

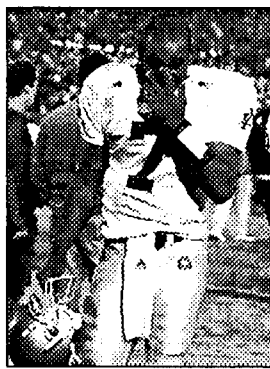
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Virus infects 200 Notre Dame students

By COLLEEN GANEY
News Writer

An unnamed gastrointestinal virus infected over 200 Notre Dame students in the past 10 days, according to Notre Dame Health Services.

Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, a low-grade fever and diarrhea, but should not be confused with influenza, which is an upper respiratory virus marked by coughing and a high fever.

As with all viruses, time is the only remedy, according to Health Services. This virus usually lasts anywhere from 12 to 48 hours.

"It's a fairly normal illness that

is highly contagious," said Matt Storin, vice president of Communications at Notre Dame.

The virus thrives in closed communities like a college campus. It has also affected South Bend schools and Channel 16 employees, which may explain their coverage of it Monday night.

The bug usually affects the most number of people after winter break, but has swept through campus early this year.

"The overnight census is up," according to Pat Brubaker, assistant director of University Health Services.

"If students share air or spit, the virus is going to get passed."

Pat Brubaker
assistant director of
University Health Services

The infirmary usually has three to four overnight patients suffering from the disease during the week before Thanksgiving, but this year Health Services

was averaging eight students per night.

In fact, the infirmary closed its doors from Nov. 25 until today in

order to prevent a campus outbreak. Lodging several infected patients could have spread it to students visiting Health Services for other reasons.

"If students share air or spit, the virus is going to get passed," Brubaker said, specifying that drinking glasses, doorknobs and keyboards are convenient modes of transfer.

She emphasizes that hand washing is the best way to ward off the disease.

"Health Services is not alarmed at all," said Storin.

Some people can ride out the disease without seeking medical attention, but they must still be conscientious.

After vomiting begins, Brubaker said, "The best thing is to give the guts a vacation for two to four hours."

During this time, people shouldn't ingest any food or liquids, including water.

They should then consume clear liquids. Powerade and Popsicles are good options, he said, but not milk or orange juice.

Brubaker said that people should seek assistance if they become dehydrated.

"When you can't keep up with what you're putting out, [then] go to the health center," she said.

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ND grad commands space shuttle

◆ **Mission focused
on improving
station's equipment**

By HELENA PAYNE
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Notre Dame graduate and commander of the space shuttle Endeavour Jim Wetherbee landed Monday after an 11-day mission to the international space station that orbits 240 miles above Earth.

Wetherbee, a 1974 alumnus, majored in aerospace engineering and has been with NASA since 1984 when he was selected to be an astronaut.

"Building the International Space Station orbit is an incredible engineering [feat]," said NASA spokeswoman Kylie Moritz.

While leading the Endeavour mission, Wetherbee has worked primarily with Russian cosmonauts and U.S. astronauts in an international effort to learn more about the effects microgravity on the human body.

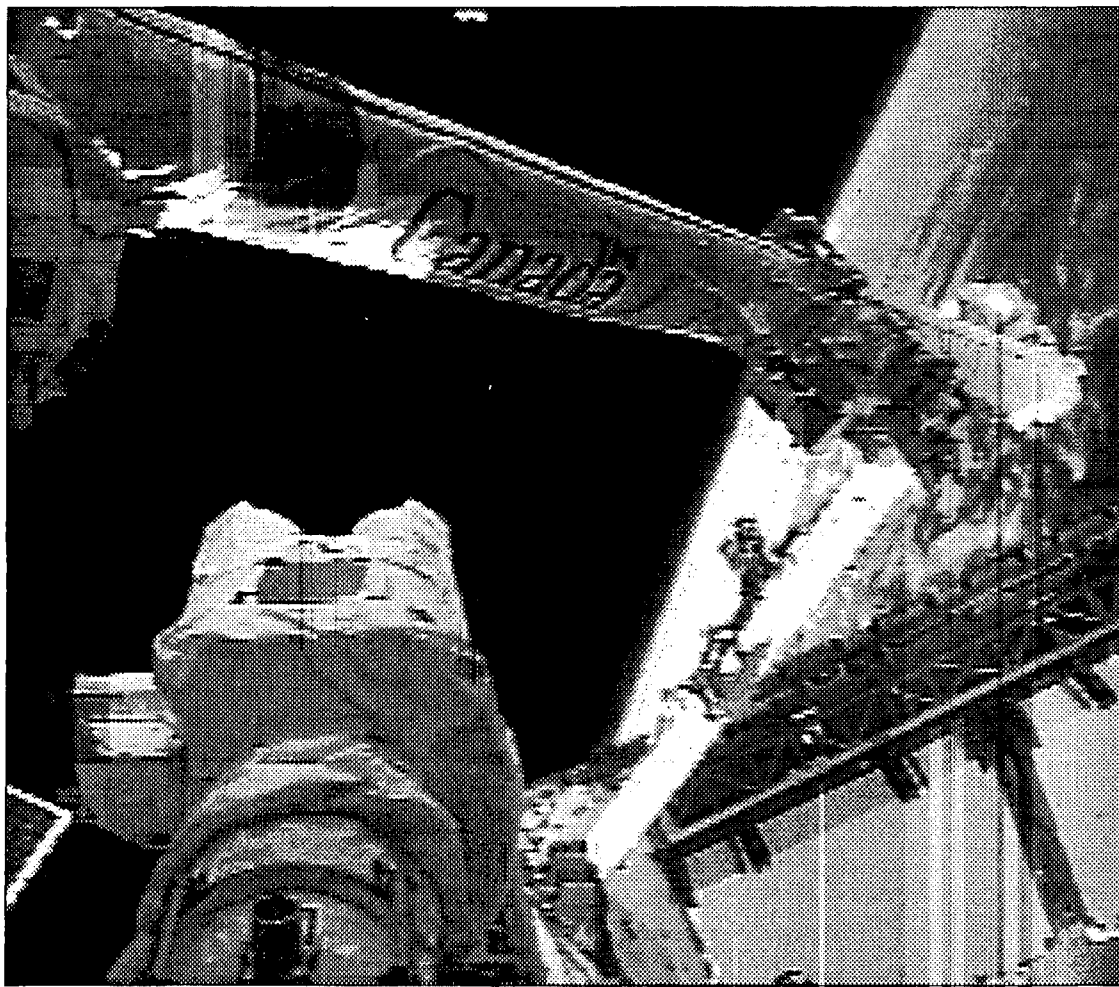
"The fact they're working together gains a lot of experience for both of the nations," said Moritz.

Along with Russia, the U.S. is working with about 16 countries, including representatives from the European Space Agency.

The Space Station has been inhabited for about two years and the most recent crew was the sixth that has gone.

Wetherbee, who has logged more than 1,200 hours in space, completed his sixth mission Monday.

The Endeavour left Nov. 23



The space shuttle Endeavour landed Monday after an 11-day mission to the international space station. The shuttle was commanded by 1974 Notre Dame graduate Jim Wetherbee.

with seven members on board to exchange three resident crew members who were at the Space Station. The crew remained in space for eight days before returning with seven people.

The new crew will stay on board until March, Moritz said, adding that missions are usually five months long.

During the mission, mem-

bers of the Endeavour installed a new segment, the Port Truss, which Moritz

"The fact they're working together gains a lot of experience for both of the nations."

Kylie Moritz
NASA spokeswoman

In addition to leading the mission, Wetherbee also provided some camera views of

activity occurring at the Space Station, Moritz said.

In addition to Wetherbee's position as a space shuttle commander, he is also a captain in the U.S. Navy and he served as the director of Flight Crew Operations Directorate, the office where the astronauts reside.

According to Moritz, space crews will be making trips to the International Space Station for the next 15 years.

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Prof aids UN program

By KIFLIN TURNER
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This spring, a professor will travel to a nation ready for change and ripe for international support.

The country of South Africa, coming off the heels of apartheid, is ready to compete in the global community is among the first in the world to participate in a new initiative introduced by Kofi Annan, secretary-general of the United Nations.

Annan is determined to give South Africa and other countries the chance to excel in a global market. With the efforts of Father Oliver Williams, Notre Dame associate professor of management, spearheading the campaign in South Africa, the project is slated to begin in January 2003.

