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Faculty vote to decide fate of Core program

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The Core program, a staple of liberal arts studies at Notre Dame, may undergo sweeping changes after faculty members and department chairs that make up the College Council vote on the course's fate at their Dec. 9 meeting.

The current Core curriculum, offering a two-semester course on one broad topic, finished third of four options in a straw poll taken at the College Council two meetings ago. Based upon those results, the survival of Core in its present form was unlikely, so four new proposals were presented to

the group, said George Howard, director of Core and professor of psychology.

The first two choices included a Core based on the examination of classical texts, and one with no requirements. However, Howard indicated that the two most likely options were for a one-semester course during the sophomore year based on material chosen by each faculty member, eliminating the common core of readings, or a one-semester course during the sophomore year, plus a senior capstone course. The latter proposal would maintain the current two-semester requirement, and the capstone section would allow students to delve into more detailed, major-related subject

matter.

After Dec. 9, aspects of the winning proposal will be further developed by the Council.

The changes come amid cries of dissatisfaction from students, but, more notably, from members of the faculty.

"It's not that students have turned more negative, it's that Notre Dame's faculty has become less able to teach an intellectually broad course," said Howard. "We've just gone through 25 years of departments being told they have to be

better in National Academy Science ratings, and you do that

by getting even narrower specialists. Twenty-five years ago, we have faculty members who had the background and intellectual tastes to view things as a generalist, and that is who the Core program most appealed to."

Li Guo, member of the Core faculty and professor of classics, agreed.

"Actually, I like teaching Core. I'm really having fun, but the

younger faculty members don't like it because they would rather teach something more specific in their own field. That's the dividing line," Guo said.

In a memo sent to the College Council committee set up to develop Core course proposals, the Core advisory committee, made up of faculty members with a long association with the program, expressed their displeasure that the changes made to the program.

"For my 40 years at Notre Dame, we have always had in the college a year-long course common to all our students involving writing and discussion and a common set of texts," said Thomas

"We all want to do what's best for the University, and our input is just another strong point against Core."

Ashley Luchese
Core Congress
Representative

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Retailers optimistic about holiday shopping

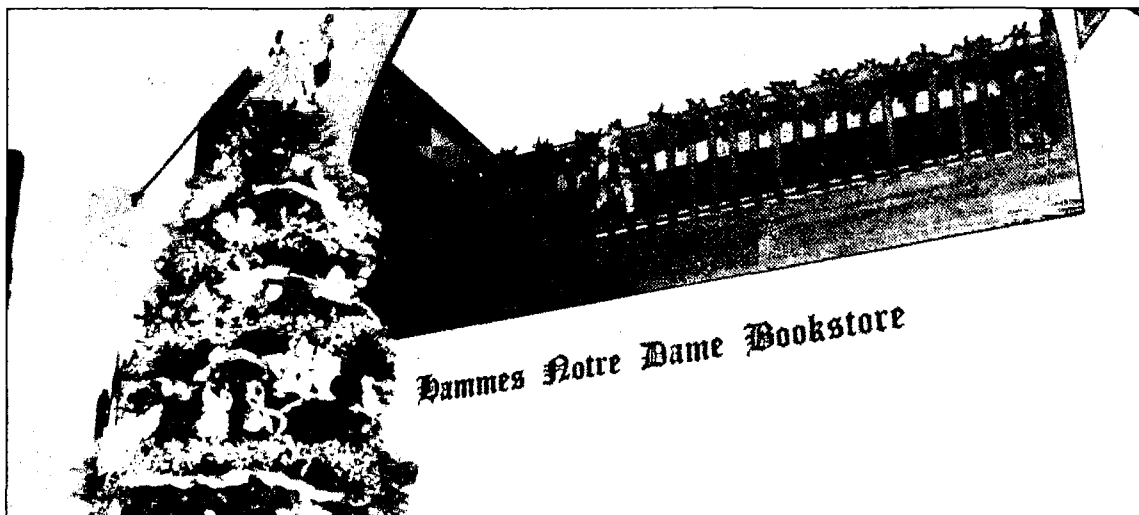
By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — and local retailers, who enjoyed a profitable Thanksgiving weekend and predict high volumes throughout the holiday season, couldn't be happier.

For the past two years the economic recession has convinced many consumers to tighten their belts and curb holiday spending, something that Mark Eagan, president and CEO of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, expects will change this year.

"The past few years have seen a decrease in spending," he said. "This year all signs are for a very strong season."

Sales over Thanksgiving weekend at the University Park Mall were high, said General Manager Sara Zappia, who attributed the increase over previous years to a higher level of consumer confidence and repairs made to Grape Road



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

A Christmas tree adorns the foyer of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The store expects increased traffic this week due to special deals being offered to staff and students.

and Main Street that make traveling to the mall less of a hassle.

"We've seen a steady increase since the beginning of the fourth quarter and that's carried over to the start of the holiday season," she said. "In talk-

ing to our retailers, they said sales were up across the board."

According to Zappia, popular items for this year include apparel, gift items and electronics. Both she and Eagan said the consumer focus is broader

this year, compared to past seasons that were dominated by a particular "must have" toy or electronic.

"I don't think there's one national trend," Eagan said.

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Health Services treats record numbers

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

Record numbers of students fell sick in the days before Thanksgiving as a flu-like bug circulated around campus, and University Health Center officials said they struggled under the load of hundreds of students seeking help and medication.

The Health Center, which regularly sees 300 to 400 patients weekly, saw almost 1,000 in the week ending Nov. 22 and another 700 the week before that.

"Approximately 1,500 students presented with upper respiratory disorders" in that two-week span, said Ann Kleva,

director of Health Services, and about 250 were eventually treated specifically for influenza.

"My staff has been working unbelievably well as a team, pitching in and working overtime and covering for each other to meet the needs of all the students who streamed in," she said. Students often faced long lines before even being seen by a nurse.

Freshman Katie Gallagher waited at least 20 minutes to be treated in the Health Center Nov. 24. She had been sick since the previous Thursday, she said, but her friends had finally convinced her to be treated.

"I missed all my Friday classes," she said. "I couldn't get off the futon."

Gallagher said that she made up material she missed with her calculus professor, but her other professors didn't seem to care.

Some professors said they had not noticed significant numbers of absences over the week.

"Everyone has been in class," said Pit-Mann Wong, a calculus professor.

Chemistry professor Graham Lappin agreed, saying he had noticed no change in his class' attendance. He added, however, that his section "is composed mostly of engineers; I think

most of them are tough and will stick something like that out."

Still, students affected by the circulating illnesses must take care, Kleva said.

"Supportive measures, adequate hydration, rest and time are the core factors in recovery," said Kleva. "[We] only wish there were more they could do to make the students feel more comfortable."

Students who still want or need a flu shot can visit Health Services' Web site to find area locations where they are being offered.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Officers debate roles

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Officers debated the role of Notre Dame and Holy Cross student government representatives to the Board of Governance at Monday's meeting, with members disagreeing about the three inter-campus positions that exist.

Some board members claimed the three offices are redundant, while others said they provide a unique perspective for the board in its decision-making process.

The re-evaluation of the cross-campus positions came amidst a year-long effort by BOG to revamp the existing Student Government Association Constitution. Under the current document, a representative from both Notre Dame and Holy Cross attends the weekly BOG meetings and holds full voting privileges. A Saint Mary's representative then attends Notre Dame student senate meetings. The Saint Mary's representative, however, is unable to vote. Board members discussed whether BOG should relinquish the vote for the visiting representatives.

"I didn't realize we didn't vote over there; I thought Lindsay's position was a voting position," said alumnae commissioner Anna Bauer. "I think it says a lot about the cooperation between the schools. I don't think we should do it out of vengeance ... but the positions should be reciprocal."

Junior class president Sarah Catherine Brown expressed her discomfort at the idea of a Notre Dame or Holy Cross student

INSIDE COLUMN

ResLife lockdown

It has now been two weeks since the University locked me out of my own house for a day and a half.

Well, that is not completely fair. They left one door, not quite unlocked, but breachable with a swipe of a card — the one door they judged to be the one most traveled through; but they prohibited all entrance through my house's many other doors.

Matthew Smedberg

Wire Editor

They did this without consulting me or any other person who lived there. They did this to my house and 26 other houses on campus.

They did this "for my safety" — to prevent anyone whom I do or do not know from coming in and stealing my things — never mind that hundreds of alumni, visitors and random well-wishers flock through my house despite all the "security" measures, let in by me and my pack of ever-trusting and generous housemates.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing deemed it intolerable that dorms were accessible to anyone wielding the ID card of a resident, and his or her birth date, through any of that dorm's doors. No, the only entrants should be one wielding such a card and such a birth date, through one door to be determined from on high. Is this not a little absurd? A little — dare I say it — overprotective?

Frankly, I am tired of ResLife putting all these restrictions on when and how I can and cannot go into my own house. (I need not remind my reader that I, being a guy, have it far easier in this regard than my companions of the fairer sex.)

There is a lock on my door. That lock has an induplicable key which opens it, and a solid wood door between the room and the hallway: If I wish to cordon off my space, I am perfectly capable of doing so.

Why, then, spin an extra layer of false "security" around the dorm, in the process making life unseasonably difficult for those of us who do, in fact, have every right to come and go from it?

While visiting a female friend last year, I saw this slogan plastered across the wall of her hallway: "Would you leave your home unlocked? Then don't leave your room unlocked either!" I was surprised, because I would indeed leave my home unlock-ed, as does the rest of my family.

It is more important to me that I send a message of welcome and hospitality, whether I act as part of my biological family or my University family, than that I give rise to paranoia and "trust not thy neighbor as thyself."

It says a lot to me that the University will accept any donations from alumni and friends, but will no longer welcome them in, even to the very buildings which they called home in years past. I, for one, say "Roll out the welcome mat: Let them all come in!"

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

"Members take time to develop issues, ideas" in the Mon., Nov. 24 Student Government section of The Observer, stated that members of the Division on Student Life of the Office of the Student Body President met with representatives of the Counseling Center. The article should have said that they met with administrators from University Health Services. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY?



Keith Harwood
Junior
O'Neill Hall

"I guess God really does love us more."



Paul Critser
Senior
Off-campus

"Jones for Heisman."



Adam Kaufmann
Junior
Off-campus

"I'm glad Tyrone has no problem crushing his former team on senior day."



Patrick Ross
Junior
Off-campus

"I haven't seen our team score like that since Spring 2001."



Jen Herdman
Junior
Holy Cross Hall

"Julius Jones is my hero."



Brigid Kelly
Junior
Holy Cross

"It's about time."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students returned to campus from Thanksgiving break Sunday with work waiting to be done. Many headed to the LaFortune Student Center to prepare for the last days of classes before finals begin.

OFFBEAT

Christian fish, Muslim sharks swim through Cairo traffic

CAIRO, Egypt — First came the fish bumper stickers, imported from the United States and pasted on cars by members of Egypt's Coptic minority as a symbol of their Christianity. Before long, some Muslims responded with their own bumper stickers: fish-hungry sharks.

It's not exactly war at sea, but the competing symbols that have cropped up on Cairo streets are a tiny reminder of the tensions between Egypt's Copts and majority Muslims. Some Christians are annoyed at the Muslim response.

"All I wanted to say is that I am a Christian, kind of

expressing my Coptic identity," said 25-year-old Miriam Greiss, who has a fish sticker on her car. "I think choosing a shark doesn't make sense, as if someone is saying, 'I am a violent, bloody creature, look at me.'"

Israel debuts "The Steve Show"

TEL AVIV — Take a bit actor yearning for stardom, a cheeky director, and cameras hidden in the actor's limo and makeup room.

The result is "The Steve Show," an audacious piece of reality TV with a twist: the star had no idea he was being filmed, and the producers had no guarantee he would allow the show to go on the air.

The popular Israeli TV series has brought fame to its hero, the hapless Steve Frankel, though not in the role he believed he was playing.

"We decided to take the story of an actor in a soap opera and follow him getting the role, and base it around life behind the scenes in the world of show business, from unknown to star," Shilon said.

"In fact, he isn't a star, but he becomes a star by default because of being the victim of this hoax," Shilon said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

International Student Services and Activities will present the Russian film "Russian Ark," in subtitles, at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center tonight. The event is free and open to the public.

The Class of 2006 will sponsor a blood drive in the LaFortune Ballroom today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

The Higgins Center Labor Film Series will continue Wednesday evening with a screening of "Cappuccino Trail" at 4 p.m. The film will be followed by a discussion led by political science professor Layna Mosley. The event, which is free to the public, will be held in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The Inner-City Teaching Corps will hold an informational session Wednesday from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. and again from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present its annual production of Handel's *Messiah* from Wednesday until Friday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets, which are available at the LaFortune Box Office, are \$6 for reserved seats and \$3 for students.

Howard Hall will present its "Howard HALL-iday," a campus-wide tree decorating contest and marshmallow roast. The event, which is open to all of campus, will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in front of Howard Hall.

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

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 36 LOW 20	HIGH 30 LOW 20	HIGH 37 LOW 21	HIGH 43 LOW 31	HIGH 33 LOW 27	HIGH 36 LOW 27

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss Student Union Board restructuring

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The Council of Representatives convened Monday evening to discuss deadlines for the restructuring of student government, but little progress was made.

Student leaders continued last week's discussion of when to finalize the new constitution for the Student Union, which has been in the works for months, but no solid dates emerged. Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said the council wasn't ready to set a firm deadline. "That final date is still up in the air," he said.

Some members of the council, like Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol, criticized the council's failure to set a deadline. "We are really, really not in a good position right now," Ebersol said. "We need to choose a model this week."

Several possible models have been discussed at council meetings and unofficial working groups, and more are in the works.

Don Norton, chairman of the Financial

Management Board, said that he and several unnamed members are still working on their proposal. "Before we

"We need more money for better programming on campus."

Jeremy Lao
student body vice president



Council members listen as fellow representatives debate the merits and detriments of various proposals to restructure the Student Union Board.

ANDY KENNA / Observer

bring it to the table, we want to have as many questions answered as possible," Norton said.

Ebersol criticized what he called the work of "a secret group," and demanded that the proposals be debated openly and promptly. "We only have one more meeting this semester," he said. "We need to get this done."

In other Council news:

◆Lao announced that his report to the University's Board of Trustees in February will focus on funding big-ticket programming. In his first report

to the board as president, he will propose creating an endowment that will be used to fund expensive concerts, speakers, and other events. "We need more money for better programming on campus," Lao said. He also announced the creation of a committee to help develop the proposal, and expressed optimism about his plan. "I think there's good potential that this could get done," he said.

◆A special task force is continuing its discussions with athletic officials regarding basketball and football ticketing. Season tickets for the men's basketball games sold out quickly, and

many students were left without seats. In addition, the group is looking into allegations of hostile or unfair treatment of students caught throwing marshmallows at football games. Hall Presidents Council chair Sarah Keefer said the group is in contact with assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh and coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon.

◆Keri Oxley spoke to the council about the Center for Social Concerns' upcoming Social Concerns Festival. The fair will bring together "all the different service organizations and social justice groups on campus," she said. Oxley urged council members to raise awareness about the festival among their constituents, as attendance at the annual event has declined for the past two years. The festival will be held at the CSC on Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

◆Lao announced the appointment of his new chief of staff. Patrick Corker, currently director of communication for the office of the president, will become chief of staff at the end of the semester, when student body president Pat Hallahan graduates. Corker will replace Emily Chin, who will become student body vice president. Corker pledged to continue Chin's work. "I really want to continue the initiatives Emily's been working on," Corker said. "She's done a wonderful job."

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187,801 REASONS TO TALK ABOUT CHILDREN IN POVERTY

The Notre Dame Chapter of the *Children's Defense Fund* is hosting a panel discussion to talk about children and poverty and how we, as students, can make a difference. Please join us *Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 PM* in 127 Hayes Healey in our effort *To Leave No Child Behind*

HUMAN RIGHTS — JUAN MENDEZ
• Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at ND, former Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience in Argentina, General Counsel to Human Rights Watch

HEALTHCARE — RUDOLPH NAVARI
• Director of the Walther Cancer Research Center at Notre Dame, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Associate Dean College of Science

VIOLENCE — GEORGE LOPEZ
• Senior Fellow and Director of Policy Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; research interests in violence, coercion, economic sanctions, and gross human rights violations

EDUCATION — BILL STRUNK
• Veteran teacher at Muessel Elementary School, works daily with children living in poverty in South Bend

Today there are 187,801 children living in poverty in Indiana

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Swartz, member of the advisory committee and professor of economics and policy studies. "The proposed changes are radically different, and a radical departure over what we've done in my life at the college. I'll be saddened to see the loss of that common experience for our sophomores."

The student interests in the ordeal are voiced by the Core

Congress, made up of student representatives from each Core class, who were able to meet with faculty members and offer suggestions on how to improve the program.

"The faculty members were very warm and accepting of our opinions," said representative Ashley Lucchese. "We all want to do what's best for the University, and our input is just another strong point against Core."

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Retail

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The increased spending is good news for area retailers but Eagan warned that as a result consumers should expect fewer discounts and sales that begin later into the holiday season.

Sales at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore over the Thanksgiving weekend were lower compared to other retailers, but this is not surprising since the campus is closed for the holiday, said Hedge Harridge, manager of special events and community relations.

"We're really unique because our store doesn't typically follow mall store [trends]," she said.

The busiest day for the bookstore is generally Saturday, Dec. 20. On this day, the store hosts an open house complete with carols, Christmas stories read by University President Father

Edward Malloy and a Santa's workshop where children can make arts and crafts. The bookstore is donating a percentage of the profits earned on this day to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

This week, the store also expects increased traffic due to faculty, staff and student appreciation days where those affiliated with the University receive a discount of 25 percent and enjoy free gift-wrapping. Faculty and staff can redeem their discount on Tuesday and Wednesday and students on Thursday and Friday, Harridge said.

Eagan, Zappia and Harridge said that business generated from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities boosts sales but the small size of the two institutions diminishes the effect.

"St. Joseph County helps with spending," Eagan said.

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casting the tie-breaking vote on an issue relevant only to the Saint Mary's student body. Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said it seemed irrational for such an officer to vote on financial allocations that pertained solely to Saint Mary's.

Other officers agreed and questioned whether a representative both to and from Notre Dame is even necessary.

Lindsay Evans, the current Saint Mary's representative to Notre Dame, admitted that the positions might be redundant. She said that she and Notre Dame representative Allison Ferber know the same information and simply cut it in half to convey to fellow BOG officers as a formality. The advantages of having representatives between the schools however,

should not be overlooked, she said.

"I see both sides of this," Evans said. "Times when I feel I should be able to vote and when I think they should be able to vote because students use both campuses."

Public relations commissioner Stephanie Patka expressed concern that eliminating the representatives' ability to vote at BOG meetings would undermine the positions and minimize the participation of those officers.

"What does it imply when we say we want them to stay active but don't want them to vote?" Patka said.

She added that BOG should establish its own stance on the subject, not turn to Notre Dame for answers.

"If we are looking to Notre Dame for the standards, that takes away from the character of this board," Patka said.

Board members chose not to make a final vote on the issue at

Monday's meeting. Instead, they will continue the discussion next week and examine the possibility of creating a new position of Saint Mary's representative to Holy Cross.

In Other BOG News:

♦ Holy Cross College is hosting a Toys for Tots auction Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. The event, which will include items such as home-baked goods, laundry service and dinner dates, will raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for local underprivileged children.

♦ SGA is sponsoring its first bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Tickets, which are free, will be available starting today at 11 a.m. at the Haggar front desk. Students can receive two tickets per ID.

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U-WIRE

Bill would study textbook prices

By MARNETTE FEDERIS
The Guardian

LA JOLLA, Calif. — In response to reports alleging that college textbooks used in the United States sell for as low as half the price in other countries, Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., introduced legislation to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 20 that would require

an investigation of textbook pricing practices. The bill would ask the U.S. General Accounting Office to determine why American college students are paying more for textbooks compared to students overseas.

"The price of college tuition is rising to unprecedented levels, making it difficult for families to send kids to college," said Wu's press secretary Cameron Johnson. "There

were a number of press reports that came out saying that a lot of textbooks were available for half the amount overseas."

The New York Times reported on Oct. 21 that textbooks cost far less in other countries. These books are available for purchase online, and with the rise of college tuitions, many students are looking to order the cheaper textbooks abroad.

Can you STUMP THE PRIESTS?



Join us for the last program of the semester on Wednesday, December 3rd, to hear Fathers J. Steele & Kevin Rousseau attempt to answer all those questions you've always had about Catholicism but have never had the chance to ask.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Researcher guilty in plague case

LUBBOCK, Texas — A jury on Tuesday found a researcher guilty of 47 of the 69 charges he faced after reporting samples of plague bacteria had been stolen from his Texas Tech University lab.

Thomas Butler, 62, closed his eyes, shook his head and appeared to fight back tears as the verdicts were read after two days of deliberations.

The charges stemmed from an investigation following his report to police Jan. 14 that 30 vials of the potentially deadly plague bacteria — the Black Death — were missing.

The report sparked a bioterrorism scare in this west Texas city in January, and President Bush was informed of the incident.

In a statement written later, Butler said he accidentally destroyed the samples.

The professor declined to comment afterward. His attorney, Chuck Meadows, said: "We are disappointed that the jury did not acquit Tom of all the charges. We're going to analyze the jury's verdict."

Post-Sept. 11 registration ends

WASHINGTON — The government is scrapping a rule imposed after the Sept. 11 attacks that required men and boys from countries with suspected links to terrorism to register multiple times with U.S. officials.

The rule forced tens of thousands of Middle Easterners and others visiting America to provide personal information to government officials.

Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security Department's undersecretary for border and transportation security, said a new registration system that will apply to more foreigners will be in place next month, making the current program unnecessary.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mideast peace accord launched

GENEVA — Hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians joined Nobel Peace Prize winners Monday for a ceremony filled with song and hope, celebrating an unofficial peace accord intended to guide their peoples out of conflict.

The "Geneva accord," negotiated over almost three years by former Israeli and Palestinian officials, tackles the issues that have torpedoed other peace efforts: the fate of Israeli settlements, the borders of a Palestinian state, the status of Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees.

"The alternative, and the only alternative, to this initiative is sustained and permanent violence," former President Jimmy Carter told the conference. "It is unlikely that we shall ever see a more promising foundation for peace."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent a message calling the accord "a brave and courageous initiative ... that opens the door to peace." However, he did not explicitly endorse the agreement, which has been opposed by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and condemned by Palestinian militants.

The agreement envisions a Palestinian state based roughly on the borders before the 1967 Mideast war. Most Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be dismantled. It divides sovereignty in Jerusalem, but avoids a large-scale return to Israel by Palestinians who fled or were driven out in the 1948-49 war that followed Israel's creation.

LOCAL NEWS

Results in delayed execution awaited

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana State Police are still awaiting laboratory results on blood samples in the case of a convicted murderer whose execution was postponed so the evidence could be tested.

Tina Noel, a spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Kernan, said Monday that a private laboratory hired to conduct DNA tests on blood evidence found on Darnell Williams' clothing was nearly finished with the testing.

"We expect that the results will be here very soon," Noel said.

IRAQ

Insurgency shows signs of central funding

Pattern of attacks indicates connection among rebel groups, U.S. officials say

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi insurgency in Baghdad appears to have a central leadership that finances attacks in the capital and gives broad orders to eight to 12 rebel bands — some with as many as 100 guerrillas, U.S. Army generals said Monday.

