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Closet demonstration cancelled

AllianceND told South Quad display could result in disciplinary measures

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's News Editor

Members of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, who had planned to display a super-sized Coming Out Closet on South Quad Tuesday, were told Monday that disciplinary actions could result if the closet appeared.

The University saw it as a demonstration of an unrecog-

nized student group," said project coordinator Anna Gomberg. "Student Affairs did not give us the approval to put the display up, and I was told through one of our co-sponsors, the Sociology department, that disciplinary action would most likely be taken."

Project co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said the closet, scheduled to appear from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., was meant to serve as a "coming together of the

community" and to highlight National Coming Out Day.

The Graduate Student Union was also one of the event's co-sponsors.

University spokesperson Matt Storin said Student Affairs debated the event throughout the afternoon.

"All I know is Student Affairs followed the policy of DuLac and other University policies," Storin said. "The decisions made were consistent with

these policies."

Attempts to contact the Office of Student Affairs were unsuccessful.

According to statement from AllianceND, the three purposes of the event were to recognize National Coming Out Day, emphasize the term "coming out of the closet" and celebrate "the processes of growth and discovery critical to develop-

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

Student body vice president Karla Bell speaks at Monday's COR meeting.

ND Habitat breaks ground for new house



Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity

Notre Dame students help build the previous Habitat for Humanity home. The club broke ground on its new house Monday after six months of fundraising.

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

After six months of fundraising, Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter officially broke ground Monday on its 11th home. The house, located at 2350 Linden Street, will be 1000 square feet in size and will feature three bedrooms and one bathroom.

At least 15 volunteers are signed up to build on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, but the first Monday of fall break kicks off Blitz Build — a five-day event in the construction process that combines the efforts of students and alumni.

"I think Blitz Build really marks the beginning of the

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Members talk about BOT report

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives met Monday night to discuss the Board of Trustees' response to their proposal about off-campus safety for Notre Dame students.

Student body vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron summarized their presentation for the council members, noting that the trustees were very receptive to the idea, in their opinion.

"The presentation went very well. Contrary to what was said in the campus media, it was very well received. They said it was the best presentation they'd seen in a few years," Bell said.

Bell explained to representatives that the proposal consisted of four main points, all relating to off-campus safety. The four points included a required seminar for off-campus students, the participation of off-campus council representatives in South Bend council meetings, the participation of NDSP to help promote community relations and the creation of the Notre Dame SafeBus.

Representatives raised several questions about the purpose of off-campus seminars.

Bell said the seminars would likely take place at the end of this school year or the beginning of next and would teach those students planning to live off-campus how to be a good neighbor and follow the rules and regulations of the South Bend area.

Baron also said he was pleased by the positive feedback they received from the Board of Trustees.

"The trustees were impressed with the proposal to use a seminar to promote neighborhood involvement. The Board said it

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Chocola speaks to students at Saint Mary's

Indiana House member discusses campaign politics

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Congressman Chris Chocola, Congressional representative for the 2nd district of Indiana, spoke to the Saint Mary's community Monday about his experience in federal government and his re-election campaign.

The event, sponsored by the Political Science Club, followed a visit to campus by Chocola's Democratic opponent Joe Donnelly last week.

After losing to Democrat Tim Roemer in 2000, Chocola said he did not intend to run again. But when Roemer announced his retirement two years later, Chocola chose to hit the campaign trail again, in one

2002's closest House races, and defeated Jill Long Thompson.

Chocola said Washington D.C. was full of individuals talking about job creation but lacking people who had ever actually created one themselves.

"I thought we need more people with a business perspective and not just a lot of lawyers," Chocola said.

Chocola, who sits on the transportation, agriculture and small business committees in the House of Representatives, said economic concerns are most pressing for Americans.

"When people wake up in the morning the first thing they ask themselves is 'Do I have a job?'" said Chocola. "For most people economic issues really drive the day."

According to Chocola, small businesses are particularly important in Indiana

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Indiana 2nd district representative and Congressional candidate Chris Chocola spoke to students at Saint Mary's on Monday.

INSIDE COLUMN

You can quote this

In my hallway, 22 dry erase boards proudly display the thoughts and witticisms of those who live within. From the short but prophetic "at lunch, be back later," to my most recent favorite, "I Purdon't want to talk about it," everyone (in Dillon, at least) seems to have something to say. If you don't have a white board, you are missing out on the very definition of self-expression at Notre Dame.

Tim Luebbert

Photographer

Having examined white-board communication for two months now, I realize there are four major groups of expression: Pragmatics ("strictly business" notes, like "taking a shower, help yourself to Little Debbie's"), Profundities (expressions of higher truth, like "Studying is our destiny"), Pranks (random notes for office supplies) and The Void (that is, a nothing on the board whatsoever). Let's examine each one individually.

Pragmatic messages often reflect the practical nature of those who write them. Especially this, the last week of midterms in ordinary time, onlookers will find an excess of such demanding and emotionless statements as, "David, help me with my calculus," and "Parents coming, sweep your side of the floor, [expletive]." Pragmatics are known to rationalize their way out of using verbs, prepositions, and articles as in, "Gone. CoMo. Dinner 6:00." Engineers, this should sound familiar.

Profundities, by definition, tell us something that was not as apparent before. Sometimes, this means a realization about one's personal identity, like this one from my hallway: "I'm not a nerd anymore! I do mathematical Biology!" Profundities may also take the form of syllogisms: "If Chuck Lennon raises the roof, and the roof, the roof, the roof is on fire, and we didn't start the fire (but we tried to fight it), then Chuck Lennon is in danger." Essentially, white-board profundities track the progress of human wisdom.

Pranks: The best indicator a message is a prank comes through the little discrepancies: "Why does the cute girl from Philo who left me this message have my roommate's handwriting and a 1-900 phone number?" Pranks hold the most potential to provoke a laugh or a slap in the face, but it is up to the designer to weigh the risks.

As for the blank white boards, I can't say I approve. Some justify it as a "sacred silence," or "bold blankness," but this idea goes stale quickly. If nothing else, do it because everyone else is. Also, to whoever keeps quoting "The Teletubbies" on my white board — it's no longer funny.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE WORST CLASS YOU'VE EVER TAKEN AT NOTRE DAME?



Ashley Burtner

junior Pasquerilla East

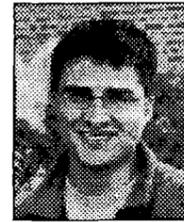
"No, there wasn't one."



Gina Bufalini

junior Pasquerilla East

"Will this affect my final grade?"



Houston Hum

sophomore O'Neill

"Organic chemistry."



Himanshu Kothari

junior Zahm

"That's a terrible question."



JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

Students talk in front of Howard Hall on Monday afternoon. The dorm has put up early decorations for Halloween.

IN BRIEF

Alvin Holm will give the lecture "Remembering the Maiden of Corinth: Inspiration for a Classical Career," tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 104, Bond Hall. Holm is a classical architect and the principal architect of Alvin Holm AIA Architects.

Ted Mandell of the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre will speak Wednesday at 4 p.m. about "Truth, Reality, and Advocacy: 'Fahrenheit 9/11' and 'The Passion of the Christ.'" The lecture will be held in the Law School courtroom.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will face off against Illinois State on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will take on Michigan at Alumni field at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Novelist Maxine Hong Kingston will give the lecture "Writing Peace," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College. The subject is her novel, "The Fifth Book of Peace." A book signing and reception will follow.

Linda Malkas, professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, will give the lecture "Revealing Cancer's Secrets," Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Concourse. Head coach of women's basketball, Muffet McGraw will be the event emcee.

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

OFFBEAT

Washington man grows 1,229 pound pumpkin

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A retired Washington state firefighter who grows giant pumpkins in his spare time produced the winning pumpkin Monday at the 31st annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off.

The pumpkin, grown by 55-year old Joel Holland of Puyallup, Wash., tipped the scales at 1,229 pounds — 49 pounds heavier than last year's winner. Its circumference was 13 feet, 7 inches.

Holland, whose prodigious pumpkins won the contest three years in a row, from 1992 through 1994, planted this year's winning pumpkin plant in May. He transported the giant gourd to California on a huge flatbed pickup truck, covering it with towels and blankets to protect its skin from dehydration.

Contest spokesman Tim Beeman said 80 pumpkins competed for the top prize, and eight weighed more than 1,000 pounds.

Man found in doghouse after fleeing court

JACKSON, Mo. — A man

who fled from court authorities while facing charges of domestic and animal abuse was found a short time later in a doghouse.

Paul Oakley, 43, was in court Friday for a preliminary hearing on three domestic abuse charges and one of animal abuse for allegedly abusing his girlfriend and her pet kitten.

Authorities said he briefly escaped and was captured minutes later in a doghouse in Jackson.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 65 LOW 45	HIGH 68 LOW 48	HIGH 60 LOW 43	HIGH 50 LOW 35	HIGH 47 LOW 30	HIGH 50 LOW 40

Atlanta 70 / 58 Boston 60 / 48 Chicago 68 / 50 Denver 63 / 41 Houston 78 / 56 Los Angeles 74 / 58 Minneapolis 72 / 47 New York 64 / 52 Philadelphia 70 / 50 Phoenix 87 / 66 Seattle 66 / 50 St. Louis 60 / 49 Tampa 85 / 72 Washington 72 / 50

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC to discuss its image during forum

By **KELLY MEEHAN**
News Writer

Board of Governance members discussed plans for a campus-wide forum to discuss the image of Saint Mary's at Monday's meeting.

The forum, which was originally scheduled for today, has been postponed until after fall break.

The event's purpose will be to address student interests and look at the identity of a Saint Mary's woman, said student body president Sarah Catherine White.

"The senior board is very interested in participating in this forum. We want to define what a Saint Mary's woman is without offending anyone," said senior class president Jacqueline Cuisiner.

The exact date of the forum will be decided after fall break.

Speech Language Pathology club members Kara Flynn and Lynn Cooper asked the board to co-sponsor their trip to Purdue for a Crossroad Conference on speech language pathology.

"Speech Language Pathology is a very fast growing career. By going to this conference we cannot bring anything back but a positive experience," said Flynn.

BOG voted to approve its co-sponsorship for \$800 or the initial \$1,000 they originally asked for, on the condition that they hold a forum to discuss what they learned at the conference upon their return.



Members of the Board of Governance met Monday to discuss the campus forum to be held after fall break.

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

"Dessert with Dr. Mooney," a program where students can discuss topics with College President Carol Ann Mooney, was held Sunday night in McCandless Hall.

"I strongly encourage everyone to attend this event in their Residence Hall. Dr. Mooney is so candid and great to talk with," said White.

Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said the class board is presenting artist Jesse Young at

Dalloway's on Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The class also successfully participated in career planning evaluations last week, said Toth.

BOG members said they would meet after break to discuss methods of saving energy on campus and to plan the upcoming forum on defining the identity of a Saint Mary's woman.

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Mendoza rises in rank to 24th

Special to the Observer

The Mendoza College of Business MBA Program rose five spots to 24th in BusinessWeek magazine's biennial survey of the top 30 business schools in the nation. The rankings are in the current issue of the magazine, available on newsstands Monday.

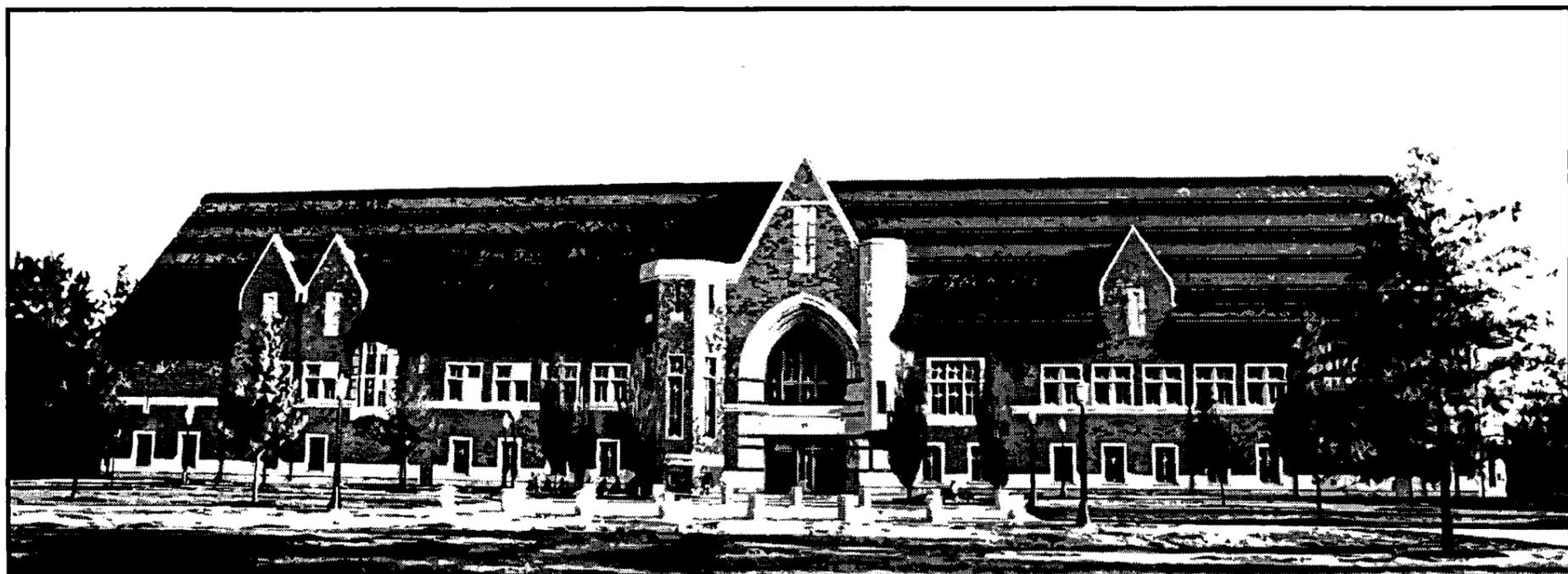
Notre Dame's five-place jump in the rankings tied with Purdue and Georgetown Universities for the greatest improvement. Notre Dame was rated sixth in addressing ethical issues in business and ninth in its rapport with corporate recruiters.

"As we celebrate this ranking result, it is important to step back and note our general attitude toward rankings," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of Business. "It isn't rankings that we strive for, but rather, our energies and actions are focused on the quality of our stu-

dents, curriculum, teaching, research and services. Rankings are a reality, and they do provide valuable feedback. But our position is that if we aim for excellence, seek feedback, go through honest evaluation, and take actions to improve, rankings will follow."

Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management was ranked first by BusinessWeek. In addition to Notre Dame and No. 21 Purdue, the state of Indiana also was represented by Indiana University's Kelley School of Business at 18th.

The BusinessWeek survey consisted of 45 questions sent to 18,052 Class of 2004 MBA graduates from 94 schools worldwide. In addition, the magazine surveyed 223 companies that regularly hire MBA graduates and calculated each school's intellectual capital by evaluating the public reach of faculty members.



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Chocola

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because they account for 70 percent of new jobs created in the state. Chocola said he is currently sponsoring a House bill that would give small businesses a \$3,500 tax break for every new job created.

When asked by one student about raising the minimum wage, Chocola said the issue was highly political and increasing it nationally could be problematic. According to Chocola, those who use low paying jobs to supplement their incomes or to support themselves in college could

lose those job opportunities.

Instead, the focus should be on educating people properly to prepare them for high salary positions.

"The goal is that the people who are providing for families are not depending on minimum wage jobs," he said. "We need to make sure we focus on how we create better paying jobs."

Chocola also discussed the possibility of a future draft.

"There is not going to be a draft. I get asked that a lot," he said. "There has been this effort to scare, I think, college-aged students."

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year for Habitat and gets the ball rolling," said Pete Mahoney, co-president of ND Habitat for Humanity. "On Monday, it's a foundation — all of a sudden, on Friday, it's a house."

The Notre Dame chapter of Habitat has been working to raise the \$60,000 dollar minimum since the dedication of its last house in April 2004.

"Some people think in general that Habitat is just going out and building houses, but there's so much more — especially at a collegiate level — because we are entirely autonomous in funding our house," said Mahoney.

According to University policies, the club may not independently solicit corporate donations and often looks to alumni groups.

Colin Dowdall, who also served as co-president of the club last year, organized the Blue and Gold luncheon in the spring 2004 for alumni supporters of ND Habitat for Humanity. The luncheon, held

at the Morris Inn during the Blue and Gold game weekend, raised \$7,000 for the club and came at a pivotal time.

"[The Blue and Gold luncheon] came at a time when we were in the red," Dowdall said.

He came up with the idea freshman year and made it a priority as president.

"It was kind of a way of saying thanks to all the alumni who support us," Dowdall said. "We wouldn't be here right now if it weren't for them."

The club also holds concession stands on football Saturdays, the most recent of which netted \$3,600. Total donations are about \$2,200.

The house will be finished and dedicated in April 2005, at which time fundraising will start again.

"Our goal is to make sure that the next generation, after we graduate, will continue to build a house each year, and establish an alumni network to build, possibly, two houses a year."

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Closet

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ment across the lifespan in many domains."

Before the Purdue football game, AllianceND handed out orange armbands for students to wear during the game. Because of this event's success, Gomberg said she was surprised that the closet was not approved.

"I thought that was a pretty big demonstration, but there didn't seem to be any opposition about it," Gomberg said. "This makes me worried about students' academic freedom. I just hope this isn't going to become a trend."

Gomberg said the event was largely intended to be just a display.

"We had really planned to do it in good spirits and good fun and also in support of gay and lesbian students," Gomberg said. "We had a good handout prepared with a lot of information on it, but we refrained from distributing it until we knew whether or not we were going to get approval."

Gomberg said AllianceND does not intend to reschedule the event.

In addition to the closet event, the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Students distributed information and rainbow ribbons in support of gay and lesbian students in LaFortune Monday.

Saint Mary's also sponsored events Monday for National Coming Out Day.

College psychology professor Catherine Pittman said opinions on the events were mixed.

"Several students e-mailed us negatively after a mass e-mail we sent last week announcing the Coming Out week events were received," Pittman said. "That concerns us. If it were students responding to a racially-diverse week e-mail, most everyone would say that was wrong, but people seem to get away with it when it's a sexually-diverse topic."

Pittman said the events, including a guest speaker, concert and an ongoing display on sexuality in the Cushwa-Leighton library were organized to try to embrace acceptance and awareness at the College.

"One of the important parts of our campus is to be accepting of all people. It's in our mission statement," Pittman said. "We are supposed to be supportive and loving but for some people, it's challenging dealing with people who are different. Part of campus diversity is dealing with those who are different than ourselves and it's important to recognize that these students, while in the minority, are always here. It's important to make them feel like they are part of a community too."

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was the first time they had seen the idea," Baron said.

He said that though the off-campus safety plan was not formally approved, the discussion with the Board was successful and useful.

"I was disappointed in the coverage. We didn't go into the meeting expecting to get rubber stamp approval. We left the meeting feeling positive. We knew we had a solid discussion and we are very satisfied with that," Baron said.

Senior class president Darrell Scott raised questions about how the Notre Dame Security/Police was involved with the proposal that was presented.

"We did not propose having NDSP patrolling the area. We want them to recognize what we are looking for and help us put our plan into action to better the relationships between Notre Dame students and their neighbors," Baron said.

Bell said the Board liked the proposal of NDSP involvement, and a meeting with them is being planned.

The representatives also asked how trustees responded to the SafeBus proposal.

"The trustees spoke of two main concerns. First, was that they did not want employees of the University condoning underage drinking," said Bell. "The second regarded finding a bus company to provide the buses and take on the liability of transporting students on and off campus."

Off-campus representative Dave McGowan expressed the need for COR to respond to the Board's concerns.

"We need to tell them that we not supporting or facilitating underage drinking. It is important to stress to them that that's not what we're doing," he said.