The initiative sprouted from Annan's address at the Davos World Economic Forum three years ago resulting in the formation of the UN Global Compact composed of nine principles aimed to infuse humanity into economics. But the plan came full circle this year when the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, with Williams sitting as chair



Williams

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's Christmas

Well all the signs are here: ice, snow, frozen cars and falling students. It is winter in South Bend. Sitting at home not far away in Indianapolis, I watched the television weather guys go on about how bad the weather in South Bend was and talk about how lucky we were not to be there. Yeah, well not that lucky for me, I had to come back.



Sarah Nestor

While over the break I saw some snow flakes in Indy, none of it stuck around, and on the drive back there wasn't any snow until I got about a half hour away from the Bend. It just always surprises that even though I'm still in Indiana it feels like a different state up here.

It's not that I don't like winter but it's a lot nicer to be able to just sit in your room and enjoy a cup of tea, watching the snow fall through the window.

It's a lot different outside, trying to struggle through the cold wind and over icy sidewalks and already my car door froze shut. Luckily, I could get the passenger side open and I just crawled over to the driver's seat.

Of course, like most people, I enjoy the holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever you choose to celebrate), the end of the semester (if I don't go insane first) and I get the added bonus of celebrating my birthday (Dec. 31, in case you want to get me something), but I never fully realize how close the end of the year is until I see the snow.

Ultimately, the snow and ice always tells me that Christmas is almost here, making me want to listen to Christmas music and wrap presents. Instead of doing homework when I got back to campus Sunday night I decided to decorate my room with Christmas decor and watch A Christmas Story. This includes setting up my all important dorm Christmas tree, which isn't that hard since it is the size of my hand and just needs to be taken out of the box.

There is something about the season that definitely brings out the little kid in me. I still wake up before the sun is up on Christmas day, the only day of the year I'm up before 6 a.m., to ohh and ahh the tree. And even though I've grown up with snow my whole life, I still look forward to the first snowman of the season, snowball fights and snow angels.

With the start of the winter weather at least there are many things to look forward to because despite the drawbacks the positives outweigh the negatives.

So along with the snow, ice, winter coats and earmuffs at least you can be safe in the knowledge that the semester is almost over (can you tell I can't wait?) and the fun is just starting.

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Saint Mary's Board of Governance dedicated Monday's meeting to planning for the holidays.	U.N. weapons inspectors combed over the Karama ballistic design plant on Monday in the fifth day of renewed inspections	Michael Capellas quietly began work as WorldCom's latest CEO. WorldCom recently declared bankruptcy.	Student columnist Amy Schill rejects America's urge to consume, urging a simpler life.	Snoop Dogg's latest work, "Paid Tha Cost to be da Bo\$\$," isn't all that, according to The Observer music critics.	Notre Dame fell to the USC Trojans on Saturday. The Irish lost 44-13 in their worst game of the season.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture, "Organizing, Educating and Advocating." Bill Fletcher. DeBartolo Hall, room 141, 8 p.m.
- ◆ Ballroom dance lessons. Sponsored by the Ballroom Dance Club. Rockne Building, 8 p.m.
- ◆ Alumni Hall Night of Faith. Alumni Hall Chapel, Dec. 4, 9 p.m.
- ◆ Play, "Hamlet." The Not-so-Royal Shakespeare Company. DeBartolo Hall, room 101, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lecture. General Tilu Kera. Stapleton Lounge, 12:15 p.m.
- ◆ Junior Class Board Meeting. Haggard College Hall, room 303, 9 p.m.
- ◆ Senior Class Board Meeting. Haggard College Hall, room 304, 9 p.m.
- ◆ Lilly Challenge Pep Rally. Guest Speaker Tyrone Willingham. Angela Athletic Facility, 4:30 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Car hits fence, sign
NDSP responded to a report that a vehicle hit a warning sign and a fence on Angela Blvd on Saturday. There were no reported injuries.

Intoxicated driver arrested
A visitor was arrested on Saturday for driving intoxicated. The passenger was also issued a restraint violation.

NDSP cites driver
A driver on campus was issued a state citation on Friday for driving while suspended and exceeding the posted speed limit.

Visitors apprehended
NDSP apprehended two visitors outside of Knott Hall on Friday. The case is currently under investigation.

Lost bike recovered
An abandoned bike was found on Friday and taken to the Security Building.

Compiled from NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, herb-garlic russet potatoes, haddock with herbs and chicken strips.

Today's Dinner: Fried cheese ravioli, sherried chicken thighs, grilled redfish, couscous, french dip sandwich, french fries, chicken and pea pod stir fry.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Basil pepper tomato mostaccioli, Italian sausage marinara, sausage-pizza, pretzel sticks, chicken jambalaya, rotisserie chicken, fried cheese ravioli and chicken Acapulco.

Today's Dinner: Italian sausage marinara, four cheese pizza, buffalo chicken wings, grilled pork chops, sesame soy chicken and pork tamales.

Noble Family Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Turkey noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, club loafer, fresh tomato and pesto and cheese pizzas, deli bar, monte cristo sandwich, hamburger, french fries, bean burger, herbed pasta, Italian deli wrap, balsamic chicken and chicken wrap, roasted carrots, ranch beans, California sushi roll and fresh three bean salad.

Today's Dinner: Turkey noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, cheese enchiladas, bacon spinach alfredo and cheese pizzas, grilled chicken breast, Texas style grilled cheese sandwich, french fries and fettuccine.

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SMC takes action against FGM

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's is taking a stand against female genital mutilation (FGM), a practice common in parts of Africa.

Assistant professor of English Alexis Brooks-DeVita is provoking interest in the global issues by sharing her experience with FGM. She is currently urging the Saint Mary's community to sponsor women who have run away from their homes to escape FGM.

"I first read about it [FGM] occurring in my Diaspora class with Dr. Brooks-DeVita and then in my World Civilization class with [associate professor of history] Dr. Hamilton," said Katie Vincer, president of Holy Cross Hall and senior literature major.

Last summer Brooks-DeVita returned to her childhood home of Uganda to chair a panel on African/Diaspora women's literature at the Women's World 2002 Congress. Upon her return to campus she grappled with the memories and realized that some things needed to change in Uganda.

It is ideas like this one that prompted Vincer to complete her senior comprehensive on the book "Desert Flower: The Extraordinary Journey of a Desert Nomad" by Waris Dirie. The book describes the struggles and life of the Somali

native who runs away from an arranged marriage to an older man. She flees to England and must deal with her own FGM.

"Most startling is how severe and prevalent it [FGM] is. I also thought of it as part of African cultures and to find out that it is present in Europe, the Middle East and in the United States," said Vincer. "It could be in your backyard and you wouldn't even know about it. That's what really got me and that women don't have a choice."

Education is the key to understanding and helping women in the West and in Africa to understanding the logistics of FGM. The process facilitates the spread of AIDS and is detrimental to the health of the girls who the procedure is performed on, Vincer said.

"Informing women on FGM is one of the reasons why I wanted to do my senior comp on the book," she said. "Granted the problem may not be happening directly to us here at SMC, but someone coming from SMC may go into a position that effects the decisions on helping the eradication of FGM."

Student government at Saint Mary's has also become interested in pursuing the topic of FGM and educating the community on the issue by encouraging the donation of funds for the girls who are attempting to escape the procedure.

Donations are being sent to USA/Uganda godparents Association.

"The women who run the program help girls scheduled for circumcision to escape safely from their villages, put them in secondary school or teacher training colleges, and help them eventually return to their villages as self-supporting, high status young women able to earn their own livings and to bring honor to their families because of their enhanced prestige as educators," said Brooks-DeVita.

According to Sara Mahoney, president of the Student Diversity Board, the board has sent \$300 for the immediate relief efforts for the school in Uganda.

"We have all asked all of our board and club reps to bring this up at their next board meetings and we are asking for financial support of any amount after Thanksgiving," said Mahoney. "As of now, RHA has committed \$200."

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Sara Mahoney
president of Student Diversity Board

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Students gear up for holiday season

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

From feeding to entertaining the student body, Saint Mary's Board of Governance is spreading cheer this Christmas season.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body vice president, acknowledges the value of holiday oriented activities.

"It makes people feel more at home and it is a good stress buster when people need it," she said.