Decisions on individual attacks against U.S. occupation forces in the capital, however, are left up to the men who carry them out, said Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey.

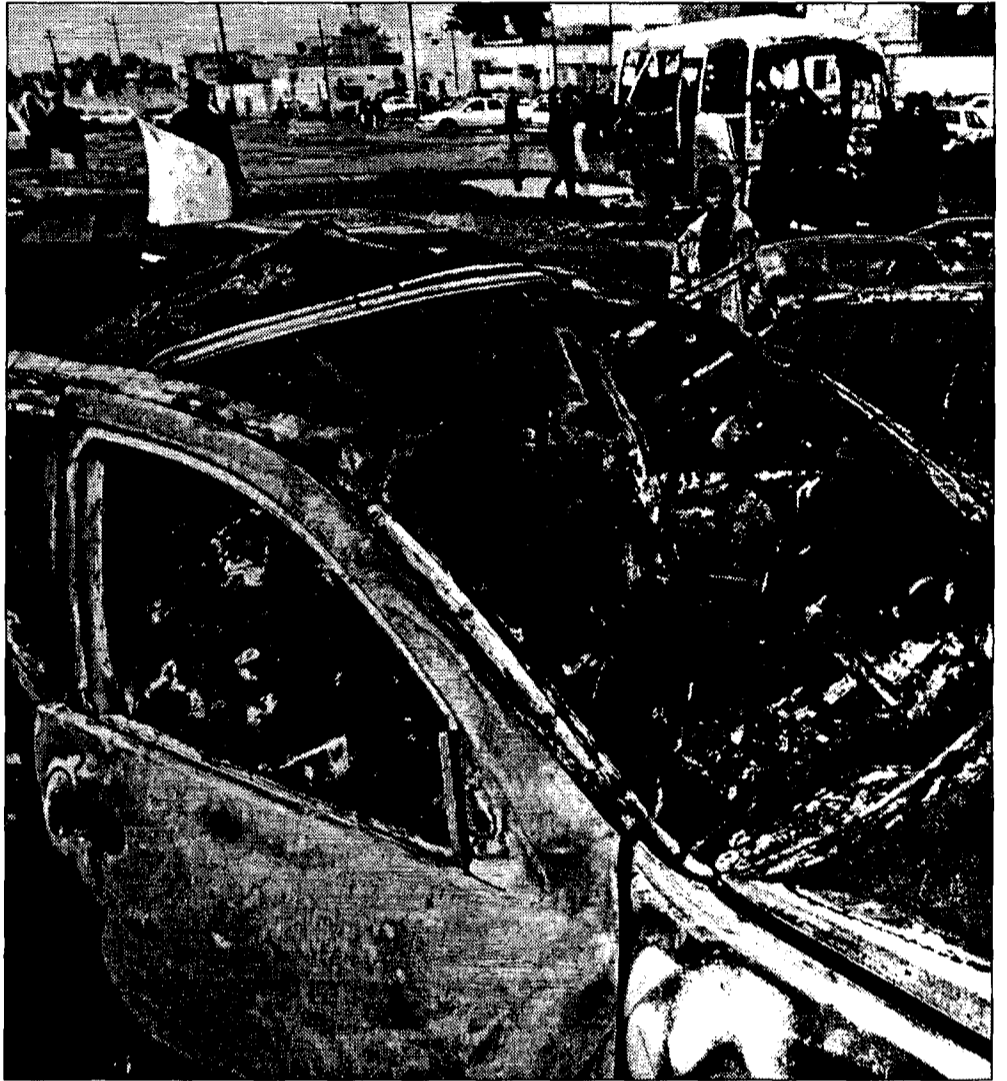
There is still no sign of a military-style command structure in the city or in Iraq as a whole, Dempsey told a group of reporters in an unusually detailed account of the Iraqi insurgency.

"I'm increasingly of the belief that there's central financial control and central communications," said Dempsey, who commands the Army's 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad and the surrounding region.

The division's picture of the insurgency has grown clearer as its intelligence gathering has improved, he said. Last month, the Army rounded up what Dempsey believes is one of the guerrilla cells blamed for attacks in Baghdad, including the Oct. 26 rocket strike on the Al-Rasheed Hotel that occurred during the stay of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

Although Dempsey spoke about the Baghdad operation, an ambush Sunday in the town of Samarra north of the capital also showed heightened coordination. U.S. forces successfully routed a group of about 50 fighters who laid in wait at banks and ambushed two American convoys carrying Iraqi currency, killing dozens of Iraqis.

In Baghdad, rebel attacks have come in waves that Dempsey said appear to start when an order is given. The Iraqi capital has been quiet in recent weeks, after a series of attacks in early



GORAN TOMASEVIC/Reuters

The shell of a car marks the site of a fire-fight between American soldiers and Iraqi insurgents in Samarra, north of Baghdad, where soldiers fought off two simultaneous ambushes.

November. Dempsey said he believes the lull stems from a leader's ordering guerrillas to lie low during the Army's current offensive, "Operation Iron Hammer."

A yet-unidentified central leadership appears to give guerrilla cells broad orders such as, "Go attack the coalition," Dempsey said.

He said he believes the manner of attack is left up to the individual cells, as long as the efforts disrupt and discredit the U.S.-led coalition and any progress it has made.

"There's clearly some central communications," he said.

The insurgency's members and leaders remain unclear

— even to U.S. intelligence and military officials. American officials have said anti-coalition guerrillas showed evidence of regional control, but little has been made public about those networks, or to indicate individual bands were linked in the way Dempsey described.

A look at the rebel movement north of Baghdad appears in a November report from Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Some 70 percent to 80 percent of insurgents captured by the 4th Infantry Division are paid attackers, mostly criminal elements, Cordesman said he

learned in an interview with the 4th ID's leadership.

The 1st Armored Division has been tracking Baghdad insurgents using a computer database that catalogs information on rebels and diagrams links among insurgents, Dempsey said. The database has proven useful in identifying insurgent groups forming in the city's 88 neighborhoods.

Later this week, the division will embark on an anti-smuggling and corruption drive aimed at breaking financial links to the capital's insurgent groups. The operation, dubbed "Operation Iron Justice," aims at smugglers of gasoline, cooking fuel and other items, Dempsey said.

Court to consider government reach

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if people working for the U.S. government can covertly arrest suspects in other countries, a case the Bush administration said was a key test of America's terror-fighting powers.

The justices will review a lower court decision critical of such law enforcement actions. In appealing that ruling, the administration said kidnappings of suspects in uncooperative countries are very rare but sometimes are needed to ensure justice and protect national security.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson said

if the decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco were allowed to stand, it would jeopardize U.S. efforts "to apprehend individuals who may be abroad, plotting other illegal attacks" in the United States.

For example, he said, federal agents could not bring Osama bin Laden to America from his presumed hideout near the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier to face charges in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The appeals court sided with a Mexican gynecologist who was abducted 13 years ago and brought to the United States to stand trial in the torture death of a U.S. drug agent, Enrique Camarena-Salazar. He was accused of keeping the agent alive for extended

torture and questioning to find out what he knew about a drug cartel.

The doctor, who spent more than two years in prison, was acquitted and sought millions of dollars in damages from the U.S. government and five or six Mexicans hired by the government to abduct him.

Attorneys for Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain accused the government of overplaying the threat to prosecutions of terrorist suspects.

"The question is, should the government be able to go and round up people in foreign countries, without a legal basis," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a law professor at University of Southern California.

ITALY

U.N. climate conference opens amid doubts

Associated Press

MILAN — A U.N. conference on climate change opened Monday, with organizers stressing there was "unquestionable" scientific proof that human beings caused global warming.

The meeting was clouded by new doubts that the U.S.-rejected Kyoto pact on curbing greenhouse gas emissions would ever go into effect.

Italian Environment Minister Altero Matteoli, the conference host, said in opening remarks he would rather have welcomed delegates to a conference on a Kyoto agreement already in force. But with Russia now signaling it will not join the pact, the opportunity appeared lost.

"But this does not mean that our commitment and our work to strengthen the global strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to strengthen the adaptation of the planet's most vulnerable regions to climate change should be weakened," he said.

The Kyoto Treaty, negotiated in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, sets a 2012 target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 8 percent below 1990 levels. Greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, trap the Sun's heat and are held responsible for global warming.

The Bush administration rejected the treaty in 2001, saying the cuts would unfairly harm the U.S. economy. The president also questioned the science behind the restrictions proposed in Kyoto, and called for more studies.

The United States is sending a delegation to the conference that includes the U.S. Undersecretary for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky and U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief retired Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.

In a telephone interview ahead of the conference, Lautenbacher said scientists differ among themselves about how much of global warming can be blamed on humans.

"Climate science is at the beginning of its life," he said. "I do believe we need more scientific info before we commit to a process like Kyoto."

Hungarian Environment Minister Miklos Persanyi, the conference chairman, urged delegates to stay on course because "we should never forget that human-induced global environmental change presents a risk to our common future."

He said scientific data to be presented during the meeting would show that greenhouse gasses are steadily increasing, and that "the link between the higher concentration of these gases in the atmosphere and human activities causing these emissions is already unquestionable."

To take effect, the Kyoto pact must be ratified by at least 55 countries, including those responsible for causing 55 percent of world greenhouse gas emissions in 1990. With the United States out, that minimum can be reached only with Russian participation.

JAPAN

Surrogate-born twins denied citizenship

Associated Press

AKASHI — A year after Yasunao and Yoko Kondo submitted paperwork to register their newborn twins for citizenship, the couple's sons are still foreigners.

As far as the government is concerned, the twins aren't Japanese.

After years of trying to have children on their own, the Kondos, who are in their 50s, had gone to a California fertility clinic that introduced them to an egg donor and an American surrogate mother. In October of last year, the Kondos became parents of twin boys.

The government saw it differently. Japan has no laws on surrogate births, so officials ruled the boys are not the couple's children.

The two sides are now in a legal fight over the couple's parental rights — and are testing a legal system that made no provision for births using modern fertility techniques.

Yasunao Kondo, a slight, nervous man, says he and his wife are demanding full rights as parents and citizenship for their sons.

"We want this whole idea of the parent-child relationship reviewed," says Kondo, 53, who wrote a book about California's surrogacy laws while studying for a Ph.D. there and now teaches junior high school in Akashi, 270 miles west of Tokyo.

"We will probably lose. This is not a society that can be easily changed by ordinary people," he adds. "But is that

a reason not to try?"

How their ordeal ends could sway Japan's debate on surrogate births and affect thousands of childless Japanese couples who seek help from fertility clinics overseas every year.

Surrogate births involve removing an egg for fertilization and implanting it in another woman who carries the baby to birth. While such births are commonplace in many developed countries, Japan is not known to have had one until a doctor announced one in May 2001.

After that, the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology set ethical standards restricting in-vitro insemination to married couples and opposing any surrogate births.

The government is now drawing up legislation that would outlaw surrogate births and impose criminal penalties, based on a health ministry panel's recommendation earlier this year. The panel also urged that egg and sperm donations be illegal.

Every year, about 12,000 Japanese babies — one in every 100 — are conceived through some sort of fertility treatment, according to government statistics.

Pro-surrogacy doctors and activists say a ban on surrogate births would severely limit the options for many childless couples, forcing them to continue seeking fertility help abroad. A ban also would undercut Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's attempts to reverse the nation's record-low birth rate, at 1.32 births per woman last year, they say.

"In reproductive assistance treatment, the rights of the parents, family and other cooperating parties to make their own decision should be respected as much as possible," Fertility Rights of Mothers, a Tokyo-based organization, said in a policy statement issued in November.

Advocates of a ban say a woman's body shouldn't be a reproductive tool. Surrogate mothers often sign on to earn money, not out of good will, they say.

"An overwhelming majority of the women who offer to be surrogates are socially deprived. It's a cruel abuse of women who give up their motherhood to make money," says Dr. Hisako Watanabe, a Keio University medical school professor who was on the health ministry's panel. "Just because other countries have legalized it doesn't mean Japan should."

With few Japanese doctors willing to offer surrogacy services, many couples unable to have children have gone to the United States, South Korea and other countries that have well-established practices.

Most couples who return with surrogate children are able to escape challenge from the government. But the Kondos were snared by a 40-year-old regulation that requires checks on children of couples over age 50.

"This is the first application the government has stopped for this, though there were probably cases like this in the past," a Justice Ministry official, Yoshikazu Nemura, said.

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IN BRIEF

Euro reaches all-time high in Asia

FRANKFURT, Germany — The euro rode to a new all-time high against the U.S. dollar Monday on fears about the U.S. budget and trade deficits, then slipped back in European and U.S. trading.

The 12-nation currency hit \$1.2039 in trading in Asia, pushing past the previous high of \$1.2015 reached Friday. But by late in the day in Europe, it had fallen back to \$1.1982, and in late New York trading the euro was quoted at \$1.1976, down from \$1.1987 late Friday.

The dollar also gained ground against most other major currencies in late New York trading.

The euro has risen steadily against the dollar because of concerns about the large twin U.S. deficits, which economists say can undermine a country's currency in the long term.

Currency analyst Armin Mekelburg at HVB Group in Munich said the euro was likely to ease following its recent sharp rise. "It was too quick, too much," he said.

The euro has risen 14 percent since the beginning of this year and about 4 percent over the past month.

Dollar, gold up in Europe

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies in European trading late Monday, after having sunk to a new low against the euro in Asia. Gold rose.

The euro was quoted at \$1.1976 in late European trading, down from \$1.1995 Friday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at \$1.1941. In earlier trading in Asia, the surging euro hit a record \$1.2039.

The 12-country currency has risen because of concerns about large U.S. trade and budget deficits.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared to late Sunday, included 109.50 Japanese yen, up from 109.40; 1.2962 Swiss francs, up from 1.2908; and 1.3028 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2992.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.7216, down from \$1.7221.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 109.65 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.7201.

Gold traded in London at \$398.20 bid per troy ounce, up from \$397.50 on Friday.

Roy Disney resigns from Disney

Disney ally follows suit, both criticize Michael Eisner and call for his resignation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A key ally joined Roy Disney in resigning from the Walt Disney Co. board Monday, becoming the second vocal opponent of chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner to quit in two days.

Stanley Gold issued a long rebuke to Eisner and the Disney board Monday, seconding complaints made Sunday by Roy Disney and further criticizing the board as a rubber stamp to senior management.

Gold also repeated Disney's calls for Eisner to resign.

"It is clear to me that this board is unwilling to tackle the difficult issues I believe this company continues to face," Gold wrote. Among the problems, he said, were "the cannibalization of certain company icons for short-term gain, the enormous loss of creative talent over the last years, the absence of succession planning and the lack of strategic focus."

Gold's resignation comes as Disney's board begins two days of meetings in New York.

Gold played a key role along with Roy Disney in 1984 to save the company from a takeover attempt and install Eisner as chairman. He heads Shamrock Holdings, which manages Roy Disney's investments.

But Gold's role has been diminished over the past two years as he has become more of a critic of Eisner's performance.

Disney, 73, is the last family member active in the company, founded in 1923 by his uncle Walt and his father, Roy Disney, who was the business manager. He also is quitting as chairman of the company's animation division.

Disney has called for Eisner's resignation in the past, but the idea was rejected by the board. On Sunday, he sent a three-page letter to Eisner that criticized the chairman's leadership over the past



EPA Photos

Roy Disney, nephew of Mickey Mouse creator Walt Disney, resigned from his post as the chairman of the company's animation division.

seven years, according to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the story.

"It is my sincere belief that it is you that should be leaving and not me," Disney told Eisner in the letter.

He accused Eisner of "muzzling" his voice on the board.

"Michael, I believe your conduct has resulted from my clear and unambiguous statements to you and the Board of Directors that after 19 years at the helm, you are no longer the best person to run the Walt Disney Company," Disney wrote.

His departure may have been a pre-emptive move, because the company said he is over the mandated retirement age of 72.

The board's presiding director, former Sen. George Mitchell, said in a statement Sunday he regretted Disney's actions and confirmed that the governance and nominating committee recently informed Disney that the age-limit rule, instituted last year, should apply to him.

A call to Roy Disney on Sunday was not immediately returned. A message also was left for Eisner.

Eisner is credited with transforming Disney from a producer of mediocre films and caretaker of two theme parks in 1984 into a media giant, whose holdings include five theme parks around the world, the ABC-TV network, the ESPN sports cable channel and

one of the highest-grossing movie studios.

But Eisner has taken heat for what critics see as micromanaging leadership style. Detractors also accuse him of presiding over a "brain drain" that saw top executives leave the company over the past 10 years, including former studio chief Jeffrey Katzenberg, Steven Bollenbach, who now heads the Hilton Corp., and most recently Paul Pressler, who left last year to head Gap Inc.

Roy Disney's letter also blames Eisner for a loss of morale at the company and for causing a perception that the company "is rapacious, soul-less, and always looking for the 'quick buck' rather than the long-term value."

Stocks surge on strong manufacturing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors sent stocks surging Monday, propelling the Dow Jones industrials up more than 115 points and into the shadow of 10,000 after a pair of reports showed better-than-expected growth in the nation's manufacturing sector and construction spending. Retail stocks dipped although stores had solid sales over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Investors returned to the market with enthusiasm following a holiday week of lighter trading, and the manufacturing report from the Institute for Supply Management contributed to their zeal, said Todd Leone, managing director of equity trading at SG

Cowen Securities.

"I think a lot of people were off last week, so they're coming in and buying today," Leone said. "Construction spending was good, but these ISM numbers have really pushed the market up."

The Dow closed up 116.59, or 1.2 percent, at 9,899.05, following a gain last week of 1.6 percent. The last time the index of 30 actively traded blue chip stocks closed higher was May 31, 2002, when it ended the day at 9,925.30; it last closed above 10,000 on May 24, 2002.

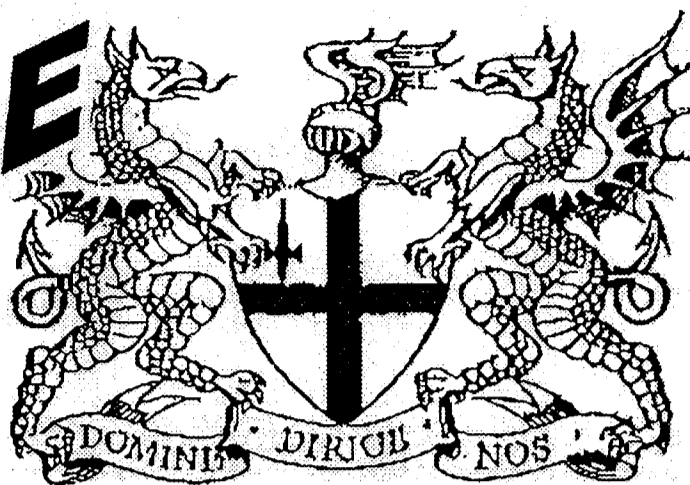
The Nasdaq composite index closed at its highest point in nearly two years, up 29.56, or 1.5 percent, at 1,989.82, following a weekly gain of

3.5 percent. The tech-dominated index last closed higher on Jan. 15, 2002, at 2,000.91.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also reached a significant high, rising 11.92, or 1.1 percent, to close at 1,070.12, after gaining 1.5 percent last week. The S&P last closed higher on May 28, 2002, when it stood at 1,074.55.

"The last two months of the year are traditionally a strong seasonal period for the market, and we've had a strong 10 months going into it," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn. "All in all, the markets are moving to new recovery highs here."

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Advisers urge Bush to drop tariffs

Associated Press

White House advisers are urging President Bush to head off a global trade war by rolling back steep tariffs on imported steel, administration and industry officials said Monday.

If he concurs — he is still reviewing the matter, the White House spokesman said — Bush risks alienating steel companies and workers in states that are important for his re-election. If he doesn't, a broad range of U.S. products could face retaliatory sanctions from Europe and elsewhere, angering other voters.

A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several key aides and agencies, including the office of the U.S. trade representative, have urged the president to drop the tariffs, imposed in March 2002 to ease foreign competition while the beleaguered U.S. steel industry consolidates and restructures.

"The EU gets what it wanted," said a steel industry official on Monday, even as the European Union renewed its threat to slap \$2.2 billion in retaliatory sanctions on U.S. exports if the tariffs are not eliminated by Dec. 10.

But White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the president had not made a final decision on the tariffs, which range from 8 percent to 30 percent on certain kinds of foreign-made steel and are currently set to expire in March 2005.

The administration is still reviewing various options, said Richard Mills, spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

"We feel it's got to come from the president. It's unofficial until it does," said Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich., a leading voice on Capitol Hill to repeal the tariffs.

Since they were enacted last year, the tariffs have served as a flashpoint for global trade tensions that also had unintended consequences in this country, for steel consumers in key political states.

Bush imposed the tariffs and fulfilled a 2000 campaign promise to traditionally Democratic voters in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania — three states the White House hopes to win in 2004. But foreign trading partners almost immediately protested, leading the World Trade Organization earlier this year to declare that the sanctions violate global trade rules.

At the same time, the auto industry and other steel consumers in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin complained the tariffs hiked steel prices just as small manufacturing companies were being hit by the slumping economy.

"The last thing our economy needs right now is a trade war, and that's exactly what we would have gotten had the steel tariffs remained in place," Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a free-trade advocate, said Monday.

"We shouldn't set aside our free trade principles to satisfy a small political constituency," Flake said.

Bush is expected to announce his decision later this week, after he completes a fund-raising swing to Michigan and to Pittsburgh — America's "Steel City." The anticipated \$1 million Pittsburgh fund-raiser

Tuesday is being co-hosted by U.S. Steel Corp. Chairman and CEO Thomas J. Usher, who said Monday he remained hopeful the tariffs would remain in place.

"To remove these and to buckle under to the Europeans would be a mistake — not only for steel but for manufacturing in general," Usher said. "In my opinion, the president has done an awful lot of right things, and my expectation is that he will see the right of this."

"I'm a natural optimist — that's what you have to be in the steel business," Usher added.

Industry insiders believed a small number of tariffs might be left in place on specialty steel products. But even that was beginning to look less likely Monday.

European Union spokeswoman Arancha Gonzalez in Brussels, Belgium, said the 15-nation trading bloc would retaliate if the tariffs were not completely abolished, as demanded by the WTO.

"The U.S. knows this," Gonzalez said.

Yet rolling back the tariffs could also incite a backlash from Republican lawmakers — including Senate Steel Caucus Chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and House Administration Committee Chairman Bob Ney of Ohio — who urged Bush to stay the course on the three-year tariffs program. Without the tariffs, they said, low-priced foreign steel will again flood the U.S. market, potentially eliminating thousands of steel jobs. Forty-one steel companies have declared bankruptcy since 1997, erasing more than 50,000 jobs.

Colorado court strikes down Republican bid

Associated Press

Accusing the Republicans of overreaching, the Colorado Supreme Court threw out a GOP state redistricting plan Monday in favor of a congressional map that gives the Democrats a better shot at retaking the narrowly divided U.S. House.

The high court ruled 5-2 that passage of the GOP plan violated a section of the Colorado Constitution that says the state's congressional map can be redrawn only once per decade.

The fight in Colorado is not over: The GOP plan is also being challenged in federal court.

And with a Texas redistricting plan similarly tied up in court, the U.S. Supreme Court may end up deciding how often states can redraw their congressional maps. The Texas case is set to go to trial Dec. 11 in Austin.

Colorado's seven congressional districts now revert to boundaries drawn up by a judge last year.