Baron agreed and emphasized that when the bus starts running at 1 a.m. most students would be heading home.

"We responded to their doubts by stating that after 1 a.m. most students are going

home anyway. Also, we emphasized that the bus stops that are at bars are pick-up only," Baron said.

Baron concluded the meeting by noting the success of their presentation to the Board.

"We think we helped to raise awareness of a significant problem," Baron said.

Bell also told members that plans regarding the SafeBus will proceed.

"We are going to continue working on it. The next step will be to take it to the Senate, then the Campus Life Council and finally the Office of Student Affairs. We're not stopping," she said.

In other COR news:

♦ The Council voted and approved the appointment of Carsten Steinhäuser and Meagan Powers to the positions of vice president of elections and vice president of peer advocacy, respectively.

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Union changes Kroger contract

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The union representing 8,500 workers at 70 Kroger Co. stores in three states including Indiana has revoked a contract extension with the company, a union spokesman said late Monday.

Leaders of Local 1099 of the United Food & Commercial Workers will recommend that members reject Kroger's latest contract offer and authorize the union to strike, if necessary, said union spokesman John Marrone.

The union's move to revoke the contract Monday night means its current contract will expire about 10 p.m.

Friday, Marrone said.

The union and Cincinnati-based Kroger had agreed to indefinitely extend the current contract, which was set to expire this past Saturday, at the urging of a federal mediator.

The union revoked the contract extension because the two sides remain far apart on issues including wages, health care and pensions, Marrone said.

Kroger wants workers to start paying some of their health-insurance premiums. It also wants to eliminate some situations where it pays overtime, cap the number of full-time workers and liberalize work rules.

"We have provided the

union with what we think is a balanced contract that gives our employees the good wages and health care that's important to them at a cost that's fair to everyone, including our customers," Kroger spokesman Gary Rhodes said. "We're hoping we can get this worked out because no one wins in a strike."

Cashiers, grocery baggers and clerks in meat, produce and delicatessen departments at 70 stores in the Cincinnati area, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana are covered by the contract.

The union will vote on Kroger's latest proposal on Wednesday. A two-thirds majority of members voting is needed to authorize a strike.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saudi women limited in elections

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Women may neither vote nor run in Saudi Arabia's first nationwide elections, the government announced Monday, dashing hopes of progressive Saudis and easing fears among conservatives that the kingdom is moving too fast on reforms.

Some women considered the move yet another indignity in a country where they need their husbands' permission to study, travel or work. But others said they wouldn't trust themselves to judge whether a candidate is more than just a handsome face.

The religious establishment had been lobbying against women's participation in the elections, diplomats said.

But an electoral official cited administrative and logistical reasons Monday for the decision to ban women from the municipal elections, scheduled to be held in three stages from Feb. 10 to April 21.

Uganda claims upperhand in war

GULU, Uganda — Through the dense brush of Uganda's northern savanna, Patrick made a desperate flight for freedom.

Kidnapped five years ago at age 13 by cult-like rebels calling themselves the Lord's Resistance Army, beaten regularly and forced to maraud through villages in a pack of boy soldiers, Patrick decided he'd rather die than take part in another massacre.

"If I lost weight I was beaten and yet they never gave us food. We received beatings over petty things," said Patrick, whose surname was being withheld to protect him.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress approves \$14.5 billion bill

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Bush a \$14.5 billion disaster bill Monday designed to help hurricane victims and producers of everything from cotton to clams harmed by drought, flooding and other emergencies.

The election-season package was attached to a \$10 billion military construction bill and approved by the Senate by voice vote. The House gave it initial approval on Saturday by 374-0.

The bulk of the aid — \$11.6 billion — was to help Florida and other East Coast states rebuild from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne and Ivan, which roared through during a six-week period in August and September. Congress last month approved an initial \$2 billion request from President Bush.

Teen survives at bottom of ravine

SEATTLE — After eight days, Laura Hatch's family had almost given the 17-year-old up for dead, and sheriff's deputies had all but written her off as a runaway. Then she was found, badly hurt and severely dehydrated, but alive and conscious, in the back seat of a crumpled car, 200 feet down a ravine.

A volunteer searcher who said she had had several vivid dreams of a wooded area found the wrecked car in the trees Sunday.

Hatch, who remained hospitalized Monday in serious condition, was last seen at a party on Oct. 2. report. When she did not show up by the next day, her family filed a missing person's report.

LOCAL NEWS

Motorcyclists killed in Brown County

BEAN BLOSSOM, Ind. — Seven motorcyclists have been killed since Memorial Day driving through the rolling hills of Brown County, with six of the deaths on a stretch of a state highway.

The latest deadly accident happened on Sunday as the tourist destination enters its busiest time of year with the fall leaf-viewing season.

Motorcycle ownership in Indiana has increased 31 percent since 1997.

IRAQ

Shiite militia turns in weapons

Exchange seen as an important step to end fighting in militant stronghold

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Followers of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr trickled in to police stations in Baghdad's Sadr City district to hand in weapons Monday under a deal seen as a key step toward ending weeks of fighting with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the Shiite militant stronghold.

The arms transfer came after U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, making an unannounced visit to Iraq, said that Iraqis must take "the seeds of security" that the U.S. military has planted and grow their political and economic system.

"We can help, but we can't do it. You have to do it," Rumsfeld told senior Iraqi commanders on Sunday.

In preparation from the turn over of weapons, checkpoints were set up along the roads to three Sadr City police stations, and Iraqi National Guard members took up position on the surrounding rooftops.

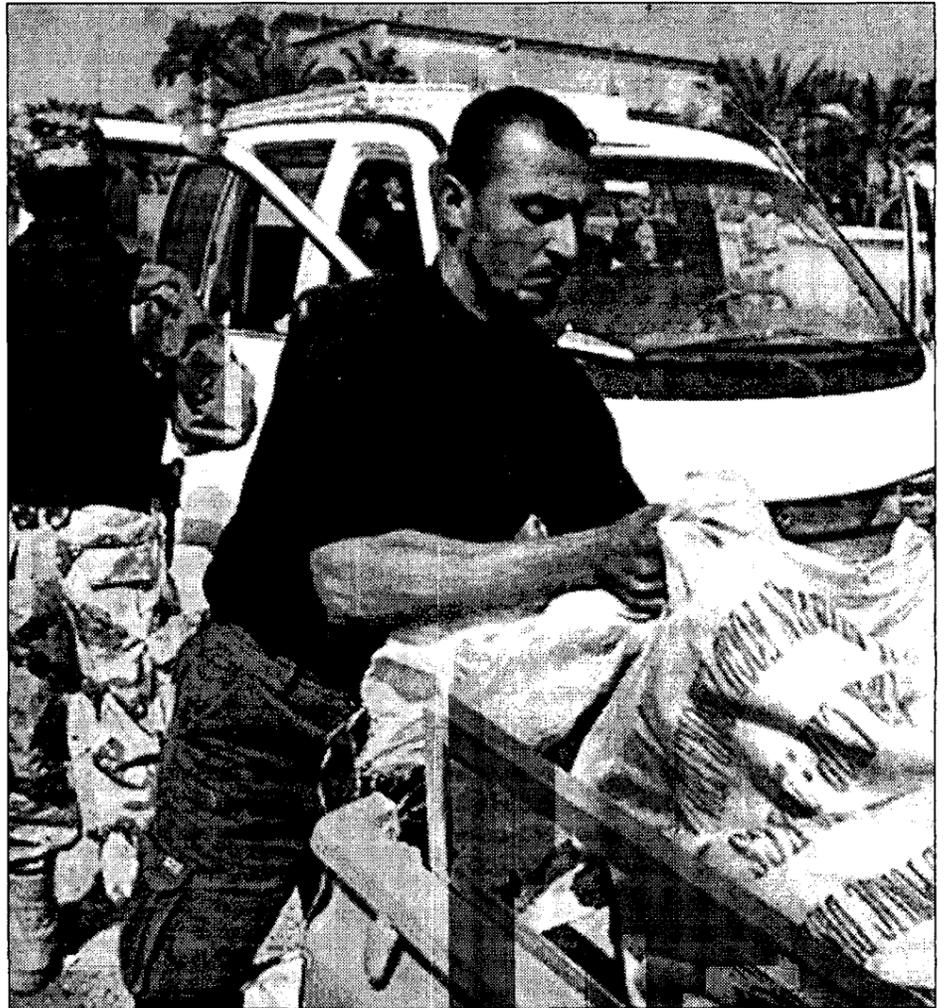
At al-Nasr station, Police Maj. Kadhim Salman said fighters had turned in machine guns, TNT paste, land mines and other explosives.

Fighters are supposed to be compensated for the weapons they turn in, but Salman said those responsible for the payments hadn't turned up yet. So, receipts were issued instead.

Malik Jomaa walked up to the station with a white bag containing two grenade launchers slung over his shoulder.

"God willing, there will be no more fighting and Sadr City will live in peace," said the 20-year-old fighter in a track suit.

Outside the Habibiya police station, a pickup truck offloaded some 20 grenade launchers and dozens of mortar rounds.



A militia member loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al Sadr delivers sacks of mortar rounds to Iraqi security forces in the Sadr City neighborhood in exchange for money.

Associate Press Television News footage showed. Guns and explosives were spread out on the ground. U.S. soldiers supervised the process from a distance.

Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army agreed over the weekend to hand in its medium and heavy weapons in Sadr City. The arms transfer is supposed to last five days, after which Iraqi police and National Guardsmen will assume security responsibility for the teeming Shiite slum, which is home to more than 2 million people.

In return, the government has promised to start releasing detained al-Sadr

followers, provided they did not commit crimes. It has also suspended raids in the northeastern Baghdad district.

Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari welcomed the handover Monday as a "good and positive initiative," telling APTN that he hoped other insurgent enclaves would follow Sadr City's example.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's interim administration has committed more than \$500 million to rebuilding Sadr City, scene of heavy clashes between U.S. troops and al-Sadr's militia.

This is not the first time Iraqi authorities have tried to make peace with the Mahdi Army. A peace deal brokered after heavy fighting in the holy city of Najaf in August allowed the militia to walk away with its weapons and clashes continued in Sadr City.

So far, al-Sadr has not pledged to disband his militia, a key U.S. and Iraqi government demand. But American and Iraqi authorities are eager to end the clashes in the Shiite stronghold so they can concentrate on suppressing the country's more widespread Sunni insurgency.

Activists rally for gay marriage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Capitol at their backs, supporters of gay marriage pleaded, demanded and sang out for equal rights Monday, hoping they will succeed in the long term but mindful of the hostile political environment they face today.

Opponents of gay marriage, led by President Bush, are trying to amend the U.S. Constitution to outlaw gay and lesbian marriages. Voters in 11 states will consider such amendments to state constitutions this fall, and most, if not all, are expected to pass. Even many politicians friendly to gay rights say they oppose same-

sex marriage.

Washington was the final stop for the eight-day bus tour, organized by Marriage Equality California, that traveled from Oakland, Calif., stopping in 10 cities along the way.

"I don't want to be demonized anymore," said Kati Debolt of San Diego, who traveled to Washington with her lesbian partner of nine years.

Opponents say recognizing same-sex unions would undermine traditional marriage between a man and a woman, and they contend children are better off with a mother and a father.

About 200 gathered for Monday's

rally. Many of them signed a petition asking Bush to reconsider his stance. Some couples held placards declaring the years they have been together. And together they sang the Burt Bacharach-Hal David classic: "What the world needs now, is love, sweet love ... not just for some but for everyone."

"Our country does not always get it right the first time," said one organizer, Molly McKay of Oakland, Calif., who dressed in an off-white wedding gown and veil for the occasion.

Same-sex marriage is legal only in Massachusetts, the result of a state court ruling.

Strike shuts down Nigerian city



Members of the Nigerian Labour Congress lead a protest in Abuja, Nigeria on Monday. A nationwide strike to protest fuel price hikes shut down most of Nigeria's commercial capital.

Protesters fight high fuel prices in streets of commercial capital

Associated Press

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College students fail to apply for federal aid

Associated Press

A new study says hundreds of thousands of college students who may be eligible for federal financial aid don't get it for a simple reason — they don't apply.

The study released Monday by the American Council on Education, which represents colleges and universities, says that half of the 8 million undergraduates enrolled in 1999-2000 at institutions participating in federal student aid programs did not complete the main federal aid application form.

Many were well off, and correctly assumed they wouldn't get aid. But the study found 1.7 million low- and moderate-income students also failed to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Two-thirds of community college students did not apply for aid, compared to 42 percent at public four-year colleges and 13 percent at private colleges.

The study concludes 850,000 of those students would have been eligible for a Pell Grant, the principal federal grant for low-income students.

The findings underscore a point often made by educators: Even as college costs rise, students often miss financial aid opportunities because they aren't aware of how the system

works.

"It's frustrating when you know someone could be eligible and they just don't do it for various reasons," said Tammy Capps, financial aid director at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Ill., where about 900 of the 2,500 students receive Pell Grants. She said complexity of the form is often a reason students don't apply.

"We'll even help them fill it out," she said. "But we have to talk to them face to face to give that information and that doesn't always happen. They don't think to call and ask."

Few students with more than \$40,000 in family income get Pell grants, said Jacqueline King, director of ACE's Center for Policy Analysis. But they can get other federal aid like subsidized student loans. And FAFSA forms are often the first step in applying for other types of aid, such as support from states or their schools.

The study acknowledges some poorer students might skip FAFSA forms because they line up adequate funding elsewhere. But King said many would have ended up with more aid if they had filled out the form.

"Everybody assumes the money is for someone else," King said, adding focus groups her organization has conducted reveal wide misconceptions about financial aid.



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IN BRIEF

High number of working poor in U.S.

WASHINGTON — One in every five U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty-level wage for a family of four, according to a study by the nonpartisan Working Poor Families Project.

The result of so many low-paying jobs is that nearly 39 million Americans, including 20 million children, are members of "low-income working families" — those barely have enough money to cover basic needs like housing, groceries and child care, the study found.

The study classified a "working family" as one in which there was one or more children and at least one family member had a job or was actively seeking work.

Besides staying current on bills, many of these folks also struggled to save up for a bigger home or for a child's college education, said Brandon Roberts, one of the report's authors.

"These 20 million children are the future of our workforce," Roberts said. "Their future economic abilities are at risk growing up in families that don't have the resources to support them."

Chrysler recall due to air bag failure

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler is recalling 955,000 minivans because an electrical problem could cause the driver's side air bag to fail.

The vehicles affected are the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager, and Chrysler Town and Country from the 1998-2000 model years.

Four people have been injured in crashes because of the defect, according to records submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. There also have been 782 complaints about the defect to Chrysler and NHTSA.

The defect involves a clockspring that supplies current to the driver's side air bag, the horn and the cruise control. If the clockspring is working properly, the air bag warning light will illuminate for a few seconds when the vehicle is started. If the air bag warning light isn't working properly, the clockspring may have failed.

Chrysler said dealers will replace the clockspring for free on vehicles with less than 70,000 miles. The company will extend the warranty on the clockspring for vehicles with more than 70,000 miles.

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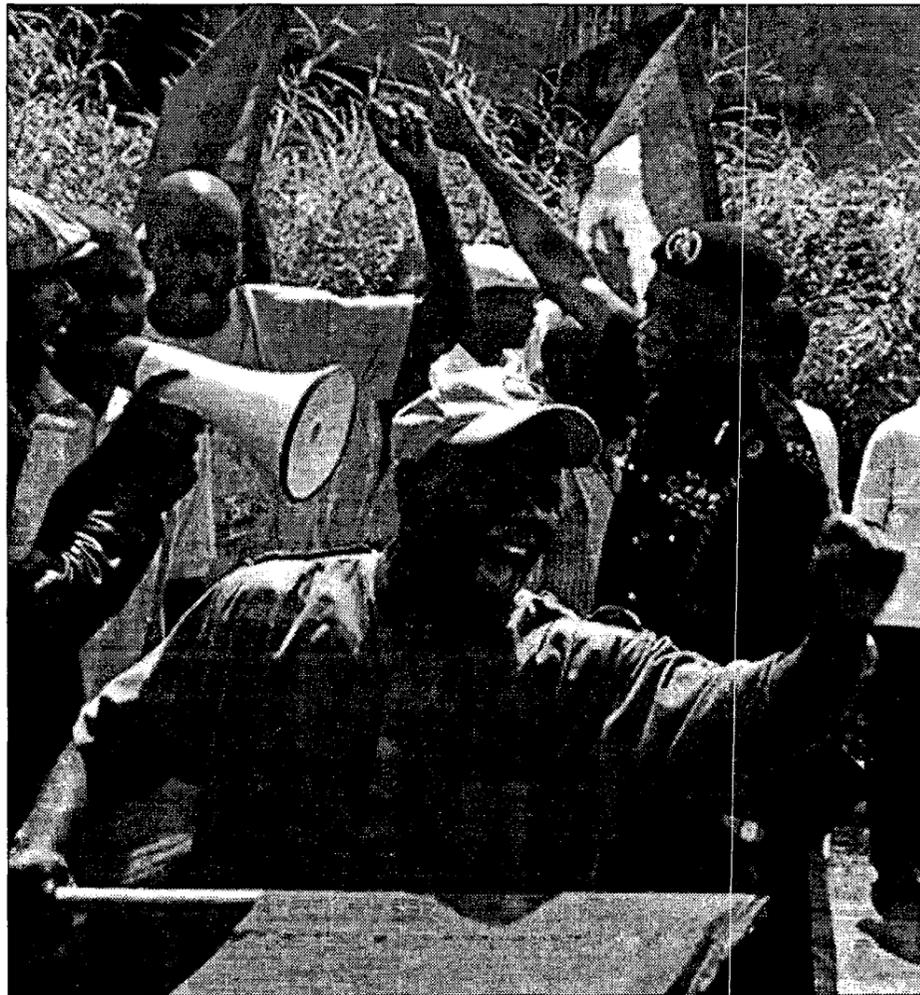
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In Lagos, soldiers and police were out in force, patrolling in armored vehicles through the city's deserted central business district.

Union militants, too, were out in large numbers to enforce the strike.

Yukos to pay part of 2001 tax claims

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Moscow Arbitration Court ruled Monday that the embattled oil giant Yukos must pay \$1.34 billion in fines and penalties as part of a \$4.1 billion back-tax claim for 2001, Russian news agencies reported.

The decision was the latest of many to go against Yukos during a more than yearlong legal campaign against the company and its former chief executive Mikhail Khodorkovsky. His ongoing trial on tax and fraud charges is expected to drag on for months, and analysts expect more claims against the company he built to follow — eventually pushing the final bill to well beyond \$10 billion for 2000-2003.

Yukos officials have repeatedly warned that the vast tax bills could drive the company into bankruptcy unless compromises are reached, such as allowing it an extended payment schedule for the arrears. Yukos produces about 2 percent of the world's oil and the months-long legal assault has raised fears of supply interruptions, one of the factors contributing to recent high world oil prices.

Adding to the company's woes, its main subsidiary Yuganskneftegaz was last week handed a separate, nearly \$1 billion tax claim for 2002. The unit, which is being evaluated for sale against the company's debts, pumps 60 percent of Yukos' oil.

Yukos is struggling to pay a \$3.4 bil-

lion tax bill for 2000 by the end of October.

The 2001 bill — of which the core amount of \$2.7 billion was already payable before Monday's widely expected ruling — raises the company's total liabilities to some \$7.5 billion.

Although the court reduced the bill to \$1.34 billion instead of the original \$1.39 billion, Yukos lawyers said they would recommend that the company dispute its decision, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Monday's decision came after the deputy chairman of the court threw out a request by Yukos lawyers seeking the appointment of a new judge in the case.

Two professors win Nobel in economics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An American and a Norwegian won the 2004 Nobel Memorial Prize in economic sciences Monday for research on how government policies affect economies around the world and why supply-side shocks like high oil prices can dampen business cycles.

