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U.S. News & World Report ranks Notre Dame at No. 19

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News Writer

Notre Dame ranked 19th in U.S. News & World Report's "2001 America's Best Colleges" guide, which was released to newsstands Monday. This is the second consecutive year Notre Dame earned the 19th spot on the list.



Moore

"Certainly if there's going to be a list of the top universities in the country, we should be on it," said Dennis Moore, Notre Dame's director of public relations and information.

Moore said University officials are pleased with the ranking but noted that they don't pay any great deal of consideration to such lists. The annually published guide is a means to gauge national perceptions of schools but not necessarily colleges' educational quality, Moore said.

"Through the years, the ranks only reflect changes in the methodology of the ranking system, not anything we did at the University," Moore said, adding that there may be no legitimate means to rank universities with different missions and goals.

Notre Dame submits statistical information about the University prior to the magazine's published list, but never ranked university and college participates in this practice.

According to Moore, publish-

ers will rank a college whether or not it submits the requested information. "We figure that if a lot of people are going to be making judgments based on this publication, we might as well give them accurate, up-to-date information," Moore said.

Ivy League schools Princeton, Harvard and Yale topped this year's list of best colleges. Harvard earned the top spot with 99 points. Last year's No. 1 California Institute of Technology slipped to No. 4. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology rounds out the top five universities for 2001.

Three schools — Columbia University, Cornell University and the University of Chicago — tied for the No. 10 spot.

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director of public relations

Emory University ranked just ahead of Notre Dame, while the University of California-Berkeley placed just behind. Notre Dame finished with 85 total points in the survey.

U.S. News & World Report evaluates schools on 16 measures of academic achievement, with academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources and graduation and retention rates given the most weight.

At 95 percent, Notre Dame's graduation rate was beaten only by Princeton and Harvard.

"That's a category that we've always done well in," Moore said of the 1999 graduation figure.

The University also fared well with its retention rate of first-year students from 1999 to 2000. Notre Dame retained 98 percent of first-year students.

According to the guide, 83 percent of the Class of 2003 entered the University in the fall of 1999 as graduates in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. That, in addition to a 35 percent acceptance rate, makes Notre Dame one of the most selective universities in the nation.

Other factors used to rank schools included SAT and ACT scores, faculty to student ratios, and alumni donations.

SMC renews Eldred's contract for five-year term

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
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News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees renewed Marilou Eldred's contract as president of the College June 30 for a five-year term. Eldred has held the office since 1997.

"She has brought a sense of energy and direction to the College," said Bill Schmuhl, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Eldred has served as wonderful role model for the women of Saint Mary's College."

Before Eldred's contract was renewed, the Board sought input from the students and faculty of the College. The response was unanimously positive, and the campus was pleased with Eldred's performance as the leader of the Saint Mary's community. After reviewing the feedback from the students and faculty the Board agreed to renew Eldred's contract.

Eldred came to Saint Mary's to replace President William Hickey in June of 1997. At the same time she

became the first lay woman to be appointed to the office of the president at the College.

"I saw the need for better community building within the College and connecting Saint Mary's more to the South Bend community," Eldred said about her acceptance of the position. "This campus felt like where I wanted to be."

Students were generally pleased with the decision to renew Eldred's contract.

"Personally I think it's really wonderful to have a female president at an all women's college," senior Page Warstler said. "I think she's done a great job."

"From what I understand she is very up on letting students come in and talk to her," senior Melissa Wheeler said. "She just wants to get to know the students. I think she does a wonderful job."

Eldred has spent much of her career working in Catholic women's colleges, and hopes to continue to do so. She believes that it is important to maintain the reputation of the College in the face of the rapidly dimin-

ishing number of women's liberal arts colleges.

"The faculty has been working on revisions to curriculum," Eldred said. "Over the years I've been here we have also developed the Master Plan."

The plan includes renovation and aesthetic improvements around the campus and extensive building projects. Another of the College's focuses during Eldred's term has been redefining athletics at Saint Mary's, which involved hiring Lynn Kachmarik, the current athletic director, in 1999.

"Saint Mary's, in the last four years, has undergone a lot of great changes including the Master Plan and hiring a new Athletic Director," Warstler said.

The first visible steps in the Master Plan are the new Dalloway's Coffeehouse and the Welcome Center at the entrance to the College. Regina Hall was also renovated over the summer as part of the plan.

"We certainly want to increase overall enrollment but also attract more minority and overseas students to the College," Eldred said. "My vision was to bring all of those to fruition."

Eldred's next two tasks since her contract was renewed will be to continue to improve first-year enroll-



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer
Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred (center) was offered a contract renewal this summer. Among her noted achievements since she took office in 1997 was the new Welcome Center, part of the Master Plan.

INSIDE COLUMN

For love is God

Kids today. How many times have I heard that from disgruntled adults, frustrated with America's youth and their lack of morals, consideration or tact?

Well, this past weekend I was a disgruntled adult.

Kate Steer

For the past three years, I have attended Notre Dame home football games as a student, and I have enjoyed the spirit and atmosphere of the student section. Though the process of getting student tickets leaves something to be desired, it's always a rush to walk up to the window with the hope of getting spectacular seats with my friends. And yet I don't exaggerate when I say that I have never actually sat in those assigned seats. Even when last year we scored sixth row seats, we usually claimed third or fourth row by virtue of getting to the stadium early. So when we walked into the stadium a half an hour before game time — our normal arrival time — we expected to be able to sit reasonably near the front. The three of us claimed seats five rows in front of our actual seats and psyched ourselves up for the arrival of the team and the band.

Associate News Editor

The bleachers filled up quickly, with people who had tickets in that section and people who didn't, with drunk and sober fans, with my fellow students. A few minutes after kickoff, a group of five or six girls walked in, demanding their seats — the ones we were in.

Mind you, this was no polite confrontation, like "Are these your seats? I may be reading my ticket wrong," but rather a bark full of expletives. Someone nearby who was confused about their own seats directed them across the aisle. Eventually they returned, more demanding than before.

We accommodated them, making room that wasn't really there, but this wasn't satisfactory. I don't know if these women had been drinking, but I almost hope that they had been, so as to have something to which I can attribute their actions.

"Get the f*** out of our f***ing seats," one of them demanded repeatedly.

The more she flung these strings of hate at us, the more indignant and prone to stay we became. I informed them that if we were displaced, we would be forced to ask people to leave our seats, who would have to do the same, and that I didn't want to ruin other people's gameday experiences.

"I don't care where you go, but get out of our f***ing seats."

Obviously. When the rest of their party showed up, in the second quarter, we did move. However, I recognized one of the girls as a former RA and therefore graduate who didn't have a ticket in the student section.

The issue at hand is not these people's disregard for how the system works: even if you have tickets and are entitled to those seats, you have to show up early to claim them. Rather, my problem is with the way I was treated. There was never a please or thank you, but instead words I am not allowed to say.

I could be wrong, but I thought that we attend a Catholic University at which we should at least be aware of and have respect for Christian values and morals, even if we don't embrace them. So be nice. We're all people, we all deserve to be treated with respect.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." -1 John 4:7

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ Art: Fernwood Botanic Garden: Clark Lecture Hall Gallery, Nature Center, "Fernwood Flora," photographs by Carol C. Bradley, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	♦ Game: The Ultimate Corn Maze, 5 to 10 p.m. at Barbott Farms and Greenhouse ♦ Music: Front Porch Music: Featuring Open Stage with Wild Carrot, 8 p.m.	♦ Show: Sky Potpourri, 6:30 p.m. at the Planetarium & Space Museum ♦ Art: Studebaker National Museum: "2000 Tom Kellogg Exhibit," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	♦ Open House: Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Open House featuring caboose rides, displays and refreshments, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Presidential candidates to debate at Washington U.

ST. LOUIS

For the third consecutive election, the Commission on Presidential Debates chose Washington University to host one of three nationally televised candidate debates.



Although facilities preparations will not begin until September, a subcommittee for Student Activities and Programs is working on organizing student involvement leading up to and during the event.

House Visitor's Center.

The subcommittee's ideas include tours of the debate area for members of the community, parents, and students. WU is the only one of the three debate sites that will have on display oil paintings of every president. The paintings, done by an artist commissioned by C-SPAN, will then move directly to the White

The committee has also discussed inter-departmental educational opportunities, including lectures and debates, and events involving local politicians and leaders.

"Student initiative and interest will determine some of this," said Jill Carnaghi, director of Campus Life and member of the committee.

The number of available tickets for students cannot be determined at this time, in part because the for-

mat for the debates has not been determined. If the debate is set up in the format of a town-hall style forum, there may be more available tickets than there would be for a panel format, because of the seating arrangement. The tickets are controlled by the Commission and first must be used to meet the demands of local and national news media. Television equipment will also take up much of the space in the Field House.

"We just won't know," said Steve Givens, assistant to the chancellor. "It's all in the hands of the Commission."

Students who receive tickets to the debates will most likely be determined based on a lottery. Students may be able to sign up for the lottery closer to the time of the debate.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Branch ordered to stop research

AUSTIN, Texas

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston came under fire when it was ordered to suspend its enrollment of new inmates for medical research studies. The Office for Human Research Protections, a federal agency that oversees the welfare of patients at hundreds of universities, ordered UTMB as well as the University of Miami, to suspend some of their clinical research programs. Officials with the OHRP were not available for comment. UTMB had been conducting clinical tests on Texas inmates infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. Most of the studies involved new drug therapies for HIV/AIDS patients. All studies must be approved by the prisoner and inmates must make a voluntary and uncoerced decision to participate. Reasons cited for the suspension at UTMB include differing interpretations on how to correctly abide by OHRP documentation guidelines, such as those used to obtain consent from patients. Other concerns focus on OHRP's request for detailed summaries of Institutional Review Board meetings at UTMB.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Cabbie will be jailed for shooting

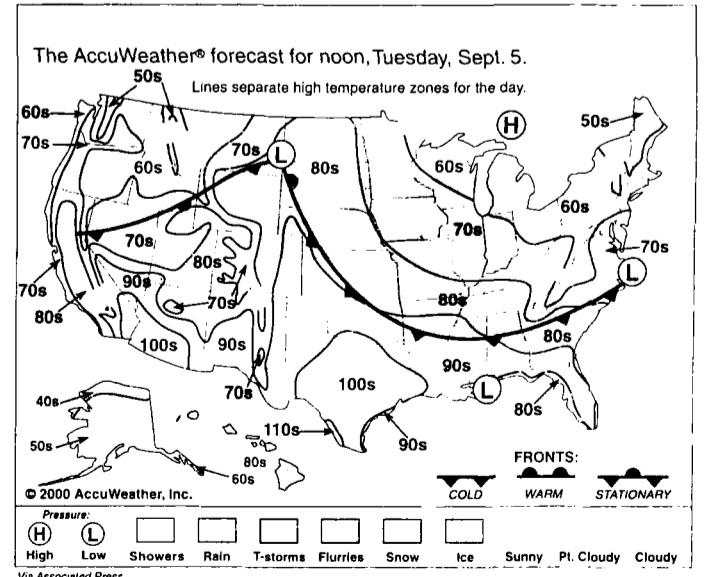
WASHINGTON, D.C.

A D.C. jury found the shooter of Georgetown University Information Services employee Kenneth 'Skip' Ames guilty of mayhem and assault this July, following a trial in which Ames was accused of starting the December encounter which put him in the hospital in serious condition and left him paraplegic. Benjamin Alcindore, 43, the cab driver convicted of shooting Ames, will face a maximum of life in prison and, a mandatory 5-to-15 year sentence when he is sentenced on Sept. 14. The jury noted that they believed Alcindore had acted in self-defense, and acquitted him of the most serious of the charges, assault with intent to kill. Ames, 45, was shot following a traffic accident on the roadway between the Leavey Center and Reiss Science Center Dec. 22 when most Georgetown students were home for the semester break. Alcindore claimed that Ames had escalated the conflict to the point where he felt the need to draw his unlicensed 9mm pistol.

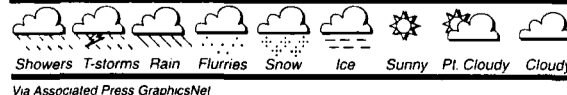
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Grads shoot for the stars with NASA

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

He grew up watching shuttle launches on television in the 1960s. When he was 12, Michael Good drove with his family to Cape Canaveral to watch the space shuttles in person. But that was just the beginning.

"I feel like I'm living a dream," said Good. "Pretty much ever since [I attended] Notre Dame I wanted to go up in space. When I picked my aerospace major my sophomore year, it was the year the first shuttle went up in 1981."

Notre Dame graduates U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Good and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin Ford, who was unavailable for comment, are members of NASA's astronaut class of 2000. Before arriving at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston last week, Good was at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., as an F-15 weapons test officer. Ford was serving as director for plans and programs at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

At Notre Dame, Good, class of 1984, and Ford, class of 1982, both majored in aerospace and mechanical engineering.

"Good is doing something that he's always wanted to do. He's one of the elite people in this field," said Thomas Mueller, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering.

Robert Nelson, professor of

aerospace and mechanical engineering, agreed with Mueller.

"There were and are very good students here. They were both very personable young men, but I knew them only as a faculty member would know them," he said.

For both students and professionals in the field of aerospace engineering, Ford and Good are living out a dream.

"It hasn't been one of my goals, but yeah, I would like to [be an astronaut]," said Mueller.

After years of dreaming, this is now a reality for Good. From over 3,000 applicants, 14 men and three women were selected through a lengthy and highly competitive process that evaluated their education, training, experience and personally unique qualifications. Good was interviewed in October 1999 and was informed of the decision July 20.

This was the third time Good applied but the first time he got an interview. "It's such a long shot. I didn't want to look back and wonder, 'If I didn't make it, well, I tried,'" he said.

Michael Good and his family recently purchased a house in Houston. He and his wife, Joan, have 14 and 10-year-old boys, and a 2-year-old girl.

"Joan is very happy and very excited, but the kids are just warming up to the idea," he said.

Now in Houston, Good faces the reality of his dream. When asked about any fears, he declined having any. "I have no fears. I'm used to it doing flight tests in the Air Force. We try to take all the risk out of it. I'm just excited."

Good and Ford have four to five years before they actually go up in space. For the first year, the group will have shuttle training and in the next year, they will each have ground jobs supporting the shuttle program in Houston. From the third year on, each group member will be doing their job and waiting to be assigned to his mission. Once assigned, Good and Ford will train with the other six to seven members for a maximum of a year.

Despite his recent success, Good continues to dream.

"I'd like to help build the international space station," he said.

"I feel like I am living a dream. Pretty much ever since [I attended] Notre Dame I wanted to go up in space."

**Michael Good
member of NASA's astronaut
class of 2000 and
1984 Notre Dame graduate**

Teacher agreements continue in Philly

PHILADELPHIA

Three days before classes were scheduled to begin for 200,000 Philadelphia students, the city's teachers' union announced Monday it would urge teachers to approve their first strike since 1981.

Negotiators for the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers and the School District of Philadelphia spent Labor Day at the bargaining table, but union President Ted Kirsch said Monday that negotiations were not progressing.

Kirsch said the union's leaders would recommend teachers vote Tuesday morning to strike.

Under state law, the union must give the district 48 hours' notice of a walk-out. Classes are scheduled to begin on Thursday.

"We have responded positively and creatively at the table, willing to break ground on each and every issue to improve education in the district. But at the 11th hour, it has become apparent that the district has no intention of honoring their side of the bargain," union spokeswoman Barbara Goodman said Monday.

Mayor John Street, who hand-picked the school board now locked in negotiations, took to the podium at a Labor Day rally Monday and tried to reas-

sure the teachers of the city's intentions.

"There's nothing that we would like more than to get a contract. We have to have a contract," he said.

The 21,000-member union has so far rejected the district's proposals to extend the school day and school year, increase copayments for health insurance, institute a pay scale based on teacher performance rather than years of experience and level of education, and give principals more say in teacher job assignments.

The union wants smaller classes, stronger early-childhood education, a new reading program and enhanced school security. Its teachers in 1997-1998 earned between \$28,600 and \$57,200 according to the union.

District officials have said they will face an \$80 million shortfall in their \$1.6 billion budget even without granting the pay raises that the union says are needed to keep talented educators in the city.

Gov. Tom Ridge has promised to work for additional state funding if teachers agree to a contract overhaul.

Ridge also has said the state might take over the chronically under-performing district if teachers walk out.

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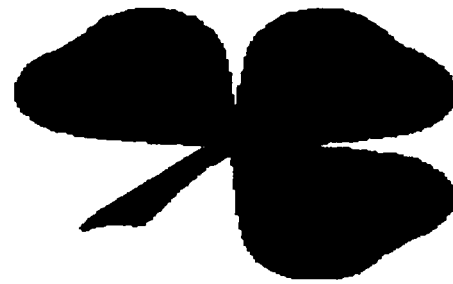
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Eldred

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ment and to complete the Master Plan.

"Fundraising is always a very high priority," Eldred said.

Eldred's vision of the College will include keeping it a strong Catholic women's college, increasing enrollment to 1700 students, improving diversity, maintaining its image as a superior undergraduate liberal arts institution, and keeping it as residential as possible.

Prior to her acceptance of the position of president at Saint Mary's in 1997, Eldred served as vice president of the college and as the academic vice president at the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul, MN. Eldred received her B.A. from Mundelein College in Chicago, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from New York University.



Saint Mary's Under Marilou Eldred: 1997 - present



April 11: Eldred becomes the first lay female President of Saint Mary's.

June 26: The Board of Trustees approves the Master Plan to expand Saint Mary's campus.

Aug. 21: Saint Mary's joins the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, its first membership in an athletic conference.

March 30: Eldred participates in Master Plan groundbreaking ceremonies.

June 30: The Board of Trustees renews Eldred's contract for an additional five years.

1997 1998 1999 2000

Feb. 27: Eldred denies chartered club status to The Alliance, a student organization supporting bisexual, lesbian and questioning students.

Aug. 21: Saint Mary's falls to No. 2 in the U.S. News & World Report rankings after five years at No. 1.

Sept. 2: Eldred names Lynn Kachmarik athletic director, making Saint Mary's sports a top priority for the College.

April 3: Saint Mary's joins the Worker's Rights Consortium, a group dedicated to improving conditions in apparel factories.

Sept. 5: Saint Mary's regains the top position in U.S. News & World Reports rankings.



Appalachia Seminar



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Police ransack student group:

Police raided the headquarters of a Serbian student group Monday known for its opposition to President Slobodan Milosevic, ransacking drawers, confiscating campaign material and barring students from leaving during the raid. Some 15 students were inside at the time, said Igor Djapic, an Otpor activist present at the raid. "They demanded our ID cards, ransacked all our drawers and broke into the locked cupboards, confiscating virtually every scrap of campaign material they could find," Djapic said. Police carried away their computers, as well as posters and flags with the group's clenched-fist resistance symbol, Djapic said.

Elephant kills American tourist:

A wild elephant killed one American tourist and injured another during a wildlife tour in remote northwestern Namibia, officials said Monday. Dean Hall was killed instantly and Dr. A. Said was hurt when a rare desert elephant charged a group of tourists trying to photograph it in the Huab River Valley on Saturday. Preliminary reports indicated the tourists had left their vehicle and walked between two groups of elephants from the same herd, said Ben Beytel, an official with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Judge doubts guilt of alleged spy:

The judge who tried to release fired nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee from jail on \$1 million bail said the government failed to present convincing arguments for keeping him behind bars. Wen Ho Lee was to have been released Friday from the Santa Fe County jail, where he has been kept since December in solitary confinement. But an appeals court halted his release at the last minute while it considered an appeal from the government. U.S. District Judge James Parker, in an unsealed opinion released late Friday, outlined his reasons for wanting Lee released, saying he was no longer convinced that Lee had downloaded some of the country's most sensitive nuclear secrets.

Iranian protesters hurl paint:

Four Iranians were arrested over the weekend for throwing yellow paint in separate incidents near the United Nations, where 150 world leaders are gathering this week for the U.N. Millennium Summit. One incident involved the president of Iran, police said Monday. It wasn't clear if the incidents were related, but a spokesman for the National Council of Resistance of Iran — which bills itself as Iran's parliament-in-exile — said yellow is "the color of dismay, [and] the color of disapproval," said Alireza Jarazadeh.

LEBANON



Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri celebrates his overwhelming victory in the final stage of the parliamentary elections. Hariri is undecided as to whether he will once again seek office after his resignation two years ago. AFP Photo

Ex-prime minister may seek title

Associated Press

BEIRUT

When Rafik Hariri resigned as prime minister just two years ago, the Lebanese people were sick of the construction tycoon they accused of spending the country into debt and economic hard times. Now, they want him back.

Official results released Monday showed a landslide victory for Hariri in Sunday's nationwide parliamentary elections, making him the top prospect for prime minister — an appointment requiring a Syrian endorsement Hariri likely would get. Hariri has said it is too

early to comment on whether he will seek the post.

Hariri-backed candidates also won overwhelmingly, ousting Prime Minister Salim Hoss and three members of his Cabinet from parliament and bolstering Hariri's chances to regain the premiership. And in south Lebanon, the results indicated that residents rewarded Hezbollah and Amal for their guerrilla war against nearly two decades of Israeli occupation that ended in May.

During his tenure, Hoss failed to deliver on pledges to deal with Lebanon's recession. That

made Hariri — whose wealth, status and charisma make him a powerful force in Lebanon even without political office — look more appealing than when he resigned in 1998 following a power struggle with President Emile Lahoud.

"He is energetic, a construction magnate with powerful contacts abroad," said Violette Balaa, an economic analyst with the leading *An-Nahar* newspaper.