The judge acted after state lawmakers failed to agree. But earlier this year, the Republicans pushed a new map through the Legislature. The issue before the high court was whether that map was illegal.

Colorado's constitution calls for redistricting only once a decade — after each census and before the next general election — and Democrats contended that task was completed by the judge. But Republicans said the judge's map was tempo-

rary and the law requires redistricting to be done by the Legislature.

The court rejected that argument, saying: "Because the General Assembly failed to redistrict during this constitutional window, it relinquished its authority to redistrict until after the 2010 census. There is no language empowering the General Assembly to redistrict more frequently or at any other time."

The court also chastised legislators for claiming they should be able to redraw the maps "two, or even 10 times in a single decade," when federal law calls for redistricting only once.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, a Democrat who challenged the GOP map, pleaded with Republicans to let Monday's decision stand so candidates can get on with their campaigns. But there seemed little chance of that happening.

"It's far from over. There's still a federal case to play out," said Carl Forti, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Colorado House Speaker Lola Spradley, a Republican, said: "In order to protect this Legislature's rights, as well as those of other state legislatures around the country, we will now proceed to the federal courts."

Republicans now hold five of Colorado's seven congressional seats, but the judge's map bolsters Democrats' changes in two of those districts.

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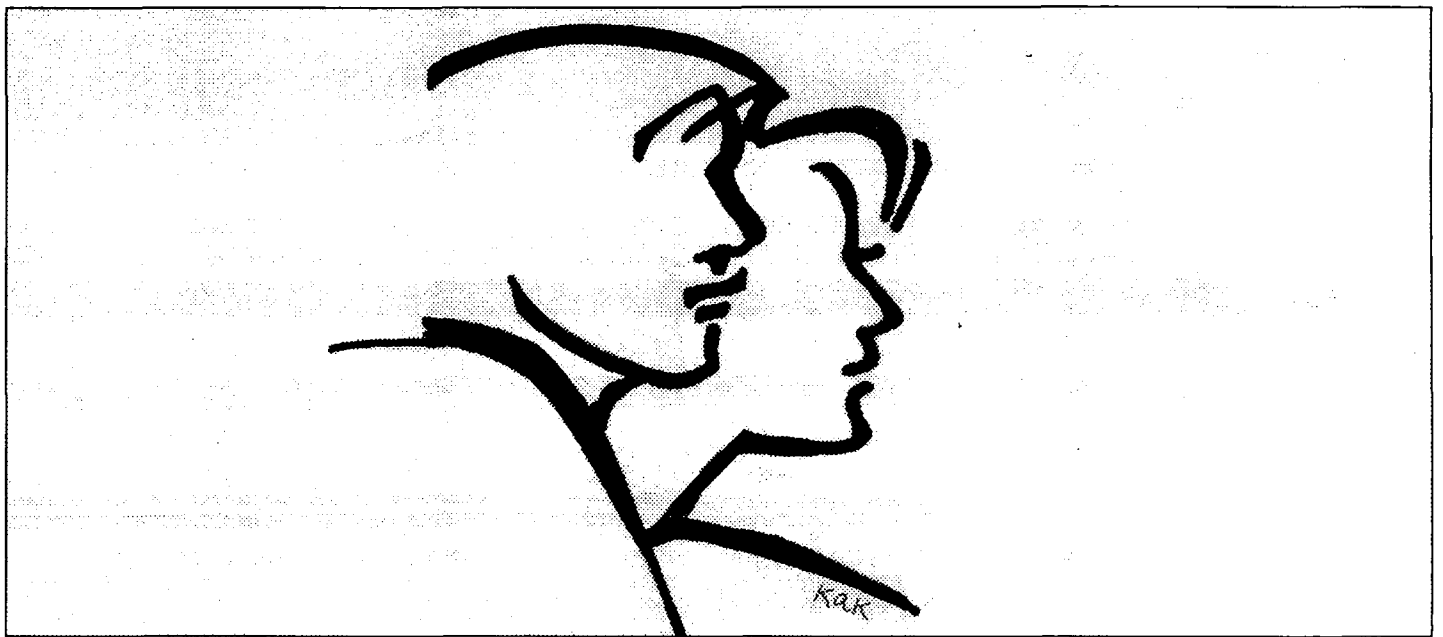
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Ending violence against women

Depending on reading speed, by the time you finish reading this piece, approximately two to three women will be sexually assaulted in this country.

The phrase "Nowhere Else but Notre Dame," used in compliment or criticism, inappropriately isolates our campus. True, conditions here

are highly conducive to a lifestyle of splendid isolation from world issues, current events and the outside community. Yet the argument of environmental determinism only holds to a certain point, at which we must recognize student and administration choices in what elements of community living receive priority.

Issues surrounding gender relations are not only marginalized in discourse at Notre Dame, but people here choose to focus only on certain aspects of this complex topic. Debating single-sex dorms and their effect on an individual's ability to form a successful union only speaks to a narrow worldview. I would agree that the separation of the sexes, to borrow from Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, "creates gendered relationships of the brand in which parties view each other solely as objects."

Student experiences of alienation from the opposite sex come from real places, yet I stress community complicity and misguided action in the preservation of these dynamics. The focusing on courtship — a highly individualized aspect of gender issues — I feel does us injustice and further insulates our community from the outside world.

Sexual violence against women is an important and hidden issue in the United States and abroad. Over 135 million women and girls worldwide have undergone female genital mutilation, which ranges from the removal of the clitoris to infibulation, in which a female's clitoris and labia are cut off

and her vagina is sewn shut. Although this trend predominates in Middle Eastern and African countries, FGM occurs in the United States largely undetected.

More locally, in 2002, 248,000 Americans were victims of completed or attempted rape — seven-eighths were female, and the majority of the perpetrators were intimate partners or acquaintances of the victim. The full volume of this problem cannot be grasped because most rapes — by acquaintances — occur in private spaces within relationships or are viewed as isolated problems of a union.

Even more relevant to our campus, an estimated three percent of college women are raped yearly; 90 percent of these cases involve an intimate partner, friend or classmate. Some sources declare one in four women will be victims of sexual violence during their college careers. Notre Dame's supposed exceptionalism cannot escape the reality of sexual violence. Rape, stalking, harassment and sexual coercion exist on this campus. The lack of discussion and influential institutionalized assistance concerning these issues only adds to their proliferation.

The manner in which our University addresses gender and sexual violence issues is appalling. The pseudo-mandatory session concerning rape offered to first year students is insufficient. Our University Health Center does not stock rape kits to facilitate immediate and easily accessible response to incidents. A woman's only sources for treatment and further specific aid lie off campus. Health Services' UB Well 2 hotline reference sheet lists no numbers for rape and sexual violence assistance.

We need constant and institutionalized structures to address gender issues and sexual violence. The proposed creation of a Gender Resource Center would be a giant leap in the right direction. The center would create permanent positions dedicated to education on gender issues, provide

literature on topics of sexuality, health, sexual violence and other gender themes, be a haven and resource for various existing campus organizations addressing women's and gender subjects, give victims of rape the local support they deserve and plan preventative and educational sessions to eradicate sexual violence on our campus.

To encourage varied and substantive discussion of gender issues and sexual violence, I urge everyone to participate in February's V-Day celebration on campus in some way. The V-Day movement — "V" standing for Vagina, Victory and Valentine — is a global initiative to end all forms of violence against women through raising awareness and fund raising and distributing. The crowning event on our campus will be a performance of the Vagina Monologues on Valentine's Day.

Lastly, we need to shed our socialized myths about sexual violence and grotesque view of gender issues. No woman — whatever her lifestyle, choice of dress, class or race — deserves to be raped. Every man needs to take responsibility in ending violence against women. Students here must realize concerns of gender relations reach beyond questions of finding a spouse under the Dome and not all female-male interactions here uplift the humanity of women.

Creating a world without violence against women is a movement we can all be personally invested in. Such a world, I believe would bring greater overall harmony and lay ground work for the elimination of the other marginalizing ideologies dividing people in our world.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever."

Napoleon Bonaparte
French Emperor

Debating the price of an education

We've reached the end of the beginning here at Oxford: the last week of Michaelmas term. With the end of a term comes more work and thus less free time, so I won't be able to provide any literary snapshots of interesting sites in and around England. No Shakespeare. No Brussels. No Philip Glass concerts (that's next week). No Alpine ski trips (also, next week). Instead, I'll talk about "top-up fees" (forewarned is forearmed):

Geoff Johnston

A Domer at Oxford

"Yeah, we heard about all the perks you Americans get."

I started laughing. He was talking about the Thanksgiving meal that the New College Americans had been invited to. The Warden, Alan Ryan, had been a professor at Princeton for the past decade, and he knew the importance that Americans place on Thanksgiving. So he had treated us to a turkey dinner in his lodgings.

I responded to the above remark by pointing out how much more we Americans pay to attend university. The big issue around here right now, excepting the war in Iraq and the incessant Bush-bashing, is whether or not universities should be allowed to charge "top-up fees." There have been rallies and picket lines in London. Students talk about the legislation over

their daily cups of tea in the hallways. Currently, students in Britain have to pay, at most, about 1,500 pounds — roughly 2,500 dollars — to attend any university in Britain.

The government has proposed to allow universities to charge their students up to 3,000 pounds per year, based upon the student's ability to pay. The first time I had heard about this controversy, I didn't believe that I had the figures correct. When I tell students how much tuition is at Notre Dame, their stares are priceless. But no, there is an uproar about having to pay, at maximum, 5,000 dollars to attend Oxford, Cambridge or any other English university.

Certainly, there are convincing arguments for state-supported education. Some propose that all students should have an "equality of opportunity" to attend university and that the most practical way to achieve this equality for all strata of society is that universities should be taxpayer-supported. Another argument posits that students shouldn't be forced to burden themselves with debt, because debt might be a disincentive for choosing a rewarding but lower-paying profession. When I think of all of the Notre Dame students footing huge bills and signing for student loans, and all of the students who forego their life-long dream of becoming, say, a zoologist because of its impracticality, I admit that the flat-fee universities' scheme has definite appeal.

However, Oxford, among others, is convinced that unless it is allowed to charge fees, it will continue to fall behind the "prestigious Ivy League" universities in America. I have found that Oxford's services are, indeed, poor compared to Notre Dame's: their recreation facilities lack equipment (their main weight room has two bench presses), their computer rooms are tiny, and their libraries close at 10 p.m. So, even from what I have seen, there is a funding shortage. What's to be done?

Well, the solution that will probably be adopted is, of course, a compromise: universities will be allowed to charge fees, but students will not have to pay those fees unless they meet certain criteria, such as earning more than 20,000 pounds a year. For those students who choose lower-paying jobs, society will pay for their education.

What is at least as interesting as the actual fees debate is the fact that both sides refer incessantly to America as a standard of reference. For the free universities position, people claim that the high costs in America are a disincentive to poorer students, and that there exists a two-tier system in America of rich universities and poorer ones. The proponents of top-up fees cite American universities' huge endowments and professors' (comparatively) lucrative salaries, they note that the United States spends a higher proportion of its GDP on education than

almost any other country and they comment on the prestige American universities hold throughout the world.

America seems to be the standard of reference for almost every debate, from economics to politics, from sports to entertainment. I've found that one of the most enlightening aspects of studying abroad is to see America "from the outside in." America looms large in almost every debate here in Britain, whether as the villain (usually) or as the exemplar.

On a final note, did you ever wonder how foreign students perceive Notre Dame? There are three reactions when I tell students here that I attend Notre Dame: Some look puzzled, some ask, "Isn't that an Ivy League school?" and for some, their faces brighten and they ask, "Like in that movie Rudy, right?"

For the first group, I try to explain where South Bend is. The second group I correct, saying, "Now, would I go about insulting your school?" and to the third I just shake my head and say, "Yes, like in Rudy."

Who would've thought students here have seen Rudy?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debating same-sex marriages

Homosexuality not an 'objective disorder'

On Nov. 24, a Notre Dame undergraduate wrote "Attempting to live out these (Christian) virtues in the context of a homosexual relationship is a manifestation of disordered affections."

She went on, "To be clear, I am not suggesting that homosexuals have a disorder; I am saying that their affections, which were meant to be ordered toward the good, are disordered. There is a difference."

Neither the rest of the letter, nor the bald assertion that there is a difference, enable me to understand what she thinks the difference amounts to.

For example, I'm sure she wouldn't say my deafness is a disorder affecting crucial parts of my ear or auditory cortex, but not a disorder of mine. Deafness affects my life in very serious ways, and only rarely for the better. If someone tells me my golf swing is disordered, I assume they mean I could be a better golfer if I just shaped up.

This stuff about despising sin but loving the sinner is way too simple to put into practice given the specific circumstances of homosexuality. It's as if one thought that homosexuality was like an addiction. But if it were, we'd need detox centers for homosexuals, maybe a special wing of the emergency room. If you think that's what's needed, have the guts to say so.

Nor am I enlightened by the unspecified and unsubstantiated premise that there is a clearly specifiable sense of the "good" to which our affections are ordered. Gametes (egg, sperm) and genitalia are good things as far as I'm concerned.

It is possible to do some obviously terrible things with them. I know enough biology and enough ethics to understand an argument supporting a conclusion that it is wrong to use genitalia for purposes that don't entail the possibility that a sperm will unite with an egg.

I don't see such an argument in this letter, but standard versions of such arguments abound, as do standard and equally impressive rebuttals of all those arguments.

Folks who like to talk about the "objective disorders" of others ought to consider the possibility that dogmatic and unsympathetic repetition of religious dogma to reject requests for equal respect and support for committed civil unions, by gay and straight couples alike, might be symptoms of an objective disorder of the intellect. Brains are even easier to abuse than genitalia.

Wasn't the question at issue, "What specific threat to straight marriage is posed by the legalization of gay marriage?" It's not polite to ignore a direct question. Worse, it amounts to ducking a challenge to do some thinking for one's self.

The letter raises other issues, but there are times when less is more. It's always a good idea to deal with one issue well before going on to others.

Ed Manier
 class of 1953
 Nov. 25

Don't threaten non-conformists

I'm writing in response to Lauren Galgano's Nov. 24 article against gay marriages, "Preserving Church and U.S. law." I'm tired of being threatened with eternal damnation by writers who claim to speak on behalf of Rome whenever I read the Viewpoint section. These writers are seemingly incapable of making valid arguments without threatening the immortal soul of the reader.

Galgano writes, "In conclusion, please consider that Dante's 'Inferno' reserves the hottest places in Hell for those who in a time of crisis maintain a position of neutrality." The "Inferno" is a poem, not a precious pearl of dogma, and anyway, couldn't Galgano have made the same point about neutrality and moral courage in a "war" only stronger by not referencing a punishment for cowardice as severe as never-ending torment?

There are lots of things I miss about going to an ideologically diverse inner city public high school; one is that this sort of fear tactic simply wouldn't fly. In a pluralistic society, one has to defend one's claims and cannot merely assume, as Galgano ignorantly did, that her read-

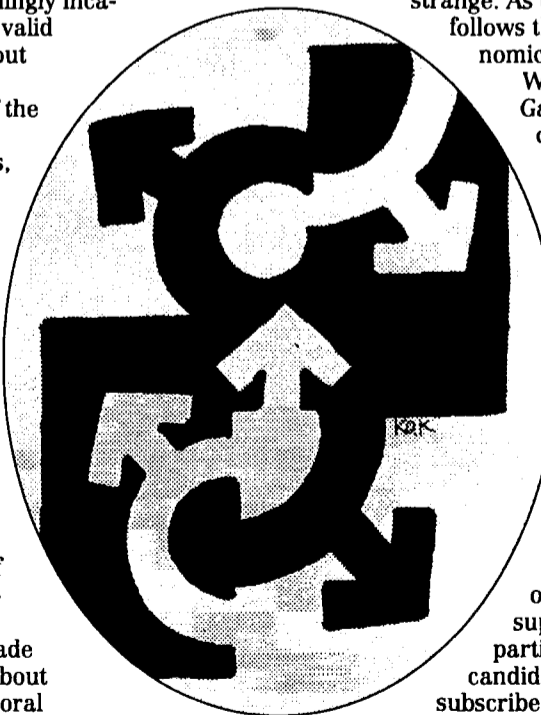
ership is Catholic and therefore will agree with whatever the Church supposedly has said on an issue: "If you are Catholic and most of you reading this are, you ought to be in accordance with this statement."

Catholics can never disobey or disagree about Church teaching? That seems strange. As capitalists we rarely follow the Church's economic teachings.

What's more, Galgano is in good company. Peter Quaranto's recent Viewpoint column began, "The 83 percent of us voting Catholics and maybe even the other 17 percent not represented by this study are going to Hell." Quaranto both began and ended his article, which admonished Catholics to seriously rethink their support for political parties and presidential candidates who do not subscribe to all facets of friendly threat of eternal damnation.

Aren't we capable of a more sophisticated level of discourse? I think so. Convince me. Don't threaten me.

Anna Nussbaum
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 Farley Hall
 Nov. 25



CONCERT REVIEW

'Something's missing' at John Mayer concert

By TIM MASTERTON
Scene Critic

Arena rock just isn't what it used to be. Very few musical artists belong playing in front of thousands and thousands of people or are even capable of it. Among this elite group would have to be rock giants like Metallica, U2, Kiss and Bruce Springsteen.

But just because the venues can sell thousands of tickets does not mean that an artist should be playing domes and stadiums. John Mayer fits this last statement almost perfectly.

This tour, in support of his newest album *Heavier Things*, rolled into suburban Chicago's Allstate Arena, capacity 18,500, last Friday night. But the arena was not nearly this crowded, due to blocked out seats and just not selling out.

The opening act, The Thorns, held the crowd's interest well, despite its overwhelmingly short attention span.

Once Mayer takes the stage, one might expect more crowd noise in general — screaming, young girls fainting ... something, at least. But when he appeared, and throughout the night, the applause and cheering was never long-lasting, with the exception being before a three-song encore.

Mayer switched between acoustic and electric guitar throughout the concert. He was backed by musicians on rhythm guitar, bass, piano, drums, trumpet and saxophone/clarinet. It made for some interesting arrangements and some prolonged jams that were more than just guitar solos, but

again, the crowd did not respond much.

They wanted to hear the songs they knew best, from his first album, *Room for Squares*, as heard on compact disc at home. I personally think it's better to want this and be a John Mayer fan rather than being a boy band fan, but still, a lack of appreciation for music could be felt.

Although Mayer does not have a deep musical catalog to draw from, he did mix things up as best as he could. He drew from both of his full-length albums.

He even pointed out the fact that he was playing "deep album cuts" and that he'd get back to the songs they knew best soon enough, basically admitting he does know his audience well, in an almost cynical way.

He played the crowd-pleasing hit "Your Body Is a Wonderland," and even I will admit I enjoyed holding on a little tighter to the girl I brought with me that night. He also played his current single, "Bigger than My

Body," as well as a "Wonderland" — like new album cut, called "Come Back to Bed." Musically, the show was outstanding. But this was the wrong crowd and venue to play drawn-out guitar solos. And even so, it was evident that they were meant primarily to fill time.

From my seat up in section 214, row M, I was one of no more than ten people in the section to stand, or even want to stand, for any part of the show. The "adults" behind me even came prepared with binoculars and more than once yelled, "Down in front!" in my direction. And although they thought it was the funniest thing they had ever said, I laughed even harder as I stood tall in front of them throughout the show, all six feet, four inches of me. A concert in this size arena, especially if the demand for tickets is there, ends up drawing people who might not have otherwise come, good or bad — and, in this case, bad. These folks might have been better off saving some money and buying a John Mayer concert on DVD.

Mayer also spoke in between songs about somewhat random, yet funny topics, including spending the holidays with family ("You gotta get your identity back after your family f***in' stole it away from you") and what he wants for Christmas ("I want world peace for the good countries and for the bad ... some sort of bowel disorder.")

The highlight of the concert was the three-song encore. It consisted of an acoustic cover of the Stevie Ray Vaughn song, "You're Gonna Miss Me Baby," as well as "St. Patrick's Day" and "83," two original songs from Mayer's major label debut. The energy gradually built, and these songs were a strong close to a very solid show.

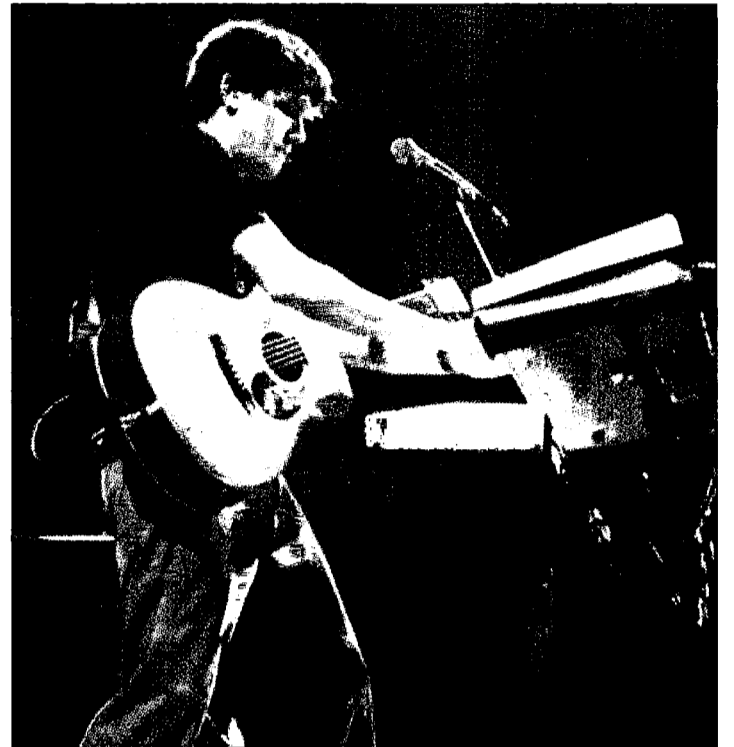


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John Mayer performs live for fans during his latest concert tour in support of his newest album, *Heavier Things*.

John Mayer



Venue: Allstate Arena, Chicago
Location: Chicago, Ill.
Date: November 28, 2003

He definitely left the crowd wanting more, but most probably only wanting more straight radio hits, played as originally recorded.

In an ideal world, John Mayer would be able to perform for fans aged about 18 to 30, in a club that did not hold anywhere close to 18,000 people, for fans who would be willing to stand, cheer and appreciate improvised solos.

But until then, catch John Mayer at an arena near you. He really does put on a good show.

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'Cat' tops weekend box office by whisker

Associated Press

The Cat in the Hat came back to narrowly beat Eddie Murphy at the box office over a Thanksgiving weekend dominated by several family flicks.

Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat* earned \$25.6 million from Friday to Sunday to finish as the No. 1 movie, a whisker ahead of Murphy's spooky comedy *The Haunted Mansion*.

The 10-day total for *The Cat in the Hat*, starring Mike Myers as the mischievous feline, hit \$77 million. *The Haunted Mansion* earned \$25.3 million, and has grossed \$35 million since its debut Wednesday.

Will Ferrell's *Elf* held up well with \$22.2 million, lifting its four-week sum to \$130.1 million. *Elf* became the 24th movie released in 2003 to top \$100 million, tying last year's record of 24 films over that mark.

"Thanksgiving is the perfect time for family films," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "If you've got the kids home and you have family activities going on, what better way to keep the family together than going to the movies?"

