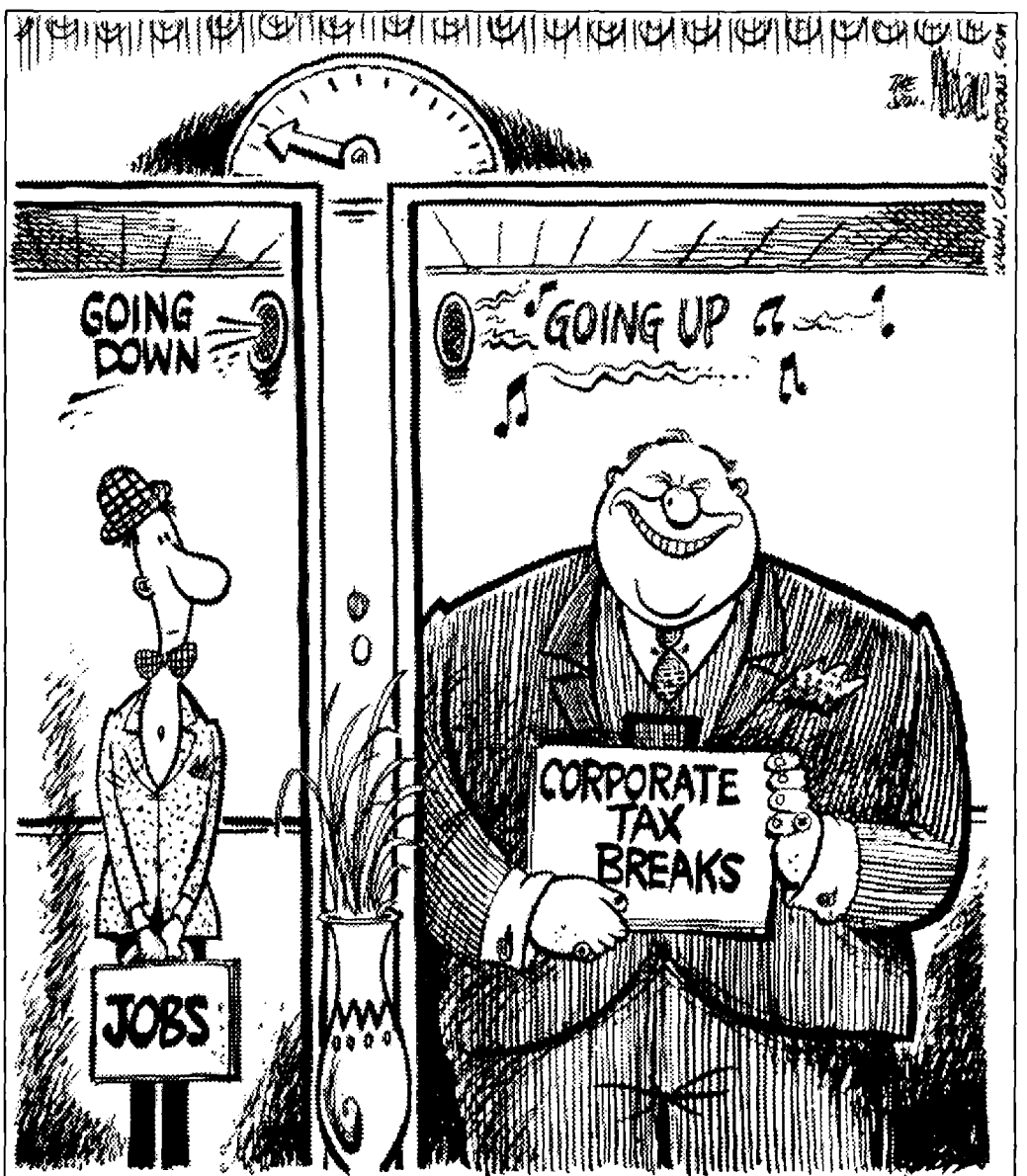
For me, however, Mr. McDonald's comments express a deeper problem with graduate students' view of undergraduates on this campus. I'm a foreign national. This is my sixth year here, and before I came here I had lived in five countries on two continents (then again, my experiences there might have been just as shallow and hollow as those of Notre Dame undergraduates studying abroad, but I leave the reader to judge). In any event, I am tired of hearing from my colleagues in the graduate school about the shallowness, cookie-cutter-ness, Midwestern-ness, and so on of the undergraduates whom it is their responsibility to live among and to teach.

Who is to say that when a given student was in Rome and eating gelato she wasn't also gaining a deeper perspective on her faith and on a different culture? More to the point, who is to say that Notre Dame students are not perfectly well aware that "there is more out there than just Reckers, dorm parties and football"?

I consider myself proud to have more than a few undergraduates in my acquaintance, and this has never been my experience of them. Let's look to our own narrow-mindedness before we start projecting it for others.

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Oct. 4

EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

The double standard of church and state

Last month, Alabama's Chief Justice Roy Moore was defeated in his desire to keep a granite version of the Ten Commandments in the lobby of a state building.

People came from as far away as Alaska to protest the movement of the two-ton monument. It was moved, not out of the building but into a back room where it would be out of view.

CNN.com reported his response: "It is a sad day in our country when the moral foundation of our law and the acknowledgment of God has to be hidden from public view to appease a federal judge."

This act of removing the commandments was done in the name of preservation of church and state. I strongly support this separation. If it is not preserved, there can be no trust in the elected officials of this country because they will not have to justify their actions in any way.

In Ireland for most of the twentieth century, young women suspected of sexual impropriety were sent to live with the nuns and work in laundries in hard labor to atone for their sins. Many died there as old women. In Islamic countries today, women who have children out of wedlock are considered promiscuous. Those who have been raped can be murdered by a male family member, and this is called an honor killing. While this country was in its

infancy, we burned and hanged men, women and children who were suspected of witchcraft.

These actions were immoral and unethical, yet the officials responsible were able to claim a higher power.

When there is no requirement of logic and sanity for judicial decisions, we enter a strange and horrible place. Any one of us, even the most religious, will admit that the Bible and other religious writings can and have been interpreted to ghastly and deadly ends.

Separation of church and state is not so we can raise our children to be heathens, not because we are godless, but because government decisions need to be based on what is best for the country, not what will best serve God, in whatever incarnation a government might adopt.

To the end of keeping the church out of our state, we have begun to split hairs. Every small violation of the church being in the state has made big news and has brought out the knives of those on both sides. Last June the religious and liberal frenzy was excited by the federal appeals court in California, announcing that "under God" in the pledge was unconstitutional.

Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.) was quoted as saying, "Our founding fathers must be spinning in their graves. What's next? Will the courts now strip 'so help me God' from the pledge taken by presidents?"

Many Liberal Democrats stood back watching their victory and nodded. Yes, there should be no mention of God in a speech or oath spoken by a president in a country where there is a separa-

tion of church and state. There should be nothing suggesting religion anywhere where there are tax dollars spent and a state authority present, and we should all work and weed out every last bit.

This all seems like nonsense because it is. The Ten Commandments being kept out of state buildings and God being kept out of schools masks the fact that there is no real separation of church and state in this country.

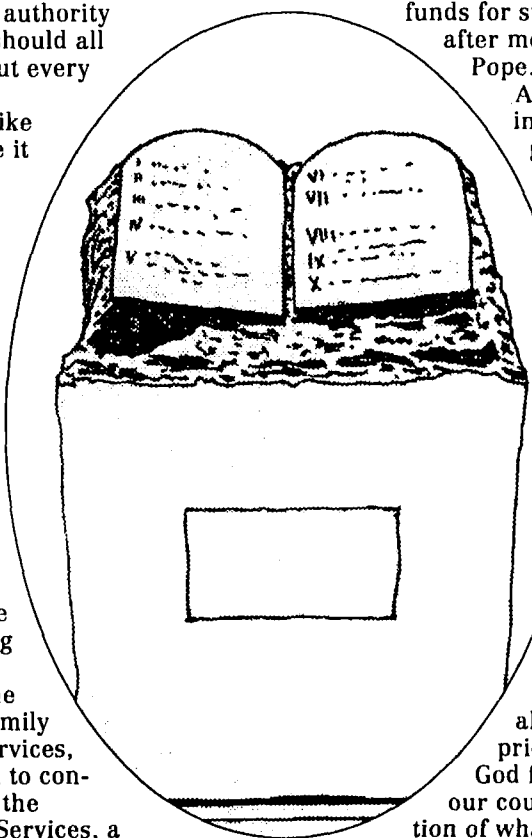
While the pledge debate played out in the media, there were no cameras rolling as the State of Illinois allowed the Department of Family and Children's Services, a state-run office, to contract cases out to the Lutheran Family Services, a religious-based organization.

There are no religious plaques in federal buildings, but we quietly continue to restrict abortions and deny marital rights to homosexuals. As we wheel a big monument into a back room after driving a bunch of Christians into a religious fervor so that while their dis-

appointment is registered by the television cameras, a blind eye is turned as George W. Bush withholds federal funds for stem cell research after meeting with the Pope.

As a society, we play into the hands of the government when we jump at the chance to play out the church and state charade.

We need to start to question the motives of the newsmakers and take a close look at what decisions are being made and why. We cannot afford to continue to be naive; we've all been duped, and we are all going to pay the price. I am praying to God for the sanity of our country and restoration of what is good in the world to be reborn.



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Quiet please?

So it's the day before your test and you're looking for a nice, quiet place to study on campus, interruption-free. You ask yourself the question "Where might I be able to find a suitable venue for my extended studying satisfaction?"

Tom Raaf

Scene Columnist

Well my friends, I'm here to tell you that there isn't anywhere on campus that can fulfill this need. Although the university has designed several places that appear to be meant for quiet study, there's always that one annoying study group that ruins everything for you ... and everyone else in the study lounge.

Sometimes it's the whole group making noise, laughing and messing around while everyone else is treating the room like the Grotto, but often enough there's the case of the single kid in the group whose parents just never got around to teaching him how to whisper.

Personally, I like to call this kid the "loud, chubby kid with jean shorts and a cityscape T-shirt who loves to talk about capitalism's benefits," a name which was derived from a particularly bad study experience of mine two weeks ago. Surprisingly though, the common violators of study room etiquette do in fact seem to have a strange fondness for nasty cargo jean shorts.

I think the only thing worse than the single annoyance is the group who has taken on the "we're all strung out from studying so much" mentality. This is when absolutely anything said by anyone in the group is just unbelievably hysterical to the other members of the group. Along with this comes the attempt at containing the laughter because the group knows they are in a quiet lounge.

In most cases, this is even worse than open laughter because you, as the single studier, can see that the group knows they are doing something inappropriate without fixing it. Nonetheless, this ridiculousness usually continues until someone says something to the group or until you decide to leave.

As a suggestion, if you see your group digressing into this pattern, take a 15 minute break ... you need it.

Along with such travesties comes a strange bond between all of the quiet studiers in the room. People who have never seen or talked to one another before begin to make eye contact and become friends, knowing that they all have the commonality of despising the obnoxious group in the room. Repeated looks of distress fly back and forth around the room, and thoughts of "should I say something to quiet them down" frequently run through students' heads. In most cases,

however, nothing is said.

To make sure that I was not the only one feeling this way about the situation, I decided to interview a few of my classmates to see their perspectives.

Junior Caroline Meehan said, "These loud studiers are the worst! The other day I flashed this group my 'You can't be serious' look five times in 15 minutes ... and you know what? They just got louder!"

Sophomore Brian Reichart had similar things to say about this ever-present situation in the study lounges. "These groups are just frustrating. First they make you angry, but eventually break you down to the point where you want to cry and give up on all academic pursuits ... and sometimes even life itself."

Junior Maureen Tate actually admitted that she was part of the problem, saying "You know what ... I think I might just be the kid in the cityscape shirt! Man, am I really that annoying? Wow, sorry everyone." She then proceeded to eat a quart of Ben and Jerry's Phish food in the next six minutes.

Junior Dan Block had a unique view on the situation. "I kind of actually like these groups because they give me a good icebreaker for talking to super-hot study girls. I usually make eye-contact with them and say something like 'can you believe these guys?' From there I just approach the table and let my Dan-the-man cruise control take over."