Voters had hoped Hoss would put a stop to the "spending and money squandering" under Hariri, Balaa said.

"That did not happen,"

she said. "Many trust that Hariri learned from his mistakes and would restore investors' confidence."

Syria, the ultimate guide of Lebanese politics and policies, essentially approves any premier in neighboring Lebanon. But that shouldn't provide any problems for Hariri, a friend of Syrian President Bashar Assad with professional ties involving vast economic investments in Syria.

Declaring his desire for the premiership could set up a clash with President Lahoud, who must name the prime minister after polling legislators.

Native Americans seek reparations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal officials admit that over the last 113 years the government mishandled \$500 million in trust accounts for American Indians.

But they say U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth overstepped his authority with rulings ordering a full accounting of the money and appointing himself overseer of reform efforts. He also has held two Cabinet secretaries in contempt.

The government is appealing Lamberth's December ruling in a 4-

year-old lawsuit brought by Indians, who contend they are due more than \$10 billion because of the mismanagement. Arguments are scheduled for today before a three-judge federal appellate court panel.

Lawyers for the more than 300,000 trust account holders contend the appeal shows the federal government — particularly Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt — is more interested in blocking attempts to get the money than righting a wrong.

"In the outside world, if you screw

up with people's money, you end up in jail," said Elouise Cobell, a Blackfeet Indian who is the lead plaintiff. "That's the problem here, that the Department of the Interior has never had to pay for what they've done to screw up people's lives on Indian reservations."

The trust accounts came from an 1887 federal law that divided some reservation land into smaller plots for individual Indians. The federal government holds that land in trust for the Indians — meaning it cannot be taxed or sold and the government must approve any leases.

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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY SECURITY CHANGE GAIN PRICE

FRANCE

Concorde investigation focuses on stray piece of metal

Associated Press

PARIS

A stray length of metal which gashed a tire of a supersonic Concorde, leading to a fuel tank fire and dooming the flight, probably came from a Continental Airlines plane that took off on the same runway four minutes earlier, French investigators announced Monday.

The discovery after a dogged search appears to end one mystery in the investigation of the July 25 accident that killed all 109 people aboard the supersonic plane and four on the ground.

Meanwhile, Air France Chief Executive Officer Pierre-Henri Gourgeon raised the possibility that the Concorde could be airborne again by May 2001. It was the first time any date has been given since France and Britain officially grounded their fleets in August.

"There are many uncertainties and May would seem to be the earliest possible date," he told reporters. "Experts haven't yet made their recommendations," so costs to modify the

aircraft are not known, he added.

French Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot has said the plane will not be certified as airworthy until investigators can unlock the "catastrophic chain of events" that led to the crash.

Investigators were convinced early on that the metal part destroyed a left forward tire, sending huge chunks of high velocity rubber toward the fuel tanks in the Concorde's delta-shaped wings, causing a fuel leak and a huge fire.

The flight, filled with German tourists, crashed into a small hotel, less than two minutes after takeoff.

A Continental DC10 had a missing part "which appeared to be identical to the metal piece found on the runway" at Charles de Gaulle airport, said a statement issued by France's Accident and Inquiry Office, or BEA.

The BEA's preliminary report on the accident, made public Thursday on the Internet, showed a picture of a bent metal strip, with rivet holes, nearly 17 inches long and an

inch wide. One side was painted with a greenish epoxy and the other covered with a reddish putty.

BEA investigators inspected the aircraft Saturday in Houston, where Continental is based, officials said, accompanied by officials from Continental, the National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

A Continental statement said the officials "determined that a piece of a metal wear strip, similar in shape to the piece of metal found on the runway in Paris, was missing from the space between the fan reverser and the core door on the right-wing engine of the Continental DC10."

The BEA statement described the part in question as part of a hood on a thrust reverser.

It was not immediately

known whether there might be any legal implications for Continental. The airline noted that "it has not been determined definitively" that the missing part on its aircraft was

"There are many uncertainties and May would seem to be the earliest possible date [for the Concorde to be airborne again]."

Pierre-Henri Gourgeon
Air France Chief

the piece found on the runway. BEA spokeswoman Helene Bastianelli said that it was "probably" the same part.

A parallel judicial investigation by French authorities is underway to determine eventual responsibility for the crash, but officials were not immediately available for comment.

The discovery would clear a doubt cast on the state of runway 26, which had not been fully cleaned for some 12 hours before the Concorde took off. A cleaning due to take place at 3 p.m. — less than two hours before the Concorde flight — was canceled for a fire drill.

The find comes after a detailed search for the part's origin by BEA investigators, who examined all planes that had used the runway ahead of the Concorde.

She said the plane in question took off about four minutes before the Concorde flight.

"There is a gap that has been filled in the scenario," she said, adding, however, that the discovery does not advance the core issue — how to prevent this kind of accident.

It was the first accident by the supersonic Concorde since it entered commercial service 24 years ago. The only two existing Concorde fleets — in France and Britain — were both officially grounded in August until further notice.

The Concorde, which flies across the Atlantic at twice the speed of sound, had been the most elite form of commercial transatlantic air travel.

Gourgeon, the Air France official, said it was adding an early morning Paris-New York flight to its schedule to compensate for the canceled Concorde flights.

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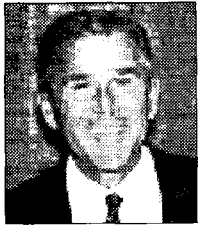
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Candidates campaign, discuss debate appearances

Associated Press

NAPERVILLE, Ill.

Opening his fall campaign with a weeklong tour, George W. Bush taunted rival Al Gore on Monday for rejecting his offer of three presidential debates. "All of a sudden the words 'anytime, anywhere' don't mean anything," Bush told a Labor Day rally.



Bush

better steward of the economy and work harder for Americans.

"We've got a lot at stake, our economy in particular," Gore said in Pittsburgh. "Working people have done better and there are more jobs."



Gore

As for Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax-cut plan, Gore told supporters at the Louisville Motor

Speedway in Kentucky, "I'd veto that in a minute."

Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate, and his running mate Joseph Lieberman appealed to working class vot-

ers with a six-state Labor Day weekend tour. The two campaigned together in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida, then Gore hit the trail on his own in Kentucky while Lieberman made solo stops in Ohio and Illinois.

Bush and running mate Dick Cheney together opened a campaign push through six Midwest battlegrounds: Illinois and Michigan on Monday with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio to follow later this week.

The Republican presidential candidate kept up the pressure on Gore to agree to Bush's proposed debate schedule as the Gore campaign held open the possibility for negotiations over the three prime-time matchups.

"Just yesterday, we had an interesting example of Washington doublespeak," Bush told a rally in this heavily Republican Chicago suburb before he and Cheney walked in a parade.

"My opponent said he would debate me any place, anytime, anywhere," Bush continued. "I said fine, why don't we just show up ... and discuss our differences."

Two of the debates Bush accepted would be 60-minute appearances, one Sept. 12 on a special prime-time edition of NBC's "Meet the Press" and Oct. 3 from Los Angeles on CNN's "Larry King Live."

The Gore campaign wants three 90-minute debates as recommended by a bipartisan commission, saying those will reach the widest audience.

Gore said Bush must agree to the commission debates before any others.

"It's become a tradition to get all the networks together and give all of the American people the right to see three 90-minute, prime-time

debates," the vice president said on NBC's "Today."

Lieberman told reporters, "I think Governor Bush is making an end run around the rules of the debate commission."

Gore has accepted the invitation from the Commission on Presidential Debates to negotiate further this week over a debate schedule.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the commission's offer to negotiate further would not change Bush's intention to accept only one of its venues — an Oct. 17 debate at Washington University in St. Louis.

On the trail, a Gore-Lieberman 27-hour campaign sprint took the candidates to greet laborers in Philadelphia; Flint, Mich., and Tampa, Fla. Gore then marched in a Pittsburgh parade and rallied at the speedway in Louisville, Ky.

Lieberman sandwiched a Toledo (Ohio) Mud Hens baseball game between visits to union members in Detroit and Peoria, Ill.

Gore planned an economic speech Wednesday in Cleveland.

Bush and Cheney endured a light rain on their parade in Illinois.

"I can't think of a better place to start the fall campaign," Bush told a crowd of hundreds at a pre-parade rally. "We're in for a tough battle. This is going to be a close race."

"In 64 days, we're going to

end the Clinton-Gore era," Cheney said to loud cheers.

Bush and Cheney walked about a mile and a half in the parade, with Bush moving from side to side, pumping

hands with those lining the route. Cheney shook far fewer hands than Bush and mostly walked down the middle of the street as Bush darted about.

Although the crowd was overwhelmingly supportive, some protesters waved signs ridiculing the GOP ticket. "I'm voting for Bush because not enough of my tax dollars support corporate welfare," said one sign. Another said: "Vote Bush because gay people have too many rights."

After the parade, Bush attended Michigan's annual peach festival in Romeo, Mich. — known for its high proportion of voters who swing back and forth between the two parties.

Cheney rode a Chicago elevated train to a Polish food fair, where he danced the polka with a Polish beauty queen and served up hot cabbage rolls with tomato sauce from behind a steam table.

Cheney told the crowd that one of his proudest moments was meeting Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, saying he "lit a spark in Poland that lit a prairie fire of freedom." He ended his remarks with a hearty "Sto Lat!" — a Polish congratulatory expression that means "May you live 100 years."

The two were reuniting Tuesday in Allentown, Pa., to announce their plan to provide seniors with a prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

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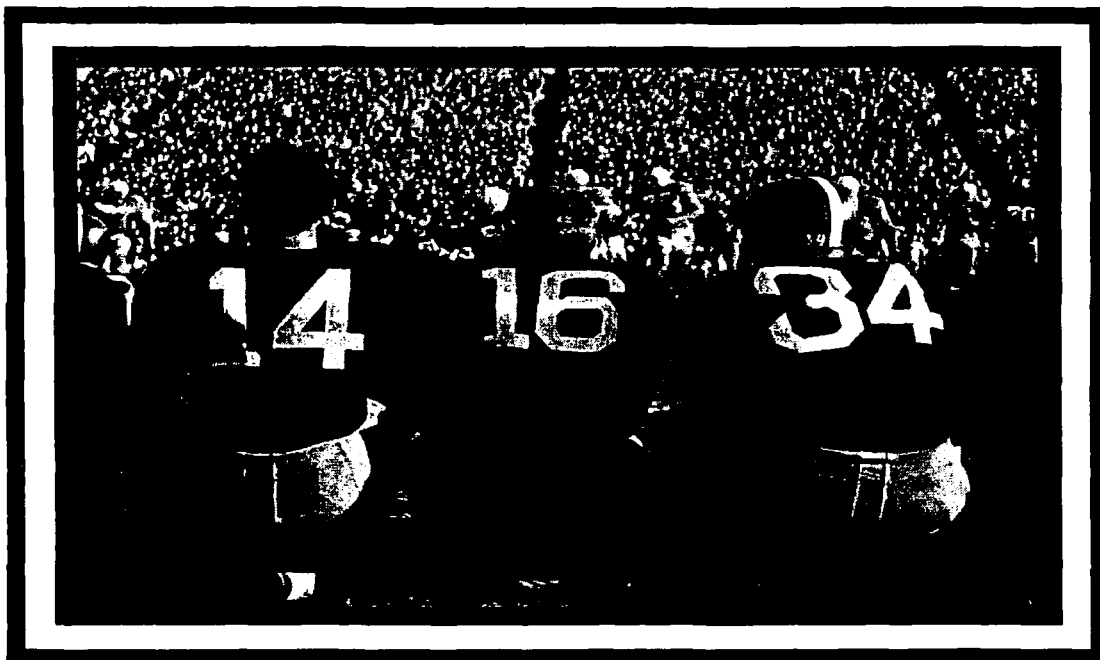
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PAKISTAN

Government vows to help women

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's military-led government has pledged to scrap discriminatory laws against women, combat violence against them and promote female literacy, but hitting these targets remains an uphill task in this poor South Asian nation.

A new national commission has started work this week to end gender discrimination and protect women's rights. Shaheen Sardar, the commission's chief, said from the northern border city of Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's conservative Northwestern Frontier Province.

Reviewing laws that are particularly harsh toward women and implementing reform will require a lot of hard work and political will, she said in an interview on Sunday.

However, the new government has been empowered by Pakistan's Supreme Court to amend the constitution and enforce new laws — without having to secure the approval of a parliament. The parliament has been suspended since last October, when the military seized power in a bloodless coup. The commission includes senior government officials, rights activists and social workers.

One of the top items on the

commission's agenda is to curb so-called honor killings of women by their relatives. In a country where centuries-old tribal and feudal traditions hold sway — especially in rural areas — this will not be simple.

"It's a most dishonorable act. It's a murder and nobody would be allowed to get away with it," said Sardar, who taught law at Peshawar University before joining the military government.

"Unlike the past governments, we will take a firm stand against the honor killings," he said.

More than 1,000 women were killed in Pakistan last year, either for marrying men against the will of their families or for flimsy reasons like talking to a man other than a relative, human rights groups say.

These killings are based on a "suspicion of immorality on the part of the victim," independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan says.

Most such killings occurred in the Northwestern province, which borders Afghanistan. Afghanistan is ruled by the

orthodox Taliban, who bar women from work and education and force them to wear veils.

Several Islamic groups, especially in Pakistan's tribal region, advocate a Taliban-like system.

Foqia Sadiq Khan, a human rights activist, said the military

"Giving lip service to women's causes is not enough. The issue is whether the government wants to take practical steps."

Foqia Sadiq Khan
human rights activist

govern- ment's tone regarding women's issues is positive compared to the previous government. "But this regime has a record of bowing to the pressure of religious groups," she

said.

Earlier this year, the military withdrew a plan to try to curb abuses of the controversial blasphemy law, which carries the death penalty for insulting Islam or its prophet, Mohammed. Since then, aid workers say religious groups have been emboldened and stepped up threats against people working for women and minorities' rights.

"Giving lip service to women's causes is not enough," Khan said. "The issue is whether the government wants to take practical steps."

RUSSIA

Bombs explode in two marketplaces

Associated Press

RYAZAN

Bomb attacks blamed on criminal turf battles hit two Russian cities Monday, killing at least three people in a nation jittery after a string of deadly, unsolved blasts.

Police said there was no apparent link between the two explosions Monday, in an outdoor market in the industrial city of Ryazan and an elite boutique in St. Petersburg. And there was no suggestion of a terrorist act — instead, police blamed them on organized crime, which has become entrenched throughout Russia.

The first bomb ripped through a meat stall in the morning in Ryazan, 120 miles south of Moscow, damaging other meat and vegetable stands and shattering glass in nearby apartment buildings. Cases of burst ketchup bottles and overturned produce scales littered the market square after the blast.

Two female vendors were killed immediately, and an unidentified man died of injuries later in the hospital, emergency officials said. Eleven people were injured, NTV television reported.

"I was buying something, standing about five meters

away, I turned around and there was an explosion," a dazed-looking man told state-controlled ORT television. ORT said the explosion was the equivalent of 300 grams of TNT.

The bomb was in a plastic bag placed on the corrugated metal roof of the meat stall, witnesses said. The bomb exploded when a saleswoman tried to move it, NTV quoted a witness as saying.

Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said a gang of Afghan war veterans and a rival group from Russia's Caucasus region were competing to control a protection racket in the market. Most Russian outdoor markets pay protection to criminal gangs, and bombings and contract killings are common.

Police detained five people for questioning shortly after the blast, said Interior Ministry spokesman Yevgeny Ryabtsev.

Another small explosion destroyed the windows of a clothing boutique in the northern city of St. Petersburg, but nobody was hurt. A police spokesman in St. Petersburg also blamed the incident on organized crime.

Rushailo dismissed the possibility that the blasts were terrorist attacks carried out by Chechen rebels.

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SPAIN

Aznar predicts long road to peace

Associated Press

MADRID

Responding to an upsurge in separatist violence, Spain's prime minister on Monday vowed he would grant no leeway for the gunmen and predicted a long battle for peace in the Basque region.

"It's going to be a long road," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We're faced with terrorism, pure and simple. And in the European Union and modern democracies of this century there can be no room for terror."

Aznar spoke upon returning to his Moncloa Palace residence in Madrid after nearly a month in his seaside residence in eastern Spain — a holiday interrupted by funerals for five of the eight people killed this summer in car bombs and shootings blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The most recent victim was Manuel Indiano, a small town councilor for Aznar's Popular Party gunned down Wednesday in his candy shop. The death brought to 10 the number of Popular Party councilors whose deaths are blamed on ETA.

"I've had better Augusts," he said bitterly. "I hope to have better ones in the future."

Indiano's death was the 12th since ETA ended a 14-month unilateral cease-fire in December and unleashed one of its most brutal offensives ever in

what many see as a desperate attempt to force the government into negotiations.

ETA, a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom, demands the right to self determination for Spain's three Basque provinces in the north. It envisions an independent state that would also incorporate Basque regions in southwestern France.

ETA was particularly active toward the end of the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco and the first few years of Spain's transition to democracy following his death in 1975. The violence subsided slightly under the socialist government that ended in 1996 with Aznar's first election as prime minister.

Historically, the Basques have maintained a separate cultural identity and language. For some, ETA's fight is a legitimate battle for sovereignty. But the majority of Spaniards oppose their goals, pointing out that under Spain's democratic constitution, the Basques enjoy more autonomy than any other region in Europe.

"Terrorism is just another expression of tyranny ... They are Nazis those people who sup-

port terrorism in the Basque Country," Aznar said.

During the cease-fire, ETA's longest in its 32-year-campaign, a single round of negotiations failed to get either side to budge.

Aznar, a survivor of an ETA car bomb in 1995, said prospects for peace, or even negotiations, in the near future are slim.

"I will never accept Spanish

democracy or liberties in Spain being sacrificed on the altar of some negotiations that might prove justification for the terrorists," he said.

The violence brought an end to any political honeymoon for Aznar after winning a second term in office with a landslide victory in the March elections. At the time he was hailed at home and abroad as representing a new and dynamic Spain whose centrist policies were fueling a thriving economy.

Aznar rules out any fresh initiatives and insists the government will persist in maintaining law and order, boosting police efficiency and seeking greater international cooperation.

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Jose Maria Aznar
Spanish Prime Minister

ISRAEL

Barak expects treaty deadline delay

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak warned Monday that he will only give a Mideast peace treaty a few

weeks to be concluded, raising the possibility of failure ahead of crucial talks with President Clinton during this week's U.N. summit.



Barak

The formal deadline for a treaty, Sept. 13, is widely expected to be missed. The real target date for Barak is the end of October when an increasingly hostile Israeli parliament reconvenes. Lawmakers are expected to try to topple him because of concessions he has already made to the Palestinians. With a treaty in hand, he could seize the initiative and call early elections.

Barak has said it is now up to the Palestinians to compromise, and Israel's Foreign Ministry said Monday the prime minister is not planning to present

new ideas to President Clinton.

The president was to hold separate talks Wednesday with Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as part of the summit.

Shortly after arriving in New York for the summit, Barak headed for U.N. headquarters to meet U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. As he entered the building, a reporter noted that it was a historic time and a historic place for historic decisions, and asked what he thought.

"I do hope and I pray, but I don't know," Barak replied.

In their talks with Clinton, Barak and Arafat are expected to respond to U.S. compromise proposals presented to them last week by U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross, said a senior Palestinian official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Both sides described the sessions with Clinton as a make-or-break moment in the tortuous peace process which began with a mutual recognition treaty in 1993.

In a statement Monday, Barak said a crossroad has been reached in talks with the Palestinians.



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Lipoprotein increases risk of heart attack

Associated Press

DALLAS — Cardiac patients with high levels of a little-known form of "bad" cholesterol in their blood are 70 percent more likely to have a heart attack than those with lower concentrations, according to a study released Monday.

The obscure cholesterol particle — called lipoprotein — is especially insidious because it's difficult for doctors to measure reliably and because its levels have little to do with the better-known form of "bad" cholesterol, called LDL.

The elevated Lp(a) levels also have little to do with more conventional heart disease risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure and poor diet. It also cannot be directly linked to high cholesterol, or the kind whose levels can be altered through diet or drugs, said lead researcher Dr. John Danesh, of Oxford University in England.

"This study suggests there is a clear association between Lp(a) and an increased risk of heart disease," said Danesh, who pointed

out that more than a decade worth of research previously failed to link Lp(a) to increased risk of heart disease in the general population.

The Oxford findings were published in Monday's edition of *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

Researchers gathered data used in the study from 27 different studies tracking more than 5,200 people who had heart disease or survived a heart attack. The average age of the people involved in the study was 50, Danesh said.

The number of heart attacks suffered by individuals with

the highest Lp(a) concentrations was compared with the number of heart attacks among those with the lowest Lp(a) readings. During a decade of follow-up, the highest group had 70 percent more heart attacks than the low-level Lp(a) study subjects.

"The message here is physicians and cardiologists should be aware and it would be useful to know the Lp(a) levels in patients," said Dr. Angelo Scanu, director of the Lipid Clinic at the University of California.

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Dr. Angelo Scanu
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Study: Parkinson's affects heart

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

In a study that could help change how Parkinson's disease is diagnosed, researchers have discovered that the disease affects nerves in the heart as well as the brain.

It has been known for many years that the tremors and movement problems associated with Parkinson's result from a loss of nerve endings in part of the brain.

Researchers at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke report in Tuesday's issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* that people with Parkinson's disease also have a decreased number of nerve endings in the heart.

That suggests that Parkinson's may effect the entire nervous system.

"This may change the viewpoints about what Parkinson's disease is," said the institute's David Goldstein, author of the study. "What these findings indicate is that Parkinson's disease is associated with a loss of nerves outside the brain and, in particular, in the heart."