In initial box office reporting early Sunday, *The Haunted Mansion*

had the top spot, but Universal revised its numbers upward to put *The Cat in the Hat* in the lead.

Universal spokesman Jeffrey Sackson said a company publicist had released incorrect weekend numbers early Sunday. The company called reporters to correct the error once it was discovered, he said.

The family films held off a rush of new movies for adults. Billy Bob Thornton's *Bad Santa*, about a foul-mouthed boozier who poses as a mall Santa to rob department stores, debuted at No. 6 with \$12.5 million from Friday to Sunday and \$16.8 million since opening Wednesday.

Ron Howard's Old West thriller *The Missing*, starring Cate Blanchett as a pioneer woman who enlists her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones) to track her abducted daughter, premiered at No. 7 with an \$11.7 million weekend and \$16.5 million since its Wednesday debut.

The sci-fi adventure *Timeline*, about a team of archaeologists hurled back in time to a deadly 14th century battle, opened in eighth place with \$8.5 million for the weekend and \$12.6 million since premiering Wednesday.

The top 12 movies took in \$209.5

million from Wednesday to Sunday, ahead of the \$208 million haul for the previous No. 2 Thanksgiving weekend in 1999.

The best Thanksgiving weekend ever was in 2000, when Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* paced the industry to a \$232.2 million haul.

Based on Disney's theme-park attraction, *The Haunted Mansion* stars Murphy as a real-estate salesman stuck with his family in a big old house full of ghosts. Playing in 3,122 theaters, *The Haunted Mansion* averaged a solid \$8,104 from each cinema from Friday to Sunday.

Like *The Cat in the Hat* the previous weekend, *The Haunted Mansion* found a solid audience despite bad reviews.

Critics tend to judge family flicks too harshly, said Disney head of distribution Chuck Viane.

"They're sometimes put up against a much more critical standard than they should be," Viane

said. "You have people who want everything to be so artistic. That's not what family movies are about. They're about enjoyment and laughter and having fun."

Three films did well in limited-release debuts.

Jim Sheridan's semi-autobiographical *In America* — about an Irish family adapting to life in New York City — had a weekend haul of \$202,730 in 11 theaters, averaging \$18,430 a cinema.

The Cooler, a black comedy starring William Macy as a Las Vegas loser paying off casino debts by working as a "jinx" on other gamblers, grossed \$130,000 in 11 theaters, averaging \$11,818.

The madcap French animated flick *The Triplets of Belleville* took in \$114,636 in six theaters for a \$19,106 average.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters were generated by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

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Chuck Viane
Disney head of
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Ruthless return

Tyrone Willingham's first game back at Stanford is a 57-7 thrashing for the Irish

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — It might have been both homecoming and senior day at Stanford Stadium Saturday, but Irish coach Tyrone Willingham and seven other Notre Dame coaches who formerly served at Stanford didn't go easy on the 13 seniors they recruited at The Farm, embarrassing the Cardinal with a 57-7 defeat.

The 57 points scored by Notre Dame were the most since the 62 scored in a shutout over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 1996, Lou Holtz's final game in Notre Dame Stadium. The loss was Stanford's worst ever at home.

The performance was what Willingham had been looking for all season.

"This was more of what I anticipate out of our football team," he said, later adding, "We're getting closer to where I want to be."

Julius Jones opened the game with a 25-yard rush, setting the tone for a 218-yard, one touchdown performance that moved him to fifth among Notre Dame's all-time single season rushers.

"After that first carry, I felt pretty good. From then on, the offensive line kind of dominated," said Jones, who became the first player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 200 yards in three games in a season.

"It's incredible, I never would have thought it would be me," he added. "[I am] just thankful, give all the credit to my offensive line, my full-backs, they played a hell of a game."

Three of Notre Dame's touchdowns came on short Ryan Grant rushes into the end zone.

Diedrick credited the improvement of the offensive line, which also did not allow any sacks, with the team's ability to rush the ball.

"[We have an] offensive front with one guy who has two starts to his career, not a whole lot of experience," Diedrick said. "... Now, [they are] beginning to not only have a good deal of confidence in themselves, but they're executing a lot better and they're playing as one unit and it does feed off itself."

Two touchdowns came on long passes from Quinn, a 65-yard reception by Matt Shelton



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Notre Dame running back Julius Jones stiff arms Stanford safety Oshlomogho Atogwe in the second half Saturday. Jones rushed for 218 yards and became the eighth running back in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

in the first quarter and a 45-yard reception by Maurice Stovall in the third quarter.

"We really haven't stretched the field like that all year," Quinn said. "It just felt great to get a couple big passes to [Stovall] and [Shelton]."

The defense returned to last year's dominating style of play by forcing three turnovers, including two fumbles that Quentin Burrell and Garron Bible returned for touchdowns.

The defense only allowed Stanford to gain 251 yards during the game.

"We're getting closer to where I want to be."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Stanford's lone score came in the third quarter after Notre Dame had already put 41 points on the board. The Cardinal began the drive at its own 35 following a D.J. Fitzpatrick kickoff that went out of bounds. On the first play of the drive, quarterback Chris Lewis threw a 65-

yard touchdown reception to flanker Mark Bradford.

Early the fourth quarter, Stanford put in backup quarterback Kyle Matter. The Cardinal threatened to score on his first drive, moving to the Notre Dame 33, but Matter was sacked by Corey Mays and fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Stanford 24 yards backfield, and Stanford was forced to punt two plays later.

Willingham pulled most of the starters by the fourth quarter, and dispelled any notion that he intended to run up the score.

"I thought we did pull in the horns a little bit," he said.

The team's main regret Saturday was that they had not reached this level of play until 11 games into the season.

"[It's] sad we couldn't have done it earlier. What's done is done," Jones said. "We've got one more game and hopefully we will get four [wins] in a row, hopefully get something started for the guys next year."

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player of the game

Julius Jones

His 218 yard performance made Jones the only player in Notre Dame history with three 200-yard games.

stat of the game

475

yards gained by the high-octane Notre Dame offense through three quarters Saturday before the Irish put in the backups

play of the game

Stanford deferring the coin toss

Giving the uncharacteristically potent Irish offense the ball first started a long day for the Stanford defense.

quote of the game

"This was more of what I anticipate of our football team."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

report card

- B+** **quarterbacks:** Quinn continues to use a strong running game to his advantage by connecting on two lengthy touchdown passes. Diedrick only needed him for 13 attempts.
 - A** **running backs:** Just another 200-yard day for Jones and Grant continued to run with a renewed passion. The group had its first 300-yard rushing day since the Air Force game last year.
 - A-** **receivers:** With the successful running game, the receivers don't need to make a ton of plays. Stovall hauled in a long touchdown pass, catching his first pass since the Florida State game.
 - A** **offensive line:** As the season goes along, this group continues to improve, giving up no sacks once again. The running backs had large holes to run through.
 - A** **defensive line:** The line hit Chris Lewis so much the Stanford quarterback was being iced down before the game was over. Tuck had another impressive performance.
 - A** **linebackers:** Curry was all over the place, Hoyte and Mays each forced a fumble and the group had 2.5 sacks. Everybody was making plays.
 - A-** **defensive backs:** Minus the long touchdown pass, this unit kept the Stanford passing game in check. Even by giving up the only Cardinal touchdown, the secondary put two Irish scores on the board.
 - B-** **special teams:** Two kicks were blocked and Stanford almost broke a couple of kickoff returns. The bright spot was the punt returns.
 - A** **coaching:** The relentless attack by this team showed the coaches really wanted this one. With two weeks of preparation, Stanford essentially had no chance.
- 3.70** **overall:** The largest margin of victory in seven years gives the Irish their third straight win as they continue to beat up on the easy part of the schedule.

adding up the numbers

- seconds into the game when Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn called the team's first timeout** **31**
- 1,000-yard rushers in Notre Dame history after Julius Jones' 25-yard run on Notre Dame's first play from scrimmage** **8**
- total yards for the Stanford offense in the first quarter. Notre Dame's offense gained 210 yards during the same timespan** **-7**
- rushing yards accumulated by Jones in the first quarter on nine carries** **106**
- days in between Ryan Grant rushing scores and Notre Dame defensive touchdowns prior to Saturday** **372**
- sacks recorded by Justin Tuck this season, a Notre Dame record. Twelve and a half of those have come in the last nine games** **13.5**
- margin of victory in Saturday's game — it was the worst home loss in Stanford history** **50**
- quarters in between receptions for Maurice Stovall with his last catch before Saturday coming in the third quarter against Florida State** **10**

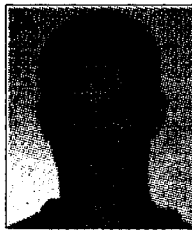


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Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham talks to Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis after Saturday's game at Stanford Stadium. Willingham recruited Lewis and the rest of the juniors and seniors currently on the Stanford roster. Saturday was Willingham's first game at Stanford.

Willingham righting the ship

PALO ALTO, Calif. — For the umpteenth time, Tyrone Willingham jogged off the field at Stanford Stadium with a win, pumping his fists as the crowd cheered.



Andrew Soukup
Sports Writer

Except that Willingham's 26th win in football-indifferent Palo Alto came with the visiting team celebrating a win, with the coach wearing a blue Notre Dame shirt, and with green-clad fans cheering the Irish head coach while the home crowd chanted, "Ty, you suck."

Not since 1996 has a Notre Dame team put so many points on the board, and there's little coincidence that Willingham hung half a hundred on a team he used to coach in a city he knows intimately well. There's no mistaking which team Willingham coaches now, and with Notre Dame's ruthless victory Saturday, he let everyone it.

But that didn't stop some of the Stanford players from wandering up to their old coaching staff to talk for the briefest of seconds. Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis, who last year interrupted an on-field NBC interview at Notre Dame Stadium to talk to Willingham approached his old coach with tears in his eyes before embracing his former mentor.

The upperclassmen in Palo Alto so miss their old head coach that they still call the Irish coaching staff even though Notre Dame's present coaches have tried — and failed — to make a clean break from the Stanford program.

Stanford assistant coach David Kelly

said as much in a story Saturday in the Alameda Times-Star, when he blasted the Irish coaching staff for their relationship with current Stanford players.

"No comment," was Willingham's official response, even though an edgy smile let everyone know both that he read what Kelly said and his reaction to it.

The coaches may have insisted Saturday's game wasn't personal, that Stanford was just any other opponent, but they weren't kidding anybody. And maybe that's why the Willingham-coached Irish did many uncharacteristic non-Willingham things Saturday.

Did the Irish intend to intentionally disrupt Stanford's pre-game senior ceremony by classlessly running onto the field? Did Willingham intend to embarrass his former team by calling for a fake punt with the Irish up seven touchdowns in the fourth quarter? Did offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick want to make a statement about his long beleaguered-offense by continuing to call long pass plays late into the third quarter?

"I thought we did call off the horns," Willingham coldly said after the game.

After the shelling, Stanford players mixed regret that Willingham had left with frustration about how he had returned. But their reminiscent responses, coupled with what Willingham has accomplished with Notre Dame over the second-half of the season, suggest that the Irish should be lucky Lionel Tyrone Willingham wears blue shirts instead of red ones.

An offensive line that was once among the worst in the nation has now gelled to the point where it can help Julius Jones produce 200-yard games at will. A Swiss cheese-esque defense now can set up the offense with good field position. A squad that

seemingly had lost its direction with three 30-plus point losses to future BCS teams now is reincarnated into a machine that leaves Irish players — and fans — wondering, "What if?"

To see the impact Willingham's calm demeanor has had on the Irish, look at what happened two years ago when Notre Dame played Stanford with a 4-6 record. Led by Bob Davie, an ineffective Notre Dame offense sputtered in the rain as players seemed to be more intent on returning to South Bend than playing football. Players were visibly angry after the loss, and Davie was fired a game later.

Now, even though the Irish are 5-6, Willingham had the Irish singing the fight song so loud it echoed outside the visitors locker room at Stanford Stadium. Where the Irish gave up two years ago, now they don't know how to give in. Where coaches searched for answers two years ago, coaches found them this year. Where players struggled, Willingham's crew improved. Now, the Irish have a different attitude — one this cocky and overconfident team was missing at the beginning of the season.

"It's just sad we couldn't have done it earlier," Jones said. "But what's done is done."

Admittedly, the Irish are soundly beating poor football teams. But to see the impact Willingham can have, look at the team he left, and then crushed.

It may not be as easy to see when the Irish are 5-6 as when they were 10-3, but riding a three-game winning streak into the end of the year, Willingham has Notre Dame pointed in the right direction.

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Touchdowns bring back memories

Defense gets in the end zone for the first time in 13 games

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Against Brigham Young, the Notre Dame defense returned to its dominance of 2002. At Stanford, the defense finally found the end zone.

Building off its impressive performance in the last home game, the Irish scored two touchdowns, only allowed 20 rushing yards, recorded seven sacks and simply dominated the Cardinal offense all night long.

But the key Saturday night was those 14 points scored by the defense as it finally got the monkey off its back.

"It's about time. It's the one thing we haven't done this year," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "It was nice to get a couple of scores. It's good to see those kids fly around and have some fun because anytime you play hard it gives you a chance to have fun."

Capping off an impressive first half by a high-octane Notre Dame offense, cornerback Dwight Ellick forced a fumble with less than a minute remaining and safety Quentin Burrell picked up the loose ball. With a number of players just watching as if the play was over, no whistles were blown and Burrell took the fumble, ran down the sideline and made a couple of Stanford players miss en route to a 65-yard touchdown return.

"It felt real good," Burrell said. "On Thursday we have a fumble drill where we try to score and those things that we do [in practice] finally paid off."

In the third quarter, line-



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Notre Dame safety Quentin Burrell returns a fumble down the Notre Dame sideline Saturday. Burrell's touchdown was the first defensive one for the Irish since the Rutgers game in 2002.

backer Brandon Hoyte forced the defense's second fumble of the game, and safety Garron Bible took the fumble 44 yards for the defense's second score on the night. The calling card of last year's Irish defense reemerged at Stanford, something Irish

head coach Tyrone Willingham would like to see more of, but knows it's something you can't count on every week.

"I thought that was a real plus and as our guys continue to get stronger, we'll be able to make some plays of that nature," Willingham said. "Those are things that you see once every ball game or once every couple ball games, and we were fortunate last year to get them last year to get them almost every game."

"Would we like to get back to that? Yes, indeed."

The big-play ability displayed by the youthful secondary meshed well with the relentless pursuit of the defensive line. Virtually every time Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis went back to pass, somebody on the defense hit Lewis hard.

As those hits keep coming, the secondary can just sit back in its coverage and make the big plays like it did Saturday.

"It helps us so much and makes it so much easier," Burrell said. "You see when the quarterback is scrambling because of the defense line turnovers come so much easier. My hat goes off to them."

The leader of that pass rush on the defensive line once again was Justin Tuck. For the second game this season, Tuck had three and a half sacks. Early in the game, he set the tone by constantly getting to Lewis.

Saturday was Tuck's second game this year with three and a half sacks, the other was against Pittsburgh, and the junior has 13.5 on the season.

At Stanford, Tuck and the rest of the defense's success might have been the result of something picked up in the film room.

"We had two weeks to prepare for them, our formations sets, their offensive line, we did a good job of reading their stances and knew what was coming," Tuck said.

Regardless of the great scouting report, simply put, Tuck was unstoppable.

"He's really unbelievable. I'm not sure there are too many guys that can block him. He was geared to have a great day today and he really did," Baer said. "No matter what the protection they had in, they couldn't block him. It really helped us."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	21	13	23	0	0
Stanford	0	0	7	0	0

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Stanford 0
Julius Jones 10-yard run with 10:17 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 90 yards, 4:43 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Stanford 0
Matt Shelton 65-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 2:27 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 78 yards, 1:39 elapsed
Notre Dame 21, Stanford 0
Ryan Grant 4-yard run with 0:00 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 2 plays, 14 yards, 0:35 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 27, Stanford 0
Grant 3-yard run with 3:34 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick blocked)
Drive: 8 plays, 72 yards, 3:31 elapsed
Notre Dame 34, Stanford 0
Quentin Burrell 65-yard fumble return with 0:36 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)

Third quarter

Notre Dame 41, Stanford 0
Maurice Stovall 45-yard reception from Quinn with 12:20 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 71 yards, 1:03 elapsed
Notre Dame 41, Stanford 7
Mark Bradford 65-yard reception from Chris Lewis with 12:10 remaining (Eric Johnson kick)
Drive: 1 play, 65 yards, 0:10 elapsed
Notre Dame 48, Stanford 7
Garron Bible 44-yard fumble return with 7:23 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Notre Dame 50, Stanford 7
Team safety with 5:05 remaining
Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7
Ryan Grant 46-yard run with 2:13 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 66 yards, 2:52 elapsed

Fourth quarter

No scoring

statistics

total yards



rushing yards



passing yards



return yards



time of possession



	ND	S
50-334	rushes-yards	35-20
10-16-1	comp-att-int	22-39-1
5-28.6	punts-yards	8-38.5
2-0	fumbles-lost	4-2
7-55	penalties-yards	3-24
20	first downs	17
passing		
Quinn	8-13-1	Lewis 14-29-1
rushing		
Jones	23-218	Tolon 9-39
Grant	14-84	Marrero 5-25
Wilson	8-18	Lemon 5-10
receiving		
McKnight	2-35	Bradford 7-129
Ndukwe	2-15	Powell 5-39
Shelton	1-65	Cochet 2-17
Stovall	1-45	Loftho 2-10
tackling		
Tuck	7	Torrence 8
Hoyte	6	Alogwe 7
Curry	5	Bergeron 7
Mays	5	Hooper 7

Willingham defends late fake punt

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — As much as Tyrone Willingham said he didn't want to do it, he called for a fake punt late in the fourth quarter with the Irish up by 50.

With Notre Dame leading 57-7 and facing a fourth-and-17 from midfield, Stanford dropped 10 players into the box to try to block the punt, leaving gunner Chinedum Ndukwe unguarded by the Stanford sideline. Earlier in the game, the Cardinal had shown a similar formation and blocked a D.J. Fitzpatrick punt.

But this time, Fitzpatrick threw a 14-yard pass to Ndukwe that left the Irish short of the first down but drew angry reactions from Stanford players and prompted Stanford fans to chant, "Ty,

you suck."

"That was a call on my part," an unapologetic Willingham said after the game. "They were leaving the guy uncovered, that was the right thing to do in that situation."

"You don't like to do it, but if they're going to make the block, then you have to get to make them pay and get the first down."

However, Stanford coach Buddy Teevens shrugged off any anger at the fake.

"At that point," he said, "it really didn't make a difference."

Shelton's big grab

Matt Shelton had only caught two passes in his collegiate career, but his third one just happened to be a 65-yard touchdown that broke the game wide open for Notre Dame.

Late in the first quarter,

Shelton — one of the fastest men on Notre Dame's roster — ran a post route, outraced his defender, caught a Brady Quinn pass and scampered virtually untouched into the end zone to give Notre Dame a 14-0 lead.

"I was surprised as anybody when they threw it to me and I was sitting there as the ball was coming thinking, 'Oh God, what do I do?'" Shelton grinned after the game. "Then it was there, and it was a surreal feeling."

Shelton also partially deflected a punt and narrowly missed another touchdown catch in the second quarter.

Banged up Irish

Notre Dame cornerback Vontez Duff hurt himself while leaping to knock down a long pass in the first half of Notre Dame's 57-7 victory over Stanford. He didn't return to the game and came out of the

locker room at halftime in street clothes.

But Willingham said the cornerback should be ready to play in his final collegiate game next week at Syracuse.

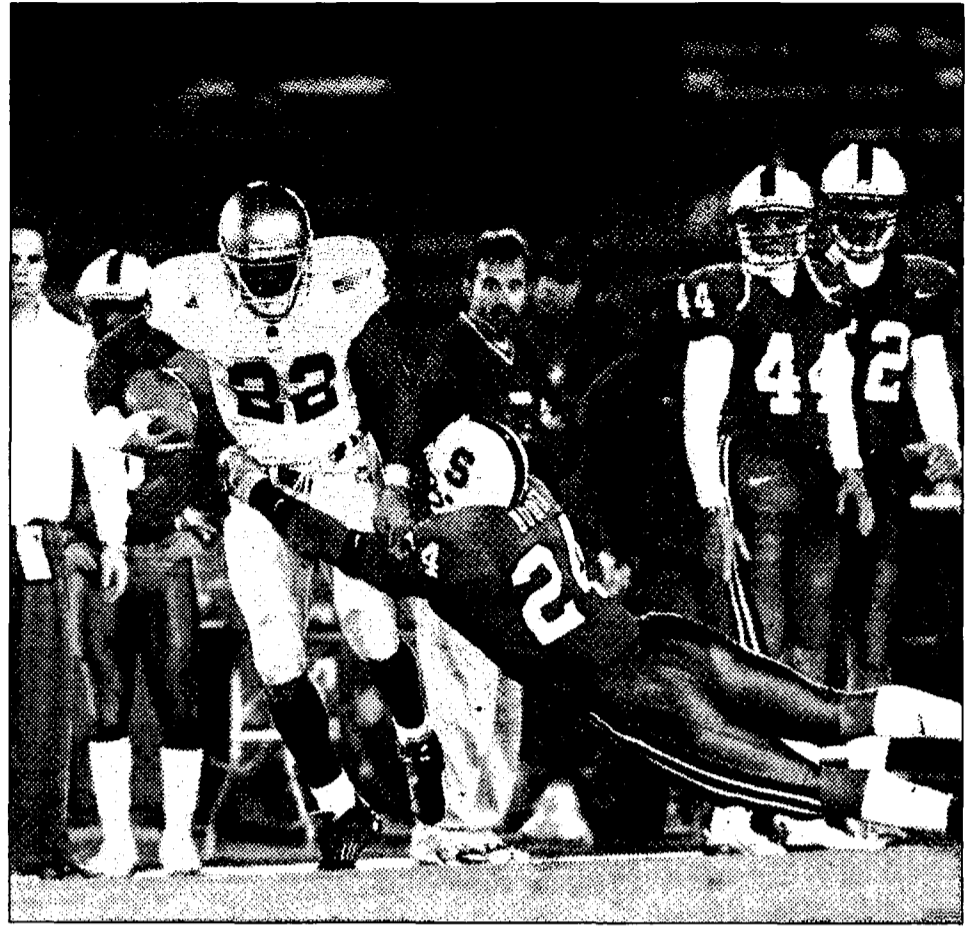
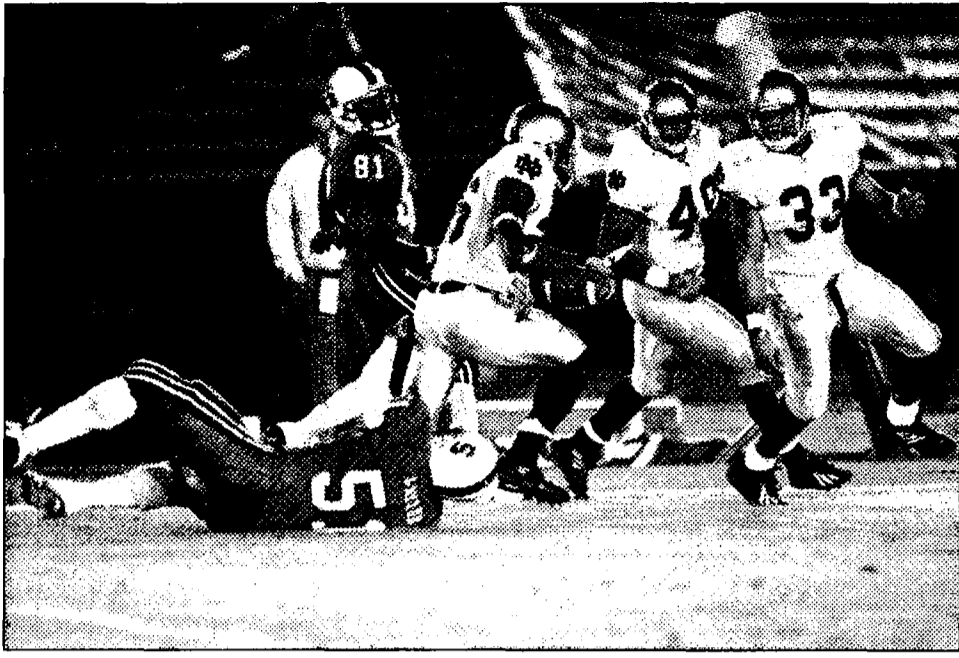
Meanwhile, running back Julius Jones hobbled off the field several times and didn't play at all in the fourth quarter. Part of that was because the Irish had the game easily in hand, but part of that was because Jones was slightly wounded.