Festivities start this Thursday with the annual Christmas Around the World from 5-7 p.m. in LeMans Lobby. Many clubs and organizations will be sponsoring tables of food, crafts and entertainment from countries around the world.

"Christmas Around the World is a good show case for clubs," Jablonski-Diehl said. "It gives people in clubs like the Irish dance club an opportunity to show off their talents and hard work."

The holiday spirit will continue when the class boards carol throughout the residence halls on Dec. 12 to raise money for 22 Ways of Giving.

"It will be really exciting for students to have a little bit of Christmas brought to them right around the holidays," Sarah Brown, sophomore class president said.

In addition to the sounds of Christmas, the smell of the season will fill residence halls with blessed and decorated Christmas trees.

"Seeing the trees makes me think of the tree my family will have at my house," Kate Weiss, resident of LeMans Hall said. "It gets me excited to go home for the holidays."

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Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl
Saint Mary's
student body vice president

Getting people home for the holidays ends the student government's seasonal service to students. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame student governments will be funding trans-

portation from campus to the airport for Christmas Break travel, dates and times are still to be decided.

"This was a good service for students for Thanksgiving travel so we have decided to provide the service again," Notre Dame representative Mark Hayes said.

Other BOG News:

◆ Pictures from Senior Dad's Weekend are available to view and order online.

◆ Deposits for the Senior Dance will be \$50 and due before break.

◆ Seniors will have a reflection weekend from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 at Moreau Seminary.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Lack of attendance slows body's progress

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The Campus Life Council did not conduct any official business during its Monday meeting because not enough council members were in attendance to meet the three-fourths attendance rule.

The leadership and the communication task forces did informally report to those council members who were present on the status of their projects.

Jane Ong of the communications task force told the CLC that the small details of a new student events Web

site are currently being worked out. The Web site will display daily events and activities in a calendar format.

The leadership task force reported on its decision not to create a new Web site. Instead, the task force is considering instituting a leadership program similar to one that exists at Creighton University. The Creighton program consists of a series of extracurricular activities that immerse participants in the study and practice of leadership.

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Sen. Kerry increases criticism of president

Associated Press

BOSTON

Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry attacked the Bush administration Monday, saying it gave a boost to insurance companies last week while allowing 1 million people to lose their unemployment benefits just after Christmas.

"This administration is willing to do terrorism insurance for big industry, but they weren't willing to do unemployment compensation for people who are out of work," the senator from Massachusetts said a day after announcing he would form a presidential exploratory committee. "That's the big difference in how we approach the economy."

The White House said Kerry was making a political jab at the president.

"It's the political season beginning for the Democrats," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan. "The American people know that the president has demonstrated leadership in fighting the war on terrorism and fighting for economic security for the American people. That's the president's focus."

Congress adjourned for the year without extending jobless benefits for laid-off workers facing the expiration of federal unemployment compensation starting Dec. 28.

Last week, President Bush signed a bill that would reimburse the insurance industry up to \$100 billion in a future terror attack.

At a news conference Monday, Kerry gave a brief preview of his economic plan, which he planned to lay out Tuesday in Cleveland.

He charged that Bush is focusing on his tax cut while overlooking the plight of working Americans.

"President Bush, beginning with the snows of New Hampshire in the year 2000, has consistently talked about only a tax cut for the wealthiest Americans as his one program," Kerry said.

Kerry reiterated his call for a "tax break to the working families of America now in the form of a payroll tax deduction." He also said he would call for some spending cuts, business tax incentives and "a major infrastructure investment in America."

"We need to invest in our cities, in our rural communities," Kerry said. "This administration has ignored that and that's how you put people back to work."

Kerry, a leading Senate liberal and a decorated Vietnam War veteran, announced his presidential intentions Sunday. He said an official announcement of his candidacy is months away.

Exploratory committees are established by budding candidates mainly to raise money, finance travels and help gauge voter support.

Asked Sunday night about the prospect of running against Kerry, Bush smiled at reporters but said nothing.

Kerry, a 58-year-old former prosecutor first elected to the Senate in 1984, was unopposed for re-election in November to a fourth term.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean already is running for president. Former Vice President Al Gore, the 2000 nominee, and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards expect to disclose their plans after Christmas. Outgoing House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri is expected to begin telling colleagues whether he plans to run.

Violence against police reaches 4-year high

Associated Press

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks produced the single deadliest day in the history of U.S. law enforcement — 72 officers killed — yet almost as many died in nonterrorist incidents during 2001 as violence against police rose to a four-year high.

The collapse of the World Trade Center in New York after the twin towers were struck by hijacked airliners accounted for 71 of last year's 142 law enforcement killings, the FBI reported Monday. The 72nd victim was a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer who died when a plane commandeered by terrorists crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

Overshadowed by the enormity of those numbers is another statistic: 70 other law enforcement officers were killed by criminals around the

country in 2001, the highest number since 1997 and a 37 percent increase over the 51 slain in 2000.

"Law enforcement is a high-risk occupation," the FBI report says. "The men and women who serve the public in this way place themselves in danger as a matter of routine."

Still, the nonterrorism deaths are far below those recorded in the 1970s, when it was common for more than 200 officers to die violently or in accidents every year, said Craig Floyd, chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington. That number for 2001 would be about 148.

"Fewer police are being killed in the line of duty than there were 30 years ago," Floyd said. "We've got more police on the street than we've ever had. They have better training and they're no longer outgunned by the criminals."

Williams

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and director, invited the UN to hold a dialogue on the Compact in efforts to amass more prominent U.S. corporate support on human rights, labor and environmental values.

"Kofi Annan had the strong conviction that if the UN is to be relevant today that it must enlist the help of multinational companies," said Williams. "[He] argued that shared values provide a stable environment for a world market and that without these explicit values businesses could expect backlashes from protectionism, populism, fanaticism and terrorism," he said.

Expecting to serve a one-year appointment to the National Global Compact Network, Williams along with members of the UN will attempt to forge together broad corporate support in placing South Africa in the position to compete in the global market.

"In the world we live in, we've got to find some way to have ground rules for the global economy so that there is a level playing field," said Williams. "We must find some way to develop moral standards that will be followed by all multinational companies; that is the role of the UN Global Compact."

But persuading companies to voluntarily adopt the Compact is sometimes a diffi-

cult matter — especially U.S. multinationals. With over two hundred companies joining the Compact, only five U.S. companies have chosen to become members.

Williams pointed out that while most international multinational companies are committed to helping South Africa, developed countries, like the U.S. that could potentially influence local financial markets, remain hesitant to commit to the Compact primarily because of issues surrounding accountability and human rights.

While the Compact lacks any legal stipulations in the event that a company neglects the code of conduct, Williams stated that the media often acts as a deterrent and as means of enforcement in international affairs.

"We don't have a world government so there are no sanctions or jails for multinationals that break the rules in developing countries, but bad behavior can be exposed by the press and that exposure can be a powerful corrective," said Williams.

Companies are also weary

of adopting the Compact because of the substantial increase in social responsibility.

"Given the great power of multinational companies in the global economy, it is only right that they should have more responsibilities in bringing peace and harmony to troubled parts of the world," said Williams.

Also serving as chair on the U.S. board of the United States-South African Leadership Development Program (USSALEP), Williams hopes to apply his experience in building business relationships at the local level.

"[USSALEP] has brought me in touch with a number of companies in South Africa," said Williams. "Perhaps my contribution in South Africa will be to interest more companies in joining the UN Global Compact."

The moral implications are great but imperative, according to Williams.

"I am extremely happy to assist the UN in this noble cause and I hope and pray that the Global Compact will yield much good fruit for the

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Father Oliver Williams
management professor

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IRAQ

U.N. weapons inspectors search Iraqi missile plant

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

It was combed over by inspectors, then blasted for days by U.S. air attack. But four years later the Karama ballistic design plant is still a focus of world concern, a place where new U.N. inspectors Monday conducted their longest search yet, looking for signs of outlawed Iraqi missiles.

After six hours in the well-guarded Baghdad compound, they departed, and the plant's deputy director said all went well. "They didn't find anything," Brig. Mohammed Salah told reporters.

The inspectors, as usual, had no immediate comment for waiting journalists. But a U.N. report later Monday said some equipment of interest at Karama was missing. The Iraqis said some of the missing equipment had been destroyed in U.S. air attacks and some had been transferred.