Goldstein said it appears that other organs' nerve systems are not affected, but further research is

needed.

"If it turns out that the loss of these cells (happens only) in the heart, then the key question is, what it is about the nerves in the heart and the system in the brain that appears to make those the systems that are destroyed."

The heart nerve damage differentiates Parkinson's from conditions with similar symptoms, such as multiple system atrophy, according to the study.

Goldstein said that may help doctors determine whether a patient has Parkinson's or some other disease.

However, Dr. Fred Wooten, chairman of the department of neurology at the University of Virginia, said that while the study was intriguing, putting it into practice in diagnosis may be difficult because researchers used specialized imaging equipment to see the nerves around the heart.

"I don't see this becoming a widely used standard of

diagnosis," Wooten said. "It's expensive. The equipment necessary wouldn't be widely available. I'm skeptical that it will be useful."

Wooten said few Parkinson's patients exhibit noticeable heart problems.

"More often than not, there's no major problem with blood pressure control," Wooten said. "It's rarely a problem early and can become a problem later on, but only for some patients."

The study also found that the breakdown of heart nerves was related to the disease itself, not to drugs taken to treat Parkinson's.

Some patients with Parkinson's have difficulty maintaining adequate blood pressure while standing up. The study concluded that such problems happen as a result of the nerve damage, not the drug levodopa, which is given to Parkinson's patients because of the loss of certain brain chemicals.

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Father of hydrogen bomb defends University of California

Associated Press

LIVERMORE, Calif.

Physicist Edward Teller isn't sure whether the nuclear weapons labs he helped found have a spy problem.

But the man known as the "Father of the H-Bomb" is sure that any problems aren't going to be fixed by ousting the University of California as manager of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He's reminded of the crisis of 1949 when scientists working on the weapons program at Los Alamos, N.M., learned that secrets of the atomic bomb had been leaked to the Soviets.

"President Truman's reaction to this discovery was, in my opinion, precisely the right one — speed up our work," the 92-year-old scientist said.

"Today, there is not even a whisper of speeding up our work," he said. Instead, there's been a "magnifying of the damage done when probably there was no damage or little damage."

"UC's management has been

good. The connection with UC is valuable. It would be a grave mistake to interrupt it," he said in an interview.

Through his decades-long career, Teller has exerted a profound influence on

America's defense and energy policies.

In 1939, Teller was one of three scientists who encouraged

Albert Einstein to a letter President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the

power of nuclear fission — the splitting of an atom's nucleus — could be tapped to create a devastating new weapon.

Today's troubles in the weapons program began last year with allegations that nuclear secrets had leaked to China. Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee was fired and later charged with mishandling classified information. However, Lee was not

charged with espionage and he denies any wrongdoing.

Next came budget and deadline troubles for a huge laser being built to simulate thermonuclear explosions at Lawrence Livermore.

And both Los Alamos and Livermore are being investigated for possible discrimination against Asians, a concern highlighted by the prosecution of Taiwanese-born Lee.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, under pressure from members of Congress to remove UC from its management role, has ordered major changes in security. He's scheduled to get a report on how to do that this Tuesday, although no immediate announcement was expected.

Some feel public censure has gone too far.

Losing UC would be "a horrible thing," says Los Alamos

scientist Manvendra Dubey. "When UC manages you, you attract a certain kind of employee. You attract the brains."

That opinion is shared by Sidney Drell, a member of the presidential commission that wrote a scathing lab report titled "Science at its Best, Security at its Worst." He thinks UC should be corrected, not ejected.

"Unfortunately, there's been tremendous overreaction," he said.

The curious pairing of class instruction and mass destruction goes back to the 1930s when a team of physicists led by Ernest O. Lawrence worked at the Berkeley "Rad Lab" (Radiation Laboratory). In the early 1940s, Berkeley up-and-comer Glenn Seaborg helped discover a key to the nuclear realm — plutonium.

Soon, U.S. scientists racing to beat the Nazis to an atomic bomb had set up shop at Los Alamos.

After the war, UC wanted out of the weapons business, but the new Atomic Energy Commission asked the university to stay on, hoping to keep the program under civilian

control, said Cal Tech historian Peter Westwick.

UC agreed, motivated by patriotism and possibly the fact that Lawrence had "quite a thriving operation going" at the Berkeley lab.

Today, the Ernest O. Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, in the hills above the Berkeley campus, performs unclassified research.

But an annex Lawrence helped start in the country town of Livermore, about 60 miles east of San Francisco, has grown into a premier weapons lab.

It includes the office where Teller, lab director emeritus, still works three days a week.

The Hungarian immigrant is gray and frail, unable to see a board full of equations, but his intellect is nimble; he crisply dismisses those who criticize the labs he helped build.

"The criticism comes to a great extent from people who have quite a limited understanding of what really goes on in the labs in a scientific way," he says. "They're not only ignorant, they are not aware of the fact that they're ignorant."

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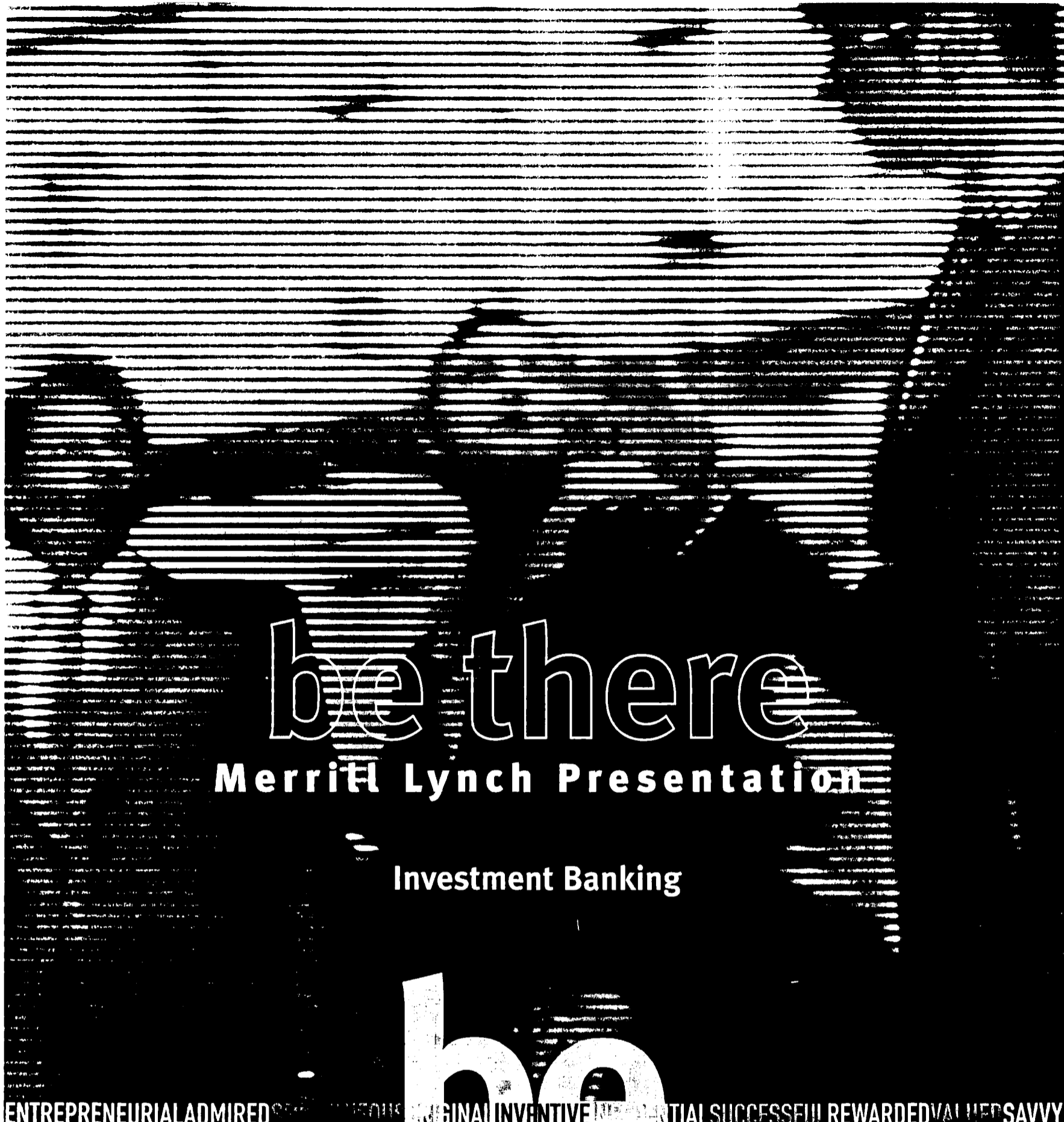
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PETIONVILLE
For Ghislaine Leveque there's going to be less light, and for her children, no school.

A 44-percent increase in gas and kerosene prices announced Friday has Haitians anticipating the damaging social and economic consequences in a country that political dictatorship and

instability has kept among the poorest on Earth.

"This is the last straw. I can't make ends meet any more," said Leveque, 36, throwing up her hands in desperation.

She sells cups of rice, beans and cornmeal from open baskets on the unpaved roadside in Petionville, a Port-au-Prince suburb where broken down hovels rub up against mansions and the fancy shops sprouting up to serve the elite.

"If kids can't walk to school, they'll just bum around and turn into delinquents."

Frantzy Baho
bus driver

It is unlikely that Leveque's children will get to eat at any of the new fast food restaurants in the same community

where they attended school last year. A medium pepperoni-and-mushroom pizza at the new Food Planet costs \$6.90. But for Leveque, new school enrollment fees are too much. Costs have gone up from \$36 to \$48, alongside the fees for school supplies and uniforms. Bus fare has also risen.

So on Monday, the beginning of the new school term, Leveque's children stayed home, like many others across the country who cannot afford the higher costs.

"We'll lose passengers, but that's not all. If kids can't walk to school, they'll just bum around and turn into delinquents," said bus driver Frantzy Baho, 41.

"Haiti is in a stranglehold," President Rene Preval said last month, when he announced his cash-strapped government was ending the bus subsidy.

He spoke as Haiti's major donors — the United States, Canada and France — threat-

en to cut aid because of alleged fraud during elections that gave Preval's predecessor and mentor, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, an overwhelming majority in Parliament.

Aristide is expected to win presidential elections in November. Boycotting opposition parties say such a win could set the Caribbean country back on the road to dictatorship, six years after the United States sent troops to dislodge the military from power.

The price increases and end to subsidies comes as Haitians are at their most vulnerable, borrowing and scraping together money to try to buy their children the education that they believe is the only way to save them from poverty. Minimum wage has remained unchanged at \$1.70 since 1991 while the gourde has slumped from 7.5 to 21 to the dollar.

Eighty percent of Haiti's 8 million people live in absolute poverty, half the work force is jobless or gets by with odd jobs and the vast majority live with constant hunger pangs. Figures are hard to come by, but the average income is estimated at \$250 to \$400 a year.



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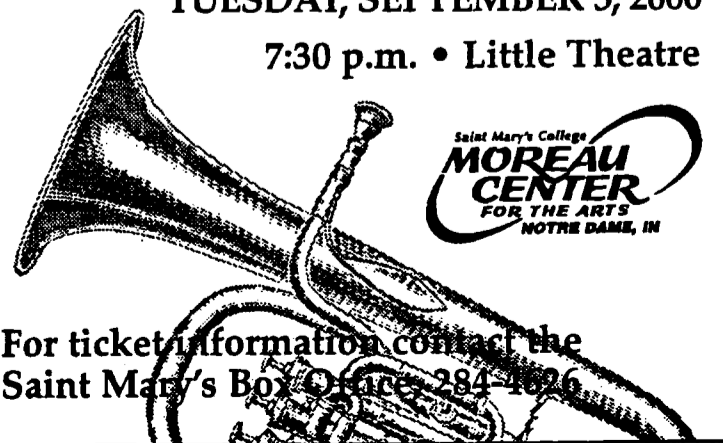
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differing ideas of game day hospitality



Disrespecting Texas A&M's tradition

I made the long trip to South Bend this weekend for the Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame game. Like Notre Dame, Texas A&M is a tradition-rich school and Aggie fans have a sincere appreciation for college traditions. Everyone I talked with enjoyed the opportunity to tour your lovely campus and we were looking forward to learning more about Notre Dame traditions. I was extremely disappointed, however, to learn that rude and disrespectful treatment of opponents' fans and visitors was one of the less-publicized but obviously most popular traditions at Notre Dame.

The A&M College of Texas was an all-male military institution until the mid-60s and it remains the largest source of officers for the United States military outside of the service academies. As students, we were constantly reminded of this tradition of service by our many campus landmarks commemorating those who had fallen. For example, there are 55 flags that encircle Kyle Field in honor of the 55 Aggies who died in World War I. Our Student Center is a liv-

ing memorial to the Aggie war dead and everyone removes their hats upon entering the building. Nearby is a statue of General James Earl Rudder, who led the Rangers up Point du Hoc on D-Day, securing the right flank of Omaha Beach. These brave men fought to wipe the scourge of fascism and Hitler's forces of evil off the European continent and in so doing, saved the free world. So when the Aggie Band, in their WWI-era uniforms, formed in your endzone, I cannot explain the rage and disgust we felt at hearing the shouts of "Achtung" and "Sieg Heil" from the Notre Dame fans around us.

You may laugh at our yells, think our songs are funny and talk all the smack you want about our football team, but to mock the Corps of Cadets with Nazi catcalls was simply inexcusable and, frankly, ignorant. Thousands of Aggie men and women who wore that uniform fought and hundreds died so that we can be free and the disrespect and ingratitude your fans showed their memory was disgraceful. Shouting those hateful

epithets at our band was a spit in the face to men like General Rudder, whose boys died in Normandy and men like General George Moore, class of '08, whose men died at Bataan. Do you make those same remarks when you play Army or Navy?

I hope the fans that made these remarks (and the dozens around who laughed and encouraged) do not represent the majority of those who have attended the University of Notre Dame. Sadly, for many of us who visited your campus, they are the ones who will be remembered. Aggie fans are well-known for their hospitality, and we look forward to hosting you next year in College Station. Perhaps then you will gain a greater appreciation why General George Patton once said, "Give me an army of West Point graduates, and I'll win a battle. Give me a handful of Texas Aggies, and I'll win a war."

Kathy Clarke
Texas A&M University
class of '95
San Rafael, California
September 3, 2000

Meeting Southern standards

I would just like to express a sincere thank you for the hospitality displayed by your students, faculty and staff during the Notre Dame-Texas A&M football game last Saturday. Everyone from the shuttle bus drivers to the fans in the stadium were polite and helpful. I have never been to a game where the Aggies were visitors where the home crowd acted in such a positive way towards the visiting fans and the visiting team. Throughout the game I heard compliments on A&M's players and coaches, compared to the insults I normally hear when in an opposing stadium.

I was truly blown away by how nice everyone was. The level of class exhibited by your team, fans and staff is something to be proud of. In my opinion this is the way college football is supposed to be. Two teams competing hard on the field and fans in the stands applauding their effort. I only hope that when your fans come to visit College Station next year, that we show you half of the hospitality you showed us. Good luck during the rest of the season and beat the heck out of Nebraska!

Michael Taglienti
Texas A&M University
class of '98
September 3, 2000

Building a sense of fellowship

Notre Dame is a community. It is a special place where virtues like faith, hope and love guide our daily lives. Since we have taken office, one of our primary goals has been to build this sense of fellowship and friendship among the students of Our Lady's University. This idea is what we campaigned on last Spring and something which we have relentlessly pursued.

Unfortunately, sometimes financial considerations impede this unity. Many times, someone may feel less than a full member of the Notre Dame family when they cannot afford to take part in all that our University has to

offer. From section dinners to football tickets, students have expenses that cannot always be met. As we all know, Notre Dame can be an expensive place to live.

In order to foster a sense of family, we offered to the students the Rector's Fund; or, as we phrased it during the campaign, "Money for members of the Notre Dame family who don't feel fully a part of the community." It is our pleasure to announce that last Tuesday night, the Financial Management Board took the final necessary step and the Rector's Fund is now fully operational to meet the needs of the students. We hope and pray that this fund

will in some way bring our community just a little closer together as we continue on our four-year journey.

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GUEST COLUMN

Wrenching Religion from Politics

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

On Tuesday, the Anti-Defamation League, a primarily Jewish organization set up to combat anti-Semitism, sent a letter to vice-presidential candidate Senator

Joseph Lieberman and bluntly told him to stop parading his religion. The letter came in response to Lieberman's speech in Detroit in which the candidate made some remarks implying that Americans should "reaffirm" their faith in God and allow religion to enter the "public life."

As religion has taken a front seat on the campaign trail in this year's elections, the ADL has done a necessary and commendable job to attack candidates who try to mix politics and religion. Allowing politics and religion to mix is a dangerous step toward infringing upon the separation of church and state.

There is a clear problem in telling a political candidate to keep quiet about his religious ideologies. Presidential candidates, like every other citizen protected by the Constitution, have a fundamental right to freedom of expression and religion. The ADL is not implying that once you enter politics, you cease to become the same citizen with the same constitutional rights as the average voter.

While a presidential candidate has

the same rights as any other citizen, he also has the potential responsibility of representing the government, including its responsibilities and limitations. One of those limitations is making "no law respecting the establishment of a religion" as stated in the First Amendment. The purpose of this clause is quite clear — favoritism inevitably would lead to exclusion.

For example, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said in a speech at a B'nai B'nai Brith organization that "Our nation is chosen by God and commissioned by history to be a model to the world of justice and inclusion and diversity without division. Jews and Christians and Muslims speak as one in their commitment to a kind, just, tolerant society." If Bush were president when he gave these remarks, he would ultimately be implying as the executive leader of the government that Hindus, Buddhists, atheists and others not of the majority do not believe in a kind, just and tolerant society.

When Bush set aside a specific day as observance of "Jesus Day" in Texas, he used his political power to respect "the establishment of a religion." While "Jesus Day" in Texas is not quite the same as Congress passing a similar law that would affect the entire country, in theory, it violates the separation of religion and government in the same manner.

Lieberman stated in his speech in Detroit that one should never suppose that "morality can be maintained with-

out religion." He was implying that atheists are highly immoral people. The absurdity and exclusivity of these remarks are why the architects of this nation wrote the First Amendment the way they did.

The ADL also openly criticized both Vice President Al Gore and Bush earlier in March for expressing their religious conviction in the primaries. When Gore expressed on "60 Minutes" his strong faith in Christianity and Bush replied to a question that his favorite political philosopher was Jesus Christ, both rightfully were asked to limit their expression of religious faith.

While respecting a candidate's right to express his religious beliefs, the ADL also has set a precedent of the limitations a candidate must endure when running for a government office. The separation of church and state form the building block of the right to freedom of religion, which cannot exist without limitations.

Politics and politicians make up the government. If we're going to respect the separation of religion and government, we should start with respecting the separation of religion and politics.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"The sound of tireless voices is the price we pay for the right to hear the music of our own opinions."

Adlai E. Stevenson
politician

ALBUM REVIEW

Modest Mouse returns with depth, style

The band continues to raise the indie-rock standard with its latest release, The Moon and Antarctica.

By JOE REISING
Scene Music Critic

Any first time listener of The Moon and Antarctica, the latest album from indie-rockers Modest Mouse, will be blown away. For an entire hour, he or she will be transported to the timeless worlds suggested by the otherworldly photography inside the album booklet.

The songs, while all unique, blend together in a new world of endless gray sun swept skies and will make just about anyone an attentive disciple of the somber wisdom of lead singer Isaac Brock. Some may even come to the conclusion that they have found the new soundtrack to their life. But repeat listenings fail to recapture the depth of the initial journey. With the exception of the more catchy and gentle acoustic melodies, the music begins to sound flat and toneless, and instead of plunging its listeners into deep metaphysical wanderings, they instead find themselves listening to drab dirges and plaintive yells from a far lonelier place than they may wish to be. However, with the seemingly endless overkill of sugary happy pop the music industry has pounded the public with of late, many may find themselves again seeking the depth and mystery present in The Moon and Antarctica.

Modest Mouse hails from the breeding ground of many alienated and lonely musicians, the Pacific Northwest. More specifically, they come from rural Issaquah, WA, where the band formed in 1993 composing of vocalist Isaac Brock, bassist Eric Judy and drummer Jeremiah Green. It was not until 1996 that the band produced its first full album, the 70-plus minute This is a Long Drive for Someone with Nothing to Think About. In 1997 they released an EP, The Fruit that Ate Itself, and in 1998 their album The Lonesome Crowded West drew the

attention of major record labels. The group ended up signing with Sony, and The Moon and Antarctica is their major record label debut from Epic Records.

With The Moon and Antarctica, Modest Mouse raises the bar dangerously high. The sheer scope of the album's themes and layered sound reflect a group that has already reached maturity fairly quickly for a band whose oldest member is 26. Guided by singer Isaac Brock's twangy voice, the album searches the more desolate reaches of human existence for insight into deep human questions.

The album's first song, "3rd Planet" begins with the l a m e n t ,

"Everything that keeps me together is falling apart," and then dives into a crashing, swirling image of creation that suggests a deep connection between human beings and the earth. The song fades in and out of the newly forming world, just as the simple acoustic guitar line becomes overwhelmed by a more urgent barrage of chords.

The second song of the album, the soothing acoustic ballad "Gravity Rides Everything" seems rather out of place, however. The song envisions a time when gravity wins out, and the press-



Photo courtesy of www.rollingstone.com

Lead singer Issac Brock searches through human existence for answer to life's deeper meanings in his songs.