But he said he would be ready to go against the Orangemen.

Game day captains

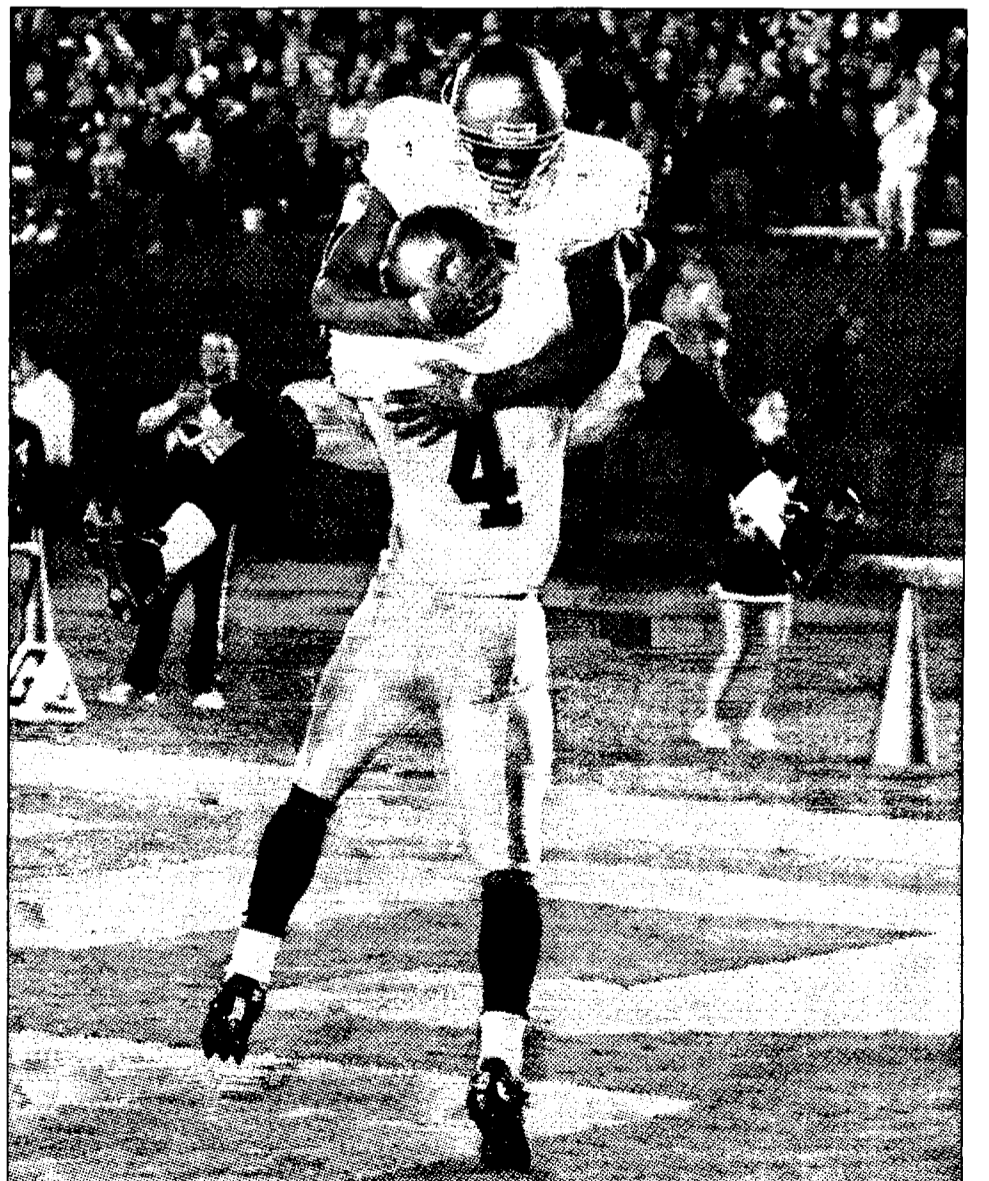
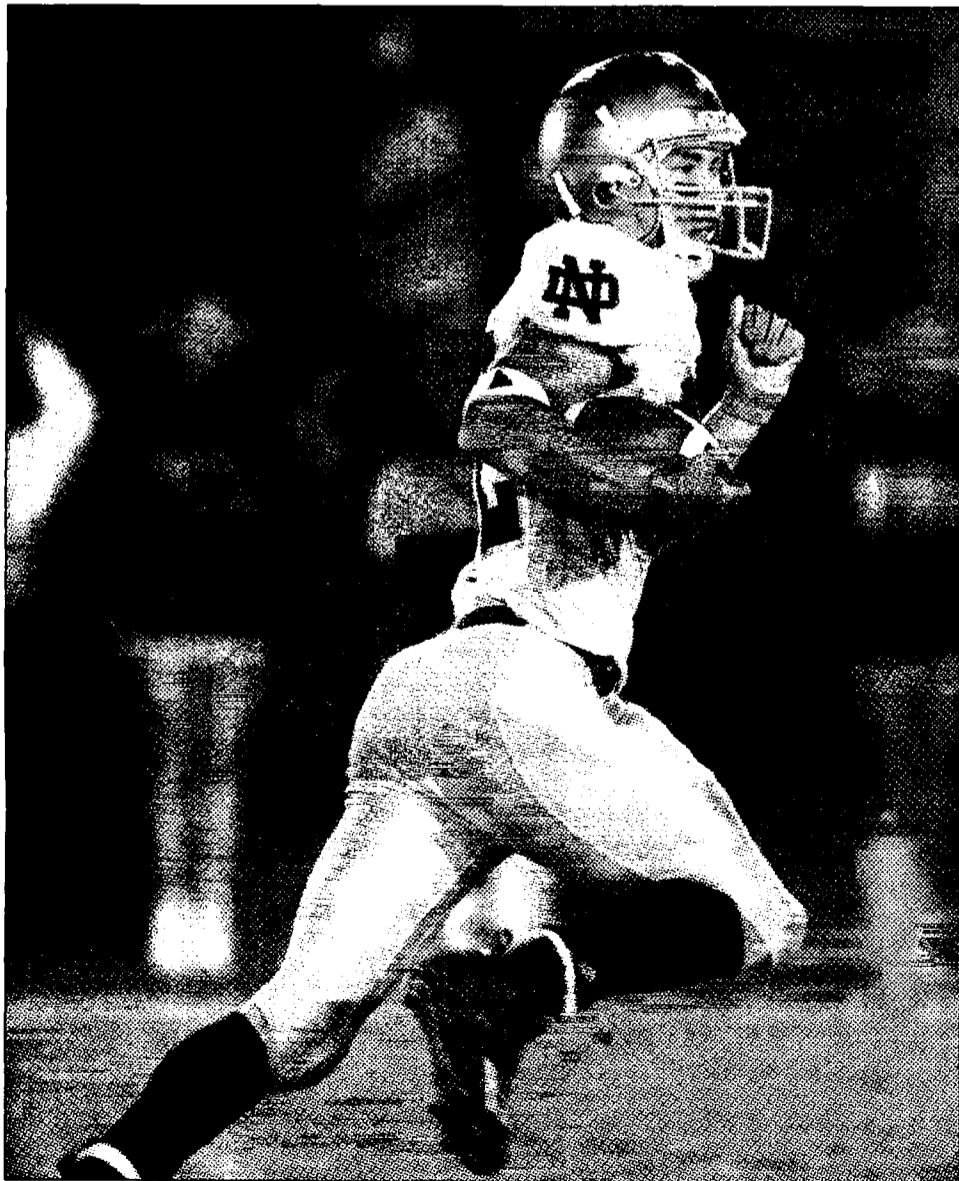
Notre Dame's game day captains were defensive lineman Darrell Campbell, Duff, wide receiver Omar Jenkins and offensive lineman Jim Molinaro.

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From Julius Jones' 25-yard rush to open the game to the fake punt on fourth-and-17 with four minutes remaining, Notre Dame went to Stanford on a mission and didn't stop until the game was over. The offense was able to do whatever it wanted and the defense got pressure on the quarterback, stuffed the running game and scored two touchdowns. Tyrone Willingham's first game in Palo Alto since he left Stanford showed his allegiance is undoubtedly with the blue and gold.

CRUSHING THE CARDINAL



Safety Garron Bible scores a third quarter touchdown (top left). Running back Julius Jones breaks a Stanford tackle (top right). Defensive end Justin Tuck sacks Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis, one of his three and a half sacks (middle left). Matt Shelton runs for the end zone (bottom left). Running back Ryan Grant and wide receiver Rhema McKnight celebrate one of Grant's three touchdowns (bottom right).

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DVD REVIEW

Carrey shines in Almighty DVD

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

Jim Carrey playing God may sound like his latest bid for an Oscar nomination, but it's actually the premise of his latest comedy, *Bruce Almighty*. Though the theme may seem to border on heresy, it's actually a funny movie that deals with God and faith without heavy-handed preaching or an approach to the topic from a particular religious view.

In *Bruce Almighty*, Carrey plays Bruce Nolan, a frustrated news anchor covering human interest stories instead of sitting behind the desk. He is fired from his job following a huge on-air meltdown following the revelation that he has failed to get the anchor job he had been longing for. Nolan blames everyone and everything around him for his problems instead of himself, a pattern of behavior that eventually leads to him to hold God directly responsible for ruining his life. God (played by

Morgan Freeman) then endows Bruce with his heavenly powers and challenges him to take over the role of the Almighty.

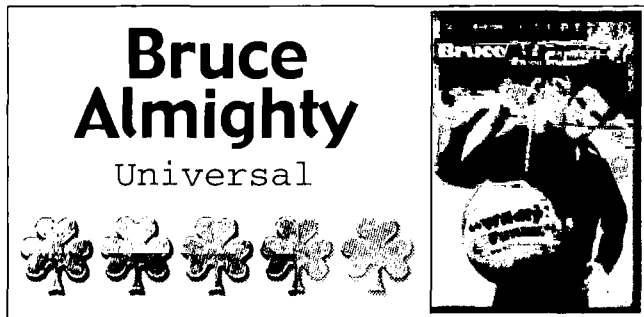
Bruce initially does what anyone would be tempted to do, using his powers to further his own interests, but he soon discovers that being God requires a much broader perspective on the ways in which the world works.

Jim Carrey is funny, as usual, in *Bruce Almighty*, but his cast of supporting actors is truly what makes the movie. Steve Carrel (of *The Daily Show* fame) is pitch-perfectly smarmy as Carrey's rival news anchor, and Jennifer Aniston proves that she can be funny outside of television and hold her own against Carrey in the role of his long-suffering girlfriend, Grace. Morgan Freeman plays God and possesses the voice and the bearing that allow him to play a pretty convincing Almighty, but he also has a great deal of fun with such a (literally) awesome role.



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Bruce Nolan (Jim Carrey) jokes with a benevolent God (Morgan Freeman) as they walk on water together outside Nolan's hometown of Buffalo, New York.



The *Bruce Almighty* DVD is fairly standard; it has director commentary, short feature about what working with Jim Carrey is like, outtakes, the film's trailer and deleted scenes.

A comedy with no aspirations for an Oscar or similar award has no real need for a director's commentary,

but learning what it's like to work with someone as frenetic as Carrey is interesting.

The outtakes and deleted scenes, like most, are funny, but you can usually tell why they didn't make the final cut. One annoying feature of the DVD is the fact that there is no way to skip the opening trailers short of hitting the fast forward button, a fact which is unfortunately becoming more and more common on DVDs.

The sound and video quality are good and there were no major problems, but the fine points of audio and

visual quality aren't necessarily pushed to their limits on a Jim Carrey comedy.

Overall, *Bruce Almighty* proves to be a funny movie; it's a little on the sappy side, but in the best possible way. The DVD provides good extras that enhance viewing the film without overloading it with too many things that you'll never actually watch.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Too much plotline for so little time

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Movie Critic

Timeline is one of those movies that makes you leave the theater thinking, "Gee, I bet that was a really great book."

Adapted from Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, *Timeline* follows the adventures of a team of archaeologists who get stranded in the 14th

century. Why the 14th century? Well, the movie never really explains that.

A company trying to create an instantaneous "fax machine" for three-dimensional objects stumbles across a wormhole that sends things back in time to a 14th century battleground of the Hundred Years' War at Castelgard, France.

In good sci-fi style, the evil corporation starts sending teams of soldiers and researchers into the past,

trying to unravel the mystery of why they can only travel to 14th century France, rather than to any other place or time.

Of course, someone gets stranded and then someone goes after him. And in good sci-fi style, somebody blows up the machine in the present day, stranding all of them.

But time travel is really just a lame excuse to make a period action film. *Timeline* is really just a medieval battle epic. Luckily for us, the time machine sends our heroes back to April 4th, 1357, the fictional day of the French's routing of a British stronghold, rather than April 4th, 1722, when nothing of note happened.

Ironically, *Timeline* doesn't have enough time to tell its story. Like the many movies adapted from Crichton's books, such as *Jurassic Park* and *The Andromeda Strain*, *Timeline* has to crunch a lot of technical explanation into a two-hour film while making time for action-adventure mayhem and madness. Unlike Crichton films before it, *Timeline* only gives a mediocre gloss of the science behind it.

The movie focuses on the medieval adventure and rarely returns to the plotline of the present day. But the drama of trying to fix the portal in

the present seems really unnecessary. Since the science behind it is so vaguely laid out, the audience doesn't have much of a clue what is going on. In fact, the plotline at the beginning of the movie progresses so quickly, it's hard to make heads or tails of who's who or what's going on until the movie jumps back to Castelgard.

But *Timeline* doesn't leave the audience high and dry. All the plot elements in the movie do come together in some fashion at the end and there aren't any big lingering questions in the plotline.

Director Richard Donner probably would have done better by cutting out more of the extraneous plot points and focusing more on the action sequences. *Timeline* is a decent epic battle film but a lackluster sci-fi flick.

Crichton fans might be better advised to save their ticket money and buy the book instead. Those looking for a decent action-adventure flick won't be disappointed with *Timeline*, but let's just say the film isn't going down in the annals of cinematic history any time soon.

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Archaeology students Kate Ericson (Frances O'Connor) and Chris Johnston (Paul Walker) try to survive being temporarily stranded in the 14th century.

NFL

Even with McNair healthy, Titans still fall to Jets

Titans lose for the first time in 7 games, remain tied with Indy for division lead

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Tennessee Titans had the perfect chance to sit atop their division alone for the first time all season.

Chad Pennington and the New York Jets took it away from them. Pennington threw two second-half touchdown passes and the Jets beat Steve McNair and the Titans 24-17 Monday night.

The Jets (5-7) kept their slim playoff hopes alive and handed the Titans (9-3) their first loss in seven games.

McNair started the game despite a strained right calf, hoping to give the Titans sole possession of the AFC South after Indianapolis lost Sunday to the New England Patriots. They now have to wait another week for that to happen, with a home showdown against the Colts this weekend.

The NFL's top-rated passer heading into the game was mostly ineffective. McNair finished 21-of-35 for 272 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions. He threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Derrick Mason with 1:52 remaining to get the Titans within a touchdown, but Chris Baker recovered the onside kick for the Jets to close out the win.

Mason finished with 11 receptions for 133 yards and one touchdown.

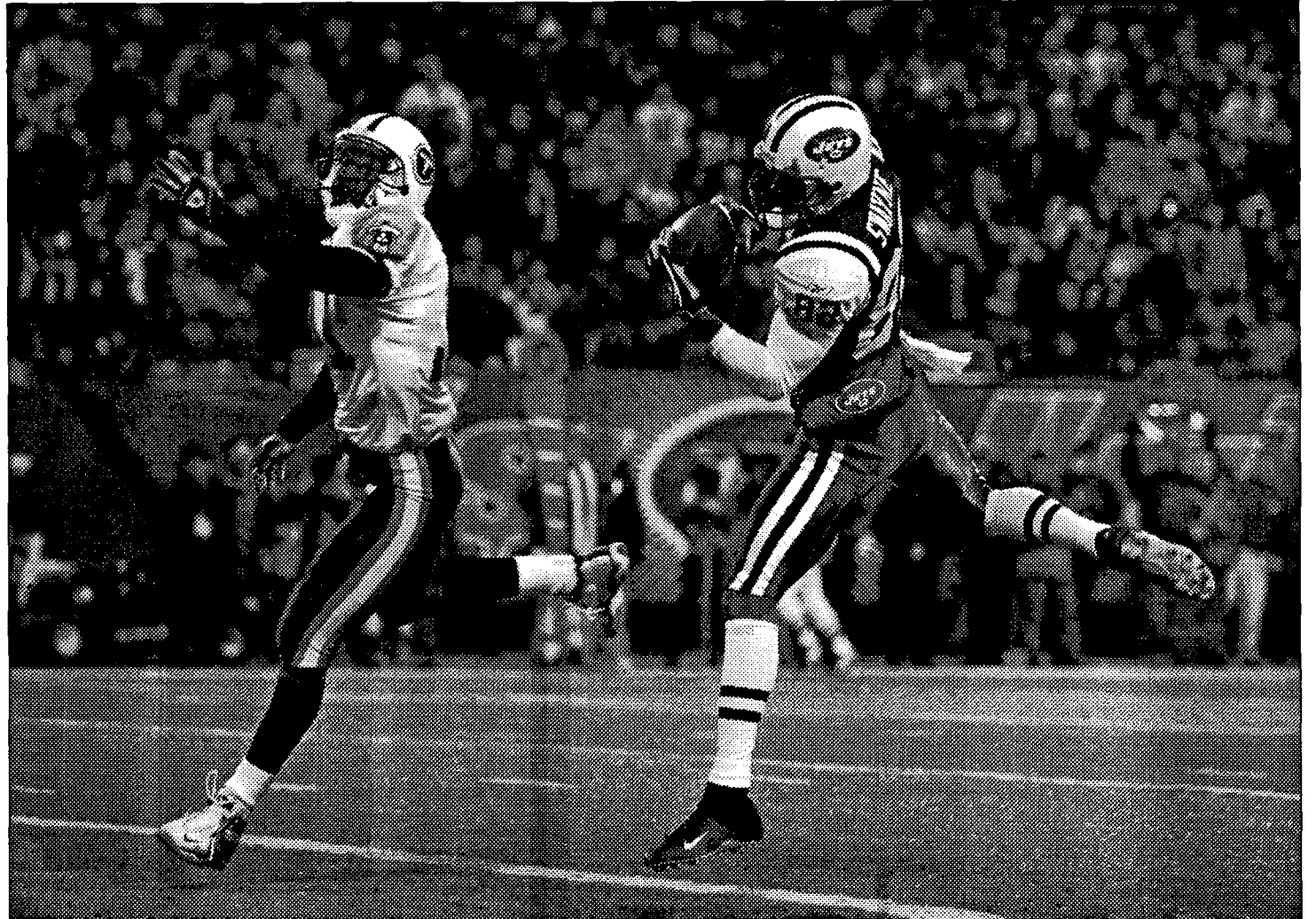
Pennington, meanwhile, finished 18-of-23 for 231 yards and also had two interceptions for his third win in five starts since returning from a broken left wrist. His play in the second half was nearly perfect.

After the Titans tied the game at 10 on a 35-yard field goal by Gary Anderson in the third quarter, Pennington engineered two straight scoring drives to take control of the game.

The first featured a little trickery. A reverse to Santana Moss gained 6 yards, and a flea flicker that Pennington threw to Curtis Conway got them 27 yards to the Titans 27.

On the next play, Pennington threw a beautiful 27-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Swayne for a 17-10 lead. It was Swayne's first reception of the year and his first career touchdown catch.

After forcing the Titans to punt, Pennington put the Jets up by two



Kevin Swayne of the New York Jets scores a touchdown in the third quarter against Ray Green of the Tennessee Titans during their game at Giants Stadium Monday night. The Jets defeated the Titans 24-17.

touchdowns — thanks to Moss. On second-and-5 from the 42, Pennington threw a pass to tight end Baker. But the ball deflected off his hands and up, and Moss was there to catch the ball and make a 32-yard completion.

Conway then caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, barely keeping his toes inbounds, to cap the drive.

McNair tried to rally the Titans, but Sam Garnes broke up a pass in the end zone intended for Erron Kinney on fourth-and-goal with 5:21 remaining.

McNair started off well, throwing a 59-yard touchdown pass to Justin

McCareins on the opening drive for a quick 7-0 lead. It was the longest completion for the Titans this season.

The Jets tied it up on the following possession. After converting a fourth-and-1 from the Titans 14 when Pennington completed a 4-yard pass to Jerald Sowell, the Jets faced second-and-goal from the 12.

Pennington threw a fade to Moss in the right corner of the end zone, but Samari Rolle got his hands on the ball. Officials initially ruled it an interception, and Rolle did a throat slash gesture that earned him an unsportsman-

like conduct penalty.

But the Jets challenged the call, and the official ruled that Rolle did not have possession. The Jets got an automatic first down at the 6, and Curtis Martin ran in for the score on the following play for his first touchdown of the season.

Doug Brien kicked a 27-yard field goal just before the break to give the Jets a 10-7 lead.

The Titans played without defensive end Jevon Kearse, who missed his second straight game with a sprained left ankle.

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A group of stand up comedians performed at Legends on Saturday November 22nd. The show went really well and the group plans on having about one show per month. Anyone interested in doing stand up comedy may email Peter Wicks at pwicks@nd.edu. On a side note, Matt Barringer, one of the comedians, was approached by a girl who complimented him immediately following a Keough dorm mass the night after the show. Regretful that he did not introduce himself, he would appreciate it if she would contact him at mbarrin@nd.edu.

Hi Angie.

True Blue.

Matrix Revolutions is awful.

NHL

Penguins use late goal from Abid to defeat Thrashers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ramzi Abid scored on a two-on-one break with 3:43 remaining and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied twice to beat the Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 on Monday night before their smallest home crowd in nearly eight years.

The turnout of 9,576 was the Penguins' worst since 7,170 braved a snowstorm Dec. 19, 1995, to watch them play Calgary.

The Penguins' attendance is down more than 3,000 per game from last season, causing the team to announce earlier in the day that owner-player Mario Lemieux had turned down the \$5 million raise offered him by the team's board.

As Atlanta defenseman Chris Tamer tried to control the puck while on his knees along the left wing boards, Aleksey Morozov skated past, grabbed it and found Abid breaking in from the opposite wing for his second goal.