It was the fifth day of renewed arms inspections after a four-year break. Until Monday, the longest inspections had been running about four hours, some much shorter.

The inspections come under a new U.N. Security Council mandate requiring Iraq to shut down any nuclear, chemical or

biological weapons programs as well as any facilities to build missiles with more than the 90-mile range allowed under U.N. resolutions after the 1991 Gulf War.

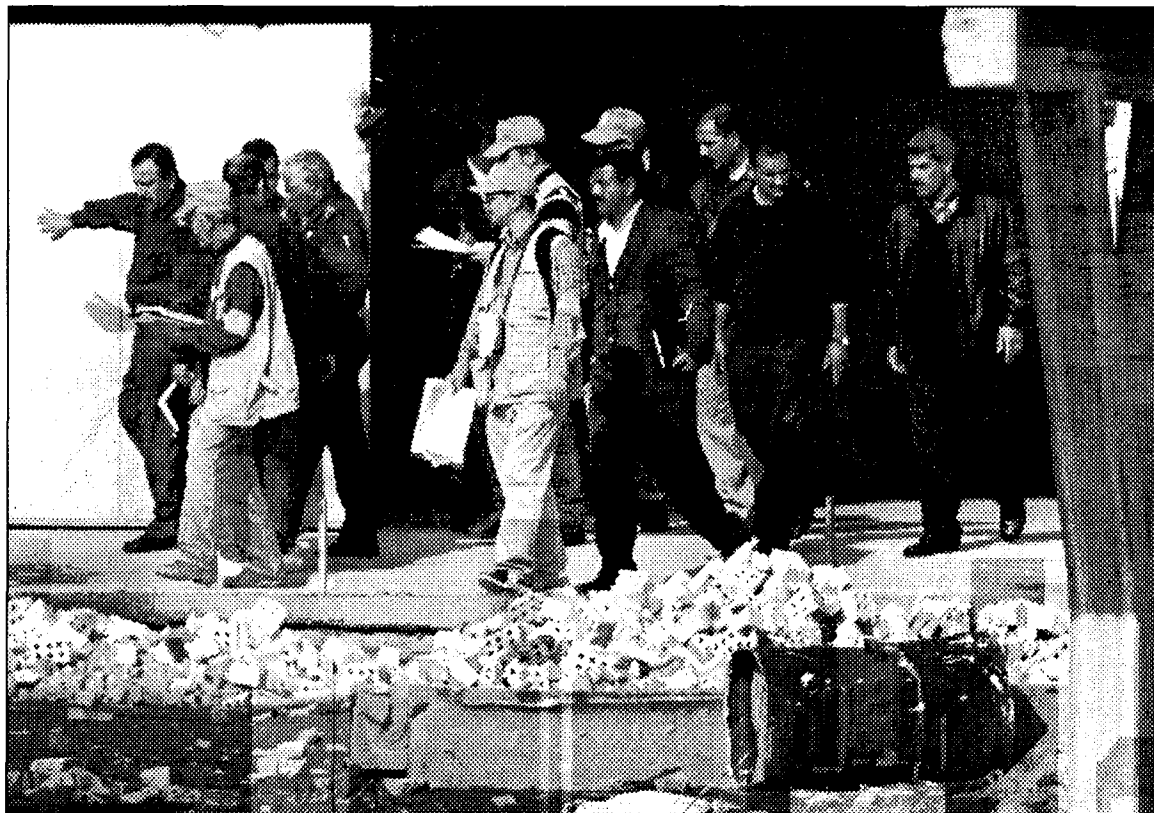
A second U.N. team, of nuclear inspectors, visited industrial sites north of Baghdad on Monday.

Inspectors in the 1990s eliminated tons of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons and the equipment to make them, dismantled Iraq's effort to build nuclear bombs, and destroyed scores of longer-range Iraqi missiles. Those inspectors didn't believe they found all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, however.

President Bush threatens to wage war on Iraq — with or without U.N. sanction — if it doesn't disarm. Bush indicated Monday he wasn't impressed with Iraq's cooperation thus far, saying inspectors don't have the duty or ability to uncover weapons of mass destruction hidden in the vast country, but that Iraq has a responsibility to provide evidence of total disarmament.

"So far, the signs are not encouraging," Bush said in a toughly worded speech at the Pentagon.

Other governments say that only the Security Council can authorize such an attack on



Reuters Photo

U.N. weapons inspectors search the al-Karamah military industrial complex on the outskirts of Baghdad Monday. The experts launched a fifth day of inspections in Iraq on Monday as Western officials planned steps to maintain propaganda pressure on Baghdad.

Iraq, in a situation not involving immediate self-defense. The presidents of Russia and China, two of those governments, issued a statement Monday call-

ing for a peaceful resolution of the U.S.-Iraqi showdown.

In London, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz said the United

States wants to disarm Iraq without war but that the threat of force is vital to ensure that Saddam's regime realizes its survival is at stake.

EGYPT

Al-Qaida statement claims responsibility for attack

Associated Press

CAIRO

A statement attributed to al-Qaida claimed responsibility Monday for last week's car-bombing of an Israeli-owned hotel in Kenya and the attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner the same day.

The statement, posted on an Islamic Web site, called the Thursday attacks a Ramadan greeting to the Palestinian people and referred to the al-Qaida attacks against U.S. embassies in Kenya

and Tanzania in 1998.

"At the same place where the 'Jewish Crusader coalition' was hit four years ago ... here the fighters ... came back once again to strike heavily against that evil coalition," the statement said. "But this time, it was against Jews..."

In Washington, U.S. counterterrorism officials said they considered the claim credible and part of growing evidence that al-Qaida was involved in the Kenya attacks.

Three suicide bombers attacked the Paradise Hotel, where 16 people were killed including the three bombers. Just

minutes before the hotel bombing, two Strela missiles narrowly missed an Israeli charter plane departing from Mombasa's airport, in what was the first phase of the dual attack on Israelis in Kenya.

The 5-page claim was made in the name of "The Political Office of al-Qaida Jihad Organization."

Unlike four years ago, when the United States was the target in Kenya, the statement said this time the message was for Jews.

"We send them a message: Your practices in corrupting earth, occupy-

ing sacred places, criminal acts against our families in Palestine ... all your practices will not pass peacefully without firing back," it said. "Your children for ours, your women for ours, your elders for ours, and we will follow you wherever you are because you made us live in terror and fear."

It pledged that further attacks would be carried out.

The only other claim of responsibility for Thursday's attacks came from the previously unknown Army of Palestine. Palestinian officials have denied any involvement by Palestinian groups.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

4 Palestinians die in West Bank violence:

Four Palestinians, including a teenager, died Monday in violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while a U.N. aid group charged that Israeli forces destroyed a warehouse of food for needy Palestinians in Gaza. Separately, Israel's military chief denied reports that he said Israel eventually would dismantle most Jewish settlements. Israeli forces were involved in three of Monday's fatalities. The teenager was shot dead when rock-throwing Palestinians clashed with Israeli troops.

American convicted in Monaco killing:

An American nurse was convicted Monday in the arson deaths of billionaire banker Edmond Safra and another nurse, and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Ted Maher was convicted of arson leading to death. The 1999 fire in this wealthy Mediterranean enclave also killed one of Safra's other nurses, Vivian Torrente.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Court to decide affirmative action case:

The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities, a subject still heatedly contested a quarter-century after the justices first addressed affirmative action in college admissions. The court will tell universities how much weight, if any, they may assign to an applicant's race. At stake are race-conscious admissions policies at many public and private colleges, law schools and medical schools. The only time the Supreme Court considered a college race case, the justices issued a split 1978 ruling that banned racial quotas but gave states little other direction. Both sides of the affirmative action debate wanted the court to try again. Justices will consider whether some white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were rejected unconstitutionally because of their race, under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for all under the law.

194 sick in latest cruise-ship outbreak:

A Carnival cruise ship returned from a three-day voyage Monday carrying nearly 200 people sickened by a gastrointestinal virus, with symptoms similar to those plaguing other cruise liners. A total of 190 passengers and four crew members on the Fascination reported vomiting and diarrhea, but experts had not yet confirmed whether they had a Norwalk-like virus, said Tim Gallagher, a Carnival Corp. spokesman. So-called Norwalk-like viruses have plagued more than 1,000 people on other cruise ships in the past few months, including Holland America Line's Amsterdam and Disney Cruise Line's Magic, causing those companies to cancel one sailing each to thoroughly disinfect the ships. The illness is seasonal, peaking in the colder months, and is not uncommon, said Dr. Steven Wiersma, the state epidemiologist. "We've already seen some (cases) in Florida — this is not just a cruise ship issue," he said.