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Bassist Eric Judy (left) and drummer Jeremiah Green (right) provide the transcendental alternative rock backing to lead vocalist Issac Brock's (center) unique rock 'n' roll vision.

ing demands and pains of our daily lives "All will fall/fall right into place." This song would be a perfect way to end the album, a soothing reminder after a painful journey through loneliness and questioning that things will always work out in the end. In the grander vision of Isaac Brock, the song's placement must make more sense. "Dark Center of the Universe," the third song of the album, takes a harsher tone than the first two songs, as the squealing guitars that defined many of Modest Mouse's earlier songs makes its return. This song could easily become the anthem of any well intentioned guy told to get lost.

After the subdued "Perfect Disguise," the album picks up momentum once again, as it begins its descent into the deeper and lonelier parts of the CD with the song "Tiny Cities Made of Ashes." Set to a pulsating bass line, and highlighted by a creepy dual voice effect, the song details a demented road trip as Brock screams, "Does anybody know a way a body could get away/does anybody know a way?" After the Nirvana-like "A Different City," the next two songs on the album deal with various degrees of isolation, building up to the massive "The Stars are Projectors." At over eight minutes, the song is the longest and most transcendental track of the album. Full of shifting dynamics,

the song builds in urgency and sound layers until eventually reducing to a soft finger-picked guitar.

The rest of the songs on the album slowly return the listener to more familiar places of sounds and images, especially the bright, happily neurotic "Paper Thin Walls."

The vast journey through isolation and spiritual searching appears to reach some sort of resolution (albeit a less than optimistic one) as the album draws to a close. However in

the final song of the album, "What People are Made Of," the band returns to the blasting noise and primal screams of its earlier work, revealing that the wisdom gained in this desolate journey still provides little comfort in a world of isolation and spiritual uncertainty.

While most other bands easily resolve such pain and confusion within the course of an album, or otherwise never delve far enough into the roots of their anger to reach such a deep psychological plane, Isaac Brock takes his listeners on a beautiful journey that struggles to grasp some of the most basic questions of human existence. Where did we come from? Why were we created?

Where can we search for meaning in our lives?

Though never settling upon a final answer, the journey is a meaningful one. And with the beautifully layered sounds and haunting vocals to surround me, it is one anyone will find more and more worth repeating.

Album Song List

1. 3rd Planet
2. Gravity Rides Everything
3. Dark Center Of The Universe
4. Perfect Disguise
5. Tiny Cities Made Of Ashes
6. A Different City
7. The Cold Part
8. Alone Down There
9. The Stars Are Projectors
10. Wild Packs Of Family Dogs
11. Paper Thin Walls
12. I Came As A Rat
13. Lives
14. Life Like Weeds
15. What People Are Made Of

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Are we connecting?

Notre Dame's biggest organization for minority students has a new name and a new mission, but its challenges remain the same.

Striving to build bridges

Multicultural office tries to reach out, unite campus

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus Editor

It was a sunny Friday afternoon. Notre Dame was sliding into the first week-end of the school year and students were talking about what to do and where to go on their first Friday night back on campus.

At Fieldhouse Mall, a crowd had gathered, as often happens on sunny Friday afternoons. A band was playing; there was free food and about 150 people were talking and laughing and eating and dancing.

What was unusual was that these 150 people talking and laughing and eating and dancing were of all different ethnicities: black students, Asian students, Latino students and white students were enjoying themselves at the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Welcome Back Picnic.

It is a picture rarely seen at Notre Dame,

with its 86 percent white student body and its even more homogenous traditions. But it was one that the MSPS, and its director Iris Outlaw, would like to see more often around campus.

"I think it's key that we're opening our arms and saying no, it's not just for students of color," Outlaw said. "It's for everyone."

The MSPS used to be called the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. It changed its name over the summer and adjusted its mission in an effort to become more definitive and inclusive. Outlaw said the office wants to reach out to majority students and spur the connections that too often falter between students of different races on this campus. To do that, it is sponsoring more events like the Welcome Back Picnic, and, for the first time this year, running a series of diversity

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Students and staffers dig in at the MSPS Welcome Back Picnic. Events such as these draw all sorts of members of the Notre Dame community, but barriers remain before racial harmony can be achieved.

Diversity workshops aim to foster discussion

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

To encourage dialogue on the issue of diversity at Notre Dame, the psychology department and Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) created a Practicum in Diversity Education.

The focus of this year's program — based on a pilot program from last fall — will be expanding the definition of diversity beyond racial descriptions to encompass issues of gender, sexuality, handicaps and class.

"Although the topic of diver-

sity is always going to touch some nerves, the goal of creating dialogue was met [last year] so we are continuing the program and refining it this year," said Kevin Huie, assistant director of MSPS and one of nine Practicum facilitators.

The program is structured as a one-credit psychology course led by the facilitators. Weekly meetings begin today to prepare for presentations the 40 student "diversity educators" will give to freshmen in every residence hall this October.

"We think of it as more of a program that you happen to get credit for," said Hunt Hanover, a senior and one of

the diversity educators invited to participate in the program this year. "Everyone involved would be there regardless of [course] credit."

"My experience with diversity here at Notre Dame has been very interesting," said Charlyn Henderson, a senior and a diversity educator. "I thought I knew everything about diversity just as a racial issue ... but anyone who is different than the majority is diverse and coming here really opened my eyes to that."

Iris Outlaw, director of MSPS and a Practicum facilitator, described the need for the promotion of such discussions at Notre Dame.

"The majority of students had said, that if not for some of the classes that they took, they could have gone through the University not knowing or discussing diversity," she said.

The student diversity educators participated in a week-end retreat at the start of the school year and met for dinner last week to discuss the task they will undertake. The subsequent weekly meetings prepare them to give presentations and lead small group discussions in groups of three to five educators with assistance from one facilitator when they enter the dorms next month.

Morgan Russell, a sopho-

more who participated in the program last year and a diversity educator this year said, "We want to do more small group work so the kids taking part in it don't feel intimidated by a big group of people."

Last year's pilot program allowed diversity educators to test six different programs. Based on student responses to those efforts, this year's presentations were revised. One important change in the programming is the involvement of each hall staff in the discussions.

"They are supposed to have

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In their words

*"Some things have changed.
Some things have not."*

Mel Tardy
first-year advisor and 1986 Notre Dame graduate

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Notre Dame's ranking in the 1999 Princeton Review's list of "Most Homogenous Colleges."

In their words

"You're going to hang out with people who have the same cultural background — it's easier."

Paul Ybarra
Dillon Hall multicultural commissioner

IN OUR EYES

Outside looking in

When I was a freshman, one of my professors called me a racist. Actually, she called all of us racists. We all stared at the white French woman with wonder, then at each other, searching for answers.

I, of the 12-loan student persuasion, had never been referred to as "privileged" before. Raised in a very tolerant, polite home, I had never been accused of being any sort of "ism." And to be labeled a racist seemed, ironically, a huge injustice.

Our professor's theory was that as a "privileged" white student at the University of Notre Dame, I am incapable of understanding a black student's needs or struggles in getting into school. For someone who had struggled through fair SAT scores and an average high school system, I felt cheated to be simply written off as an advantaged white kid.

It's hard when you're a white, Irish Notre Dame legacy to appreciate the concept of "minority." I don't know how a black person feels walking through an 86 percent white campus, and I don't know what it's like to be the minority representative in a classroom.

But I do know insecurity. Stepping onto a college campus for the first time was intimidating enough. I can't imagine how I'd feel stepping onto a campus where I was one of only 14 percent of the population.

I'd like to know, though. But why am I so afraid to ask? Why is something so obvious so difficult to talk about?

Probably due to our troubled past, the American public does not like to talk about race. Instead I sit on a predominantly white campus, recognize the problem with diversity ratios, and rarely include myself in multicultural events. Why?

I do not have black friends or Asian friends or white friends. I have friends. I've never seen anyone I associate with, professionally or personally, as a color or an ethnicity. Yet I know that at times I fall victim to what I call "the white person's friendship guilt."

As much as they might not admit to it, generally when a discussion of race ensues, many white students automatically start naming off all their minority friends. Why? Why is the first reaction to open discussion to defend one's own personal open-mindedness?

Because, in general, Americans are sensitive people. There is an inherent guilt within many white people, ignorant and accepting alike, that prevents them from being successful in race debates. It's the kind of guilt that hinders their discussions of hot button issues like the death penalty and affirmative action.

It stems from nowhere but the past. It's a constant, nagging reminder of the atrocities minorities have endured in the United States, and it lingers in the back of the white person's mind during any and all relevant discussions. It doesn't mean the person is racist, tolerant; liberal or conservative. It's just there — the little voice that says "you're right, but how can you argue with her? Your history is so different than hers."

Meaningful dialogue is difficult when I don't even know the right words to use. How can I start a conversation when the fair, politically correct expressions fail me? I still see no nearing solution or close end to the "guilt." But until I do, I'll have to remain outside looking in.



Christine Kraly

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By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

Have you ever looked around campus and thought you were seeing clones?

This phenomenon seems to be common at Notre Dame, but amazingly, some people here do defy the stereotypes.

"Not everyone wears Abercrombie and Fitch or comes from the same culture," said Dillon Hall multicultural commissioner Paul Ybarra.

Where does the desire to fit one prescribed "ideal" come from? What can students and the University do about these issues? Is there any possibility for improvement or will these situations exist indefinitely?

Some faculty and students are currently working to improve race relations on campus. With offices such as Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) and a multicultural or diversity commissioner in each dorm, the University is making efforts to raise awareness and curiosity about other cultures.

But some situations are known for being divisive among students.

"They say the most segregated time of the week is in church, the second being at the dining hall," said Patrick White, multicultural commissioner for Fisher Hall. Visible situations like these, that make groups seem impenetrable, operate as roadblocks to progress. Students who do not belong to a given group perceive exclusion, while those involved may not.

"I don't think about it — you're eating a meal with people you're comfortable with," said Jane Ong, who serves as multicultural commissioner for Farley Hall.

Iris Outlaw, director of MSPS, sees the key to breaking down



Students gather at the Center for Social Concerns in February to discuss inter-race and breaking down the barriers and stereotypes that separate people at Notre Dame.

these barriers as being able to step outside of your comfort zone and learn new things about different people and cultures.

White sees his role as that of an educator.

"As multicultural commissioner, I serve to facilitate dialogue in the dorm, to expose everyone to other cultures." In this capacity, he can help to encourage people to move

away from what is familiar and comfortable.

But what is the purpose of this position? Cynics say that the average Notre Dame student is apathetic and dispassionate. If this is true, will this service reach the average Notre Dame student? There is, of course, no way to categorize all the students at this University as one and to only cater to that one image.

"So many Notre Dame students come from privileged backgrounds, and through no fault of their own, they haven't been exposed to other cultures," White said. He said that giving people the opportunity to experience something different is only the first step. "You have to go out of your way [to experience other cultures]."

But some say this is not enough.

Outlaw said her department has realized that past efforts have not been sufficient. The recent name change of the office, from the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs was a part of an attempt to alter the approach to campus diversity.

This year is the beginning of many changes aimed at involving majority students. "I think it's key that we're opening our arms and [saying], 'No, it's not just for students of color, it's for everyone,'" Outlaw said. "[MSPS] is about exposing the rest of campus to some things that may seem foreign and strange at times ... So it's an educational component."

Outlaw cited stereotyping of her office as a reason for the relative lack of success in reaching some students. People often misconceived the function of OMSA as being an office that served only minority students, that it was the underrepresented student's Office of Student Affairs.

Ybarra is part of this effort. He



Students dine together at the MSPS Welcome Back Picnic. Student leaders are trying to facilitate dialogue about race on campus.

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Break down barriers

Leaders are encouraging their peers to fight racism and step outside the comfort zone



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Intercultural dating at Notre Dame. Discussions like this are part of the effort to get students talking about race and diversity at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

perceives his role as the presenter of opportunity to the unaware. "If you want to learn about different cultures, different ways of thinking, it's available," Ybarra said. "I think by simply displaying different cultures, it can put into people's minds the idea that it is welcoming here."

Ong approaches her position with a similar attitude.

"There's a potential for students to get involved, but excitement needs to be built," she said. "Most [Notre Dame students] are open-minded, willing to learn, the opportunity just hasn't been presented."

Fulfilling his job isn't enough, Ybarra said. Other

students need to become active participants in the multicultural atmosphere of Notre Dame. "When you do things with multicultural clubs, it tends to become your own little world," he said.

Ong has experienced the same phenomenon. As an officer in the Filipino American Student Organization she has been in situations where the point seems to be lost. "Sometimes you get so involved with planning that it doesn't seem like you're reaching out," she said.

If those involved in a given multicultural club are generally students who come from that particular culture, then

a chain reaction is started that ultimately results in the support of a stereotype. Ybarra said that the majority students are not the only ones at fault in the situation.

"Self-separation is common in a lot of us," he said. "You're going to hang out with people who have the same cultural background — it's easier."

In general, there is not enough involvement in these clubs on the part of the majority student, members said.

"By being a part of these societies, you're already looking toward open-mindedness, toward accepting other cultures and understanding your own," Ybarra said. If this

Minority Distribution at Notre Dame

undergraduates in 1998

Black	261	3.3%
Native American	38	0.5%
Asian	276	3.5%
Hispanic	537	6.8%
total:	1,112	14.1%

source: 1999 fact book

step were taken, attitudes on campus would change drastically, he said.

Will such a move help to dispel common misconceptions about minority groups on campus? Ybarra said that a place like Notre Dame has the potential to succeed in this capacity. "I still see a lot of homogeneity, but at a place of learning, we can move in a positive direction."

He also said that he understands the importance of his work. "I don't ever want anyone to judge me on my appearance or culture without knowing who I am." By working to prevent such prejudice, he can improve life on campus.

Oulaw made a similar observation.

"You can get a different twist too, looking at how Christ walked: Christ walked among all kinds of people who are different from himself," she said. "Christ was a minister and an ally, and how are you going to be an ally to people who are different than yourself?"

Talking about race

"They say the most segregated time of the week is at church, the second being in the dining hall."

Patrick White
Fisher Hall
multicultural commissioner

"I don't think about it — you're eating a meal with people you're comfortable with."

Jane Ong
Farley Hall
multicultural commissioner

Will multicultural students have a place of their own?

◆ Intercultural Center building may be in future

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus Editor

It may not happen for a long time, but someday, minority students at Notre Dame could have a student center of their own.

Currently, Multicultural Student Programs and Services and International Student Affairs have offices on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center. The two groups jointly operate the Intercultural Center, which

hosts a range of events and has a variety of resources. LaFortune's second floor also serves as a gathering place for minority students, and a place to hold meetings.

The Center is serving its purpose, according to Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

"It is happening over there already," she said. "There is a real mixture."

The area also has a Coalition Lounge, a spot adjacent to the MSPS office where interns work and student groups hold meetings.

But many schools have their own buildings for multicultural programs. And Oulaw said that is her goal for Notre

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Iris Oulaw
director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services

Dame. "We want to have our building," she said. "But that comes with donations and building and all that kind of thing."

There are no plans on the drawing board right now, but Oulaw said she hopes a cen-

ter is in Notre Dame's future. She envisions a building that is part of a larger, renovated LaFortune Student Center complex, one which would likely be shared with a range of student groups and have seminar rooms and social space in addition to offices.

"The vision that we'd have is that it would not only house international affairs and the MSPS, but it would also house student organizations," Oulaw said. "We've got 250 organizations on campus, and how many carrels are in the Club Resource Center?"

A centrally located building that houses general student organizations, such as the crew team

and the glee club, would do much to allay the biggest concern critics have voiced about a multicultural center: that it would simply isolate minority students more.

"We've gone back and forth on that," Lenz said. "Some people do want a separate building."

But, for now, the center is still in the hypothetical stages. No one has donated money to construct one and it is not atop the University's list of building priorities.

And until that changes, MSPS, the Office of International Student Affairs and minority student groups will continue to share the second floor of LaFortune.

MSPS

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workshops for freshmen. MSPS is also improving its educational offerings to reach a wider audience.

"That's where our expansion is going," Outlaw said. "The services we provide and the programs we provide are for everyone."

The office's core mission — to support students of color academically and culturally and to ensure they get a well-rounded education — remains the same. MSPS sponsors forums to discuss diversity issues, organizes mentoring and networking programs and provides a link between minority students and many University offices.

"We've done team building, communication, those sorts of things that are beyond the pigeonhole that our office gets put in by thinking that it's only for underrepresented people," she said.

But challenges abound.

Notre Dame has a long history of

racial tensions. It was those tensions that led to a 1978 sit-in out of which the OMSA was created. A 1991 protest led the University to take further steps to try and improve the racial climate on campus. In recent years, these tensions

have manifested themselves in cheering along racial lines at Bookstore Basketball games, and in debates over a number of incidents. As a result of these tensions over

the years, Notre Dame has added and adjusted its efforts to encourage diversity, according to Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

"There have been some real difficulties over the years," she said. "A lot of those difficulties have indicated the need for programs on such things."

But another challenge is more subtle, and perhaps more difficult to deal with.

That challenge is simply the attitude, at a school where so many students are so similar, towards the people who are not. And, Outlaw said, it has an

effect on freshmen who come to Notre Dame from a more diverse environment.

"You have the upperclassmen — they don't really come out and say 'Don't hang out with the black kids, don't hang out with the Latinos.'

But behaviors, actions speak louder than words," she said. "And so you get these communications, indirect communications. Then you start moving over, and changing what

has been your major philosophy."

Fighting those changes, and encouraging people to break out of the familiar, is the task at hand for MSPS and the students who work with them.

"Relations on campus are not the best and everyone has a little fear," said Brendan Dowdall, chair of the Student Senate's Diversity Committee. "It takes a little bit to get out of your comfort zone for students and talk to someone different than them."

Nevertheless, the environment is not what it used to be, according to Mel Tardy, a first year advisor and 1986 alumnus.

"Some things have changed," said Tardy, who is black. "Some things have not."

"There's more of an expectation that people understand diversity and they're more tolerant and more accepting," he said. "[But many minority students] still feel that they stand out in class."

The minority population has not grown much in the last 10 years, but it has changed.

"That's what we're trying to do, to tell people 'take a risk.' ... That's a chance to learn about another culture that you may not have been exposed to at all."

Iris Outlaw
director of Multicultural Student Services and Programs

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chair of Student Senate Diversity Committee

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the hall rectors in the meetings with us this year so that should keep down some of the ignorant comments that were made last year," said Daly Barnes, a sophomore diversity educator. "I just hope to bring my appreciation for diversity and help to eliminate some of the ignorance that is out there."

"I'm looking forward to more focus and unity in the group in terms of programming this year," said Henderson, who also participated in last year's pilot program.

The focus of the program will remain dialogue and education. "There's going to be some serious globalization now and I want to make sure, and the rest of the staff wants to make sure that our students are prepared for that," Outlaw said.

That preparation, however, is a large task, according to Huie.

"Everyone feels like this program will solve all diversity problems on campus, but you just can't do that in a hour and a half," he said. "But it can create dialogue and that's our goal."

"[The diversity educators are] a diverse group of wonderful people — who bring many different perspectives," Hanover said. "The atmosphere in the room when we're doing this stuff is excitement."



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ALBUM REVIEW

Eminem album mixes talent with vulgarity

By ARIENNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

There seems to be a pretty simple formula to follow nowadays to ensure mammoth success in the infamous and sometimes shady rap world. One should merely be homophobic, vulgar, homicidal (perhaps suicidal), relatively insane, and most importantly — mad at the world. So throw all these admirable

traits into a recording studio, give your artist of choice a microphone and voila, and months later you have Eminem's sophomore release, The Marshall Mathers LP.

"America's great white hope" is back to defend his title as one of the most obnoxious and misunderstood rappers of recent times. Trailblazers such as NWA, Ice-T, Public Enemy and Tupac Shakur set the standards for disturbing and tainting the virgin

minds of young America in the late 1980s and early '90s. As one can imagine, songs that urged teens to "kill the police" and "fight the powers that be" didn't go over well with the general public.

Parents and lawmakers alike were up in arms about the evils of "gangsta rap" and it wasn't long before the controversial "Parental Advisory" label was born and systematically slapped on the front of every hip-hop album produced in the United States. This governmental control of free expression was a miracle it seemed. Parents knew what their children were listening to, and young America was once again made slaves to the mainstream.

Shortly thereafter, however, America's youth managed to beat the system again (as always), and were bopping their heads to the prophetic Tupac once again.

Capitalizing on this idea of freedom of expression, Mr. Marshall Mathers decides a few years after the death of Tupac that he wants to be the next in line to terrorize the 50 states. The difference is, he is just a regular guy from a regular city in America. What's his gimmick? Nothing about his appearance or mannerisms screams originality or flair, so what does he do? He invents the "most meanest MC on this earth."

Eminem, as he is affectionately called by millions, is undoubtedly insane, and yet, refreshingly entertaining. Under the tutelage of veteran rapper Dr. Dre, Eminem has become the well-oiled machine that he has always wanted to be.

This machine does have a few glitches to be worked out, however. The Marshall Mathers LP, released earlier this summer, is

Marshall Mathers LP

Eminem

Epic Records

Rating


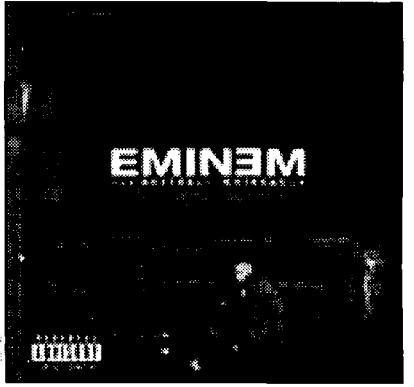





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The Marshall Mathers LP, the latest album from rising star Eminem, capitalizes even more heavily on violence and offensive language than his first album.

a compilation of some of the most wicked and profane comments and assertions made by any one artist on any one album. There's murder, mayhem and mystery on Slim Shady's second release, and he's not apologizing for any of it. Slim is without question one MC to be reckoned with, as evidenced by tracks like the angry the angry, "I'm Back" and the witty "Kill You." His rhythmic variety and unexpected comic delivery on "Who Knew" and "Under the Influence" showcase his skills as a seasoned and talented rapper. But his subject matter starts to run dry as nearly every song on the album is about his obligations to mounting success, his strained relationship with his mother, and his tendency to be "Pigeonholed into some poppy sensation."