Penguins rookie goalie Marc-Andre Fleury stopped a six-game losing streak that dated to Nov. 1, turning aside 24 of 27 shots and holding Atlanta scoreless for the final 33 minutes. The No. 1 draft pick is 4-8-2.

The Penguins won for only the third time in 13 games, while Atlanta — 1-14-0-2 in its history against Pittsburgh — lost its third in eight games.

The Thrashers led 2-1 and 3-2, but the Penguins rallied to tie it each time against goalie Pasi Nurminen. Dick

Tarnstrom scored his fifth of the season off a rebound in the slot to make it 2-all early in the second, 41 seconds after J.P. Vigier's short-handed goal gave Atlanta the lead.

Drake Berehowsky fanned on a shot, allowing Vigier to scoop up the puck and beat Fleury on a breakaway for the league-high ninth short-handed goal against Pittsburgh in 23 games.

Marc Savard put Atlanta up 3-2 about five minutes later on a power play. Savard returned after sitting out a one-game suspension Saturday for biting the glove of Toronto's Darcy Tucker.

Ryan Malone tied it again for Pittsburgh midway through the period, going to the net to tap in Mike Eastwood's pass — the game's first even-strength goal since Brian Holzinger scored his second in as many games with 12 1/2 minutes gone.

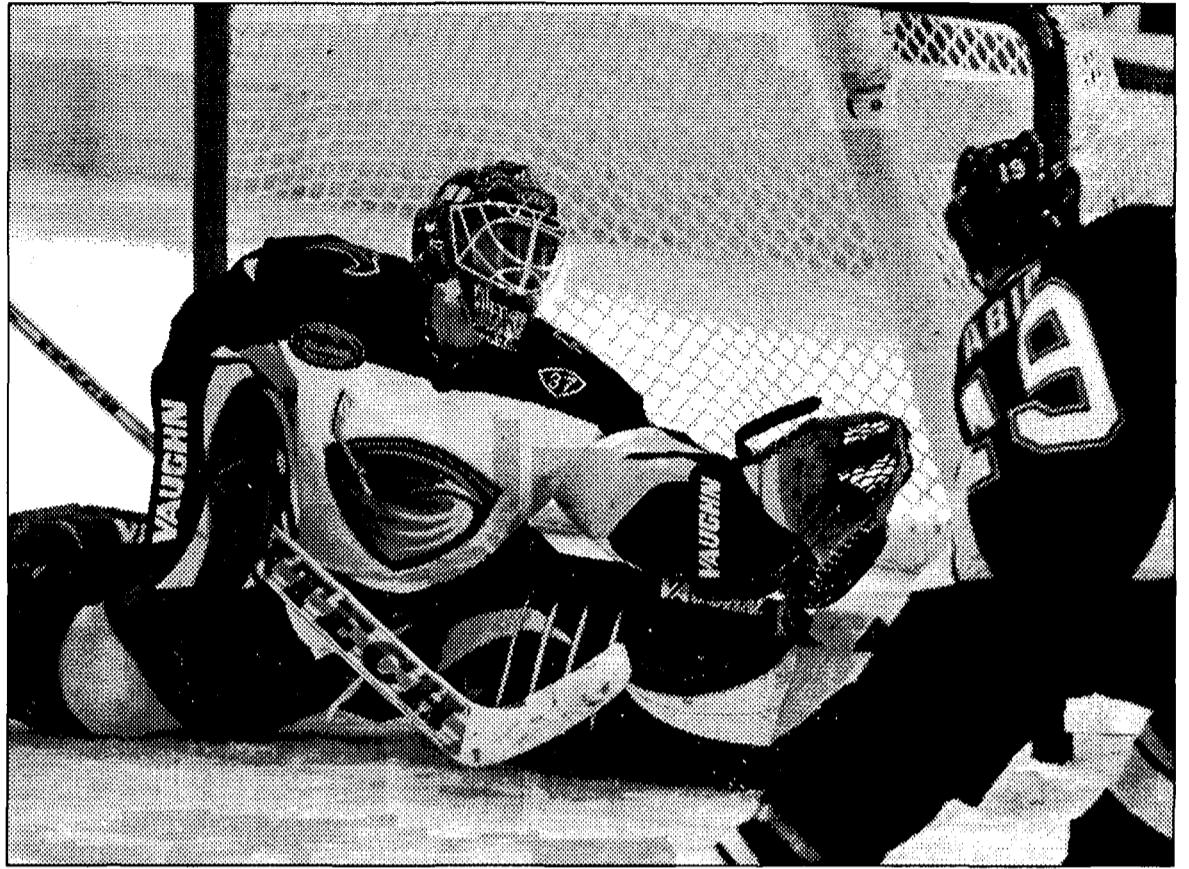
Ilya Kovalchuk answered that with his third in four games, taking Frantisek Kaberle's pass from the right point to beat Fleury from the high slot for his 18th goal. Kovalchuk has five goals in eight games against Pittsburgh.

Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 1

Martin Havlat scored twice to help the Ottawa Senators end Philadelphia's 12-game unbeaten streak with a 4-1 victory over the NHL-leading Flyers on Monday night.

Philadelphia, 10-0-2 in November, remained a point ahead of Vancouver in the overall standings.

Havlat opened the scoring



The Penguins' Ramzi Abid scores the winning goal against Thrashers goalie Pasi Nurminen in the third period of their game Monday night. The Penguins won, 4-3.

early in the second period, the first time the Senators have scored the first goal in a game since Nov. 3. He made it 2-0 late in the period with a power-play goal.

Flyers captain Keith Primeau scored a short-handed goal early in the third, beating goalie Martin Prusek on a two-on-one rush with defenseman Eric Weinrich.

Senators defenseman Anton

Volchenkov restored Ottawa's two-goal lead midway through the period, scoring his first goal of the season off a centering pass from Marian Hossa.

The Senators were denied a goal with 4:18 remaining when a video review determined that Hossa's pass in front on a power play was kicked in by Radek Bonk at the edge of the crease.

Daniel Alfredsson scored into an empty net with 1:16 left.

The Flyers, who have lost just three times in regulation, hadn't been defeated since a 3-2 loss in New Jersey on Oct. 30.

Ottawa improved to 3-4-0-2

in its last nine games.

Prusek made 31 saves, starting in place of Patrick Lalime, who fell ill with the flu prior to the game.

Neither of Havlat's goals came on direct shots on goal.

On the first, Havlat's attempted pass to Bonk struck Weinrich's right skate and was redirected past goalie Robert Esche into an open left side.

Havlat made it 2-0 just four seconds after Ottawa failed to score on a four-on-three power play. With the puck behind the goal line, Havlat fired the puck into the crease at Esche, banking the puck into the net off the goalie's right pad.

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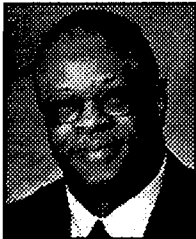
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Croom to become 1st black coach in SEC

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Sylvester Croom became the first black head football coach in Southeastern Conference history, accepting an offer Monday to take over troubled Mississippi State.



Croom

"We went after the best football coach and we're confident we found that individual in Sylvester Croom," athletic director Larry Templeton said.

Croom informed Templeton that he would take the job less than 24 hours after Templeton said he had offered it. A news conference will be held Tuesday to introduce him.

Croom, 49, has never been a head coach, but has been an NFL assistant with five teams since 1987 and worked for Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins at Alabama from 1977-86.

The SEC's hiring history came under increased scrutiny earlier this year when Croom was passed over for the top job at his alma mater, Alabama, in favor of Mike Shula, another former Crimson Tide player, who is white.

Every other BCS conference has had at least one black head coach, but a lack of diversity among major college football head coaches is not exclusive to the SEC.

There were only four black head football coaches among 117 Division I-A football schools this season.

The SEC provided its members lists of potential minority candidates to help promote a more inclusive hiring process.

Alabama was criticized by some, including civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, for not hiring Croom, who had more experience than Shula.

Messages left at Croom's home and office were not immediately returned.

Templeton said Sunday that Croom, who has been coaching running backs at Green Bay since 2001, has been cleared by the Packers to assume his new position immediately.

He replaces retiring coach Jackie Sherrill and inherits a program that has been in a free fall for three years.

The Bulldogs are 8-27 since 2001 with just three SEC victories. They completed a 2-10 season last week, the school's worst since 1988.

Mississippi State is awaiting the results of an NCAA investigation into possible rules violations by the football program from 1998-2002. Templeton said he has discussed the NCAA issues with Croom.

Bearcats fire Minter, offer other position

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati fired football coach Rick Minter on Monday and offered him another position within the athletic department.

Minter was fired three days after the Bearcats (5-7) ended their season with a 43-40 loss to Louisville.

Minter has been at Cincinnati for 10 years, and with a 53-63-1 record had the most wins and losses in Bearcats' history. He had three years remaining on his contract.

Minter, who was Notre Dame's defensive coordinator in 1992-93 after seven years as an assistant at Ball State, took Cincinnati to bowl games four of the past six seasons but had come under increasing criticism for failing to create a larger fan base and national profile.

"When I came here, in retrospect, it wasn't a very good job," he said of his 1993

arrival. "We got it better. The guy who comes in next is going to find it a more desirable job than I found it."

There was more pressure on Minter to produce a consistent winner when Cincinnati accepted an invitation last month to leave Conference USA for the higher-profile Big East.

Athletic director Bob Goin declined to say what new job Minter has been offered.

"I believe he has some administrative talent," Goin

said. "We'd be happy to have him do that."

Minter said he would consider the offer to complete his contract in another capacity but was disappointed to be fired as football coach.

"You know when you get in the business, it's liable to happen," he said. "At heart, I'm a football coach."

After a 3-0 start this year, the Bearcats lost seven of their final nine games for their first losing season in four years.

LSU still in 3rd in BCS poll

Sooners will likely stay in top 2 even with loss in Big XII Championship

Associated Press

LSU narrowed Southern California's lead for second place in the BCS standings Monday but still needs some help to play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Trojans (11-1) hold a 1.53-point lead over the Tigers (11-1) going into the final week of the regular season, down from 2.15 points a week ago.

The top two teams in the final Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday will play for the title in New Orleans on Jan. 4.

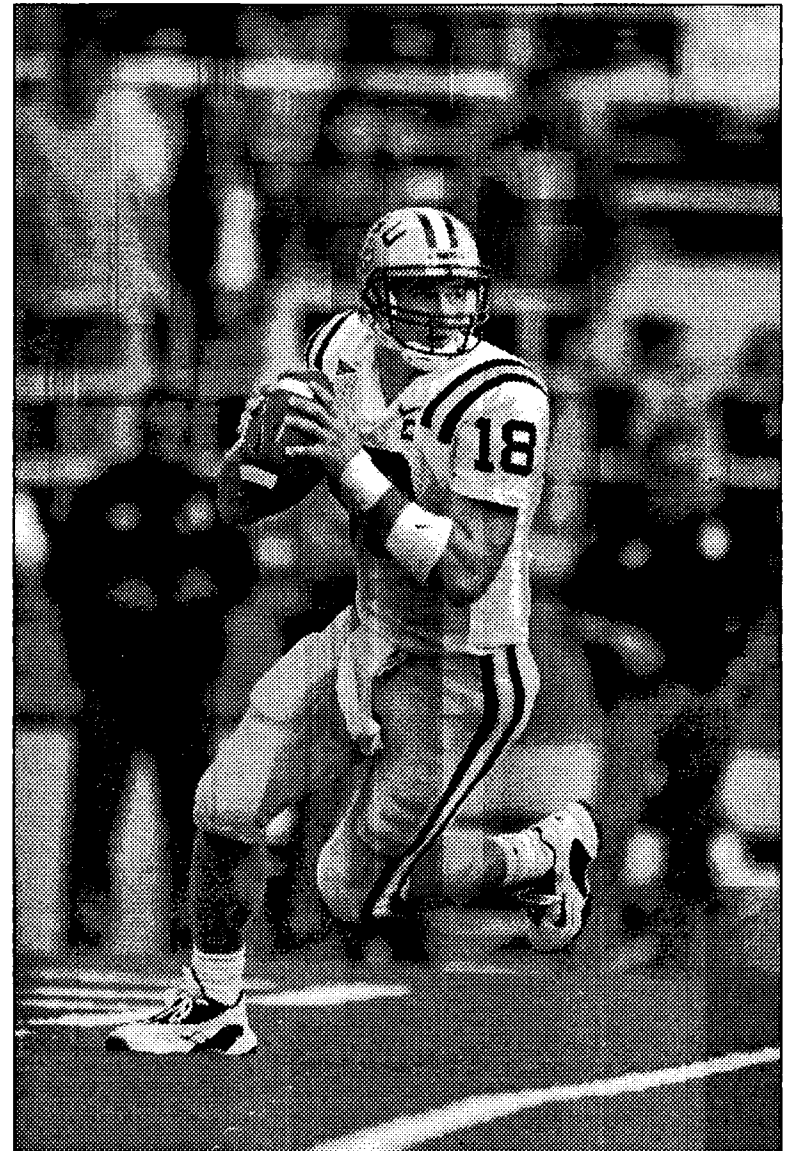
Oklahoma (12-0) maintained its grip on the top spot with a nearly five-point lead over USC and would likely remain in the top two even with a loss Saturday to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls and the top team in all seven BCS computers. They have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 2.06.

USC has a one-point lead in the polls over LSU, has a 0.25 advantage in the computers and a 0.68 lead in strength of schedule. The Tigers have a 0.4 bonus for a quality win over Georgia.

While LSU would gain in the computers and strength of schedule by beating the Bulldogs (10-2), the Tigers would also be penalized because Georgia would drop — costing them quality-win points.

A win by Syracuse over Notre Dame would be a big help for the Tigers, likely moving them to second in the



LSU quarterback Matt Mauck rolls out in the Tigers' 17-14 win over Ole Miss in Oxford, Miss. The Tigers are currently ranked third in the BCS behind Oklahoma and Southern Cal.

Colley Matrix computer if they can beat Georgia. USC beat Notre Dame earlier this year.

"I think our focus needs to be on the game that we are playing and what is in front of us and nothing else," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think that when you start thinking of those other things, which I have referred to on occasion as clutter, it affects your ability to perform like you need to."

USC finishes the season at home against Oregon State (7-4) on Saturday.

Michigan remained fourth and is in the best position to move up to second if USC and

LSU both lose. Ohio State is fifth, followed by Texas, Georgia, Florida State, Tennessee and Miami.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Kentucky holds off 2nd-half comeback in win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Gerald Fitch scored 24 points and No. 9 Kentucky withstood Marshall's 3-point flurry and second-half comeback Monday night, holding on for an 89-76 victory.

Fitch, a senior guard who had a career-high 36 points against Tennessee Tech on Friday, was the only consistent threat for Kentucky (3-0), which let a 13-point lead dwindle to six in the closing minutes.

Marshall (1-2) hit 10 3-pointers to keep Kentucky fidgety, but missed its last five shots from behind the arc and faded in the closing minutes.

Kelenna Azubuike added 16 points and Erik Daniels had 14 for Kentucky, which has won all 11 of its games with Marshall. Ronny Dawn led Marshall with 23 points, going 7-of-9 on 3s.

The overwhelming majority of the crowd wore blue and white for Kentucky's annual visit to Cincinnati, the equivalent of a home game away from home. The Wildcats are 8-1 all-time at the downtown

arena, the only loss to Dayton in 1999.

First-year Marshall coach Ron Jirsa was an assistant at Dayton when it pulled off the upset. He also was one of Tubby Smith's assistants at Tulsa and Georgia.

Jirsa tried every sort of defense to slow Kentucky, with little success. The Wildcats took a 47-34 halftime lead by running fast breaks and taking advantage of Marshall's front line.

Four turnovers set up a 13-point run that put Kentucky ahead to stay 28-17 midway through the half. The Wildcats repeatedly had players slip free inside for easy baskets, making up for their poor outside shooting.

Fitch had 12 points in the first half, when his main job was to try to shut down Dawn after an early flurry of 3-pointers. The junior guard shoots 42 percent from behind the arc, one of the best marks in Marshall history.

Connecticut 75, Lehigh 55

Ben Gordon scored 19 points and had a career-high five steals to lead No. 3 Connecticut to a 75-55 victory over Lehigh on Monday night.

The Huskies (5-1) were playing their first game after relinquishing the No. 1 ranking, which they held in the preseason poll and for the first two weeks of the regular season.

Rashad Anderson finished with 14 points and Denham Brown had 13 points and eight rebounds to help Connecticut overcome a rocky first half against the smaller Mountain Hawks (1-3).

Jose Olivero led Lehigh with 17 points and Ra Tiah was 3-of-5 from behind the 3-point line and finished with 11 in the losing effort.

After a quick 7-0 run on transition baskets in the first minute of the game, the Huskies quickly cooled off with sloppy play and poor shooting. Connecticut went four minutes without a field goal and the Mountain Hawks didn't fare much better, hitting just two of their first 12 shots. The teams combined for 20 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

Lehigh managed to stay close with five 3-pointers and caught Connecticut with 2:49 left in the first half on Dayne Mickelson's jumper that tied it 24-24.

The Huskies broke away with a 13-2 run in the closing minutes to take a 37-26 halftime lead. Connecticut was 6-of-6 from the free throw line in that spurt. Lehigh's only points in the final 2 1/2 minutes came off free throws made when Brown was called for a technical for trash talking.

Connecticut shot 55 percent in the second half and led by as many as 26 points with five minutes to play.

Emeka Okafor finished with 10 points and two blocked shots for Connecticut and freshman forward Josh Boone had five blocks.

FSU 71, Northwestern 53

Florida State's Anthony

Richardson was slow getting started Monday, but once he did it was all over for Northwestern.

Richardson didn't score his first basket for nearly 16 minutes, accounting for his two points at halftime when Northwestern led 31-26.

"You stay with it, you stay focused," Richardson said. "The game is played in two halves."

"I just tried to stay positive," he said. "I wanted to make them stop me."

Richardson erupted with 25 of a career-high 27 points in the second half to catapult the Seminoles to a 71-53 victory in the 2004 opener of the annual Atlantic Coast Conference-Big Ten challenge.

He made 9 of 11 shots after the half, including four of five from 3-point distance in addition to a trademark thunderous dunk as Florida State won going away.

"We were just not able to contain [Richardson] in the second half," Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said.

Florida State shot 67 percent in the second half and was even better from long distance hitting 8 of 11 tries.

"We got on an offensive roll that really made a difference," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"The flow of the game sometimes dictates who will have opportunities," Hamilton said.

"We were just not able to contain [Richardson] in the second half."

Bill Carmody
Northwestern coach

"The way it went gave Anthony more opportunities."

Tim Pickett added 21 for the Seminoles (5-0), who had runs of 24-9 and 18-3 in the second half when they outscored the visitors 45-22. No other Florida State player had more than five points.

SMU 62, Texas Tech 59

Bryan Hopkins scored 19 points as Southern Methodist beat Texas Tech 62-59 on Monday evening.

SMU (2-1) didn't hit a field goal and scored only two points in the final 4:29 of the game, but the Mustangs had three steals in the final minute to hold off a surging Texas Tech (4-2).

After blowing a 16-point first half lead and falling behind 53-50 on an Andre Emmett lay-up, the Mustangs scored 10 straight points to take a 60-53 lead on a lay-up by Eric Castro with 4:29 left to play in the game.

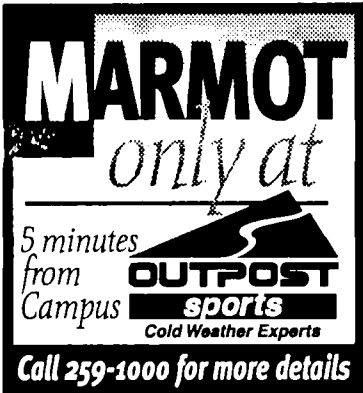
SMU guard Justin Isham stole the ball from Michael Marshall with 4 seconds left in the game and was fouled with the Mustangs leading 61-59. Isham hit the second of his two free throws to give SMU a three-point lead.

Texas Tech's Robert Tomaszek's potential game-tying 3-pointer as time expired hit the front of the rim.

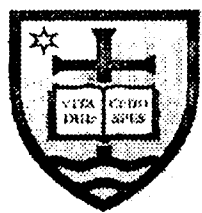
Emmett led the Red Raiders with 28 points and 12 rebounds.

Patrick Simpson finished with 11 points and nine rebounds and Castro scored 10 points for SMU.

Tech only shot 2-of-17 from three-point range.



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Jayhawks claim top spot in new AP poll

Associated Press

Bill Self didn't have to wait to be No. 1 at Kansas.

The Jayhawks, taking advantage of losses by the top four teams last week, jumped from sixth to No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday.

Their move to the top was the biggest in almost 40 years and matched the second biggest in the history of the poll, which started in the 1948-49 season.

"I don't believe we're deserving of it, but I don't know if anyone is right now," the first-year coach said before Monday morning's shootaround. "There are probably 10 to 12 teams out there who could be No. 1 the way things played out last week."

Kansas (2-0) beat then-No. 3 Michigan State 81-74 in their only game last week, and combined with losses by Connecticut, Duke and Arizona (Nos. 1, 2 and 4 last week) and an unimpressive win by then-No. 5 Missouri, it meant another trip to No. 1.

Florida beat Arizona to move up from eighth to No. 2 this week. Georgia Tech defeated Connecticut, and Purdue beat Duke, moving them into the rankings for the first time this

season. Georgia Tech was 13th, and the Boilermakers were 20th.

Kansas was ranked No. 1 for four weeks in the 2001-02 season, its first stint at the top since getting there for five straight seasons from 1992-93 through 1996-97.

Nine teams received first-place votes this week, backing up Self's point of not being deserving of the top spot.

"Although it's very early, we'll enjoy the time we have it and we certainly hope to maintain it," said Self, who took over when Roy Williams left after 14 seasons to become coach at North Carolina.

The Jayhawks were at Texas Christian on Monday night, their first game since starting guard Michael Lee broke his right collarbone in practice last week. He is expected to be out for up to two months.

Kansas' jump from No. 6 to No. 1 matched Duke's rise on Dec. 14, 1965, and those were second only to West Virginia's moving from No. 8 to No. 1 on Dec. 24, 1957.

The Jayhawks received 52 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the 72-member national media panel, 146 more than Florida (2-0), which was No. 1 on eight ballots.

NBA

McDyess returns, but Knicks lose in overtime

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Antonio McDyess grinned in embarrassment and blew a kiss to the crowd, his first point as a member of the New York Knicks finally on the board almost 14 months after he fractured his kneecap in a preseason game.

McDyess' point came from the foul line after he missed five shot attempts and a free throw, and he scored only one other point Monday night in a 79-78 overtime loss to the Detroit Pistons.

"I'm not going to step on the court and get 20 and 10 the first night. It's going to take time," McDyess said before the game.

He couldn't have been more correct.

The former All-Star and Olympian finally appeared in a regular-season game almost a year and a half after the Knicks acquired him. He was warmly received but played tentatively, showing plenty of rust while shooting 0-for-5 with two turnovers and three rebounds in 13 minutes.

Merely having him on the court was a welcome sight for the Knicks, who had yet to receive any dividends from Scott Layden's blockbuster draft night deal of two summers ago that cost New York two starters and a lottery pick.

