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Candidates encourage students to vote

Chocola, Donnelly visit Notre Dame and Saint Mary's during Congressional campaign



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Republican Congressman Chris Chocola spoke at Saint Mary's earlier this month.

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

With only six days remaining until the election, the Indiana Congressional candidates from the 2nd district, Chris Chocola and Joe Donnelly, are remaining steadfast in their campaign tactics and hopeful their campus visits made a difference among the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community.

Representatives for both men, who have made visits to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, said there would be no major changes in strategy during the final weekend of the race.

"We're just sticking to what has been working well so far," said Donnelly's press secretary, Jonathan Diffley.

For the Democratic challenger that means an effort largely waged on foot. Donnelly and his campaign team have spent weeks

knocking on doors in critical neighborhoods urging people to register to vote.

The chore in the final few days is to get those people to show up at the polls.

"We are just working on getting out our vote," Donnelly said.

And for some, it is working. Saint Mary's junior and 2nd congressional district resident Shelby Baughman said the campus visits reminded her of the importance of voting.

"Both politicians have made considerable efforts to come to our campuses, encouraging us to vote in the upcoming election," Baughman said. "I think that their appearances will increase the newest voter's turnout come next Tuesday."

Democrats will extend every resource on Nov. 2 to get people to vote, making phone

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Democratic candidate Joe Donnelly spoke to a crowded Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

Scholar delves deeper into Islam, Koran

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

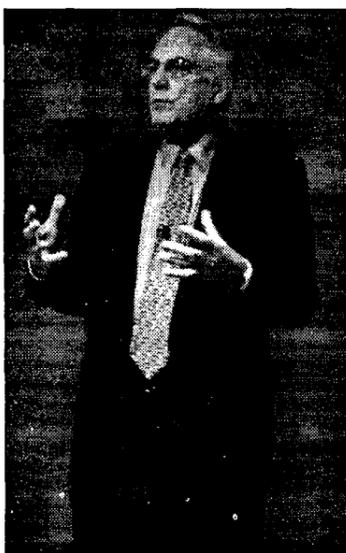
After introducing the origins of Islam in his first lecture, Yale professor Gerhard Böwering delved further into the Erasmus Lecture theme of "Islam and Christianity" Wednesday in his second lecture entitled "One God with Many Faces."

Böwering touched on three main points: the role of God in the Koran, the role of God in Islamic theology and the Islamic perception of Christian ideas of God.

"When Mohammed was coming into his ideas of Islam," Böwering explained, "he had to grapple with ideas of gods in prehistoric Arabia, especially tribal polytheism."

Islam needed to emphasize the oneness of God, and thus their ultimate profession of faith, "There is no god but God," appears 2,700 times throughout the Koran.

Throughout the Koran, Böwering noted, there are three different roles for God. First, God is recognized as creator of the universe, and He continually maintains that creation. Second, God is written about as the creator of man — but Böwering noted, in contrast to Christianity, that nowhere do we find in the Koran that man was created in God's image. "God is so totally other, so



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Yale professor Gerhard Böwering lectured Wednesday about Islam, specifically the role of the Koran.

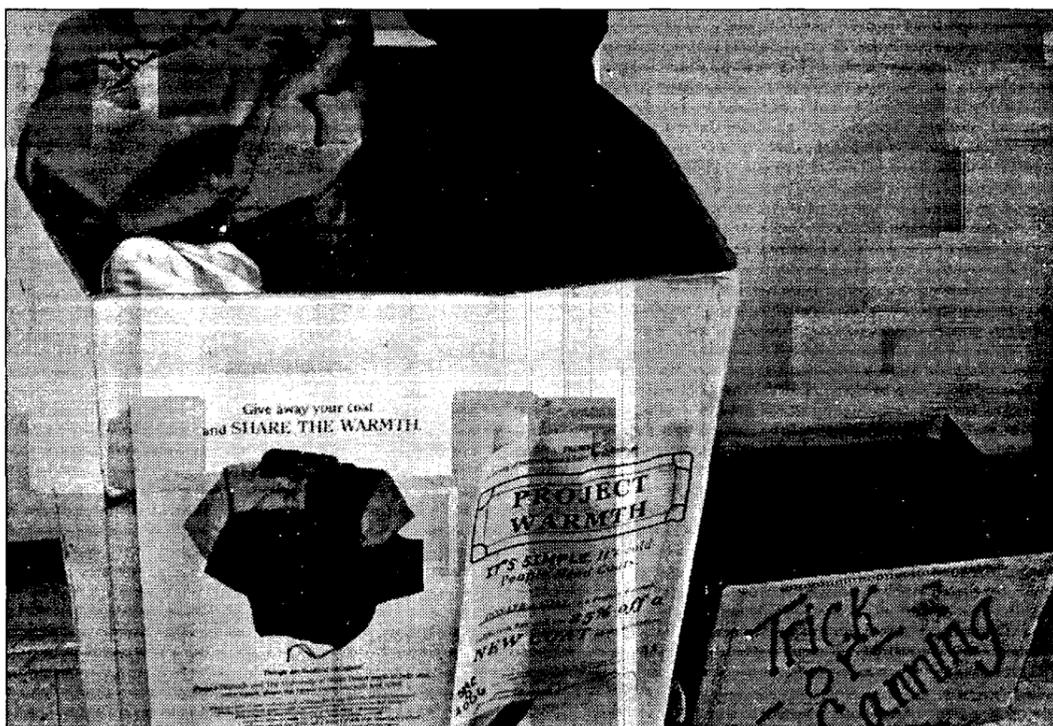
separate that anything making semblance to Him goes against the core of Islam's monotheism," he said.

In that sense, the Christian view of man being created in God's image is not pure enough for Muslims; such ideas would in fact, he said, be "the ultimate insult to Islam."

The third representation of God in the Koran is as the judge at the end of time. Muslims,

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Students donate coats to needy



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A Project Warmth box packed full sits in Regina Hall. The coat drive will continue until the end of the semester and all donations will be given to needy families in South Bend.

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are teaming up to help make this winter a little more comfortable for South Bend residents through the Project Warmth coat drive.

The drive has included Saint Mary's campus for the first time in its decade-long histo-

ry.

Notre Dame organizers Colin Walsh and Kathryn Eisele have arranged a dorm-wide competition for coat donations.

"Last year I believe Farley and Zahm tied for the most coats," Walsh said.

However, Saint Mary's junior class community service chairwoman Shannon McManus is optimistic, about Saint Mary's own efforts.

"Even the staff is getting involved," McManus said. "It's great."

Walsh is impressed and pleased with these efforts.

"Shannon has done an amazing job with getting Saint Mary's involved," Walsh said.

As in past years, Notre Dame's Hammes Bookstore offers a 25 percent discount coupon on any new coat with

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INSIDE COLUMN

Costume changes

This weekend many of us will ditch our usual weekend attire of jeans and T-shirts for the scariest, highly scandalous or most creative Halloween costume that produce through a few trips to Goodwill or our friends' closets.

Kelly Meehan

Wire Editor

Halloween is a great holiday. Free candy, crazy costumes and great parties – what's not to like? I suppose the downside of Halloween would have to be suspected ghosts and spirits that are known to haunt on October 31st, but I try to ignore that side of Halloween.

Granted this is not easy, considering I live in LeMans Hall, known to be the most haunted building on Saint Mary's campus. I was actually informed two days ago that it is written in a book entitled Quiet Hours that the spirit of a former Saint Mary's student took her own life in my room continues to haunt it to this day. Thankfully there has yet to be any citations by my roommates or myself, perhaps due to my neighbor's generous gift of Holy Water to ward away the spirits.

I have never taken the art of dressing up for Halloween lightly. As a child I was always trying to out do my friends, making sure I would be dressed as the Disney character of the season. In middle school, costume making was particularly tense, seeing as though there was a school wide costume contest with the prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. In 7th grade I strove to win and felt so original in my Statue of Liberty costume. Unfortunately, the toga-like green sheet wrapped around my body, crown, torch, and green painted face just was not enough to win me that prize.

In 8th grade, I decided I would be a scarecrow as I wore a plaid shirt, straw hat and overalls with pockets adorned with hay. When I got to school I was disappointed to see all of my friends dressed as "Renaissance Women." I knew I would never win. My luck changed, however, when my classmates voted me as having the best costume and I finally was awarded the \$50 gift certificate prize I had strived for the year before. I guess this goes to show that sometime the greatest costumes are put together at the last minute.

In high school and college, it seems that for girls the idea of a Halloween costume is to put a scandalous twist on a common costume. I tried to pull this off my senior year of high school, when my friends and I dressed as "school girls," only to be embarrassingly sent home by an overly aggressive secretary who was on a power trip.

I am not exactly sure what I am going to be for Halloween this year. After dressing up for about nineteen years, I think I am out of new ideas and am up for suggestions. Whatever you find your self dressing up as this weekend, or if you choose not to dress up at all, just make sure to have a "ghoulishly" good time.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FRUIT AND WHY?



Andy Pool

sophomore
Morrissey

"Kiwi."



Yacintha Fanardy

sophomore
Welsh

"Rambutan - It's sweet and sugary."



Rick Hahn

sophomore
Keough

"Kiwi because they're fuzzy."



David Rhinehart

senior
Off campus

"Apples because they're crisp, clean and always delicious, never messy."



Erik Rocca

junior
Dillon

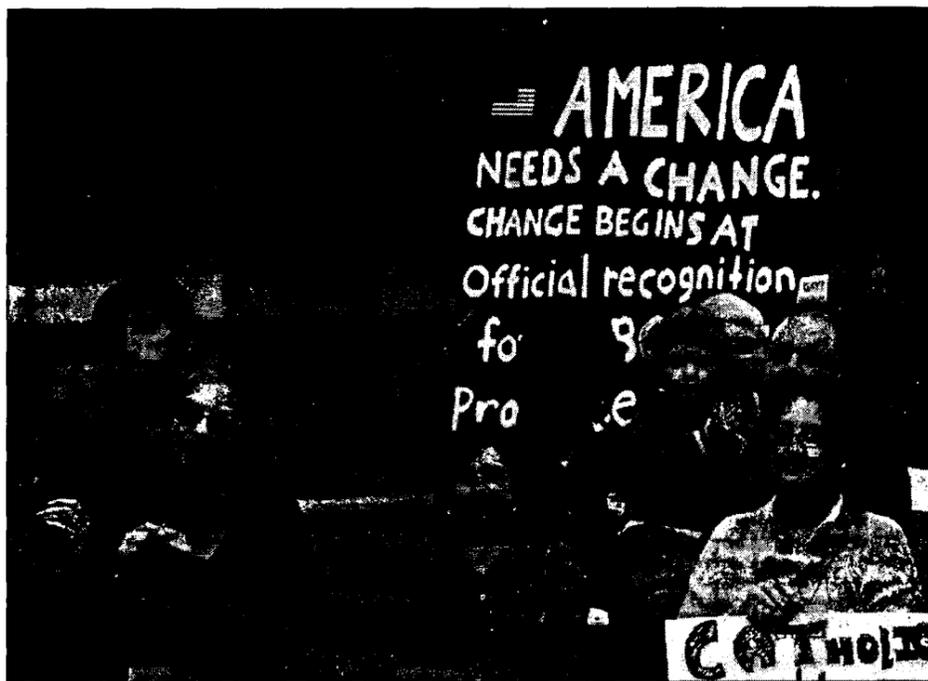
"Oranges because I like Florida."



Katie Laing

freshman
Cavanaugh

"Strawberries. They are sweet and good with everything."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Students and community members gather at an American Needs a Change rally held Wednesday on campus. With the upcoming election, political passions on campus and nationwide are running high. Many are taking action and speaking out with only a few campaigning days left.

OFFBEAT

Genetically modified cats for sale

A California biotechnology company has started taking orders for a hypoallergenic cat for pet lovers prone to allergies.

The genetically engineered feline, which is expected to be available from 2007, is the first in a planned series of lifestyle pets, Los Angeles-based Allerca said in a press release.

Allerca hopes to attract customers among the millions of people worldwide who suffer from cat allergies.

Up to 10 percent of the

U.S. population alone are believed to be prone to symptoms that can affect the eyes, nose, ears, throat, lungs and skin.

Many cat lovers ignore medical advice and discomfort and choose to keep the animals as pets, or use expensive medications to cope with their allergies.

Visitors to British Parliament now called 'the public'

LONDON — In a bid to modernize Britain's ancient Parliament, legislators have voted to scrap the 400-year-old tradition of referring to visitors as

strangers. Instead, they will be "the public" or "members of the public."

"It is my view that our visitors, our voters and citizens, are entitled to come and view our debates and shouldn't be shunted into a pigeonhole labeled 'strangers,'" House of Commons leader Peter Hain said Tuesday.

"This is the last impression we should be wanting to give to people who exercise their democratic right to visit us."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Columbia University professor Ira Katznelson will give a talk on "When Affirmative Action Was White," today from 2 to 4 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will speak today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium about "Religion and Politics in the 2004 Elections."

A Blue Mass, for police officers and firefighters will be held today at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The History Department will host "Careers for History Majors" today from 7 to 8 p.m. in G-20 Flanner Hall. Notre Dame history major alumni will speak about their careers and all Arts and Letters majors are welcome.

The Student Union Board will host AcousticCafe from 10 to 11:45 p.m. today in the LaFortune basement. Sign up in 203 LaFortune Student Center.

The movie Spiderman 2 will be shown today from 10 p.m. to midnight in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The freshmen and sophomore classes will sponsor a Halloween dance today from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Rajmohan Gandhi, professor and grandson of Indian political activist Mohandas Gandhi will speak Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium about "The War on Terrorism and the Gandhian Ethic."

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 64 LOW 60	HIGH 60 LOW 55	HIGH 70 LOW 59	HIGH 65 LOW 45	HIGH 63 LOW 46	HIGH 61 LOW 46

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SENATE

Group discusses 'Must Sex TV'



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

The Student Senate met Wednesday to share project updates. Topics discussed at the meeting included gender stereotypes, meal plan surveys, and the issue of alcohol at tailgates.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate met Wednesday to get updates on projects in progress within the individual committees, as no new business was on the floor for a vote.

"If you have things you need to discuss with the whole Senate, you can put together a resolution to present to the floor, which will help get things going on your projects," student body vice president Karla Bell said.

Gender Relations committee chair Lizzi Shappell encouraged senators to speak with their hall presidents about participating in the campus-wide brother/sister dorm event called "Must Sex TV". "Must Sex TV" would feature a

17-minute video made up of clips from the children's TV shows of the current generation up through shows now on the air. The clips were chosen to demonstrate how shows like "Beavis and Butthead," "Saved By the Bell," "Salute Your Shorts" and "The O.C." perpetuated gender stereotypes that could lead to unhealthy relationships, Shappell said. After the video is shown, there would be a mock debate with the female and male hall presidents about the subject matter.

"We're willing to work with hall presidents to find the best format," Shappell said, emphasizing that full hall participation is desired.

Residence Life committee chair Sarah Bates gave each senator 25 surveys about the dining hall

and the University's meal plans to give out to members of their dorm. Bates said the committee will take the results to the Office of Student Affairs to open up discussion on the subject.

Siegfried senator James Leito brought up the subject of "the enforcement of alcohol issues related to tailgating," and said that some students he knew felt the Notre Dame Security/Police were unfairly targeting Notre Dame students while letting others off. He suggested one of the Senate's committees look into the NDSP procedures in regards to tailgate citations.

The University Affairs committee accepted the issue for exploration.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's group initiates new programs

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance has initiated two new programs to further unite the student body with each other and with the South Bend Community.

Big Sister/Little Sister is a program pairing sophomores with first-year students to help ease their transition into college life.

The second program, Service Sundays, is a monthly effort for students to spend a few hours on a Sunday afternoon volunteering at the local Christ Child Society.

Student Body Vice President Mary Pauline Moran is overseeing the "Big Sister/Little Sister" program. Students will be paired up according to their residence hall. Moran is planning a kick-off event, which will take place in the next few weeks.

"Big Sister/Little Sister" was a program at Saint Mary's in the past but over time it was done away with. The sophomore board had plans to resurrect the idea, as did the leaders of BOG. The board, along with BOG, combined their ideas to reinstate this program at the College.

"The ideas being tossed around are fantastic and I am very excited to see this program get off the ground," said Moran.

Students are optimistic about the program's chances for success.

"I believe that this program will really help so many first years adjust to the challenges of college," freshman Allie Greene said. "I am friends with some sophomores already, and it has really made a difference in my transition."

In pursuing the importance of service at Saint Mary's, Service Sundays invite students to spend one Sunday afternoon each month volunteering at the Christ Child Society. The Society is usually only open during the week, which may prove an inconvenience to many working parents who wish to take advantage of its offerings. Student volunteers do what is necessary to keep the Society open on Sundays so that single women may have the chance to shop without taking time off of work.

Student Body President Sarah Catherine White came up with the idea during the summer in hopes that it would encourage the student body to increase their volunteer efforts around the community. Moran said that the first Service Sunday took place three weeks ago and had an impressive turnout.

"For a short time on a Sunday, students can feel good about lending time to perform service and still have plenty of time to study and do their work when they return," said Moran.

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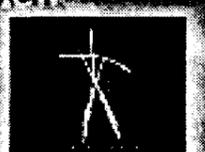
Legends at the Moon

Howl at the Moon Oct 28-30

Thursday
10 pm
Senior Flight

Humor Artists of Notre Dame
HA! HA! HA!
Improv Comedy

Brew & View
Midnight


The Blair Witch Project

Friday

Come see Legends transform into a **raucous PianoBar**

HOWL AT THE MOON



10 pm **Dueling Pianos**

Nightclub w/Live DJ @ Midnight

Saturday

Live Band Karaoke 10 pm

Be the lead singer of a live band!

Midnight

HAUNTED Nightclub
Come in costume

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Coats

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each coat donation.

"We've been involved from the beginning," bookstore senior staff assistant Melanie Willamowski said.

Walsh pointed out that other areas of campus are also pitching in.

"Notre Dame Building Services donated the collection boxes and signs and Saint Michael's Laundry Service washes the coats for free," Walsh said.

Notre Dame student government is helping with the Project's advertising costs.

The warmth may even spread beyond South Bend. With many of the previous years' coats being distributed to South Bend organizations like the Center for the Homeless, Project Warmth also sends the coats to other areas.

"Some coats in the past have been shipped to Appalachia, and even other countries," Walsh said.

On Saint Mary's campus, Project Warmth is sponsored by the junior class and the student government association.

And while McManus is not certain Saint Mary's participation will help Project Warmth exceed last year's collection of 3,500 coats, the piles of filled donation bags in LeMans Hall are reassuring.

"For our first year, we're doing great," McManus said.

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calls, providing transportation and monitoring polling places, including one at the JACC.

In contrast, Chocola's campaign has been characterized by steady television advertising and reminding constituents where the incumbent stands on the most critical issues, such as the economy and national security. According to his press secretary Brooks Kachvar, Chocola fulfilled 2002 election promises to cut taxes and voters responded positively.

"We are making sure that the voters know his voting record," said Kachvar.

In a poll conducted by The South Bend Tribune and WSBT-TV that was released Wednesday, Chocola had 55 percent of the vote. Donnelly was 15 points behind with 40 percent. There is a five percent margin for error.

Donnelly, however, contested the results.

"We have our own polls, and they show a statistical dead heat," he said.

According to Diffley, the Tribune poll does not bear much weight.

"We are not too concerned about the polls," Diffley said. "What we are concerned with is the numbers on Nov. 2."

Diffley urged people to vote conscientiously.

"Don't base your vote on the polls, base them on the issues," Diffley said. "I think a lot of people vote for someone only because they think they are going to win."

Saint Mary's junior Jocelyn Demeter said regardless of what political party people belong to, it is always important to take the time to be educated on the candidates running and cast an informed vote.

In addition, Demeter said the candidate campus visits helped her realize her vote would in fact count.

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Junior

Ads for both candidates are now running on all the major networks.

One of the ads features former 2nd Indiana District Representative Tim Roemer endorsing Donnelly. Roemer, a close friend and fellow Notre Dame graduate, served as congressman for 12 years before retiring and being succeeded by Chocola.

"One of the great things about the 2nd district is that there is a close connection with Roemer and where he stood," said Notre Dame Democrats outreach coordinator Helen Adeosun, who has volunteered for Donnelly since May.

While both candidates have agreed their political differences are stark, the most important platform issue has been clear — jobs.

As a congressman Chocola sponsored a tax cut bill aimed to assist small business in hiring new workers. According to him the bill will result in 17,990 new jobs in Indiana.