A Slim scorned is nothing to play with, though. Few escape Eminem's dirty mouth as he gives Christina Aguilera, his wife Kim, and pop icons Britney Spears and N'SYNC ridiculously crude verbal lashings on at least three different songs.

Lyrically, Slim reaches his absolute peak on standout tracks like "Stan" and "The Way I Am." Displaying the rawness of his emotion and skill, these songs

get to the very core of what Eminem represents to his alter ego, Marshall Mathers and to the world as a whole. "Stan" is superb in composition. The first three verses are constructed as letters written by an overzealous fan, Stan. He is desperate to have a friend, and confidante in the larger-than-life Eminem, but soon discovers that like most celebrities, Slim does not answer fan mail eagerly. Eminem voices the angry Stan with such chilling emotion that it is almost a relief to hear the real Slim Shady take charge of the last verse, which is the long-awaited reply to Stan's letters. "The Way I Am" also displays Slim's emotional handles as he bashes the media for placing labels on him and his fans for admiring him too deeply.

It is ironic that the poor, regular guy from Detroit who wanted nothing more than to make it big in rap now wishes he "could just die or get fired."

Slim Shady is undoubtedly troubled, but through his struggles come the raw talent and aptitude that have made him the most popular and certifiable rapper of the past two years. And only time will tell how long America's favorite misanthrope will continue to charm us.

ALBUM REVIEW

Jayhawks shine with new pop album Smile

By GRAEME R.A. WYLLIE
Scene Music Critic

Originally formed 15 years ago, Smile is the sixth album from the Minnesota-based Jayhawks, and the second since the departure of co-founder Marc Olson. Early albums such as Hollywood Town Hall and Tomorrow, the Green Grass displayed a country tinged sound with heavy influences by such artists as Neil Young and Steve Earle, and a style that was dubbed as alternative-country long before the term was even being used as a distinct genre. But with the mid 90s departure of Olson to record with his wife Victoria Williams as the more folkly sounding Original Harmony Ridge Creek Dippers, the subsequent album, 1997's somewhat patchy Sound of Lies began a move away from the folk/country sounds of the earlier albums and toward a more pop orientated sound. Smile continues this move, if not completing the journey.

This is not to say that country sounds are entirely absent from Smile. "Broken Harpoon" and "A Break in the Clouds" in particular would have easily been found on earlier albums. But overall, under the leadership of the remaining co-founder and principle songwriter Gary Louris, the band has obviously been working hard mixing together such influences as later-era Beatles, the Beach Boys, and Big Star to form an extremely catchy and very up-beat collection of songs. Huge choruses, a collection of hooks to die for and a strong set of tunes make this one of the best albums of the year so far, and one that should constantly be residing in any music lover's CD changer.

Standout cuts include the opener and title track "Smile," which displays the most obvious Beatles influence of the album, particularly in the vocals on the chorus as well as

having a wonderful string section. The whole track just builds and builds from its initial guitar and piano intro to an epic finish. "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" kicks with a lone mandolin on the intro, but soon is soon transformed by a wonderful sing-along chorus that continues to display the seminal influence that the 70s band Big Star still holds on many of today's songwriters. And although many of the influences of this album are bands from the late 60s and early 70s, it should be pointed out that the album does not at all sound dated.

Other standout songs include the rockier "Life Floats By" and "Pretty Thing," and the sublime ballads "What Led Me to this Town" and "Mr. Wilson." But generally, the entire album stands up well to repeated listening and will most likely have anyone who buys the album quickly finding themselves singing along with the verses.

There are, however, one or two negative points to Smile, particularly relating to the work of producer Bob Ezrin. A couple of the songs are just simply over produced, and the multi-tracking of instruments and vocals is somewhat excessive on several tracks. In addition the two weakest songs on the album bear Ezrin's name in the writing credits, and it makes one wish at times that the producer had been kept on a tighter leash. Also the drum loops on a couple of the songs, although giving rise to a more modern sound, manage at the same time to seem a bit superfluous and out of place. A great deal of the criticism of this album by the rest of the musical press has contained accusations of selling out, but listening to both Smile and the previous album, as well as Mark Olson's post

Jayhawks output, makes it obvious where the majority of the country influences were coming from. On the other hand, Gary Louris, like other artists such as Jeff Tweedy of Wilco and Matthew Sweet, clearly just knows how to write a great and catchy pop song.

Ultimately, it is these songs that shine through and give the album a great collection of up-beat tracks that should bring a smile to the stoniest of faces.

And for those fans who do pick up this album, be sure to check out Weird Tales by Golden Smog, a collaboration formed by members of the Jayhawks, Wilco, Soul Asylum and Big Star that also contains a stand-out set of similar guitar driven pop tunes and is well worth checking out.


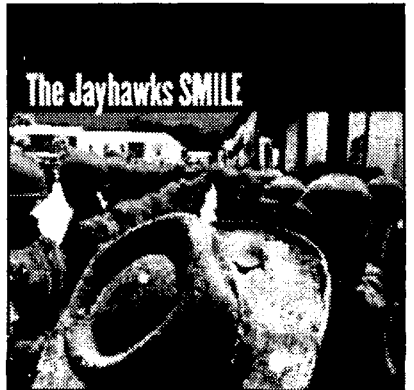
Although Smile was released several months ago, the band has just been announced as the support act for the upcoming Matchbox 20 concert at the Joyce Center.

Smile

The Jayhawks

Columbia Records

Rating



U.S. OPEN

Sampras stifles Lee to advance to quarterfinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Surrounded by 23,000 empty seats and buffeted by gale-force winds, a no-nonsense Pete Sampras put an end to the U.S. Open fairy tale of South Korea's Hyung-Taik Lee.

Sampras, who holds a record 13 Grand Slam titles, found himself under extraordinary pressure Monday in the first set against Lee, a qualifier playing in his first major tournament.

A nearly full house of fans at Arthur Ashe Stadium delighted in Lee's nervy, sturdy play amid the sweltering heat and humidity when play began during the afternoon. But after a cloudburst suspended the match with Sampras leading 7-6 (4), 3-1, it took 2 1/2 hours before play resumed in chilly, windy weather.

The stadium was virtually empty then, except for a couple hundred fans as the night crowd drifted in, and Sampras was in no mood to let the party linger much longer. He unleashed a 132 mph ace on his first serve and closed out the set by breaking Lee at love.

Lee, a strong, quick baseliner who was unruffled by Sampras or the occasion, copped better with the four-time champion and the fierce breezes in the third set before finally going down 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4.

Sampras advanced to the quarterfinals, where he will face Richard Krajicek, a 7-6 (11), 6-4, 6-1 victor over Dominik Hrbaty.

Lee gave Sampras a lot of trouble at the start. Sampras was impressed not only by Lee's return of serve, but his ability to stay calm in the biggest match of his life.

"He was cool as a cucumber," Sampras said. "He's a good player. ... He wasn't overwhelmed by the situation, playing me on center court. He came out and held his own."

"But after I got the first set, I started to settle down and started playing a little bit better and just went from there to deal with the rain. And then coming back, dealing with the wind and the cool weather, it was a completely different match from the first set."

Sampras fended off three break points in the sixth game of the first set and won the tiebreaker only when Lee inadvertently touched the net with his foot as he rushed in for an overhead on a short half-volley by Sampras. Lee thought no one would notice. Sampras didn't, but the umpire did.

"After I missed that, I was a feeling a little down and I lost a lot of momentum," Lee said through an interpreter. "I wasn't myself at the beginning of the second set."

Still, Lee thought the tale of the tiebreaker and his foot touching the net might be a good story for his grandchildren some day.

"I think I would exaggerate a little bit, and say I was winning and I touched the net and I happened to lose," he said with a laugh.

Lee said he was impressed by Sampras' serve, his calm composure and his volleys, but wasn't overawed. In fact, he came away with his confidence boosted.

"At first, when I would play a ranked player, I would be more concerned with his number and I would be a little afraid and I might consider myself a coward," Lee said. "But after this experience, I feel that I can play anyone on any given day. I've earned that kind of confidence."

One call made all the difference for defending women's champion Serena Williams in a tense tiebreaker and broke the spirit of Jelena Dokic.

The way they reacted to that call, and the shift in momentum it heralded, told much about the qualities of a champion that Williams possesses, and that the sad-eyed Dokic still must find while she deals with her father's troubles.

Williams rallied from that point — the second of three set points she saved in the first-set tiebreaker — to thrash Dokic the rest of the way, 7-6 (7), 6-0, Monday and move into the quarterfinals.

At the end of a long rally that had both players scurrying side to side, Dokic drilled a backhand crosscourt that a linesman signaled wide to make the score 6-6. Dokic argued to no avail with the umpire, then walked with her head and shoulders slumped to the other side of the net.

She would get another set point by running down a poor drop shot by Williams and whacking it crosscourt for a winner, but that was the end of Dokic's threat. Williams saved that third set point with a backhand volley that Dokic couldn't handle, then won the next two points, punctuating a strong backhand return with a loud "Yesss!" when Dokic netted the ball.

That was all Williams needed as she watched Dokic tank the second set, winning only three points on serve, spraying five times as many unforced errors as she had the first set, and looking eager to catch the next flight back to Australia to prepare for the Olympics.



Photo courtesy of All Sport

Pete Sampras holds a record 13 Grand Slam titles and is looking for another as he faces Richard Krajicek in the quarterfinal round of the U.S. Open.

Shortly after the Williams-Dokic match, rain delayed play for the second straight day. When the matches resumed, Todd Martin finished off a 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-2 victory over 10th-seeded Cedric Pioline.

Martin won two sets and was leading in the third Sunday night before rain postponed the end of the match.

Also moving into the quarters were top-seeded Martina Hingis, who completed a match that was delayed because of Sunday's storms, beating No. 11 Sandrine Testud 6-2, 6-1. It was her 12th consecutive victory and sixth this year against the French player, who has never defeated her. Hingis next plays Monica Seles.

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Associated Press

BOSTON
For 25 years, the left-field foul pole at Fenway Park has reminded Boston fans of Carlton Fisk. Now there's something along the right-field line to remember him by, too.

The Red Sox retired Fisk's No. 27 on Monday, hanging it on the right-field facade with the retired numbers of Bobby Doerr (1), Joe Cronin (4), Carl Yastrzemski (8) and Ted Williams (9), as well as Jackie Robinson (42). Fisk is the only native New Englander among the bunch.

"Carlton Fisk may tell you that growing up in New Hampshire he dreamed of playing for the Red Sox. I'm here to tell you that growing up in Massachusetts, I dreamed of being Carlton Fisk," general manager Dan Duquette said at a ceremony before Boston beat Seattle 5-1.

"He's a big, old, handsome, stubborn, methodical, fiery, Yankee New Englander who accomplished all those dreams. And, along the way, he fulfilled our dreams, too."

Drums beat and a fanfare sounded as a garage door in center field lifted and Fisk walked onto the field where he spent the first nine of his 22 full seasons in the major leagues. Instead of walking straight to a podium at second base, he traveled the perimeter of the field to slap hands with fans and ballpark employees.

A scoreboard tribute to his career began with the radio call of his arm-waving, body-bending, game-ending homer off the left-field foul pole in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series. After running through some more highlights of Fisk's time in Boston — including a fight with Yankees outfielder Lou Piniella, who is now the Mariners manager — the video ended by showing the 12th-inning homer off Pat Darcy

that sent the '75 Series to a seventh game.

Fisk may be known best for his heroics in one game, but he played his way into the Hall of Fame with a multitude of them. He caught 2,226 games — more than any catcher in history, and hit a major league record 351 of his 376 homers as a catcher.

"He played the game the right way," said Yastrzemski, who was a teammate for all of Fisk's time in Boston. "Pudge earned his way into the Hall of Fame with years of performance excellence."

But a quote from Fisk posted on the scoreboard summed it up as well as anything: "If the human body recognized agony and frustration, people would never run marathons, have babies or play baseball."

All of Fisk's longevity milestones were reached after he left Boston for the White Sox in

an acrimonious contract dispute following the 1980 season. Chicago has already retired the No. 72 he wore for 13 years, though there was no mention of the second half of his career during the ceremony or on the posters given

to fans.

For Fisk, who grew up dreaming of playing basketball for the Boston Celtics and was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame this summer, having his number retired next to Williams' made the honor even more special.

"It was like I was somebody important," Fisk said. "I think when you play, you never really realize the impact you had."

Before leaving the field, Fisk took part in a role-reversing first pitch, throwing to his longtime batterymate Luis Tiant. On his way out, Fisk shook hands with several players near the Mariners dugout, including Alex Rodriguez, Mark McLemore and coach Larry Bowa.

Piniella wasn't around, but he grabbed Fisk after the ceremony and gave him a big hug.

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Dan Duquette
Red Sox general manager

Braves, Mets share losing battle

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Go ahead, take the division title. The Atlanta Braves insist.

No, no, no. The New York Mets don't want it. Can't they just leave it in Atlanta for another year?

On it goes, a so-called pennant race in which neither team will take control, flailing around in the NL East as if the thought of extending the season deep into October is downright revolting.

The Braves were off Monday, licking their wounds and trying to figure out how to escape the worst stretch of the year — five defeats in seven games, and eight of the last 11. Included is a season-high, four-game losing streak and three straight series losses, another first.

While Atlanta is still on pace to win 95 games, it would be the fewest victories in a full season since 1991, when the Braves began their unprecedented streak of eight straight division titles.

Last week, the players even called a rare clubhouse meeting, hoping that airing things out would turn things around. But Atlanta is only 2-3 since going behind closed doors.

"There's no panic in this club," manager Bobby Cox said, undeterred by a 9-3 setback Sunday to the lowly Houston Astros. "I think the day off may help us. Maybe it'll break things up a little for us."

Thanks to the suddenly clutch-less Mets, Atlanta was still clinging to a one-game lead in the East after going 14-15 in August and losing two of three in Houston to start September. The once-torrid Mets endured three straight final at-bat losses to St. Louis over the weekend and lost Monday at Cincinnati.

"The way both teams are playing," Braves outfielder Brian Jordan said, "you'd think no one wants it."

Atlanta could always count on its starting pitching, but Tom Glavine (18-6) has been out on a limb in recent weeks.

Greg Maddux (15-8) has put

together solid numbers overall, but he's only 3-5 since July 18. Andy Ashby, acquired in an All-Star break deal, was rocked for five runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings Sunday, taking his fourth straight loss. Kevin Millwood is not the same pitcher he was a year ago, plodding along at 8-10 with a 4.76 ERA. Overall, the staff ERA (4.22) is more than half-run above last year's and on pace to be the highest since 1990.

It's not all about the pitching. Chipper Jones, who agreed last month to a six-year, \$90 million contract extension, has been a rather ordinary player since the All-Star break. He is batting just .259 with eight homers and 26 RBIs, including a current 8-for-48 slump.

Making those numbers more pronounced, Jones was always one of the Braves' most reliable clutch players. Until this year, he had a .306 career average after the break and clinched his first NL MVP award last season by hitting .324 with 24 homers and 53 RBIs down the stretch.

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OLYMPICS

Activists urge athletes to watch Nike

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia
Olympic athletes were urged Monday to visit Nike factories in Indonesia that activists contend exploit workers.

Activists renewed a campaign against the international sportswear giant, releasing a report that documents claims of intimidation and harassment of union workers and women in companies contracted to make Nike shoes in Indonesia.

The Community Aid Abroad-Oxfam Australia report, based on interviews conducted with industrial union organizers in Indonesian factories, said workers were threatened with violence if they tried to join unions; that union members were fired for small mistakes and that women were intimidated into not applying for leave by being required to undergo humiliating medical examinations.

Tim Connor, the author of the "NikeWatch" report, said Nike

was failing to protect workers rights in its contract factories in Indonesia.

"Recently, Nike has been pushing the line that it has reformed its human rights practices," Connor said. "The truth is that (there has been) only very minor and grudging reforms."

"Nike is the biggest company in the sportswear industry ... if anyone can afford to pay workers enough to eat, enough to feed their children, Nike is the company," Connor told a news conference Monday in Sydney.

In response to Connor's report, Nike said it had undertaken to raise age requirements and wages for workers in Indonesia, improved factory conditions and published factory monitoring reports as part of reforms to improve conditions for its Asian workers.

"No company has done as much in terms of labor rights, code of conduct enforcement, age and wage improvements as we have," said Vada Manager, Nike's global issues manager.

"We uphold the Olympic ideal of human dignity," the statement said. "Those campaigning to eliminate sweatshops are addressing the right issue, but targeting the wrong company."

Connor said other sportswear manufacturers were equally responsible for exploitation of workers, but Nike was being targeted because it was the largest.

Nike, based in Beaverton, Ore., has 708 factories operated by contract companies and employing about 550,000 people.

Jim Keady, a former soccer coach who resigned from St. John's in New York over a dispute about his refusal to wear Nike products, said athletes should experience firsthand the conditions endured by Nike workers in Indonesia. Keady is suing Nike in relation to his resignation, which he says was forced.

Keady spent August in a factory workers' slum in Indonesia trying to live on the wage of a Nike worker — which he said was about \$1.20 a day.

Stadium's headwinds cause slow race times

Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia
Don't expect Maurice Greene to break his world record in the 100-meter final at the Sydney Games. Florence Griffith Joyner's world records in the women's 100 and 200 appear safe from Marion Jones' clutches.

World records in the distance races also are unlikely, despite the expected cool weather.

Although the forecasters are predicting temperatures in the 60s for late this month when the track and field competition is held — from Sept. 22-Oct. 1 — the sprinters will be buffeted by the expected headwinds in 110,000-seat Olympic Stadium.

While the distance runners — from 1,500 meters through the marathon — should find the conditions ideal, history dictates that world records in those events will stand.

"I don't think the times are going to be as fast as everyone thinks (in the sprints)," said Ato Boldon of Trinidad & Tobago, the 1996 bronze medalist in the 100 and 200, who already has competed in the stadium.

"The wind blows almost directly down the straight into which the 100 meters is run. That's not something that sprinters love."

When Greene set the world record of 9.79 seconds at Athens, Greece, last year, the weather was hot and the wind negligible. The same conditions existed when he ran 9.80 in winning the 1999 world championship later at Seville, Spain.

When Canada's Donovan Bailey set the 100 world record of 9.84 in 1996 at the Atlanta Games, he also was the beneficiary of warm weather and little wind.

"The times this year don't matter," Boldon said. "You run to win. The Olympics is when time matters least."

That's what Jones should be thinking. She is facing a herculean task in trying to win an unprecedented five gold medals and will need to pace herself to remain fit for five events — the 100, 200, 400 relay, 1,600 relay and long jump.

She has come the closest to breaking FloJo's marks of 10.49 in the 100 and 21.34 in the 200. Jones' best times are 10.65 and 21.62, both at altitude. Sydney is at sea level, so that will not help her.

If the weather is cool, "it will have a physical and psychological effect on the sprinters and jumpers," said Ernie Gregoire, an assistant U.S. women's coach in charge of the long jumpers, triple jumpers and hurdlers.

"The ballistic athletes depend on warm weather," he added.

Include the throwers in the group that prefers the warmth, said Jerry Quiller, an assistant U.S. men's coach responsible for the distance runners from 1,500 meters through 10,000 meters.

"Sprinters, jumpers and throwers don't want to have to compete with their sweats on," he said. "The distance guys will love the cool weather unless it's windy. If it's just cool, they'll be fresher after running their heats or rounds."

Despite the gloomy forecast for the sprinters and jumpers, Gregoire thinks world records are possible.

"When you get in this kind of situation and the adrenaline starts flowing and there's that quest to be No. 1, great things happen," he said.

"Special events bring out special times from special people."

U.S. high jumper Kenny Evans doesn't think anything special will occur in his event if the weather isn't warm.

"In that case, I don't think people will jump as high," he said. "People will just have to tough it out in the cold weather."

"I don't know of anyone breaking the world record when it's been cold. I don't think anything explosive will happen."

American long jumper Melvin Lister doesn't believe the weather will be a factor.

"If you're feeling good, the record will fall," he said. "If not, it won't."

Abdi Abdirahman, a member of the U.S. 10,000-meter team, said, "It depends on how cold it gets. If it's real cold, it might not help set a world record, but the cold probably will help some people get PRs (personal records) by a couple of seconds."

"I prefer the cooler weather, not cold," he said.

No matter the weather, distance runners don't often set world records at the Olympics, because most of the races are tactical.

Of the top performances in races between 1,500 and the marathon, plus the walks, very few came at the games. Going into this year, the highest-standing mark from the Olympics was 27:07.34 by Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie in winning the 10,000 meters at Atlanta, and that ranked only 18th.

Only three other Olympic marks ranked in the top 50 in the 10,000. There were none in the 1,500, 5,000, marathon or the walks, and only one in the 3,000 steeplechase — the then-world record 8:08.02 by Anders Garderud of Sweden in 1976, and that was No. 49.

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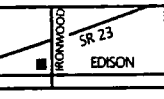

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Griffey's return sparks Reds' victory over Mets

Associated Press

CINCINNATI, Ohio

Ken Griffey Jr. returned to the lineup and hit his 37th homer Sunday — a rare left-handed shot off Al Leiter — as the Cincinnati Reds beat New York 6-2, the Mets' fourth consecutive loss.