As a possible solution to this problem, I have laid out a list of places I believe most people view as quiet study areas on campus. These include the Como first floor lounge, the new basement of the library and every other floor of the library but the second, Bond Hall and any computer cluster. This leaves the second floor of Como, the second floor of the library, all of Lafortune, anywhere outside and the big table in O'Shag for all of you loud studiers ... and arrogant, female, 5'7, blonde TA's who are "trying to host a TA session here."

Now some of you might be thinking about the fact that the first floor of Coleman-Morse is labeled "social lounge." Don't worry about it; the students have converted it into a study lounge. The University can feel free to move the TV out of there at any time.

As you can see, group studiers, there are plenty of places for you to happily congregate and run amok on campus while leaving adequate space for us easily distracted quiet studiers. Please take a cue and try to migrate toward some of the more acceptable places to be loud on campus ... and tuck away those jean shorts for the winter.

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The Red Tent

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant is a captivating tale of the Biblical story known as "The Rape of Dinah"

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

Great ideas always start small. In the case of the novel *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, this is quite literally the case.

The Red Tent is the story of Dinah, a Biblical character in Genesis. However, the tale of Dinah is not one that is largely noted. The episode in the thirty-fourth chapter of Genesis is generally known as "The Rape of Dinah" and is a mere reference that then moves to focus on how her brothers revenged her alleged rape. In Genesis, Dinah never utters a single word. In the feminist twist of the story by Diamant, Dinah becomes the main character of a tale that has largely left her out

largely spent introducing the family of Laban, the Biblical character Jacob's uncle. The reader learns of the relationships of the four daughters of Laban, Leah and Rachel, the two daughters that Laban

claims, and Bilhah and Zilpah, two that Laban fathered, but treats as housemaids, so that he would not have to pay the dowry for their mothers. The sisters themselves then describe the story of Jacob coming to the house of Laban and falling in love

with each of the unique sisters in a unique way. All of the conversation and stories are told from Dinah's memory, as her mother and aunts passed them on to her in the red tent. The red tent is the tent where the woman of the house of Laban went while they were experiencing their menstrual cycle.

Only matured women could enter the red tent, and the women would spend the week together, as they were ritually unclean during this time, and could not exit the tent and mix with the household.

As the sisters all marry Jacob and begin to have his children, the novel becomes exceedingly graphic at times. The realities of polygamy and child-birthing in the times of the Old Testament are not softened or subdued by Diamant in the novel. However, although at times the graphic nature and depictive language of the novel can be a bit disturbing, it is largely outweighed by the beautiful and poignant scenery descriptions in the novel. Diamant describes images of the desert, of the beauty of Rachel, of the strength of Leah, that will remain in your head for days. The stirring imagery is immensely enjoyable, and fully worth the consistency

that is further shown in the not so picturesque scenes of the novel.

The female spin that is put on the novel is very intriguing throughout the first two-thirds of the novel. The introduction of

The Red Tent



Author: Anita Diamant

the sisters, Jacob and the rest of the family through the eyes of the women puts a very interesting spin on all of the Old Testament characters that people feel like they already know so well. Dinah's tale of falling in love with the prince of Shechem is beautiful, and the reader feels the tragedy of her loss. Diamant never, at any time, strays from the story of the Old Testament, she only elongates it, adding new details and perspectives on what may have really happened.

The last third of the novel is a bit over-feminist as Joseph, the alleged good brother, is portrayed as selfish, arrogant and homosexual. The credibility of the novel begins to wane as the level of feminism begins to make the story a bit unbelievable. The completely unrelenting and unforgiving character of Dinah starts to lose cohesiveness in the last third of the novel, but until that point, Diamant writes so convincingly, it is almost hard to believe that this may not have been how the story went.

As a whole, "The Red Tent" is a touching novel. While the novel focuses greatly on the relationships of the women in the story, the themes of the novel cover a very broad spectrum that allows the novel to be enjoyable for a male and female audience. In history classes, one is always told to realize that history is written by the victorious, and it is necessary to view the situation from the other perspectives as well. While one doesn't often hear that in theology classes, Diamant's novel "The Red Tent" makes a convincing argument that perhaps one should.

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for ages.

Diamant says of her novel, "In my retelling of the story, Dinah finds her voice. The Red Tent is told entirely from her perspective and the point of view of the women around her." The patriarchal society of the Old Testament did not give much notice to Dinah in the writing of the Old Testament, but Diamant interprets the text in an entirely new way, no longer giving the story to the men of the time, but giving the story of the women, entirely from the perspective of the women.

The novel begins with the history of Dinah's family, through the matriarchal line, because, as Dinah points out, "To know a woman, one must first know her mother." The first section of the novel is

Spade pleases student crowd

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Laughter filled the Joyce Center Arena Saturday night as a Student Union Board sponsored event brought in over 1,300 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. David Spade, professional actor and comedian, performed his stand-up routine, which he geared towards the students.

Before Spade appeared on stage, the Notre Dame student band Station One opened to help pump up the crowd. Although a five-member band, only three members of Station One were allowed to play on stage. Senior vocalist Lawrence Santiago, senior drummer Peter Miller and sophomore bass guitarist Bobby Seus played two of their original songs. The other two members of the band are senior keyboardist Mike Maimone and senior lead guitarist David Miller.

They have a reggae flare to their music, which sounds quite a bit like the popular rock band Sublime. "We play so many different kinds of styles. We play mostly Sublime type," David Miller said.

Santiago humored the crowd further with his rendition of the theme song from the TV show, "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," starring Will Smith.

After a large ovation while clearing the stage of everything but a black stool, a microphone and stand and a lone bottle of water, David

Spade came out, dancing and joking as students cheered.

His opening joke was about his contract what was allowed and not allowed to be on stage. He also joked about the stage being made from cafeteria tables taped together and the black drop curtain, which hung behind him, came from a mysterious dorm room. This part of his show evoked quite a bit of laughter seeing as though most college students understand how things are put together when dorms sponsor events.

Spade then went on to comment about Notre Dame, both the campus and the quality of student who attends. "I'm here at a big, good school. I really don't do good schools much."

He made fun of himself and his lack of college education, acquiring six credits at Arizona State University and 15 credits from a local community college near where he grew up in Arizona. Later in his act, he joked about how some of his jokes might not be as funny to a Notre Dame student as a student who isn't as "smart."

He then launched into a bit about airplanes, where he touched on how he always flies coach, managing to be stuck by children who bother him and the quirky policies of the airlines.

"Once you get on the plane, they tell you the name of the pilot. But no one ever says, 'Oh, he's good.'"

He told a story about his flight from Los Angeles to New

York, where he had to be nice to a little kid since he said he didn't want to end up on the front page of the Enquirer for being rude to a kid by ignoring them. After that, he wanted to take a helicopter to Atlantic City, and he made fun of how the helicopter was simply just a flying pile of bolts.

After talking about airplanes and flying, Spade discussed hotels. This, of course, led to one of his most popular movie quotes, the "Housekeeping" scene from his hit movie, "Tommy Boy." He did the whole quote live, as the crowd roared with excitement for hearing possibly one of Spade's funniest achievements done live.

Spade explained where this came from. He said that he knocked on Chris Farley's door every morning while filming "Tommy Boy" and pretended to be a housekeeper. Each morning, Farley fell for it, not realizing that it was Spade — again. He also mentioned that a lot of the movie was from real life experiences between Farley and himself.

Spade then went on to continue talking about hotels and what makes a hotel good or not. He said one of the requirements for a hotel is a good TV channel selection, complete with "Spank-trovision," a channel with filthy movie titles. He named a few titles, appalling and amusing the crowd at the same time.

The TV bit led to talking about CNN and some of the top news stories of the day. Spade found out about Roy Horn, of Seigfried and his attack by one of his tigers on Friday night.

After that, Spade gave his opinion about Saddam Hussein and his new life of living with a "friend of a friend" in some dump somewhere in Syria or Libya. Spade thought that Hussein would be missing his solid gold lifestyle and would be "hating life."

"I'm political. Look at me. I tackle the issues," Spade said about his political knowledge from the world.

Following that, Spade talked about his recent trip to Las Vegas and all the funny happenings of being in that large and interesting town. He focused a lot on limousines and making fun of

people who have never been in one. "You know it's their first time in a limo when they're in the sunroof," Spade said.

Then he abruptly changed subject to telling a story of how he recently killed a bug that was bothering him while he was reading his "People Magazine." He told the story, step by step, of how he finally killed the bothersome creature with a full can of Raid. "I have attitude for bugs," Spade said.

As with any good stand-up routine, Spade included many jokes about his mom, dad and step-dad. His father left when he was young and would only come to visit occasionally. Each year, however, it would be about the time of the Arizona State Fair.

Spade made fun of himself and his choice of clothing as a kid. "I was Joe Dirt so bad. Dealing crystal meth at age 7."

Following that, Spade continued with jokes about his mom and the bad choice of Christmas presents she always picked out for his brother and him. One year, she gave him a T-shirt with a picture of himself on it and he made the unfortunate decision of wearing it to school.

His mom also frequently visited Sam's Club, a place to buy food and other items at wholesale prices. Spade's thoughts on Sam's Club are that "I don't trust that place. Too much variety. I like Toy R Us. It's only toys. Too sketch of a place. I don't want to have to use my legs to pick up the cheezits."

Throughout the entire show, Spade kept increasing the number of people in attendance. He started out saying that there were about 5,000 people, which finally reached 7,000 after a few more times. He also made fun of "The Huddle," thinking that it was a popular place to hang out.



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David Spade performed his comedy act along with additions about entertaining Notre Dame students.

"Better go reserve a table at Huddles," Spade said. He allegedly heard about The Huddle from his limo driver.

Spade's routine ran 75 minutes and pleased the crowd for the entirety. He used his sarcastic humor that made him famous along with some very well done sound effects for added flare. He picked on the crowd as they got up and down during the show.

One of his best parts was when he talked about how bands never play their best songs during concerts, but if they do, they never play the song like it is on the CD. Spade, however, hit all of his best-known lines, making his routine even better.

The ending though, seemed weak and abrupt. Spade was just telling jokes and making fun of things, and then he just said he was finished and walked off the stage.

Charlie Ebersol, Board Director of SUB, said that Spade wanted to shave Ebersol's head despite the low attendance. "I think they would have liked it a lot better if you let me shave your head," Spade said to Ebersol.

Ebersol said he felt that despite the attendance, the show went off without a hitch and that Spade was great, pleasing the crowd.

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David Spade entertained students Saturday night at the JACC. Spade made fun of himself in comparison to the students in attendance.

NFL

Hall's punt return lifts Chiefs over Broncos

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — He cut left, then right, then stutter-stepped and actually ran backward toward the end zone.

Surrounded by Denver tacklers and just a couple of yards from the goal line, Dante Hall cut back left, looped around to the outside and darted 93 yards into the end zone — and the record book.

His NFL record fourth touchdown return in four games came with 8:20 left and gave Kansas City a 24-23 victory over Denver and the Chiefs' first 5-0 start.

But to the other Chiefs players, the game between previously unbeaten AFC West rivals was almost secondary. They all seemed to want to talk about their remarkable teammate.

"He's a human highlight reel," Chiefs defensive end Eric Hicks said. "He's like Michael Jordan. It's ridiculous. The play he made, really nobody was blocked on the initial part of the play. My God, I've never seen anything like that in my life."

Hall began his streak with a 100-yard kickoff return against Pittsburgh, then had a 73-yard punt return against Houston and followed with a 97-yard kickoff return for a score against Baltimore. Until then, nobody in NFL history had ever had touchdown returns in more than two consecutive games.

Now with 11 regular-season games left, Hall has already tied the NFL's single-season record for touchdown returns.

"I was beside myself I was so excited for him," head coach Dick Vermeil said. "I said to myself, 'Oh, Dante, don't go backwards.'"

The Broncos (4-1) had never trailed when Micah Knorr punted to Hall with a little more than 8 minutes left.

When he started running backward, he feared he might be about to get tackled for a safety and be guilty of a colossal error.

"I thought, 'Oh, I've got to get out of this jam,'" Hall said with a laugh.

But the Chiefs didn't have a

return set up. By the time he finally got outside, there were plenty of blockers to clear the way.

49ers 24, Lions 17

Once Terrell Owens and Jeff Garcia got back in step at the pregame breakfast, not even Steve Mariucci could trip them up.