As poorly as McDyess played, it was not his fault that New York lost the game. That blame could be spread around after the Knicks scored only nine points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth to fritter away a lead that had grown as large as 15.

Chauncey Billups scored seven of his 24 points in overtime for the Pistons, who walked off with the win after Mehmet Okur blocked Michael Doleac's jumper just before the final buzzer.

It was the third straight victory for the Pistons, one of only seven NBA teams who began the night with a winning road record.

Grizzlies 96, Celtics 89

Paul Gasol finally got a win — and some revenge — against the Celtics.

Gasol scored 19 points and Lorenzen Wright added 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead Memphis to 96-89 win over Boston on Monday night, the Grizzlies' first victory against the Celtics in more than three years.

"It's nice to finally get a win against them because I've been here three years and lost a few close ones," Gasol said. "It's really satisfying, especially after the season-opening loss."

Memphis snapped a five-game losing streak against the Celtics and avoided being swept by

Boston for the third consecutive season. The last time that the Grizzlies beat the Celtics was a 98-87 win on Nov. 26, 2000.

Paul Pierce finished with 26 points to lead Boston. Mike Miller had 10 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for Memphis and Shane Battier added 12 points.

"It's very frustrating," Pierce said. "We're stagnant too many times on offense. A lot of guys depend on me to make a play every time down the floor and that puts a lot of pressure on me. We have to stop depending on me so much."

The Grizzlies, who have won two straight, avenged a season-opening 93-91 home loss in which Celtics point guard Mike James sank a 15-foot jumper with 1.8 seconds left to win the game.

Bulls 97, Bucks 87

This latest version of the Chicago Bulls is a winner. For one night, at least.

Playing just a few hours after the trade that brought them from Toronto was finalized, Jerome Williams and Antonio Davis gave the Bulls the energy and enthusiasm they've lacked, and the Bulls made coach Scott Skiles a winner in his Chicago debut with a 97-87 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

When the buzzer sounded,

Jamal Crawford and Williams ran to the sidelines and hugged Skiles. The victory snapped a seven-game losing streak for Chicago.

Williams finished with 13 points, a team-high 10 rebounds and four steals — including a floor-burner that immediately endeared him to Bulls fans. Davis had 11 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

And this was a true team effort. Crawford scored a career-high 30 points and tied his season high with eight assists. He also had eight rebounds. Eddy Curry had 22 points, including a monster dunk to stop a 12-0 Milwaukee run that pulled the Bucks within 91-87 late in the fourth quarter.

Utah 91, New Jersey 84

Andrei Kirilenko and DeShawn Stevenson scored 18 points apiece, and the Utah Jazz won their fourth straight game by holding off the New Jersey Nets 91-84 Monday night.

Utah let a 19-point second-half lead dwindle to three with less than a minute to play before sealing it with four straight free throws to improve to 9-1 at home. It was the Jazz's fifth win in six games.

Greg Ostertag had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Matt Harpring added 16 points and nine rebounds before fouling out

in the fourth quarter for the Jazz.

Kirilenko also had three blocks and 10 rebounds for Utah, which outrebounded the Nets 51-25.

New Jersey, which lost by 13 points the previous night at Sacramento, overcame a poor start with a strong fourth quarter, but still lost its third straight game.

Richard Jefferson led the Nets with 22 points. Jason Kidd added 15 points and Kenyon Martin 10 for New Jersey.

Utah was pulling away in the third quarter and appeared to have the game almost wrapped up before New Jersey started hitting some shots.

The Nets trimmed a 19-point lead to 66-56 at the end of the third quarter with an 11-2 run, then continued to chip away in the fourth. Jefferson made two free throws and then a layup with just under 5 minutes remaining to cut the lead to 77-73, and the Nets kept it close from there.

Jefferson cut it to 87-84 on a 3-pointer with about 35 seconds to go, but that was the last gasp for the Nets. Raul Lopez drew a foul and went 2-for-2 from the line, then after Kidd missed a 20-footer, the rebound kicked out to Raja Bell who was fouled and made both free throws to seal it.

McDyess plays in first game after 14-month hiatus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly 14 months after Antonio McDyess heard a pop in his knee as he went up for a dunk, the former All-Star and Olympian was ready to play his first regular-season game for the New York Knicks.

The Knicks knew they were taking a risk when they acquired McDyess from the Nuggets two summers ago. He

had played only 10 games the previous season while coming off of knee surgery.

Yet team president Scott Layden met Denver's asking price and gave up the rights to draft pick Nene Hilario along with starters Marcus Camby and Mark Jackson — a move that brought Layden heavy criticism throughout McDyess' hiatus.

"It's great to have our team back together. It's going to be great to see him out there," Layden said after the team's shootaround Monday.

Coach Don Chaney planned to use McDyess off the bench for six minutes in each half of New York's game against the Detroit Pistons. McDyess entered to a warm ovation with 2:06 left in the first quarter but played tentatively, missing his first four shots and committing turnovers two of the first three times he touched the ball.

"He's not going to be perfect out there, but just to have his

presence on the floor really helps us," Chaney said. "In the long run, I think it's going to be great for us."

McDyess looked spectacular in the three exhibition games he played for New York prior to the 2002-03 season, but his fortunes changed in the fourth game when he crumpled to the floor holding his knee.

McDyess had fractured his kneecap — the same knee was surgically repaired the previous season — and he was distraught later that night as he struggled to come to grips with the possibility of yet another career-threatening injury.

It turned out to be so serious McDyess needed two surgeries to correct it, the final procedure coming last spring after the Knicks failed to make the playoffs for the second consecutive season.

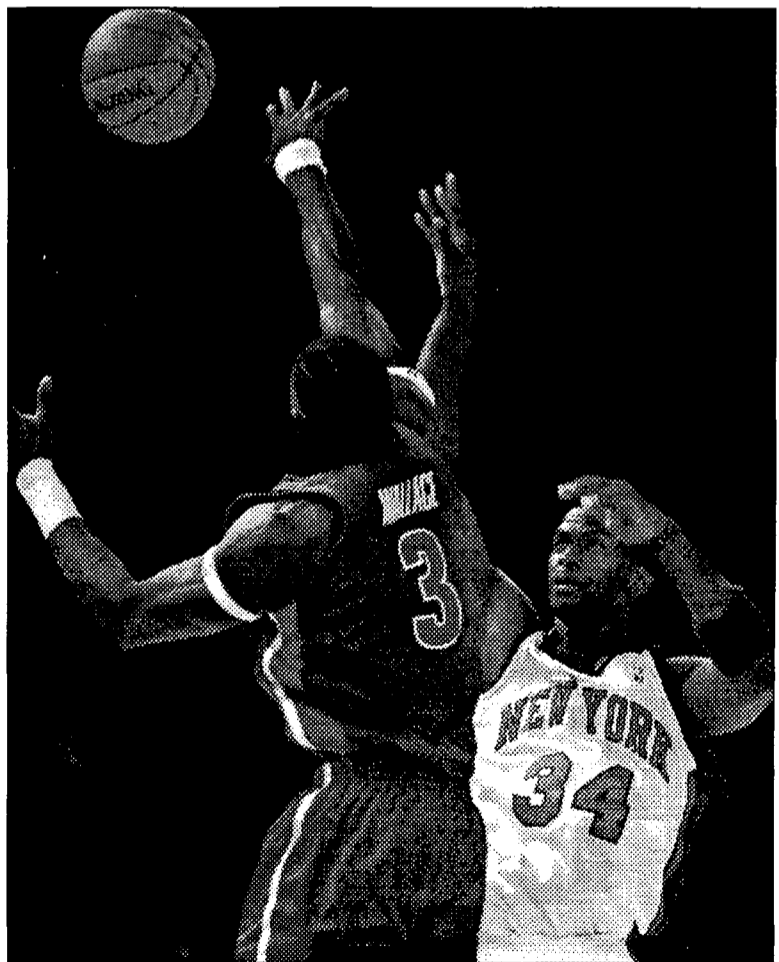
After a summer of rehab continued into training camp and the early part of the regular season, McDyess finally began practicing with the team in the middle of November.

The big moment of his return was expected to come with about three minutes left in the first quarter, which is when Chaney planned to play McDyess.

"I feel like a part of the team the last couple of days. Before, it just seemed like I was an outsider," said McDyess, who averaged 20.8 points and 12.1 rebounds in 2001-02 — his last productive season.

McDyess is joining a Knicks team that has rebounded from a poor start to win four of its last five games.

For the time being, he will be a backup on a front line that



New York's Antonio McDyess attempts to pass over Detroit's Ben Wallace in his first game back on the court in 14 months.

includes Dikembe Mutombo, Kurt Thomas and Keith Van Horn — though he figures to eventually replace one of them in the starting lineup if his knee holds up and he regains his form.

"I'm not going to step on the court and get 20 and 10 the first night. It's going to take time," McDyess said.

Despite a record of 7-10, New

York began the night just 1 1/2 games out of first place in the Atlantic Division. If McDyess is able to stay healthy, the Knicks' two-year postseason drought figures to be coming to an end.

"I got in an elevator last night," McDyess said. "Some woman said she's going to cook me dinner when we get to the playoffs, and I'm like, 'Look, I just want to get on the court.'

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2	USC	10-1	6.96
3	LSU	11-1	8.43
4	Michigan	10-2	10.22
5	Ohio State	10-2	14.83
6	Texas	10-2	15.19
7	Georgia	10-2	15.33
8	Florida State	10-2	16.44
9	Tennessee	10-2	20.37
10	Miami (Fla.)	10-2	20.89
11	Miami (Ohio)	11-1	27.40
12	Iowa	9-3	27.90
13	Purdue	9-3	30.53
14	Florida	9-4	34.71
15	Kansas State	10-3	35.66
16	Washington State	9-3	36.77
17	TCU	11-1	39.39
18	Bowling Green	10-2	41.73
19	Boise State	11-1	42.48
20	Mississippi	9-3	45.26
21	Nebraska	9-3	45.27
22	Oklahoma State	9-3	46.97
23	Utah	9-2	47.11
24	Maryland	9-3	50.62
25	Minnesota	9-3	56.45

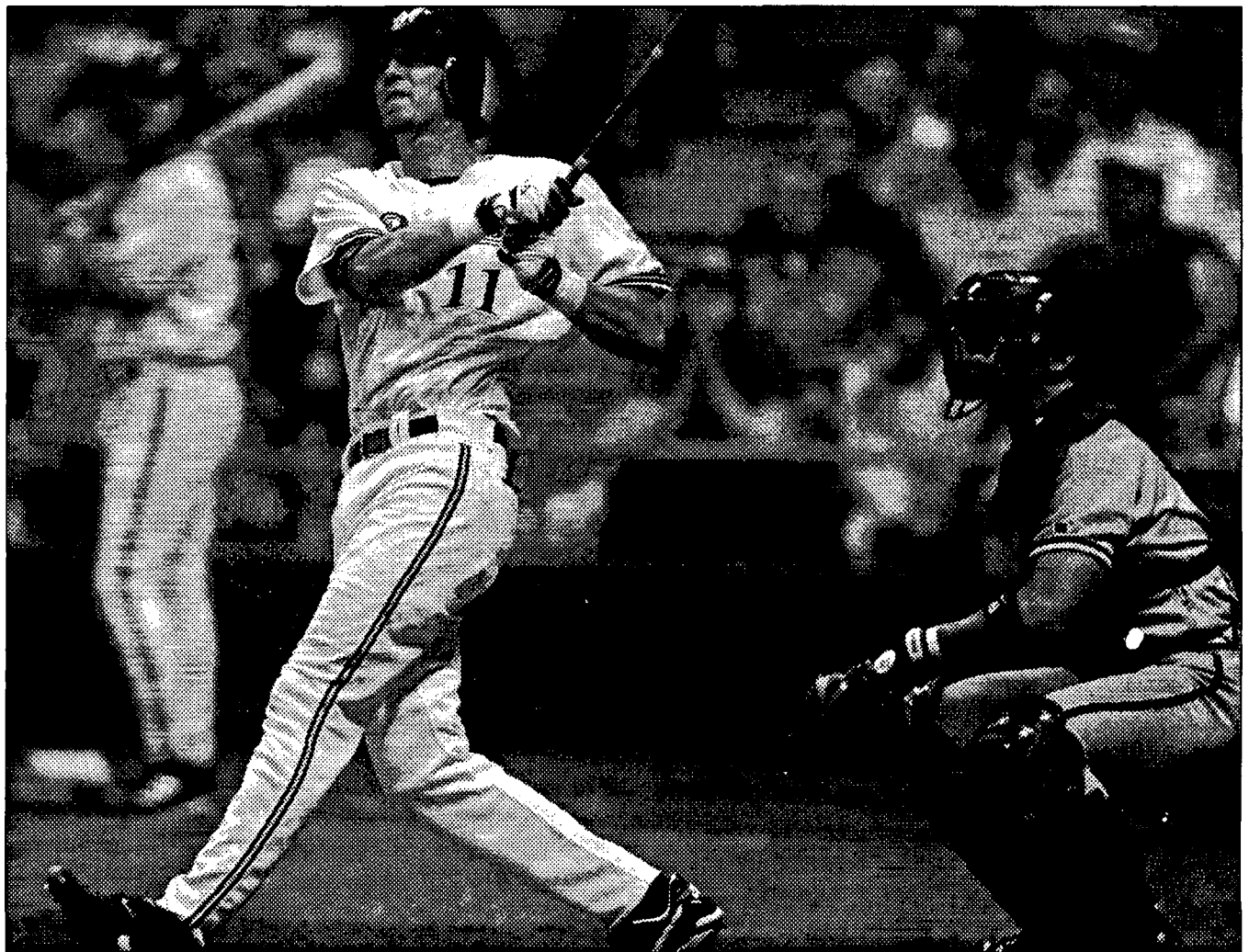
Men's College Basketball

	team	record	points
1	Kansas (25)	2-0	740
2	Florida (2)	2-0	696
3	Kentucky	2-0	612
4	Connecticut (1)	4-1	598
5	Missouri (1)	1-0	565
6	Michigan State	3-1	560
7	Duke	3-1	560
8	Arizona	1-1	551
9	Texas	3-0	514
10	North Carolina (1)	3-0	498
11	Illinois	3-0	479
12	Oklahoma	3-0	384
13	Wisconsin	2-0	354
14	Saint Joseph's	3-0	344
15	Georgia Tech	5-0	317
16	Wake Forest	3-0	295
17	Stanford	3-0	270
18	Syracuse	1-1	258
19	Cincinnati	3-0	257
20	NOTRE DAME	2-0	200
21	Purdue	4-0	192
22	Pittsburgh	4-0	150
23	Marquette	4-0	130
24	Gonzaga	3-1	113
25	Maryland	3-0	97

USA Today Hockey poll

	team	points	previous
1	North Dakota (32)	507	1
2	Boston College	475	2
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7	Ohio State	250	8
8	Denver	240	10
9	Michigan	193	5
10	Massachusetts	183	7
11	Wisconsin	165	NR
12	Brown	157	14
13	Dartmouth	95	11
14	NOTRE DAME	94	NR
15	Boston University	28	12

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Former Milwaukee Brewer first baseman Richie Sexson admires a homer to left field on Aug. 5 against the Atlanta Braves. Sexson was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks as part of a nine-player deal on Monday.

Arizona acquires slugger Sexson

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Right after trading off a power pitcher, the Arizona Diamondbacks acquired a power hitter who ranks among the best in the game.

The Diamondbacks got Richie Sexson from Milwaukee in a nine-player deal Monday that sent infielder Craig Counsell and second baseman Junior Spivey to the Brewers.

First baseman Lyle Overbay, catcher Chad Moeller and left-hander Jorge De La Rosa were dealt to Milwaukee.

In addition to Sexson, Arizona received left-hander Shane Nance and a player to be named.

"I'm pretty excited," Sexson said in a conference call. "I enjoyed my time in Milwaukee, but as a player, we obviously play to win, and it got tough in Milwaukee."

The deal was finalized after Curt Schilling passed his physical with the Boston Red Sox.

De La Rosa was one of four players sent to Arizona for Schilling, and could not be traded until the Schilling deal was finalized.

"He was the Red Sox's

best pitching prospect," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said. "He's ahead of our young pitchers. We were reluctant to do the deal unless he was in the deal."

Sexson tied Barry Bonds for third in the majors with 45 home runs last season, and had 124 RBIs. Arizona had no player with more than 26 home runs last year.

Sexson, 28, will make \$8.6 million next year, the final season of his contract.

Colangelo said that despite the franchise's financial constraints, the Diamondbacks don't con-

sider this just a one-season acquisition.

"We'll cross that bridge when we get there, but the bottom line is we have the ability to sign him," Colangelo said. "We're not looking at this as a one-year deal."

He was the Brewers' most popular player, but with the franchise looking to cut its already meager payroll to about \$30 million next season, his salary was too high.

"We were faced with the reality of losing Richie Sexson and probably getting nothing in return except for a few draft choices," Melvin said.

IN BRIEF

Cincinnati fires football coach

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati fired football coach Rick Minter on Monday and offered him another position within the athletic department.

Minter was fired three days after the Bearcats (5-7) ended their season with a 43-40 loss to Louisville.

Minter has been at Cincinnati for 10 years, and with a 53-63-1 record had the most wins and losses in Bearcats' history. He had three years remaining on his contract.

Minter, who was Notre Dame's defensive coordinator in 1992-93 after seven years as an assistant at Ball State, took Cincinnati to bowl games four of the past six seasons but had come under increasing criticism for failing to create a larger fan base and national profile.

After a 3-0 this year, the Bearcats lost seven of their final nine games for their first losing season in

four years.

Colts TE Clark likely to miss season

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts tight end Dallas Clark will have surgery on his broken right leg Tuesday and is likely to miss the rest of the season.

Coach Tony Dungy said another examination Monday revealed ligament damage on the inside of the leg along with the broken fibula on the outside of the leg.

Clark had 29 receptions for 340 yards and one touchdown this season, including two catches for 18 yards before getting hurt Sunday, and was becoming more of a threat in the Colts' offense during the past month.

Clark, the Colts' first-round pick out of Iowa in April's NFL draft, hurt his leg during Sunday's 38-34 loss to New England when he landed awkwardly after trying to spin away from a tackle. Clark went airborne and came down with his weight on the

right leg.

He was taken off the field on a stretcher and his leg was placed in an air cast.

Indiana center Leach out with knee injury

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana center George Leach will be out indefinitely because of a left knee injury, the school announced Monday.

Leach, a 6-foot-11 senior, left Saturday's game against Xavier with about nine minutes left in regulation, then limped to the locker room. Following the game, he had an ice pack on the knee and was expected to get an MRI. Leach said he hurt the knee when he landed on someone's foot while trying to block a shot.

Leach led the Big Ten last year with 79 blocks and is fifth on the Hoosiers' career list (155). He started the first three games this season, posting season-highs of 11 points and five blocks at Vanderbilt, and was averaging 8 points.

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dispatching the Wildcats Friday, jumping out to a 5-0 lead before Northern Michigan's Nathan Oystriick scored with less than three minutes remaining to spoil what would have been Brown's fourth shutout this year.

Globke opened the scoring a little more than halfway through the first period as he scored a goal off a feed from forward Noah Babin, taking the puck and depositing it behind Northern Michigan goaltender Craig Kowalski after a Wildcat turnover led to an Irish odd-man break.

Defenseman Chris Trick scored the first goal of his career a little more than 11 minutes into the second, scoring a shorthanded goal to put the Irish up 2-0.

With the Wildcats on a five-on-three power play, a centering feed went off the mark and Trick was able to leave the box and collect the errant pass to beat Kowalski with a backhand shot.

"I was standing in the box," Trick said. "And all of a sudden the puck is coming toward me as I came out of the penalty box. I could see that the goalie was giving me the stick side, but for some reason I went to the backhand and it worked for the best."

Forward Cory McLean scored

about two minutes later after collecting his own rebound to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead going into the second intermission.

Captain Aaron Gill scored a little over six minutes into the third period off a pass from forward Mike Walsh, and forward Jason Paige closed the Irish scoring about six minutes later on the power play.

The Irish dominated play, outshooting the Wildcats 34-20 for the game. Irish head coach

Dave Poulin said he was happy with Notre Dame's offensive output.

"We really did a lot of the little things that we always stress well tonight," he said. "We got solid contributions from everyone. It was one of our better

efforts of the season."

That effort took a while to show up the following day, as Notre Dame fell behind the Wildcats 2-0 before surging back to win by two.

"This was another important building block for our team," Poulin said. "Now they've experienced coming from behind. You can talk about things like this all you want, but until you experience it, it's not the same."

After a scoreless first period, the Wildcats took advantage of a five-on-three power play as Darin Oliver took a feed from Dirk Southern and fired a shot past Brown a little less than four minutes into the second.

Geoff Waugh would increase the Wildcats' lead to two seven minutes later, but the Irish

"It was one of our better efforts of the season."

Dave Poulin
Irish coach



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Notre Dame defenseman Neil Komadoski passes the puck through traffic in a match against Lake Superior State. The Irish took a pair of games from Northern Michigan over the weekend.

were able to start a comeback with a power play goal with about six minutes left in the second period.

Defenseman Neil Komadoski took a hard shot from the left point, which Kowalski stopped, but Globke was able to swoop in and poke the rebound between the goalie's pads for his ninth goal of the year.

"I thought our power play goal was the key goal of the game," Poulin said.

The floodgates opened soon after, as Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals in the third period to put the game away.

Walsh scored just a little less than two minutes into the period, and Globke scored his second of the game with a little more than five minutes left. Forward Matt Amado closed out the scoring a minute later with a hard slap shot past Kowalski.

Brown made 25 saves in the

game as the Irish outshot the Wildcats 30-27. The freshman goaltender currently has a six game unbeaten streak (6-0-2).

The Irish have one more CCHA series remaining this season as they travel to Michigan this weekend for a pair of games. Notre Dame will not play at home again until Jan. 3 against Findlay.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish suffer rude awakening

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After starting the season 2-1, the Irish were unable to maintain the momentum gained in their first home win Nov. 21 when they faced Michigan State and Tennessee last week.

The holiday games started for the Irish Wednesday night, when they traveled to East Lansing to face the 3-0 Spartans.

Notre Dame found they were in for a fight when Michigan State ended the first half with a 45-29 lead.

"Offensively, I thought they made every shot they took," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "They just had one of those games when everything went right for them."

The Irish fell victim to turnovers, committing 19. They also failed to grab an offensive rebound in the first half.

In the end, the Spartans handed the Irish their worst loss in ten years, 92-63.

"I thought Michigan State just played a great game," McGraw said. "They came out with a lot of intensity and played harder than we did. And we were flat-footed the whole game."

Michigan State's dynamic duo

of Lindsay Bowen and Kristin Haynie were just too much for the Irish, as they combined for 49 points, 26 for Bowen and 23 for Haynie.

Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVere led the Irish with 12 points apiece.

Sunday, the Irish traveled to Knoxville to face No. 3 Tennessee (2-0), and the results were not much different than Wednesday night.

The Lady Volunteers came out firing, jumping out to a 20-7 lead in the first nine minutes of the game. The Irish turned the ball over 14 times, and by the end of the first half, the Irish were down 45-23.

Shyra Ely led the Lady Volunteers with 20 points on 8-18 shooting. Ashley Robinson added 14 and Shanna Zolman added 13 points.

"We are a long way from where we want to be," McGraw said. "Shyra Ely was able to set the tone for Tennessee and she created several problems for our defense. I was definitely impressed with her play."