Donnelly has pledged that as a representative he will vote against the outsourcing of jobs and for increased job

skills training.

The candidates' plan for Tuesday is simple.

Greet supporters, knock on doors and of course, voting themselves.

Notre Dame senior Bob Masters said knowing how important this election is will be reason enough to cast his ballot.

"Both times he stressed that, for young people, this election is the most important election of our lives, particularly because of issues such as the war in Iraq and the increasing National Debt which directly effect our generation."

Bob Masters
senior

"I've heard Joe Donnelly speak twice at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's," Masters said. "Both times he stressed that, for young people, this election is the most important election of our lives, particularly because of issues such as the war in Iraq and the increasing National Debt which directly effect our generation. I definitely appreciate that a politician would both try to see things from a young person's perspective as well as take the time to meet younger voters and gauge our concerns."

Angela Saoud contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Boy rescued days after earthquake

TOKYO — In a dramatic rescue shown on live TV, a 2-year-old boy was pulled out alive Wednesday after four days trapped inside his family's minivan, buried by an earthquake-induced landslide.

The joy was muted, however, by news that rescuers were unable to save Yuta Minagawa's mother, and the fate of his 3-year-old sister looked increasingly grim.

The family's white van was swept away Saturday in a wave of boulders and earth that pulverized the hillside road they were on when the 6.8-magnitude quake ripped across rural Niigata prefecture.

The van was spotted Tuesday under hillside rubble, and television cameras tracked rescuers painstakingly digging through to a voice they heard inside. Eventually, the toddler was shown being lifted out in the arms of an orange-clad rescue worker — covered in mud and looking weak, but conscious. He was airlifted by helicopter to a hospital.

Heavy rains flood Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland — The city of Cork and several towns were severely flooded Wednesday as the year's strongest Atlantic storm arrived with heavy rain and wind gusts of more than 70 mph. No deaths or injuries were reported.

The River Lee, which runs through Cork, burst its banks and flooded the southwestern city's main roads with up to 9.5 feet of water. Records indicated it was the worst such flood since 1962.

The surging tide caught shop workers in Ireland's second-largest city and homeward-bound commuters by surprise. Scores of cars, with water lapping at their windows, were abandoned on roads.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report calls for airports to improve

WASHINGTON — Airport screeners still don't have enough access to practice equipment, aren't properly trained to handle deadly weapons and aren't tested on passengers' rights, according to a Homeland Security Department report released Wednesday.

The department's inspector general, Clark Kent Ervin, said training and testing has improved since the days when screeners got an advance look at tests, some of which had laughably easy answers.

Congress has been pressuring the Transportation Security Administration to improve screeners' ability to prevent weapons and bombs from getting on planes. In April, Ervin told lawmakers that screeners performed poorly.

NY increases newborn screening

ALBANY, N.Y. — Babies born in New York will be tested for 44 genetic diseases — more than any other state — under an expansion of the state's newborn screening program announced Wednesday.

Infants are currently screened for 11 inherited and sometimes life-threatening disorders including cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia and phenylketonuria.

Under the expanded program, the number of diseases tested in newborns would quadruple by 2005.

LOCAL NEWS

Pastrick defeated in special primary

EAST CHICAGO — Mayor Robert Pastrick will not finish his ninth term in office after conceding defeat in a court-mandated special Democratic primary.

Pastrick, 76, often described as America's last remaining political machine boss, was losing to George Pabey by a nearly 2-1 margin with about 70 percent of the vote counted late Tuesday. Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita said Pastrick, who had been mayor since 1971, had conceded to Pabey. The doors for Lee's Theatrical Productions should open by Nov. 1, in time for the first play, "Ducktails and Bobby Socks."

JERUSALEM

Palestinians unprepared for leader's death

Arafat's health crisis continues, chaos rips through West Bank and Gaza Strip

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat's latest health crisis — a severe flu, gallstones, a battery of cancer tests — has exposed how unprepared the Palestinians are for their leader's death, making a chaotic transition period all but inevitable.

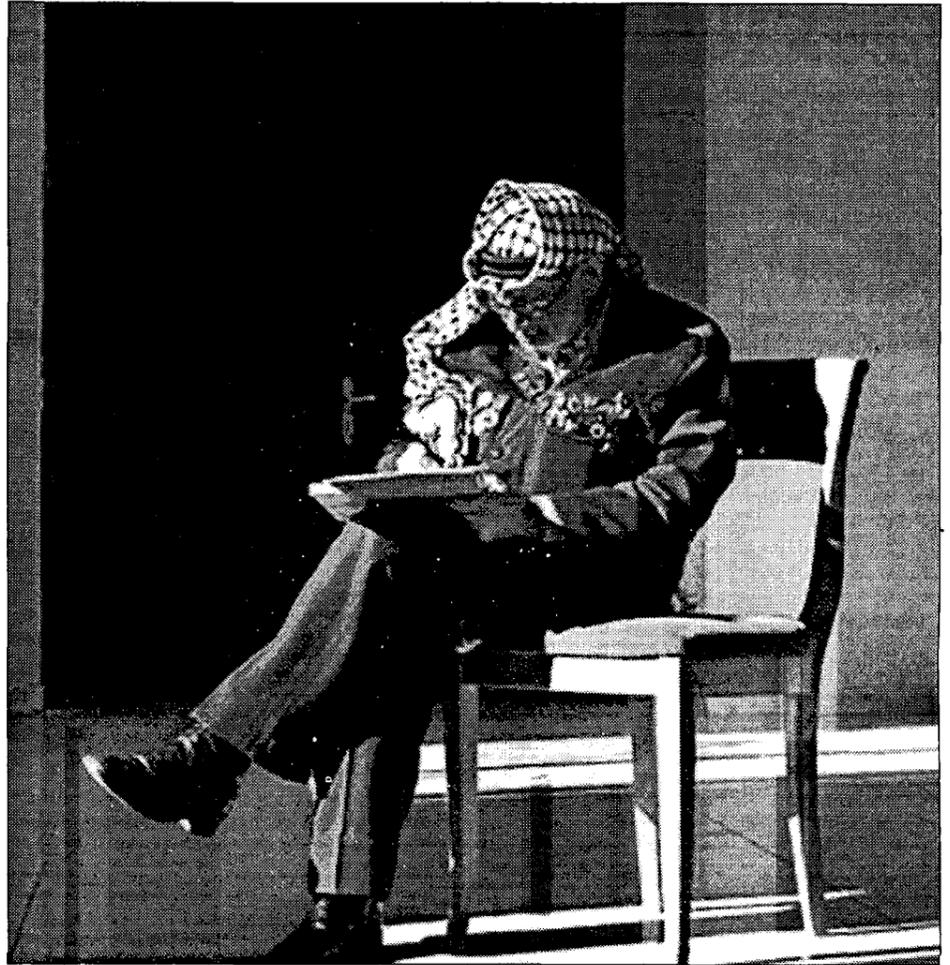
Arafat, 75 and noticeably weakened after more than two years of confinement to a dank compound, still refuses to groom a successor; rival security chiefs are already battling each other in the streets.

No leader of Arafat's stature and popularity is waiting in the wings, said Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi. "It's only natural to expect that there would be either a power struggle or there would be a loss of cohesion," she said.

Analysts said it could take years for a leader to emerge, hurting prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

Even with Arafat still alive, chaos has gripped much of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Gunmen routinely commandeer government offices or hold employees hostage to demand jobs or housing. In recent months, security agents loyal to Gaza strongman Mohammed Dahlan, who has presidential ambitions, have clashed with supporters of another security chief, Arafat relative Moussa Arafat.

Without Arafat's unifying presence, simmering political rivalries would likely explode. In his Fatah movement, the old guard — Arafat contemporaries who returned with him from exile in the 1990s — is trying to keep out younger activists who remained in the West



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat writes notes inside his office. Arafat's doctors have ruled out cancer as the source of his multiple health problems.

Bank and Gaza, fought Israel in two uprisings and now demand to be rewarded with political power.

Fatah also faces stiff competition from the militant Hamas group, which hopes to capitalize on massive frustration with Arafat's corrupt government during local elections in December.

On paper, at least, a path of succession has been charted.

The parliament speaker would replace Arafat as Palestinian Authority president for 60 days, until elections are held.

However, current

speaker Rauhi Fattouh is a bland backbencher uncertain to hold on during a turbulent transition period and timely elections appear unlikely.

Arafat's other post, as PLO chief, would be filled, at least temporarily, by his deputy in the organization, Mahmoud Abbas, a former prime minister who resigned last year after power struggles with Arafat.

Barry Rubin, an Israeli biographer of Arafat, predicts it would take several years before a real leader emerges. "As long as the battle goes on, no one can make decisions,

especially moderate or compromise decisions," Rubin said. "This means the chances of a negotiated peace are close to zero."

Israel and the United States, however, hold out hope that a post-Arafat Middle East will be more conducive to peace because of what they say is Arafat's blind eye to terror and opposition to reform.

The autocratic Arafat has refused to anoint a successor, for fear an impatient protege would try to topple him. He has also alienated many of his peers.

IOWA

Death for drug dealer who killed five

Associated Press

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — A jury Wednesday recommended the death penalty for a drug dealer convicted of the execution-style slayings of five people, including two children.

Dustin Honken, already serving a 27-year term on a federal drug conviction, is the first person sentenced to death in Iowa in more than 40 years.

The recommendation came in the deaths of the children; the panel recommended life in prison for the three adults slain. A sentencing hearing has not been set.

The 35-year-old former kingpin in

a methamphetamine ring was convicted Oct. 14 on 17 counts, including murder while engaged in drug trafficking, witness tampering and soliciting the murder of a witness.

In the trial's penalty phase, prosecutors argued the death penalty was appropriate because Honken hunted his victims, plotted the murders, tortured the adults and killed the children in cold blood.

"If not now, then when?" assistant U.S. Attorney C.J. Williams asked the jury last week.

Iowa is one of 12 states without the death penalty, which was repealed by Iowa lawmakers in 1965, two years after the last ex-

ecution at a state prison. U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft approved seeking death in Honken's case, making it part of a trend of federal prosecutors seeking the death penalty in states without a statute of their own.

Honken's sister, Alyssa Nelson, bowed her head and wiped away tears after the recommendation. Nelson, her husband and mother, Marvea Smidt, declined to speak as they left the courthouse.

Victims' relatives had been told to withhold comment until after the upcoming trial of Honken's girlfriend and alleged accomplice, Angela Johnson.

Singer to stand trial for assault

Courtney Love charged with felony for bottle throwing

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Singer Courtney Love was ordered Wednesday to stand trial on a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon despite her attorney's claim the case had been "grossly overcharged."

Superior Court Commissioner Sanjay Kumar listened to testimony from the alleged victim, Kristin King, and a neighbor in the area of the April 25 incident.

"There is uncontroverted evidence that without provocation the defendant threw a bottle at the victim and chased her with a flashlight," he said.

Love was ordered to appear for arraignment Nov. 10. She remained free on \$150,000 bail.

"We hope this will be resolved in a way to allow her to move on with her life," defense attorney Howard Weitzman said outside court.

The case is part of a long string of legal troubles for Love, former lead singer for the group Hole and widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain.

Despite the legal setback, Weitzman said Love's well-publicized drug problems were behind her. "She couldn't be in any better shape than she is now. Things are looking better and better for Courtney," he said.

King testified Love came to the home of former boyfriend Jim Barber and found King asleep on a sofa. She said Love grabbed a liquor bottle and threw it at her head, threw a lit candle and pinched her breasts.

Islam

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Böwering explained, believe that death in Islam is a return to God, not a result of original sin — God determines a length of time for each person's life.

Böwering then turned to the role of God in Islamic theology. He highlighted the struggle that occurred when early Muslims were forced to defend their founding religion against the established traditions of Christianity and Judaism. In the end, they decided upon a quite literal interpretation of the Koran — which in current times, Böwering admitted, can be a hindrance in understanding between Christians and Muslims.

Finally, Böwering discussed Islamic perceptions of Christianity. The first difficulty comes with Jesus' crucifixion — this story is left out of the Koran.

"[Mohammed] could not understand how a prophet could go down in such an ignominious way. He also,"

Böwering added with a smile, "didn't want to suggest to his listeners that that was a way to get rid of prophets."

The other main issue that Muslims find in Christianity is the incarnation of God through Jesus and the notion of the triune God, Böwering said.

"Mohammed absolutely could not accept the divinity of Jesus. God

become flesh? Inconceivable. It went against his whole message."

Because Muslims have embraced such a literal interpretation of the Koran, they tend to be close-minded to the

"When we say trinity, we mean one God" pleas of Christians, said Böwering. "My Koran says, don't say three," they say. "Say one," Böwering said.

Yet incarnation makes up the central message of Christianity — and thus the struggle continues.

In response to an audience member's question regarding the difficulty in Muslim-Christian scholarly discussion, Böwering suggested that rather than inviting Muslims into one's own backyard and forcing our beliefs upon them, we must listen to what they say and look for truth — albeit different truth than we are used to — behind their words.

"Religion grows, grows," Böwering said. "It's not a blueprint set for eternity, it's a tree that changes, but still brings fruit every year." So might Christianity and Islam grow in understanding of each other, he said.

"Religion grows. It's not a blueprint set for eternity, it's a tree that changes, but still brings fruit every year."

Gerhard Böwering
Yale professor

Böwering's will give his final lecture on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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IN BRIEF

GM to assemble new Hummer

SHREVEPORT, La. — General Motors Corp. will assemble the Hummer H3, the auto giant's new midsize sport utility vehicle, at its Shreveport truck plant, the company announced Wednesday.

GM said it would invest about \$250 million in the plant to prepare for the Hummer H3. The 2006 model is expected to arrive in dealerships during the spring of 2005.

"These types of investments happen when you combine a modern facility with the nation's most productive work force" Gov. Kathleen Blanco said during a news conference in Shreveport.

By entering the midsize SUV segment, Hummer hopes to make itself a player in a vehicle category that accounts for 1.7 million sales annually. The brand's bread-and-butter vehicle, the larger H2, competes in a segment with about 160,000 annual sales.

The H3 will join the H1 and H2 SUVs, both built at AM General's Mishawaka, Ind., plant and H2 SUT, which went on sale in June and has features of both a large pickup and an SUV.

America West reports major loss

PHOENIX — Hit hard by rapidly rising fuel costs, the parent company of America West Airlines Inc. reported a third-quarter loss of \$47.1 million on Wednesday. The airline also reduced its fourth quarter and full year results, and said it will scale back its 2005 expansion plans — despite interest in bidding for part of bankrupt ATA Airlines Inc.

For the three months ending Sept. 30, America West Holdings Corp. lost \$1.30 per share, its first quarterly shortfall in more than a year for the company that was just rebounding after the Sept. 11 attacks. A year ago, the company had reported a profit of \$32.9 million, or 60 cents per share.

Quarterly revenue was down 2.3 percent to \$578.5 million. Informal inquiry from the SEC and was responding to it. Carey Hendrickson, Belo's vice president of investor relations, confirmed that the inquiry was related to circulation but declined further comment.

In trading Wednesday morning, America West shares were down 33, or 7.5 percent, at \$4.10 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks surge on fuel inventory data

Equities bounce back after poor opening, Dow Jones has second triple digit gain

Associated Press

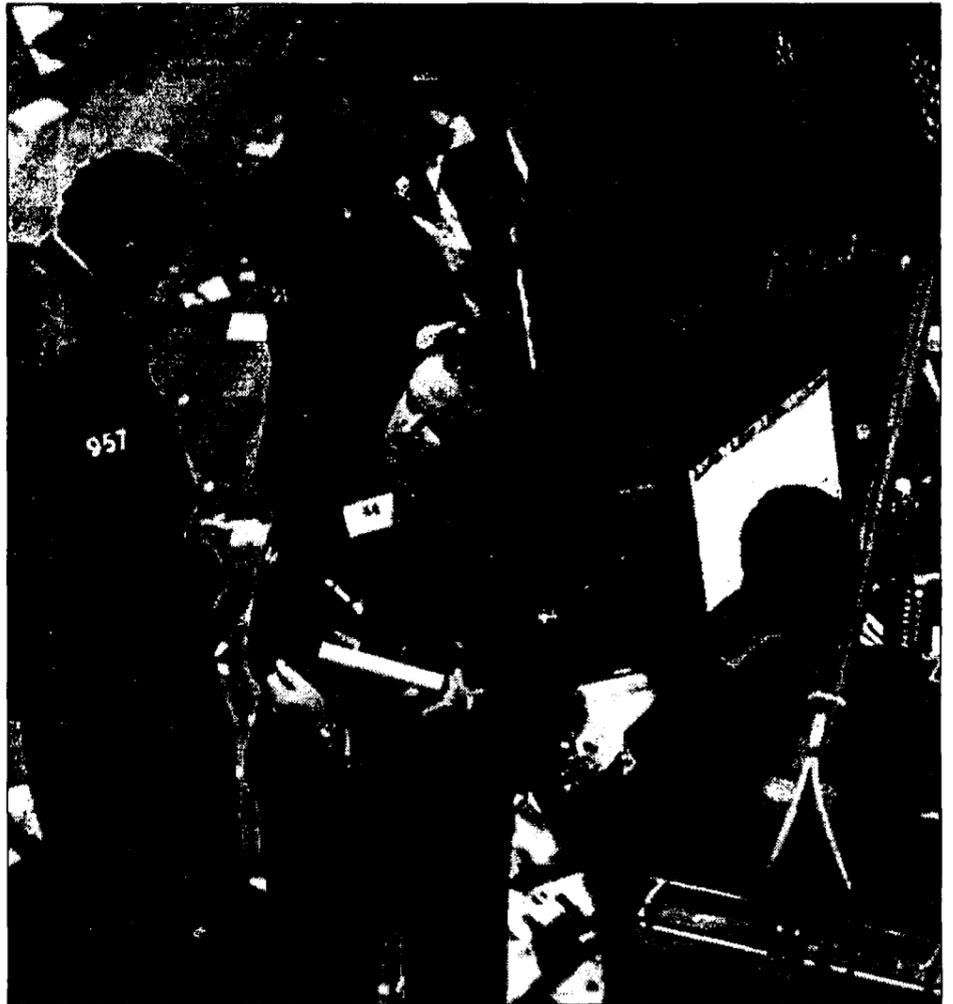
NEW YORK — Stocks rose sharply Wednesday, extending their rally for a second session as investors expressed relief over plummeting oil prices following a government report that showed a build in crude inventories. The Dow Jones industrial average had its second straight triple-digit gain, pushing back above the 10,000 mark.

Investors welcomed the government's weekly supply report, although it showed a slide in distillate products. Nonetheless, the resulting plunge in crude futures helped equities bounce back from a lackluster open. The question for stock investors; however, is whether oil prices will continue to fall.

"The move in crude doesn't seem to be much on the surface other than pulling back to the lower end of a range on the way up," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "If it were to prove to be a true break, then certainly it's a much better backdrop for equities. I don't know if that's the case, but two strong back-to-back days on the market suggest two things: One, people are underinvested in equities and two, a lot of people are short the market."

Wall Street has grown increasingly anxious about how soaring energy costs might dent consumer spending ahead of what's expected to be a chillier than normal winter. With oil prices hovering near the \$55-per-barrel level for several days, OPEC urged the Bush administration to release more oil from the U.S. strategic reserve to calm the market. But after the release of the inventory data, light, sweet crude for December delivery skidded \$2.71 to \$52.46 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Dow shot up 113.55, or 1.15 percent, to 10,002.03, following a 138-



Traders work the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. Stocks rose sharply, extending their rally for a second session as investors expressed relief.

point rise Tuesday. It was the first time since May 9 and May 12, 2003 that the blue chips have gained more than 100 points in two consecutive sessions. The index also rose above 10,000 for the first time in two weeks.

The broader gauges were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.31, or 1.29 percent, to 1,125.40. The Nasdaq composite index surged 41.20, or 2.14 percent, to 1,969.99.

A jump in orders for big-ticket items offered further encouragement. The Commerce Department said orders to U.S. factories for durable goods — items expected to last three or

more years — rose 0.2 percent in September, propelled by higher demand for communications equipment. That followed a decline of 0.6 percent in August.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders were up 1.7 percent last month following a 2.8 percent increase in August.

Analysts welcomed the two-day pop in share prices, saying it was partly the product of oversold conditions. Anxiety over lofty oil prices, rising interest rates, decelerating corporate earnings and fear that the upcoming presidential race could be targeted by terrorists, or might not result in a clear winner,

have weighed heavily on the markets in recent weeks.