Owens caught five passes for 79 yards and a touchdown as the San Francisco 49ers spoiled their former coach's homecoming, methodically beating the Detroit Lions 24-17.

Garcia completed 15 of 27 passes for 192 yards and rushed for another score, but his biggest play came in the hours before kickoff. Over breakfast, the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback and his All-Pro receiver reached a delicate peace in their tumultuous relationship — and they celebrated by making several big plays against Mariucci's Lions.

Garcia barely spoke to Owens all week after the receiver criticized him, but he was the first to greet Owens for a celebration after a TD catch in the first quarter.

"Both of us were very uncomfortable with the way it had gotten and didn't want to see it go on any longer," Garcia said. "I don't like having any sort of negativity in the locker room. ... Considering the distractions that took place this week, it was a difficult week."

It was similarly difficult for Mariucci, who knows plenty about the 49ers' penchant for high drama. He went 57-39 in six seasons with the Niners, leading them to the NFC West title and the second round of the playoffs last season.

Three days after the 49ers lost to Tampa Bay last January, Mariucci was fired by owner John York. Waves of contradictory feelings flowed through Mariucci as he faced the team he helped build into a contender.

"I suppose a little bit of everything — hard, exciting, different," Mariucci said. "I tried to minimize it as much as I could. Needless to say, it was different."

Mariucci paced the sidelines with his usual vigor, but Detroit (1-4) couldn't move the ball consistently in its fourth straight loss. By the final minutes, Mariucci was shivering in the cold winds at Candlestick Park as San Francisco ran out the clock.

Cowboys 24, Cardinals 7

Emmitt Smith was all smiles. Fans were cheering his every move and flashbulbs were popping. He looked around happily, savoring his return to Texas Stadium just like he'd hoped. Everything was going his way.

Then the game began. And nothing went right again.

Smith lost 4 yards on his first carry and finished with minus-1, the worst outing of his career. He was pounded nearly every time he got the ball and was knocked out early in the second quarter with a sprained left shoulder.

He spent the rest of Sunday's game in the locker room, his arm in a sling, as his former teammates on the Dallas Cowboys polished off a 24-7 victory over his new teammates on the Arizona Cardinals.

"Every player wants to play four quarters, play his best and do everything possible to help his team win," Smith said. "I wasn't able to do that today."

There was no immediate word from the team on whether Smith would miss any time. He's missed just four games in his 13-plus NFL seasons.

"We have to go back and do more tests on it," Smith said. "But the early diagnosis is a sprained AC joint. I think I'll be OK, though."

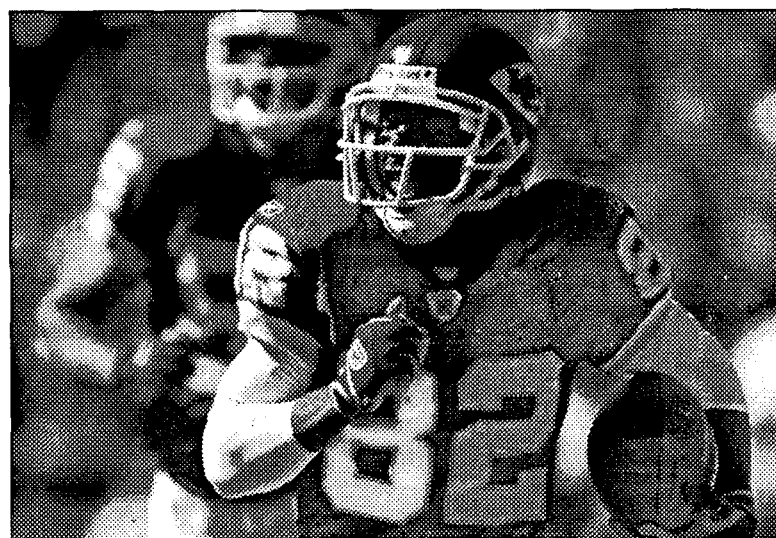
Eagles 27, Redskins 25

Patrick Ramsey saw an open receiver, hurried his throw and put his head down.

The roar of the crowd let him know the outcome.

Ramsey overthrew Laveranues Coles on a 2-point conversion with 13 seconds left, and the Philadelphia Eagles held on to beat the Washington Redskins 27-25.

Ramsey rallied Washington from an 11-point deficit in the final 3:10, connecting with



Kansas City's Dante Hall returns a punt 93 yards to give the Chiefs a 24-23 lead over Denver Sunday.

Darnerien McCants on a 32-yard touchdown pass in the final seconds.

But under pressure from Brandon Whiting, Ramsey rushed his pass to Coles in the corner of the end zone and the ball sailed over the receiver's head.

"Coles was wide open and I overthrew the ball. It was as simple as that," Ramsey said.

After John Hall's fourth field goal, a 53-yarder, cut it to 27-19, the Redskins' Bryan Johnson recovered an onside kick at Washington's 43 with 1:13 left. Ramsey then drove the Redskins 57 yards in five plays.

Defensive end N.D. Kalu returned an interception 15 yards for a go-ahead TD, and Brian Westbrook had a 19-yard TD run for the Eagles.

Dolphins 23, Giants 10

All the Miami Dolphins needed to win their third straight game was four turnovers, a little trickery and more special teams woes for the New York Giants.

Olindo Mare kicked three field goals and receiver James McKnight scored on a 68-yard reverse as the Dolphins took advantage of New York errors and a freak injury to Giants kicker Matt Bryant in a 23-10 win Sunday.

"It's good to win these kinds of

games when people have to step up," said Dolphins back Ricky Williams, whose biggest contribution might have been as a decoy.

The Giants (2-2) wanted to stop him at all costs, and that set up the right conditions for McKnight's momentum-turning second-quarter run that gave the Dolphins (3-1) the lead for good.

Panthers 19, Saints 13

Stephen Davis was fighting cramps alone in the locker room, determined to get back on the field and finish the best start in Carolina Panthers' history.

Davis made it back out after taking intravenous fluids to run for a final 10 yards that sealed the Panthers' 19-13 victory over the New Orleans Saints, moving Carolina to 4-0 for the first time.

"My goal was just to come back and finish," Davis said. "When I got out there, I didn't say anything in the huddle. They told me, 'Let's get it.'"

Davis, who finished with 159 yards and a 1-yard touchdown run, headed to the locker room with the Panthers leading 19-10 late in the fourth quarter.

The Saints (1-4) cut it to 19-13 on John Carney's 26-yard field goal with 1:43 to play, and Carolina needed one last first down to close the win.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Wood beats Braves, Cubs advance in playoffs

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ninety-five years of frustration. Ninety-five years of ridicule. Put it all to rest. The Chicago Cubs are postseason winners.

Kerry Wood pitched another dominating game and Aramis Ramirez began the celebration with a mammoth home run, pushing the Cubs past Atlanta 5-1 in the decisive Game 5 Sunday night for their first postseason series victory since the 1908 World Series.

The franchise that endured the College of Coaches and the curse of a goat moves on to play Florida in the NL championship series. Game 1 is Tuesday night at Wrigley Field.

"We heard a lot of negatives from people, and they have reason to be negative," first-year manager Dusty Baker said. "They haven't had any reasons to be positive for a long time."

They do now. When Andruw Jones struck out swinging on the final pitch, flashbulbs went off around the stadium. Catcher Damian Miller threw his arms in the air, then charged the mound to embrace closer Joe Borowski. Sammy Sosa tore across the grass to high-five his fellow outfielders. Wood, sitting in the dugout, pumped his fist before heading to the field to join the celebration.

In the stands, Chicago's fans shouted, hugged and derisively performed the "Tomahawk Chop" — the Braves' signature cheer.

"It's unbelievable," said Sosa, who endured a beaming, injured toe and that infamous corked bat in 2003. "For me and everything I've been through, it's one of the great seasons that I've had."

Same for Cubs fans. The last out also set off a wild party outside Wrigley Field.

The Braves suffered another heartbreaking loss in the postseason, going down for the second year in a row in Game 5 of the division series.

Twelve straight division titles have produced only one World Series championship, and the Braves face an uncertain future. Gary Sheffield, Greg Maddux, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla are all in the last year of their contracts.

"We had a terrific year," manager Bobby Cox said. "The ball's got to bounce your way. It just didn't."

Red Sox 5, Athletics 4

The "M-V-P" chants hadn't been heard at Fenway Park in a while — at least not when David Ortiz was at the plate.

After a career year that carried the Red Sox into the playoffs and transformed him from a spare part to a star, Ortiz was hitless in his first 16 at-bats of Boston's playoff series against Oakland.

All it took for the cheers to return was one more clutch hit.

The Red Sox designated hitter snapped out of his slump and saved the season with a two-run double off closer Keith Foulke in the eighth inning as Boston rallied to beat the Athletics 5-4 and send the series to a decisive fifth game.

"David was holding his head down quite a bit, but we were telling him he has a great shot of being MVP," said Boston outfielder Johnny Damon, who

homered and threw out a runner at third. "Zero-for-16 doesn't make or break a year, but that one hit you got certainly does."

It was the eighth consecutive elimination game Oakland has lost — the longest slump of its sort in major league history. Despite making the playoffs each of the last four seasons, the A's have yet to advance past the first round.

"This is this year. We're worried about this year," Oakland second baseman Mark Ellis said. "We're trying to make some new history and win that Game 5."

To change their luck, the A's will need to beat Boston ace Pedro Martinez after the teams fly cross-country for Monday's fifth game. Barry Zito will pitch for Oakland on three days' rest.

"I think we have the better team," said Tim Hudson, who started Game 4 but left after just one inning because of a strained muscle in his side. "We have the best left-hander in the league going tomorrow."

But Boston believes it has the best right-hander.

"It's all right," Hudson said. "I'll take Barry Zito over Pedro Martinez any day."

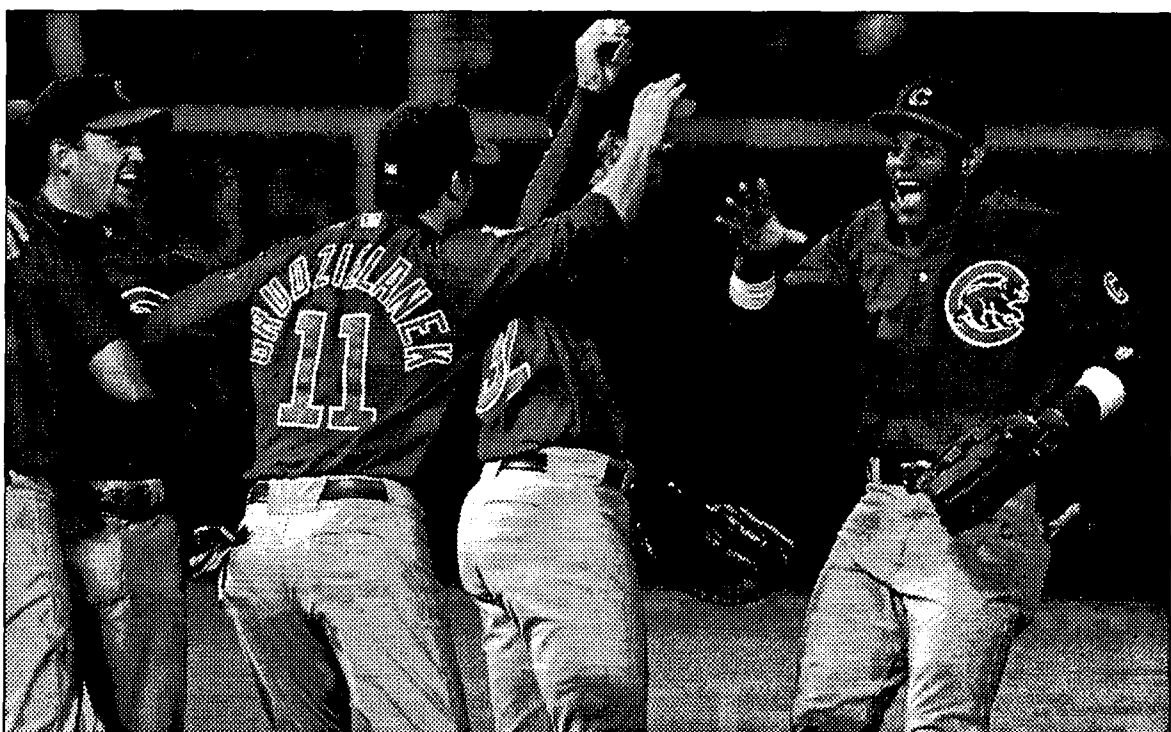
The Red Sox were equally confident, remembering their rally in the 1999 playoffs when they came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat Cleveland in the first round. Martinez also pitched Game 5 that year, coming out of the bullpen to throw six hitless innings.