The work by Norwegian Finn E. Kydland and Edward C. Prescott, a professor at Arizona State University at Tempe, has led to reforms at many of the world's central banks, the citation said. Their research also has given academics better tools for understanding what causes economies to boom or go into recession, it added.

The two professors, who both earned their doctorates at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., have collaborated on work since the 1970s. They will share an award worth 10 million Swedish kronor, or about \$1.3 million.

Kydland, who is 60, teaches at Carnegie Mellon and at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Prescott, 63, has taught at a number of universities, including the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. Besides teaching at Arizona State, he also serves as an adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The Royal Swedish Academy

of Sciences in Stockholm, which oversees the prize, said that the professors' research showed that governments and central banks could be more effective if they adopted consistent, long-term rules and followed them. It was published in the late 1970s when many Western economies were shifting from one policy to another as they grappled with both slow growth and high inflation, or "stagflation."

"The research shifted the practical discussion of economic policy away from isolated policy measures [and] towards the institutions of policymaking, a shift that has largely influenced the reforms of central banks and the design of monetary policy in many countries over the last decade," the academy said.

The academy also praised the pair for "transforming the theory of business cycles by integrating it with the theory of economic growth."

While most economists at the time looked at how changes in demand like consumer spending affect the economy, Kydland and Prescott looked at supply-side changes, such as advances in technology or changes in oil prices as driving forces in business cycles.

Prescott's 2000 book, "Barriers to Riches," made the argument that a key reason for the disparity in the standard of living among countries worldwide is impediments to adopting technology.

Washington volcano releases more steam

Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Mount St. Helens vented more steam Monday as new thermal images revealed that parts of the lava dome in its crater are piping hot, a sign that magma continues to rise within the volcano.

Scientists said an area on the south side of the old dome, where a large uplift of rock has been growing, now appears perforated as if magma has been hammering at the surface.

"The magma is not just pushing up but pushing out," John Pallister, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said at a news conference Monday. He said scientists believe the magma is less than a half-mile below the surface.

Fast-moving magma would cause greater concern because explosive gases would not have time to dissipate. A team in Denver is evaluating photos taken from the air to gauge how quickly the magma is rising.

The alert level remains at "volcano advisory," but scientists have said an eruption could occur with very little warning.

Pallister said the most likely scenario remains an explosion with a few inches of ash spreading within a 10-mile radius of the crater. Such an

event could happen in days, weeks or months — or not at all, he said.

Scientists believe the chances are slim of a larger eruption like the one on May 18, 1980, which killed 57 people. But Pallister was cautious nonetheless.

"I'm a fairly conservative guy, and I don't like a one in 10 chance," he said.

Any eruption would likely be vertical instead of the devastating horizontal blast that leveled old-growth trees for miles in 1980.

Willie Scott, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said earlier Monday that temperatures in some spots could be as high as 400 to 570 degrees Fahrenheit.

Scientists could not get precise temperatures for the hottest parts of the lava dome — on the south side — because the instruments weren't calibrated high enough, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards at the USGS's Cascades Volcano Observatory.

"They didn't expect it to get that hot," Wynn told The Associated Press.

For more than a week, the restless mountain has sent steam, sometimes mixed with ash, venting from bulge of rock on the south side of the lava dome that's risen to at least 330 feet since scientists first spotted it Sept. 30.



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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Objections rise over anti-Kerry film

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party and 18 senators are objecting to a broadcasting company's plan to air on 62 TV stations a critical documentary about John Kerry's anti-war activities after he returned home from Vietnam three decades ago.

Sinclair Broadcast Group has asked its television stations — many of them in competitive states in the presidential election — to pre-empt regular programming to run the documentary as part of an hourlong program two weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Based near Baltimore, the company owns or manages affiliates of major broadcast networks in several states, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Mark Hyman, a vice president of corporate relations for Sinclair who also is a conservative commentator for the company, said Monday the show would contain some or all of the 42-minute film as well as a panel discussion of some sort. He said final details had not been worked out.

The documentary, "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal," chronicles Kerry's 1971 testimony before Congress and links him to activist and actress Jane Fonda.

Edwards calls for greater efforts to combat methamphetamine epidemic

WASHINGTON — Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards called Monday for tighter restrictions on the sale of nonprescription cold medicines that could be used to make methamphetamine.

"It's part of our plan to deal with what we see as a cancer on rural America, which are these methamphetamine labs and the impact that methamphetamine has had on so many families in rural America," Edwards told reporters in a telephone conference as he campaigned in Newton, Iowa.

The North Carolina senator cited a 79 percent increase in the number of illegal meth labs that have been discovered since President Bush took office in January 2001. He also criticized the Bush administration for trying to cut law enforcement programs that fight trafficking in the Midwest of the addictive, illegal stimulant.

Authorities say meth addiction is a growing problem because it is easy to make with household chemicals and over-the-counter cold medicines. The epidemic is spreading quickly, particularly in rural areas like southern Missouri, which shut down nearly 3,000 meth labs last year, more than any other state.

Cheney argues Kerry's view of terrorism

MEDFORD, N.J. — Vice President Dick Cheney, pursuing Republican votes in a reliably Democratic state, said Monday that Sen. John Kerry's view of terrorism reflects a naivete and an inability to recognize the seriousness of the threat.

Echoing President Bush's criticism, Cheney focused on a comment Kerry made in an interview with The New York Times Magazine on Sunday that the nation has "to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

Kerry suggested that terrorism, like prostitution, illegal gambling and organized crime, will never be eradicated but can be reduced so "it's not threatening the fabric of your life."

Cheney told a few thousand Republican supporters that Kerry's interpretation was "naive and dangerous, as was Senator Kerry's reluctance earlier this year to call the war on terror an actual war."

The vice president said that if the United States fails to prosecute aggressively the war on terror, "the terrorists will escalate their attacks, both at home and overseas, and the likelihood will increase that they will acquire weapons of mass destruction to use against us."

Candidates' flaws shown in debates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After two debates, voters have seen President Bush look peevis and heard him pass the buck. They've watched Sen. John Kerry deny he's a flip-flopper and then argue that Saddam Hussein was a threat — and wasn't.

It's no wonder so few minds have changed.

Three weeks and one debate from Election Day, the vulnerable incumbent and his flawed challenger are struggling for the upper hand. Private and public polls show Bush and Kerry neck-and-neck for the popular vote, and the all-important race to 270 Electoral College votes is just as close.

Bush has all the advantages of incumbency, an electoral map that favors Republicans and a challenger whose voting record is arguably one of the most liberal in the Senate. Sounds good on paper.

But so does Kerry's case for a new course. More than 800,000 jobs have been lost during Bush's term, and his main justification for invading Iraq — the assertion that there were weapons of mass destruction — has been discredited after the loss of 1,000 Americans lives.

While most voters picked sides long ago, those in the wavering middle are trying to decide between a challenger who promises change and an incumbent who warns of its risks.

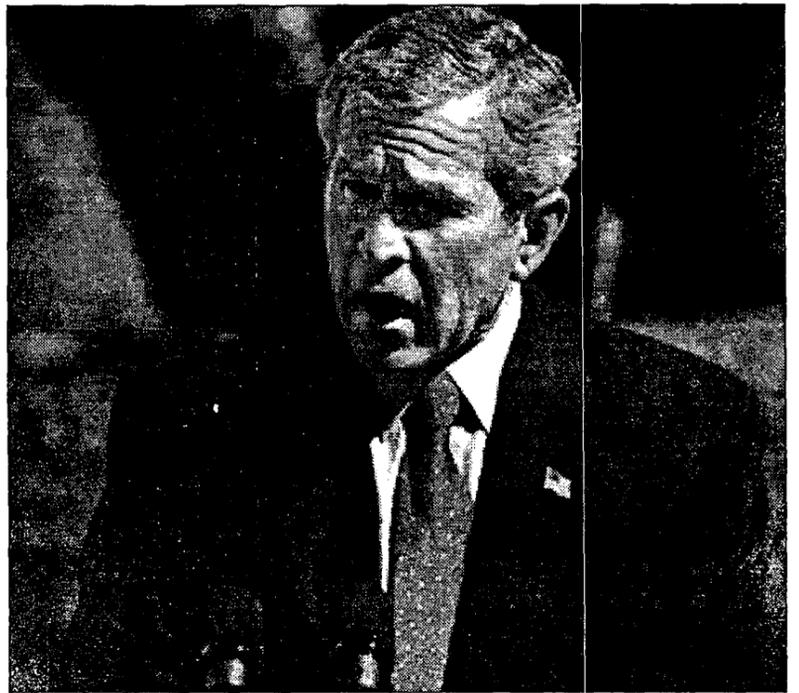
"At times you wonder whether either one of these guys is up to the task," Charles Franklin, political science professor at the University of Wisconsin, said after the second of three presidential debates.

Bush turned in a disastrous performance in the first faceoff, grimacing and fidgeting while Kerry criticized his Iraq policies. To some voters, and even his own supporters, Bush looked like a man spoiled by success. He entered politics late in life, sped to the top and has rarely had to publicly defend his policies.

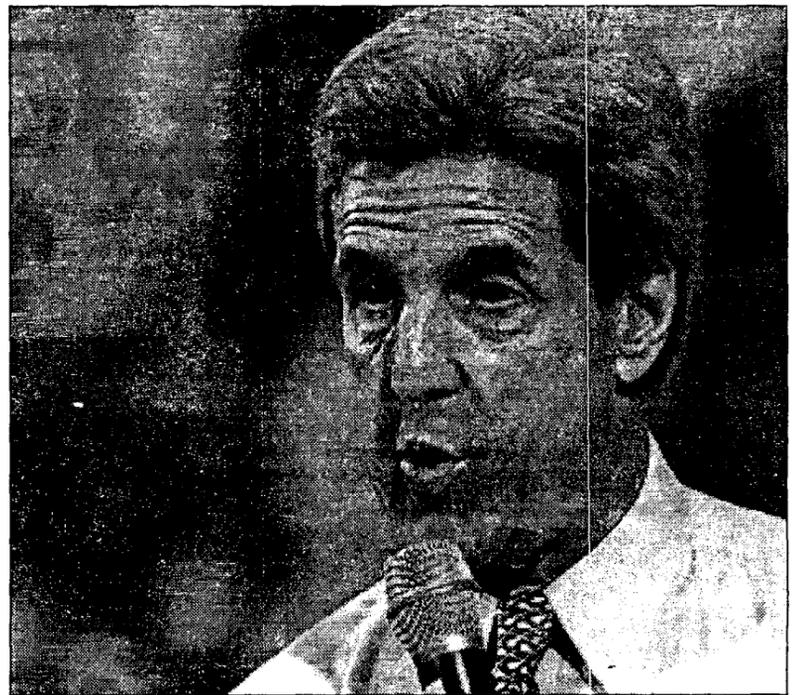
In the second debate, Bush struggled to name three wrong decisions. His initial response was to talk about unidentified personnel appointments.

Later, when forced to defend troop deployments in Iraq that critics say were too low, Bush pointed the finger at U.S. generals.

The CIA report that concluded there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was, in Bush's mind, justification for his action because it showed that Saddam



President George W. Bush speaks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C. Oct. 7.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, talks to the crowd during a rally at the Broward Community College in Davie, Fla.

Hussein "was trying to get rid of sanctions so he could reconstitute a weapons program."

With those words, Bush expanded a pre-emptive strike doctrine, suggesting that a military invasion is justified when a nation intends to do harm — even lacking the means or evidence of an imminent attack.

Kerry didn't help his own cause.

Early in the second debate, the Democrat summed up Bush's strategy nicely — "He wants you to believe that I can't be president. And he's trying to make you believe it because he wants you to think I change my mind. Well, let me tell you straight up: I've never changed my mind about Iraq. I do believe Saddam Hussein was a threat."

Kerry hits Bush on energy, Bush strikes back on terror war

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Bracing for their final debate, John Kerry accused President Bush of favoring "friends in the oil industry" over consumers strapped with rising fuel bills on Monday while Bush said his challenger so misunderstood the war on terror that he thought it could be reduced to "a nuisance" akin to prostitution or illegal gambling.

Both candidates campaigned in the West ahead of their third

presidential debate, which will take place Wednesday night at the University of Arizona in Tempe. Kerry focused on domestic issues — the subject of that debate — and criticized Bush and the Republican-led Congress for not doing more to reduce U.S. dependence on imported oil.

Bush mixed domestic policy with national security, criticizing Kerry as a tax-and-spend liberal while questioning anew the Democrat's fitness to lead the war against terror.

At a rally in Hobbs, N.M., the Republican incumbent ridiculed Kerry for saying in an interview in The New York Times Magazine, "We have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

In the interview published Sunday, Kerry compared the anti-terror battle to efforts by law enforcement to root out prostitution or illegal gambling, knowing such an activity could never be ended but could be

reduced to where "it isn't threatening people's lives every day." He cited his experience as a former prosecutor in Massachusetts.

"I couldn't disagree more," Bush said. "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive."

The Bush campaign also takes on the "nuisance" comment in a new television ad. And Vice President Dick Cheney, cam-

paigning in Medford, N.J., called Kerry's remarks "naive and dangerous."

Phil Singer, a Kerry-Edwards spokesman, said the Republicans took Kerry's single sentence out of context. "Considering that George Bush doesn't think we can win the war on terror, let Osama bin Laden escape and rushed into Iraq with no plan to win the peace, it's no surprise that his campaign is distorting every word John Kerry has ever said," he said.

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Kerry and Bush on health care: inadequate responses to the nation's problem



I usually write this column with the intention of supporting Sen. John Kerry. I truly believe he should be our next president. This week, however, I am writing on the topic of health care, and, to my great dismay, I've discovered that I am far too stubborn to either craft or put my name on a column with which I don't entirely agree.

Katie Boyle

For *What It's Worth*

To be completely honest, I don't like all aspects of Kerry's plans for health care. I don't particularly agree with all of President George W. Bush's ideas either. Refusing to toe a proverbial party line on this issue is having an extraordinarily negative effect on my midterm week workload. So if anyone has extra time to work on my thesis, let me know.

I admit that my idea of integrity isn't the only concern I have in writing this column. Additionally, fall break is approaching, and my roommates, along with many others in the senior class, are road tripping it out to New Jersey for the Navy game. I, on the other hand, am going home to that land of milk and honey — otherwise known as beer and cheese — Milwaukee, Wis.

My dad works in health care, and if I pretend for an instant that I don't recognize inherent problems in the Kerry-Edwards platform on this issue, I may as well prepare myself for a lonely stay at College Park next week, watching obscure foreign films and reading novels. As entertaining as this idea sounds (no, I'm not joking), I'd also like to enjoy my mom's cooking and see a few high school friends.

The topic of health care has been somewhat lost during this election cycle, taking second place to a flurry of speeches about the war in Iraq. While foreign policy is of great importance, the well-being of our nation's citizens is just as critical. Kerry and Bush outline highly different plans to cope with the system's rampant problems.

Health care today is in dire straits. According to USA Today on Sept. 28, over Bush's past four years in office "average individual earnings" have risen 12.4 percent, while the costs of "private health insurance coverage" has escalated 35.9 percent. As a result, health care has become increasingly unaffordable.

Five million, two-hundred thousand Americans have also lost health insurance since the year 2000.

Surely these statistics demonstrate a failure on the part of the Bush administration. How can the president be trusted to improve health care when one considers his blemished record?

Despite this rather abysmal history, some of Bush's health care proposals are both valid and necessary. In particular, he advocates medical liability reform, which will limit awards in medical malpractice cases. This change will not only benefit doctors, ensuring that their insurance premiums remain somewhat reasonable; it will also benefit the American public in general.

As the situation stands, prohibitively high health care liability awards threaten the American health care system. Neither Kerry nor Edwards have supported federal legislation limiting such awards. Without this limit, doctors will no longer be able to perform high-risk procedures such as caesareans. In addition, the already high costs of health care for average Americans will skyrocket, as they will also be forced to bear some of the cost of excessive awards.

While Bush may be correct on this issue, his overall plan for health care is sadly insufficient. He appears well able to take into account the needs of companies, but, in contrast to Kerry, neglects the consumer.

Showcasing this phenomenon, Kerry and Edwards' plan for health care brings up many valid points that are not present in Bush's proposals. Unlike Bush, they have supported Americans' right to buy their prescription drugs from Canada, which can often save patients a significant

amount of money. For example, in my home state of Wisconsin, senior citizens currently must take the 'RX Express' over the border in order to fill their prescriptions, thus avoiding the higher prices in the United States. Edwards has also collaborated on legislation to allow generic (and generally cheaper) drugs to come to market in a shorter time period.

Essentially the Kerry plan for health care will provide many more Americans with insurance than Bush's outline. The American Enterprise Institute estimates that Kerry's plan will ensure 27.3 million new people over the next ten years, costing approximately \$1.5 trillion. Bush's ideas are, on the other hand, much less expensive, insuring 6.7 million new people with about \$128.6 billion in costs.

Kerry focuses on using government to make sure the poorest Americans have access to health care, while Bush believes that reducing government intervention will improve the situation. Kerry will obtain money for his ideas by repealing a portion of Bush's tax cuts, while Bush advocates tax cuts as a means of lowering the cost of health care.

Both of these men's proposals have some merit. Your opinion on the situation will probably depend upon your view of the importance of government intervention versus providing the greatest number of people with health care.

The significant problems discussed, however, should not be ignored.

In short, on the issue of health care Americans deserve better. Neither candidate has the record nor the proposals, which indicate he will be able to adequately mend the current problems in the system.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem impossible, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."

Christopher Reeve
actor

We must be the vanguards of liberty

While the media focuses on their critiques of President George W. Bush through the lens of hindsight, little attention is devoted to looking into the real reasons the United Nations and its friends opposed this war. As confirmed in the Duelfer report, Saddam bought support, particularly among French, Russian and Chinese officials to whom he would donate oil "vouchers" that could be resold for large profits. One recipient was Benon Sevan, former U.N. official in charge of humanitarian relief and the Oil for Food program itself. The scandal has gone all the way to the top, to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's son. His son, Kojo, was a consultant for a company that later won a questionable \$4.8 million U.N. contract. It's quite the coincidence that Kofi Annan suddenly came out with a press release calling the U.S.-led invasion "illegal" just as the press began to leak about the involvement of his son in the kickbacks under Oil for Food. Needless to say, the countries and organizations that benefited most from these vouchers were also the countries that were most adamantly opposed to the Iraq invasion.

Tom Rippinger

Confessions of a Campus Conservative

Britain, the United States, and other nations within the coalition were not involved with Saddam's kickbacks through the U.N. Oil for Food program. Instead, our "kickback" was Saddam shooting at our fighters almost daily in a de facto war over the no-fly zones. As is usually the case in U.N. action, British and American lives were put on the line before French, German or — God forbid — the Chinese. That is why we supported the enforcement language in Resolution 1441, while France vigorously lobbied to change the language to "harsh consequences". For those that don't understand French that is synonymous with "do nothing and continue to receive kickbacks from the Oil for Food arrangement." Then of course, Phase II is a halfhearted inspections process that finds nothing and lifts the sanctions so French oil companies can benefit from pre-existing contracts with the existing regime.

However, Sen. John Kerry believes the problem is with the United States. He has stated that the cornerstone of his foreign policy is to extend our alliances to other states in Europe. The truth is that this current president has effectively used multilateral means when the world community has been willing to cooperate. Saying that his "respectable demeanor" will suddenly convince nations to suddenly support

us in these endeavors is lunacy. Of course, Jacques Chirac said he would help if Kerry were elected, adding him to other prominent international supporters of Kerry that have spoken out against Bush including Kim Jong Il, Fidel Castro and Hezbollah. Kerry has finally decided on an Iraqi policy that seems to look back in hindsight and declare how, "He would have done things differently, and been more prepared." Yes, John, if we could go back in time we would do a lot of things differently, but unfortunately that is not an option in winning the war now. In reality, Bush had the same intelligence in front of him that you and Edwards did when you both voted to authorize action. Saying you would not in hindsight only displays weakness to our enemies.