"It's nice to see some more volume coming back into the market, which indicates people are willing to make some commitments and look past some of the shorter-term issues we see, including in earnings and guidance," said Jack Caffrey, equity strategist for J.P. Morgan's private bank.

"Earnings have been OK this quarter, a little better than expected, but not quite as much better as we'd gotten used to. The (year-over-year) comparisons are getting tougher ... and you're seeing a larger percentage of companies missing expectations."

Survey finds retirement top priority

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A recent survey found that mutual fund ownership is on the rise after two years of decline, an encouraging signal that Americans are starting to save more money. But although most investors say retirement is their No. 1 priority, experts say the vast majority remain in danger of shortchanging this goal.

According to a study by the Investment Company Institute, the lobbying group for the mutual fund industry, 48.1 percent of households own mutual funds, a slight increase over last year but still below the peak of 52 percent in 2001. The median balance of \$48,000 repre-

sents about 47 percent of total household savings.

Retirement was the primary investment goal for 72 percent of fund owners surveyed, said Sandy West, the group's director of market policy research. Some 84 percent participate in some sort of defined contribution plan, such as a 401(k) or government thrift, and 69 percent said they own an individual retirement account, up from 57 percent in 1998. For 58 percent of those surveyed, their first investment in mutual funds was made through their employers' defined benefit plan.

ICI doesn't evaluate whether people are saving enough for their

goals. But financial planners say the data doesn't bode well for people who are planning on long, active retirements. Even people with substantially higher levels of savings are often surprised to find they haven't set aside an adequate amount, said Marilyn R. Bergen, a financial planner who specializes in retirement and estate planning in Portland, Ore.

"In general, people are not saving enough money. They are living in la-la land," Bergen declared. "Unless you're talking about a portfolio of more than \$3 million, I would say it's pretty common that financial planners are the bearer of bad news to a great many people."

Company caters to posh pets

Halloween costumes for animals sell fast

Associated Press

HARTSDALE, N.Y. — Sure, any old dog can go out trick-or-treating in a mass-produced costume. For less than \$30, he can be a pumpkin, a devil, an astronaut, a cheerleader or — oh, the insult! — a cat.

But what about that very special pooch, the dog whose fur should never touch vinyl and who wouldn't be caught dead in the same costume as the mutt down the block?

Enter: F&E Hallstrom Haute Couture.

The high-end clothing company for dogs has added a line of elaborate costumes to its handmade fashions. For \$200 to \$240, the Hartsdale, N.Y.-based company, outside New York City, can turn Rover into Rigoletto, Max into Merlin the Magician and Cleo into Cleopatra.

"Dogs like to feel glamorous," says Eva Hallstrom, 41, who started the business with her sister Eleanor Hallstrom, 45, after being laid off from a publishing company last year. "You give them a nice haircut, a bath, you put on a beautiful outfit, and they are just so happy."

The costumes are made from silk, velvet, leather and brocade. They feature collars, buckles, detailed embroidery, fringes, semiprecious stones and pearls. They are fastened around the dog with snaps or handsome buttons.

"Velcro sticks to fur," Eva Hallstrom said. "The dogs don't like it, and then it gets all hairy and stops working."

Among the costumes are male and female versions of Chinese royalty and Renaissance nobility, and a Henry VIII outfit complete with a fancy black hat.

The hat did not sit well with Suki, a miniature poodle who was among a half-dozen generally well-behaved dogs modeling the costumes for a reporter. She got the hat off with a couple of violent shakes of her head, then joined her costumed colleagues in a romp around some Halloween decorations.

At one point, Merlin, played by a Havanese named Oyuki, jumped into a pot of chrysanthemums and nearly disappeared. Cleopatra was a miniature pinscher named Haley, performing nobly if gimpily on a broken leg.

So far, the Hallstroms have sold five of their costumes and expect to do better with a longer lead time next year.

Of course, plenty of dogs all over the country will be wearing handmade costumes on Halloween, pieced together by their owners. But Cammy Cutler, a buyer for the exclusive Karens for People & Pets on Manhattan's Upper East Side, said she is unaware of any handmade dog costumes for sale that are as elaborate as Hallstrom's.

She said she has bought some of the Hallstroms' coats but not their costumes.

"We sell well-made Halloween costumes, not the \$5 kind, but they're not \$200, either," she said.

Governor reinstates felons' voting rights

214 criminals will participate in election

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Since Gov. Ernie Fletcher changed requirements for felons to have their voting rights restored, 214 applications have been approved, the governor's general counsel said.

However, a group opposing Fletcher's changes said Wednesday that the administration was effectively suppressing votes with its new rules.

Heather Roe Mahoney, of the Democracy Resource Center in Lexington, claimed the administration's new policy was preventing more than 700 felons from voting in next week's election.

"This is an injustice," Mahoney said. "It is an assault on our democracy."

Under the new requirements, implemented in June, Fletcher's administration requires felons to supply three character references and an explanation why their voting rights should be reinstated.

Fletcher's general counsel, John Roach, said the new policy was not overly burdensome and ensures that only people who have fulfilled their sentences and paid restitution are allowed to vote.

"This is a process that allows the people that truly deserve to have their civil rights restored," Roach said. "But it also allows us to actually make sure that they're worthy of having their civil rights restored."

The state constitution leaves it up to the governor to reinstate people's voting rights after they are convicted of

felonies.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's policy was to approve applications, provided that applicants completed their sentences and made full restitution. Felons had to apply for reinstatement, then parole officers would verify the sentences were completed. Local prosecutors also were

given an opportunity to object.

Now, applicants have to submit references and the written explanation after their initial applications. That information is forwarded to prosecutors for their opinion.

Since Fletcher took office, 1,082 people have filed initial applications for voting reinstatement, Roach said. Of those, 319 have submitted explanations and references, and Fletcher has reinstated voting rights for 214 people, Roach said.

So far, the administration has not heard back from 747 people after receiving an initial application, Roach said. Meanwhile, 28 requests have been held in abeyance for various reasons,

including some where felons had not paid full restitution or where local prosecutors raised concerns, Roach said.

Mahoney, however, estimated 705 felons were not being allowed

to vote because of the administration's policy. While some were reinstated by Oct. 4, the cutoff to register to vote for next week's election, others weren't reinstated weren't until after that date, Mahoney said.

"This is an injustice. It is an assault on our democracy."

**Heather Roe Mahoney
Democracy Resource
Center**

"This is a process that allows the people that truly deserve to have their civil rights restored restored."

**John Roach
general counsel**

Michigan lawmakers benefit from windfall

Drug companies contribute to campaigns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug companies gave generously to many Michigan lawmakers this election, but those who oppose the reimportation of drugs from Canada got a much larger windfall than others.

Fifteen drug companies gave a total of \$134,744 to ten U.S. House and Senate members from Michigan as of Oct. 13, according to federal campaign finance records compiled by The Associated Press and the nonpartisan group PoliticalMoneyLine.

Ninety-five percent of that total — \$128,189 — went to five U.S. House members who oppose reimportation. The rest went to lawmakers who support reimportation, including four House members and Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Drug companies, along with President Bush and the Food and Drug Administration, oppose reimportation because they say there's no way to guarantee the safety of drugs coming in from other countries. Supporters say that's a scare tactic designed to protect drug companies' profits.

Abbott Laboratories spokeswoman Melissa Brotz said her company does consider whether lawmakers will support the company's interests. But it also looks at other criteria, such as a lawmaker's influence and their chances for election. Brotz said Abbott gave a \$4,000 donation to GOP Rep. Fred Upton in part because it has a facility in his district.

There is some popular support for laws that would enable U.S. citizens to import drugs from Canada, where U.S. brands often are cheaper. Last month, more than 500 people participated in AARP rallies for reimportation at three Michigan border

crossings.

The issue has divided Michigan's congressional delegation. Democratic Rep. John Dingell and Republican Reps. Upton, Dave Camp, Joe Knollenberg, Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Rogers voted against reimportation in July 2003.

Four other Republicans — Reps. Vernon Ehlers, Peter Hoekstra, Candice Miller and Nick Smith — voted to allow reimportation, along with Democratic Reps. John Conyers, Dale Kildee, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Sander Levin and Bart Stupak.

Stabenow and Sen. Carl Levin, also a Democrat, both support reimportation. Despite leading busloads of seniors to Canada during her 2000 campaign, Stabenow received a \$1,000 donation from Pfizer this election. Levin didn't get any money from drug companies.

Dingell, a Democrat from Dearborn, got the most money from drug companies this election, with \$43,500. His largest donor was Pfizer Inc., which gave him \$10,000.

Reimportation isn't the only reason Dingell is collecting from drug companies. Pfizer employs 2,700 people in his district. He also is the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over drug issues.

Dingell spokeswoman Jodi Seth said Dingell has opposed reimportation since the 1980s and only would support it if there was a way to guarantee the safety of medications. She added that he held his position long before Pfizer became part of his district in 2003.

"His position wouldn't change. He's going to keep that position regardless of what kinds of donations he's getting from the drug companies," Seth said.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Both parties capitalize as early voters try to beat Election rush

WASHINGTON — Early voters are casting ballots at a runaway pace in Arizona's biggest county. They've exhausted absentee ballots in some towns in Maine. They're far outpacing 2000 in Florida hot spots.

With 32 states now offering some form of early voting, an AP/Ipsos poll taken last weekend found 11 percent of voters across the United States already had cast ballots, and another 11 percent intended to beat the Election-Day rush as well. Coast to coast, including hotly contested states such as Iowa, Florida, Arizona and Nevada, anecdotal evidence points to increased interest in early voting, a trend that both parties are tracking day by day and county by county as they try to turn it to their advantage.

In Florida's Leon County, for example, the focus of intense litigation during the recount dispute of four years ago, nearly 31,000 people had cast absentee ballots by Tuesday, compared with a little more than 10,000 absentees cast throughout the 2000 race. As well, 8,000 people in the county have taken advantage of in-person early voting, an option that wasn't available four years ago.

In Washington state, another battleground, 60 to 65 percent of the total vote is expected to come in early — in some cases simply because voters want to be left alone.

"Lots of folks have made up their minds, and they figure that if they send in their ballots, the campaigns will stop pestering them," said Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger.

The big question for George Bush and John Kerry, whose campaigns have worked tirelessly to turn out early voters, was whether they were locking in new supporters or simply getting the same old voters out to the polls earlier than usual.

Road to 270 electoral votes twists and turns in final days of campaign

WASHINGTON — The road to the White House is taking some strange and sharp turns as tightening polls and pressure from party stalwarts force the presidential campaigns to adjust their strategies.

In a flurry of homestretch activity, former President Clinton was giving satellite interviews to television stations in reliably Democratic Hawaii to shore up Sen. John Kerry's campaign Wednesday, and President Bush poured last-minute money into the Northeast to keep Democrats at bay in New Hampshire.

That's not all. Bowing to pressure from Clinton and two prominent senators, Democrats shifted resources to Arkansas and West Virginia despite doubts on Kerry's team about his ability to win there.

Democrats were also adding money to Michigan, reflecting concerns that Kerry has failed to nail down the must-win state.

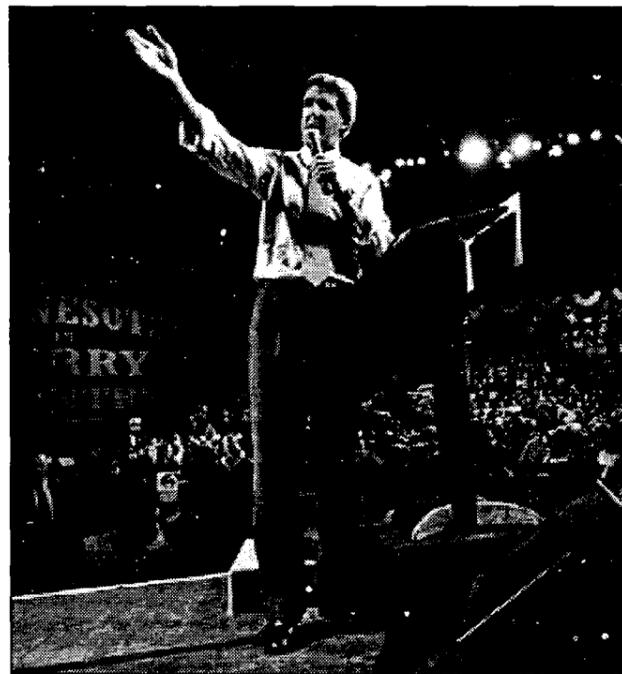
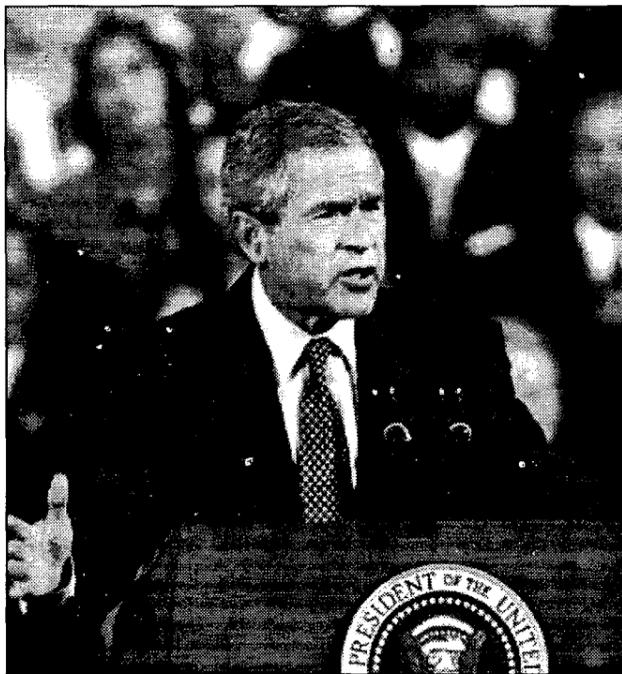
And what's with the polls showing Arizona and New Jersey so close?

"Both sides are playing everywhere they can, because it's a close race and because they can — money is no problem for either campaign so they're spreading it around," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother. "It's too close to leave anything to chance."

In any close race, presidential campaigns focus their resources on states that could add up to the winning 270 Electoral College votes, a majority of the 538 available.

Candidates attempt to sway voters

Bush appeals to Democratic voters, Kerry says Republican 'doesn't get it'



Left, President Bush speaks to supporters Wednesday at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich. Right, Sen. John Kerry speaks at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn. Both candidates are trying to appeal to swing party voters.

Associated Press

LITITZ, Pa. — President Bush summoned support from Democrats whose "dreams and goals are not found in the far left wing" of their own party on Wednesday in a late-campaign appeal for crossover votes. Sen. John Kerry said that when it comes to Iraq, the man in the White House "doesn't get it, and he can't fix it."

Bush has made a habit of "dodging and bobbing and weaving" when it comes to tons of missing explosives outside Baghdad, added the four-term Massachusetts senator, and Vice President Dick Cheney "is becoming the Chief Minister of Disinformation."

The president accused his rival of "wild charges" unbecoming a man with ambitions for the Oval Office.

Six days before the election, the president and his Democratic challenger appeared before large late-October crowds as their aides and outside groups made strategic adjustments for the campaign's endgame.

Bush's high command put extra money into television commercials in Portland, Maine — a bid to claim victory in next-door New

Hampshire, where recent polls show Kerry the narrow leader. The challenger as well as groups supporting him stepped up efforts in Hawaii, customarily a safe Democratic state, but too close for Kerry's comfort in recent surveys.

With polls reporting a high level of interest in the race for the White House, an Associated Press-Ipsos survey showed 11 percent of voters had already marked ballots in 32 states that permit early voting, and another 11 percent said they intended to do so.

"Lots of folks have made up their minds, and they figure that if they send in their ballots, the campaigns will stop pestering them," said Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger in Washington.

Yet there were problems as millions tried to beat the Election Day rush, and thousands of lawyers were primed to catch them. Officials in Florida's Broward County said up to 58,000 absentee ballots may not have reached voters who requested them more than two weeks ago. In Ohio, a federal judge halted hearings on Republican challenges of thousands of voter registrations, many of them from the Democrat-heavy

county that includes Cleveland.

The presidential race aside, 34 Senate races and 435 House contests dot the ballot on Nov. 2, and candidates and parties alike strained for a late advantage. Republicans, heavily favored to retain their majority in the House, sought late upsets in races for Democratic seats in Missouri and California. But GOP officials also said Illinois Rep. Phil Crane was in a difficult struggle to win an 18th term.

GOP strategists also fretted over Sen. Jim Bunning's recent dive in the polls in Kentucky and minority Democrats rooted for an upset. "We have a horse race in horse country," crowed Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey, head of the party's senatorial campaign committee.

Half a world away, increased airstrikes and other military moves suggested U.S. forces were moving toward an assault against Sunni Muslim insurgents in Fallujah and neighboring Ramadi. American officials have not confirmed a major assault is near, but Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has warned Fallujah leaders that force will be used if they do not hand

over extremists, including terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Iraq has been a major focus of the presidential race, and a major military assault would have an unpredictable impact on the campaign in its final days.

The polls made the presidential race out to be impossibly close as Bush and Kerry campaigned before large crowds in battleground states that will settle the election.

Bush's first stop of the day was beside a small, wind-swept airfield in Lititz, Pa., where the late-October breeze bore the scent of cow manure from nearby farms.

In remarks repeated nearly word for word later in the day in Ohio, Bush devoted about a quarter of his speech to an appeal to Democrats — although he acknowledged "they are not going to agree with me on every issue."

He invoked the names of Democrats Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy by way of accusing Kerry of "taking a narrow, defensive view of the war on terror," then summoned memories of Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey to accuse his rival of shortchanging public education.

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S RACE: ENDORSEMENT AFFECTS BOTH SIDES

INDIANAPOLIS — President Bush gives a glowing endorsement of Republican Mitch Daniels in a new television commercial that began airing statewide on Wednesday, saying Indiana "will love this guy as governor."

The Daniels campaign hoped the commercial would give their candidate a boost heading into Tuesday's general election. Although recent polls have shown the race between Daniels and Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan to be

tight, Bush has enjoyed a comfortable lead over Democrat John Kerry in Indiana.

Daniels served as Bush's budget director from early 2001 until June 2003, when he stepped down to run for governor. Bush also is the one who tagged Daniels as "My man Mitch," which he turned into a campaign slogan.

"Mitch worked side by side with the president during some of the most trying times in our nation's

history, and he supports Mitch," said Daniels campaign spokesman Marc Lotter. "He is very popular in this state, and Indiana will be one of the first states on the board for the president."

Kernan campaign spokeswoman Tina Noel said, "Hoosiers have proven time and time again that when it comes to choosing a governor, they're very independent-minded."

Sen. Evan Bayh, a wildly popu-

lar Democrat for years in Indiana, endorses Kernan in a commercial that has been airing for a few weeks. Bayh also is on the Nov. 2 ballot, and polls have shown him a heavy favorite over Republican Marvin Scott.

The 30-second Bush commercial starts with a written message that says, "When President Bush needed a tough business leader on his team, he called on Mitch Daniels."

Bush says he gave Daniels sev-

eral tough jobs, and he did each of them with "great professionalism and class."

Noel, Kernan's spokeswoman, said it was "ironic" that Daniels was using Bush in a commercial. She said Daniels has refused to take any responsibility for the federal deficit during his tenure as budget director, shifting it instead to the president.

Libertarian Kenn Gividen also will be on the Nov. 2 ballot for governor.

New human species discovered

Anthropologists say finding rewrites history of human evolution

Associated Press

In an astonishing discovery that could rewrite the history of human evolution, scientists say they have found the skeleton of a new human species, a dwarf, marooned for eons in a tropical Lost World while modern man rapidly colonized the rest of the planet.

The finding on a remote Indonesian island has stunned anthropologists like no other in recent memory. It is a fundamentally new creature that bears more of a resemblance to fictional, barefooted hobbits than modern humans.

Yet biologically speaking, it may have been closely related to us and perhaps even shared its caves with our ancestors.

The 3-foot-tall adult female skeleton found in a cave is believed 18,000 years old. It smashes the long-cherished scientific belief that our species, *Homo sapiens*, systematically crowded out other upright-walking human cousins beginning 160,000 years ago and that we've had Earth to ourselves for tens of thousands of years.

Instead, it suggests recent evolution was more complex than previously thought.

And it demonstrates that Africa, the acknowledged cradle of humanity, does not hold all the answers to persistent questions of how — and where — we came to be.