"We've got the best pitcher on the planet going," said Red Sox starter John Burkett, who allowed four runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

And now they have their hitters going, too.

Despite starting the year as a fill-in first baseman and DH, Ortiz had 16 game-winning RBI in the regular season — second-most in the AL. Twenty-four of his career-high 101 RBI put the Red Sox ahead, and 42 came with two outs; he also set career highs with a .288 average and 31 homers.

But coming into the game, Ortiz and Manny Ramirez had combined for just one hit in 25



Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa celebrates with first baseman Eric Karros, second baseman Marc Grudzielanek and other teammates after Chicago's 5-1 Game 5 win over Atlanta.

at-bats — a power outage in the middle of the lineup that was largely responsible for putting Boston at the brink of elimination.

Ramirez singled twice Sunday. With Boston trailing 4-3 and two outs in the eighth, he followed Nomar Garciaparra's double with a ground single to left; Garciaparra went hard around third base, but coach Mike Cuddage held him up.

Ortiz worked the count full before lining a double to deep-right, turning Jermaine Dye around as the ball went over his head. Garciaparra and Ramirez scored to give Boston the lead, and the "M-V-P!" chants began anew.

"I couldn't think of a better time for that to happen, because the clock was running out there," Red Sox manager Grady Little said. "That was a good time for them to bust loose."

Yankees 8, Twins 1

The New York Yankees never panicked, even if some of their fans did.

"It's a series," Derek Jeter said, "not one game."

The Yankees sure rediscovered their dominant postseason form in a hurry. They hit four doubles in a six-run fourth inning Sunday, breezing behind David Wells into the AL Championship Series with an 8-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

After a sloppy loss in the opener that brought back memories of last year's first-round flop against Anaheim, New York beat the Twins three straight times to clinch the AL Division Series 3-1.

"We fought our way through it," manager Joe Torre said. "We know there are a lot of distractions in New York. In the postseason, they're magnified."

A rested Yankees team will open the ALCS Wednesday night at home against Oakland or Boston.

"They're the best team in the league," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Somebody has to knock them off."

Wells improved to 9-2 lifetime in the postseason by going 7 2/3 innings for the Yankees. New York made it easy for him, sending 12 batters to the plate in the

fourth and knocked out Twins starter Johan Santana.

Bernie Williams and Hideki Matsui hit an RBI double apiece, and Nick Johnson added a two-run double. Alfonso Soriano's bloop two-run single made it 6-0.

Jeter later homered for the Yankees. After losing Game 1 at home 3-1, New York outscored Minnesota 14-3.

"They're a confident bunch," Gardenhire said. "If they start hitting, they win a lot of games."

The big-budget Yankees are under increasing pressure to win it all this year after going consecutive seasons without a World Series title. They put themselves in a great situation by finishing off Minnesota on Sunday.






They'll have two days off to rest before Game 1 of the ALCS, while the Red Sox and Athletics play a decisive Game 5 on Monday night after making a cross-country trip to Oakland.

Pedro Martinez will pitch for Boston against Barry Zito on Monday, so neither ace would be ready to face the Yankees on Wednesday.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Germans blank Americans in World Cup play

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Four years after Brandi Chastain ripped her jersey off in celebration, Mia Hamm pulled hers over her face to hide the tears.

Hamm, idolized by countless young girls and the dominant force in U.S. women's soccer, was shut out in her last World Cup semifinal.

The U.S. defense of its World Cup title ended in a 3-0 loss Sunday to a German team that was simply too good. The defeat was even more painful because it came on home turf, where the Americans had been invincible.

The capacity crowd of 27,623 in cozy but raucous

PGE Park — many of them youngsters wearing No. 9 jerseys with the name "Hamm" on the back — chanted "USA, USA, USA" to the finish and then after the game ended. Hamm hugged her teammates, tears streaming down her cheeks, then gamely clapped along with the crowd.

"They were bending and bending, but they didn't break."

Briana Scurry
U.S. goalkeeper

"All those girls in the stands, that's the legacy," Hamm said.

Time after time, Hamm and her teammates threatened only to be thwarted by the spectacular play of goalkeeper Silke Rottenberg and the rest of the German defenders.

"We brought our 'A' game in terms of the attacking," U.S. coach April Heinrichs said. "That's a great team we played. I've got to think that

maybe this was the greatest game ever played in women's soccer."

Hamm and the rest of the aging core of U.S. players had wanted so badly to go out with another Cup triumph this year and then Olympic gold in 2004. Now only the games in Athens provide an attainable goal. After that, Hamm will retire.

"It was a hard loss because of the way it went down," U.S. goalkeeper Briana Scurry said.

"They were bending and bending, but they didn't break."

Kerstin Garefrekes' header off Renate Lingor's corner kick glanced off the crossbar and into the net in the 15th minute, then the Germans withstood one U.S. threat after another.

Two goals in the final two minutes sealed the win. Fittingly, they came from German stars Maren Meinert and Birgit Prinz.

Meinert, the MVP of the

WUSA professional soccer league this year in its final season, had planned to retire but was coaxed back to the national team. Prinz scored seven of Germany's 23 goals in its five World Cup matches.

"Everybody had a chance," Prinz said, "and I think in the end we were lucky and we finished our chances. We were totally excited to beat the U.S. We usually lose important games to them."

NHL

Thrashers player dies 6 days after car crash

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta Thrashers forward Dan Snyder died Sunday night, six days after he was involved in a horrific car crash with teammate Dany Heatley.

Snyder died at Grady Hospital from massive brain injuries without ever regaining consciousness, the team said. He was 25.

Police said Heatley was driving his Ferrari at about 80 mph on a narrow two-lane road last Monday night when he lost control, spun off the road and smashed into a brick and wrought iron fence.

The car split in half. The players were thrown into the road.

Heatley already was facing several charges, including a felony.

"The charges will be upgraded. It hasn't occurred yet," Sgt. John Quigley, an Atlanta Police Department spokesman said Sunday night. "I expect them to be upgraded in the near future."

He said investigators will meet with the District Attorney's office on Monday morning.

"It would likely be vehicular homicide first degree," Quigley said.

Snyder underwent surgery for a skull fracture but never emerged from his coma.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Dan Snyder," the Thrashers said in a statement. "Dan was a teammate and friend to all of us. We feel a tremendous amount of pain as an organization and extend deepest sympathies to his family."

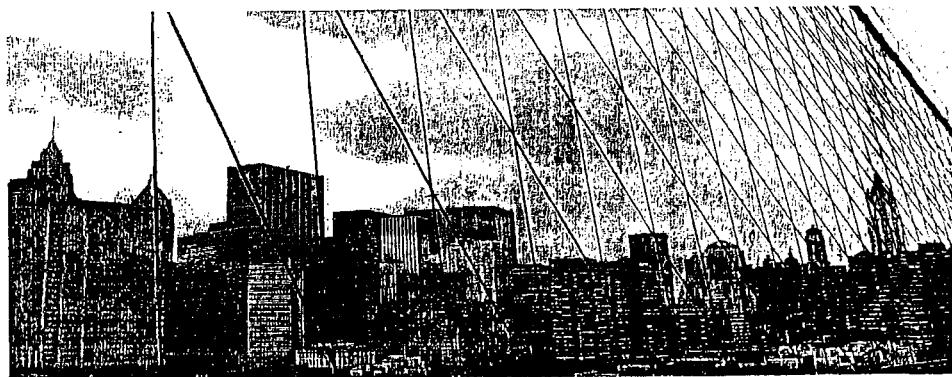
Snyder, a center who had 10 goals and four assists in 36 games for Atlanta last season, had surgery on his ankle in September before the start of

training camp. He was expected to start the season on the injured list.

Snyder signed with the Thrashers as a free agent in 1999 after playing four seasons of junior hockey for Owen Sound in the Ontario Hockey League.

He spent most of his first three professional seasons in the minor leagues, helping Orlando win the International Hockey League title in 2000-01 and playing on the Chicago Wolves' American Hockey League championship team in 2001-02. He also played 35 games for Chicago last season, getting 11 goals and 12 assists.

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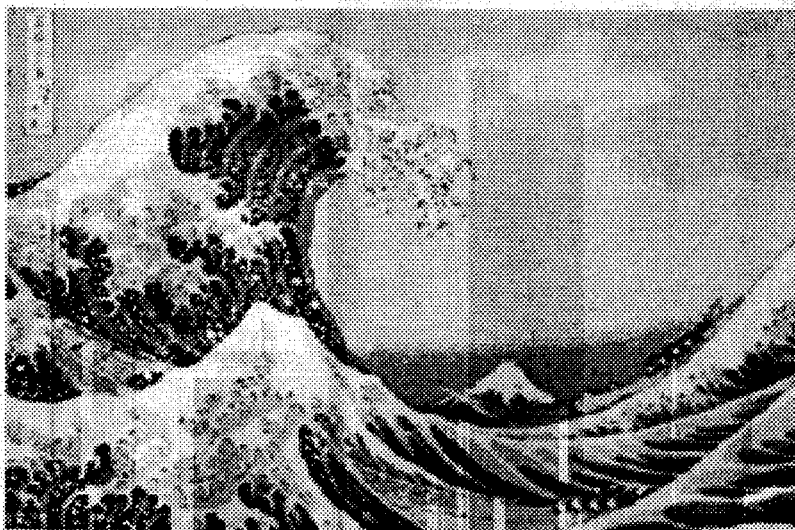
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2	Miami (1)	5-0	1,523
3	Ohio State (5)	5-0	1,457
4	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,407
5	Florida State	5-0	1,381
6	LSU	5-0	1,356
7	Arkansas	4-0	1,192
8	Georgia	4-1	1,090
9	USC	4-1	1,085
10	Nebraska	5-0	1,032
11	Texas	4-1	997
12	Washington State	5-1	874
13	Tennessee	4-1	765
14	Iowa	5-1	705
15	Pittsburgh	3-1	685
16	Northern Illinois	5-0	592
17	Minnesota	6-0	567
18	Purdue	4-1	500
19	TCU	5-0	500
20	Michigan	4-2	415
21	Michigan State	5-1	342
22	Kansas State	4-2	218
23	Wisconsin	5-1	151
24	Oregon State	5-1	100
25	Virginia	4-1	98