Kerry's second pillar of foreign policy is his assertion that Bush isn't fighting the real War on Terror. He seems to ignore the accomplishments of Afghani elections, Iraqi elections and Libya completely giving up its nuclear weapons program. Kerry dismisses six party talks with North Korea as ineffective, and believes we have turned a blind eye to Iran. Departing from his policy of multilateral international relations, he wants to engage in bilateral talks with North Korea, giving Kim Jong Il just the opportunity to blackmail the United States into an aid package he has been looking for to keep his miserable tyranny alive. Contrary to his assertion that we "forgot about Bin Laden," the U.S. government is using its close working relationship with the Pakistanis and others to track down Bin Laden. The IAEA is making a stand in preventing Iran from developing a nuclear program, and the country's young and moderate student base gives hope for future reform without intervention

Kerry would have my vote if he could deliver on his promises. Of course we would love to see our Special Forces double in size, add three new combat divisions, have Europe behind our efforts and see the terrorists suddenly refrain from their "glorious" efforts in decapitating or blowing apart those that have come to rebuild their country. If Kerry could do all this with his magic wand and a rollback of the tax cuts, then he would have my vote in a heartbeat. I don't know if I'll ever make \$200,000 a year, and I'd love cheap health care, more Social Security and a clean environment with no economic consequences.



The fact is this is planet Earth, and we are under siege by an enemy of radical Islam willing to decapitate people with hacksaws, murder children and send 14-year-old suicide bombers with backpacks of high explosives and flesh-piercing shrapnel into busses of civilians in Israel. While some Europeans sit on the sidelines debating the war, our soldiers are dying for the noble cause of freedom in the Arab world. I support the Democratic Party of old that believed in the idealistic dream of a world that embraces liberty.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty," President John F. Kennedy said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tearing down the little, white crosses

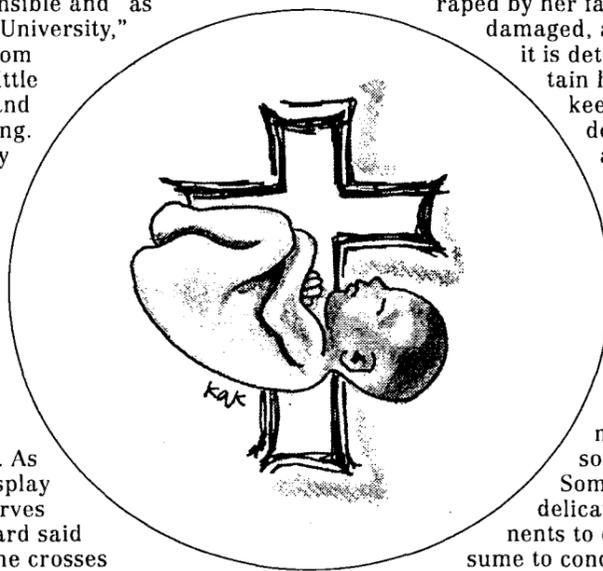
In response to Cole Milliard's letter to the editor, the first thing I want to say is this. The attacks on Sept. 11, the senseless death in Iraq, and perhaps, the Holocaust are more deplorable, reprehensible and "as far from the traditions of this University,"

then the removal of crosses from South Quad. Cole, they were little white symbols ... calm down and think about what you are saying. And Dave Daley, are you really comparing the removal of little white crosses from South Quad to scaling the Dome and tearing down Mary? Do you think that might be a bit of an overstatement?

"Regardless of how you feel about abortion, every single man and woman on this campus should condemn this act," Milliard writes. Milliard is not living in reality. As far as I am concerned, one display of the freedom of speech deserves another. Both Daley and Milliard said that the act of tearing down the crosses was a suppression of free speech. Wrong. If the University had stopped this protest — as they have done with almost every pro-homosexual event and was suggested in these very columns last week — that would have been your first amendment rights being stepped on. Another student removing the signs is another act of free speech. By creating such a presentation, there must be an understanding that others may decide to "speak"

out against it. But then again, your first amendment rights probably supersede theirs.

To diverge, take this example: a 16-year-old girl is raped by her father. Her sexual organs are so damaged, and so much blood is lost that it is determined that she cannot sustain her own life if she attempts to keep her unborn child alive. She decides to have the abortion, and then years later she arrives at Notre Dame with her family for the Notre Dame vs. Stanford game where she is met with your graveyard. What is she supposed to think? It should be me in the graveyard instead of my unborn child? Just remember in your rhetoric that this is unfortunately not as black and white as some may have you think. Sometimes being delicate with a delicate issue will lead your opponents to do the same. Should some presume to condemn others, they should expect condemnation in return. While I did not commit this act, I do not and will not condemn those responsible.



As a pro-choice professor who respects the pro-life position, I too condemn whoever attacked and vandalized the "abortion cemetery." American debates over abortion are already far too polarized and acrimonious. Vandalism leads only to anger, never to understanding or reconciliation.

Students at any great research university, including Notre Dame, ought to have complete academic freedom. That includes the freedom to express their views on any subject, including abortion, no matter what position they hold. Currently, pro-choice students do not have the right to organize or hold events, as pro-lifers do. Yet pro-choice students' lack of freedom does not make the pro-life students' statements any less deserving of respect.

The vandals may have been attempting to make a political statement about abortion, or they may simply have been drunken louts. Either way, what they did was reprehensible. In short, I agree with the sentiments of the students interviewed in Monday's edition of The Observer: Nobody has the right to curtail freedom of speech on a university campus, and we desperately need more open, free, and respectful dialogue about the complex and divisive issue of abortion.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Duff gives stirring performance in new film

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Critic

I'll admit that prior to seeing the credits roll at the end of this film, I had my doubts. While I am a Hilary Duff fan, I also do believe she has selected both good and bad projects for herself. This movie was a wonderful choice for Duff.

The role of Terri Fletcher, a 16-year-old, attractive, innocent girl with a beautiful voice, seems to resonate what many view Duff to be in real life.

Set in Flagstaff, Ariz., the film opens on the last day of school with Terri's brother, Paul, graduating high school. Terri secretly applies to a summer music program in Los Angeles at one of the best music conservatories in the country, despite her father's edict that she not apply. Terri's mother, aunt and brother are adamant on getting Terri to this program, no matter what it takes.

But before even getting very far into the plot, Terri suffers a personal loss, which keeps her from singing anymore. This movie is truly not a movie for the faint of heart, or really, it's not for the people who live for touching moments in life.

The conservatory accepts Terri into its summer program and she attends, even against her father's denial — no

surprise here because otherwise, there would have been no movie. She tricks him with the help of her mother and aunt, so he doesn't even know that she's in Los Angeles.

As one can guess, "Raise Your Voice" also becomes a coming of age story for Terri Fletcher, living in the "big city" for the first time in her life. She meets eclectic people, falls in love, all the while struggling to learn music and make up for her lack of formal music training that keeps her behind in her studies.

Terri meets a nice, British hottie of sorts named Jay (Oliver James), who is warm and encourages her to sing with joy. The two even write a song together, which they perform at the conclusion of the film.

There is also an inspiring music teacher (John Corbett), who wants to find the best in her, and doesn't have to look very deep.

While these parts of the film seem to be cliché, the film really is not the trite, teen-age monstrosity critics have made it out to be.

The film is full of humor and sadness. The entire movie the viewer is on an emotional rollercoaster, even at times, finding the need to cry.

Maybe the plot has been done a million times before, but it is worth going to see, if not in the theatre, then defi-

Raise Your Voice



Director: Sean McNamara
Writer: Sam Schreiber and Mitch Rotter
Starring: Hilary Duff, Oliver James, David Keith, Dana Davis and Rita Wilson

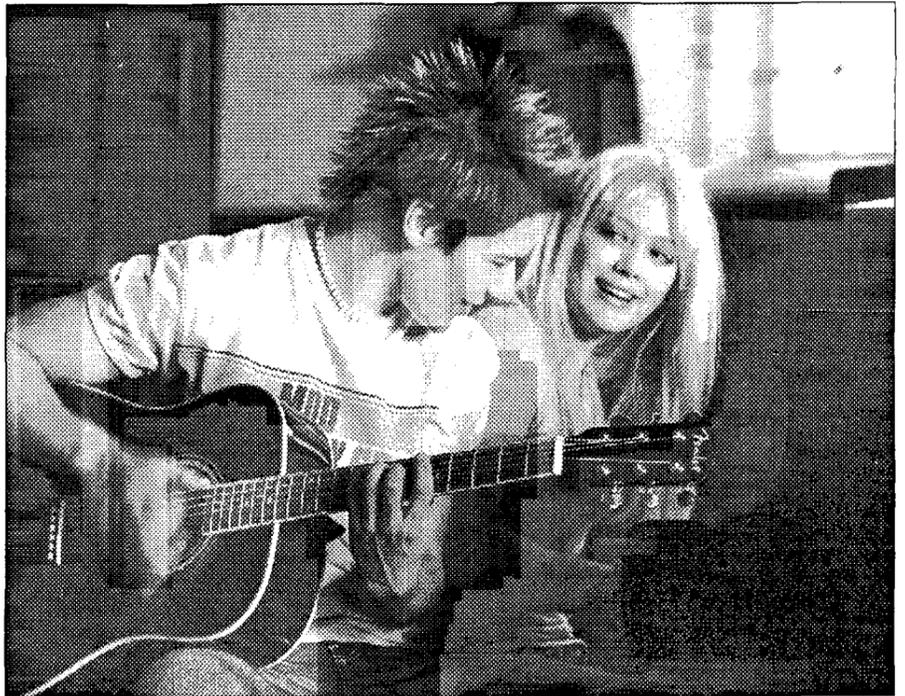


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Jay Corgan (Oliver James) and Terri Fletcher (Hilary Duff) rehearse together for their final performance in the new teen drama, "Raise Your Voice."

nately as a rental. It's a feel-good movie, which makes one appreciate music and want to go out and sing. If anything, this film exhibits Duff's vocal talent and promotes her new album, which came out on Sept. 28.

Nearly all of my friends hassled me about the fact that I volunteered to review the film and was actually going to sit through all 140 minutes of it

happily. One of them even suggested I buy a large popcorn, not to eat, but merely to use as ammo at the screen.

However, this was not necessary. I liked "Raise Your Voice" and I think you will, too.

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Zombie comedy succeeds in both genres

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

The new British zombie comedy "Shaun of the Dead" combines the comedy and horror genres brilliantly. Anyone who has a love for either the zombie horror genre or British comedy in general will not be disappointed by "Shaun of the Dead."

Playing off of the 1978 cult-favorite "Dawn of the Dead," "Shaun of the Dead" manages to reference almost every zombie movie ever released, from "28 Days Later" to "Evil Dead." This is a treat for those who have knowledge of the cheesy B-zombie movies of the 1980s. However, this does make the movie fall more into the niche category.

However, it is a comedy as well, so those turned off by its horror nature should take that into account. The comedy is a mix of the obvious, from Monty Python to Michael Jackson. There are also elements of "Office Space," as well as a variety of other movies.

The plot is relatively simple. Shaun (Simon Pegg), our hero, is a 30-something-year-old stuck in a dead-end job at the local small grocery mart. After his significant other breaks up with him, he becomes so withdrawn that he

completely doesn't see the carnage unfolding around him. It is not until the zombies come knocking on his window, literally, that he notices the unfolding chaos. Once that occurs, Shaun and his flat partner decide they must hide from the zombie tide. Logically, they decide that the local bar would be the safest place.

But they can't go immediately to the bar. First Shaun must pick up his mother, along with his ex. This scene where they decide where to go and whom they will pick up first is particularly humorous. The rest of the movie basically follows their progression to the bar, picking up random people along the way, and then the subsequent assault on the bar.

Although this is a horror-comedy, it is horror first, comedy second. There is quite a bit of gore in the movie, as the zombies are in various states of ill-being. But the comedy in it is quite funny, and doesn't clash with the vibe of the movie.

The closest equivalent to this movie would be the somewhat recent movie, "Club Dread." However, while "Club Dread" had its genuinely funny moments few and far between, "Shaun of the Dead" remains consistently funny and enjoyable throughout. Like

Shaun of the Dead



Director: Edgar Wright
Writer: Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright
Starring: Simon Pegg, Kate Ashfield, Nick Frost, Lucy Davis and Dylan Moran

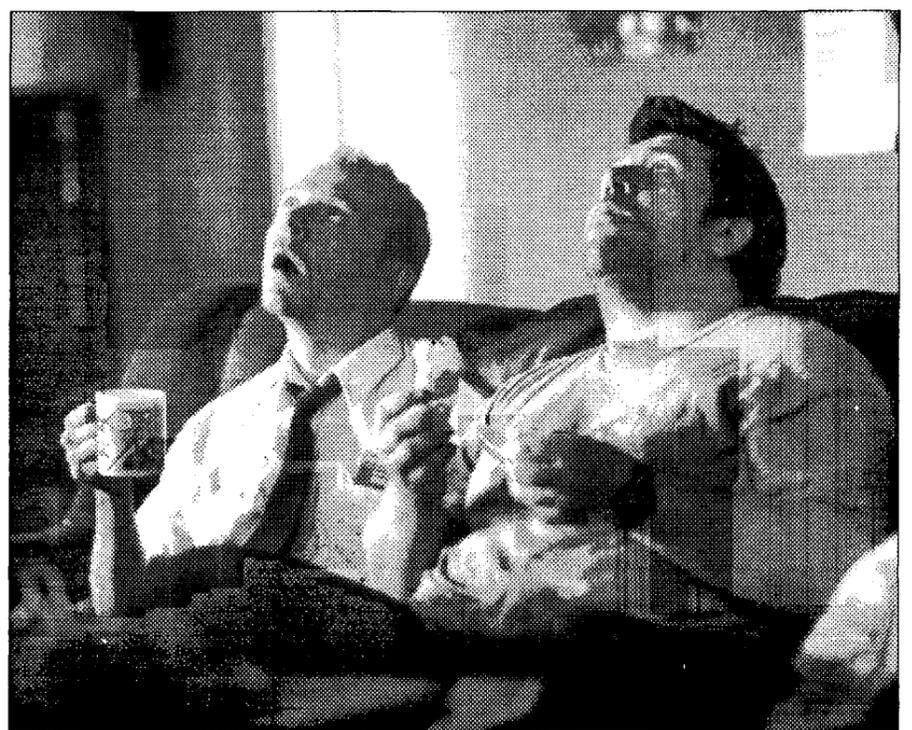


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Shaun (Simon Pegg), left, and Ed (Nick Frost) react in awe to the chaos caused by a zombie army in their very own living room in "Shaun of the Dead."

"Club Dread," this movie was created by a comedy troupe. However, the British comedy troupe responsible for this film relies upon more sophisticated humor than the one that wrote "Club Dread" and "Super Troopers."

"Shaun of the Dead" only received a limited release in the United States. So if you're in the mood for some British

zombie humor, be sure to check this out in select theaters around the country. There are a lot worse movies out in theaters right now and "Shaun of the Dead" is a welcome change.

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DVD REVIEWS

'Chappelle's Show' ushers in new era of comedy

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

It is not often that a season of sketch comedy is great. In fact, it is rare if it even elicits laughs at all, as the current seasons of "Saturday Night Live" can attest to. The paucity of laughter is why SNI chooses to release "The Best of..." series and why late night talk shows have celebrity interviews and performances from bands interspersed between sketches. "Chappelle's Show," though, has changed the landscape with its bold and hilarious take on comedy, and has proven that we should expect more from sketch comedy. Dave Chappelle takes more risks and gets more laughs than any other comedian currently on television, and "Chappelle's Show: Season One Uncensored" reveals why.

Not for the easily offended, Chappelle is a risky comedian who isn't afraid to deal with issues of race, gender or sexuality in unusual ways. Comedy Central, a channel known for its edgier shows like "South Park" and socially aware shows like "The Daily Show,"

has allowed Chappelle to keep his comedic bite.

Season One includes a host of now infamous skits, including: "The Mad Real World," which turns MTV's "The Real World" on its head by having one white guy living with six black people instead of the other way around; "The Black White Supremacist," which centers on a blind member of the Ku Klux Klan who is unaware that he is black; and Tyrone Biggums, a "recovered" crack addict who gives anti-drug talks at schools that seem more commercials than condemnations.

The show typically opens with a monologue from Chappelle, and often features musical guests like Talib Kweli, but most of the musical acts have been cut from the DVD release.

Chappelle was a stand-up comedy prodigy at the age of 14, and because he was underage, his mother, an ordained Unitarian minister, would take him to performances. He got his start in film with Mel Brooks' "Men in Tights" and has gone on to appear in movies such as "The Nutty Professor," "Undercover Brother," "You've Got Mail" and "Half Baked," which he also co-wrote.

Season One of "Chappelle's Show" only contains 12 episodes, but it comes with enough bonus material to make up for the short season. Chappelle and co-creator Neal Brennan provide commentary tracks for five of their favorite episodes, there is a half an hour of deleted mate-

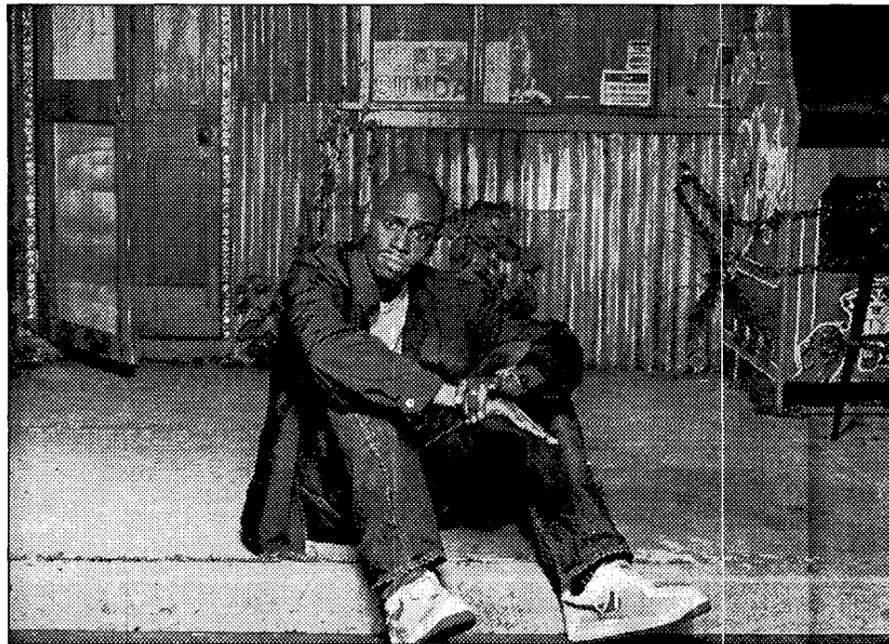


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Dave Chappelle takes comedy to new heights in his show on Comedy Central, taking no prisoners with his unique brand of offensive but hilarious skits.

rial and bloopers and there is unaired footage from one of the recurring sketches, "Ask a Black Dude with Paul Mooney," which is essentially a question and answer session between Mooney and people on the street. The blooper reel isn't as funny as it potentially could be, but the unaired footage from "Ask a Black Dude" is very entertaining.

The audio and video for "Chappelle's Show" are satisfactory. "Chappelle's Show" is redefining

comedy by doing something that is rare on television today — making people laugh.

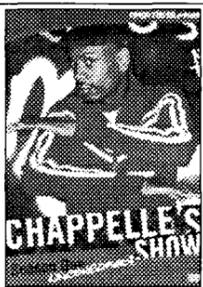
If you've never seen Chappelle, Season One just might make a fan out of you, and if you're already a fan, it just might tide you over until the new season of his show comes to Comedy Central.