Since catching Atlanta atop the NL East, the Mets have dropped five of six, costing them a chance to open a lead while the Braves struggled. The Mets, who trail Atlanta by one game, were swept in St. Louis, losing three one-run games in the last at-bat, before heading to Cincinnati.

Mike Piazza went 2-for-3 with a solo homer, his 34th, but the rest of the Mets' lineup managed only four hits off Elmer Dessens (7-5) and two relievers.

The Reds have gotten hot when it no longer matters, winning nine of 12 since falling out of contention in the NL Central.

Leiter (14-7), who pitched the Mets to their wild card playoff win in Cincinnati last October, couldn't end their September slump. Leiter's two-hit, 5-0 shutout last Oct. 4 at Cinergy Field stands as the only time Cincinnati has been blanked in its last 280 games.

The Mets couldn't catch up after he gave up Griffey's two-run homer in the first inning, the first left-handed homer off Leiter since May 29. The only other left-handers to homer off Leiter this season were Tony Gwynn (May 23) and Shawn Green (May 29).

Griffey missed Sunday's game because of a sore hip. He went 1-for-3 with a walk Monday, raising his average to a season-high .265.

Giants 3, Phillies 0

Russ Ortiz was sent to the bullpen at the All-Star Break to work things out. It was a short stay. After spending exactly one day out of the starting rotation, Ortiz has been nearly unbeatable.

Ortiz (12-10) allowed two hits, four walks and struck out five in 6 1-3 innings to win his seventh consecutive decision as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Philadelphia Phillies.

The right-hander extended his scoreless streak to 17 innings, dating to the second inning Aug. 25 at Philadelphia. He hasn't lost since July 29 at Chicago.

"I'm confident in my ability and I never lost that," said Ortiz. "I did lose a little confidence in throwing inside early in the year and I made too many mistakes with my fastball and that killed me. Now I'm able to make my pitches and stay ahead of the hitters."

Ortiz was 4-8 when he made his only relief appearance of the season on July 14, pitching six innings against the Oakland Athletics without allowing an earned run. He hasn't looked back since.

"He's keeping the ball in the ballpark," said Giants' manager Dusty Baker. "In the first half he gave up something like 20 or 25 homers. You have to call upon positive results you've

experienced in the past. You just stay after it and keep pushing."

Cardinals 4, Expos 2

Pat Hentgen tossed seven shutout innings and Edgar Renteria ripped a three-run triple in the fourth inning, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to victory over the Montreal Expos.

St. Louis has won five straight games, while the Expos lost for the fifth time in six games.

Hentgen (14-10) yielded seven hits, walking three and striking out three.

Dave Veres pitched the final 1 1/3 innings for his 25th save.

Montreal starter Javier Vazquez didn't allow a hit until J.D. Drew singled to lead off the fourth. He then walked Eric Davis, and with two outs, Ray Lankford walked to load the bases. Renteria followed

with a triple, plating all three runners for a 3-0 lead.

Rockies 6, Cubs 2

Juan Pierre went 5-for-5 and keyed a two-run fifth with the game-tying RBI single and a run scored, leading the Colorado Rockies to victory over the Chicago Cubs in the opener of a three-game series at Coors Field. Todd Walker homered and drove in three runs for the Rockies, who snapped a two-game skid and won for the seventh time in their last 10 games. The Cubs have lost five in a row.

Todd Hollandsworth also homered for the Rockies, while Todd Helton went 0-for-4 and saw his batting average drop to .387. Helton was hitting .397 last week, but is in a 3-for-20 slump in his last six games.

Brian Rose (3-2) earned the win, allowing two runs on

seven hits in seven innings. He walked three and struck out a career-high seven.

The Rockies trailed 2-1 heading to the fifth, but scored twice to take the lead for good. Hollandsworth led off with a walk and stole second with two outs. He took third on a balk by Chicago starter Jon Lieber and scored the tying run on a single by Pierre.

Pierre then stole second and scored the go-ahead run on a single to center by Neifi Perez.

Walker homered in the sixth to extend the Colorado lead to 4-2, then doubled home two runs in the seventh to extend the advantage to 6-2.

Pirates 12, Dodgers 1

Jimmy Anderson threw his first complete game and Brian Giles hit a grand slam, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the opener of a three-game

series at Dodger Stadium. Pat Mearns also homered for the Pirates, who used a pair of big innings on the way to their fourth straight win.

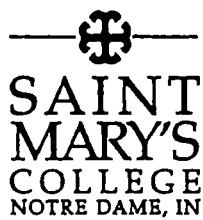
The Dodgers had a three-game winning streak stopped and lost for only the fourth time in their last 15 games.

Anderson (5-8) limited the Dodgers to just one run and scattered 10 hits in going the distance.

He walked three and struck out three, plus went 2-for-5 with an RBI at the plate.

The Pirates scored five in the second inning — all with two outs — to take control. Mearns started the two-out rally with his 11th homer and Anderson followed with a single.

Adrian Brown reached on an infield single and Jason Kendall walked to load the bases for Giles, who connected for his 32nd homer of the season and third career grand slam.



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NFL

Belichick loses second opener

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. Bill Belichick lost his season opener for the second straight year. Whether he's an assistant coach or running the whole show, the feeling is the same.



Belichick

Losses hurt. "I don't think you feel any better when you lose as an assistant coach," the first-year head coach of the New England Patriots said Monday. "I don't think winning as an assistant coach or a head coach gives you any more satisfaction."

"I don't think it makes any difference whether you're a player, coach, head coach, defensive coordinator, whatever it is. It's all the same scorecard. You're either 0-1 or you're 1-0."

The Patriots are 0-1 because they lost at home Sunday to Tampa Bay, 21-

16. Belichick was 0-1 last season because the Patriots beat the New York Jets, where he handled the defense as assistant head coach, 30-28, at the Meadowlands.

He hopes not to be 0-2 after they meet again next Monday night at the Meadowlands. He'll face the team he left Jan. 4, one day after being named its head coach, but Belichick isn't focusing on that bizarre departure. No matter who he's playing, getting his team ready to win is his obsession. "It's a big game. It's a division game on the road and that's what's really important," he said. "They're not going to have everybody's personal record in the standings on Monday. It's going to be where the Patriots are."

The game won't have the hype of past meetings when Bill Parcells, who coached the Patriots to the 1997 Super Bowl, played them as coach of the Jets the past three seasons. When Parcells stepped down after last season, Belichick's contract automatically made him the successor.

Then he quit, saying he had misgivings because the Jets were for sale. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and a federal judge said Belichick couldn't leave. But he went to the Patriots after they and the Jets worked out a compensation package.

Now Al Groh, an assistant with Belichick on Parcells' Patriots staff in 1996, is head coach of the Jets.

There are plenty of other connections. Former Patriots Curtis Martin and Vincent Brisby are with the Jets. Former Jets Otis Smith and Bobby Hamilton are with the Patriots.

"It's going to liven it up," said Hamilton, a starting defensive end. "It's going to be a hyped game and it's going to be a fun game to watch on TV."

Smith, a cornerback picked up when the Jets released him on their final roster cut of the exhibition season, downplayed the importance of Belichick's move from New York to New England.

"That situation is done with," he said.

Belichick is busy with more pressing issues. On Sunday, the offensive line allowed six sacks, running backs gained just 25 yards, and the defense failed to stop the Buccaneers in key third-down situations.

"They're going to cause everybody some problems. They certainly caused us some," Belichick said. "There are a lot of things we need to get corrected."

The Jets began the season with a 20-16 win at Green Bay, a less talented team than Tampa Bay. Still, the Patriots are the only AFC East team that's not 1-0.

Now it's their turn to go on the road, but it won't be to a strange place. They play at the Meadowlands every year against a team they're very familiar with.

NFL

Favre injurs hand in loss to New York

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Brett Favre's attempt to regain his form just got a little bit harder.

Green Bay coach Mike Sherman said Monday that Favre sprained his right thumb during the Packers' 20-16 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday.

Though Sherman said it isn't serious, the injury is yet another blow to a quarterback trying to recover from two sub-par seasons.

Favre missed the final three preseason games with tendinitis in his right elbow, and the three-time MVP played in pain Sunday while competing just 14 of 34 passes for 152 yards.

Sherman said the thumb injury occurred early in the second quarter when defensive end Shaun Ellis swatted the ball out of Favre's hands.

Tackle Earl Dotson recovered the fumble, and Favre played the rest of the game.

"That thumb will not be an issue on this team, and neither will the elbow," Sherman said. "Quarterbacks get hurt in this league."

Favre went through a light workout at Lambeau Field on Monday with his thumb wrapped securely in bandages. Offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Tom Rossley said he isn't sure whether the injury will affect Favre's ability to practice for the upcoming game at Buffalo.

"He has come through a couple of bumps and bruises before," Rossley said. "You don't start all those games in a row without being tough."

With all the attention focused on Favre's tendinitis-stricken right elbow this season, the balky thumb that hindered him last year was nearly forgotten.

Last year, a bruised and swollen thumb contributed to a subpar season in which he threw 23 interceptions and failed to lead Green Bay to the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

After the Packers' loss Sunday, Favre, who has started an NFL-record 126 straight games — conceded he will probably play

another season in pain.

That could set up an interesting test of wills between Favre and Sherman, who has pledged to remove Favre from the lineup if the injuries significantly affect his play.

"I know I didn't hurt (the elbow) any worse," Favre said Sunday. "I was able to practice every day last week. I know how it's probably going to feel this week, maybe the rest of the year."

"I felt for the most part I threw the ball with a lot of velocity, and accuracy I thought was as close to normal as possible. It can get better with practice."

Still, the Packers' offense sputtered under Favre against New York.

In the first half, Favre was 4-of-13 for 25 yards, and the Packers who dropped five or six of Favre's passes in the game managed just 55 yards of total offense before halftime.

"You can't put the blame on Brett," said receiver Antonio Freeman, who dropped two passes. "We couldn't run the ball, so we couldn't help the passing game. If you can't do one, it's hard to do the other."

Sherman, who has preached a return to fundamental football since replacing Ray Rhodes last winter, was particularly piqued by the drops.

"Those are definitely catchable balls," Sherman said. "On the film, you see balls bouncing off chests."

The Packers' offense won't get any relief from its running game any time soon, either. Sherman said Dorsey Levens, who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery during training camp, won't play on the artificial turf at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Buffalo.

Ahman Green, Levens' backup, played just three weeks after spraining his left knee but was mostly ineffective, gaining 41 yards on nine carries and losing one fumble.

Favre, who gained 13 yards on two scrambles, was the team's second-leading rusher.

"If we had caught even two of the five drops, we wouldn't be talking about any of this right now," Sherman said. "Right now, (Favre) gives us a chance to win. I don't even think he was at 80 percent, but he's our guy."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland holds onto wild card lead with win over Tampa

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Kenny Lofton's record run-scoring streak came to an end Monday, but Dave Burba pitched 7 2-3 strong innings to help the Cleveland Indians maintain their AL wild card lead with a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Lofton failed to score a run for the first time in 19 games. Lofton went 1-for-5 and remained tied with Red Rolfe for the major league record for scoring in 18 consecutive games.

The Indians remain two games ahead of Boston and Oakland in the AL wild card race.

Burba (13-6) allowed one run and seven hits — three to rookie Steve Cox. The right-hander struck out four and walked two to bail out a beleaguered bullpen. Cleveland used eight pitchers Sunday in a 12-11 win over Baltimore in 13 innings.

The Indians took a 2-0 lead in the second off Albie Lopez (11-10). With one out, David Segui singled and scored on a triple by Travis Fryman that bounced against the center-field wall. Fryman scored when Russell Bryan grounded a single to right.

Brayan, Roberto Alomar, David Segui and Manny Ramirez each had two of Cleveland's 13 hits. Ramirez extended his hitting streak to a career-high 19 games.

Jim Thome's bases-loaded single drove in two runs in the sev-

enth. Segui followed with an RBI single to make it 5-0.

Cox hit his ninth homer with two outs in the eighth to spoil Burba's bid for his first shutout in more than five years.

Lopez allowed two runs and eight hits in three innings. The right-hander left with a strained left calf and fell to 0-2 with a 2.16 ERA in seven career outings against his former team.

Lopez had pitched five or more innings in all 18 of his previous starts.

Red Sox 5, Mariners 1

Pedro Martinez struck out 11 — and didn't hit anybody — and Nomar Garciaparra snapped a 15-game RBI slump as the Boston Red Sox celebrated Carlton Fisk day by beating the Seattle Mariners.

Making his first start since sparking last Tuesday's brawl with Tampa Bay by hitting the first batter of the game, Martinez (16-4) allowed six hits and one walk in eight innings before Derek Lowe pitched the ninth.

The Red Sox retired Fisk's No. 27 in a pregame ceremony, but the only one who cleared the Green Monster was Mike Cameron, who hit a solo homer in the seventh to give the Mariners their only run.

Still, it didn't make up for Cameron's blunder in the third, when he fell while backing up to catch Jose Offerman's bases-loaded fly ball. The triple opened the gates for Boston's five-run inning and turned Jamie Moyer (11-9) into a hard-luck loser.

Moyer allowed four earned runs on five hits in seven innings, walking two and striking out five as the Mariners lost for the 16th time in 21 games. He was matching Martinez until Donnie Sadler reached with one out in the third when first baseman John Olerud couldn't handle a grounder.

Manny Alexander singled and Darren Lewis walked before Offerman hit a deep fly to center. Cameron drifted back and appeared to be ready to catch the ball when he slipped and fell on his backside, kicking up a big chunk of turf on his way down. The runners, who had been holding, formed a traffic jam as they took off for the plate.

Sadler and Alexander scored easily, but Lewis arrived at the same time as the throw. Catcher Dan Wilson, bracing himself for a collision, let the ball bounce by him as he blocked the plate; Lewis slid short and knocked Wilson back, but then got up and easily touched home to make it 3-0.

Carl Everett doubled to score Offerman — his 100th RBI of the season. Garciaparra, who last drove in a run on Aug. 15, dribbled one through the right side of the infield to score Everett and make it 5-0.

Athletics 10, Blue Jays 0

David Wells' bid for 20 wins was temporarily derailed by Mike Stanley and the Oakland Athletics.

Stanley went 5-for-5 with five RBIs and Oakland scored seven runs in the first two innings to

knock out Wells in a win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Athletics, who entered the day 2 1/2 games behind Seattle in the AL West, outhit the Blue Jays 19-2 and have won nine of their last 10 games at SkyDome.

The Blue Jays lost three of four to Oakland, falling to fourth place in the AL wild card race.

Stanley entered the game in a 3-for-14 slump. He put that to an end quickly. He hit a two-run double in the first, a two-run single in the second, singled in the fourth and sixth, and hit his 13th homer off Mark Guthrie in the eighth.

Wells (19-6) had pitched 19 scoreless innings before Oakland scored five runs in the first on Stanley's two-run double. Ben Grieve's two-run homer and Miguel Tejada's solo shot. It was Tejada's 24th homer, setting a franchise record for home runs by a shortstop.

After Terrance Long, Randy Velarde and Jason Giambi hit consecutive singles in the second, Stanley hit his two-run single. Long tied his career high with four hits, including a two-run homer in the seventh.

Wells (19-6) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 1 1-3 innings.

Rookie Barry Zito (3-3) didn't allow a hit until Dave Martinez singled with one out in the fourth. The left-hander allowed two hits and six walks in 6 2-3 innings.

The Athletics pitched their seventh shutout of the season despite walking nine batters and hitting one batter with a pitch.

The Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 221 homers, failed to homer for the fourth straight game. It's the first time Toronto has been held without a homer in four straight games this season.

Oakland starters have allowed two earned runs in their last 21 2-3 innings. Gil Heredia pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings Saturday, and Tim Hudson allowed two earned runs in 7 2-3 innings Sunday.

Tigers 5, Angels 0

Hideo Nomo pitched eight shutout innings as the Detroit Tigers dropped Anaheim below .500 by beating the Angels. Damion Easley was 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs for the Tigers, who have won four of five and remained five games behind Cleveland, which leads the AL wild-card race.

The Angels (68-69) went under .500 for the first time since they were 20-21 on May 18. They've lost five straight and are 6 1/2 games behind Cleveland.

Nomo (6-11), gave up five hits and struck out seven with two walks to win for the third time in his last four decisions. He hasn't pitched a shutout since September 1996 when, while pitching for Los Angeles, he threw a no-hitter at Colorado's Coors Field.

Scott Karl (0-1) lost in his second start since the Angels acquired him Aug. 22 from Colorado, allowing five runs — four earned — and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

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NFL Warner throws past Broncos in Rams' 41-36 victory

Associated Press

Kurt Warner must have thought he was back in the Arena Football League.

Last year's regular-season and Super Bowl MVP opened his second season as a starter by throwing for 441 yards and three touchdowns as St. Louis opened defense of its NFL title with a 41-36 victory over Denver on Monday night.

The Rams have speed everywhere, and Tony Horne had plenty of it on this 45-yard punt return in the first quarter Monday night.

"We feel we can score any time we touch the ball," Warner said. "The last drive was no different."

That last drive, 75 yards in eight plays, was made necessary by one of Warner's three interceptions, which was returned 32 yards for a score by Denver's Terrell Buckley. It gave Denver, which trailed 35-20 late in the third quarter, a 36-35 lead.

But Warner then led a 75-yard drive capped by Robert Holcombe's 1-yard TD run with 2:58 left. And the defense, shredded all game by Brian Griese, finally asserted itself with sacks by D'Marco Farr and Kevin Carter.

"Why are we always so dramatic?" asked Carter in a reference to last January's Super Bowl, when Mike Jones' tackle stopped Tennessee's Kevin Dyson a yard short of the tying touchdown on the game's final play.

It was just what the NFL wanted for Dennis Miller's first official Monday night telecast: a shootout in St. Louis.

"This was a game where if you like offense, it was fun to watch," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "If you liked defense, you picked the wrong one to go to."

In addition to the late game heroics, Az-Zahir Hakim went 86 yards on a punt return and took a short pass from Warner 80 yards for another score. Warner, who was 25-of-35, also had a 72-yard TD pass to Marshall Faulk on the same pattern on which Hakim

scored between them, the two passes covered perhaps 20 yards total laterally and the receivers did the rest.

The Broncos were nearly as effective on offense.

Despite losing running back Terrell Davis to a twisted left ankle in the second quarter, the Broncos moved the ball almost as well as the Rams although not as quickly. Olandis Gary replaced Davis and gained 80 yards in 13 carries.

Griese, who was 19-of-28 for 307 yards, threw for two TDs and ran for a third.

"Any time you come into their back yard and score some points and move the ball, you're doing fine," Shanahan said.

Both teams scored on all of their possessions in the second quarter until halftime stopped the Broncos.

And each scored again in the first two series of the second half, making it six scores in seven possessions with the difference the TDs scored by the Rams against field goals by the Broncos. In all, there were scores on eight of 10 possessions by both teams.

The win was the first as a head coach for Mike Martz, who was St. Louis' offensive coordinator last season and took over when Dick Vermeil retired after the Rams beat Tennessee in last January's Super Bowl.

Martz took the blame for the interception. "It was my call," he said. "We almost blew it. Fortunately, we were able to come back and put it in the end zone."

This was a shootout from the start.

Denver, coming off a 6-10 season after winning consecutive Super Bowls, made it look easy on its first possession, going 59 yards in just six plays to take a 7-0 lead on Griese's 8-yard bootleg. Davis had a 12-yard run on that series and Griese completed passes of 16 and 18 yards to Rod Smith and Duane Carswell.

Hakim tied it with his 86-yard return which he took

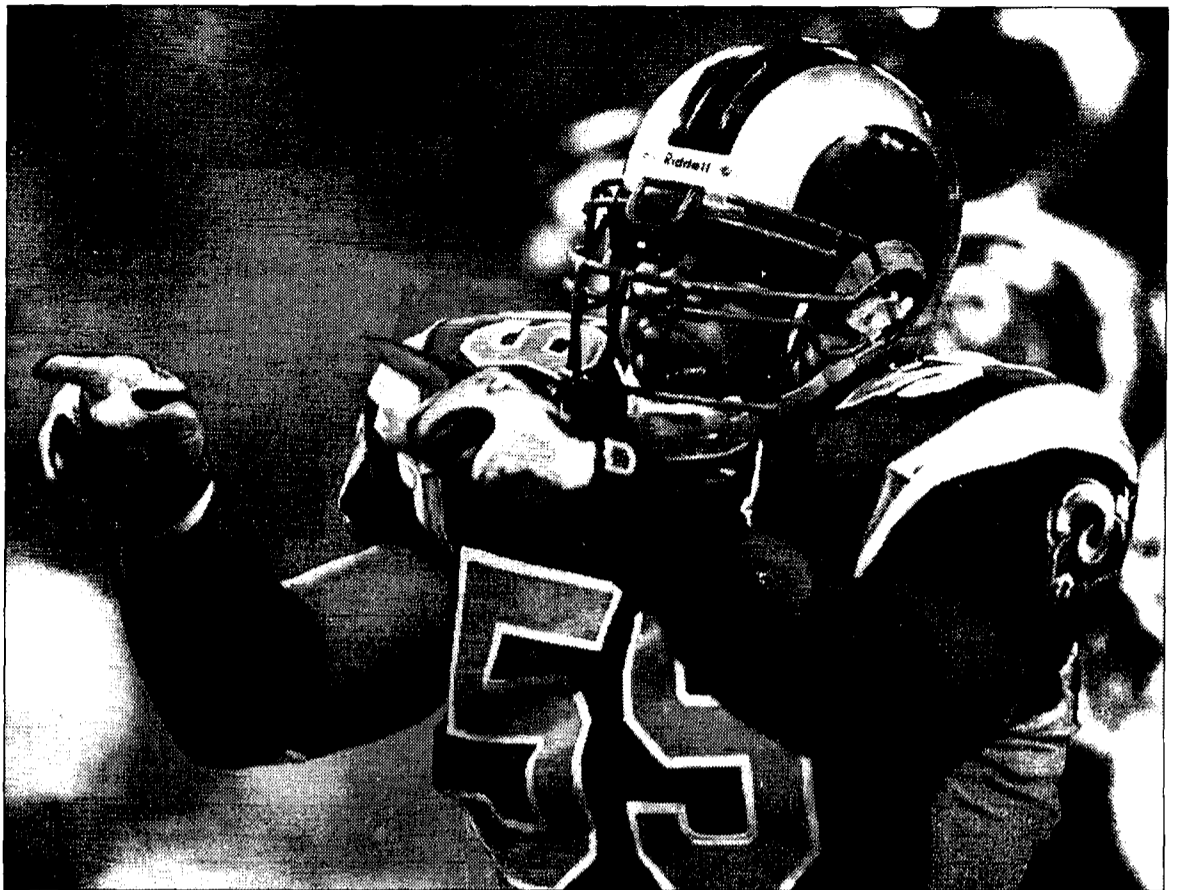


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Rams' linebacker London Fletcher celebrates after St. Louis' Monday Night Football victory over the Broncos. The Rams won the game 41-36 in the offensive shootout.

straight up the field and out-ran everyone.