"This finding really does rewrite our knowledge of

human evolution," said Chris Stringer, who directs human origins studies at the Natural History Museum in London. "And to have them present less than 20,000 years ago is frankly astonishing."

Scientists called the dwarf skeleton "the most extreme" figure to be included in the extended human family. Certainly, she is the shortest.

She is the best example of a trove of fragmented bones that account for as many as seven of these primitive individuals that lived on the equatorial island of Flores, located east of Java and northwest of Australia. The mostly intact female skeleton was found in September 2003.

Scientists have named the extinct species *Homo floresiensis*, or Flores Man, and details appear in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The specimens' ages range from 95,000 to 12,000 years old, meaning they lived until the threshold of recorded human history and perhaps crossed paths with the ancestors of today's islanders.

Flores Man was hardly formidable. His grapefruit-sized brain was two-thirds smaller than ours, and closer to the brains of today's chimpanzees and transitional prehuman species in Africa than vanished 2 million years ago.

Yet Flores Man made stone tools, lit fires and organized group hunts for meat. Bones of fish, birds and rodents found near the skeleton were charred,

suggesting they were cooked.

All this suggests Flores Man lived communally and communicated effectively, perhaps even verbally.

"It is arguably the most significant discovery concerning our own genus in my lifetime," said anthropologist Bernard Wood of George Washington University, who reviewed the research independently.

Discoveries simply "don't get any better than that," proclaimed Robert Foley and Marta Mirazon-Lahr of Cambridge University in a written analysis.

To others, the species' baffling combination of slight dimensions and coarse features bears almost no meaningful comparison either to modern humans or to our larger, archaic cousins.

They suggest that Flores Man doesn't belong in the genus *Homo* at all, even if it was a recent contemporary. But they are unsure where to classify it.

"I don't think anybody can pigeonhole this into the very simple-minded theories of what is human," anthropologist Jeffrey Schwartz of the University of Pittsburgh. "There is no biological reason to call it *Homo*. We have to rethink what it is."

For now, most researchers have been limited to examining digital photographs of the specimens. The female partial skeleton and other fragments are stored in a laboratory in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Police shelve weapon after a student's death

Associated Press

BOSTON — At least one big-city police department has suspended use of pepper-spray pellet guns blamed for the death of a 21-year-old college student who was shot by police trying to break up a rowdy crowd of Red Sox fans last week.

The Seattle Police Department said it has shelved the equipment until it can determine what happened in Boston. Department spokesman Scott Moss said that the guns are normally restricted to a few trained officers and have yet to be used.

Other police departments around the country said they have found such crowd-control weapons to be effective and would keep using them.

"We've used it on six occasions and haven't had any problems with it," said Sgt. Carlos Rojas of the Santa Ana, Calif., Police Department.

Boston police, who acquired the weapons for last summer's Democratic National Convention, have put them aside at least temporarily and have gone back to using a previous model since the death of Victoria Snelgrove, who was shot in the eye.

The reassessment came as Boston police girded for another potential Sox-inspired frenzy, with the hometown team on the brink of a World Series victory against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Red Sox had their first

chance to clinch Wednesday night.

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 fans who swarmed the streets outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox beat the rival New York Yankees to advance to the World Series for their first since 1986.

Officers fired into a crowd of fans, striking Snelgrove and at least two others.

Within 24 hours of Snelgrove's death, Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole suspended use of the pepper guns. Several days later, O'Toole tapped Massachusetts' former chief federal prosecutor, Donald K. Stern, to lead an investigation into the death.

On Wednesday, the lawyer for the police commander in charge of crowd control the night of Snelgrove's death said the officer fired four rounds from a pepper-spray pellet gun, but did not hit Snelgrove.

Deputy Superintendent Robert O'Toole fired the weapon in an attempt to rein in out-of-control fans who were climbing on the rafters at Fenway Park and a sign at a nearby bar.

The Boston Globe quoted two anonymous sources, including an officer involved with police weapons training and an individual briefed on the investigation, as saying O'Toole fired at a group of students who were climbing the girders behind Fenway Park's left field wall.

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Accused attorney takes the stand

Civil rights lawyer charged with aiding terrorists testifies in trial

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A civil rights lawyer accused of aiding terrorists became emotional Wednesday, her eyes filling with tears, when her lawyer asked her if she regretted the actions that led to her prosecution.

Attorney Lynne Stewart, in her third day on the stand, was testifying about her decision in the summer of 2000 to publicly release statements by her notorious client, blind Egyptian Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who is serving a life prison sentence.

Prosecutors contend the statements about the sheik's opinion of a cease-fire by militant followers in Egypt violated prison rules designed to prevent him from communicating with anyone except his wife and lawyers.

They said Stewart, in releasing the statements, provided material support to terrorists, defrauded the U.S. government and lied when she signed papers promising to abide by the prison rules for her client.

"Looking back at the events of May, June, July, August 2000, if you had to do it over again would you do it the same way?" lawyer Michael Tigar asked of his client, who had been relaxed, and sometimes jovial, during her previous testimony.

"Sitting here today, it's a

very difficult question," Stewart replied, her voice cracking. "I am diminished by the loss of my clientele. My family has suffered tremendously. I don't know if I would."

She then paused before adding:

"I'd like to think I would do it because it was a duty owed to the client. I do not believe I violated any command, any restriction of the United States of America."

As Stewart took off her glasses to wipe her eyes, Tigar asked that the jury be sent home for the day and U.S. District Judge John Koeltl obliged.

Earlier, Stewart said she dismissed a claim in August 2000 from then-Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald that the sheik's statements could get people killed or buildings blown up.

"I thought that was a Pat Fitzgerald rhetorical flourish," Stewart said.

Fitzgerald, now U.S. attorney in Chicago, was among prosecutors who won a conviction of the sheik in 1995 on charges that he conspired

to attack the United States by bombing five New York City landmarks, including the United Nations. The attacks never took place.

Stewart said she believed issuing press releases in the sheik's name was within a "bubble" of latitude allowed by the special prison rules so his lawyers could vigorously defend him and pursue his rights.

"We were not allowed to break the law as lawyers, and as lawyers we are not permitted to allow our clients to attempt to break the law," she testified.

Stewart also was asked about a key piece of government evidence — a videotaped prison visit with the sheik — in which she seemed pleased to hear the sheik's name was in a story about hostages seized in the Philippines.

"I definitely disagreed with the taking of hostages, especially since they wanted money, which made it all the more reprehensible," she said.

But she said the fact that his name was raised in the article was consistent with "our effort to keep his name out there, alive in the Muslim world."

Stewart, who could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted, was to resume her testimony Thursday. The trial is expected to last six months.

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Tribune Publishing president to retire at 58

Pulitzer Prize winner Jack Fuller leaves office after scandal to focus on book writing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jack Fuller, a Pulitzer Prize winner who rose from Chicago Tribune copyboy to the executive suite, will retire as president of Tribune Publishing at the end of the year, the company announced Wednesday.

His departure comes in the wake of a circulation scandal involving two of Tribune's 14 daily newspapers — Newsday and Spanish-language Hoy, both in New York.

In a telephone interview, Fuller, 58, said he started thinking about retiring at the end of last year to focus on writing books. He said his departure didn't have anything to do with the circulation problems.

"I'm feeling we have the Newsday (and Hoy) problem — if not completely concluded, pretty much under control, and that makes me feel I can go out without abandoning anything," he said. "It was a big mess and I didn't want to leave a big mess."

Fuller, who will also step down from the company's board of directors, will be replaced by Scott Smith, president and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. David Hiller, senior vice president of the publishing group, will succeed Smith at the newspaper.

The announcement of the management changes came after the close of trading Wednesday, a day before Tribune Co. was set to release its third quarter earnings report.

Tribune Publishing is a division of Chicago-based Tribune Co., whose holdings also include more than two dozen television stations and the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

The inflated circulation numbers at the two newspapers were first revealed by the company in June, and their publishers were replaced a month later.

In September, Tribune Publishing again lowered circulation figures for Newsday and Hoy, saying Newsday's daily circulation had been misstated by as many as 100,000 copies.

The company also said it expected the cost of settling with advertisers who claim they overpaid, based on the inaccurate

numbers, to increase by \$45 million to \$60 million over the \$35 million already set aside.

"We have a new management team in place that's doing all the right things. We're feeling very comfortable about the way it's going, that it's going in the right direction now," Fuller said.

Newspaper industry analyst James Goss of Chicago-based Barrington Research Associates said it was unclear whether Fuller's retirement was tied to the scandal. He said naming Smith and Hiller, besides demonstrating Tribune's "deep bench," shows its interest in ensuring company credibility since both have strong internal reputations and have risen through the ranks.

"They've recognized, in a lot of moves they've made, that it's important to address the (circulation) situation directly in terms of the impact it has on corporate credibility and stock price," he said.

Fuller was 16 years old when he joined the Chicago Tribune as a copyboy in the early 1960s. After college and law school, and time with other newspapers, including the Pacific Stars and Stripes in Vietnam, he returned to the Tribune in 1973.

As editor of the newspaper's editorial page, he won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 1986. In 1989, he became editor of the Tribune and was later named publisher and chief executive officer.

Fuller said the Pulitzer and his work as a Vietnam correspondent were highlights of his career. Pressed to name a highlight tied to his career at Tribune Publishing, Fuller named its acquisition in 2000 of Times Mirror Co.

"My default position is as a writer and a reporter," he said. "But the Times Mirror acquisition was an enormously big deal for our company and the shape of newspapers, for that matter."

Fuller, the author of six novels and one nonfiction book, said he has two new projects underway.

"I don't know if I'll write better books, but I bet I'll write them faster," he said.

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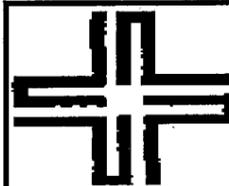


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More than a coach

For those who attended Notre Dame or Saint Mary's during the '60s and '70s, Ara Parseghian was as much a part of their college experience as the Golden Dome, Touchdown Jesus and the Grotto. Perhaps Notre Dame's most charismatic coach since Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian led the Fighting Irish from 1964-75 and won two national championships. In retirement, he has remained a respected member of the South Bend community and is still one of Notre Dame's greatest ambassadors.

During halftime of last Saturday's Notre Dame/Boston College game, NBC ran a profile on Parseghian and his courageous family. Parseghian, who recently turned 80, has taken up a crusade against Niemann-Pick Type C, a rare, neurodegenerative disease. The disease, commonly known as NP-C, has tragically taken the lives of his two grandchildren, Michael and Christa, and has afflicted their sister, Marcia. In 1994, Ara began the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds research projects aimed at finding a treatment and cure for NP-C, as well as other neurodegenerative disorders.

Molly Acker

Nobody likes a dumb blonde

ders.

NP-C is a genetic, pediatric neurodegenerative disorder which causes a build-up of cholesterol that affects the liver and spleen and causes the accumulation of gangliosides in the brain. This eventually results in damage to the nervous system and neurological problems that ultimately result in death. The scientific advisory board of Parseghian's foundation has already made great progress in their research efforts. They have come so far as to identify the gene that causes NP-C, and they are still tirelessly looking for a treatment and cure.

I first learned about NP-C in the fall of 2001, shortly before Christa's death. When I came to visit Saint Mary's, I had an admissions interview with Jamie Humbert, Ara Parseghian's granddaughter. She told me about the fatal disease that afflicted her cousins. Although it was a very difficult time for Jamie and her family, her strength was remarkable. Especially inspiring was the positive attitude she and her family was able to maintain in the face of this deadly disease. She recognized that, because of her grandfather's fame, her family has been able to initiate progress towards the cure. I have since kept her younger cousins and family

in my thoughts and prayers.

While we college students may not yet have the resources to donate to the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation and other organizations seeking to cure NP-C, it is important to remember Ara and his courageous family in our prayers. He has contributed so much to the Notre Dame community. God willing, NP-C will not personally affect us as it has the Parseghian family. However, many of us have suffered a great loss or have a history of family disease. Therefore, we understand the importance of support and encouragement during difficult times. The next time you are at the Grotto, light a candle for the Parseghian family.

For more information about NP-C, you can visit the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation Website at parseghian.org or the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation, Inc. at nnpdf.org.

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Voting proportionally

There may be a shortage of vocations to the priesthood. But, as someone said, there is no shortage of vocations to the Papacy. Suppose, however, that you are a believing Catholic, which means, among other things, that you do not feel a vocation to be your own Pope. Instead, you accept the teaching authority of the Church. That opens the question: How should your faith affect your vote?

Fortunately, we have clear guidance from the Church. We can summarize that guidance, as found in writings of the real Pope, in statements issued in 2002 and 2004, with approval of the Pope, by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and in statements by the United States Bishops and individual bishops.

First, abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem-cell research are qualitatively different from any other issues. All three involve the intentional killing of an innocent human being, which the law is absolutely obliged to forbid. "[N]o one can, in any circumstance, claim ... the right to destroy directly an innocent human being." Evangelium Vitae, (EV). "[T]he law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights." Instruction on Bioethics. In his 2004 statement, Cardinal Ratzinger said, "Not all ... issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia ... There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not ... with regard to abortion and euthanasia."

Second, Catholic lawmakers "have a grave and clear obligation to oppose any law that attacks human life. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them."

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Ratzinger, 2002. Under very limited circumstances, a legislator, whose absolute opposition to abortion is well known, could vote for an imperfect law to save lives where it is not possible to abrogate completely a pro-abortion law. EV, no. 73.

Third, a Catholic voter may never formally cooperate in the wrong committed by a public official who favors legalization of the execution of the innocent. In formal cooperation, which is always wrong, you directly take part in the evil act of another, or you intend to assist that evil act. In his 2004 statement, Cardinal Ratzinger said, "A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is ... remote material cooperation, which can be permitted [for] proportionate reasons."

In material cooperation, your act, which is not in itself wrong, helps another to commit sin although you do not intend for it to do so. Material cooperation in evil is not always wrong. Its morality depends on how proximate it is to the evil act and whether there is a proportionate reason for it. A voter who votes for a pro-abortion candidate cooperates in the evil that candidate would commit if elected. What could be a proportionate reason that could justify a vote for that candidate by a voter who does not approve of abortion? The only reason that would make sense would be if that candidate's opponent were even worse on abortion. An alternative would be to vote for neither.

Archbishop John Myers of Newark, in the Sept. 17 Wall Street Journal, explained this in terms that only an aca-

dem could misunderstand. He called the toll of 1.3 million abortions each year in the United States "a tragedy of epic proportions." He noted that many abortion supporters would worsen the situation "by creating a publicly funded industry in which tens of thousands of human lives are produced each year for the purpose of being 'sacrificed' in biomedical research." He could have named Senators Kerry and Edwards in that respect. "Certainly," said Myers, "policies on welfare, national security, the war in Iraq, Social Security or taxes, taken singly or in any combination, do not provide a proportionate reason to vote for a pro-abortion candidate."

As Archbishop Myers concluded, "Catholic may, in good conscience, support the use of force in Iraq or oppose it. Abortion and embryo-destructive research are different. They are intrinsic and grave evils; no Catholic may legitimately support them ... Catholics are called ... to protect the victims of these human rights abuses. They may not ... abandon the victims by supporting those who would further their victimization."

The premise of legalized abortion is the legal depersonalization of an innocent human being. That was the premise of the Nazi depersonalization and extermination of the Jews and also of the Dred Scott decision which defined slaves as property rather than as persons. To vote for a candidate who endorses that premise can be justified neither by hatred of George W. Bush nor by a subordination of the right to lesser concerns.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use."

**Kierkegaard
philosopher**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Replacing Willingham 'eventually'

As the losses accumulate, Notre Dame continues its fall from the ranks of college football's elite. Saturday's meltdown serves as yet another piece of mounting evidence that our University's football team will be unable to achieve sustained success under Tyrone Willingham.

Regrettably, many of the decision makers within our University tend to dismiss criticisms of the current coaching staff as knee-jerk reactions to painful losses. They chide disgruntled alumni for being impatient and insist that Willingham will win once he "gets his own players in."

These defenses of Willingham's regime may have been appropriate when the team struggled last season, but with this season's disappointments, the administration's excuses have lost their credibility. After nearly three seasons under Willingham, signs of progress at Notre Dame Stadium are as elusive as weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. His teams have constantly exhibited the sort of inconsistent play that impedes success. Simply put, routine blowout losses, frequent "too many men on the field" penalties and playing down to inferior competition are not the signs of a competent coaching staff.

The 2004 installment of the Irish is one of the most talented Notre Dame teams in recent memory. It boasts high school All-Americans at nearly every position. With the exception of the freshman class, every player on this team arrived at Notre Dame as part of a Top 10 recruiting class. Willingham has led a potent football team this season. Unfortunately, he and his staff have failed to develop this talent, as evidenced by his record up to this point.

Willingham's record at Notre Dame currently stands at 20-13, which is slightly worse than Bob Davie's 21-12 mark at the same point. Even more alarming than the team's habit of losing is the way that the Irish have lost under Willingham. Gerry Faust and Bob Davie each patrolled the Notre Dame sideline for five seasons. They lost by 21 points or more a combined total of seven times. Meanwhile, it took Willingham only 30 games to lose his seventh game by three touchdowns or more.

Willingham's winning percentage at Notre Dame is currently .650. Compared to Knute Rockne (.881), Frank Leahy (.855), Ara Parseghian (.836), and Lou Holtz (.765), his marks look very mediocre. Although Willingham's winning percentage might be acceptable at Stanford or Northwestern, it is unacceptable at

schools that are accustomed to competing for national championships.

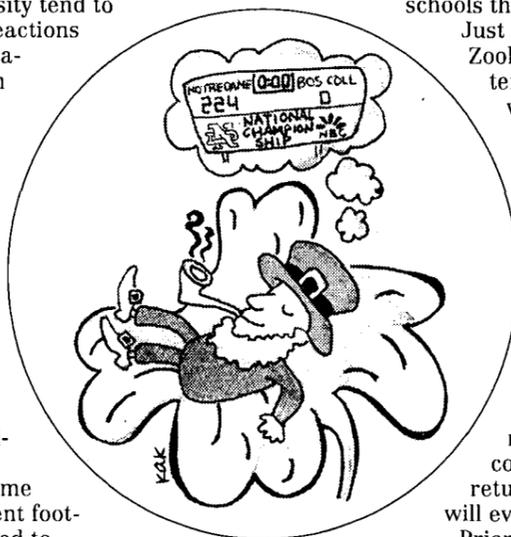
Just this week, the University of Florida fired its head coach, Ron Zook, whose 20-13 record is identical Willingham. Like his counterpart in South Bend, Zook was in his third season at a program with high expectations. However, Florida decided there would be no forth season for a coach with a mediocre record. Our administration should reach the same conclusion.

It is important to remember that Tyrone Willingham is a good man. He occupies one of the most difficult jobs in all of sports, and he has conducted himself with dignity and class in the face of intense scrutiny. When he steps off of the football field, he is a great representative of our University, and his dedication should be appreciated.

However, three years after he first led the Fightin' Irish out of the tunnel, there are few signs that Willingham is capable of returning the University of Notre Dame to college football's upper echelon. Our problems on the gridiron will not go away through patience or by blindly allowing him to complete five seasons under the Golden Dome. If we are to return to the pinnacle of the college football world, Willingham will eventually need to be replaced.

Prior to firing Zook, Florida's athletic director reminded reporters, "What needs to be done eventually should be done immediately." Hopefully, our beloved University subscribes to this philosophy.

Laurence Acker
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 Oct. 27



Reasoning against voting for Bush

We are about to elect a president to lead the most powerful country in all of human history. A wrong choice could lead to horrific consequences. In my view as an observer of the American scene for more than half a century, giving George W. Bush another four years would be a disastrous mistake. I want to share with you my reasons for holding that view.

One reason for voting against Bush: Apart from the seeming need for any presidential campaign these days to deal in half-truths and illusion, the policies and practices of the current Bush administration have been based on systematic deception. One such deception is that Bush himself is a strong leader. He is instead a man with considerable personal charm, but modest intellectual abilities, who has been taken under the wings of professional image makers and given a public persona serviceable as a figurehead for the ultraconservative wing of the Republican Party. In this capacity he functions as a mouthpiece for the real decision makers of the administration — Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Condolezza Rice and a shadowy group of so-called "neo-conservatives" of whom Paul Wolfowitz is a key member.