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Chappelle's Show

Season One

Paramount Home Video



Fourth season of 'Futurama' remains original

By RYAN ROGERS
Scene Critic

Matt Groening ("The Simpsons") demonstrates another stroke of genius with "Futurama Volume Four," the fourth and final season of the program.

"Futurama" is an animated television series about a modern day loser, Philip J. Fry (voiced by Billy West), who is accidentally frozen cryogenically while delivering a pizza. Fry wakes up a thousand years later to find just how much or, in many cases, just how little things have changed in the year 3000. Settling into the fourth season, Fry works at Plant Express (an interplanetary FedEx, only more inept) and copes with all of the hilarious unpleasanties that come with his dead end job. The concept of this program allows Fry to go on all kinds of quirky adventures on all kinds of quirky planets.

"Futurama Volume Four" features a number of memorable adventures. In "Where No Fan Has Gone Before" Fry goes to a planet run by a "Star Trek"

geek. This episode is a wonderful defamiation of "Trekkies" everywhere. Or "Less Than Hero," in which a topical cream gives Fry super powers. The show even makes an adventure of each character spending a \$300 government refund check. These goofy episodes are totally unpredictable and contain a lot of laughs.

The cast of characters makes this program. Fry's boss is a senile and bitter 100-year-old man with no regard for the wellness of his employees. His best friend is a binge-drinking, womanizing robot with kleptomania. Then there is Fry, who is a borderline degenerate. Although this may sound like a bit too much to handle in one show, "Futurama" elegantly weaves hilarious relationships between all of its characters. In season four these relationships have become more developed and more intense, which makes them more interesting to watch.

Character interaction is the heart of this program. The futuristic setting is fun but it is often pushed to the background to focus on the characters.

"Futurama Volume Four" may not be as strong as other DVD collections of this program but it is exceptional regardless. The show derives its comedy through satirical means; much like "The Simpsons" but it also plays with the viewers' concept of comedy. What this means is "Futurama"

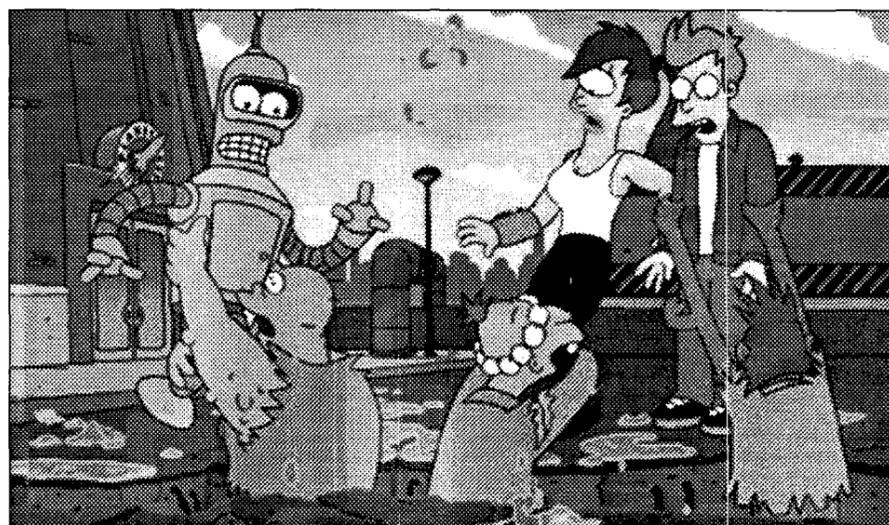


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Robot Bender, left, Leela and Fry find themselves in a precarious situation when underground mutants kidnap the trio in Matt Groening's "Futurama."

sets up a joke with an extremely obvious punch line. However, just when the viewer thinks they know the joke "Futurama" takes the gag in a completely unexpected, yet hilarious, direction.

The biggest problem with "Futurama" is that it requires very careful viewing. Due to its intelligent nature and the way that it builds jokes "Futurama" cannot be watched casually. For these reasons a good deal of viewers are turned off to the series. Fans of traditional sitcoms may find "Futurama" tough to swallow, after all the show did not have the mass appeal to stay on air for more than four seasons.

This DVD looks sharp and sounds crisp. The special features are a "Futurama" fan's dream. Each episode comes with a full length commentary and most episodes have a deleted scenes library. There are a slew of storyboards, character art and other features to satisfy all of your "Futurama" needs. Not to mention the collection's running time is 414 minutes.

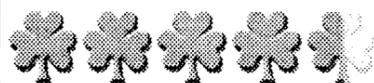
Fans of quirky, intelligent comedy should look no further. "Futurama Volume Four" is brilliant.

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Futurama

Volume Four

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NFL

Titans pummel Packers at Lambeau Field

Brown scores two touchdowns, leads Tennessee to the win

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Lambeau Field is now a desired destination, as Chris Brown and the Tennessee Titans were the latest to learn.

Brown ran for 148 yards and two long touchdowns, and Tennessee cruised to a 48-27 rout of the stumbling Green Bay Packers on Monday night, scoring more points than any visitor ever at the famed stadium.

The Titans (2-3) snapped a three-game losing streak and sent the Packers (1-4) to their fourth straight loss. This is Green Bay's first four-game losing streak since 1991 and its 0-3 start at home since 1988.

From 1996 to 2002, Green Bay was 53-7 at home, including the postseason. The Packers lost to Atlanta in a playoff game in January 2003, starting a Lambeau slump that reached 6-7 with the loss to Tennessee.

"This is unfamiliar territory," Packers coach Mike Sherman said.

Only eight teams in NFL history have overcome a 1-4 start to reach the playoffs, including the Titans two years ago.

"It's something you want to avoid at all costs," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

Tennessee scored on five of its first six possessions with Brown, who had 27 carries, from 37 and 29 yards out. Only Na'il Diggs' block of Gary Anderson's 42-yard field goal prevented the Titans from scoring the most first-half points — 28 — by an opponent in Lambeau Field's 47-year history.

"To come in here and have a chance to win, you have to run the ball and get turnovers," Fisher said.

The Packers' hopes for a comeback were killed by four second-half turnovers. They had six overall.

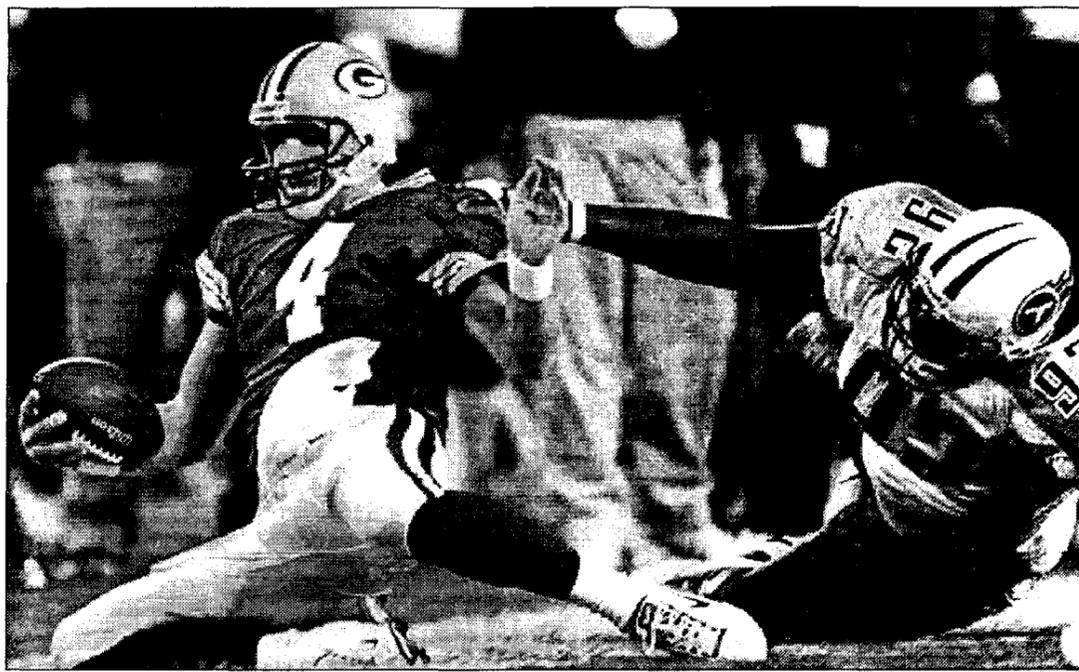
The Titans didn't turn the ball over at all.

"This wasn't season-saving, but it got us back on the right track," Titans safety Tank Williams said.

Steve McNair (chest, ankle) returned after missing Tennessee's last game, and threw two touchdown passes, including an 11-yarder to Eddie Berlin in the third quar-

"This is unfamiliar territory."

Mike Sherman
Packers coach



Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth pushes Packers quarterback Brett Favre out of bounds in Tennessee's 48-27 win at Lambeau Field.

ter after Brett Favre's third interception.

Favre extended his NFL record with his 213th consecutive start, including playoffs, despite numerous injuries, including a mild concussion he suffered last week. Favre also played after the death last week of his 24-year-old brother-in-law in an ATV accident at the family home in Mississippi.

Both teams had lost three straight, and much of the blame went to poor run defense, which showed up right away again for Green Bay as Brown carried nine times for 90 yards in the first quarter. The early deficit altered Green Bay's plan to give the Titans a steady diet of Ahman Green.

The Packers had just 5 yards rushing on five carries in the first half.

Packers cornerbacks Michael Hawthorne and Ahmad Carroll made the crowd miss the traded Mike McKenzie right away.

Hawthorne capped a poor first series by missing the tackle on Brown's 37-yard touchdown run and Carroll, the Packers' top draft pick, coming back from a groin injury that sidelined him for three weeks, was targeted aplenty whenever he got onto the field.

Brown made it 14-0 with a

29-yard scamper to beat the blitz on the Titans' second possession, after which Sherman chewed out his defenders on the sideline.

But soon his wrath was focused on Green.

The Packers' fumble-prone running back coughed up the ball at the Green Bay 34 with nose tackle Kevin Carter recovering for Tennessee. Green, whose habit of always carrying the ball in his left arm not only gives tacklers a true target but doesn't allow him to stiff-arm defenders, has fumbled four times this season.

Green finished with 33 yards on 10 carries.

Anderson converted Green's gaffe into a 36-yard field goal that made it 17-0 with 6 minutes left in the first quarter. At that point, the Titans had outgained the Packers 145 yards to 4.

After Sherman successfully challenged an interception by Samari Rolle in the end zone, Ryan Longwell's 39-yard field goal made it 17-3.

The Titans responded with a 10-play, 80-yard drive to make it 24-3 on fullback Troy Fleming's 14-yard catch-and-run in the second quarter.

Favre completed all five of his passes for 70 yards, capping the drive with a 1-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks that made it 24-10 with 6 1/2

minutes left in the first half.

After Anderson was good from 38 but missed from 42, Longwell's 53-yard field goal with 2 seconds before halftime made it 27-13.

Favre was picked off twice by Lamont Thompson, whose second interception set up McNair's 11-yard touchdown strike to Berlin that made it 34-13 in the third quarter.

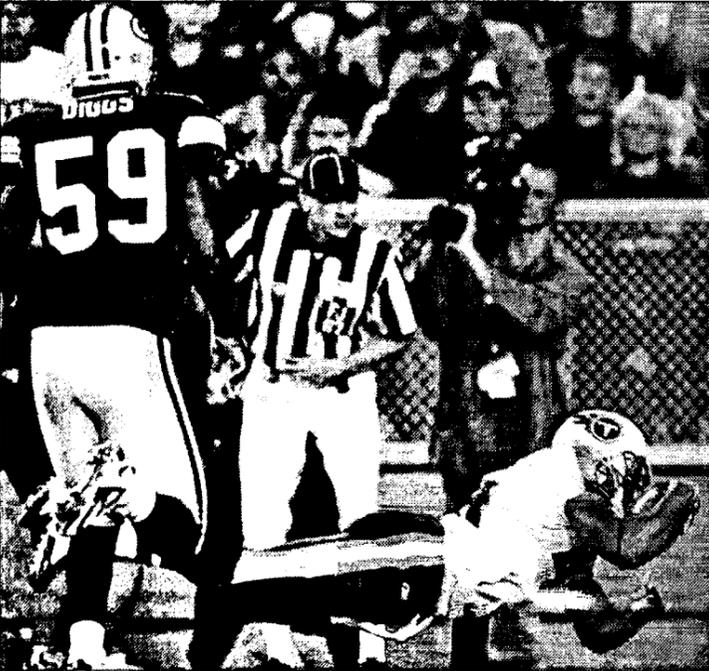
Antonio Chatman's muffed punt was recovered by Tennessee's Darrell Hill at the Green Bay 23, leading to wide receiver Drew Bennett's 26-yard touchdown loss to Derrick Mason for a 41-13 lead in the fourth quarter. Thompson also forced a fumble.

Anderson's kick following Antowain Smith's 15-yard touchdown run with 2:34 left made it 48-20 and broke the record for visiting points that Washington set in a 48-47 loss at Green Bay in 1983.

Packers' backup quarterback Craig Nall threw his first career touchdown pass on a 1-yarder to Javon Walker with a minute left.

The 48 points were the most allowed by Green Bay at home since Detroit's 52-17 win at old City Stadium in 1952.

"I expect us to play better," Favre said. "I don't think it's a lack of preparation. I think we were ready to play. Maybe my expectation is too high."



Tennessee's Troy Fleming makes a diving catch for a 14-yard touchdown in the second quarter of the Titans' win.

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MLB

Grieving Rivera comforts family members in Panama

Closer expected to return for Game 1 of the American League Championship series, which begins Tuesday

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees closer Mariano Rivera said he plans to return from a family funeral

in Panama on Tuesday in time for Game 1 of the AL championship series against Boston.

Rivera flew home to comfort relatives after two members of

his wife's family were electrocuted in his pool. The ALCS begins Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium.

"I am going back to New York tomorrow, after the funeral, and rejoin the team," Rivera said Monday outside his home in Puerto Caimito, the fishing village where the accident occurred.

"At this moment, my family is my priority," he said. "I stopped thinking about baseball the moment I got on the plane."

Early Tuesday, Rivera will attend the funeral of Victor Dario Avila, a cousin of Rivera's wife, Clara, and Avila's 14-year-old son. The father was electrocuted when he tried to save his son, also named Victor, while cleaning the pool at the pitcher's home, officials said.

The Yankees have arranged for a private plane to bring Rivera back to New York.

"I don't want to say he's going to be back tomorrow," Yankees manager Joe Torre said earlier Monday. "If he's here tomorrow, wonderful. If he's not, then we understand that."

Rivera's agent, Fernando Cuza, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the pitcher "should be back in time" for Game 1.

The local police log on the

accident said that a suspended electrical cable fell into the pool while the younger Ayala was in the water and the father jumped in to try to rescue him.

The chief of the local fire department, Luis Felipe Caceres, said the only witness was Denis Ballester, brother-in-law of Rivera's wife. Ballester suffered shocks and was released from a hospital.

On Monday, a tarp had been raised in front of the Avila family's small zinc-roofed, concrete-walled house next door to Rivera's mansion.

Eight children, some barefoot, played baseball on a basketball court nearby, using the basket stands as bases. A heavy downpour soon drove them away. Many of the men from the town of 3,500 were at sea, fishing for shrimp.

Rivera's father was a fisherman, as was Avila, who also cleaned and maintained Rivera's home.

"There's great pain in Puerto Caimito because Victor was a very well-liked person in town," said a neighbor, Arnulfo Vega, 52, also a fisherman.

If Rivera doesn't return, it will be the first time since 1997 that Torre won't be able to call on the player who is widely regarded as the best closer in postseason history.

Rivera saved a postseason-

record 23 straight games beginning with the first of three straight championships in 1998 and ending in Game 7 of the 2001 series. Rivera has failed to close out a game only three times in 33 postseason opportunities, including Game 2 of the division series against Minnesota last Wednesday.

While it will be a huge blow to the bullpen if Rivera is unavailable, Torre does have Tom Gordon, who led the league with 46 saves in 1998 for Boston.

"We get too late in a game and Mariano is not here, obviously we know what we're going to do," Torre said. "If he's not here tomorrow, and we're in position to save the game, it will be Tom Gordon."

Gordon has been Rivera's primary setup man this season, going 9-4 with a 2.21 ERA and four saves in 80 appearances. With Gordon and Paul Quantrill in the bullpen, Torre was able to limit Rivera's eighth-inning appearances and helped the closer save a career-high 53 games.

Gordon didn't use the workout day to prepare any differently than he has all season.

"I went out and played catch," Gordon said. "I've closed before. I'll just prepare like I do. I just hope everything goes well with his family."



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AROUND THE NATION

NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	4-0	1.000	105	63
NY Jets	4-0	1.000	98	75
Buffalo	0-4	.000	51	73
Miami	0-5	.000	42	87

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4-1	.800	112	94
Baltimore	3-2	.600	97	79
Cleveland	2-3	.400	82	96
Cincinnati	1-3	.250	66	95

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4-1	.800	159	106
Jacksonville	3-2	.600	73	86
Houston	2-3	.400	118	127
Tennessee	2-3	.400	104	118

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	4-1	.800	99	74
San Diego	3-2	.600	140	115
Oakland	2-3	.400	95	119
Kansas City	1-3	.250	89	110

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4-0	1.000	107	55
NY Giants	4-1	.800	104	72
Dallas	2-2	.500	67	91
Washington	1-4	.200	71	85

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Detroit	3-1	.750	78	72
Minnesota	3-1	.750	112	94
Chicago	1-3	.250	68	76
Green Bay	1-4	.200	99	135

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Atlanta	4-1	.800	98	66
New Orleans	2-3	.400	92	127
Carolina	1-3	.250	69	88
Tampa Bay	1-4	.200	69	89

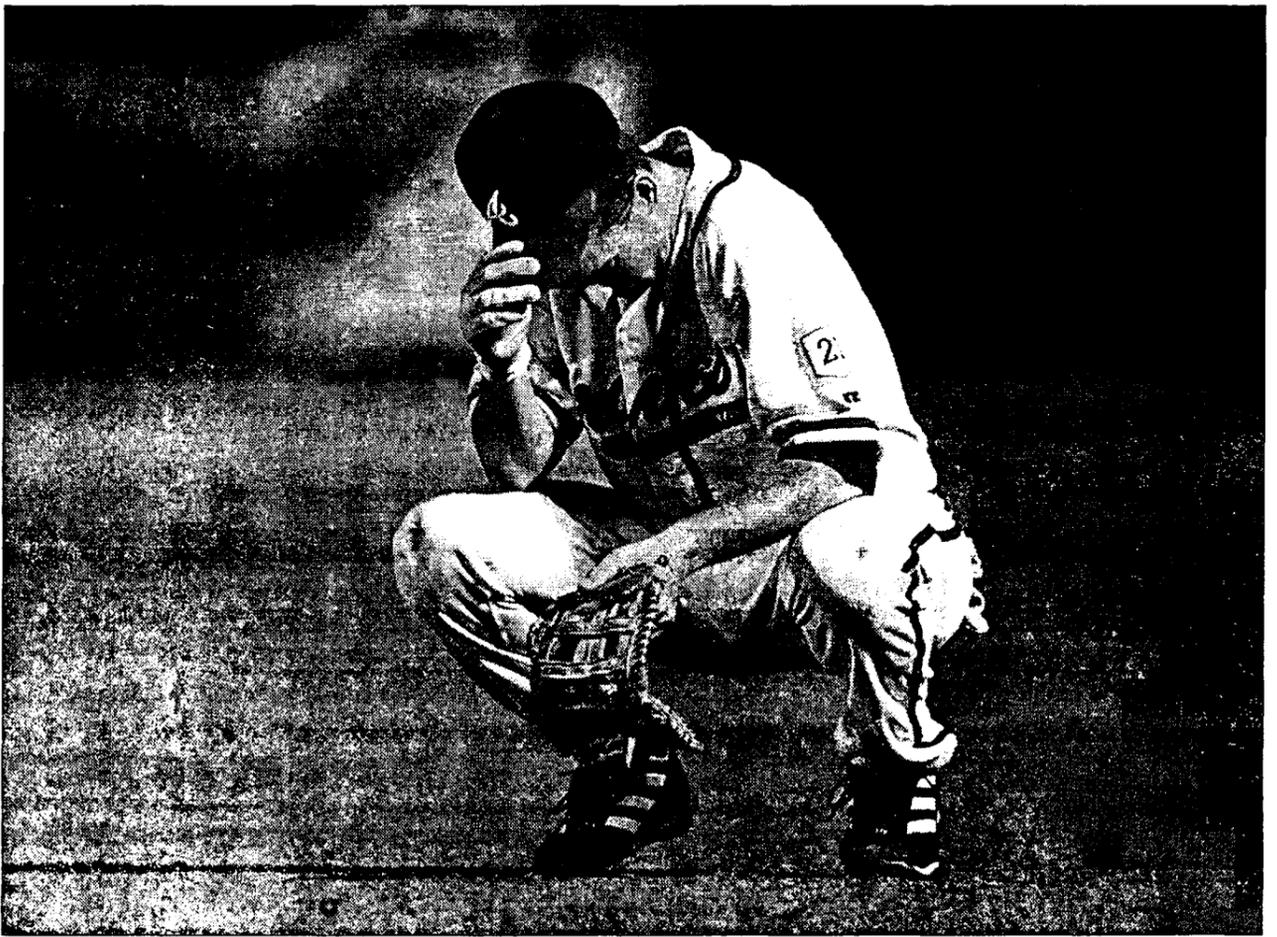
NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	3-1	.750	92	46
St. Louis	3-2	.600	116	113
Arizona	1-4	.200	87	87
San Fran.	1-4	.200	91	137

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2	North Carolina	10-0-1
3	Penn State	9-1-1
4	Portland	10-2-0
5	Washington	9-1-0
6	Virginia	9-1-0
7	Texas A&M	10-3-0
8	UCLA	7-3-0
9	Duke	10-2-0
10	Kansas	11-2-0
11	California	7-1-1
12	Princeton	7-1-0
13	Tennessee	7-2-2
14	Florida	8-3-1
15	Michigan	7-3-2
16	Stanford	8-2-1
17	Florida State	7-3-0
18	Santa Clara	6-3-2
19	Ohio State	6-2-3
20	West Virginia	9-3-0
21	SMU	6-2-2
22	Boston College	8-2-0
23	Illinois	10-2-0
24	Auburn	8-2-1
25	Pepperdine	7-2-1

MLB PLAYOFFS



Atlanta Braves first baseman Adam LaRoche hangs his head as a home run by the Houston Astros' Jeff Bagwell sails over the fence. The Astros won the game 12-3 to clinch the first postseason series win in team history.