Jason Elam's 32-yard field goal 1:18 into the second quarter gave the Broncos a 10-7 lead. But the Rams came back with a nine-play, 89-yard drive capped by Faulk's 5-yard TD run.

Then, after Griese hit Smith on a slant for a 25-yard score, the Rams came right back, going 77 yards on nine plays capped by Warner's 7-yard TD pass to Ricky Proehl and it

was 21-17 St. Louis at the half.

Elam's 38-yard field goal on the first series of the third quarter cut the Rams' lead to 21-20.

It was quickly 28-20.

On the second play after the kickoff, Warner threw the ball in the flat to Faulk who dodged two tacklers and took the ball 72 yards to the end zone.

But Griese came right back, driving the Broncos 67 yards


capped by a 7-yard TD pass to Desmond Clark.

Elam's 35-yarder made it 35-30.

Then came the final frantic shootout.

"It's the toughest first half I've ever had in my life," said Denver linebacker Bill Romanowski, who is in his 13th season. "When you're own offpups up 36 points, I don't care if you're playing the NFC Pro Bowl team, you've got to win it."

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Battle

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concerns. Nebraska opened its season on Saturday with a resounding 49-13 win over San Jose State. Led by Dan Alexander's 208 yards, the Cornhuskers' rushing offense gained 505 yards on 60 carries. Quarterback Eric Crouch struggled, completing 4 of 10 passes and throwing two interceptions but the junior from Omaha rushed for 57 yards on the ground.

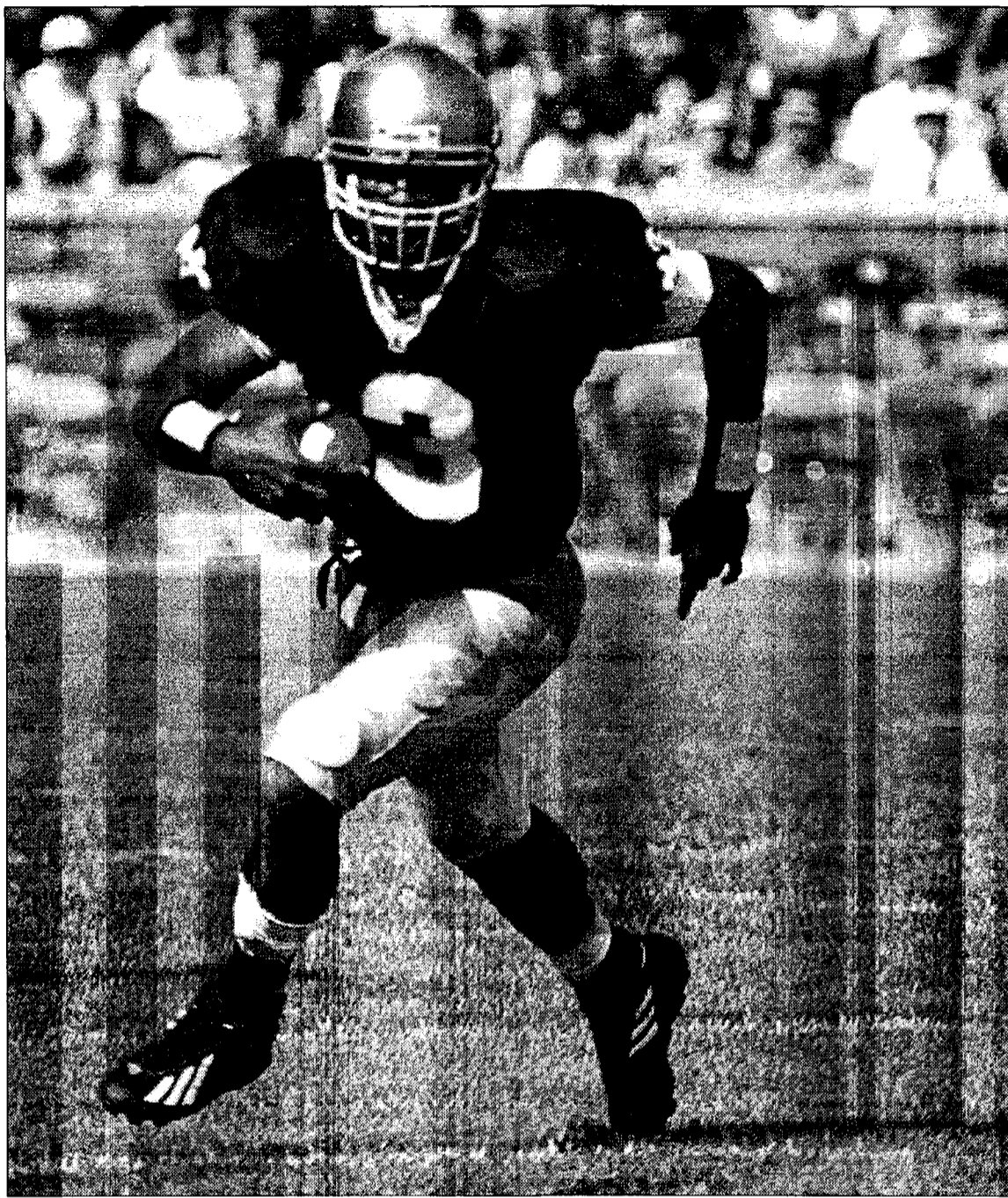
But the Nebraska defense may pose an even greater challenge for Battle and company. The unit features middle linebacker Carlos Polk, a Butkus Award candidate and cornerback Keyuo Craver, a Jim Thorpe award nominee. While their game plan is obviously set on the Cornhuskers this week, the Irish also devoted time during preseason camp analyzing the Nebraska defense.

"They give you so many crazy-looking deals with the fronts, linebackers, the blitzes," Battle said. "They do a great job of disguising a lot of things."

Battle's numbers (10 of 16 passing for 165 yards and two touchdowns and 50 yards rushing) in his first college start helped disprove the "can't pass" mentality. But, in order to shed that image, Battle needs to build on the strong opening season performance.

To counterattack Nebraska's swarming, aggressive defense and help his quarterback, Davie plans to continue spreading the passing game around among the tight ends, running backs and receivers. Against the Aggies, six different receivers caught passes, including fullback Tom Lopienski and tight ends Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary.

"It was kind of surprising to see Lopienski go to the flat,



Arnaz Battle led the Irish Saturday with two touchdown passes, 10 completions for 165 yards and 50 yards rushing.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

catch two big ones for me and turn them up field," Battle said. "It just goes to show the type of athletes we have."

In preparation for Nebraska,

Battle will watch more film, take snaps against a Nebraska-style defense in practice, and, like he did last Friday, Battle will call Jarious Jackson for

some encouragement.

And if Jackson had fallen out of bounds last year?

"I would have grabbed him," Battle said.

McVoy

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support is thanks to the efforts of a fantastic athletic director and her staff who have been working to present enthusiasm, unity, and pride to the entire Saint Mary's community.

Last year, Kachmarik, with the help of assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildebrandt, worked out the beginnings of a new kind of Saint Mary's student, one who was aware of her mind, her spirit, and her body.

This year, with the arrival of Sports Information Director Suzanne Smith, Kachmarik and Hildebrandt have taken those beginnings to a new level.

In a recent interview, Kachmarik said, "We're really trying to get a message out. It's not about one aspect of education."

So Kachmarik and Hildebrandt are beginning an education on the courts.

Starting this year, the newly formed Saint Mary's cheerleading squad will be cheering at all home basketball games and next year Hildebrandt and Kachmarik are looking at having the squad at volleyball and soccer games.

It is truly the advent of a new Saint Mary's student. Of course, now that Kachmarik and Hildebrandt have put the ball in our court — and literally the students have to give back. It's time to support the cheerleaders and the teams they support.

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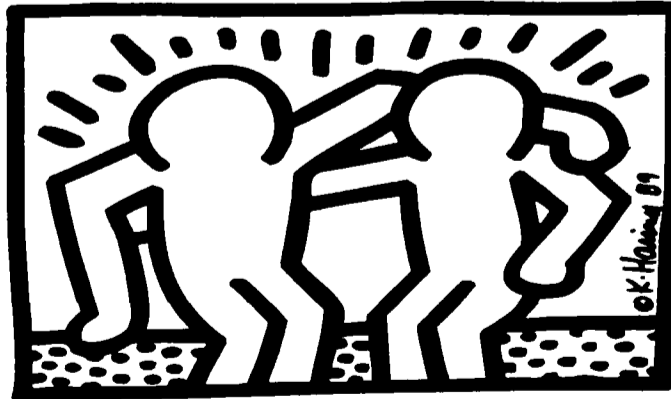
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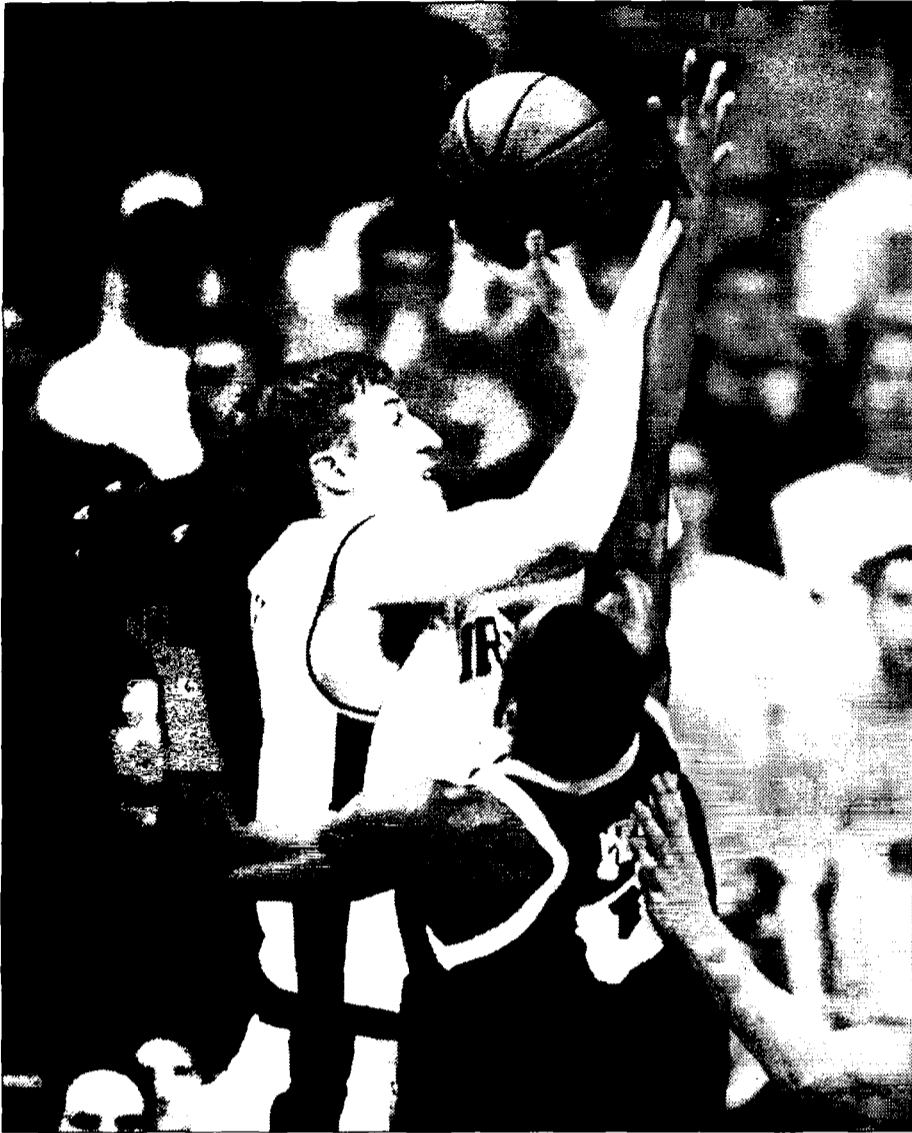
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy learns about more than basketball in Hawaii



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Junior forward Troy Murphy headed to Hawaii last week to play on the U.S. Men's Select team, losing to the U.S. Olympic team 111-74.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

It takes more than the average Joe to blow by All-American basketball player Troy Murphy.

Somebody like the 1998-99 NBA Rookie of the Year Vince Carter, for instance.

"I ended up covering him [Carter] in one of the scrimmages," Murphy said. "I've never felt so vulnerable in my life. It was kind of like pick your poison with him — he'll either pull up and shoot over you or go around you and dunk. Unfortunately he dunked on me a couple of times."

Murphy was one of 12 collegiate players picked to play on a U.S. Men's Select team that competed in Hawaii Saturday against the U.S. Olympic team.

The Olympic Dream Team III defeated the collegians squarely 111-74, leaving a big impression on its opponents.

Murphy, who scored four points and pulled down three rebounds in the exhibition game, found himself in awe of Carter's athleticism and Alonzo Mourning's size.

What impressed him even more was the NBA players' work ethic.

"These guys are making 14, 15 million dollars a year, and then at the end of practice they run sprints," Murphy said. "Ray Allen is making 8 million dollars a year and shooting jump shots at the end of practice. Alonzo Mourning is running sprints long after everybody else has gone home."

The constant dedication to improve and stay on top of their game struck Murphy as the biggest lesson of the trip.

"Those guys have made it," the junior

power forward said. "Yet they continually want to get better. They're not satisfied. That sticks with me."

Dream Team III ran the gamut in its response to the NCAA players.

While some took time out of their schedule to pass on a few pointers to the collegians, others looked on it as their duty to put their younger counterparts in their places.

"Some of them kind of saw it as a rite of passage, to show us that they were still the guys that had to be beaten," Murphy said. "There were a couple guys, though, Ray Allen and Vin Baker, who went out of their way to get to know me and help me out."

Although guys like Murphy, Duke's Shane Battier and Jason Williams, Maryland's Terence Morris and Iowa State's Jamal Tinsley, all members of the Select team, are the elite among college players, they came in at a disadvantage.

Not only did they have less experience, they lacked time playing together to form a team and learn plays.

On the hardwood, the Select team couldn't compete with the NBA players yet. Off the court, the guys got to know each other and enjoy Hawaii at the same time.

"We went snorkeling one day," Murphy said. "But they gave us fish food to attract the fish, and we ended up throwing the fish food on each other instead of in the water. So that attracted the fish real close, and we didn't last too long."

Back on campus, Murphy values the chance to meet his childhood heroes face to face.

"It was great. I've got pictures up on my wall in my dorm room of those guys," Murphy said. "It's an experience that I'll cherish for a long, long time."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Toledo basks in glory of win over Alabama

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The broad smile UCLA coach Bob Toledo displayed Monday had probably been in place for nearly 48 hours — ever since the Bruins completed a dominating 35-24 victory over Alabama.

He said it was about to be replaced by a more serious look.

"They key thing now is we put it behind us," Toledo said after speaking in glowing terms of the Bruins' effort against the Crimson Tide.

"We worked too hard to not enjoy the victory," Toledo said. "It's my job now to make sure we put it behind us, starting with a team meeting at 3 o'clock today."

Unranked entering Saturday's opener at the Rose Bowl, UCLA is No. 16 in this week's Associated Press poll.

Alabama is 13th, down from No. 3. "The poll thing really baffles me," Toledo admitted. "I'm pleased we moved up in the rankings, but are you going on last year, or are you going on this year?"

"When you beat somebody, you should be ranked ahead of them."

The Bruins rolled up 396 yards in total offense against a defense that allowed an average of 100 yards less last season. The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, gained 265 yards against UCLA, which gave up 444.6 yards per game last year.

"I had said we had the best defensive group since I've been here," Toledo said. "They didn't score any points on our defense in the second half. Five times, we went three plays and out (on defense). One time, we went two plays and recovered a fumble."

"Offensively, we controlled the clock. That's something I wanted to do. I think the conditioning really showed. Our offensive line, our tight ends, our fullbacks, we were knocking guys off the

ball. They were very physical, (DeShaun) Foster was very physical."

Foster, plagued by a sprained ankle much of last season, when he gained only 375 yards, had a career-high 187 yards on a school record-tying 42 carries against Alabama.

"The impressive thing is he had 105

YAC yards — yards after contact," Toledo said.

When asked about Foster's heavy work load, Toledo smiled and said: "That was a piece of cake compared to what he did in high school. He is physically capable of doing that. I don't particularly want him to carry the ball 42 times a game. If that's what we need to do, maybe I'll give him two scholarships."

Foster said he was a little sore Sunday, but felt fine Monday.

"However many times they ask me to carry the ball, I'll carry it," said Foster, who recalled carrying the ball 44 times once in high school.

"The poll thing really baffles me. I'm pleased we moved up in the rankings, but are you going on last year or are you going on this year?"

Bob Toledo
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maintain the scoreless tie. Neither team was able to come up with much offense in the two overtime sessions, and the game ended without a goal.

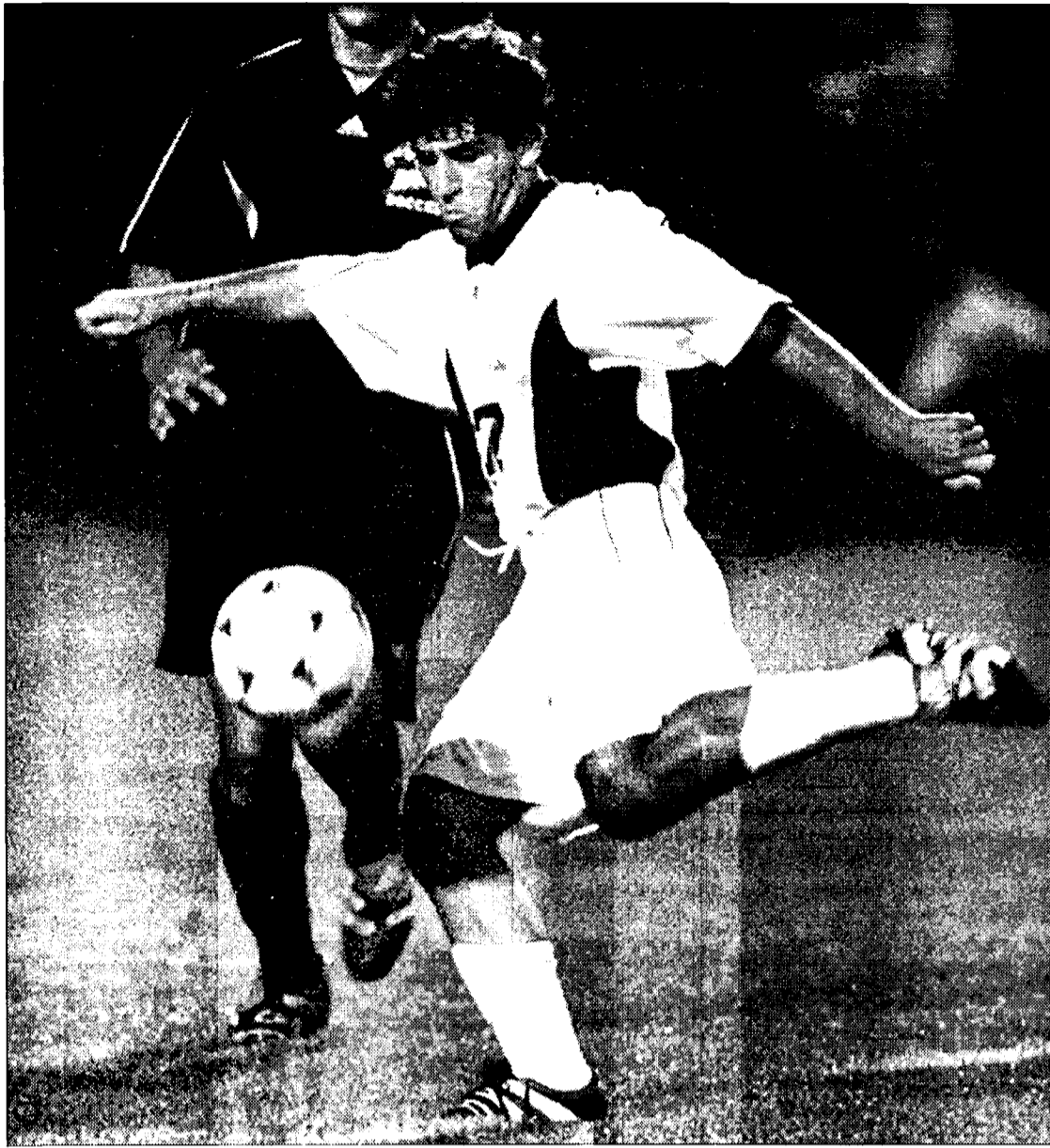
Avery was impressed with his team's depth, as they played two overtimes in the scorching desert heat.