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma (53)	5-0	1,660
2	Miami (4)	5-0	1,491
3	Ohio State (6)	5-0	1,435
4	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,385
5	Florida State	5-0	1,332
6	LSU	5-0	1,270
7	Nebraska	5-0	1,136
8	Arkansas	4-0	1,084
9	USC	4-1	1,016
10	Georgia	4-1	1,009
11	Texas	4-1	967
12	Washington State	5-1	798
13	Minnesota	6-0	706
14	Tennessee	4-1	704
15	Iowa	5-1	693
16	Pittsburgh	3-1	564
17	TCU	5-0	446
18	Northern Illinois	5-0	438
19	Michigan	4-2	411
20	Purdue	4-1	398
21	Kansas State	4-2	320
22	Wisconsin	5-1	278
23	Michigan State	5-1	208
24	Virginia	4-1	154
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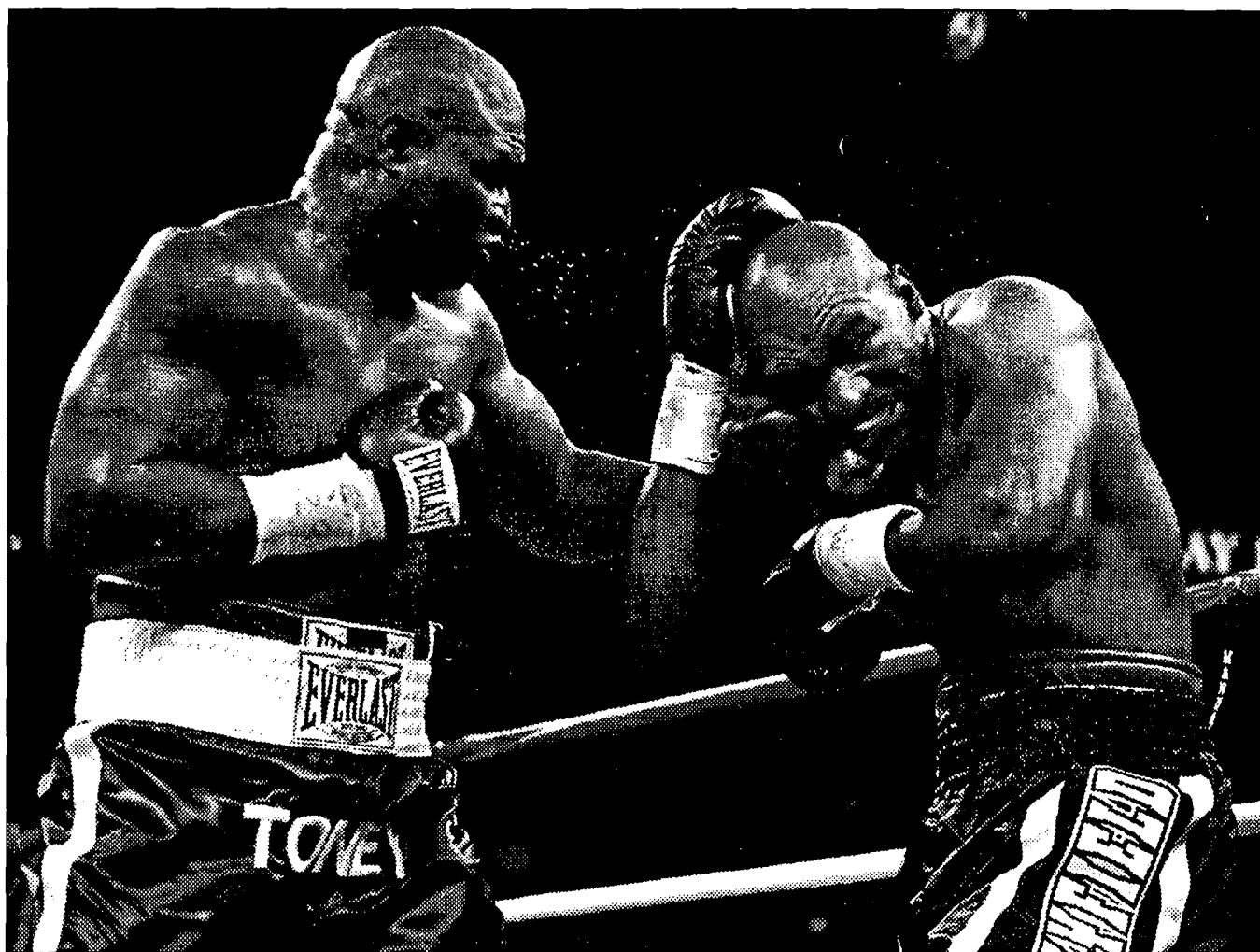
NAVY (3-2) at Vanderbilt

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Washington State (5-1)

BOXING



Evander Holyfield takes a hit from James Toney in their heavyweight fight in Las Vegas Saturday. Despite concern about his condition and strength, Holyfield said he is not going to retire right now.

Holyfield plans to keep on fighting

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Evander Holyfield had just taken a beating from James Toney, and now he was fighting another losing battle.

Sitting in a post-fight news conference, he was trying to explain why he should keep fighting at his advanced age with clearly declining skills.

The problem was that every time Holyfield opened his mouth he gave another argument for retirement.

"If he [Toney] was a big

puncher I'd have been torn apart," Holyfield admitted at one point.

To Holyfield's credit, he offered no excuses — and no protests — after his corner threw in the towel in the ninth round Saturday night when Toney was hitting him with every punch he threw. That wasn't the case in many of his recent fights when he blamed various injuries and opponents who weren't willing to mix it up with him for his poor showings.

But once again he blindly refused to acknowledge

that, two weeks shy of his 41st birthday, he has neither the reflexes or the skills to continue as a heavyweight contender.

"No, I'm not going to retire," Holyfield said. "I'm going back to the drawing board."

Holyfield will have to find a fountain of youth on that board if he expects to ever be competitive again in the heavyweight division.

Just having his warrior will isn't good enough anymore, as Holyfield found out when he fought bravely but futilely against

Toney.

Longtime trainer Don Turner told Holyfield before the ninth round began that he would stop the fight if the beating continued. When Holyfield was knocked down with a left to the body at 1:42 of the ninth round, Turner climbed on the ring apron to save the former four-time heavyweight champion from more punishment.

"I had to stop the fight," Turner said. "I didn't want to see my guy get hurt. I love him too much. I've seen four guys get killed in the ring."

IN BRIEF

Win gives Woods fifth victory of the year

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Against the best players in the world, in the toughest conditions this side of a major, Tiger Woods felt right at home.

With momentum slipping away, he hit a delicate flop shot out of the first cut of rough that carried a bunker and stopped 4 feet away for a crucial par. With his lead down to one, he blistered a 4-iron to the back of the green to set up an easy birdie.

When it was over, Woods left no doubt who was the best in the world at the American Express Championship.

"Any time you get to play against the best players ... that's when it's the most challenging," Woods said. "It's not a watered-down field. That's what makes it so difficult to try to win these tournaments."

It was his fifth victory of the year, and his seventh World Golf Championship in 13 tries. Only Darren Clarke has won more than one since the series began in 1999.

And it might be enough for his

peers to vote Woods the PGA Tour player of the year for an unprecedented fifth straight time.

ESPN pregame show returns without Limbaugh

NEW YORK — ESPN's NFL pregame show returned Sunday with an apology — and without Rush Limbaugh — a week after the commentator's race-tinged comments about Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb.

Limbaugh resigned from the show Wednesday, and later said he was leaving so the sports network's employees would be spared the uproar over his remarks. He denied that his comments were racially motivated.

On Sunday, following a video recap of the happenings of the past week — including a replay of Limbaugh's original comments — the ESPN panelists offered their thoughts on the controversy.

Though they agreed that someone should have responded to Limbaugh right away, Young compared it to viewing game film the week after hav-

ing missed an open receiver in the end zone.

"We all missed it. I missed it. And the truth is, everyone at ESPN missed it," the former quarterback said.

Fick fined undisclosed amount for clubbing

ATLANTA — Braves first baseman Robert Fick was fined Sunday for clubbing Chicago's Eric Karros with a forearm in Game 4 of Atlanta's NL playoff series against the Cubs.

Fick was fined an undisclosed amount by both the commissioner's office and his team.

"I just tried to hit his glove," Fick said before Game 5. "It was all a reaction."

Fick struck Karros while running to first base Saturday at Wrigley Field. The blow knocked the ball and glove free; Fick was called out.

"It's not something I'm proud of, but it happened," Fick said.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, didn't disclose the amount of his fine. The Braves wouldn't discuss their penalty, either.

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Five players score in preseason Irish victory

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The Irish started and ended their preseason with a 5-3 win over the Western Ontario Mustangs Friday night at the Joyce Center.

The Irish got goals from five different players in the victory and solid goaltending from sophomore Rory Walsh and freshman David Brown as the duo combined to turn away 33 of 36 Western Ontario shots in the game. Senior right wing Rob Globke scored the game-winning goal just 15 seconds into the third period when he deflected a Neil Komadoski shot past Mustangs' goaltender Mike D'Alessandro to give the Irish a 4-2 lead on the way to the 5-3 win.

"All-in-all, this was a good game to get over with," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Western Ontario is a veteran team. Most of their players have played major junior hockey.

When you get a chance to schedule a strong team like this it gives you an opportunity to see your team perform."

The Irish came out strong, outshooting the Mustangs, 17-11, in the first stanza while taking a 3-1 lead. Brad Wanchulak started the scoring when he tucked a rebound of Chris Trick's point shot under D'Alessandro at 3:55 of the first period.

Western tied the game at 5:01 when Mike Rice controlled a rebound in front and flipped the puck past Rory Walsh to even the score.

Notre Dame would get the lead back just 29 seconds later when Mike Walsh steered a Brett Lebda shot past D'Alessandro for his first of two points on the night. The Irish would get their lone power-play goal (in 10 chances) of the night at 16:39 with Tim Wallace cashing in off assists from Mike Walsh and Brett Lebda for a 3-1

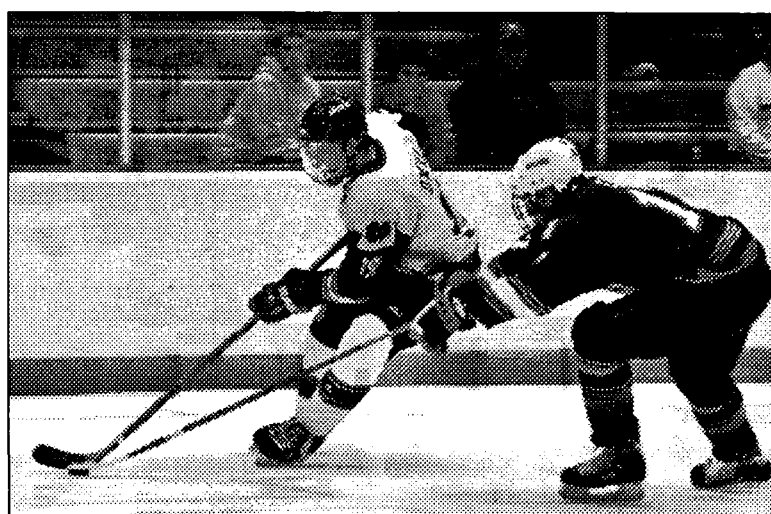
lead at the first intermission.

The Mustangs cut the lead to 3-2 with the lone goal of the second period as Jeff Martin beat Brown at 19:01 on just the third shot he faced in the period after replacing Rory Walsh with 9:51 left in the middle stanza.

Globke, who along with Neil Komadoski was selected alternate team captain Thursday, gave the Irish their two-goal cushion just 15 seconds into the third period. Parked about 10 feet in front of D'Alessandro, Globke deflected a Komadoski shot from the center point to make it 4-2.

An Irish turnover led to Western Ontario's third goal. Ryan Held knocked down Brown's clearing attempt on the right wing boards and was able to get a shot on goal before Brown could reposition himself. Held's shot got between Brown and the near post at 10:36.

Freshman T.J. Jindra then got the insurance goal for the Irish



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish forward Rob Globke skates around a Western Ontario defender in Notre Dame's 5-3 preseason win Friday.

when he and Tony Gill combined on a two-on-one at 13:28 for the 5-3 final score.

"We really played hard and that's what I want to see," said Poulin. "We made a conscious

effort to bring in gritty, tough, in-your-face players. Kids like T.J. Jindra, Jason Paige and Matt Williams-Kovacs are those kinds of players. They bring that style to the rink every day."

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Donohue leads Irish on final day of tournament

Associated Press

Sophomore Liz Donohue won the red flight singles champi-

onship a day after she took the flight's doubles title to lead Notre Dame women's tennis team on the final day of the

Kentucky Fall Classic. Irish players combined for a 33-13 record in the three-day event.

Donohue outlasted Laura McNamara of Middle Tennessee State 7-6 (9-7), 4-6, 6-4 in the red flight title match Sunday.

On Saturday, she and sophomore Kelly Nelson won the red flight doubles championship. Donohue is 4-2 in singles and

4-1 in doubles this fall.

Nelson was one of two Irish players to win Sunday to take third place in their respective draws. She beat Lindsey Adams of Ohio State 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in green-flight action.

In the white flight, freshman Christian Thompson beat Purdue's Alyssa Rodriguez 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the third-place

match of the bracket.

Two more Notre Dame players were runners-up in their flights. Sophomore Kristina Stastny fell to Kentucky's Sarah Foster 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the white flight, while freshman Catrina Thompson lost to Aibika Kalsarieva of the host school 6-3, 7-5 in the blue flight championship.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish look to continue stellar play in tourney

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's golf team will play in the Shootout at The Legends of Indiana beginning today in Indianapolis. The 54-hole tournament will be played on the par-72, 6,122-yard golf course at The Legends of Indiana.



King

Along with Notre Dame, the following schools are also participating in the 18-team tournament: Arkansas, Campbell, Eastern Michigan, Illinois, Illinois

State, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kent State, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Texas A&M, Texas Christian, Toledo and Wisconsin.