Astros rout Atlanta to move on to NLCS

Associated Press

ATLANTA — It took 43 years, but the Houston Astros are finally postseason winners.

Carlos Beltran hit two more homers and drove in five runs, while original Killer B's Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell chipped in during a five-run seventh inning that carried the Astros to a 12-3 rout of the Atlanta Braves on Monday night in the deciding Game 5 of their first-round NL playoff series.

The Astros snapped an 0-for-7 record of futility in the playoffs against their longtime nemesis. The

Braves eliminated Houston in 1997, '99 and '01, but they couldn't escape their own postseason demons this time.

Atlanta has lost Game 5 of the division series three years in a row — all at Turner Field. The second-largest crowd in franchise history, 54,068, saw another familiar ending.

The team that proudly displays 13 straight division titles still has only one World Series to show for it. This marked the fifth straight year that the Braves' season ended at the Ted.

This one was especially dismal, equaling the worst

postseason loss in franchise history.

Next up for the wild-card Astros is a matchup against Central Division rival St. Louis in the NL championship series starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadium.

Houston jumped ahead 3-0 on Braves starter Jaret Wright, scoring two in the second and adding to their lead when Beltran homered into the Atlanta bullpen in the third.

The Braves had the big crowd roaring in the fifth. Rafael Furcal led off with a homer against Roy Oswalt, and Johnny Estrada hit another into the seats with

two outs, pulling Atlanta to 3-2.

But Beltran, acquired from Kansas City in June, quickly turned the tide back in Houston's favor.

He started the sixth with a towering drive off Wright that just cleared the right-field wall.

The Astros were back in control. The Braves were done.

Unlike Los Angeles a night earlier, Atlanta players didn't come out when it was over to shake the victors' hands.

Oswalt, pitching on three days' rest for only the second time this season, made it through five innings.

IN BRIEF

No end in sight for Dolphins' QB problems

DAVIE, Fla. — Injuries to Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley left Miami's unsettled quarterback situation more muddled than ever.

Fiedler was sore after aggravating a rib injury in Sunday's 24-10 loss at New England, and he's unsure whether he'll to play when Miami visits Buffalo in a matchup of the NFL's only winless teams. Feeley suffered a concussion on Miami's final offensive play against the Patriots, but he said he felt fine Monday and would be ready against the Bills.

Coach Dave Wannstedt said that both would be re-evaluated Wednesday, and that Fiedler would start if healthy.

If neither Fiedler nor Feeley is available, Sage Rosenfels will make his first NFL start.

"The ribs are tender right now," Fiedler said Monday. "I'll take it day by day and see how it goes."

Fiedler's agent, Brian Levy, said

the quarterback cracked a rib.

Feeley was in the game for only two plays and walked off the field in a daze after being hit by Roosevelt Colvin after throwing a fourth-down pass that fell incomplete. Feeley said he didn't remember the play after the game, but remembered everything Monday.

End to Dodgers' season ends Ventura's career

LOS ANGELES — Robin Ventura retired in a fashion befitting his 16-year career — timely and with little fanfare.

Ventura told teammates of his decision last week, but waited until the Dodgers' postseason run ended Sunday night to make his announcement public. "I'm absolutely positive. I've realized that it's time to go, and that's it," Ventura said after the Los Angeles Dodgers lost to St. Louis 6-2, eliminating them from the NL playoffs.

Ventura, 37, played nine years with the Chicago White Sox, two with the

New York Mets and 2 1/2 with the Yankees before finishing up with 1 1/2 seasons in Los Angeles — less than 200 miles from where he grew up.

American swimmer breaks own world record

INDIANAPOLIS — Aaron Peirsol of the United States lowered his own world record in the 200-meter backstroke at the Short Course World Championships on Monday night.

Peirsol's time of 1 minute, 50.52 seconds bettered his mark of 1:50.64 set in March at a short course World Cup meet in East Meadow, N.Y. He also won the 100 back during the 25-meter competition.

Matthew Welsh of Australia was second in 1:52.54 and Arkady Vyatchanin of Russia was third in 1:54.20.

Peirsol, of Irvine, Calif., swept the backstroke events at the Athens Olympics. He also won the 200 back at the 2002 short course championships.

around the dial

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MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE WRAPS

Siegfried stomps St. Edward's

Carroll pulls out an improbable last-minute comeback against Fisher

By THOMAS BARR, KYLE CASSILY and PETE CRACCHIOLO
Sports Writers

It had been a quiet game. There had been a combined 39 yards of total offense midway through the second. But now St. Edward's was rolling on a 69-yard drive. A questionable spot made what looked to be a first down into fourth-and-one on the 22. The momentum, was stopped and St. Ed's offense was unable to recover for the rest of the game as they lost 20-0 to Siegfried.

No longer hampered by penalties (25 yards on the first possession), Siegfried's offense came alive. They capitalized on the turnover and marched 78 yards down the field in a drive that lasted just under five minutes. With 30 seconds Siegfried completed a 35-yard pass for 6 points.

St. Ed's looked to hit a deep one just before half, but Siegfried was not done. On the first play from scrimmage, the Ramblers forced and recovered a fumble. But with only seconds left, the Ramblers were not able to hit the more than a 40-yard field goal.

At half, St. Ed's coaching staff recognized that Siegfried would have to go the air as their ground game had been stagnant, saying, "They are going to keep it in the air."

This is exactly what Siegfried did scoring twice more through the air and racking up 192 passing yards on 11-15 passing for the game.

St. Ed's did have some bright spots, especially on defense. The team allowed Siegfried only to ramble for 8 yards on 12 carries after sacks. It was also able to pick off Siegfried's backup quarterback and block an extra point.

Siegfried's defense also had good showing. The Ramblers gave up only 77 yards (28 in the second half).

Carroll 17, Fisher 10

There was nothing stopping

the offense of Carroll Hall in the final minutes of this contest as they charged 80 yards downfield with time running out to complete a comeback win.

A 15-yard touchdown pass completed by Carroll quarterback Kory Wilmot to wide receiver Kyle Kownacki completed the drive with a touchdown and almost guaranteed victory for the Vermin.

The drive that led to a Vermin victory began with under three minutes remaining in the game and Carroll backed up on its own 20-yard line. Wilmot went 6-for-7 on the drive, amassing 65 yards in the air, and 15 yards on the ground. He hit three different receivers to carry the Vermin down the field. Mike Versagli caught two passes for 25 yards and Kownacki caught the final pass to win the game. Also in on the drive was freshman wide receiver Mike Valuzzo, who caught three passes for a little over 30 yards.

Carroll was down by 10 near the end of the first half, but a 24-yard field goal by kicker Preston Carter put the score at 10-3 at the end of the half. Then late in the third quarter, Carroll drove down the field sparked by a 31-yard pass to Versagli. The drive ended with a 1-yard run by Wilmot for a touchdown.

The extra point that followed did not find the uprights however, and Fisher remained in the lead at 10-9. Several three-and-out drives followed for both teams, until the 80-yard drive that ended the game.

"I knew there was a long way to go, but it was just a matter of time and finding the open guys," Wilmot said.

Carroll tries to complete its season undefeated on Wednesday against Sorin, although it also is guaranteed an appearance in the postseason.

Knott 7, Sorin 6

Knott saves face this season, improving to 2-2; and Sorin missed another close one and slips to 0-3.

The outcome of the game was

decided during the first half where both teams made their scores. Knott struck first with a 58-yard rush from John Lyons. Lyons finished as the game's leading rusher.

Sorin made countered with a drive of its own during the last minutes of the first half. Quarterback and captain Collin O'Keefe hooked up with Chris Paley for a 30-yard touchdown pass to close out the half. However, the Otters missed the extra point.

The second half was lackluster in scoring and the missed extra point came back to haunt Sorin.

Despite this, there appeared to be hope during the last drive of the game by the Otters. In the last minutes of play Sorin nailed two first downs and was in striking distance of the end zone. However, an interception by Knott's Trey Patrick ensured a Knott victory.

In what appeared to be a sloppy game, there were some bright spots. Sorin's quarterback, Collin O'Keefe passed for 148 yards, completing 10-of-21 pass attempts. However, the final interception may have cost the Otters the game.

"There were a couple balls I missed," O'Keefe said. "I probably made the wrong call there at the end."

Knott's defensive line played a great game. They racked up four sacks and caused Sorin to incur negative rushing for the game.

Sunday's victory makes the Juggs eligible for the playoffs. It depends on how other teams finish off their seasons. Even though this could have been the last game of the season for Knott, captain Joe McCarthy is looking ahead.

"Our offense struggled," he said. "We really need to get our offense back in sync. Our goal all season has been dorm champs, that hasn't changed."

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo wins with short bench

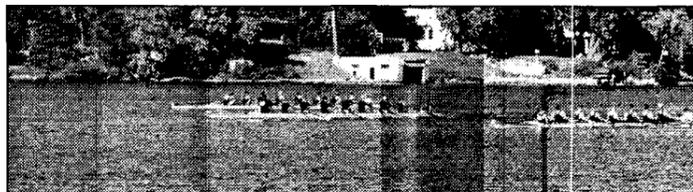


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The Irish 'Varsity 8' squad, middle, competes in a race during the weekend. The crew placed 10th of 60.

Special to The Observer

A short-handed Notre Dame men's water polo club won three of four Great Lakes Conference games this weekend at Toledo. The Irish only had one player on the bench when they opened play against the host Rockets. Led by Matt McNicholas and Mike Grow, the Irish rolled to a 17-6 victory. Greg Szewczyk, Zhan-Wei Khaw, Colin Dunn, and Steve Shepard all scored as well in the rout, while Jay Nunez filled in at goal for Scott Tagwerker.

In Saturday's second game, the No. 17 Irish squared off against nemeses No. 4 Grand Valley State. As usual, the game came down to the closing seconds. Goals from McNicholas, Shepard, Khaw, Szewczyk, and Grow kept the Irish close throughout the entire game, but with time running out, McNicholas narrowly missed a shot from two meters as the Irish fell 14-13.

The Irish rebounded on Sunday, cruising to victories over Western Michigan, 22-8, and Ball State, 24-5. Mike Grow moved to goal and Nunez returned to field play where he was among the scoring leaders.

This weekend, the Irish will head to Northwestern to challenge a field featuring many of the nationally ranked top-25 teams.

Men's Rowing

Sixty club teams descended upon Rockford, Ill., this weekend for the Head of the Rock Regatta, where the Notre Dame men's rowing club had a day of great performances. The varsity squad competed in open dou-

bles, open eight, open four and lightweight four events on the 2.75 mile river course.

The highlight of the day was the stellar performance of the lightweight four which came in fourth out of eight teams and medaled with a time of 17:58. The open fours also had a strong showing against intense competition from the University of Michigan, Purdue and Northwestern. Michigan won the event with a time of 15:42.28 and the three Notre Dame boats took 16th, 22nd, and 27th with times of 17:16.19, 18:10.91, and 19:17.91, respectively.

The Irish also pulled competitive times in the men's double event with Evan Donoghue and Dave Mercante taking fourth place with a time of 17:42. The other men's doubles had great rows as well putting up scores of 18:37, 18:52, and 18:56 taking sixth, seventh and eighth place. The open eight was a hotly contested race with the University of Michigan claiming the victory with a time of 14:05. The top ND varsity boat was not far behind with a time of 15:02 taking tenth place and the other two boats rowing a 15:40 and 16:31 to take 13th and 20th place.

The Novice Crew had a stellar showing for their first race of the fall season. In the Novice fours the rowers came in with a time of 19:36.12 to take tenth place in a field of strong competitors including the winner, the University of Minnesota. In the eights the men proved to be tough competition with times of 17:29.64 and 18:09.24 to take 12th and 16th places in a field of 23 strong novice boats.

The team had a strong showing and expects to build on their successes at the Head of the Elk race in Elkhart on Oct. 31st.

Field Hockey

Notre Dame's field hockey club played host to Buffalo and Ohio State this Sunday at Riehle Field. The Irish split their two games, beating Buffalo 3-0 before dropping a 1-0 defensive struggle against a Buckeyes squad that included seven men on the field in their coed lineup.

In the opener, Rebecca Mosca and Eleanor Bradley fired home first half goals and Kaitlin Moran registered an insurance goal in the second half to secure the victory. Goalie Leigh Madeira stopped all three shots on goal.

Madiera anchored a rock solid defense that was pressured throughout the game by a physical Buckeye attack, and had eight saves, only giving up a goal at the close of the first half. The Irish made some adjustments at the half and forced several scoring chances of their own after intermission, but could not get a shot past a strong Ohio State goalie. The Irish will next travel to Kent and Ashland for a pair of games in three weeks.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD WRAPS

Defense carries Lyons to victory

Howard gets first win; Lewis and Welsh Family battle to scoreless tie

By TOM DORWART, RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and KATE SERYAK

Sports Writers

Defense wins championships.

Lyons' defense, at least, boosted them into the playoffs. The steady unit, for the third game in a row, gave up fewer than seven points.

Lyons beat Badin 6-0 Sunday at the West Quad fields in the final game of the regular season for both teams.

"Our defense has been strong all year," freshman linebacker Judith Kaczmarek said. "We were motivated."

When the clock hit zero, the celebration began.

"When we won, everyone just rushed onto the field and was screaming and cheering," Kaczmarek said.

Deadlocked in a 0-0 defensive battle with Badin, Lyons punched in the game's only score with minutes remaining in the first half. Quarterback Traci Kazmerski connected on a 15-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Meghan Regan.

Six points was enough to hold off the defending champs of Badin as both defenses continued to dominate. Minutes into the second half, Badin drove to the Lyons 2-yard line. Lyons' unwavering defense made a goal line stand to keep the lead.

"Their defense played well," Badin captain Stephanie Heath said. "Our offense didn't play to its potential. We've played much better than that."

Now, Badin must play the waiting game to find out if its 3-3 record earns them the final playoff spot.

"We're just waiting to hear. [The season] is a little disappointing," Heath said. "We weren't really consistent. Coming off of last year, we lost a lot of starters. Hopefully we'll still make the playoffs."

Lyons (3-1-2) secured a playoff berth with the win. They prepare for the postseason with great confidence.

"Welsh Family was ranked No. 1 in our league, and we only lost to them by six, so we know we're going to be really competitive in the playoffs," junior linebacker Mosey Nuccio said.

With a two week lay-off before the first playoff game, the Lyons players are eager to get back on the field.

"It's weird not to have practice," freshman Joanna Collins said. "At least our season can keep going."

Howard 12, Off-Campus 0

And then there was one.

With their 12-0 victory over Off-Campus on Sunday, Howard (1-3-1) got their first win of the season and left Off-Campus (0-5) as the sole winless team in the women's Gold League.

Putting together an impressive defensive stand, the Ducks recorded their first shutout in three years. Howard's defensive unit remained sharp throughout the game.

"Defensively, we really came together," Howard captain Callie Whelan said. "We were on the ball all the time and shut them down as a team."

The Ducks did most of their damage in the first half, scoring on a touchdown pass from quar-

terback Laura Plis and taking command when Catherine Krug intercepted an Off-Campus pass and took it back more than 20 yards for a back-breaking touchdown.

Although Howard's offense cooled off in the second half, their defense remained alert. Giving up only a few first downs from quarterback scrambles, the Ducks kept Off-Campus out of the end zone.

Playing a conservative game that slowly wound down the game clock, the Ducks closed their season with three consecutive quarterback kneels on their last possession.

Although the Ducks didn't get their first win until the last game of the season, they played progressively better throughout the course of the season. A late season tie with Welsh Family, the No. 1 team, was just one memory that the Howard players will be able to cherish from this season.

"It was great seeing the improvement of the entire team," Whelan said. "Girls who had never touched a football before, in the end came together, and it really gives us a lot of hope for next season."

With a young team consisting of only three juniors and one senior, the Ducks will look to reload next season and improve on a season where the team continued to gel with each game.

"Probably the most exciting thing is that we're only losing one senior," Whelan said. "We're going to recruit girls right off the bat during Frosh-0 next year and then play with what we have already. And that should be really good."

Lewis 0, Welsh Family 0

Four years ago, Lewis and Welsh met for the championship game in the stadium. Welsh Family won by a point that day and Lewis players have vowed that this will never happen again.

On Sunday, they played true to their word.

Sunday's showdown between

the league-leader Welsh Family and No. 10 Lewis was a draw. This is the second 0-0 game for Lewis this year, who also tied with Lyons last week. Welsh also had a tie previous to this game, but it could lose the No. 1 ranking to Cavanaugh, who won this weekend.

The tie, however, can be attributed to both teams' defenses.

Lewis had three interceptions, while Welsh had four. Welsh came the closest to scoring a touchdown right before half-time. The Whirlwinds successfully completed a long pass to position themselves right in front of the goal line, but time ran out before they could score.

Lewis played a solid defensive game, shutting out the No. 1 team when they were clearly the underdogs.

"For defense, we came in knowing that we were going to have to play tight on the quarter back and receivers if we wanted to win or tie," Lewis captain Julia Burke said. "We followed through with our plan and played a really clean game in general. Both teams played well."