However, not all was lost on the game for the Irish. Against Tennessee, guards Megan Duffy and Le'Tania Severe played fairly well. Duffy finished with 14 points on 6-11 shooting, with two late three pointers,

while Severe tallied 13 points on 6-10 shooting.

The play of these guards allowed the Irish to have a strong second half, scoring 36 points to the Lady Volunteers' 38.

The Irish also had only seven turnovers in the second half.

"We didn't turn the ball over as much in the second half and we competed much better, something we can carry into our next game," McGraw said. "I thought our guard play, specifically Le'Tania [Severe] and Megan [Duffy], was positive for us. They each played well defensively and provided important contributions offensively."

Batteast also had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Irish.

The loss improved Tennessee's all time record against the Irish to 16-0. They are the only team who has played at least ten times against the Irish and never lost.

The Irish now have to search for answers, as they drop out of the top 25 for the first time in the early season.

"Tennessee did a good job of taking us out of what we wanted to accomplish on the offensive end," McGraw said. "We just couldn't seem to find our rhythm offensively and they were able to force us into many mistakes."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to even up record at Anderson

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The Belles have been making adjustments since their season began and will look to keep benefiting from this change when they face Anderson College tonight.

In a 73-62 victory last week against Manchester College, the

Belles (1-2) made improvements that they hope will carry over the rest of the season.

"We came out against Manchester and were a much quicker and more aggressive team," said head coach Suzanne Bellina.

"We had four players in double figures and shot the ball much better."

The Belles will need to continue that effort as they face a tough Anderson team that is 3-1 and plays with a hard-nosed defense and quick offense.

"With Anderson, we're facing a team that plays in a style very similar to ours," said Bellina. "They play scrappy defense with a quick transition game and we'll have to be prepared to keep up with them."

The Belles will continue to rely on a core group of juniors

that has consistently led the team this year.

Center Emily Creachbaum has been the leader for the Belles along with guard Katie Boyce and center Maureen Bush. Against Manchester, Creachbaum had 16 points and 10 rebounds while Bush and Boyce contributed 10 and 17 points respectively.

"The juniors have been there

to keep the team positive all season," Bellina said. "We've had great performances this year from Creachbaum, Boyce and Bush."

The Belles hope to continue their improvement wherever they can. The team

shot 43 percent against Manchester compared to shooting less than 34 percent in both games to start their season.

"We need to keep getting better every game to get to the level we want to reach," Bellina said. "Our defense has been very good so far, but we're looking to force some more action on offense."

The Belles play tonight at Anderson College at 7 p.m.

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"With Anderson, we're facing a team that plays in a style very similar to ours."

Suzanne Bellina
Belles coach

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eight. "They were disruptive," Clark said. "It was a competitive game, and I was most proud when they were having fouls [that] our guys never once lost their discipline or composure. That was satisfying to see as a coach."

Both teams would stay scoreless through the remainder of regulation and both overtime periods, even though Notre Dame managed 24 shots to Michigan's total of 11.

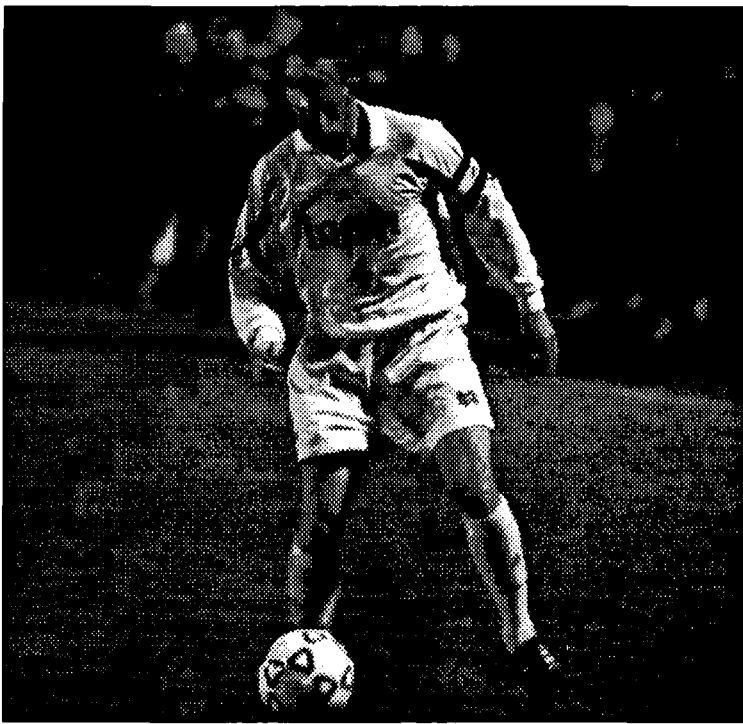
Wolverines' goalkeeper Peter Dzubay turned in a strong performance with nine saves. Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer made three.

"If you take away the first half, we outshot them 16-3," Clark said. "But their goalie made several excellent saves."

Michigan seemed to lay back in the two 10-minute overtime periods and play for the penalty kicks, Clark said.

The penalty shots came after 110 intense minutes of soccer, and the Irish seniors were put to the test. Midfielders Filippo Chillemi, Chad Riley and Martin all converted for Notre Dame, and Michigan's Kevin Taylor, Adam Bruh and Brian Popeney scored as well.

On the fourth shot, Dzubay



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Senior captain Greg Martin looks to pass against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Round 2 of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 26.

turned away Prescod, and Wolverine sophomore Michael O'Reilly hit his shot over the crossover to keep the score knotted at 3-3.

Dzubay, however, made his second consecutive save when he blocked the attempt by Detter, the Irish leading scorer and a first team all-Big East selection. White blasted a shot past Sawyer for the Michigan victory.

Michigan will either host Coastal Carolina or travel to Santa Clara for its next tournament game in the Elite Eight.

For Notre Dame, this season has been a strong and memorable one. Clark, who has been around soccer for a long time, said he recognizes how special this team has been.

"It was a fabulous season for the team, but winning isn't the most important thing," Clark

said. "It's trying to win, and our effort was tremendous. This has been a fabulous group to work with, speaking for myself and the assistants."

"The only thing I regret is that I don't have another two weeks to work with the team."

Notre Dame reached the third round by defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee 4-1 in the second round Wednesday night.

The game was tied 1-1 at half, but goals by Prescod, Martin and Detter put the game away. Detter had two goals in the game, his twelfth and thirteenth on the season.

Notre Dame outshot Wisconsin-Milwaukee 18-7, ending Sawyer's five-game shut out streak with a penalty kick goal.

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will be going to the University of Illinois where the Illini are the 15th seed in the Tournament. Notre Dame will play Louisville in the first round. The four-team sub-regional where the Irish are playing is the only bracket with three teams ranked in the top 20.

Brown switched around her lineup for Saturday's game by putting Jessica Kinder opposite her sister, setter Kristen Kinder. Lauren Kelbley moved to the outside hitter while Emily Loomis moved to inside to middle blocker.

[The new lineup] was really good, we just needed better execution," Jessica Kinder said. "Everybody wanted it so badly, we just weren't making the plays."

The Cardinal (23-6) were led by U.S. National Team member Ogona Nnamani's 23 kills and .409 hitting percentage. Whenever Nnamani was on the front row, Stanford ran its offense through her. The junior and two-time All-American just overpowered the Notre Dame block, which is ranked first in the country averaging 3.76 blocks per game.

"She is very good, she is a phenomenal athlete and a great person too," Brown said. "She is very hard to defend and she is an explosive player."

In the first two games, the Irish came out strong, hitting .293 and .303, but the Cardinal were just a little bit better, hitting .310 and .373. Early in all three games, Notre Dame took the lead, but Stanford was able to stay close and eventually take command of each game.

Down 2-0, the Irish wanted to come out in game three and

establish an early presence. However, it turned out to be their worst game of the match. The Irish committed 10 errors in the game and hit .079.

Despite the number of mistakes in game three, the Irish stayed close and had their chances late in the game, being up 21-20, but they couldn't take advantage and let Stanford pull away.

"I think we were looking in game three to come out and be a step better than that. But Stanford took it to us a little bit more in that game than they did before," Brown said.

"Certainly it wasn't a good game three, but we didn't feel like it was over. We felt like we could still compete to the end, but we didn't come through in game three when it was the most critical."

Kelbley led the Irish with 10 kills. Kristen Kinder and Lauren Brewster tied for the game high in blocks with 10. Meg Henican recorded 10 digs.

Traditionally before the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to a top opponent in preparation for postseason play. Going to Stanford allowed Brown to try her new lineup, which she plans to use in the NCAA Tournament, against a top 10 team and see what her team needs to improve on when it's a do-or-die situation.

"It is a new lineup, we switched some people around, and we feel the team was very committed and we felt it was the right move to make," Brown said. "I think we need to play a top 10 team, right before going into the NCAA [Tournament]."

"The main thing is to continue to learn and to continue to get better. The season isn't over. We certainly haven't peaked."

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into the air, but instead of jumping into his man, ducked around him and almost banked in a 3-pointer.

Marquette grabbed the rebound and iced the game away with free throws.

Jordan Cornette continued his poor shooting from the outside, missing all four of his 3-point attempts. Chris Quinn couldn't buy a basket either, finishing 2-of-11 and 1-of-8 from behind the arc. Both Quinn and Cornette fouled out late in the game.

Scott Merritt had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Marquette while Travis Diener scored 12 points.

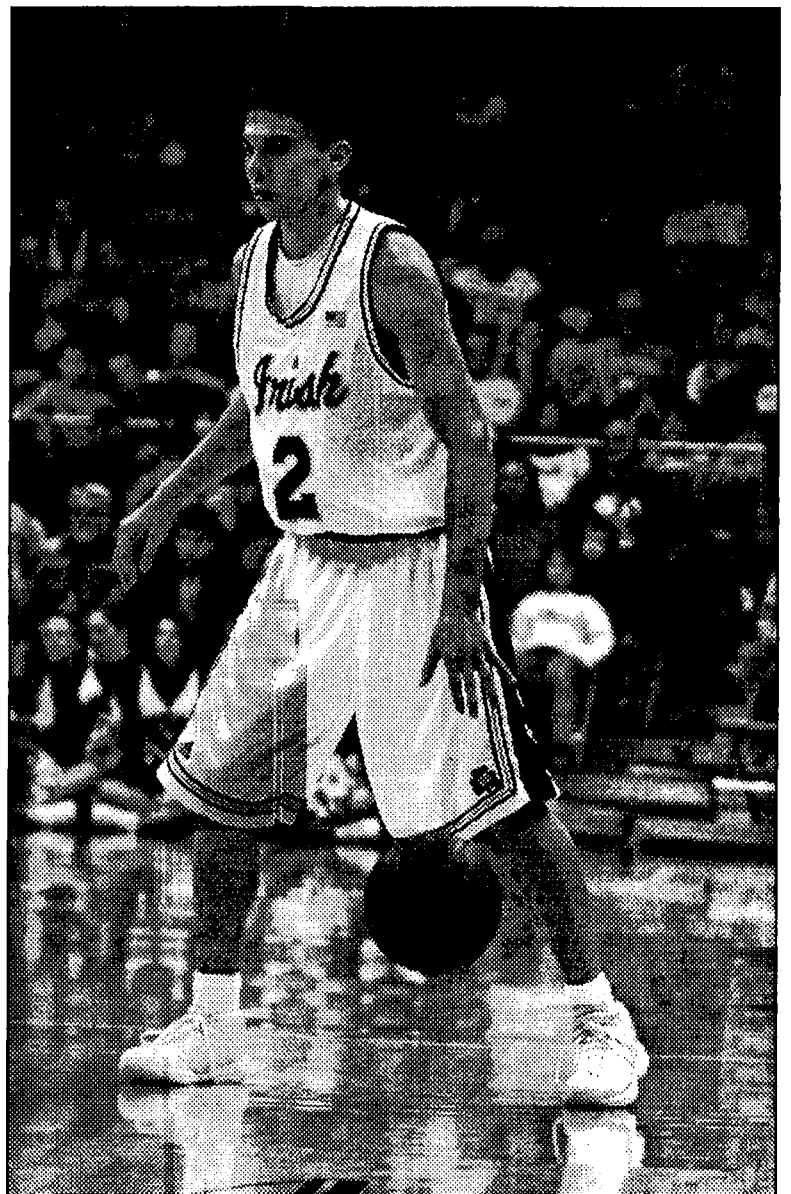
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Thomas led the Irish in their 78-64 win over Mount St. Mary's Saturday at the Joyce Center.

He struggled early, missing four of his first five shots, but then he found the hot hand and made 6-of-7 throughout the rest of the game. Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points.

Francis had 13 points, but only six rebounds. Cornette had a rough afternoon, shooting 2-of-10, including 1-of-5 from behind the arc, finishing with five points.

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Irish guard Chris Quinn brings the ball up the court against Mount Saint Mary's. The Irish lost 71-58 to Marquette Monday.

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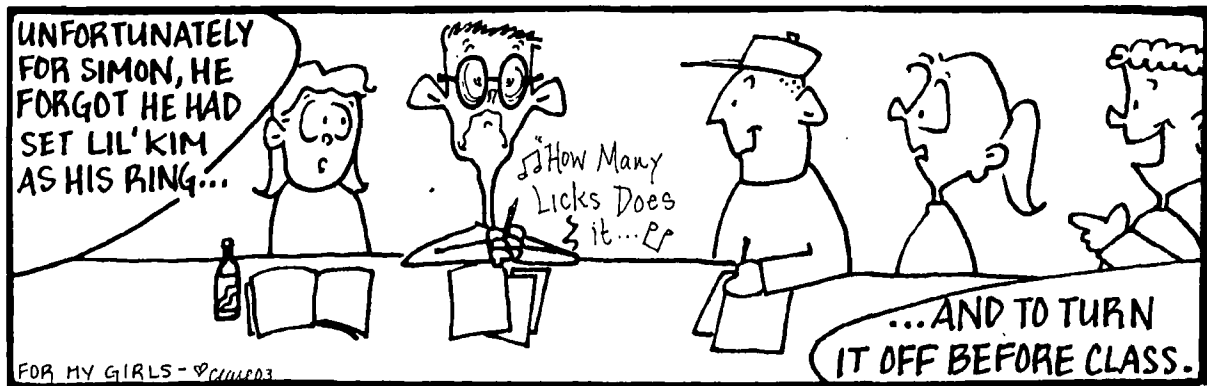
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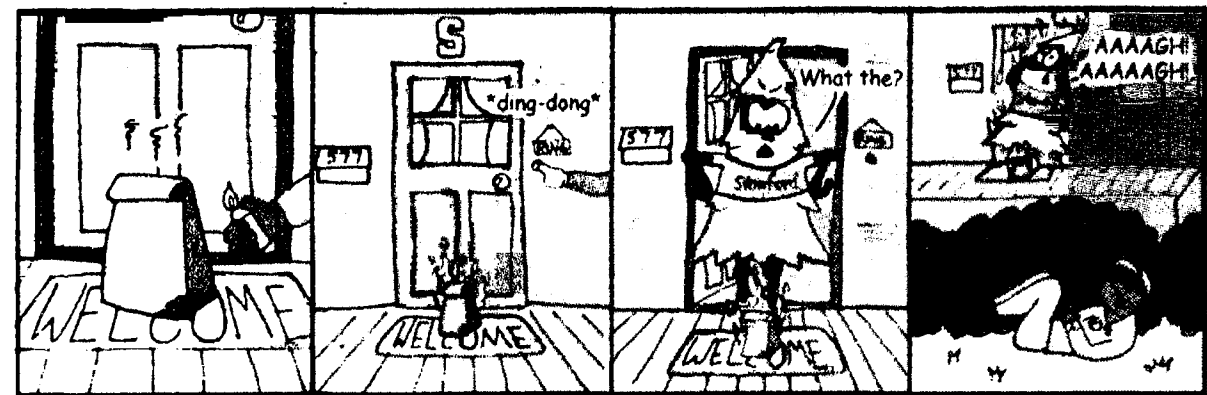
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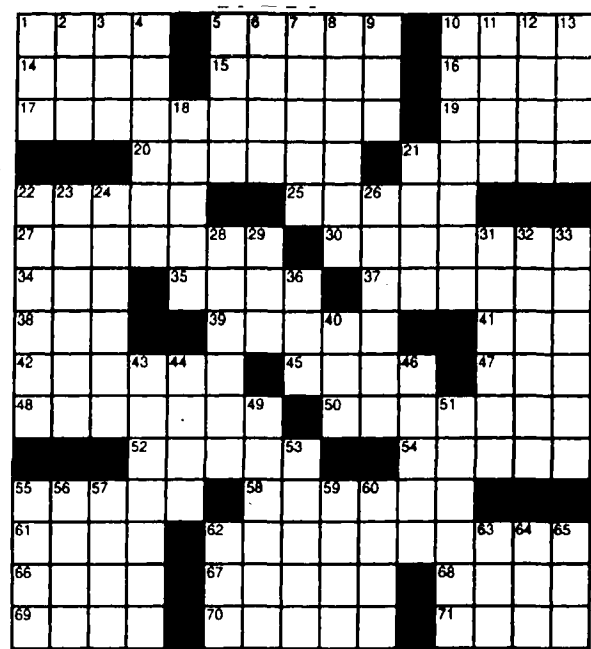
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Payback time

Marquette takes revenge on cold-shooting Irish in 71-58 victory

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The Golden Eagles had one date on their mind heading into Monday's game against the Irish — Dec. 2, 2002.

One year ago today, a hot-shooting Notre Dame team dominated Marquette en route to an easy 21-point win at the Joyce Center.

Marquette got its chance for payback Monday night when the Golden Eagles capitalized

on their own hot shooting — defeating the Irish 71-58 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

For the game, Marquette shot 47 percent overall and 53 percent on 3-pointers while the Irish shot 31 percent from the field.

After scorching the Golden Eagles last season for 32 points last season, Irish guard Chris Thomas was the total opposite Monday night, going 4-of-19 from the field, including 3-of-14 from behind the arc, and scoring only 11 points.

Steve Novak led Marquette (5-0) with a career-high 21 points and was 5-of-7 on 3-pointers. The Irish (2-1) made just five 3-pointers on 30 attempts.

Marquette took control of the game from the start, going on a 20-2 run at one point and making nine of its first 16 field goal attempts to eventually build a 34-11 lead. The Irish started 1-of-11 on 3-pointers.

In the first half, the Irish had trouble getting the ball into Torin Francis as the Golden Eagles concentrated their

defense on denying entry passes. With two minutes, 30 seconds remaining in the half, the Irish had just five field goals compared to six turnovers.

The Irish came out in the second half with a higher defensive intensity and were more committed to getting Francis the ball in the low post. It appeared at times coach Mike Brey wasn't going to let his team take a shot without getting Francis a touch in the possession.

The Irish made a couple of

runs, going on an 8-0 spurt to get to 48-37, but Marquette countered with a quick 7-1 run of its own to push the lead back to 17.

A 9-0 run got the Irish closer at 57-47 and set them up for a late push. With less than two minutes remaining, Marquette missed its second consecutive front end of a one-and-one, and the Irish were down 65-58. Thomas brought the ball up court, pump-faked his defender

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MEN'S SOCCER

Michigan knocks 2nd Irish squad from tourney

Irish fall to Wolverines 4-3 on penalty kicks



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Irish forward Justin Detter takes a shot in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish were upset by Michigan Sunday.

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

What secret formula does Michigan have?

Its football team trounced Notre Dame 38-0. Then its women's soccer team ended the magical season for the Irish in a 1-0 defeat, and now this.

After advancing further into the NCAA tournament than any team in program history, the Notre Dame men's soccer team fell 4-3 in penalty kicks to 12-seed Michigan in a third round match Sunday at Alumni field.

The teams ended regulation deadlocked at 1-1. Wolverine goalkeeper Peter Dzubay stopped penalty kicks by senior forwards Justin Detter and Devon Prescod, and a goal by Mike White — who also had the only Michigan goal in regulation — on the fifth penalty kick ended a historical playoff run by the fifth-seeded Irish.

"It's not a loss, it's a tie," coach Bobby Clark said, since the defeat in penalty kicks does not appear as a loss in the standings. "But we had chances to win the game. We can blame all sorts of things, but soccer's like

that. When you have knockout stages of competition in soccer, some days it can be the other team's day."

The Irish (16-3-4) got on the board first when senior captain Greg Martin assisted on a goal by Detter at the 16:57 mark. The goal was Detter's 14th on the season.

Michigan then tied the game at 1-1 with White's goal at 20:11. The Wolverines played a fierce and aggressive style as they tried to take the lead, fouling the Irish 33 times to Notre Dame's

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HOCKEY

Irish move into tie for 1st with sweep

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish find themselves in an unfamiliar position going into December. It's a good position to be in, though, as Notre Dame is currently tied for first in the CCHA after 5-1 and 4-2 victories over Northern Michigan last weekend.

This is the latest in the season that Notre Dame (8-3-2, 7-3-2 in the CCHA) has ever

been ranked number one in the CCHA. The Irish are currently tied with Ohio State for 16 points.

Forward Rob Globke scored three goals on the weekend and goaltender David Brown continued his impressive season with both wins in the sweep of the Wildcats. Notre Dame is currently on a five game unbeaten streak (3-0-2).

The Irish had little difficulty

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ND VOLLEYBALL

New lineup, same result in loss

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — After losing three of their last five, including the Big East Championship, Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown decided her team needed a new lineup heading into Saturday's match at No. 6 Stanford. But when it came right down to it, the Cardinal simply executed better.

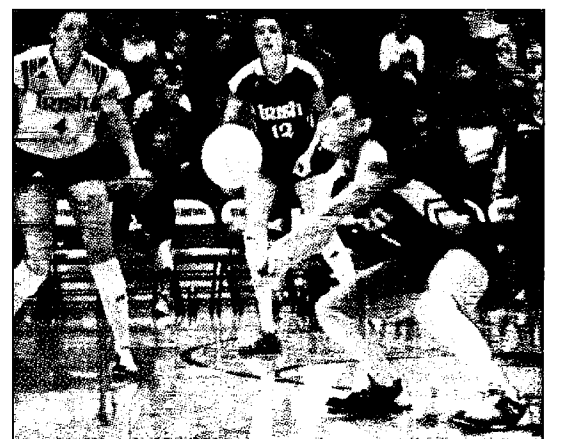
The Irish (23-6) lost 30-28, 30-24, 30-24 at

Stanford in their last regular season match of the 2003 season.

"I don't think it's easy to sum up. I think what it comes down to is the team that made the fewest number of errors [won]," Brown said. "Stanford played steady throughout, we played okay in games one and two but then obviously not in game three."

The pairings for the NCAA Tournament came out Sunday and the Irish

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Senior Jessica Kinder makes a dig in Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Stanford Saturday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Michigan State 92, Notre Dame 63

Tennessee 83, Notre Dame 59

The Irish drop out of the top 25 with losses.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's at Anderson

Today, 7 p.m.

The Belles (1-2) travel to Anderson (3-1) for a non-conference game.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Green Bay assistant Sylvester Croom is named head coach of Mississippi State, making him the first black football head coach in SEC history.

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Louisiana State gains ground on second place Southern California in the latest BCS poll, but will likely need a Trojan loss Saturday to play in the Sugar Bowl.

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NHL

A wrapup from around the National Hockey League in Monday's games.

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FOOTBALL

Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7

Notre Dame running back Julius Jones ran for 218 yards and the Irish cruised to victory.

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