The neo-conservatives are political theorists trained in the thought of Machiavelli and in a conservative reading of Plato sponsored by the late Leo Strauss of the University of Chicago. Although it is hard to capture the gist of their views in a nutshell, they tend to think of themselves as having the kind of political knowledge attributed to the Philosopher-Kings of Plato's Republic. Thinking of themselves in this way as members of a very select political elite, they consider it part of their role to spread "noble lies" among the less gifted populace in the interests of achieving the "right" political goals. Among their long-standing goals — going back to the Reagan years — was to capture Iraq, to defuse its threat to Israel and to make it over into a "democracy" run by elite political theorists like themselves.

A vote for Bush is a vote to keep this group of ideologues in power.

A second reason for voting against Bush: George W. Bush's war in Iraq has been based on deception from the beginning. With key decision makers in his administration looking for an occasion to take over Iraq, the horrific attacks of 9/11 provided a perfect opportunity. Under the fabricated rationale of a connection between the perpetrators — most of whom came from Saudi Arabia — and Saddam Hussein, Bush attacked Iraq and quickly moved into Baghdad. He did so in arrogant defiance of most of the civilized world, including our traditional European allies who had been cooperating in diplomatic efforts to make sure Saddam posed no genuine threat beyond his own borders.

Since Bush's infamous declaration of victory shortly thereafter, things have gone from bad to worse in the war with Iraq. One of the worst consequences has been a massive increase in the number of young people in Arab nations willing to give up their lives in what they view as intolerable military and economic bullying by Bush's America. Bush has not made the world safer for America. He has made it far more dangerous.

Another dire consequence is that the United States is no longer trusted by other major powers in the free world. (Forget about the paltry "coalition of the willing" who have supported this war primarily for economic reasons.) In the days immediately following 9/11, we had the opportunity to lead the free world in a genuine effort toward world peace and prosperity. Bush squandered that opportunity in favor of the ideological goals of his neo-conservative handlers.

Yet another horrendous result is that Bush has precipitated a bloody clash between fundamentalists of Islam and fundamentalists of Christianity that may take decades to extinguish. Fundamentalism spreads distrust and hate, and all too often a willingness to kill other people with divergent religious conceptions. A conflict of this sort is the last thing the civilized world needs at this perilous point in its history.

A third reason for voting against Bush: The most immediate threat to world civilization is not the growing number of politically disaffected people chaffing under America's military and economic policies. Our greatest danger is the immanent collapse of the environmental systems by which human society as we know it is supported, a danger recognized today by hundreds if not thousands of ecologists and environmental scientists. Since the mid-19th century, a growing environmental movement has been documenting the ecological destruction caused by the growth-driven economies of the First World. These economies, in large part, are managed by people who have a stake in the up-coming election. Many of these managers have contributed large sums to Bush's election campaign.

During the Clinton administration, substantial gains were made toward reducing the environmental devastation caused by incessant economic growth. When Bush took over, a clandestine effort was mounted to remove the environmental restrictions primarily responsible for these gains. For the most part, these actions have been taken under the cloak of bureaucratic deception. A notable exception, one of the most shameful public moments in Bush's presidency, was the announcement that the United States would not support the Kyoto Protocol — to reduce greenhouse gasses responsible for global warming — on the grounds that provisions of this protocol would be economically disadvantageous for this country.

Another four years of benighted disregard for environmental problems would bring humankind even closer to a catastrophic loss of its environmental support systems. Even if in some sense we ultimately "win" Bush's war against terrorism, the victory will be hollow if victor and vanquished alike are wiped from the face of the Earth by ecological catastrophe.

Many of my fellow Catholics find it difficult to vote for Sen. John Kerry because of his support of legalized abortion. Their hope is that by voting for Bush, they can hasten the day when

abortion is made illegal. Like them, I am convinced that abortion is morally wrong and should be prevented. But we must realize that the Catholic view on the evils of abortion plays directly into the strategy of a thoroughly deceptive neo-conservative political campaign. Great evil that it is, abortion does not automatically "trump" all other issues. Destruction of countless millions of human lives by actions resulting in environmental collapse is arguably an even greater evil.

We should realize, furthermore, that voting for Bush in hopes of stopping abortion may well turn out to be counterproductive. As pointed out so clearly in a recent letter to the New York Times by Mark Roche, dean of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, social policies under Clinton's administration resulted in a 11 percent drop in rate of actual abortions, with no appreciable drop during the prior Republican administration. For someone seriously concerned to prevent abortions, electing to do it the "Republican way" by unenforceable legislation is simply the wrong choice (remember the futility of making alcohol illegal).

Here, in summary, are three reasons I believe make it imperative that Bush be defeated in the upcoming election. First, his administration is run by ideologues who believe democracy is based on deception. Second, the war he started in Iraq is proving increasingly contrary to American interests. And third, his administration is actively dismantling environmental safeguards aimed at correcting the damage caused by the profit-making practices of large corporations.

Any one of these in itself is sufficient reason for voting Bush out of office. Together, they add up to a moral imperative to take any ethically permissible steps necessary to remove his administration from power. If you can't vote for Kerry in good conscience, then simply refrain from voting.

Kenneth Sayre
 philosophy professor
 Oct. 27

Classic horror film comes to PAC

By ELIZABETH LUDEMANN
Scene Writer

The first surviving film adaptation of Bram Stoker's timeless horror tale "Dracula" is coming to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight, just in time for Halloween. "Nosferatu," a 1922 silent film by German director F.W. Murnau, will be presented with live musical accompaniment in the cinema. Besides its status as one of the greatest films of all time, "Nosferatu's" legend is due in part to the controversy it caused.

For legal reasons, Murnau changed the names of Stoker's classic characters, but the resemblance of the story was still enough to cause problems. In a 1923 lawsuit with Stoker's widow, all prints and negatives of the film were ordered to be destroyed. Years later, however, the film surfaced in a number of countries, and its popularity has not died.

The story revolves around the mysterious Count Orlok and his involvement with realtor Thomas Hutton and his wife Ellen. When Hutton is sent to Orlok's isolated castle to close a deal, he ends up discovering that the count is, in fact, the undead night creature Nosferatu.

Murnau and his cinematographer Fritz Wagner created a cinematic masterpiece with this film. Using innovative camera techniques, low angles, stop-motion effects and atmospheric sets, this film embodies the German Expressionist style. Count Orlok, rat-like and pallid, may be one of the most grotesque screen characters ever.

In the 1920s, live musicians almost always accompanied silent films, but when silent films are viewed now this part of the experience is usually missing. A recorded score usually suffices, but this month the University is bringing two musicians to offer the full performance as it was meant to be.

The score will be performed live in the Browning Cinema by percussionist Carolyn Koebel and Aaron Kruziki on didgeridoo and ambience. Koebel has studied percussion for over 20 years, and she has received degrees of distinction in percussion and music therapy from Western Michigan and a master's degree in music therapy from Michigan State University. She is currently authoring a book on the therapeutic applica-



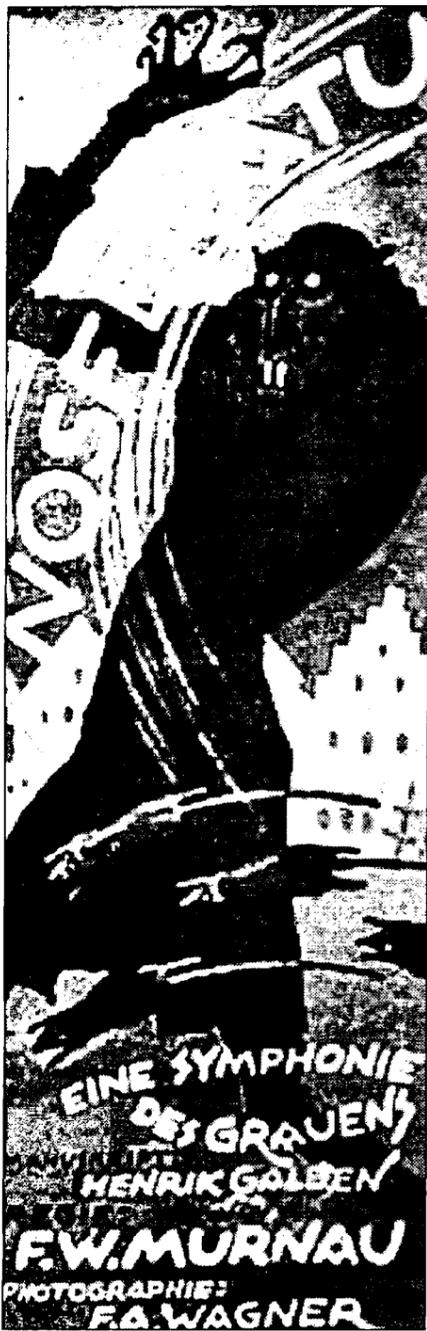
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F.W. Murnau's "Nosferatu" is the first surviving film adaptation of Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

tions of drumming.

"Nosferatu" is playing in the Browning Cinema of the Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$6 for the general public, \$5 for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross staff and \$3 for all students.

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ALBUM REVIEW

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

To fans of the Beach Boys and 60s music in general, "SMiLE" is a newly discovered treasure — a time capsule from another era of music. But for the fans of current hits, "SMiLE" will probably just seem weird.

Brian Wilson, former member of the Beach Boys released the long awaited album this fall after touring with the material in the beginning of this year. The album may have come out this year, but it sounds like it is from 1966.

Called the American "Sgt. Pepper" by expectant fans, "SMiLE" was expected to be proof that American music could

be just as unique and enlightened as the British musicians of the time. While this is probably not true, the style of "SMiLE" certainly is similar to that of the late work of the Beatles, but with a Beach Boys twist.

"SMiLE" has received much acclaim upon its release. However, this critical acclaim is just that — the appreciation of music critics. While there is definite merit in that, for the average music fan who is not familiar with or necessarily a fan of much of the work of the late sixties, "SMiLE" may pass over with a ripple, not a riptide of appreciation. Virtually all of the tracks are interesting musically, but as far as enjoyable listening, "SMiLE" lacks any really distinctly memorable songs for the average listener.

Some tracks such as "Good Vibrations" and "Surf's Up" sound vaguely familiar and are tracks that actually feature a good deal of lyrics as opposed to instrumental experimentation. The lyrics are often clever throughout the whole album. "Song for Children" asks, "Child the child, Father of the Son. Where is the Father, Son." This track is followed directly by "Child is the Father of the Man" which proclaims, "Child-the child, Father of the man."

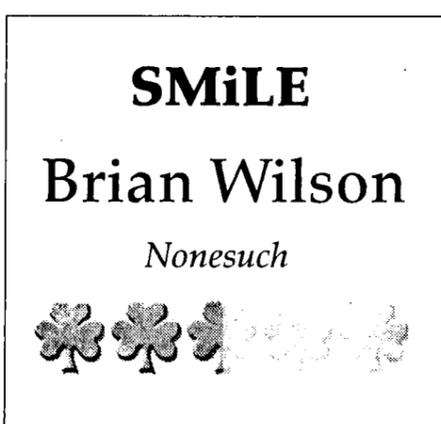
Definite play on words surface throughout the album. The only problem for the modern listener will appear in that actual words are not

extremely common throughout "SMiLE." That said, the instrumental experimentation is fascinating and compelling at times, making it arguable words are not necessary for such sections.

Another highlight of "SMiLE" is "In Blue Hawaii" which begins slowly with Wilson asking, "Is it hot as hell in here, or is it me? / It really is a mystery. If I die before I wake, / I pray the Lord my soul to take my misery- / I could really a drop to drink. / Somewhere in the placid pool and sink. / Feel like I was really in the ... PINK!" This is then followed by a more upbeat melody, with Wilson singing just as absurd lyrics. The overall tune is relaxing and really does convey a feeling of sitting on a beach in Hawaii.

"SMiLE" has been anticipated for years as a milestone album in American music history, and it probably is. However, unless one has a seasoned appreciation for the late work of the Beatles, these "Good Vibrations" will not be viewed as grossly impressive. Wilson is a terrifically talented musician, and the sheer novelty of the disappeared album being released is enough to allow the album success. Unless "SMiLE" has been a dream waiting to happen for the listener, the album is not altogether terrific.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Jimmy Eat World's bright "Futures"

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Jimmy Eat World is not a young band, but "Futures," only its second major release, proves the future of this band is not to be doubted.

In its first album since 2001's "Bleed American" (the title changed to "Jimmy Eat World" after 9/11), Jimmy Eat World shows a greater maturity and depth in its music on "Futures." The Mesa, Ariz. based band has climbed to popularity through developing a strong following of fans that eventually catapulted it to fame. The band has put out many great songs, but it outdoes itself in "Futures."

Jimmy Eat World, composed of Jim Adkins, Rick Burch, Zach Lind and Tom Linton, has a very unique

sound, mixing elements of indie rock and modern rock, thus producing songs composed of catchy melodies with a harder edge. The rougher side of Jimmy Eat World is made more apparent on "Futures" in thicker guitar parts and songs with a scratchier tone. The approach works. "Futures" retains the distinctive sound of Jimmy Eat World but adds an enriching and mature ingredient to the mix, thus creating a terrific album with 11 out of 11 great songs.

There are a lot of great songs to talk about on "Futures," but one that stands out above the rest is "Just Tonight..." It is an exciting and upbeat rock song dominated by fast percussion that can barely keep up with the guitars. Adkins voice carries along with the song in a perfect balance, neither dominating the



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Jimmy Eat World is not a young band, but "Futures" is only its second major release.

song nor getting lost in it. Singing, "We'll never be the same / never feel this way again / I'd give you anything but you want pain," Adkins brings the listener along for the fast ride that is "Just Tonight..."

"Night Drive" is the strongest slow song on "Futures," which changes its tempo a lot, although it is dominated by songs with a faster pace. The guitar playing slowly at the beginning of "Night Drive" pulls the listener in and engrosses him with a solid, emotional sound. Again Adkins sings the perfect melody, allowing his voice to stretch into a higher register at certain moments.

"Night Drive" flows almost unnoticeably into "23" which is not listed as a track and is equal in beauty to "Night Drive." The songs are both of a more melancholy and serious

nature, proposing ideas such as, "You'll sit alone forever if you wait for the right time / what are you hoping for?" in "23." "Night Drive" is of the same serious tone: "Kiss me with your cherry lipstick / never wash you off my face / hit me, I can take your cheap shot / leave you with the love we made."

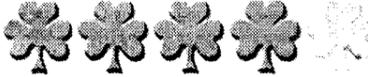
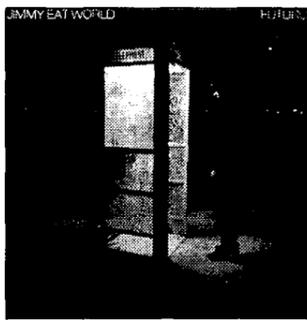
"Futures" hits the fast, slow, serious and fun song solidly on each measure. Jimmy Eat World has been around for a long time, and apparently has just kept getting better and better. "Futures" shows the bands continually growing potential and is an album that no Jimmy Eat World fan will be able to stop listening to for weeks.

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Futures

Jimmy Eat World

Interscope

Slean shines on eclectic new record

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

When Sarah Slean graced the stage at Legends last fall, few had heard of this charismatic chanteuse from the north. Slean's only U.S. release to date remains an out-of-print, seven-track EP compiling standout songs from her three previous Canadian records — yet more than a few were left dazzled and dizzy after her wondrous performance.

Now Slean is back with the superb follow-up to 2002's Canadian chart-topper "Night Bugs" and is poised to become an international household name. "Day One" showcases the multi-faceted Slean in top form. It glows with lush, ambitious arrangements, improved song-writing and melodies that lodge themselves in the listener's head not unlike the best show tunes.

Slean first gained notoriety with a haunting cover of a most unlikely Radiohead

track, the chilling and perplexing "Climbing Up The Walls," on her self-released debut EP "Universe." Listeners charmed by "Universe" and Slean's debut full-length "Blue Parade" snatched up copies of these records by the thousands — phenomenal sales by independent standards — and major labels took notice. Slean signed a deal with Warner in Canada and Atlantic in the United States. Although the latter fell through, the former provided Slean with the wherewithal to produce the lavish "Night Bugs" and tour extensively. "Night Bugs" entranced legions of new fans and even won Slean a Juno nomination (the Canadian equivalent to a Grammy nod), but only hinted at the talent exhibited on "Day One."

Interestingly, the first sound to emerge from "Day One" is not the expressive, Tori Amos-esque piano that dominates previous releases but rather a drumbeat followed by a brooding guitar. Then a line follows hardily typical of a songstress so keen on poetry and wonder: "A little blood and vomit on

the car seat..." One is confronted with a songwriter who has shed much of the pristine sentimentality of her early work, opting instead to tackle the world's darker truths with chutzpah and minor chords.

The heavenly "California," on which Slean recounts a short-lived romance with a resident of that other sunshine state, stands out as one of "Day One's" crowning moments. It begins with a beat bearing a rather uncanny resemblance to that of Ludacris's "Southern Hospitality," but quickly sets off in a decidedly non-hip-hop direction with sparse, plaintive piano chords and sonorous vocals. "I know better," laments Slean, "still I wish I was / by your side."

Another highlight, title-track "Day One" kicks off with an infectious piano melody, as well as some of Slean's most enigmatic lines to date. "I'm spreading love like a terrorist now" coos the young torch singer, and it is anyone's guess just what Slean means by this.

Listeners that are patient enough to linger a half-minute beyond the ostensible closing track "Wake Up" are treated to the delightful "Somebody's Arms," a radio-worthy pop ditty that caps "Day One" on an upswing.

Sarah Slean's biography credits her as singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, arranger and artist and "Day One" resonates with Slean's contributions in each of these realms. It is hardly surprising that the young muse is presently writing a full-length musical, set to debut sometime in 2005. The liner notes are adorned with Slean's gorgeous renderings. In one, she conducts a sunrise while haggard-looking, winged creatures clamber amount on a knoll. In another she nonchalantly ambles



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Sarah Slean's music takes a while to get used to, but is well worth the effort.

away from a burning cabin, a bag of books close at hand. Others feature the mysterious persons and surreal places that populate Slean's songs.

Sarah Slean croons with a slight quaver, in a manner you might imagine a silent film star to sing. Her voice is a taste acquired with a bit of effort, and first-time listeners may not take to "Day One" until spin two or three. Those who take the effort, however, will delight in having found something new to love.

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Sarah Slean

Day One

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PGA

Players have final chance to qualify for tour

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Rod Pampling has never been to the Tour Championship.

Justin Leonard has never missed one.

Jim Furyk has one last chance to extend his streak to seven years with at least one PGA Tour victory. Vijay Singh is just as determined to win his ninth tournament of the season.

Joey Sindelar wants to get in the Masters. Craig Barlow wants to keep his PGA Tour card.

"There are bubbles all over the place," Sindelar said Wednesday at the Chrysler Championship, the final full-field event on the PGA Tour. "It's fun to have that chance."

The Chrysler Championship becomes a numbers game Sunday:

◆ The top 30 on the money list get into the \$6 million Tour Championship next week at East Lake.

◆ The top 40 get invited to the Masters.

◆ The top 70 get into all the optionals, such as Bay Hill and the Memorial.

◆ The top 125 keep their PGA Tour cards for next year.

◆ The top 150 have limited status, meaning players can ask for exemptions or enter only

tournaments that have room for them, usually spots like Tucson, Reno and the John Deere Classic.

Anyone outside the top 150 has to go back to Q-school, unless they have some other safety net.

"It definitely doesn't feel good being (No.) 126," said Barlow, who trails Olin Browne by \$1,214. "The way I'm looking at this week, it's just another golf tournament. If you want to think about that it's the last tournament of the year, and I'm 126th on the money list, you're going to drive yourself crazy."

Retief Goosen is the defending champion at Innisbrook, and he has no worries at No. 13 on the money list. Playing in the United States for the first time since he won the U.S. Open, Goosen is part of a strong field that has five other players from the top 10 in the world ranking — Singh, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III, Mike Weir and Stewart Cink.

Still, most of the focus shifts down the money lists, the pressure increasing at each rung.

Kenny Perry is \$12,482 behind Pampling in his bid to get into the top 30 and go to the Tour Championship. Behind him are guys like Jonathan Kaye, Charles Howell III and Tim Herron. Leonard is No. 41

and probably needs a third-place finish to continue his streak.

Several players have never been to the Masters, and this might be their best chance. Ryan Palmer won Disney last week to move from No. 91 to No. 37 on the money list. His victory made him eligible for the Chrysler Championship, and now it's a matter of protecting his position.