The only reason Lewis was unable to score any touchdowns is because this is a rebuilding year for their offense, according to Burke.

"After last season, we lost our quarterback, several receivers and our coaches," Burke said. "So we were prepared to consider this a rebuilding year and in that light, I think we've done a wonderful job."

Last year, Lewis was the runner-up in the stadium and surely this year's team will grow into a stadium-worthy, championship winning within the next four years.

"It was a tough season for us, but we're really happy with how it turned out," Burke said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles looking for win to raise team morale

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Never underestimate your opponent.

The Belles must keep this in the back of their heads today as they prepare to take on Tri-State University. The Thunder is still in search of its first MIAA win of the year having now gone 10 straight games without a victory. Meanwhile, the Belles cannot afford to drop another conference match if they hope to improve their current standing in the league.

Saint Mary's comes into the contest with a record of 4-7 in conference play and 4-10 overall. The Belles thumped Tri-State earlier this year when they dominated the Thunder in the Saint Mary's Triangular. The victory marked their first win of the season after losing five straight to begin the 2004 campaign.

In the contest, the Belles controlled the tempo throughout and swept the Thunder in three straight games. However, the team realizes that they

must come into this game prepared and ready for anything.

"We expect to see the same team as in our previous meeting," middle hitter Elise Rupright said. "We expect to win and nothing else, but we cannot come into the game and lie down."

In their first meeting with the Thunder, Saint Mary's was led by the play of Shelly Bender and Elise Rupright on the offensive side of the ball. Bender put on a show against Tri-State University as she collected 18 kills in the match. Elizabeth Stohl and Anne Cusack supplied most of the damage on defense for Saint Mary's and helped the team cruise to an easy victory.

The Belles are coming off of two straight losses against the number two and three teams in the MIAA. Before their recent skid, Saint Mary's was on a three-game winning streak and looking like a team ready to make a strong run as they sat as high as fifth place in the conference.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE WRAPS

Cavanaugh dominates Breen-Phillips 21-0

PW edges McGlinn, Walsh dominates PE

By BRAD WALLACE, ABBY RICHARDSON AND BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writers

Like an army heading into battle, Cavanaugh marched to the West Quad with intensity and the will to win, and for 40 minutes showed a crowd of classmates and families the way football is supposed to be played.

From the first whistle, the game belonged to the Chaos (4-0-1), who dominated the highly-anticipated contest, beating Breen-Phillips (3-2), 21-0.

Cavanaugh got started early, scoring on their first drive when quarterback Lisa Ruffer hit Rachel Byrne for a quick touchdown.

"Right off the bat, we moved the ball all the way down the field," Ruffer said. "Rachel was playing line, and I saw that she got open, so I hit her with the pass."

The Chaos completed the two-point conversion, taking an 8-0 lead. The scoring continued with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Ruffer to Nancy Powaga at the end of the first half, and a 17-yard completion to Janice Flynn for the game's final score.

"The receivers did a great job getting open all game," Ruffer said. "They adjusted to the defense well and ran perfect routes. This was a great game. Everyone played really well."

Due to excess hype surrounding the Breen-Phillips defense, the Cavanaugh offense felt that they had a lot to prove Sunday.

"We came out really wanting to play a great game," Ruffer said. "We've been hearing that Breen-Phillips has the best defense in the league, and we wanted to show what we could do against them. We didn't feel like the rankings on Friday were right, and we hope that this win is enough to convince people that we belong on top of the polls."

The Cavanaugh defense continued its impressive play, holding the strong Breen-Phillips offense scoreless. Babes coach Steve Mattingly felt that his team showed great effort, but simply came up short when it counted.

"This was a tough loss," Mattingly said. "Cavanaugh is a great team, with a good quarterback and good receivers. They made a lot of big plays that really hurt us. Our girls played really hard, but we just couldn't get things going against their defense."

Though disappointed with the loss, Mattingly feels that some good can come out of Sunday's game.

"This gives us some motivation," he said. "We don't want to back into the playoffs; we need to go in with some momentum, because that's like a whole new season."

Pasquerilla West 7, McGlinn 0

It looked like it would be a scoreless game, but that all changed in the last four minutes of the game.

Sunday afternoon on the West Quad field, Pasquerilla West (3-1-1) and McGlinn (1-4) fought the whole game with the Purple Weasels emerging on top.

"It took a while to get rolling," Pasquerilla West cornerback Annie Brusky said. "We were confident. We knew we had to win."

The game started off slow, with sloppy offense by both teams. Each team turned the

ball over once. But as the half progressed, so did the teams.

In the first half, McGlinn's s a c k e d Pasquerilla West q u a r t e r b a c k Heather Van

Hoegarden, and put pressure on her the entire half. The Weasel offensive line had trouble preventing McGlinn's defense from getting to their quarterback.

"The second half, we figured out how to block on offense," said Brusky. "Our offense is awesome. I felt like our defense stepped it up. We held them the whole game."

Brigid Bulfin picked off a pass in the second half for the Weasels and ran a short distance before getting stopped.

After the interception, Pasquerilla West began trying

new plays. Van Hoegarden broke a run for about 15 yards to set up the ensuing touchdown. Van Hoegarden rolled out to the left under pressure and tossed it to Brenna Mannion, who broke a tackle and scored the touchdown. The extra point was scored by Maureen Spring on a pass from Van Hoegarden.

McGlinn came back strong and came very close to scoring but they were denied that chance when the time ran out and Pasquerilla West grabbed the win.

"We have our heart set on the playoffs," Brusky said. "We knew we had to beat McGlinn to get there."

Both teams have one more game before the playoffs, which will take place after fall break.

Walsh 33, Pasquerilla East 7
The Wild Women of Walsh concluded a perfect season Sunday with an impressive 33-7 drubbing of Pasquerilla East.

Citing the mercy rule, referees ended the game with over a minute remaining in the second half, but the outcome was decided much earlier than that.

The Walsh defense set the tone early on, sacking the Pyro quarterback on the first play and then intercepting her on the ensuing snap. Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan capitalized on the great field position, calling her own number twice before lofting a

fourth down pass to an open receiver in the back of the end zone.

"We came out with enthusiasm determined to finish the season on a positive note," Walsh coach Kevin Poppit said.

The quick start provided the Wild Women with a lead they would not relinquish.

After the Pasquerilla East offense failed to gain a yard on the ensuing drive, Walsh had a chance to add

to its lead. This time Sullivan completed three consecutive passes, the last being a 15-yard post route that resulted in a touchdown. This was repeated as the futile Pyro attack went three and out once more, giving the ball back to Sullivan who again found an open receiver and delivered a 30-yard dart for the score.

The second half witnessed two more Sullivan touchdown strikes as the winless Pyros were left in the dust.

The 33-7 final gives Walsh (4-0-2) confidence heading into the playoffs.

"We're just going to keep having fun," Poppit said, "and maybe even win a championship."

"We're just going to keep having fun. And maybe win a championship."

**Kevin Poppit
Walsh coach**

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Schilling set to take on Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Curt Schilling signed with Boston for this very reason — to silence the hated Yankees and pitch the Red Sox to that elusive World Series title.

"I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up," he said Monday, a day before starting the opener at Yankee Stadium against Mike Mussina.

Before the first pitch was even thrown, the AL championship series had players buzzing. They thought back to the 45 intense meetings between the rivals during the past two years, to the on-field fights and the clubhouse boasts.

But in a series that seemed predestined since Aaron Boone's Game 7 homer off Tim Wakefield won last October's playoff in the 11th inning, there was an element of uncertainty for the Yankees this time. It centered on the status of closer Mariano Rivera, who returned to Panama on Sunday after two of his wife's relatives — a cousin and his son — were electrocuted in his swimming pool.

Though Rivera said he'd be on

hand for Tuesday night's game — "I am going back to New York tomorrow, after the funeral, and rejoin the team" — manager Joe Torre wasn't taking anything for granted.

"If he's here tomorrow, obviously, it would be wonderful," Torre said. "If not, we understand that."

Tom Gordon, his left eye still a little blurry after it was hit by a champagne cork in Saturday's clubhouse celebration at Minnesota, would take over as the closer if Rivera is absent. Tanyon Sturtze and Paul Quantrill would replace Gordon as the setup man.

While Gordon's good, he's not Rivera. No one else is.

"I never had a problem with it. I enjoyed closing," Gordon said. "Whatever it takes for this team to get a win."

Following Boston's first-round sweep of Anaheim and New York's 3-1 win over the Twins, Schilling and Mussina are rested heading into the opener. The Red Sox rotation has Pedro Martinez pitching Game 2 on Wednesday, followed by Bronson Arroyo on Friday at Fenway Park and Wakefield the following day in Game 4.

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offense and our defense made two important stops Sunday," Spring said.

Even if Pasquerilla West loses, the Weasels may be able to sneak in if the chips fall in their favor.

Although the team will know whether it needs a win to make the playoffs by the beginning of the game, the Weasels want to stay in control their own destiny.

"We'd like to get that No. 3 seed on our own," Spring said.

That will be a tall task for the Weasels, as they face a Breen-Phillips team whose only two losses have come against unbeaten opponents.

While Sunday's 21-point defeat stings, Feltault credits the point differential to an excellent Cavanaugh team, not to a poor performance.

"We played a great game," she said, "but they are an excellent team."

The Babes expect to balance the running and passing games to keep the Weasels off-balance.

Quarterback Heather Van Hoegarden for the Weasels will have to continue her stellar play to lead Pasquerilla West to victory.

First snap is at 9:00 p.m. at Riehle West Field.

Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla East

Only one game remains on the schedule for the women of Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East; only one more opportunity to show something before the regular season ends. With the playoffs looming, this rivalry game is all about who has shown the most improvement over the course of the regular season.

"In previous years [Cavanaugh] has peaked at the wrong point in the season, but right now is a really good time for us to be hitting our stride," Chaos captain Sara Gilloon said.

Coming into Tuesday's game against Pasquerilla East, a confident Cavanaugh boasts an undefeated 4-0-1 record, with a shutout in last Sunday's game against Breen Phillips. Relying on a team mentality, the Cavanaugh defensive squad has been strong all year, and is looking for another shutout against the rival Pyros.

On the opposite end of the spectrum are the Pyros, who have struggled all season. Already having been shutout multiple times this season, the Pyros offense is looking to turn up the intensity, and put some points on the board, for this final game of the season.

Even though they have already secured a spot in the playoffs, Cavanaugh refuses to look past Pasquerilla East. Vowing to play the game like any other, the Chaos will hold nothing back in their quest to reach the stadium.

On the offensive side of the ball, junior quarterback Lisa Ruffer has been the key to Cavanaugh's success all year.

"She is not only very accurate, but also one of the fastest players in the league," Gilloon said of Ruffer.

It will be up to the Pasquerilla East defense to try and shut down Ruffer, but this may prove to be too tough of a task for the Pyros. Double-digit losses have plagued the Pyros all season, but they are still looking to finish the season on a high note.

With Ruffer running the show,

and against a defense that has played poorly against the pass this season, the Cavanaugh receivers will look to have a big game.

"We have really been working on our pass-catching in practice," Gilloon said.

While this may not look like much of a contest on paper, the women of Pasquerilla East know that games are not played on paper, and are looking to play the role of spoiler Tuesday night at Riehle West.

McGlinn vs. Farley

With both teams going into their final game knowing that the playoffs are virtually out of reach, the McGlinn Shamrocks and Farley's Finest will each be playing for the same thing — pride.

Ending the season on a good note is certainly forefront in the minds of each team. Farley's Finest and the McGlinn Shamrocks will wrap up their respective seasons tonight at 7 p.m. on the Riehle West fields.

Although the win column may look bleak for both teams, each team's schedule could rival any other in degree of difficulty. Both Farley and McGlinn have lost once each to Breen-Phillips, Walsh, and Cavanaugh; all three of those teams have recently resided in the top five.

The story of both teams'

struggles lies in inconsistency and meager offenses.

"Our offense has struggled ... it is just not clicking right now," Farley captain Angelina Zehrbach said. "We get it down there but we can't punch it in."

"We are looking to go out there and have a good time."

Angelina Zehrbach
Farley captain

Despite wanting to finish strong, the Finest will not be taking the game too seriously, as this will be the last time all the seniors will be

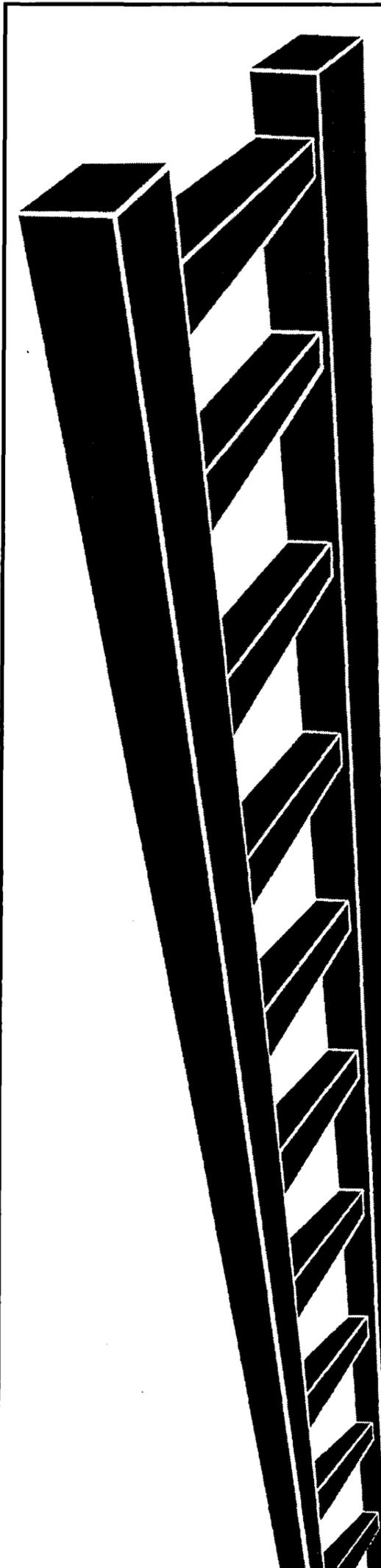
able to play with each other. Do not be too surprised to see new plays and players playing new positions for the first time.

"We are looking to go out

there and have a good time," Zehrbach said. "Our seniors are looking to milk it, and we are going to get a little crazy. It's going to be backyard football, and we are just going to have fun."

Expect McGlinn to have a similar mindset heading into their final game. Even so, McGlinn captain Liz Maher will undoubtedly have her team revved up to get one more win. The one thing this game definitely will not lack is excitement.

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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE WRAPS

Stanford escapes with 0-0 tie against Morrissey on Sunday

Knights take down Dawgs, Big Red shuts out Kangaroos

By MIKE TENNANT, CHRIS KHOREY AND MIKE LASKEY
Sports Writers

Football is a game of inches, and Morrissey was just a few inches short Sunday.

In what was a must-win game for both teams, Stanford and Morrissey battled to a 0-0 tie in a game full of strong defense and missed opportunities.

"It was the hardest we played all season," Morrissey captain Aaron Ronsheim said. "Both teams couldn't put it in the end zone."

The Manorites came within less than a yard of breaking the deadlock on the final play of the game.

With 10 seconds to play, Morrissey quarterback Pete Spreitzer lined up at the Griffin 35-yard line and took one last shot at the end zone to receiver Tim Kenney.

"We just had everyone go deep and make something happen," Kenney said. "Pete just threw it up."

Spreitzer connected with Kenney on the goal line, but the receiver was forced to lean forward to catch the throw, leaving the ball and the victory only inches away as time expired.

The Manorites had a number of other opportunities to score, thanks to a defense that forced two fumbles and blocked a field goal. Ronsheim also had an interception.

"Our secondary really stepped it up this week," Ronsheim said. "I think we held their passing attack in check."

Leading the way for the Morrissey defense along with Ronsheim was Kenney at safety and Tony LoGuidice.

"We just couldn't get our running or passing game going," Griffin captain Vin Monaco said.

The Stanford defense was equally impressive, forcing two Morrissey turnovers and stopping the Manorites twice inside the 10-yard line, including a goal line stand at the end of the first half.

Instrumental in the stand was lineman Eric Medrick, who pulled double duty as both a defensive lineman and fullback for the Griffins. Monaco and fellow linebacker Brandon Bludau both had strong games as well.

The Stanford offense just could not get going.

"We have to start scoring touchdowns," Monaco said. "If our offense doesn't improve, we're toast in the playoffs."

The Griffins still have post-season hope, and have one last game with O'Neill Thursday night. The Manorites, meanwhile, ended their season against Stanford, and most likely will not make the playoffs.

Keenan 13, Alumni 3

Both Keenan and Alumni came into Sunday's contest highly regarded among inter-hall football teams. However, after the Dawgs limped off the field with a 13-3 defeat, there was no question that Keenan had the better team.

Keenan held Alumni's power-

ful running game to only 17 yards and allowed the Dawgs to move the chains just three times. The Knights' defense also forced five fumbles and recovered four of them.

"It makes me really comfortable to get a lead and let our defense do its job," Keenan captain Pat Downey said.

Downey said his team doesn't work on forcing fumbles in practice, but he instead credits the turnovers to hard work.

"We just play hard and try to make things happen," he said.

Keenan was equally impressive on offense, rushing for 115 yards led by Alex Staffieri's 72 yards on 15 carries.

Quarterback Eric Laumann completed 5-of-8 passes for only 68 yards, but did complete a 41-yard pass to set up the Knight's first touchdown.

"We've been an aerial show the last couple weeks," Downey said. "We showed our balance this game."

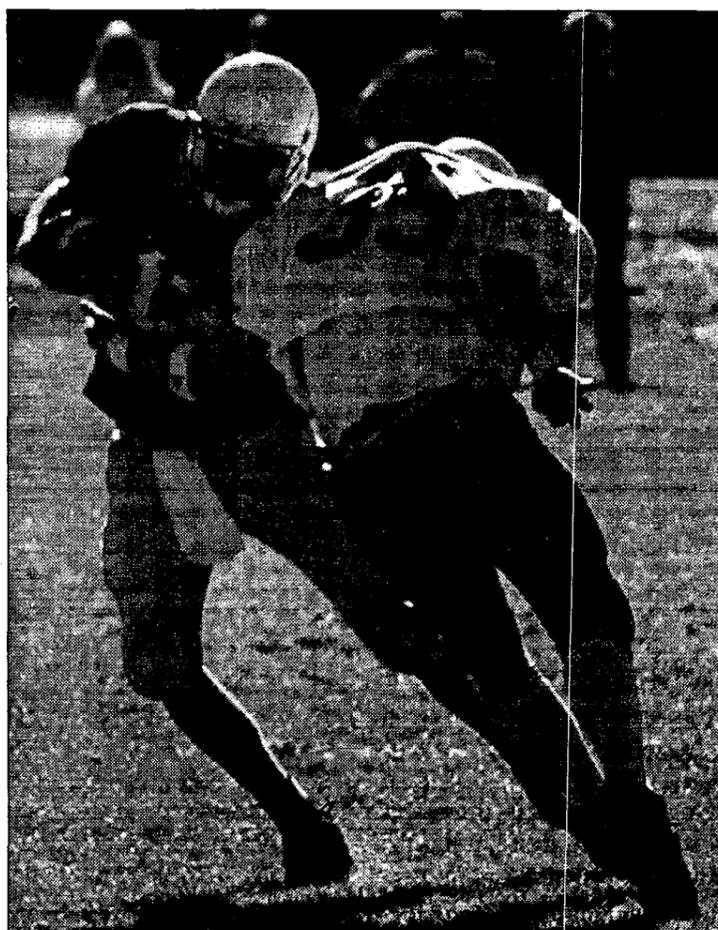
Keenan started the game with the ball and moved it quickly upfield with running by Staffieri, but a fumble gave the Dawgs possession.