After opening the season by winning the Cougar Classic, the Irish added another title in their last tournament, the Notre Dame Invitational, by edging out Northern Iowa by one stroke. Notre Dame headed into the final round trailing the Panthers by four strokes, but fired a 312 on the last day for a 938 total (306-320-312) to secure the Notre Dame Invitational title for the second consecutive year.

The Irish now enter the Shootout at the Legends looking for their third champi-

onship in four tournaments this fall. If successful, the team will tie the school record for most tournament wins in a season, which was set by the 2000-01 Irish.

With their two tournament victories already, Notre Dame's squad is only the second ever to win multiple regular season tournaments in one season.

Earning a first-place finish in the upcoming tournament will not be easy according to head coach Debby King.

"This is the toughest field,

overall, we will face all year," King said. "The tournament is an excellent one at a nice course, and I look forward to our team being able to compete there."

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Irish coach

King will turn to youth in the tournament, playing four sophomores and one freshman. After not playing in the first two tournaments of the season, sophomore Sarah Bassett is playing in her second

straight tournament as she led the team at the Notre Dame Invitational with a 14-over par 230 (75-78-77).

Sophomore Katie Brophy will look to keep up her consistent play as she heads to Indianapolis second on the team with a stroke average of 76.33. Joining Bassett and Brophy are classmates Suzie Hayes and Lauren Gebauer, who is playing as part of the Irish five for the first time this season after playing in the Notre Dame Invitational as an individual entry. Freshman Noriko Nakazaki rounds out the Notre Dame lineup, coming into the tournament leading the team with a 75.00 stroke average.

The Shootout at the Legends of Indiana will consist of two rounds Monday followed by the final 18 holes of play Tuesday.

MEN'S GOLF

Squad back in action today at Windon Memorial

Special to The Observer

Following a two-week layoff, the Notre Dame men's golf team gets back on the links today, when it takes part in the eighth annual Windon Memorial Classic, hosted by Northwestern University.

The Irish will play 36 holes today, with the final round slated for Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the par-72, 7,031-yard North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Ill., located just north of Chicago.

This will mark Notre Dame's first appearance in Northwestern's annual fall tournament. Joining the Irish in this year's 17-team field are Arizona, California, California-Davis, Illinois, Kent State, LSU, Michigan State, Minnesota, North Florida, Northwestern, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Rice, SMU, Stanford and Toledo.

Of the teams in the 2003 Windon Classic, eight currently are ranked among the Top 50 in the latest Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index ratings, led

by No. 10 Minnesota and No. 25 California.

The North Shore course is considered one of the more demanding tracks in the Midwest, having played host to three major championships in its history — the 1933 U.S. Open, the 1939 U.S. Amateur Championships and the 1983 U.S. Amateur Championships.

It will be the second time in as many tournaments this season that the Irish have played on a championship-level course, having placed 15th in

the Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational on Sept. 19-20 at the Inverness Club course in Toledo, Ohio.

Notre Dame head coach John Jasinski has made several changes to his lineup for this week's tournament. Only two of the five players who traveled to Toledo are active this week, paced by sophomore Scott Gustafson, who finished tied for 46th at the Inverness Intercollegiate with a three-round score of 232 (77-73-82). Freshman Cole Isban also

will compete in his second tournament of the year after suffering some hard luck in Toledo two weeks ago. The Irish rookie fired an opening-round 81, then was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard at the end of the second round.

Joining Gustafson and Isban in the Notre Dame lineup for the Windon Classic will be a trio of sophomore monogram winners — Tommy Balderston, Mark Baldwin and Eric Deutsch.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish beat two Big East foes

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its domination in Big East play this weekend.

Saturday saw the Irish shut out St. John's (18-5, 0-1), 3-0. Sunday, the Irish defeated Connecticut (11-7, 1-1) three games to one.

Against St. John's, No. 17 Notre Dame (12-2, 4-0) turned in its best hitting performance of the season, hitting .369 on the match. Setter Kristen Kinder orchestrated the offense with 45 assists.

Emily Loomis was once again one of Kinder's favorite targets, as she hit .500 with 16 kills. Loomis has been outstanding this season, hitting .500 or better in three matches already. Saturday's match was her 19th consecutive match with 10 or more kills, a streak that dates back to last year.

Sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley continued her play of late, hitting .429 with 11 kills. Senior Katie Neff hit in double digits as well, with 10 kills.

Senior outside hitter Jessica Kinder also added to the offensive explosion, with eight kills on .368 hitting.

Since switching back to a 5-1 rotation that they used last season, the Irish have upped their hitting percentage to .319, after

hitting .231 with the 6-2 rotation.

However, the Irish have once again found strength in their blocking. They are ranked third in the nation in blocks per game, with 3.33. Saturday saw the Irish record 10 blocks on the match.

Defensively, Meg Henican led the team with 14 digs, her eighth consecutive match with at least 12 digs. Freshman Danielle Herndon also had 11 digs for the Irish.

Before Saturday, the Red Storm led the Big East in hitting percentage (.272) and opponent hitting percentage (.143). However, the Irish reversed that trend on them, hitting .226 higher than their previous opponent.

Notre Dame had a strong showing Sunday as well, defeating Connecticut (30-22, 20-30, 30-28, 30-18).

Lauren Brewster matched her career high with 17 kills, and set a career high with .596 hitting percentage. She had one error in 27 attempts. Brewster leads the conference in blocks, and she was in on eight against the Huskies.

However, the Irish hitters were not the story of this match, as the Notre Dame defense shined. Defensively, the Irish registered 88 digs as a team, with five players having 10 or more.

Henican once again led the way for the Irish, with 20 digs. This was the second best performance of her career. Jessica Kinder also played well again,

with 19 digs.

Loomis got in on the defensive action as well, as she set a career high with 17 digs. She is new to the back row, since in the old 6-2 alignment, she rarely played defense. In the last 15 games, however, she has been steady, with 41 digs.

Herndon had 14 digs and setter Kristen Kinder added 10.

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NOTRE DAME 3, ST. JOHN'S 0

NOTRE DAME	30	30	30
ST. JOHN'S	24	24	19

Notre Dame — Kills 57 (Emily Loomis 16), Assists 122 (Loomis 28), Digs 48 (Jessica Kinder), Blocks 20 (Lauren Brewster 7), Hitting percentage .369 (Carolyn Cooper, Loomis .500), Aces 6 (Leader Kristen Kinder, Danielle Herndon 2)

St. John's — Kills 49 (Jackie Ashler 15), Assists 127 (Ashlers 38), Digs 42 (Alicia Carmignani 12), Blocks 14 (Yana Ruban 4), Hitting percentage .236 (Dimitra Samas .333), Aces 6 (Carmignani 2)

NOTRE DAME 3, CONNECTICUT 1

NOTRE DAME	30	20	30	30
CONNECTICUT	22	30	28	18

Notre Dame — Kills 62 (Lauren Brewster 17), Assists 168 (Emily Loomis 43), Digs 88 (Meg Henican 20), Blocks 31 (Brewster 8), Hitting percentage .244 (Brewster .593), Aces 9 (Brewster 5)

Connecticut — Kills 61 (Jamie Hadenfeldt 19), Assists 201 (Hadenfeldt 67), Digs 75 (Xaimara Coss 21), Blocks 14 (Brittany Conover 5), Hitting percentage .129 (Samantha Bell 1.000), Aces 7 (Conover 2)

MEN'S TENNIS

Netters dominant at weekend tourney

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team finished strong in the Tom Fallon Invitational, winning seven of 10 singles matches Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion and Courtney Tennis Center. The Irish, who posted a combined 26-14 record in the 17th annual event, will return to action Friday, Oct. 17 in an exhibition match against rival USC at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Four Notre Dame players were unbeaten in the tournament, with a pair of them posting singles victories Sunday. Freshman Ryan Keckley was the only Notre Dame player to go 5-0 over the weekend. He beat Army's John Houghton 6-2, 6-0 Sunday morning to improve to 6-0 in singles in his first collegiate fall.

Junior Jimmy Bass, who competed only in singles in the Tom Fallon, beat Army's David Collins 6-0, 6-1 Sunday for his third win of the weekend. Bass is 5-1 this fall.

Also perfect on the weekend were a pair of tri-captains in senior Matthew Scott and junior Brent D'Amico. Scott won a pair of matches

in both singles and doubles to improve to 8-2 and 4-1, respectively, this season.

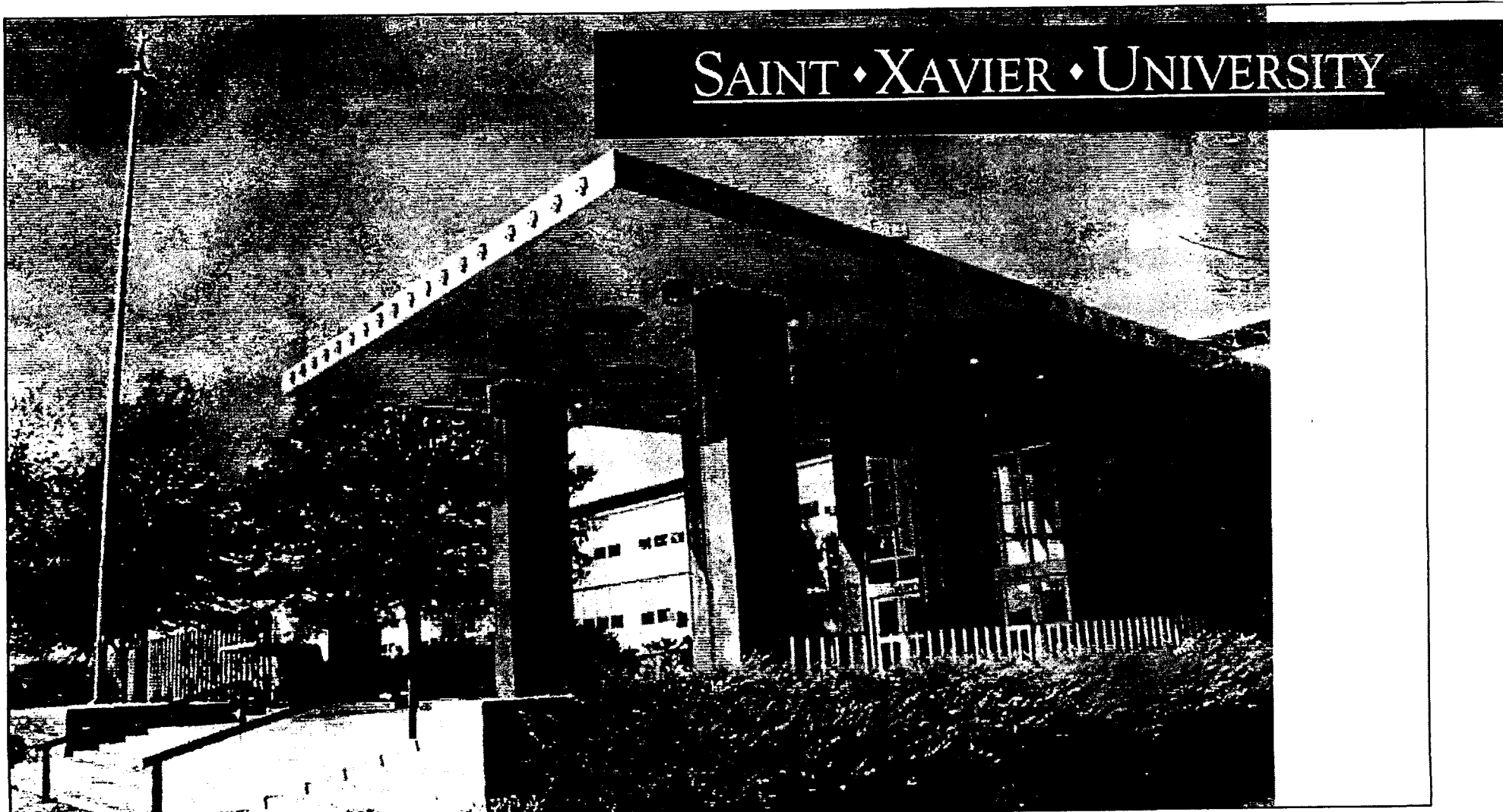
D'Amico returned to the court for the first time since undergoing elbow surgery in June. He won in his only two matches, both in doubles.