Sindelar is No. 39, and he got some good news when he arrived at Innisbrook on Wednesday — Jeff Maggert at No. 40, who already is eligible for the Masters, decided not to play. That means Sindelar went from a \$9,000 cushion to a \$61,000 cushion.

"It helps for guys trying to pass me," Sindelar said. "So I'm kind of in the protect mode. If I could finish 25th or better, I should be OK."

Sindelar has been on the bubble more times than he cares to remember. He finished 126th on the money list in 2000 and had to rely on sponsor's exemptions the next year. But he won the Wachovia Championship in May, so his goals changed from keeping a job to driving down Magnolia Lane.

Still, he knows what it's like for those guys lower down the food chain — guys like Glen Day



AP
Jim Furyk, winless so far in 2004, has won a PGA event for the last six seasons.

at No. 136.

Day didn't know his ranking on the money list, only that he needs about \$100,000 this week to keep his card, something he has done every year since he joined the PGA Tour in 1994.

"I'm beyond the bubble. I'm on the wrong side of every-

thing," Day said. "This is foreign territory."

Dangerous territory belongs to Steve Stricker, for a number of reasons.

A three-time winner on the PGA Tour, he has struggled like never before and is No. 149 on the money list.

NFL

Boldin expected to return to lineup on Sunday

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin went through a full workout in pads Wednesday and has no doubt he'll be able to play at Buffalo against the Bills this weekend.

"For the past couple of weeks, my goal has been to get back on the field without any setbacks — any swelling or any pain," he said. "I think I've reached that goal right now."

Boldin, last season's NFL rookie of the year, will be upgraded from questionable to probable on Thursday, coach Dennis Green said.

Green said that if Boldin is active for Sunday's game, "he'll play a significant amount."

Boldin has been sidelined since his right knee locked up during warmups at training camp Aug. 10. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage.

Boldin missed an entire season at Florida State with an injured left knee, and that helped him understand what it takes to come back.

"Just be patient. I think that's the most important part — work hard and be patient," Boldin said. "You can't come back too soon because you'll just end up getting hurt again. I think your

body will let you know when you are and aren't ready."

The only rookie to play in the Pro Bowl last season, Boldin expects to return to last year's form.

"The bar is still set high for me," Boldin said. "I can't lower my expectations for my performance. I just have to come out and work hard in practice and hopefully get back to that level."

Rookie receiver Larry Fitzgerald was happy about Boldin's return because it will mean fewer double-coverages for everyone else.

"It's always great when you can welcome a Pro Bowl-caliber

player back to your offense," Fitzgerald said. "I can't tell you how excited I am because I know there are going to be a lot of opportunities for myself. There are going to be a lot of opportunities for everybody on this offense."

Boldin's return gives Green the three-receiver attack he envisioned during preseason, with Fitzgerald and second-year player Bryant Johnson. Tight end Freddie Jones also should benefit from the attention Boldin receives.

Asked the last time he wasn't double-teamed, Boldin smiled and said "the first game" of last season. In that memorable pro

debut, he caught 10 passes for 217 yards. Boldin went on to set an NFL rookie record with 101 catches.

"Having Anquan on the field changes things," quarterback Josh McCown said.

Green said the Cardinals' plans are predicated on moving the ball on the ground, then if the opponent has to put a seventh man up front to stop the run, it will open up the passing game.

"We don't expect him to be a savior," Green said, "because one player can't do that, but we think he can add to that three-receiver group that we talked about."

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Lives of Faith

by Fr. Tom Eckert, CSC
Director, Latino Student Ministry

Over the next few days there are sure to be many trips to area stores in search of masks, wigs, outrageous vintage clothing, and anything else that is needed for the perfect Halloween costume. Ah yes, one of the few days of the year when even adults are given license to be kids again.

Halloween, also known as All Hallows Eve, began centuries ago in response to the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1. Halloween was seen as a chance to get those devilish pranks and tricks out of one's system before honoring the memory of the holy men and women whose lives are our models of virtue. You know who these holy men and women are. They're the ones in the stained glass windows of churches, Renaissance paintings, and reliquaries around the world. They are our predecessors in faith for whom monuments have been built, books written, and hymns composed. But how did these men and women come to be so revered? Did they campaign for their cause? Did they set out to be great and assure their place in history? No. They were simply called to holiness.

I know you are not shocked or surprised by this. Saints are holy men and women, of course they are called to holiness! What we sometimes forget is that we are called to holiness in the same way that the saints who have gone before us were called. We are called to live out our faith wholeheartedly. That should not paralyze us with fear, rather it should give us hope in living our daily lives! Who are some of the examples that come to mind of people who live their faith wholeheartedly? Family, friends, colleagues, classmates?

Two people that I know have lived their faith wholeheartedly are my parents, who celebrate their fifty-fourth anniversary of marriage today. They raised fourteen children, have forty-nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Their life together has been a witness to everyone around them of faith, patience, courage, trust, and compassion; a witness of love. They have lived out their call to holiness within the Sacrament of Marriage, and are truly saints among us! They don't view their lives as extraordinary; rather, this is simply how they have been called to live out their lives of faith.

As you're getting ready this weekend, putting on your costumes and getting ready for the dances and Halloween parties, don't forget about the people that made this possible. No, not the manufacturers of the supplies and costumes, nor the hosts of the parties. Don't forget about the saints, past and present, whose lives we will celebrate November 1. We, just as they were, are all called to holiness. How will you live out your call?

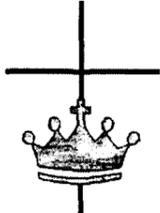


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food for thought...



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From the earliest centuries of Christianity, the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints has been meant to honor not only the officially canonized saints of the Church, but all those who have gone before us, whose faith is often known by God alone. What is more, this special day calls us Christians still alive on earth to recall all that we ARE (as St. Paul calls us all "saints") and all that we HOPE TO BE, forever living with God in the glory of heaven.

mass schedule

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Around Campus (every Sunday)

Saturday, October 23
5:00pm Vigil Mass
Rev. Richard V. Warner, csc

Sunday, October 24
10:00 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Richard V. Warner, csc

11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

1:30 pm
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 pm
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 pm
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge



Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2nd: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

NFL

Eagles' Westbrook questionable with rib injury

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook has a cracked rib, discomfort and trouble sleeping.

Still, Philadelphia coach Andy Reid remained hopeful Westbrook, the Eagles' leading rusher, can play Sunday against Baltimore. Westbrook was listed as questionable and did not practice Wednesday.

"He'll be fine as time goes on and hopefully he can make it this week," Reid said. "If he can't, then he'll be back the fol-

lowing week."

Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said the rib injury didn't show up on the first X-ray, but more tests revealed a small crack of the first rib. The normal recovery time for that kind of injury is four to six weeks, but Westbrook won't necessarily be out that long, Burkholder said.

Westbrook was hurt in the fourth quarter of the Eagles' 34-31 overtime victory against Cleveland. He leads the Eagles with 458 yards rushing. He also

has 31 catches for 249 yards.

Burkholder said the Eagles ran more tests on Westbrook after he complained of discomfort and trouble sleeping. Burkholder said he didn't know when Westbrook would play again.

"He's got to be able to function," Burkholder said. "He has a high tolerance for pain. He plays running back in the National Football League. But he has to be able to function. He has to be able to get comfortable enough to get out and

practice and then the coaches need to make a decision whether or not he can function."

The Eagles, already thin at running back after Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending injury in the pre-season, will start Dorsey Levens against the Ravens. Seldom-used Reno Mahe also will get some carries and rookie full-back Thomas Tapeh will likely be activated.

"We're not going to change the offense," Reid said. "We'll

keep doing what we do."

Neither Levens nor Westbrook was available in the locker room for comment Wednesday.

Burkholder said Westbrook also has a muscle strain, but would not compare the injury to a similar one suffered by Donovan McNabb in the NFC title game.

Teams keyed in more on Westbrook after last year's breakout season when he scored 13 touchdowns. He has only one this season, with two 100-yard games.

NFL

Panthers continue to battle injuries

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina coach John Fox has never wavered in his warning to the ailing Carolina Panthers: No one is coming to save them this season.

He was right. All hopes for Steve Smith playing again this year were lost when the receiver was placed on injured reserve Wednesday, the same day Fox said running back Stephen Davis would miss his fifth game when the Panthers play Seattle.

"The show must go on," receiver Muhsin Muhammad said. "We believe we are a good enough team to rebound. But every week I say that, we prove we can't bounce back."

That's because the defending NFC champions are extremely thin at critical positions.

Davis, who ran for a career-best 1,444 yards last season, has been bothered by a knee injury all season. He's played just two games for Carolina (1-5) this season. DeShaun Foster, his backup, was placed on the injured list Monday with a broken collarbone, and third-stringer Rod Smart is out with a knee injury.

The Panthers have fullback Brad Hoover starting at running back, and they signed Brandon Bennett this week in an attempt to add depth.

"We're not only playing with backups, we're playing with backup backups," said defensive tackle Brentson Buckner.

Davis is clearly getting frustrated with his time off. Davis has played just one full 16-game

schedule in nine seasons, and had set a goal this year of staying injury-free.

But he needed surgery Sept. 17 to repair torn cartilage in his knee, and has played just once since. His knee was swollen after that game two weeks ago, and at 30 years old, there has to be concern about his long-term productivity.

If there is, Davis said he hasn't noticed.

"Am I concerned? Nah, not concerned," he said. "I'm mad. Mad at not playing. Mad I'm not out there with my teammates, all of it."

The Panthers will try to fill the hole with Bennett, who has appeared in 74 games, all with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Bennett figures he's worked out for at least six teams this season. He's filled his time working out and trying various other professions, from working at a mortgage company to mentoring children in the juvenile justice system and substitute teaching second grade in his South Carolina hometown.

"You get aggravated," he said. "You are sitting there and games are going on, and people are calling and somebody went down and they ask 'Have you talked to this team or that team?' It was getting aggravating, but you have to keep on doing the things that you did to get you there."

Meanwhile, the Panthers had hoped to get Smith back by the end of the season. He broke his leg in the opener and was due to begin rehabilitation within the next couple of weeks.

MLB

Bonds, Ramirez award winners

Associated Press

St. LOUIS — Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants and Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox were honored Wednesday with the Hank Aaron Award, which goes to the top offensive player in each league.

The 40-year-old Bonds, who captured the award for the third time in four years, had another record-breaking offensive season. He batted .362 with 45 homers and 101 RBI in 373 at-bats. He walked a major league-record 232 times — including 120 intentional passes.

Bonds hit his 700th career home run during a season in which he struck out just 41 times and passed Rickey

Henderson for the all-time lead in walks.

"I am very honored to be here, very honored to be sitting next to who I feel is the greatest home run hitter of all-time," Bonds said of Aaron, who attended the ceremony.

The 32-year-old Ramirez, who carried a 16-game postseason hitting streak into Wednesday's Game Four of the World Series, also won this award in 1999 — its first year of existence.

Ramirez had another monster season, hitting .308 with 43 homers and 130 RBI in 152 games. In addition to winning his first home run title, Ramirez led the American League in on-base and slugging percentage.

"I'm very proud to receive this award because Hank Aaron did

such a great thing for this game," Ramirez said. "I'm proud to be here. I never thought I would win this award."

In 1999, winners were selected by assigning a predetermined number of points for each hit, home run and RBI. From 2000-2002, play-by-play broadcasters and color analysts from club radio and television rights holders voted for the winners. Last season, it was combination of fan and broadcaster voting.

This year, fans voted for one player from each team to determine the 30 finalists. A baseball panel whittled the field to 12 — six in each league — and the fans voted again over the season's final three weeks.

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NFL

Coach says Broncos aren't only cut blockers

Associated Press

DENVER — Angry that people around the league are calling his offensive line dirty, Mike Shanahan set out to prove the Broncos are really no different from anyone else.

"We're taking a field trip," he told reporters Wednesday after his weekly news conference.

And off they went to the video room, where the Denver coach showed a series of plays involving other teams who have used the same kind of cut blocks that Broncos linemen have been lambasted for using over the years.

"I've been talking about it for 10 years," Shanahan said. "It's one of those situations where the average football fan really doesn't understand that all teams do that."

Denver is viewed as doing it the most, however, in part because of the success the Broncos have had in the running game since Shanahan became

head coach in 1995. Denver has ranked in the top five in rushing in all but two of those seasons.

The Broncos came under withering criticism from coaches, players and ABC announcers Al Michaels and John Madden after offensive lineman George Foster broke Cincinnati defensive lineman Tony Williams' ankle Monday night by diving at his lower legs. Williams had surgery Wednesday and is expected to take six months to recover.

Technically, the cut block — a block below an opponent's waste — was legal because Foster's helmet was in front of Williams at contact. But it was vicious, too, in part because Williams didn't see it coming. It also looked unnecessary given that the play was moving away from the spot where the block was made.

"Although people may say it's not illegal, it doesn't necessarily have to be a part of the game," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis

said. "There was no reason to block a man low like that when he has his back basically turned to you. There is no reason to chop the guy like that."

Williams joined Jacksonville's Paul Spicer as the second player lost for the year after being cut-blocked by a Broncos lineman, and the fifth since 2001.

"They have a history of it," said Bengals cornerback Deltha O'Neal, who played four years with the Broncos. "Everybody's trying to win, everybody's playing physical, but you do stuff like that, you're basically trying to hurt him, take him out."

The Bengals' angry reaction was to be expected. Critical comments from Steelers coach Bill Cowher certainly weren't.

"A lot of it comes down to, in my mind, respect for the game and respect for the players," Cowher said Tuesday. "Do unto others as you want others to do unto you. It's a physical game that we play. It's a very competi-

tive game that we play, but within that there are certain lines that you don't go over."

It came as little surprise, then, that Shanahan's video package included a number of plays in which Steelers offensive linemen are seen making cut blocks. He also showed the Bengals doing it in Monday night's game.

"I was a little offended with Bill Cowher's statement because they do it," Shanahan said. "So, those type things do occur, and you just have to deal with it."

In fact, the Broncos will be dealing with it on Sunday when they play the Atlanta Falcons. Atlanta's offensive line coach is Alex Gibbs, who left Denver after last season. He spent the previous nine years helping mold Denver's running game.

"You've got to know who you're playing against," Broncos defensive end Reggie Hayward said. "You have to defend yourself. We'll do a couple of drills in practice to get ready for this.

You just have to be alert. You've got to get your knees and your ankles and everything out of the way and keep playing."

Foster wasn't available in the locker room Wednesday. As Williams was carted off the field Monday, Foster went up to him and apologized. After the game, he said, "I don't think it was a cheap shot."

Lots of other people did, though, and it only promoted the idea the Broncos use the tactic more often than anyone else.

An NFL spokesman said the league had no comment "beyond confirming it was a legal block under the rules."

Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, who is on the NFL's competition committee, said the league looks at the blocking technique every year. Holmgren said the 49ers used the same technique when he was on their staff and "people were always kind of upset about it."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Henne not playing like freshman

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Chad Henne acts nothing like a freshman.

On the field, he's as calm as a seasoned senior.

Off it, he handles with ease the spotlight that comes with playing quarterback for Michigan.

"Of course, there's a lot of pressure upon you," he said. "But I'm calm and laid back."

"You just can't stand out there and be nervous and say, 'I don't know if I can do this.' I'm confident I can get the job done."

Henne has looked more comfortable and has been more effective each week since becoming the first freshman to start an opener at Michigan since Rick Leach in 1975.

When he drops back to pass, he stands tall, doesn't get happy feet and delivers crisp passes.

Despite relying on Henne and fellow freshman running back Michael Hart, the 12th-ranked Wolverines (7-1, 5-0 Big Ten) have a shot at repeating as conference champions and earning a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

But first, they have to take care of Michigan State (4-3, 3-1) on Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

Spartans safety Eric Smith said the Wolverines look like they did last year on offense with John Navarre, a senior at quarterback.

"I'd say they're as good as last year," Smith said.

Michigan expected Matt Gutierrez would replace

Navarre, but the redshirt sophomore injured his shoulder soon after earning the job and Henne has taken advantage of the opportunity.

Henne has completed 61 percent of his passes for 1,728 yards and 13 touchdowns — at least one in each game — and 10 interceptions. On third down, he's completed nearly 70 percent of his passes and in the fourth quarter, he's thrown three TDs and only one interception.

Michigan needed game-winning, fourth-quarter drives twice this month — against Purdue and Minnesota — and Henne delivered both times.

"I think the confidence that he gained against Minnesota late in the game helped him last Saturday," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "And of course it was much more difficult because it was on the road. But, he struggled some at Illinois and that's all part of the process, too."

Against the Golden Gophers, Henne completed 33 of 49 passes for 328 yards — all school records for a freshman — with two TDs, including the game-winning toss to Tyler Ecker with 1:57 remaining.

"If you didn't know he was a freshman, you wouldn't know he's a freshman," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said.

When Henne was a senior last year at Wilson High School in eastern Pennsylvania, he spent a week in Ann Arbor during the spring to watch Michigan practice.

"He's got a ton of poise, and he had that before he got here," Michigan quarterbacks coach Scot Loeffler said. "The thing I really like about him is, after each game, he's talking about the things he needs to do to improve. He's not talking about the plays he made."

Henne also deflects credit to stellar guard David Baas and the offensive line and an elite receiving corps led by Braylon Edwards.

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NFL

Griffin's season is over due to injury

Associated Press

DENVER — In the span of less than two months, Quentin Griffin went from a starter and a star to a backup limping out of the Broncos facility on crutches.

The season ended for Denver's opening-day starting tailback Wednesday when the team placed him on injured reserve with a torn ligament in his right knee.

"I'll be all right," Griffin said, as he limped out of the Broncos training facility on crutches. "I've just got to do a lot of rehab."

Griffin tore his right anterior cruciate ligament Monday night against Cincinnati during a kick-off return.

The Broncos signed Cecil Sapp off the practice squad to take Griffin's place on the roster.

Griffin closed the season with 311 yards rushing, including 156 in the opener against Kansas City.

After the opener, many thought Griffin would be the next great Broncos running back.

But he also lost fumbles in Denver's first three games. One of them, against Jacksonville, ended a late-game drive in which the Broncos appeared set

to kick the go-ahead field goal. They lost 7-6. Griffin took the loss hard and seemed to run more cautiously the next week against Tampa Bay.

Griffin sprained his ankle against the Bucs and was sidelined Oct. 10 against Carolina. Reuben Droughns took over and ran for 193 yards.

Griffin returned to health for the next game against the Raiders. Coach Mike Shanahan kept his starter a secret, but Droughns wound up starting and gaining another 176 yards. By Monday — against Cincinnati — Griffin had replaced Droughns as the team's primary kickoff returner and was relegated to backup tailback.

He ran four times for 16 yards against Oakland and didn't have a carry against Cincinnati.

With Griffin's season over, second-round draft pick Tatum Bell and veteran Garrison Hearst move up on the depth chart. Bell, however, was listed as doubtful with a hamstring injury.

Sapp, meanwhile, gets a spot on the active roster for the second time. He signed as a free agent out of college last year and was elevated to the active roster for the finale against Green Bay. He started this season on the practice squad again.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Spurrier may return to Florida

His legacy remains in Gainesville, but he won't say if he'll return to Gators yet

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — All the trophies Steve Spurrier brought to Florida still line the hallways inside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Six Southeastern Conference championships, two Heismans and a national title.

Spurrier's legacy remains — and it always will.

He gave the program its first Heisman Trophy in 1966, its first SEC title in 1991 and its only national championship in 1996. He coached the Gators to 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in league history.

So if Spurrier wants to coach at Florida again, is there anything that would prevent his return?

Maybe.

"Everybody thinks it's a done deal. It's not a done deal. It's not a slam dunk," said Tommy Donahoo, president of Gators Boosters Inc., which raises money for the school's athletic programs. "Spurrier can't just ask for the job and

get it. There's certainly a contingency out there that wants him back, but there also are people upset with some of the things he did before."

For everything Spurrier would seemingly return to Gainesville — credibility, victories and championships — he also brings some baggage.

Many fans are still upset over the way Spurrier left Florida. He called athletic director Jeremy Foley from his beach house and dropped the news in the middle of the recruiting season.

His recruiting dropped the last few years — he admitted he left the "cupboard somewhat bare" — and he wanted to limit the number of stops he made on the annual tour of "Gator Clubs."

Speculation about his return has even prompted concerns about his age (is 59 older than ideal?) and his motivation (will he leave again for the NFL?).

Would players, fans, boosters, Foley and school president Bernie Machen be willing to trade potential problems for the chance to restore the Gators to the national elite? Would they be silly not to?