Alumni, however, returned the favor and coughed up the ball on their first play from scrimmage. The very next play, Laumann completed the pass for a 41-yard gain to the Alumni 15-yard line.

Four plays later, Laumann carried the ball over the goal line on a naked bootleg.

The teams exchanged punts until halftime, with Alumni failing to make a first down until the last play of the half.

In the second half, Alumni used at 39-yard pass to set up their only points of the game, a 44-yard field goal.



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Keenan quarterback Eric Laumann runs the ball against an Alumni defender in the Knights' 13-3 win.

After stopping the Knights on fourth-and-inches the next drive, the Dawgs fumbled again and Keenan ran out most of the rest of the game with a 14 play, 55-yard touchdown drive.

"In the fourth quarter, we had a lead and we put it on the offensive line," Downey said. "We just said 'We're going to run the ball right at them' and we took up most of the fourth quarter with that drive."

Fullback Reid Langdon, who finished the game with 38 yards rushing, had two important third down conversions on counter plays.

"He broke a lot of tackles," Downey said. "Those two first down runs were key."

Dillon 20, Keough 0

Defensive dominance and efficient offensive production led the Dillon Big Red to a 20-0 pounding of the Keough Kangaroos on Sunday.

The victory improved Dillon's record to 2-0-1, while the setback for Keough marked its fourth in a row, ending the Kangaroos' season without a victory.

Dillon was most impressive on the defensive side of the ball, not allowing a first down all afternoon and forcing four Keough turnovers.

"Every game, our goal is to go crazy," linebacker Dan Avants said, who contributed a forced fumble and an interception to Dillon's defensive effort. "We want to come out defensively prepared."

After losing its two running backs early in the season, Keough has been forced to rely on its passing game, which Dillon effectively subdued the entire game.

"This was the third team that believed that they could pass on us," Avants said. "And this was the third team that we shut down."

The Big Red's defensive line harassed Keough's quarterback all afternoon, forcing desperation passes toward receivers who constantly found them-

selves shadowed by Dillon's secondary.

The Dillon squad took advantage of good field position, garnered by Keough turnovers, to reach the end zone three times. Running their trademark t-wing offense, the Big Red kept the ball on the ground, capped off by John Leyhane's 35-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

"[That hole] was open all day," Leyhane said. "I just followed my blocks."

Keough's struggles against Dillon could be attributed in part its severely limited roster, which included just 14 players on Sunday.

"It's hard to keep up the intensity when your front eight guys have to play both ways," Keough captain Brian Kuser said.

With the victory Sunday, Dillon all but wrapped up a spot in the playoffs, set to begin after fall break. However, the Big Red has one regular season game remaining that has been circled on its schedule since the first week of the season.

Thursday night, Dillon will take on the Alumni Dawgs, the Big Red's archrival. Yearlong bragging rights will be up for grabs when the two teams square off in this annual match-up, which kicks off "Rivalry Week" between the halls.

Avants, a freshman, is excited to become a part of the longstanding rivalry.

"I came onto this team for two reasons from Day 1," Avants said. "One was to make the playoffs, and the other was to beat Alumni. We have the first one taken care of, but I won't be satisfied unless we take care of the second one too."

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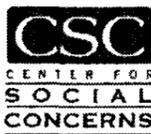
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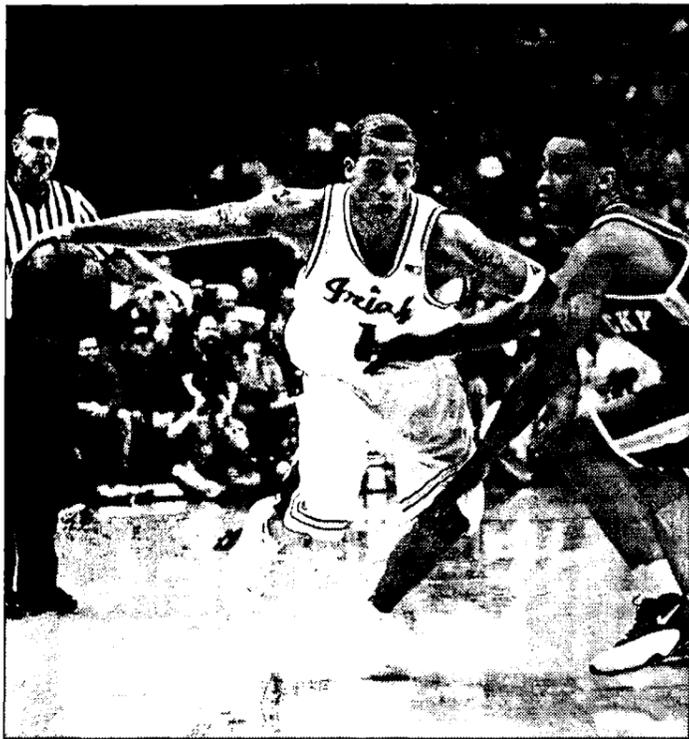
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Chris Thomas drives last season against Kentucky. Thomas is returning this fall from off-season knee surgery.

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out of Jordan Cornette's hands during a team picture. Players took jump shots one minute and sat down with reporters the next. But the playfulness shifted more towards business when anyone — player, coach or reporter — mentioned the NIT.

"Those three letters are out of our vocabulary, that's for sure," forward Jordan Cornette said. "But I'm breaking it down. Look, there are a couple goals we want for this team. First, we're starting with the early non-conference stuff. The Harvards [and] the IPFWs. We've got to take those teams like they're any team. We've got to take care of them. Then we look into the conference schedule.

"Then we want to get a conference title," he said. "We want to hang a banner in here. Then we want to move on in the tournament and see how far we go there. But nobody's sitting here saying Final Four right now. I mean that's in our heads, but there's a couple steps you've got to take before you get there."

Those steps include road visits to Michigan (Dec. 4) and Indiana (Dec. 8) on the 2004-05 Irish schedule. Notre Dame is set to play Connecticut, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Villanova all twice on its Big East conference schedule.

The formidable schedule provides the Irish with quality opponents to boost their RPI (Ratings Percentage Index).

"That's what we want to do," Brey said. "We want to get an automatic bid or an at-large bid. Let's boil it down to brass facts here."

Notre Dame finished the 2003-04 season with a 19-13 record and worked through injuries to key players in summer practice. Chris Thomas had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and Francis had surgery to repair a herniated disk, among other ailments to forwards Rick Cornett and Rob Kurz.

Notre Dame begins practice Saturday on the first day the NCAA allows teams to practice with coaches. Brey said not all injured players are 100 percent but the team has recovered well enough.

"I think when we practice Saturday morning, we have 10 scholarship guys, everybody but Kurz will be on the floor," the coach said.

Brey has his first chance Saturday to see the entire team, including the additions of forward Omari Isreal — who red-shirted as a freshman — and Arizona transfer Dennis Latimore.

The practice begins a campaign Brey and the players said they look forward to. Some players called the team they saw in the summer "special."

On Saturday, the anticipation ends.

"With Thomas, Cornette and Francis, Quinn, especially, I've kind of let them dictate the goals a little bit," Brey said. "And if they say [the team is ready] now, we're going to make them back it up."

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The Irish, who are ranked in the top 15 in three preseason basketball publications, took a team photo and answered questions from about a dozen media members. When they weren't being interviewed, the players mostly stood around talking and joking.

After taking a photo, Batteast, a first-team Big East selection last season, was swarmed by about eight reporters. After averaging 16 points and 8.6 rebounds as a junior, the 2003 honorable mention All-American is expected to be one of the best players in the country this season.

"I'm trying to continue doing what I did last year," Batteast said. "The last six or seven games last year, it just felt like I could do anything. So my

confidence is really high right now and that was a problem I had going into last year. The confidence is good, I'm just ready to get started."

McGraw said the Irish will rely on Batteast again this year, but also have many other players that will be expected to significantly contribute.

"This is the best I've ever seen her play," McGraw said.

"I'm just thrilled with the way she's come through the summer. She's been unstoppable."

"We definitely want to take the pressure off Jackie. Every defense coming in here is going to try and figure

out how to stop her. So we have to get Courtney LaVere, Teresa Borton, Megan Duffy — they've really got to pick up the slack."

Duffy is coming off an excellent season, when she averaged 9 points per game, ran the Irish offense and was named Big East Most

Improved Player. Borton and LaVere combined to score over 17 points a game last season. Duffy, along with Borton and Batteast will captain the 2004-05 team.

In total, the Irish return seven players from last season's 21-11 squad that reached the Sweet 16 before losing to No. 1 Penn State. They also add four freshmen in Charel Allen, Melissa D'Amico, Tulyah Gaines and walk-on Amanda Tsipis.

Notre Dame begins the season with two home exhibition contests before playing Illinois State in the first round of the Women's Preseason National Invitational Tournament at the Joyce Center Nov. 12 at 9 p.m. If they keep winning, the Irish could play up to four games in the tournament.

From Jan. 2 to Feb. 2, Notre Dame plays seven of 10 games at the Joyce Center, where it was a perfect 15-0 last season. The team then ends the regular season with five of their last seven games on the road.

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the past and you can't really say they are the Naval Academy and they don't have the talent because they do. They're undefeated and they are a tough opponent."

The Irish are coming off a narrow 23-15 victory over Stanford this weekend, where Notre Dame was outgained on offense by the Cardinal and trailed 6-3 at halftime.

Notre Dame knows that they're going to have to pick up the intensity against a Navy team that played the Irish down to the wire last year at Notre Dame Stadium. A 40-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick proved the difference as the Irish won by the final score of 27-24.

Last year, though, the Irish were unable to parlay that Navy win into getting a bowl invitation. At 3-2 coming into Saturday's matchup with the Midshipmen, Notre Dame doesn't want to miss the post-season again.

"It's always good to keep streaks alive and things like that but I don't think it's something that we focus on," Irish guard Dan Stevenson

said. "Our ultimate goal isn't about keeping the 40-year streak alive. It's about what we want to do this season."

"We're not setting out to try and keep the 40-year streak alive. We're setting out to beat Navy and to focus on our task at hand, which is to go to a great bowl game."

Navy and Notre Dame are the only two remaining independent programs in NCAA Division I, and are also well-known for their academic and all-around excellence. Irish

linebacker Brandon Hoyte feels that the Navy Academy's rigorous disciplinary curriculum transfers to the football field as well.

"I would say what they stand for and I think that helps to propel their

players and that's hard, emotional play every single down regardless of the score," Hoyte said. "I think that's something every team envies and every team strives for and their team definitely has that character."

The Midshipmen run a complex triple-option style offense that almost completely ignores the passing game, and the Irish defense knows they will have to be disciplined and on top of their game to stop the potent Navy attack.

"[There's] a lot of preparation, Navy drives the coaches nuts because it's such a completely different type of offense to prepare for," Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "It's fun. I'm looking forward to Kyle Eckel, their fullback. He's a [heck] of a player so we're going to have to get ready for him this week."

Navy also has one additional advantage over Notre Dame — a bye week. The Midshipmen will have not played a game in 16 days by the time they meet the Irish Saturday.

"It's a pretty big advantage," Goolsby said of Navy's bye week. "But I know a lot of times in my experiences sometimes the longer you have to prepare for a game it gives you that many more things that the coaches can throw at you to get ready for."

"It can work with you and it can work against you at the same time because you have so much more to digest mentally to get ready for a game. They're going to come out ready and I'm sure they'll be more than prepared so we have a big challenge ahead of us."

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Optimistic beginnings

Men look to bounce back after injuries, disappointing season

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The men's basketball team had serious smiles on their faces Monday. And their coach was the one who set the mood.

"Everybody ready?" Brey said at the start of the season's first press conference during Media Day. "You ready to go? Okay."

He paused.

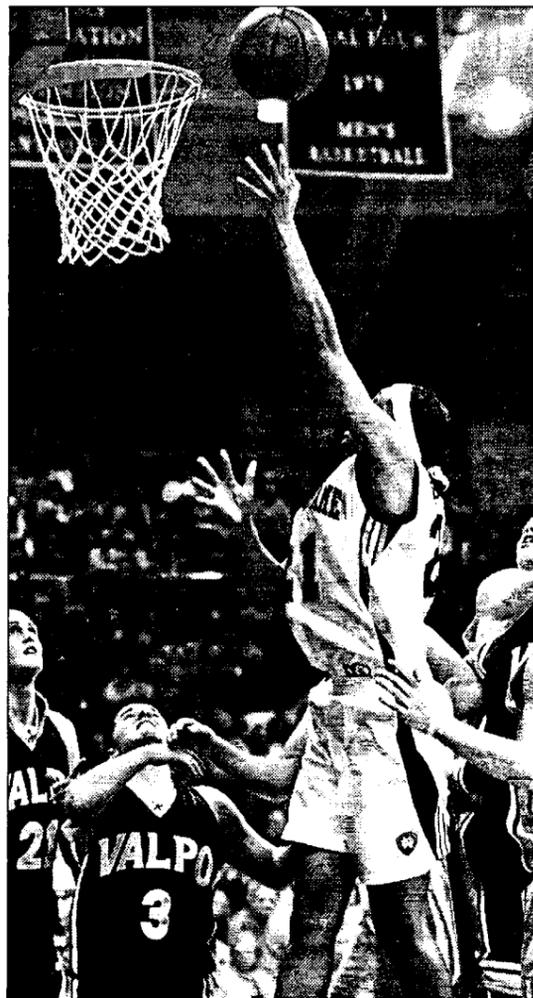
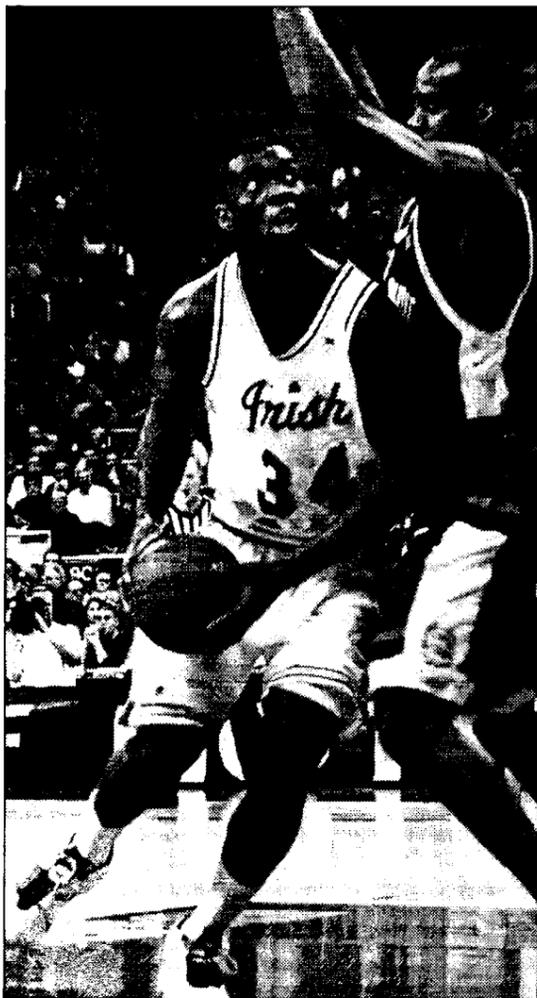
"We've got to get back in the NCAA tournament, it's real simple," he said. "Questions."

Reporters laughed, and even Brey had a smirk on his face, but the fifth-year Irish coach was not kidding.

Notre Dame did not qualify for the top postseason tournament last season and lost to Oregon 65-61 in the National Invitation Tournament quarter-finals.

Brey and the Irish players were available for the first time as a group to media members Monday, and a lighthearted nature permeated the air as the program's 100th anniversary season neared its opening.

Torin Francis slapped the ball



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Left, Torin Francis goes up for a shot last season against Connecticut's Emeka Okafor. Irish pre-season All-American Jacqueline Batteast shoots a layup against Valparaiso last year.

Irish women have high hopes after last year's successes

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The atmosphere was light, to say the least, during Notre Dame's Media Day on Monday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

Courtney LaVere placed a microphone in front of Jacqueline Batteast and began a mock interview for a local news station. Breona Gray blew kisses to a teammate. Associate coach Carol Owens used her phone to take funny pictures of Megan Duffy, among others.

Head coach Muffet McGraw and her 2004-05 edition were all smiles, and for good reason.

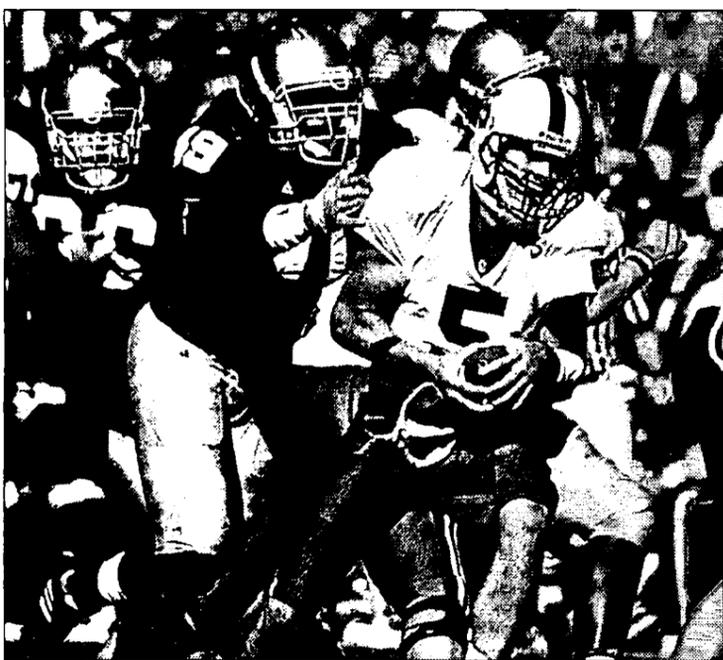
"I think we have a very veteran team, which reminds me a little bit of our [2001] championship team," said McGraw, who is entering her 18th season as Notre Dame's head coach. "We have great leadership, we have a great point guard, we have a great inside game. I think a lot of the pieces are in place for us to have a good year."

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FOOTBALL

Irish hope streak doesn't end



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Derek Curry tackles Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards Saturday. The Irish face a tough Navy team this weekend.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Forty years, forty wins. And the Irish would like to keep it that way.

Notre Dame faces Navy Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J. in a matchup that has been won by the Irish since 1964.

The Midshipmen certainly appear capable of ending that streak this season, however. Navy has started the year 5-0 and currently has the nation's sixth-best running attack at an average of 267.4 yards per game.

"They have the talent and they are a good team," Irish guard Dan Stevenson said. "The thing that they do is that they never quit playing. They'll play you until the very end. You can't really look at

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

PW and BP battle for playoff position

By KEN FOWLER, NATHAN DYER AND TOM STILES
Sports Writers

When Pasquerilla West meets Breen-Phillips tonight, Weasel receiver Maureen Spring expects emotions to run high for both teams.

"Both teams have three wins and are battling for a playoff spot," she said. "We're coming off a good win, and hopefully we'll capture another one."

Babes captain Jaimie Feltault agrees on the analysis, but hopes for a different outcome.

"It's a crucial game," she said. "We're looking to rebound from our loss [on Sunday to Cavanaugh] and take home a strong win to

end the regular season."

As for post-season possibilities, Feltault knows that there is slim chance of Breen-Phillips making the round of eight without a victory tonight.

"It would be helpful to just win tomorrow so we don't have to worry about that possibility," Feltault said.

At 3-2, Breen-Phillips is currently fourth in the league, closely trailing Pasquerilla West's 3-1-1 record for third place.

Coming off a 7-0 win Sunday against McGlenn, Pasquerilla West hopes to capitalize on its momentum and secure the third seed in the Women's Blue League.

"We executed very well on

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Saint Mary's at
Tri-State

The Belles hope to
knock off the Thunder
just as they did earlier
this season.

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CLUB SPORTS

The Notre Dame
water polo team won
three of four games this
weekend in the Great
Lakes Conference.

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