"On Sunday we played 18 players. That shows tremendous depth," said Avery. "We didn't mince meat when the guys came in off the bench. We're really excited about how deep our bench is."

Friday's game against New Mexico was quite impressive on both ends of the field. The offense put the Irish ahead early as Senior Reggie McKnight was fouled in the penalty box. As McKnight dribbled the ball into the box, a Lobo defender came up and tackled him from the side. Classmate Griffin Howard put the penalty kick past the goalkeeper for the first Irish tally of the day.

The goal was a career first for Howard, who had just seven games played coming into the season. Howard credits McKnight for the opportunity. "It was a penalty kick," said Howard. "Reggie McKnight did all the hard work."

The Irish added an insurance goal late in the game as freshman Devon Prescod scored unassisted with 10:06 remaining. The goal was Prescod's first regular season score, after scoring once in the preseason.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Sophomore defender Justin Ratcliffe preserved Notre Dame's shutout of the University of Nevada - Las Vegas with a key save late in the second half of Sunday's matchup.

In the season opener, it was defense that proved to be the team's strength. Tait saw the

defensive game as a strong team effort.

"There's some great senior leadership out of Steve Maio, Conner LaRose, and Griffin Howard. I think those guys really helped lead the team in just giving everything they had every single minute," said

Tait. "Also, with Andy Forstner and Greg Martin, I couldn't ask anything more out of those guys. They really put their hearts out on the field."

The Irish open their home season Wednesday night at Alumni Field against regional

MEN'S SOCCER

Tait earns conference accolades

Special to The Observer

Goalkeeper Greg Tait, from Fayetteville, N.Y. was named the Big East Goalkeeper of the Week for the first week of the season.

He posted shutouts in his first two collegiate starts at the UNLV Fila/Snickers Rebel Classic in Las Vegas, Nev. over the weekend. The Notre Dame sophomore earns the award for the first time in his career after helping the Irish men's soccer team to a 1-0-1 record in the two games.

Tait played in just three games as a freshman and logged only 35:30 minutes of action until this weekend's tournament. In the Rebel Classic, Tait played all 210 minutes of both contests and registered nine saves. He was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament after making five saves against the Lobos and four against UNLV.

The Irish, under first-year head coach Chris Apple, return to action on Wednesday, Sept. 6 when they host Bradley in the home opener at Alumni Field. Notre Dame plays its BIG EAST opener on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Boston College.

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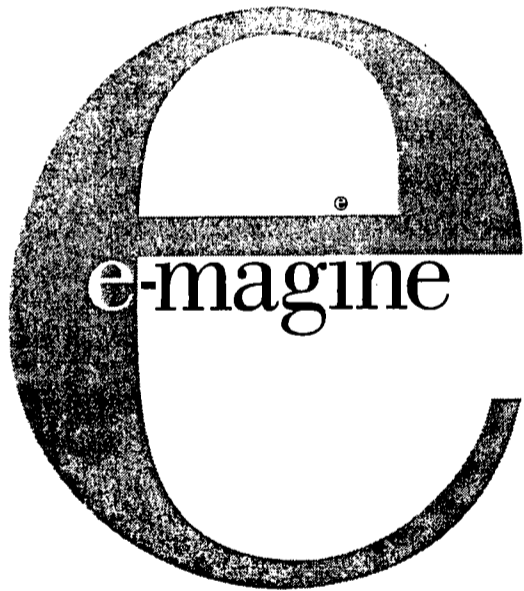
Big East honors Boylan

Special to The Observer

Senior Denise Boylan was named Big East Player of the Week on Monday. The Irish setter, who was selected as the 2000 preseason Big East Player of the Year, helped Notre Dame team win three matches during the Shamrock Invitational over the weekend. The Irish defeated Fairfield in three games, rallied for a five-game victory over No.15 Brigham Young University after being down two games to none, and added a three-game victory over Clemson.

Boylan performed her best when the Brigham Young University match was on the line Saturday night. Boylan's ball control allowed the Irish to post a .421 hitting percentage in the deciding game and she totaled 50 assists, 10 digs, three kills and three blocks in the match. Her spectacular play throughout the tournament earned her the Shamrock Invitational tournament Most Valuable Player honor.

Notre Dame will return to the court on Friday when the 2000 Adidas Invitational begins. Top-25 ranked teams UCLA, Nebraska and Michigan State will visit the Joyce Center for a round-robin tournament.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Muth leads Belles in rough victory over Scots

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Heather Muth spent a lot of time on the ground Monday, as the Belles soccer team slugged their way through a 2-0 victory against the Alma Scots.

But while her uniform was a little dirty, the victory was worth it.

"They were pretty rough," Belles co-captain Heather Muth said. "I was on the ground about every four minutes."

The victory puts the Belles at 1-0 on the season, in a tough-fought match that found the Belles giving as much as they got back in return.

The Belles finished the game with 12 fouls to the Scots' eight.

Kristin Shea, a sophomore sweeper for Alma, drew the first yellow card of the game halfway through the first half. Jessica Klink, also a co-captain for the Belles, earned a yellow with 9 minutes to go in the game.

"They came out a lot more physical in the second half," said head coach Jason

Milligan. "But we started off real strong. It was a great way to start the season."

Stephanie Artnak found the net first for the Belles at the 15 minute mark, on her second career penalty kick.

The first, an indirect, went just wide of the right post. The second went deep into the corner and past Scots goalie Paula Schwarz.

"It was really intimidating at first," Artnak said. "But it was neat to score on a penalty kick because in high school I was never the one to take that kick."

While the Scots game back with a shot of their own, Belles goalie and co-captain Tia Kappahn stopped any and all attempts for the first shutout of her career.

Just 10 minutes later, the Belles had the ball deep in Scots territory and freshman Kristin Greenwood passed to Muth to put the Belles up 2-0 over the Scots.

"After the Bethel game everyone realized that if we don't come out 100 percent at the start of the game, then we'll be playing catch up the rest of the game," Muth, a sophomore and scoring veter-



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Sophomore Lynn Taylor was one of six midfielders with shots on goal against Alma on Monday. The Belles recorded a 2-0 shutout against the Scots at Monday's home opener.



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

The Belles soccer team faces DePauw and Rose-Hulman this weekend, where they hope to build on Monday's victo-

an for the Belles, said. "We knew what we had to do today. We came out on fire right from the whistle."

The Bethel scrimmage, a 3-2 victory for Saint Mary's Aug. 24, saw the Belles start out slow and only pick up after the Lady Pilots had taken the lead by two.

The contest against Alma was a different story.

"We did a good job of taking advantage of our opportuni-

ties," Milligan said. "We moved the ball around well."

Artnak, a powerhouse at center midfield, led the Belles with five shots against Alma, while Muth, Lynn Taylor, Catherine Valent, Laura Paulen, and Shawna Jiannoni each attempted once for the Belles, who were outshot by the Scots 17-10.

Kappahn had eight saves for the Belles while Schwarz finished with four.

"Everybody got a chance to play," Milligan said of his team. "Everybody contributed to the result which I thought was wonderful."

The team credited the unusually large home crowd for inspiring them to victory.

"It's so much more fun to play for fans," Taylor said.

The Belles travel first to face DePauw Sept. 9 and then to Terre Haute to compete against Rose-Hulman Sept. 10.

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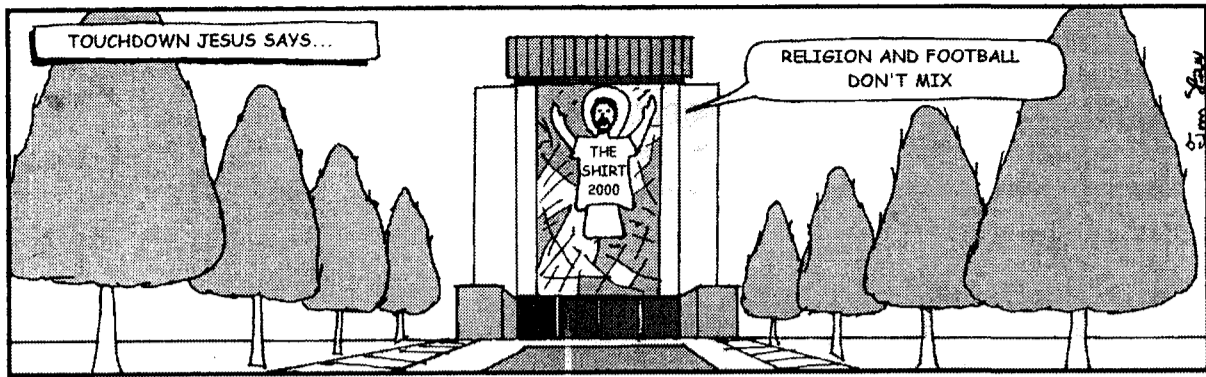
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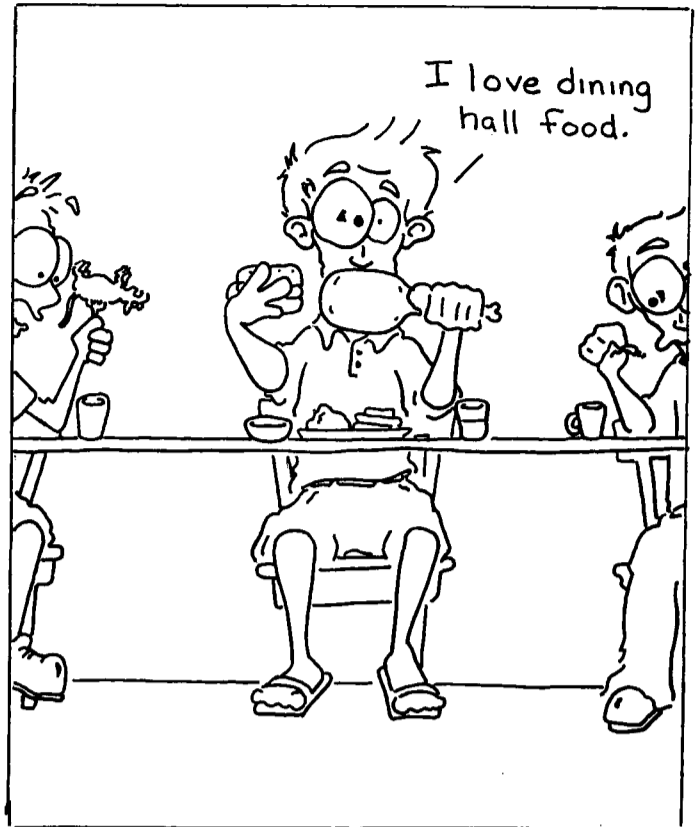
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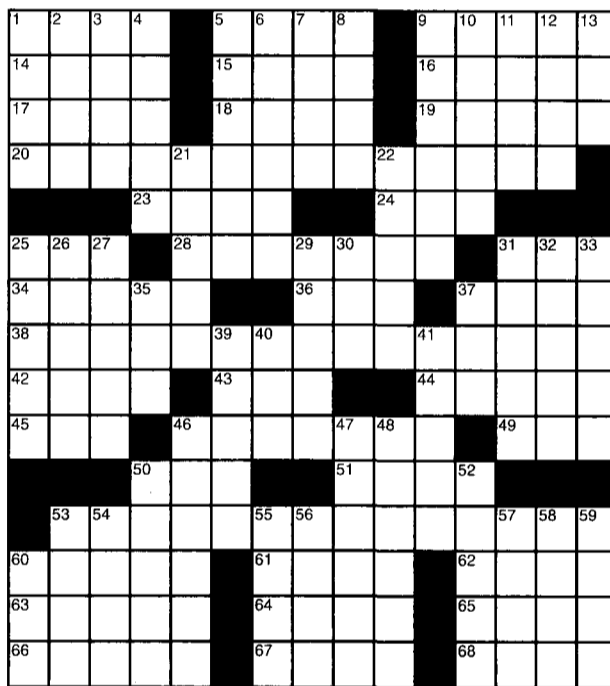


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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your interest in picking up new information or skills is growing. Sign up for seminars or courses that offer a challenge. You'll quit if you get bored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have greater concern with your future security. Check out retirement plans that offer guarantees. Stress due to worry has been wearing you down. Get busy doing things you enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have to make a decision regarding your personal partner. The infatuations that you've been experiencing may be due to something you are lacking in your emotional relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your desire for love lead you into a foolish pursuit. One-sided romantic attractions will be emotional and could damage your reputation if you are too demonstrative about your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll make lasting friendships if you get involved in organizations. Your beliefs and attitudes will be respected by others. Move into a leadership position. You belong in the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't blow situations out of proportion. You could lose a good friend if you are critical and stubborn. Get all the facts, and don't be too eager to point your finger at others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen to those having more experience. Travel and educational pursuits will enrich your vision. You will prosper through making new friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money-making ventures look interesting. Take a closer look, but don't take too much time deciding. Your intuitive instincts will lead you in the most prosperous direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let your partner play mind games with you. Stand up for your rights and speak your mind. If he tries to put all the blame on you, be prepared to let him know what his faults are.

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Birthdays: You were born with the desire to live life to the fullest. You must, however, make sure that you aren't overindulgent in the process. You are strong both physically and mentally and can accomplish a lot throughout life as long as you aren't too stubborn to compromise when necessary.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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The Belles open their season
with a 2-0 shutout of the
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MEN'S SOCCER

Tait records 2 shutouts for Irish in Classic

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

After losing veteran Gerick Short to graduation, the Irish men's soccer team was left with two sophomore goalkeepers who had combined to play only 35:30 last season.

After the final pre-season practice this summer, rookie head coach Chris Apple



Apple

named Greg Tait his starter. Any questions about the team's stability in goal were answered as Tait posted two shutouts and the Irish recorded a 1-0-1 record at the UNLV Fila/Snickers Rebel Classic over the weekend. The Irish defeated New Mexico 2-0 on Friday night before playing to a scoreless tie versus host Nevada-Las Vegas on Sunday. Tait earned both tournament Most Valuable Player honors and Big East Goalkeeper of the Week honors for his efforts. Tait praises the team's strong defense in helping him earn the award.

"It's real exciting, I'm real

grateful for it," he said. "The whole defense played really well for me. They made it possible for me to get that award."

Playing particularly well was sophomore Andy Forstner. The second-year starter from Germany was named the tournament's most valuable defensive player.

"Having those two awards given to our goalkeeper and our central defender, that shows that our team as a whole is defending very well," said assistant coach Mike Avery. "That was something that we put a premium on coming into the tournament. We had two shutouts against

two high powered teams. We felt really good about that."

Sunday's game against the Rebels pitted two strong defensive teams. The Irish came out on the offensive, tallying six shots in the first half. However, they were unable to capitalize on any of these opportunities.

They came closest to scoring after halftime, as freshman Justin Detter had was only a diving save by Rebel goalkeeper Scott Winstead away from putting the Irish ahead. Later in the second half, Irish sophomore Justin Ratcliffe made a save from the back to

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Kachmarik redefines athletics

Pom-poms, smiles, and cheering. "Go blue! Go white! Team fight!"

This is an image that is familiar to all of us. We've seen it at high school basketball games, college football games, and even from the infamous Dallas Cowboys' cheerleaders.

But at a Saint Mary's volleyball game? Now that's news.

For years, there were members of the Saint Mary's community that didn't even know that we had sports teams. However, things in the Belles athletic facility are changing. Athletic director Lynn Kachmarik has redefined the Saint Mary's athletic department and renewed the school's spirit. Leading this rebirth is the newly formed Saint Mary's cheerleading squad.

Who would have thought that the Saint Mary's student body would ever want a cheerleading squad? Athletic teams have been begging for support for years, hoping fans make it to at least one home game. Now there are women clamoring to be part of this new club that will lead the quest for Belles pride. During activities night nearly 40 first-year women showed interest, and last night, at the first informational meeting, 50 women came to find out how they can support their classmates.

Why the recent interest in Saint Mary's sports?

It could be that Saint Mary's students are finally realizing the importance of the total student, body and mind. And with that realization they are looking to support those well-rounded individuals that take on education in the classroom and on the courts.

Maybe it is an increased pride in an integral part of this college that has been left in the shadows for years. That part could only lay in the background for so long before something forced it to the forefront.

That time is now.
Or maybe this newfound

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Katie McVoy

Inside Saint
Mary's Sports

FOOTBALL

Battle fights injuries after season opener

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Talk about a scare. On the third play of Saturday's game against Texas A&M, Arnaz Battle rolled to his left, gained three yards and was shoved out-of-bounds by several Aggie defenders. After being pushed, Battle hurdled a bench on the Notre Dame sidelines and collided into a concrete wall.

His nearly 100 teammates were nowhere in sight.

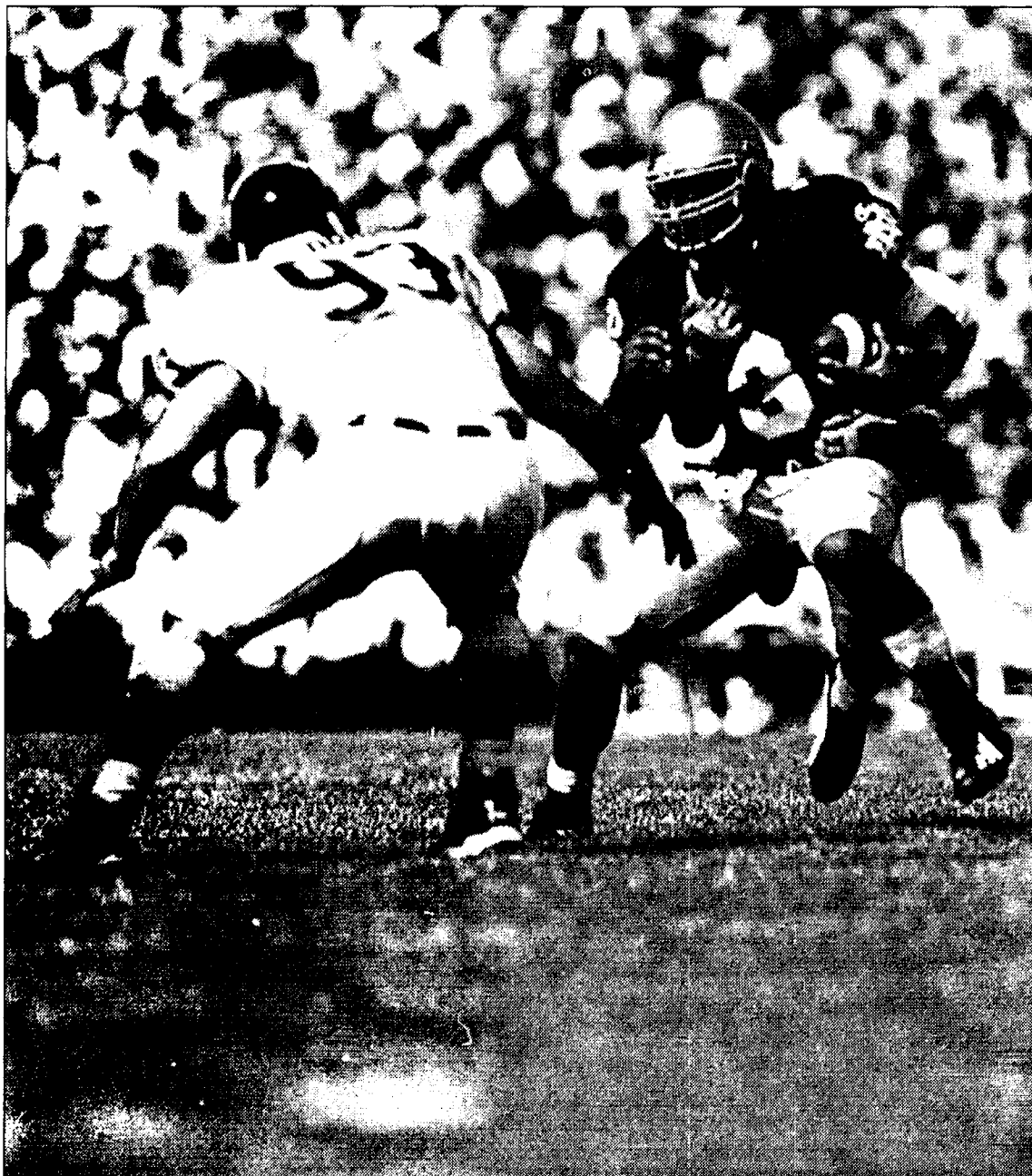
"They parted like the Red Sea," Battle said Monday. "I thought someone would grab me. I'm going to watch that film and find out who moved."

That incident was not the only potential setback for the Irish quarterback. In the second quarter, Battle sprained his right ankle but did not leave the contest. At halftime trainer Jim Russ adhered to the slight injury, re-taping the ankle. Following the game, Battle received five stitches in his left shin.

He wore an air cast to Monday morning's press conference but handled every snap in the afternoon practice.

"He'll be fine," coach Bob Davie said after Monday's practice.

Good thing for the Irish. With top-ranked Nebraska and their allegiance of fans rolling into town this weekend an injury to the Irish starter could cause additional major concerns. Nebraska opened



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Irish quarterback Arnaz Battle dodges Aggie defensive end Evan Perroni Saturday in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over Texas A&M. Battle is recovering from minor injuries this week.

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