CHINA

Russia, China draw closer

Associated Press

BEIJING

The leaders of Russia and China vowed Monday to strengthen their "strategic partnership" and declared common positions on key foreign policy fronts, urging peaceful solutions in Iraq and North Korea and promising to support each other's battles with Muslim separatists.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and China's Jiang Zemin signed a 13-page joint declaration calling for a "multipolar world" — a phrase used by both to express dissatisfaction with U.S. global dominance.

Putin emphasized that Russia — which spans Europe and Asia — wants partners and power in both the East and West.

"We're absolutely certain that the special strategic relationship between Russia and China will not only enable us to solve the problems facing our countries, but also will create a basis for stability in the world," Putin said.

His two-day visit comes after a year in which he improved relations with the United States and Europe by supporting the international anti-terror campaign and accepting NATO enlargement.

Putin spoke Tuesday morning at Peking University, where he was expected to take questions from students.

Monday's statement called for a nuclear-free Korean peninsula and appealed to the United States and North Korea to engage in dialogue and stick to a 1994 agreement for the North to give up its nuclear program in exchange for foreign energy aid.

North Korea said last

month that the 1994 agreement had collapsed after the United States, South Korea, Japan and the 15-nation European Union suspended fuel oil supplies. The cutoff was meant to punish the North for starting a new nuclear weapons program.

The statement urged the "normalization of relations" between Washington and Pyongyang.

"At this stage we are talking about a political dialogue within the framework of which any questions could be discussed — including those that raise concerns for either America or North Korea," said Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher welcomed the appeal to North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program.

"I think our view is that the more often the international community makes clear to the North Koreans that only by complying will they be able to obtain the benefits they seek from the international community," Boucher said.

Jiang and Putin also said the conflict over weapons of mass destruction in Iraq can only be solved through diplomatic means and pledged to "continue to work together within the United Nations to ensure that U.N. Security Council

resolutions are not violated.

The United States has threatened war to disarm Iraq if it violates the latest Security Council resolution, but Russia and China insist that only the council can make that decision. Both are permanent council members with power to veto U.N. actions.

Moscow and Beijing have tried to restrain U.S. dominance by insisting that the United Nations should have the last word in international affairs.

Putin and Jiang also offered each other mutual backing for China in its struggle against separatists in its Muslim northwest and Russia's war in predominantly Muslim Chechnya.

The leaders accused other governments of "double standards" on terrorism and human rights, saying they reject "the use of human rights questions as a lever for pressure in international relations."

They said "terrorists and separatists" in Chechnya and northwestern China are international terrorists who "should be condemned and become the object of a common fight on the part of all the states of the world."

Putin also met with Premier Zhu Rongzhi, legislative chief Li Peng and Hu Jintao, who replaced Jiang as Communist Party leader last month and is expected to become president in March.

Operas, symphonies hurt by poor economy

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Tenor Placido Domingo, who always packs the house at the Metropolitan Opera, didn't always this fall.

The Lyric Opera of Chicago and the San Francisco Opera have each dropped plans to produce two operas they had announced for next season.

The San Jose Symphony declared bankruptcy last month.

A weakened economy means many U.S. opera companies and orchestras are facing financial crunches, reflected in less-than-

brisk box-office sales, delayed ticket purchases, declines in subscriptions and fund-raising, and curtailed programs.

"It really is the economy, stupid," says Jack McAuliffe, vice president of the American Symphony Orchestra League, a New York-based nonprofit association that represents most of the nation's 1,800 orchestras.

Met spokesman Francois Giuliani agreed, "The box office has been somewhat soft — probably because of the economic situation and the effect it has had on tourism." The Met also had to write off a \$4 million pledge when philanthropist Alberto Vilar failed to deliver.

Nine blocks south of the Met, Carnegie Hall is drawing close to past years' capacity, but customers are waiting longer to buy tickets. "That means our marketing department is sitting there and thinking, 'How is this going to play out?'" spokeswoman Ann Diebold said.

The shiver of uncertainty extends nationwide.

The Houston Grand Opera, where star soprano Renee Fleming is singing in Verdi's "La Traviata," has laid off 14 administrative employees and cut back on performances.

Chicago's Lyric, which posted 14 consecutive years of sold-out

houses, is averaging 94 percent of its seats filled so far for each event. Preparing for its 50th anniversary season in 2004-05, the company dropped plans for new productions of Berlioz's "Benvenuto Cellini" and

Montemezzi's "L'Amore di Tre Re" next year. They were replaced with two standard works that may be an easier sell and cost less to produce.

William Mason, the Lyric's general director, said he has taken some heat from devoted fans. "I'm grateful for their passion, but they're not any more disappointed than I am to have to do it," he said. "It's basic economics. It's an art and we must never lose site of that, but it's also a business."

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IN BRIEF

Argentina eases partial bank freeze

President Eduardo Duhalde eased a year-old partial banking freeze on Monday, allowing Argentines unfettered access to their checking and savings accounts.

"Today, life begins without the 'corralito,'" declared Alfred Atanasof, a government spokesman, using the Spanish nickname for the widely unpopular restrictions imposed last Dec. 1 as the economy unraveled.

Atanasof said the government had decided to relax the restrictions on the anniversary of the freeze in an effort to stimulate the country's stagnant economy. Restrictions still remain on longer-term certificates of deposit.

Since October, the government has been slowly reopening the banking system, which was virtually locked down last year after Argentines pulled \$20 billion from the banks during a panicky run that threatened to collapse the financial system. At major banks in Buenos Aires, Argentines lined up to withdraw cash from newly unfrozen accounts Monday. Others crowded exchange houses, hoping to change their pesos for dollars.

Bank, insurers face off in Enron trial

A \$1 billion trial over who will share the blame — and the cost — for the Enron Corp. debacle began Monday with a bank and a team of insurance companies claiming to be victims of the energy company's collapse.

J.P. Morgan Chase and Co. is suing 11 insurance companies for refusing to pay more than \$1 billion for guarantees on failed oil and gas trades arranged between Enron and a Chase-affiliated offshore company.

The Chase affiliate, Mahonia Ltd., made six deals known as prepaid commodity forwards with Enron beginning in 1998, in which Enron was paid in advance for oil and natural gas to be delivered months or years later. The insurance companies counter the trades were really disguised loans, financial shams designed to pump more cash into the commodities-trading company.

WorldCom CEO begins work

◆ Capellas deals with \$9 billion in accounting fraud

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. WorldCom Inc.'s new chairman and CEO Michael Capellas quietly slipped into his new role Monday.

Capellas, who has chosen to work out of WorldCom's Ashburn, Va. office instead of the company's Clinton, Miss. headquarters, granted no interviews and aides refused to discuss the agenda for his first day on the job at the bankrupt telecommunications giant.

Capellas is expected to spend the next several weeks burrowing into the company's corporate culture before making any more bold public pronouncements. When Capellas announced several weeks ago that he was leaving the No. 2 job at Hewlett Packard Co. to head WorldCom, he said he would lead it out of bankruptcy and do it without a clean sweep of management or breaking up the company or losing major corporate accounts.

"Now his task is to get the lay of the land from the inside, and I think for the next few weeks he will be measuring the mettle of his lieutenants, putting together his slate of board candidates and in his spare time learning the business," said Frank Dzubeck, a telecom strategy consultant and president of Communications Network Architects in Washington, D.C.

At the same time, Capellas will be under pressure to find a way to cut costs so that WorldCom — which has admitted to more than \$9



UPI Photo Service

Michael Capellas began his work as CEO of troubled WorldCom, Inc. on Monday in the midst of the largest company bankruptcy in U.S. history.

billion in accounting fraud — can find a formula to become profitable and emerge from the biggest bankruptcy ever filed. Industry analysts expect Capellas to try to exit some of the carrier's bandwidth contracts with competitors and shed noncore assets.

"I don't see major changes over the next several weeks, but just shoring up the business and stemming the flow of customers away from MCI would be a major contribution," said F. Drake

Johnstone, a telecom analyst with Davenport & Co., a Richmond, Va. brokerage firm.