Senior tri-captain Luis Haddock, ranked 64th in the nation in singles, pulled out a 1-6, 6-0, 1-0 (15-13) decision against John Sabia of Army. Haddock finished his Tom Fallon Invitational career with a combined singles and doubles record of 26-3. He was 16-1 in singles and 10-2 in doubles.

Freshman Stephen Bass won four of his five matches, culminating with a 6-0, 7-6 (7-3) triumph over Army's Rafael Alborno. Bass is 5-1 in singles and 4-0 in doubles in his young collegiate career.

Sophomore Patrick Buchanan got his second singles victory of the weekend, defeating Army's Sebastian Salas 6-3, 6-2.

Other Sunday winners for the Irish were freshmen Irakli Akhvlediani and Bobby McNally. Akhvlediani topped Michael Good of Army 6-4, 6-7, 1-0 (10-8), while McNally beat Purdue's Scott Warner 6-4, 6-3.



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Wins

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Heading into the weekend, the Irish expected a Big East showdown that would go a long way to deciding who would win the Mid-Atlantic Division. They just did not expect it to be their game against Villanova.

After thoroughly dominating No. 5 West Virginia Friday night in a 2-0 win that was not as close as the score would indicate, the Irish struggled against Villanova but eventually prevailed in overtime 1-0.

"We had a hard one Friday night that took a lot of our legs, and we just didn't have as much energy as we'd have liked," said senior Kim Carpenter after the Irish survived Villanova. "We got the result that we wanted, so I guess that's what is important in the long run."

With the two wins, the Irish move to 11-0-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Big East. The No. 2 Irish are firmly in the driver's seat, having knocked off the two teams that are most likely to challenge them for the division title.

"Opening up the Big East with two of the better teams in the

conference was a great way to start," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We've played some good competition to be put in this position before, and I think that helps you down at the end of the road."

The Irish continued to dominate defensively, having now shut out their last three opponents. In addition, they continued their streak of not allowing more than two shots on goal by their opponents to nine games, as the Mountaineers and Wildcats only managed one apiece.

The Irish opened the scoring early against West Virginia. Senior defender Melissa Tancredi sent a long pass from the right side to junior Mary Boland, whose shot sent the ball into the upper right side of the net only 84 seconds into the game.

The Irish added another goal early in the second half, with senior Amy Warner forcing a corner kick. Tancredi deflected Katie Thorlakson's cross to Carpenter, who scored her third goal of the season to provide the final margin for the Irish.

The Irish had some tense moments against Villanova, playing to a scoreless tie in regulation. While they outshot the Wildcats 14-4 in the regular

period, they failed to create as many good scoring opportunities as in some previous games.

Villanova threatened to take the lead in the first half, scoring an apparent goal 14 minutes into play that was waved off because of an offside penalty. About 10 minutes into the second half, the Irish also had a goal nullified because of being offside.

"It's hard to play back-to-back," Carpenter said. "We had a lot of people that went the full 90 minutes, and it's hard especially against a team as physical as Villanova. They got on us early."

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NOTRE DAME 1, VILLANOVA 0 (OT) at INDIANOLA, Pa.

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
NOTRE DAME	0	0	1	1
VILLANOVA	0	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Kate Thorlakson 97:22
(Kimberly Carpenter)

Notre Dame — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn), Shots 16 (Jen Buczkowski 7), Corner kicks 3, Fouls 15

Villanova — Saves 7 (Chrissy Dolan), Shots 5 (Elizabeth Dauble 2), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 17

NOTRE DAME 2, WEST VIRGINIA 0

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	1	2
WEST VIRGINIA	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Mary Boland 1:24 (Melissa Tancredi)

ND — Kimberly Carpenter, 53:14, (Katie Thorlakson, Tancredi)

Notre Dame — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn), Shots 17, Corner kicks 9, Fouls 19
West Virginia — Saves 9 (Sue Bannerman), Shots 2, Corner kicks 4,

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The performances of the top runners helped propel the Irish over Wake Forest, Penn State, Duke and Vanderbilt, who rounded out the top five in the team standings.

Junior Kerry Meagher came in third for the Irish and seventh overall. Meagher was fresh off of her first career victory, which took place at the same site two weeks ago as she surged to first place at the National Catholic Invitational.

Meagher was followed by junior Megan Johnson, who finished in 21st with a time of 18:00. Sophomore Jean Marinangeli, who was significantly behind Johnson as far as placing goes, rounded out the scoring top five for the Irish. The sophomore's time of 18:24 put her in 42nd place.

"They're working hard," Connelly said. "We've worked really hard. Nobody really got rest in getting ready to race today. I was pleased with the way the kids ran."

The Irish coach sees room for improvement. For example, he thought the Irish could have handled the start of the race more effectively.

"We didn't get out very well and kind of got stuck," he said.

"Then we were zigging and zagging and chasing the whole way."

Given the strength of the competition and the fact that it was the first race of the season for some runners, Connelly is optimistic, while acknowledging that it is still rather early in the season to make predictions.

"I think that those kids that ran five, six and seven will run

a little better too," he said. "We had four kids in there that this was their first race, but I also knew that [King] and [Huddle] were really, really fit, and that they would run really well. I was definitely pleased with them."

Meagher ran awesome. And [Johnson], that was her first race in a long time. She really ran well."

Last season, the Irish finished third at the same meet, a performance that — according to Connelly — wasn't impressive. But by the season's end, the Irish were third in the nation.

"A couple of the kids who ran great for us [at the National Championships] in November didn't run very well for us here a year ago," Connelly said. "It's really hard to guess as to where you are."

The Irish did not fare quite as well in the junior varsity, finishing in 10th place.

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much-needed road win. They got it in their fifth shutout of the season.

For the second straight game, Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Sawyer only needed to make two saves in the contest. His Pittsburgh counterpart Justin Lowery had to make nine.

"Shutting a team out is definitely one of the most important

goals for this team," Richards said. "We figure that once we've scored one goal, no team should be able to beat us."

The Irish outshot the Panthers 13-5 in the contest, and led in corner kicks 8-2, again dominating the offensive stats. This time, however, they also ended up leading on the scoreboard, thanks to seniors Justin Detter and Chad Riley.

Riley had a goal and an assist, to lead the team with three points.

Notre Dame scored its first

goal of the game just three minutes in when Riley's corner kick was headed down by Kevin Goldthwaite. Goldthwaite headed the ball right to Detter's foot, and the senior forward kicked it into the net for his fourth goal of the season.

"It's especially big on the road to score the first goal, because it kind of demoralizes the home team," Richards said. "It really takes the crowd out of the game."

The Irish maintained their one-goal lead into the second half,

until Riley put the game away for his team in the 62nd minute.

Riley took a long shot from over 20 yards out and knocked it past Lowery. It was the senior's first goal of the season, while his assist on Detter's goal was his sixth of the year.

Fellow seniors Greg Martin and Richards assisted on Riley's goal.

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NOTRE DAME 2, PITTSBURGH 0 at INDIANOLA, Pa.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	1	2
PITTSBURGH	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Justin Detter 3:21 (Chad Riley, Kevin Goldthwaite)
ND — Riley, 71:49 (Kevin Richards, Greg Martin)

Notre Dame — Saves 2 (Chris Sawyer), Shots 13 (Detter, Devon Prescod 3), Corner kicks 8, Fouls 24
Pittsburgh — Saves 9 (Justin Lowery), Shots 5 (Marco Carrizales 2), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 21

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles slip up in defeat to Kalamazoo

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

This was not the way Saint Mary's wanted to start the second half of its conference season.

The Belles (10-9, 2-6 in MIAA) were unable to ever take control of their game Saturday on the road against Kalamazoo and ended up losing in three sets by a score of 16-30, 25-30, 20-30.

"We just didn't come out to play," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "It was a really tough match to watch."

The Belles hit an abysmal .014 in the match, and no player scored in the double digits for kills. Kalamazoo collected 45 kills to the Belles' 20.

"This game was probably more a matter of not taking care of the mental aspect," Schroeder-Biek said. "We had a lot of little mental breakdowns."

The Belles committed 18 errors in the match.

Freshmen Kristen Playko and Ann Carpenter continued their positive rookie seasons

with seven kills and four kills, respectively. Defensively, Ann Cusack led with 20 digs, and Alison Shevik followed closely behind with 19.

Earlier in the season, the Belles defeated the Hornets at home in five sets, but in this game they were simply unable to mount a comeback against Kalamazoo after dropping the first game.

"I think that we get down easily, and it takes us a lot of energy to get back up again," Schroeder-Biek said. "It was just not a good game."

"We didn't talk as a team and didn't do any of the little things right that you have to do to win."

The Belles will have Monday off before facing conference opponent Calvin at home Tuesday. Schroeder-Biek says her team will make the most of their practice time before that game.

"There's a lot of things we can fix that we did wrong against Kalamazoo," she said. "When we don't communicate, we begin to splinter."

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making his debut with the Irish, put himself in 12th place with his time of 24:56.

"Benninger, oh my golly — what a terrific race for a freshman," Piane said of his team's new asset.

Senior and former All-American Todd Mobley was third for Notre Dame and 15th overall. At the same race last year Mobley finished third, but he was plagued by an injury for much of the second half of the season and is still on the road to returning to his old form.

"Mobley will get better," Piane said. "He's just coming back, but

he looked pretty solid today. ... If we have a healthy Mobley, we're going to be pretty good."

Even though Mobley did not finish as well as he did last season, the Irish are currently in a much better position than they were at the same point last season, according to Piane. In fact, the coach thinks the team is "way ahead."

"The kids all had very good summers," Piane said. "We're deeper than we've been in years. That just means the 18th guy is pushing the 17th and right on down."

To illustrate the great improvements the Irish harriers have made, Piane cites sophomore Sean O'Donnell, who finished 20th overall and fourth for the team.

"How about O'Donnell —

where was he a year ago? He's just improved by leaps and bounds," Piane said. "We had a lot of good performances. If you look at who was six, seven, eight and nine — we're going to get a lot better."

O'Donnell was followed by sophomore Kaleb Van Ort, senior Brian Kerwin and juniors Eric Morrison and Ryan Johnson.

In the Gold race for the junior varsity runners, the Irish took second place. The less experienced Irish squad was led by sophomore Vinnie Ambrico.

"Ambrico ran great in the [junior varsity] race. Slip him in [the varsity lineup], and we'll be even better."

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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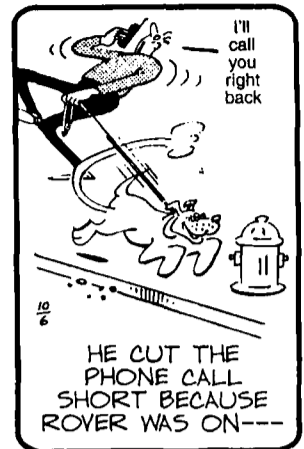
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Saturday's Jumbles: PIVOT FOLIO OBLONG INSIST

Answer: What the losing fencer did — GOT THE "POINT"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

- 1 Plaster work
- 7 Icy
- 11 Jacuzzi
- 14 Pay a visit to
- 15 Hawaiian cookout
- 16 What an assessor assesses
- 17 Meeting all requirements
- 19 Inventor Whitney
- 20 Christmas trees
- 21 Ahead of schedule
- 22 Backs of the thighs
- 23 Subject of an S.E.C. inquiry
- 25 Go out with
- 26 Heel
- 27 Unlikely Planned Parenthood member

DOWN

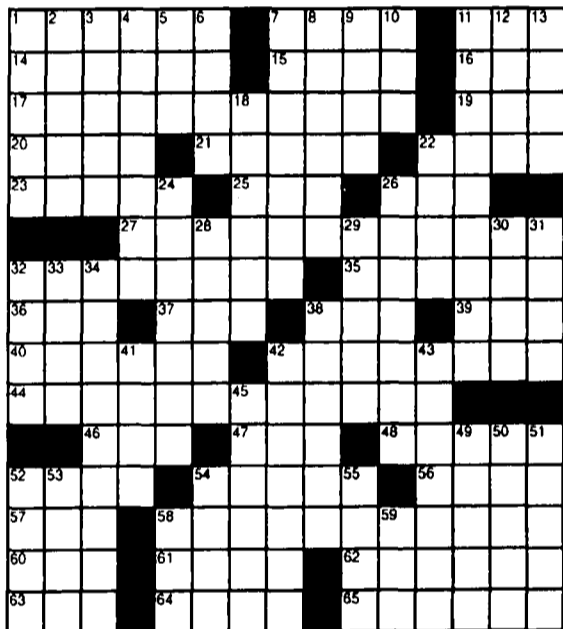
- 32 Precedes
- 35 Lower the grade of
- 36 Former White House spokesman
- 37 "___ only me"
- 38 Pay-___-view
- 39 Mrs., in Madrid
- 40 Babe
- 42 Monastery or convent
- 44 Not planned
- 46 Aussie hopper
- 47 Bit of sunshine
- 48 Expensive fur
- 52 Computer in-box annoyance
- 54 Prison-related
- 56 Café au ___
- 57 Santa's subordinate
- 58 Unpretentious
- 60 Whistle-blower?