"It was hard for coach Zook to replace 'The Legend,'" center Mike Degory said. "And if 'The Legend' wants to come back, it's going to answer a lot of questions."

There's also Spurrier's relationship with school administrators to consider, and his lack of one with Machen.

As for Spurrier and Foley, the AD says the relationship hasn't soured.

"Steve Spurrier and I were friends before he was the head football coach at the University of Florida, we're friends today and we'll be friends forever," Foley said. "Did we always see eye to eye and stuff? No, but our friendship has never been better."

Spurrier has met Machen only once, at an SEC basketball tournament a few years ago.

Still, Machen knows all about Spurrier's accomplishments and has been reminded about them a lot lately through e-mails.

He remains steadfast that a full-blown search-and-interview process be conducted after the season.

Utah coach Urban Meyer has been mentioned as a possible candidate because Machen hired him in December 2002.

But Meyer has no ties to Florida and certainly can't match the hardware collection Spurrier accumulated during his tenure.

"We have checks and balances in place now that we haven't had in the past," Donahoo said.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Mississippi State is placed on probation

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi State's football program was placed on probation by the NCAA for four years, stripped of eight scholarships over the next two seasons and banned from postseason play this season because of recruiting violations.

The NCAA announced Wednesday that its infractions committee found two former assistants and several boosters broke recruiting rules between 1998-2002. But allegations of unethical conduct against former coach Jackie Sherrill were dismissed.

Sherrill retired after the 2003 season and was replaced by Sylvester Croom. The Bulldogs (2-5) won their first Southeastern Conference game under Croom, the first black head football coach in SEC history, last Saturday when they upset Florida.

The NCAA's decision came two months after Mississippi State expected it.

"The uncertainty is gone," Croom said. "We can move forward and move our program in the direction we want it to go. We will not under my watch be in this situation again."

Thomas Yeager, chairman and commissioner of the NCAA committee, said the historical significance of hiring Croom was "immaterial to our conclusion," but credited Mississippi State for creating "a new atmosphere surround-

ing rules compliance."

"There is a new direction with the program. Simply changing coaches does not necessarily mitigate (that) the committee will look favorably on that kind of personnel action," Yeager said. "In this case, it was a positive evaluation."

The Bulldogs are allowed just 81 football scholarships for the 2005 and 2006 seasons, and are limited to 45 expense-paid recruiting visits in each of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years — 11 per year fewer than the maximum allowed by the NCAA.

Mississippi State in April admitted to secondary rules violations within the football program, but denied the more serious NCAA allegations of offering to provide cash and other perks to recruits.

The school had limited itself to 83 scholarships in the 2005-06 academic year as part of a self-imposed penalty — down from the NCAA maximum of 85.

The university received a letter of allegations from the NCAA on Dec. 2, detailing 13 possible rules violations, some by former assistants coaches Glenn Davis and Jerry Fremin.

"The cloud that has been over the Mississippi State football program for the last four years certainly has not been fair to this institution, and it certainly has not been fair to (Croom) and his first year of trying to put it together," athletic director Larry Templeton

NFL

Colts examining Chiefs' D

Manning looking to master Kansas City's scheme

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is pulling everything out this week.

Old notebooks, old tapes, anything that might give him a hint about how to beat the Kansas City Chiefs' revamped defense — again.

"They're very aggressive, they get a lot of sacks," Manning said Wednesday. "They're an excellent, excellent football team."

The last time Manning faced the Chiefs, he had one of the best days of his career.

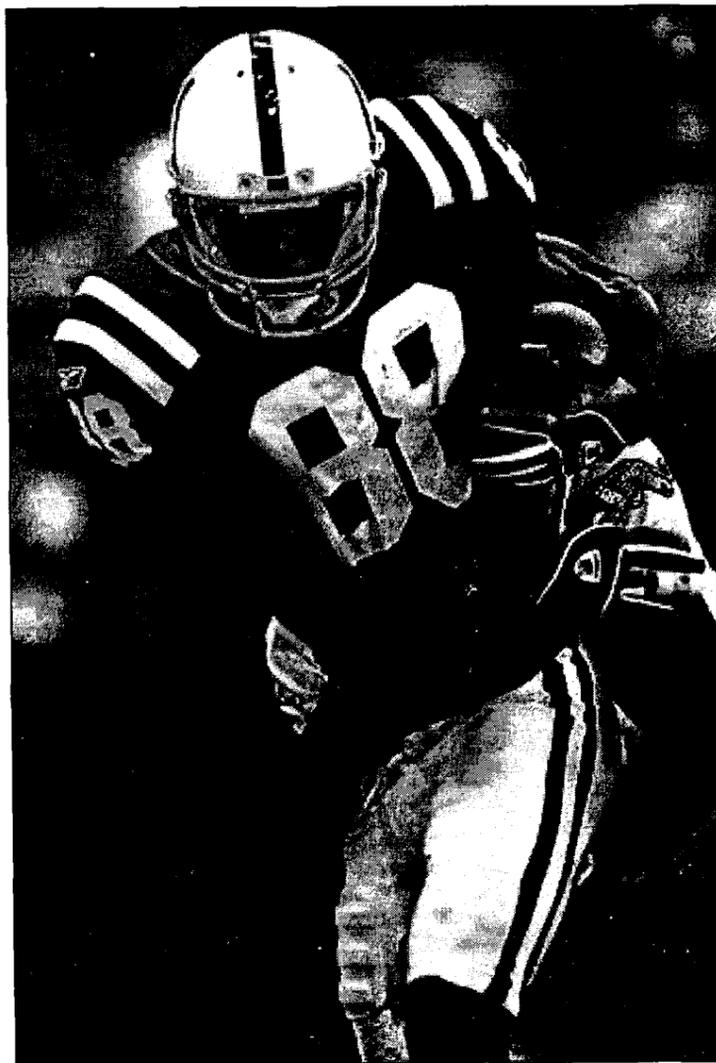
Manning completed 22 of 30 passes for 304 yards with three touchdowns in a 38-31 playoff victory. His quarterback rating was 138.8 and the Colts never punted as they advanced to the AFC Championship game.

Two days later, Kansas City defensive coordinator Greg Robinson resigned.

The Chiefs replaced him with Gunther Cunningham, who served in the same capacity with the Chiefs from 1995-98 before taking over for two seasons as the Chiefs head coach in 1999.

Kansas City made few other changes, but Cunningham's more aggressive approach has given the Chiefs (2-4) a different look and is forcing the Colts to adjust.

"They're a lot different," coach Tony Dungy said. "So



Colts receiver Marvin Harrison scores a touchdown against the Jaguars Sunday.

today was more of a learning and recognition day."

Manning and the Colts have other issues to resolve this week, too.

The defense struggled to get off the field against Jacksonville, and the offense was set back by two turnovers and uncharacteristic penalties. Even the special teams had an off-day last week, which resulted in consistently poor field position.

In the final minute, Manning and wide receiver Reggie Wayne even got into a shouting match. Then Wayne shoved Manning. Afterward, Wayne denied the confrontation although it was shown on television. Wayne has not been available for questions since then.

Manning, meanwhile, downplayed the incident Wednesday.

"That's such a non-issue," he said. "Reggie is going to play a

huge role in this game because they play a ton of man-to-man. They'll give you some looks that force you to throw and having Marvin and Reggie outside, that will be the challenge."

The Colts also are dealing with a new round of injuries.

Four players, including starting cornerback Nick Harper and starting guard Tupe Peko, are listed as questionable. Harper played last week with a brace on his injured left elbow, but this week, the Colts have listed him on the injury report with a shoulder injury. Peko has had back spasms and didn't practice Wednesday.

Indianapolis also could be without safety Cory Bird, who hasn't practiced since hurting his calf against Jacksonville, and kick returner Brad Pyatt, who sprained his right ankle in practice last week.

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AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	6-0	1.000	148	90
NY Jets	5-1	.863	127	102
Buffalo	1-5	.167	77	106
Miami	1-6	.143	86	121

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5-1	.833	136	114
Baltimore	4-2	.667	117	85
Cleveland	3-4	.429	147	147
Cincinnati	2-4	.333	106	139

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5-2	.714	122	126
Indianapolis	4-2	.667	183	133
Houston	3-3	.500	138	137
Tennessee	2-5	.286	124	158

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	5-2	.714	140	126
San Diego	4-2	.671	177	133
Kansas City	3-3	.333	161	137
Oakland	2-5	.286	124	158

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6-0	1.000	171	94
NY Giants	4-2	.667	117	100
Dallas	2-4	.333	107	156
Washington	2-4	.333	84	95

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Minnesota	5-1	.833	170	128
Detroit	4-2	.667	116	123
Green Bay	3-4	.429	178	172
Chicago	1-5	.167	85	108

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Atlanta	5-2	.714	129	142
New Orleans	3-4	.429	154	191
Tampa Bay	2-5	.286	109	124
Carolina	1-5	.167	83	135

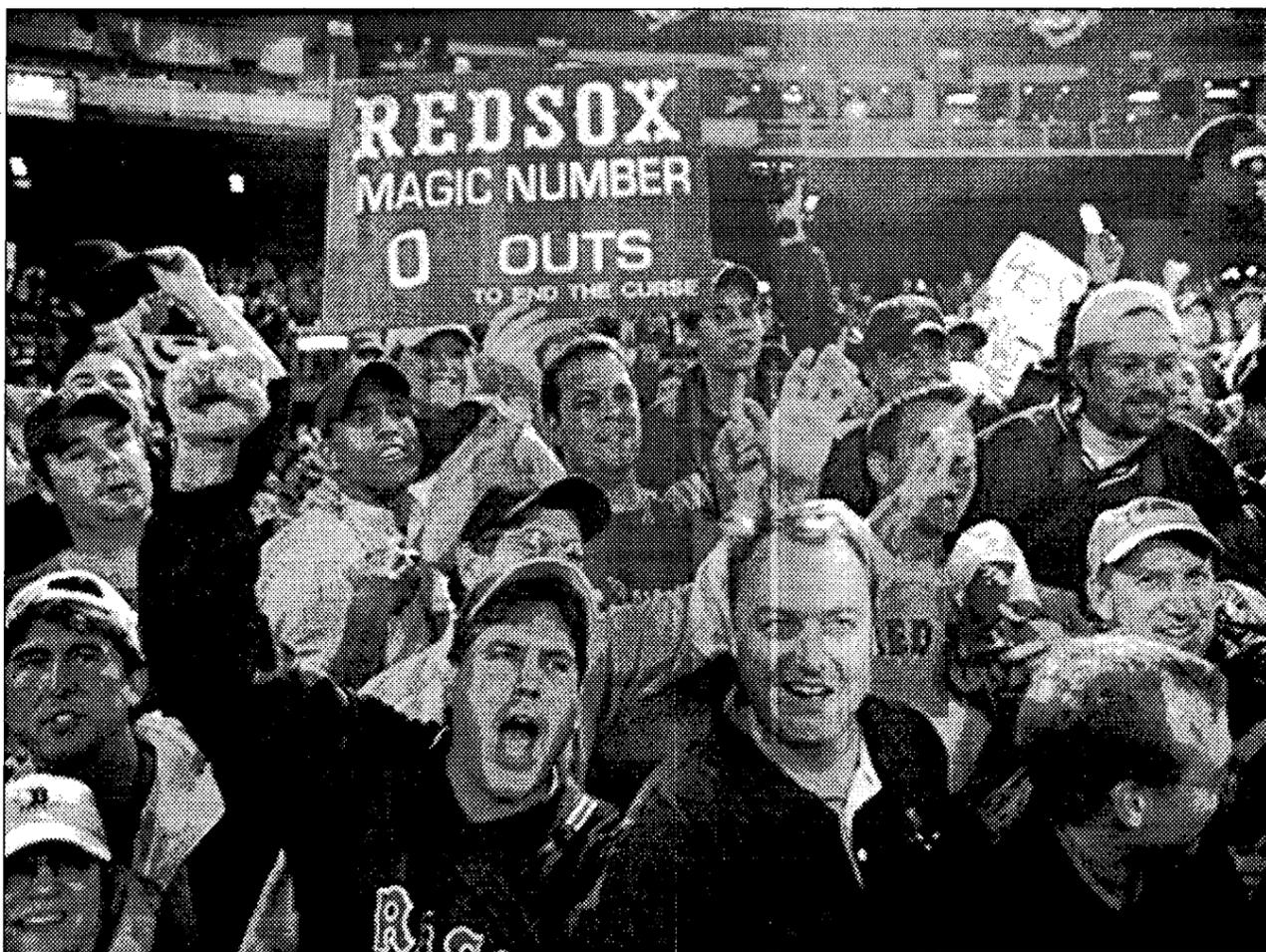
NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	4-3	.571	158	166
St. Louis	3-3	.500	129	101
Arizona	2-4	.333	112	104
San Fran.	1-5	.167	105	159

NCAA Football AP Top 25

rank	team	record	points
1	USC (50)	7-0	1,610
2	Oklahoma (13)	7-0	1,567
3	Auburn (2)	6-0	1,486
4	Miami	6-0	1,441
5	Florida State	6-1	1,266
6	Wisconsin	6-0	1,265
7	California	5-1	1,234
8	Texas	6-1	1,125
9	Utah	7-0	1,103
10	Georgia	6-1	1,039
11	Tennessee	6-1	1,006
12	Michigan	7-1	965
13	Virginia	6-1	765
14	Louisville	5-1	728
15	West Virginia	6-1	686
16	Texas A&M	6-1	639
17	Purdue	5-2	553
18	Boise State	7-0	552
19	LSU	5-2	461
20	Arizona State	6-1	425
20	Oklahoma State	6-1	425
22	Virginia Tech	5-2	289
23	Iowa	5-2	191
24	Minnesota	6-2	93
25	Southern Miss	5-1	39

MLB



Boston Red Sox fans celebrate the team's 3-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals to sweep the World Series. The victory over St. Louis marks the first world championship for Boston since 1918.

Red Sox end curse with World Series title

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Boston Red Sox — yes, the Boston Red Sox! — are World Series champions at long, long last. No more curse and no doubt about it. They sure got you, Babe. Ridiculed and reviled through decades of defeat, the Red Sox didn't just beat the St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the best record in baseball, they swept them for their first crown since 1918.

Johnny Damon homered on the fourth pitch of the game, Derek Lowe made it stand up and the Red Sox won 3-0 Wednesday night,

wrapping up a Series in which they never trailed.

Chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" bounced all around Busch Stadium, with Boston fans as revved-up as they were relieved. Only 10 nights earlier, the Red Sox were just three outs from getting swept by the New York Yankees in the AL championship series before becoming the first team in baseball postseason history to overcome a 3-0 deficit.

It was Boston's sixth championship, but the first after 86 years of frustration and futility, after two world wars, the Great Depression, men on the

moon, and the rise and fall of the Soviet Union.

After all that, on an eerie night when the moon went dark in a total eclipse, the Red Sox made it look easy.

Gone was the heartbreak of four Game 7 losses since their last title, a drought — some insist it was a curse — that really began after they sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

"I'm so happy. I'm happy for the fans in Boston, I'm happy for Johnny Pesky, for Bill Buckner, for (Bob) Stanley and (Calvin) Schiraldi and all the great Red Sox players who can now be remembered for the great players that they

were," pitcher Curt Schilling said.

"We wanted to do it so bad for the city of Boston. To win a World Series with this on our chests — it hasn't been done since 1918," first baseman Kevin Millar said. "So rip up those '1918' posters right now."

Damon's leadoff homer off starter Jason Marquis and Trot Nixon's two-out, two-run double on a 3-0 pitch were all that Lowe needed. Having won the first-round clincher against Anaheim in relief and then winning Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, Lowe blanked the Cards on a mere three hits for seven innings.

IN BRIEF

Agassi wins opener in straight sets

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Andre Agassi won his first Stockholm Open match in a decade, beating Kristof Vliegen of Belgium 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday.

Agassi, 34, entered and exited the court to standing ovations.

The eight-time major champion broke Vliegen twice in the first set and was never challenged in his own service games. In the second set, the top-seeded Agassi broke Vliegen for a 2-1 lead, then got broken back to 4-4. But Agassi won the next game at love, then served out the match.

"It got competitive in the second set," Agassi said. "He started playing much better and broke my serve. Then I played a really good game to break him."

"It was a good match for me, a good way to get started. The first one you always worry about, especially if you've never played somebody before."

Pacers' Anthony Johnson out with broken hand

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers backup point guard Anthony Johnson broke his right hand in Tuesday's preseason game against Memphis and is expected to miss four weeks.

The eight-year veteran, the primary backup to starter Jamaal Tinsley, had his hand placed in a splint on Wednesday — the same day center Jeff Foster had arthroscopic surgery to repair frayed cartilage in his right hip. He is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Forwards Jermaine O'Neal (sprained left foot), Ron Artest (sore right knee) and Jonathan Bender (sore left knee) and center David Harrison (sprained left shoulder) have also been banged up this pre-season.

Johnson's injury means Eddie Gill will be elevated to the No. 2 spot behind Tinsley, and rookie Rashad Wright could see more playing time as well.

Northwestern coach Walker released from hospital

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern football coach Randy Walker was back at practice Wednesday after spending two days in the hospital because of an inflammation of the heart muscle.

Walker, released from Evanston Northwestern Hospital early Wednesday afternoon, arrived on campus a short time later. He held a team meeting and performed limited duties at practice, spokesman Mike Wolf said.

Walker, 50, checked himself into the hospital on Monday after experiencing chest pains before his weekly news conference. Tests showed that his heart is fine, but they also revealed the inflammation, known as myocarditis.

Doctors are still trying to determine what caused the disease, Wolf said. Myocarditis is not a common ailment, and it's usually caused by a virus.

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NFL

Pass-oriented Vikings develop ground attack

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Long known for their passing prowess, the Minnesota Vikings are beginning to look a little bit like the run-oriented Denver Broncos.

Sure, quarterback Daunte Culpepper is enjoying wild success and threatening a handful of long-standing league records. But the Vikings' running game is right there with him — and it doesn't seem to matter who is carrying the ball.

"Certainly you can never have too much talent at a position," team owner Red McCombs said. "You could say it's a high-class problem."

Rookie Mewelde Moore is the latest running back to shine. Given a chance when Michael Bennett reinjured his right knee and Onterio Smith started serving a four-game substance-abuse suspension, Moore broke Chuck Foreman's three-game franchise record by gaining 610 total yards. He has rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the last two weeks.

Drafted in the fourth round out of Tulane, Moore has impressed coaches and teammates with his footwork, intelligence and preparation.

"At any time you could have anybody else go in there and do the job that I'm doing," Moore said.

He's obviously been paying attention.

Bennett, the 2001 first-round pick with track-star speed, rushed for 1,296 yards in 2002 and played in the Pro Bowl, but he's been dogged by injuries to his foot, ankle and knee since.

Veteran Moe Williams, more of a third-down and short-yardage specialist, was the featured back for the first half of last season and finished with career highs in yards rushing (745) and receiving (644).

Smith, last year's fourth-round draft choice, rushed for 294 yards over consecutive December games as a rookie and was Minnesota's leading rusher and receiver until his suspension kicked in Oct. 5.