Capellas's freedom to impose his own strategic plan on WorldCom became even more limited last week. Already under the eye of two federal judges and its creditors, WorldCom agreed to a partial settlement of fraud charges with the Securities and Exchange Commission that gives greater oversight powers to court-appointed monitor Richard Breeden.

"This is the worst management nightmare that any new CEO has ever faced, but he's bobbing and weaving between these enormous power blocs and he's showing great leadership," said Jeff Sonnenfeld, associate dean at Yale University School of Management and head of its Chief Executive Leadership Institute. "He is somebody that is noted not only for his tenacity but for his humility, which may be his greatest asset."

SWITZERLAND

EU asks Swiss banks to drop secrecy

Associated Press

BERN

Swiss banking secrecy, epitomized by the legendary numbered bank account, is under attack. Again.

Leading the offensive are Britain and its European Union allies, who want the Swiss to blow the whistle on wealthy EU nationals who put their money in Swiss accounts to dodge taxes at home.

But Switzerland, which sees itself as the victim of unfair pressure from the 15-nation bloc, is refusing to budge. Swiss officials argue that tough new laws passed in the 1990s mean secrecy is readily lifted and accounts are frozen in investigations into money laundering and terrorism.

But while tax evasion is a crime in many EU countries, it is only an administrative offense in Switzerland.

"We're prepared under certain circumstances to help our EU neighbors," said Swiss President Kaspar Villiger, who also acts as finance minister. "But we always start from the position that the citizen is basically honest and should be treated as such."

Frustrated by failure to agree on common rules, EU finance ministers will meet Tuesday in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss possible measures against the Swiss government.

The bloc wants Switzerland automatically to release information about deposits of EU nationals in Swiss bank accounts to prevent the collapse of an agreement among member nations to exchange information on cross-border savers.

The EU plan, adopted in 2000 and due to come into force on Jan. 1, was to enable tax authorities in a deposi-

tor's homeland to levy taxes on any interest earned on the savings.

However, Luxembourg, Austria and Belgium insisted that if they were to loosen their own bank secrecy laws, then non-EU countries like Switzerland and the United States would have to agree on similar measures.

The EU has said it is close to a deal with the United States, but negotiations with Switzerland have deadlocked, jeopardizing talks with smaller tax havens like Liechtenstein, Monaco, Andorra, San Marino and the island of Jersey.

Switzerland has made some concessions, offering to levy a 35 percent tax on the interest EU citizens earn on their savings in Swiss accounts and to pay part of the money directly to EU nations without revealing the account holder's identity.



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Bro. Sumner Herrick will be on campus **TODAY, Dec 3rd, 5-7 PM at the CSC.** Volunteers serve in schools as teachers, teacher aides, campus ministry assistants, and as director of an after-school program. Teen crisis work is also available for persons majoring in Psychology, Sociology or related fields.

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Before leaving campus for Christmas, you must have attended an info meeting, and have had an interview.

Sign up sheets for interviews are available at the CSC front desk.

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us. It is not just in some, it is in everyone. Moreover, as we let our light shine, we consciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

~Nelson Mandela's

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Endeavour unlocks from space station

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Space shuttle Endeavour undocked from the international space station Monday and headed for home with the one American and two Russians who spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost.

"We promise to take good care of space station," astronaut Donald Pettit told its departing commander, cosmonaut Valery Korzun.

Before leaving, shuttle skipper James Wetherbee urged Pettit to try to keep his sense of humor during the long stretch ahead. "Oh, I will," Pettit assured him.

Endeavour is due back on Earth on Wednesday, though storms are forecast for Cape Canaveral and could delay the long-overdue homecoming for Korzun, cosmonaut Sergei Treschev and astronaut Peggy Whitson.

They spent an extra 1 1/2 months aloft because of various shuttle problems; Monday was their 180th day in orbit.

The space station's three new occupants are Pettit, astronaut Kenneth Bowersox and cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin. Unlike the first five sets of space station residents, they will spend the next four months in solitude, with no one showing up until it is their turn to go home in March.

"It's so much quieter here now, Houston. I don't know what the deal is," Bowersox radioed.

"We're still here with you," Mission Control replied.

"That's good to know," Bowersox said. "We'd be really lonely without you guys."

Endeavour departed after its crew delivered and installed a new \$390 million girder on the space station. The two spacecraft separated 250 miles above Australia, ending one week of joint flight.

As Endeavour sailed off into the darkness, Wetherbee wished Bowersox and his crew "fair winds and following seas." Both men are Navy captains.

Bowersox thanked Wetherbee for the ride to the space station. "We wish you a safe landing and warm greetings and hugs from all your friends and families down below," Bowersox called out.

Two of Endeavour's crew performed three spacewalks to hook up the 45-foot girder and correct a design flaw in the air-conditioning lines.

The final spacewalk was especially dramatic. A railcar crucial for station construction got snagged on its tracks by a protruding radio antenna. John Herrington, the first American Indian in space, removed the obstruction and got the railcar moving again.

Once Endeavour was at a safe distance from the space station, the shuttle crew released a pair of 4-inch satellites from a canister in the cargo bay, as part of a Defense Department experiment. The two so-called picosatellites were connected by a 50-foot tether.

Researchers envision such tiny tethered devices being used one day to inspect orbit-

UNITED KINGDOM

Britain accuses Iraq of torture

Associated Press

LONDON

The British government accused Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Monday of masterminding the widespread and systematic torture of his political opponents and other citizens to hold on to power.

But some commentators dismissed the evidence in the dossier presented by Foreign Secretary Jack Straw as old news and part of a propaganda war to back up the case for possible U.S.-led military action in Iraq.

"I think that this highly unusual, indeed unprecedented, publication is cranking up for war," said Tam Dalyell, a lawmaker from the governing Labor Party.

The dossier includes the story of Um Haydar, a 25-year-old woman who was dragged from her house and publicly beheaded in 2001 after her husband, suspected by the authorities of involvement in armed opposition activities, fled Iraq. Guards took away her children and mother-in-law, and they have not been heard from since, the dossier said.

Straw said the 23-page government report showed that the Iraqi people lived in fear and that Saddam's regime was in breach of its international obligations.

"By disarming Iraq, we not only help those countries in the region which are subject to Iraqi threats and intimidation, we also deprive Saddam of his most powerful tools for keeping the Iraqi people living in fear and subjugation," said Straw.

The dossier, entitled "Saddam Hussein: Crimes and Human

Rights Abuses," includes intelligence material, firsthand accounts of Iraqi victims of torture and oppression, and reports by non-governmental organizations.

"The dossier makes for harrowing reading, with accounts of torture, rape and other horrific human rights abuses," Straw said in a speech to the Atlantic Partnership, a group that works on improving relations between Europe and North America.

"It makes it clear these are carried out as part of the deliberate policy of the regime. The aim is to remind the world that the abuses of the Iraqi regime extend far beyond its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction in violation of its international obligations."

Legislator George Galloway, whose visits to Iraq and dogged opposition to U.N. sanctions have earned him the nickname "the MP for Baghdad West," said there was no doubt the Iraqi regime was guilty of gross human rights abuses, but that the report had vested interests.

"There is torture and murder in Iraq, but that isn't a reason per se for going to war and killing tens of thousands," Galloway said.

Britain and United States have warned they may take action if Baghdad holds back any information or fails to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors, who recently returned to the country.

Amnesty International, one of the non-governmental organizations whose research was quoted in the dossier, warned that the human rights situation in Iraq should not be used for political ends.

Amnesty said the United States and other Western governments turned a blind eye to reports of widespread human rights violations in Iraq during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

"As the debate on whether to use military force against Iraq escalates, the human rights of the Iraqi people, as a direct consequence of any potential military action, is sorely missing from the equation," the statement said.

Even an Iraqi scientist asked by the Foreign Office to provide details about abuses was critical of possible military action against Iraq.

"I'm extremely concerned of the consequences of this intervention to the Iraqi people," said Hussein Al-Shahristani, a former expert with the Iraqi atomic energy organization. Al-Shahristani has said he was held in solitary confinement for 11 years for refusing to work on Saddam's nuclear weapons program.


"I'm concerned that weapons of mass destruction, the chemical weapons in particular, could be used again by the regime against the people if they show any opposition or uprising," he added.