ACROSS

- 61 Away from the wind
- 62 Cantankerous
- 63 Undergrad degs.
- 64 Holler
- 65 Far-flying seabird

DOWN

- 1 Leave a mark on, as shoes
- 2 Snouted Latin American animal
- 3 Ne plus ___
- 4 Finality
- 5 Firms: Abbr.
- 6 A while back
- 7 Bordeaux and others
- 8 Factory store
- 9 Delicate
- 10 Forehead-slapper's cry
- 11 Loyal
- 12 Body part that's sometimes "greased"
- 13 Line of symmetry
- 18 Spates
- 22 Barber's focus
- 24 Investigate
- 26 White-collar workers?
- 28 Annoyed, eventually
- 29 Cinema house name
- 30 Raison d'___

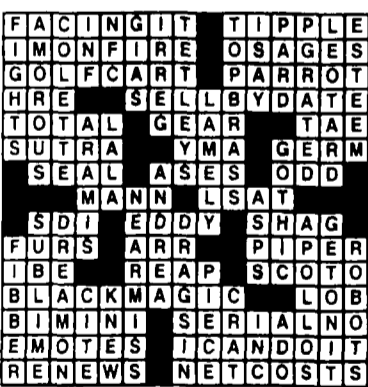


Puzzle by Craig Keuper

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|---|-----------------------|---|
| 31 Derrière | 42 TV selection | 52 Belgrade native |
| 32 Go bankrupt | 43 Leak stopper | 53 Not guilty by reason of insanity, e.g. |
| 33 19th-century writer Sarah ___ Jewett | 45 Embroidery yarn | 54 Vaulters tool |
| 34 Disreputable groups | 49 Less decorated | 55 Orbit |
| 38 Dabble in | 50 Petrol measure | 58 Calendar unit |
| 41 Speck | 51 Antiknock compound | 59 Prior to, to Prior |

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Happy Birthday: The time has come to spread your wings and fly. You're on to something big, and if you believe in yourself and your dreams, you can achieve all that you set out to do. Your numbers: 1, 14, 23, 36, 40, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's time to establish a stable, loving relationship. You can develop a warm rapport with individuals who interest you. Pleasure trips should be considered; you need some time out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make major career changes. Praise those in higher positions. Rewards for past performance will be your ticket to a better position. Partnerships will be in your best interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mix business with pleasure. Not only will you get in the bosses' good books, but you're likely to find yourself falling in love with someone who has the same interests as you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should be concentrating on yourself and let your family fend for themselves. You've neglected your own needs. Find ways to raise your self-esteem and pamper yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone from your past may drift back into your life. Be reluctant to let things pick up where they left off. You don't need your heart broken all over again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes at home will not be exactly what you had in mind. Limitation and stress have caused your relationship to depreciate. You'll have to act fast if you want to rectify the problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be dreaming about unfamiliar territory. Mental and physical pursuits will lead to travel or learning about unusual subjects. You need a change of scenery. Boredom will lead to depression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't lend money. You can make financial gains, but it must be through your own efforts. Don't offer to handle other people's money. They are likely to get angry with you for the choices you make.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your partner will overreact if you question their whereabouts or their spending habits. Include yourself in your partner's activities rather than condemn him or her for having interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your emotions stand in the way of doing a good job. You will be overly sensitive to personal criticism and must try hard not to retaliate unnecessarily. Focus on what you have to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will feel competitive today, but don't overdo it or exhaustion or minor injury will slow you down. Think before you make purchases or spend money on excessive entertainment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get involved in other people's dilemmas. It will backfire on you at a later date. You can make a difference if you explain things to youngsters

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Steamrolling ahead

Irish trounce No. 5 West Virginia, edge Villanova in overtime

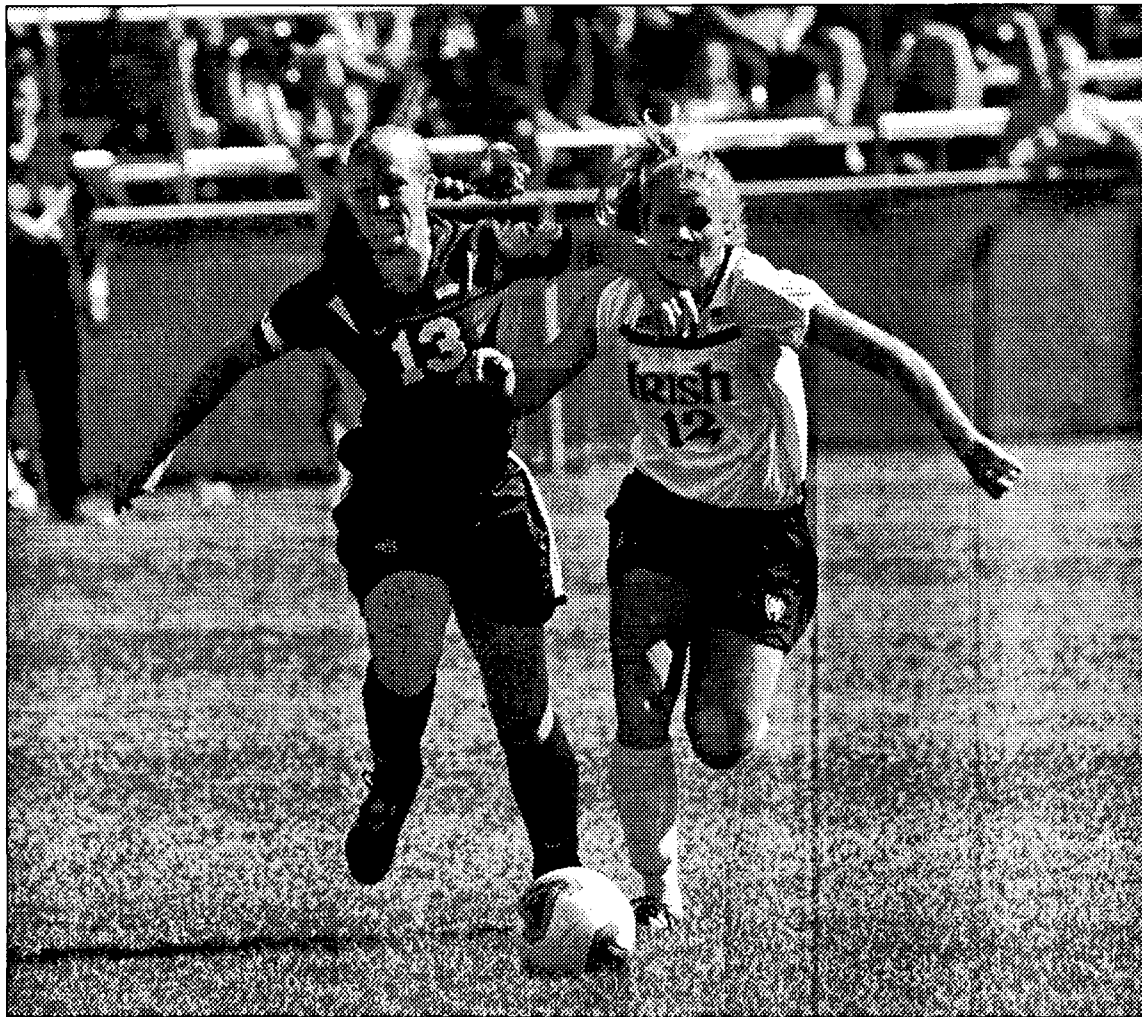
By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Heading into the weekend, the Irish expected a Big East showdown that would go a long way to deciding who would win the Mid-Atlantic Division. They just did not expect it to be their game against Villanova.

After thoroughly dominating No. 5 West Virginia Friday night in a 2-0 win that was not as close as the score would indicate, the Irish struggled against Villanova but eventually prevailed in overtime 1-0.

"We had a hard one Friday night that took a lot of our legs, and we just didn't have as much energy as we'd have liked," said senior Kim Carpenter after the Irish survived Villanova. "We got the result that we wanted, so I guess that's what is important in the long run."

With the two wins, the Irish move to 11-0-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Big East. The No. 2 Irish are firmly in the driver's seat, having knocked off



Irish forward Amy Warner chases the ball while a Villanova defender attempts to push her away during Notre Dame's 1-0 overtime win against the Wildcats.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish beat Panthers on road

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame made a statement early and then added an exclamation point at the end as the Irish defeated Pittsburgh on the road Sunday in a key Big East game.

The No. 4 Irish (7-1-3, 3-1-1 in Big East) scored less than three minutes into the game and added some insurance later to come away with a 2-0 win against the Panthers (3-8-0, 1-4-0).

The Irish came into the game having lost to the Panthers in the last two matches against the teams. Notre Dame's last win against Pittsburgh came on Oct. 13, 1996.

"I thought this was a very big win," senior defender Kevin Richards said. "We haven't beaten Pitt in a while, so it was a big win for the program."

Coming off a 1-1 tie to Syracuse Thursday despite dominating the Orangemen offensively, the Irish were hoping to come away with a

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

No. 2 women excel at home

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The second-ranked Irish, competing with their two top runners for the first time this season, showed their prowess as they stormed through the muddy Burke Memorial Golf Course to take first place at the 48th annual Notre Dame Invitational among a competitive field.

The Irish were led by one of their younger, though not inexperienced, runners — sophomore Molly Huddle. As was common last year, Huddle was closely followed by junior Lauren King, who took second

place. The former All-Americans completed the soggy course in 17:12 and 17:24, respectively.

Irish coach Tim Connelly, who said he expected a victory, was nevertheless impressed with Notre Dame's performance, particularly since the team was still without two of its key athletes.

"I knew we'd be really good with the first three [runners]," Connelly said. "We were actually really good with our first four. I knew [the fifth spot on the team] might be a little iffy, and it was. We didn't have [senior] Maggie Nelson in there. We didn't have [sophomore] Stephanie

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Men ease through competition

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

While Eastern Michigan's Gavin Thompson took the individual spotlight at the 48th annual Notre Dame Invitational Friday, the Irish rolled through the muddy Burke Memorial golf course to take the team title at their namesake race.

Last year at the same race, the Irish finished third on their home course behind Stanford and Michigan. The Cardinal was not present Friday, but the Irish, ranked 25th nationally, finished ahead of No. 29 Eastern Michigan, No. 12 Michigan and No. 7 Central Michigan. Michigan, with 92 points, finished second to Notre Dame's 76 points. Eastern Michigan claimed third with 128.

Irish coach Joe Plane natu-



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Notre Dame runners sprint past the starting line at the National Catholic Championship Sept. 19.

rally was pleased with the victory.

"It's the way you hoped it would go," he said. "We had a group of four kids that really did kind of work together pretty well through the first three miles, and they need to stay together a little longer."

The Irish, who were running with their full battery of talent for the first time this season, were led by a sophomore and a freshman. Tim Moore finished in third with his time of 24:34, and freshman Kurt Benninger,

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame 3
St. John's 0
Notre Dame 3
Connecticut 1

The Irish sweep the weekend matches.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 26
Opponents 14

Notre Dame plays well at the Tom Fallon Invitational.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame 5
Western Ontario 3

The Irish win their exhibition game in impressive fashion.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 33
Opponents 13

The tennis team dominates at Kentucky tournament over the weekend.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Chicago Cubs 5
Atlanta Braves 1

The Cubs win the division series and move on to take on the Florida Marlins for the chance to make it to the World Series.

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