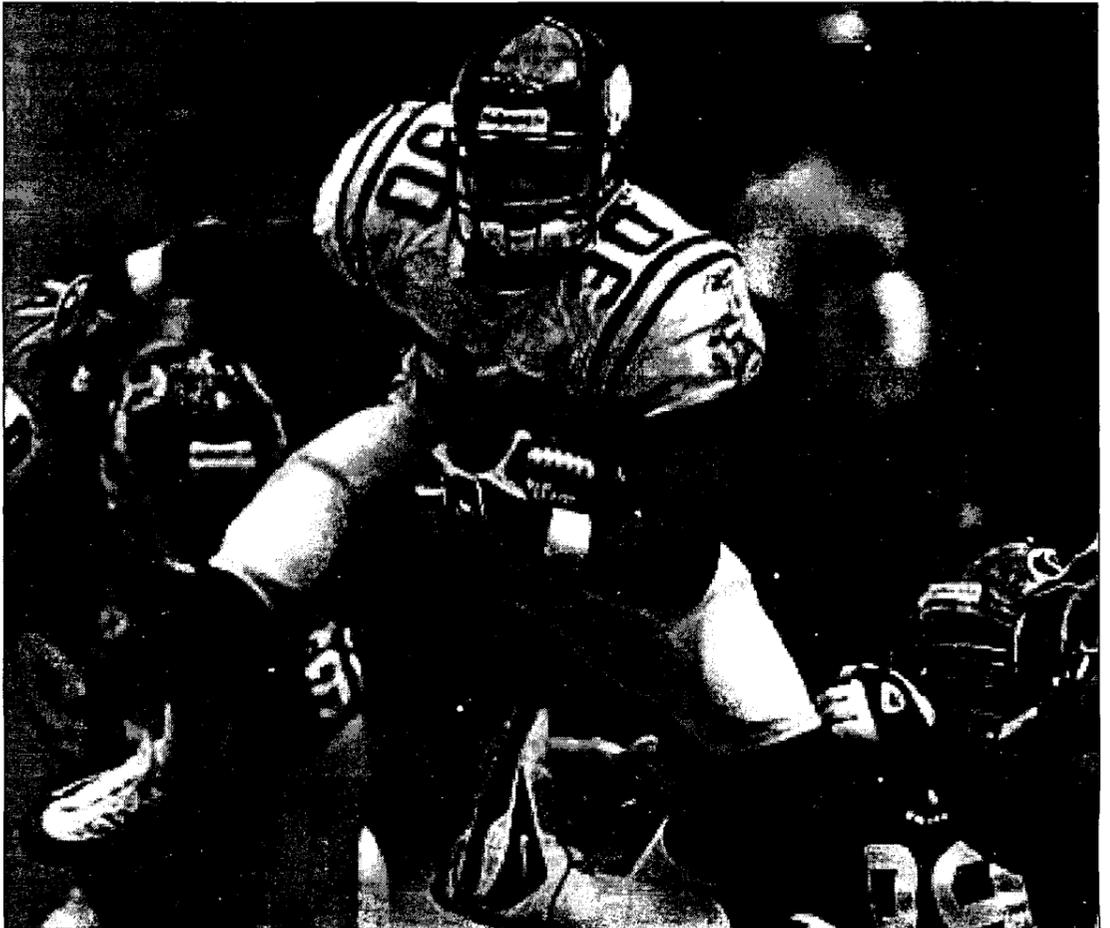
Then came Moore, who helped the Vikings hold off Houston in an overtime victory on Oct. 10 with 92 yards rushing and 90 yards receiving in his first NFL start.

"I love playing with him," Culpepper said. "His approach to the game is like a veteran. He is so focused. He doesn't get rattled."

Just like in Denver, where the succession of 100-yard backs has included Terrell Davis, Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson, Clinton Portis, Quentin Griffin and now Reuben Droughns over the past half-decade, these seamless transitions are an obvious source of pride for the offensive line.

"To us, half the time we probably couldn't tell you who's back there running the ball," said center Matt Birk. "We just focus on our job. It's exciting for us, knowing that whoever they put back there is a good back. He's not just going to get the yards that are blocked for him ... They're going to break tackles and get extra yards."

It's also made things easier on coach Mike Tice and offensive coordinator Scott Linehan, especially without having All-



Vikings rookie running back Mewelde Moore leaps over two defenders in a game against the Houston Texans. Moore has rushed for over 100 yards in each of the past two games.

Pro wide receiver Randy Moss as a weapon for the past six quarters.

Moss, recovering from a strained right hamstring, is expected to play a more meaningful role on Sunday against the New York Giants. But he still won't be 100 percent,

which means strong production on the ground will be critical toward another victory for Minnesota (5-1).

"We're in a good rhythm right now," Linehan said. "It's a good problem to have. Now you're putting a great talent on the field in different situations."

The question, at least in the world of fantasy football, is this: How will the carries be divided when Smith returns and now that Bennett is healthy?

For now, it seems to be Moore's job to lose. Surprised he was given the ball just once in last week's win over Tennessee, Bennett might be used as a kickoff returner in the meantime.

"You know the old adage, 'If

it ain't broke, don't fix it?'" Tice said. "Well, I think that comes into play in this situation. The young man is playing very good football for us. We are winning, and we are very productive right now."

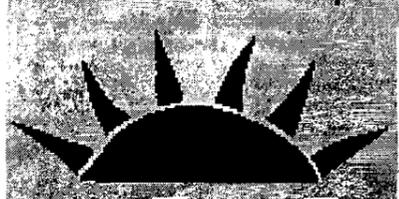
Moore is trying to stay humble.

"I'm not here to create controversy," he said. "I'm just out here doing my job. All I want to do is win. Whatever's asked of me, I just go out there and do it 100 percent."

Bennett is also sticking with the company line.

"I'm going to keep a smile on my face no matter what," he said. "It's just one of those things that I got injured, and I was on the back burner. ... He's doing a great job, man."

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 700th home run ball brought a top bid of \$804,129 Wednesday after a 10-day online auction.

The ball had received 240 offers by the time Overstock.com closed the bidding.

The identity of the top bidder,

nicknamed "bomasterj," was not immediately made public.

Steve Williams of Pacifica got the ball after a scramble in the left-center field bleachers at SBC Park on Sept. 17 — a mad dash that has fattened his wallet but also landed him in court. Timothy Murphy has sued Williams, contending he should

get the ball because he locked it behind his knees while at the bottom of a scrum before Williams swiped it.

A San Francisco judge refused to hold up the sale, freeing Williams to go to auction. Lawyers for Murphy said they are continuing with their suit, and are seeking the proceeds

from the ball's sale as damages.

Reached by phone Wednesday after the winning bid was announced, Williams said he'll quit his job as a broker's assistant in San Mateo, but has no idea what he'll do with the money.

His lawyer, Daniel Horowitz, speculated the ball's price will

prompt more people to try to claim ownership.

"All of the roaches are going to try to hang on to Mom's apple pie and we're going to squash them," Horowitz said.

Bonds became the first member of the 700-homer club in 31 years, joining Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron.

NFL

Farve battling problems at home, on football field

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — More than ever, Brett Favre needs football as his escape.

His wife, Deanna, is fighting breast cancer, the latest bad news for the star quarterback's family, which has dealt with two deaths in 11 months.

"I enjoy playing the game," the Packers quarterback said Wednesday. "It's a way to take my mind off of, at least for a brief moment, some of the things in my personal life."

There are many.

Favre lost his father, Irv, to a heart attack last December. Deanna's brother, Casey Tynes, 24, was killed three weeks ago in an all-terrain vehicle accident on Favre's property near his home in Mississippi.

Deanna, 35, was diagnosed with cancer the following week and underwent a lumpectomy at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

"Professional athletes are not immune from tragic circumstances and cancer," Favre said. "Athletes sometimes think we are. I've never found myself saying 'Why me?' or 'Why us?' It takes too much time and it doesn't matter anyway. Because it is what it is, and you deal with the best way possible and that's what we're trying to do."

Favre's wife found a lump during a self-exam, got it checked out right away and is expected to make a full recovery because it was detected early, he said.

She needs months of chemotherapy and radiation treatments and will probably stay in Green Bay to get them.

"We're both doing a lot better, but initially I was doing a lot worse than she was," Favre said. "She's a lot tougher than I am, but she's hanging in there."

Favre, also 35, has dealt with

a litany of health concerns himself this season: a dislocated shoulder, a concussion, a bruised leg and a sprained right hand a year after playing with a broken thumb on his throwing hand.

Through it all, Favre has kept playing — and sparkling.

In his last two games, Favre has completed 48 of 67 passes for 515 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in back-to-back routs of Detroit and Dallas.

He extended his NFL quarterback record to 215 straight starts, including playoffs.

Favre said he doesn't consider himself a Superman.

"Sometimes life is difficult and at some point we all have to go through — and have gone through — some difficult situations, and I'm not the only person who's had to deal with them and rise to the occasion," Favre said. "So, I don't consider myself out of the ordinary."

What's his explanation for his superb play through such adversity?

"I have no idea. None whatsoever," he said. "I take tremendous pride in what I do, always have. And I think in times like this, maybe I even take more."

Many teammates and fans wonder if all these hardships will weigh on Favre and hasten his retirement.

Favre missed practice the day they learned of the cancer, but he wasn't sure if he'd have to miss any time during her treatment.

"Whatever I have to do to support her and the kids, I'll do," he said. "Because football is very important, but it's not the most important thing. But the last two weeks, she's been like, 'Hey, you go out and play and do your deal.' I would expect her to say that. I'd say the same thing. But I also want to be there for her."



Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre throws against the Detroit Lions in the Packers 38-10 win at Detroit Oct. 17. Favre has recently battled a number of problems both on and off the field.

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more offense.

"The game was a battle in the middle of the field, so there wasn't much end-to-end action," Herdman said. "We didn't have as many opportunities around their goal."

Saint Mary's switched from its standard flat-back four defense to a flat-back three to counter Hope's offense, but Hope was still able to manage 20 shots on goal.

Laura Heline had 11 saves, but it proved to be not enough. The loss dropped the Belles to 8-5-1 in conference for the year and continued their trouble on the road.

"A lot of our road record has to do with us being a lot more comfortable on our home field," Herdman said. "For some unknown reason that we can't pinpoint, we can't play well on the road."

The Belles' troubles on the road have been the biggest difference maker in the team's failure to win their conference.

"The difference between any good team and any great team

is that they can be consistent," Herdman said. "And the fact that we have not been able to pull off key wins on the road has hurt us a lot."

The Belles beat Hope 2-0 in their first meeting this season, but had trouble completing the season sweep.

"It would have been awesome to go out on top, but we're not going to give up for the rest of the season," Herdman said.

Despite the loss, the Belles still look to compete in their final two games.

"We're still here to compete; we're not going to give up, and we're not hanging our heads," Herdman said. "We've got a big game Saturday against Calvin. There are lots of family and friends coming in. It's the last home game for us, and for the seven seniors, it's our last game at Saint Mary's."

The Belles now look to Saturday, with their last big matchup of the season.

"We're always out to win, that's our game," Herdman said. "We can't give up, and we can't back down. Calvin's

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Observer File Photo
Saint Mary's Jen Herdman, left, battles for the ball in the Belles' 4-0 victory over Kalamazoo last October. The Belles lost their fifth consecutive road game Wednesday in a 3-2 loss to Hope College.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose fifth consecutive match, fall to Manchester

By JUSTIN STETZ

The Saint Mary's volleyball team lost its fifth consecutive game yesterday against Manchester College.

The Spartans beat Saint Mary's in four games as they captured the victory and received payment for last year's loss to the Belles.

Saint Mary's was victorious in the first game as they came out ready to play.

They took an early lead in the match by winning game one by a score of 30-26.

This marked only the fifth time all season that the Belles captured the first game, and the first time they failed to win the match after taking game one.

Up one to nothing, the Belles fell behind early in the second game and eventually lost by a score of 30-24.

Things began to rapidly fall apart for Saint Mary's as they were upended 30-21 in the third game and lost the fourth and final contest by a score of 30-25.

The Belles concluded MIAA play on Tuesday as they lost in four

games to Olivet College. Saint Mary's officially finished in seventh place in the league and ended up with a record of 5-11.

The Belles' recent loss to Manchester drops them to 5-15 overall on the season, and they have yet to beat a non-conference team.

Saint Mary's still has four more games to play over the weekend, giving them a chance to improve their overall record on the season.

After that, the Belles must prepare themselves for the first round of the MIAA tournament.

The tournament commences next Tuesday.

Because the Belles are in seventh, the first round should be an

extremely difficult one for the team to win.

"We have been very honest with ourselves and we feel that every MIAA team we have played against this year is beatable," Michelle Turley said. "In tournament scenarios, any team can win, and our goal is to be that team."

Saint Mary's finishes up its regular season beginning this Friday as it plays four games in two days.

Still winless outside of the MIAA, this is a great opportunity for the Belles to steal their first non-league match and halt their current losing streak.

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Saint Mary's Michelle Gary prepares to serve the ball in a game last season. The Belles loss to Manchester dropped them to 5-15.

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Waldrum cited Jill Krivacek and Molly Iarocci as inspired players who have come to play crucial roles on the team. They are just a few of the players the team has counted on to carry the Irish to a near flawless season.

However, despite the novelty of an undefeated season, it is not a motivating factor as postseason play draws closer.

"We are hoping to win to help our seeding in the NCAA Tournament and not to have an undefeated season," Waldrum said. "It leaves you empty if you have an undefeated season and lose in the first round. This is why we as a coaching staff have not used this as a motivating tool."

What is proving to inspire the team is the Big East Tournament and the opportunity to reclaim a title the Irish have failed to capture the past couple seasons.

"They are excited about it," Waldrum said. "But not having won it the past couple of seasons, I am beginning to see the excitement in the kids."

Some of the excitement can be

attributed to the team's honor of being No. 1 seed in the tournament.

But what has helped the team to becoming a contender for not only the Big East title, but the NCAA Championship this season, has been the emergence of senior Candace Chapman.

Chapman missed last season due to an ACL injury and her status for this year was unknown.

Surprisingly, she managed to return not only as a consistent player, but as a legitimate force throughout the season.

"She is that ace in the hole," Waldrum said. "She has so many tools like her speed and ability to strike a ball with both feet. But when you get her around the goal, she will find a way to score."

Chapman scored two goals for the Irish in their 3-1 victory over Seton Hall Sunday.

"It was nice to see her score a couple of goals on Sunday," Waldrum said. "I am hoping she is that one person that people didn't expect to help, but will actually be the one to help us win everything this year."

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Irish forward Candace Chapman heads up-field in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Santa Clara in September. Chapman missed last season due to an ACL injury, but has been a force this year. CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Upset

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second half play, something Budinscak expects.

"Everybody reacts after a loss like this," Budinscak said. "You're not going to hear too many people having good things to say, and you can't blame them. We've just got to keep our attitude right and make sure we get it done next week."

But the complaints did not stop there.

One reporter Wednesday called what he sensed around the fan base "panic," a feeling directed more at coaching and matters beyond what the players can do on the field.

"I smile because that panic has always been around the Notre Dame nation," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "[But] this has a little deeper feel to it ... The way it ended it was like two years in a row somebody just stabbed you in the heart."

Budinscak named nose tackle Derek Landri and defensive end Justin Tuck as two players who played well the whole game Saturday. But Budinscak also said the second half let down was due to player failure, not coaching failure.

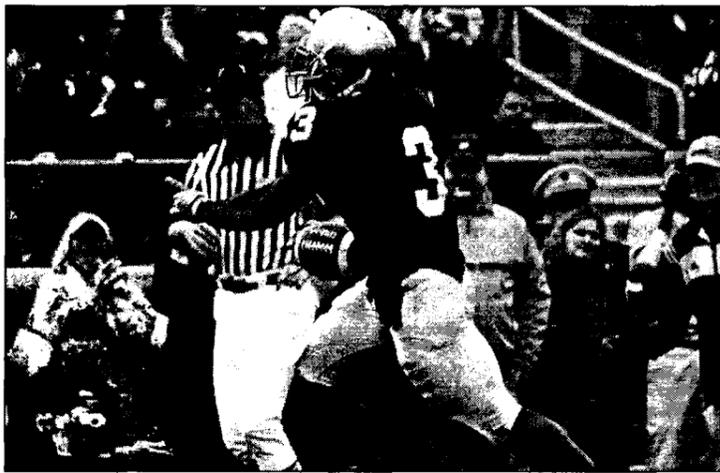
"A failure to execute was the problem in the second half," he said. "There [weren't] any adjustments that needed to be made, it was just failed execution."

Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson credited coach Tom O'Brien with changing the game plan to let him roll out of the pocket, draw an extra defender and find open receivers.

Notre Dame fans wondered if any adjustment on the Irish defense occurred, another questioning of the leadership.

"I've seen it happen before," Budinscak said. "The only way to respond to that is to not respond to it, is to go out there and keep playing hard. You've got to do everything you can to win football games. It's unfortunate that it has to be the way it is. But it is the way it is. I understand the frustration some people may have with us not winning games, but as far as any talk like that, that's not something I want to respond to."

The team had a full scrimmage Wednesday. Going into the week-



Running back Darius Walker points as he runs into the end zone in the second quarter against Boston College last Saturday. CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

end, coaches will begin game planning for Tennessee, trying to finish the season with three straight wins.

"[Going] 3-0 from here on out is the only way we can go out of here with our heads high," Budinscak said.

But Wednesday, players still felt the hurt.

"Coach says it all the time — we should be 7-1," defensive lineman Greg Pauly said. "I don't think we should have lost to BYU. I don't think we should have lost last week ... But we let it slip through our hands."

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Gunning for perfection

No. 2 Irish look to finish without loss for fourth time in program history

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish are on the verge of finishing the regular season undefeated for the fourth time in program's history.

The only challenge left for No. 2 Notre Dame (16-0-1, 9-0-1 BIG EAST) will come from Michigan, a difficult competitor for the Irish.

"They are known for their work ethic and are very organized defensively. But we are not going to try and change anything," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last two weeks we played really well, and if we can play with that same level of intensity and offensive creativity, we will do well."

The Irish are looking to capitalize on their strengths to defeat the Wolverines, the team that upset the Irish 3-2 in their final regular season game last year.

"Our situation right now was identical to last season, but I'm hoping our team has matured from last year in dealing with the pressure of having an undefeated season," Waldrum said. "We are not playing for revenge, but it won't take a lot to motivate us."



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Midfielder Jen Buczkowski makes a cut against Eastern Illinois in a 3-0 victory in August. If the Irish beat Michigan today, it will mark the fourth time they have finished a season without a loss.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas first-team selection

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior guard Chris Thomas was named to the first-team all-Big East preseason team Wednesday in a vote by the league's coaches.

During the 2003-04 season, Thomas averaged 19.7 points and 4.7 assists per contest. A knee injury requiring offseason surgery hampered Thomas throughout the season.

Joining Thomas on the first team are unanimous selections Providence forward Ryan Gomes and Syracuse forward Hakim Warrick along with Boston College forward Craig Smith, Pittsburgh guard Carl Krauser, Pittsburgh center Chris Taft and Syracuse guard Gerry McNamara.

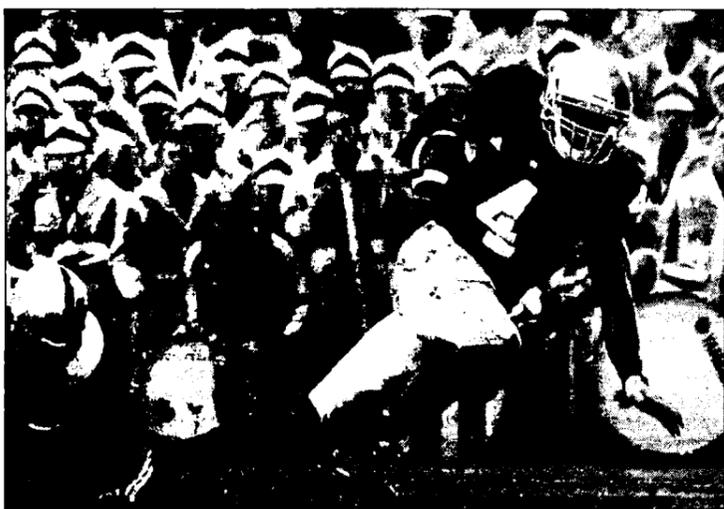
Thomas was a member of the 2003-04 preseason first-team and 2002-03 second team.

The coaches also named Gomes the conference's preseason player of the year.

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FOOTBALL

Irish still feeling the hurt



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish back Ryan Grant falls after catching a pass in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 24-23 loss to Boston College last Saturday.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish practiced Wednesday beginning to look at a Nov. 6 date with Tennessee (No. 11 BCS). But Kyle Budinscak spoke for the players who know, even as the focus shifts to another opponent, how much the loss to Boston College meant.

"I haven't slept a whole lot," Budinscak said. "I haven't slept real well the last four or five days. I haven't really not thought about the game for 10 consecutive minutes since it's happened. It's the hardest thing I've ever had to put away. It's awful."

Fans showed distaste with the

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Belles still battling road woes, lose 3-2

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As the season winds down, the road woes continue for the Belles.

Saint Mary's lost its fifth straight game on the road, failing to play consistently in a 3-2 loss to Hope College Wednesday.

"We came out strong, but Hope is a very physical team, and their aggressiveness became a challenge for us," senior captain Jen Herdman said. "They are a strong team, but we just did not get the opportunities today."

The Belles got off to a quick start when Carolyn Logan scored off an assist from Jen Concannon to put Saint Mary's up 1-0. But the team could not carry on its early momentum, and Hope answered with two more goals to put the score at 2-1 at the half.

The second half was no better for the Belles, as Hope scored again to extend its lead. Ashley Hinton scored later in the half off Concannon's second assist to make it 3-2, but Saint Mary's was unable to muster any

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