According to the dossier, Iraq is a "terrifying place to live" where "arbitrary arrests and killings are commonplace."

Political dissidents are tortured, women lack basic human rights and are routinely raped by security personnel while in custody, and political prisoners are kept in inhumane and degrading conditions, the report said.

It details Saddam's persecution of Iraq's ethnic Kurds and the Shiite religious community and provides a checklist of methods of torture, including eye gouging, electric shock and piercing hands with electric drills.

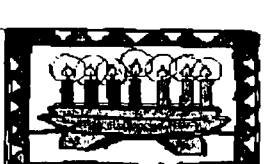


"Saddam Hussein has been ruthless in his treatment of any opposition to him since his rise to power in 1979," the report concluded. "A cruel and callous disregard for human life and suffering remains the hallmark of his regime."



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Don't let what you consume consume you

When drinking a Starbucks Frappuccino, you eventually get to a point at which there's no real coffee left, but your cup is still half full of foam. I've always thought this to be a great metaphor for the consumer culture that Starbucks represents: in the end, it's all foam and no substance.

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

But before I preach to you about the problems with consumerism, let's first establish that I'm the biggest hypocrite in the world. I drink my fancy coffee drinks, wear sweat-shop produced Nikes and consume all sorts of useless products on a frequent basis, all the while trying to present myself as an opponent to the world in which I partake. Yeah, I've bought all this stuff, but my shirt cost a dollar at the thrift store, so I'm sticking it to the man, right? I have more buttons and ribbons on my bookbag than a dress on Oscar night, but my actual activism is full of foam. Still, I take solace in the fact that if I stop drinking Chai tea lattes, the terrorists will have won.

In attacking consumerism, I've also set up a convenient threshold for excessive consumption, a threshold I myself could never reach. I deplore Escalades and cruises as wasteful, but then again, I could never afford them anyway. Meanwhile, books and CDs, my primary consumption goods, are obviously perfectly acceptable. The view from my ivory tower is rather nice actually, and the music is great.

So yeah, hello there kettle, I'm pot, great to meet you. I'm a consumer

just like you, and I have no real right to judge, but it looks like I'm in control of print culture right now, and you're not, so put down the Palm Pilot and listen for a bit.

Consumerism as an end in itself is very problematic. Before you prepare my passport to China, let me explain myself. I'm not suggesting you abandon all your possessions and live off of roots, herbs and Barbara Striesand albums. After all, if we stop buying Escalades, the hard-working Americans who make them will be out of their jobs and might have to work at Starbucks.

We've embraced an economic system that pretty much forces us to buy crap we don't need just to keep the system going, and it appears as though this system is the best one out there. So, because it gives a job to someone else, and because having that DVD player doesn't really hurt anyone, consumerism is arguably morally neutral. So buy, buy away!

Not so fast, Susie. It's not the things that are bad, but basing your life around attaining more and more materials possessions is. A little while back, my parents lost one of their two — count 'em, two — cell phones. Before it was found, there was cursing, spitting and general mayhem, all over something they didn't really need in the first place. Last May I thought the world was going to end when my computer wasn't working properly. My parents and I let our lives be controlled by our possessions, and it is at that point where we have to question consumerism.

There is a lot of outcry right now about corporate greed, but corporate greed exists because personal greed exists. If we base our lives on attain-

ing more money so we can get more stuff, people will indeed get hurt; ask a former Enron employee. No, you're certainly not a bad person for liking your Xbox, but when you don't get that paper done because you've spent the last two hours trying to figure out which remote control is for the satellite and which is for your automated tie rack/Pez dispenser, you might want to take some time to reexamine your priorities.

Don't let what you consume consume you, whether it be electronics, cars or books on esoteric literary theory. And perhaps you might occasionally want to spend your money or your time helping those with nothing instead of trying to obtain everything. However, there are plenty of people at this school who do many more good things than I do, so let's just stop my hypocrisy while we can.

So the point is, you don't really need that Abercrombie shirt, and I don't really need the 100th expansion pack for The Sims. I'm slowly learning, though, that as long as I realize what's really important and work for the day when more people can participate in economic life, I'm not evil for having a few nice things. I hope you've all learned something. I have to make my Christmas list now.

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"The means of showing pecuniary strength, and so of gaining or retaining a good name, are leisure and a conspicuous consumption of goods."

Thorstein Veblen
U.S. social scientist

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defining racism

Minorities cannot be racist. Misusing the word "racism" is extremely damaging, and every week in Notre Dame classrooms, The Observer, and conversations around campus, I hear people misstate actions as "racist." Though some use the word correctly based on its intended and true definition, most undermine the message of the word by not fully understanding its meaning. I want to offer some clarification.

Racism, as defined by author Beverley Tatum, exists in a "system involving cultural messages and institutional policies and practices — a system [that] clearly operates to the advantage of whites." This element of social power is crucial to understanding racism. Racism goes beyond just "prejudice plus power" but implies an access to social resources by those with social power. In the United States, this includes whites, Christians, heterosexuals, economically privileged and the able-bodied, among others. As such, minorities do not have the traditional and institutional power to be racist.

Though all people can be prejudiced, discriminatory and cruel, being racist goes beyond individual actions and beliefs. Dr. Moss, assistant vice president of student affairs, uses a definition in his diversity education class which states that "systematic subordination is supported by cultural norms and values and the institutional structures and practices of society." This system has strong roots and ubiquitous effects.

There are certain, specific situations in which an African-American CEO, for example, exercises power over a certain white employee, but as soon as the CEO leaves her office, she is subject to the same institutionalized racism and social disadvantages that have been in place for centuries. By and large, she simply does not benefit from the systematic structures of power in society.

Clearly, most people are simply unaware of full meaning of racism. But consistently overlooking the most fundamental component of social power and what this means in today's society works against the mission of cultural awareness and diversity education. I call on all students and faculty to further explore the dimensions of the issue. More information is available at the office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

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Democrats act like sore losers

I didn't think they could do it, but Tom Daschle, Al Gore and the rest of the Democrats have outdone themselves once again. Last week Daschle blamed conservative radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh for inciting supposed "threats" made against his family and compared Limbaugh and conservatives to the Muslim fanatics with whom we are currently at war. Daschle declared, "We see it in foreign countries and we think, 'Well, my God, how can this religious fundamentalism become so violent?' Well, it's that same shrill rhetoric, it's that same shrill power that motivates ... And that's happening in this country."

He went on to say, "What happens when Rush Limbaugh attacks those of us in public life is that people aren't satisfied just to listen, they want to act because they get emotionally invested." Who would think that citizens in a democratic republic would want to become "emotionally invested" in the issues facing their country? I think Election Day 2002 clearly demonstrates Mr. Daschle's apprehension — the American people became interested in the actions (and inactions) of their elected officials, especially in the aftermath of Sept. 11. Perhaps this is just another indication of why the Democrats are still scratching their heads after their unprecedented defeats on Nov. 5.

Regarding the "shrill rhetoric" Daschle condemned, how soon we forget Alec Baldwin's urging, at the height of the Lewinsky scandal, that impeachment manager Henry Hyde be stoned to death, or the television commercials warning that black churches would burn if Republicans were elected or most recently George W. Bush pushing an old lady in a wheelchair off the roof of a high-rise building on the Democratic National Committee's own website.

Then in an interview with the New York Observer, the former Vice-President denounced some news outlets because of their supposed conservative tendencies. The "Fox News network, The Washington Times, Rush Limbaugh — there's a bunch of them," he complained.

Mr. Gore, there's a reason why the Fox News Channel is "America's Number One News Channel" — the American people are sick of the liberal-adoring, conservative-bashing major news networks, CNN and Hollywood. Polls reveal that 89 percent of the media voted for Bill Clinton in 1992, and upwards of 93 percent voted for him in 1996. Need I say more?

Regarding the Washington Times: When the ultra-liberal Washington Post is your number one competitor, anything even remotely close to the center appears bent "to the right." And why is Rush Limbaugh so popular with 20 million listeners daily? In addition to his incredible talent "on loan from God" (his words), it is because radio is the one news outlet that liberals have not conquered.

These recent outbursts by two of the most prominent members of the Democratic Party demonstrate the state of leadership (or lack thereof) currently within the party. They had better learn to handle defeat gracefully and grow from their failures and shortcomings like the rest of us; otherwise, 2002 could prove to be just the first of many resounding defeats for the once-proud party of "the common man."

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Homosexuals should not be blamed for Church scandals

I would like to clarify some of the misconceptions in Stephen R. Sanchez's Nov. 25 letter, "Homosexuality presents problem to priesthood." Sanchez scapegoats and blames gay priests for the recent instances of sexual misconduct. Sanchez charges the "homosexual minority" with cover-up when the bishops, consecrated to act as the representatives of Christ and shepherds of the people, single-handedly covered up cases of abuse and allowed the abuse to continue by transferring pedophiles.

The idea of a powerful gay subculture in seminaries is a myth. Granted, gays make up a significantly large number of those in religious formation, but in the context of a celibate lifestyle everyone is viewed as an equal, regardless of sexual orientation.

Sanchez is adamant that "Homosexuals cannot escape the temptations of the world by becoming priests." The priesthood has never been about removing temptation; rather, formation has sought to help priests deal with and control temptation. To say that straight men can control their temptations while gay men cannot is prejudiced.

Sanchez writes that the priesthood is, "not

something you do because you can't do something else." What Sanchez fails to realize is that when gay men enter the seminary, they are leaving many other options. Whether the Church will recognize it or not, homosexuals can have fulfilling, exclusive same-sex relationships.

Sanchez cites disagreement with Church practice as a cause of the scandal. Had the Church remained faithful to its own teachings coming out of Vatican II and decentralized some power, cover-ups by our bishops would not have been able to occur on so grandiose a scale.

The Church is attempting to avoid accepting responsibility for the scandal by shifting blame and scapegoating gays. If gays are restricted from the priesthood, the seminary will certainly become a more sexually repressive place. A repressive seminary produced the sexually immature priests who abused in the first place. If the Church is to restrict gays, aside from a major downturn in the number of men ordained, the decades to come will foster scandal by sexually immature priests on a much greater scale than has been seen in the past year.

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Requiring alternative vehicles won't ease pollution

I am writing in regards to Joanna Mikulski's Nov. 26 column "What Would Jesus Drive?"

Jesus was a carpenter, and he would drive the very type of vehicles this group seeks to discredit: light trucks. Most likely he would have a Ford F150 with a big V8, a lumber rack and tool box in the bed for work and a large SUV — perhaps a Ford Excursion — for hauling around all the apostles and their fishing boats.

As for mandating alternative fuel vehicles, it is a serious mistake. California's Air Resources Board (CARB) has tried many times to do this. However, by ultimately forcing manufacturers down the dead-end road of the electric car, it is actually creating more pollution by refusing to allow car companies to cut emissions other ways like buying up gross polluters, selling more ULEVs and Hybrids and replacing defective gas containers and pumps. GM's effort to meet the new CARB requirements alone cost them an estimated \$1.5 billion and resulted in 1,000 EV1 electric cars (that's \$1.5 million per car). These losses were inevitably passed on to the consumer. As for EV1s, they can't even give them away.

Good old gasoline, though demonized by environmentalists and now apparently Christian fundamentalists, is still the most efficient way to propel a car down the road. Even the environmentally exalted Fuel-Cell, "whose only emission is pure water," actually pollutes more per mile than gasoline because producing the hydrogen it requires is an extremely energy intensive process. The industry, driven more by consumers than Congress, is already moving in the direction of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs), but in small, logical steps, such as hybrid technology first. Trying to force ZEVs on the industry and consumers will only result in more disasters like CARB.

Brian Malin

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ALBUM REVIEW

Fo' shizzle Snoop needs some work

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Scene Music Critic

Snoop Dogg, formerly Snoop Doggy Dogg, is one of the most popular and influential gangsta rappers of all time. His work and activities with Dr. Dre, Warren G and the late Tupac Shakur landed him his first solo record with 1994's *Doggystyle*.

Since then, Snoop Dogg's fame has elevated not necessarily because of his rapping and multiple albums released to date, but the fact that he's always getting in trouble with the law. In 1993 Snoop was arrested and tried for the murder of a rival gang member, but was not convicted. From 1996-1997 Snoop's popularity rose with the conviction of Death Row head haunchos Suge Knight and the deaths of Tupac and Biggie Smalls (Notorious B.I.G.). Snoop was

the last man standing. Fo' shizzle.

After releasing a few smaller, relatively unsuccessful albums with Master P and No Limit Records, Snoop survived with hit singles like "Lay Low" and guest appearances with other popular rappers.

With the release of his sixth major album, *Paid Tha Cost To Be Da Bo\$\$*, Snoop attempts to show the rap world that he's still the Top Dogg. The first song, "Tha Bo\$\$ Would Like To See You," sets the tone for the album. Snoop isn't simply entertaining, he's preaching that he's better than everyone and has the money, the style and the hoes to prove it.

The songs "Stoplight," "Wasn't Your Fault," "Hourglass" and "I Miss That B—" are all co-produced and performed with the help of none other than George Clinton and some P-Funk members. The songs all include many different sound effects that

create an absurd commotion of noise. Snoop's presence on these songs is hardly apparent and he mumbles lines like "You can't control this game" during pauses in the beat.

The songs "I Believe in You" and "Ballin'" sound as though they should be on Whitney Houston's Christmas album and Burt Bacharach's Greatest Hits, respectively. "I Believe in You" features a gospel singer in the background as Snoop testifies, "I couldn't give you away/ No matta what my friends s-iz-ay/ When I'm gone/ Away from home/ I'm alone everyd-iz-ay." "Ballin'" contains a piano melody throughout the song with a delirious samba beat. Snoop and fellow rappers place

their ego in the forefront and the "talent" they talk about is certainly absent from this song.

The rest of the songs are overproduced and stray from the quality of Snoop's earlier work, with the exception of "Lollipop" and "From Long Beach 2 Brick City." "Lollipop" includes the production of the Neptunes and a brisk flute and conga beat. Snoop's rapping is humorous and the guest appearances of Jay-Z, Soopafly and Nate Dogg construct a strong song. "From Long Beach 2 Brick City" sounds like a *Doggystyle* song with a gurgling bass beat and smart rapping from the professionals



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Snoop Dogg's new album shows that fo' shizzle he needs to spend his time working on his rap rather than behind bars.

Redman and Warren G.

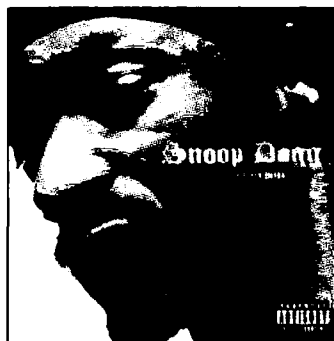
Paid Tha Cost to Be Da Bo\$\$ is summed up by Snoop in his own words on the self-centered track "Suited N Booted." "G-ed up from the feet up/ Fo' shizzle my nizzle/ D-O double gizzle back up in the hizzle/ Fo' shizzle." Snoop needs to focus more on his music than his lifestyle and create rap albums with entertaining lyrics and a solid beat. If he sticks wit his shizzle, he's bound not to fizzle, won't be no lo\$\$, but will be Da Bo\$\$.

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Paid Tha Cost to Be Da Bo\$\$

Snoop Dogg

Priority Records



ALBUM REVIEW

Quality defines McCartney's music

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It is only in rare instances that a music reviewer can know the quality of an album before listening to it. Even the most credible artists in the music business have their dud albums. The Beatles, however, are an exception. To look back on their albums now, one is awed at the quality of music that lies on each track. The Beatles are one of the few bands whose albums can be listened to in their entirety without skipping any tracks. Every album, from the nascent strumming of *Please Please Me* to the smooth medleys of *Abbey Road*, is remarkable. It is this consistent musical quality which earned the Beatles their reputation as the greatest band of all time, an opinion which hardly anyone can refute.

Even though any hope of a Beatles reunion has faded since the deaths of John Lennon and George Harrison, the band's songs continue to represent the highest quality of music just from the mere mention of

their titles. That is why a quick look at the list of songs on Paul McCartney's latest release, *Back in the U.S. Live 2002*, is enough to give the album an excellent review. Any album that includes songs like "Hello Goodbye," "All My Loving," "Blackbird," "The Fool on the Hill," "Can't Buy Me Love," and "Yesterday," can only be of the best quality. Listening to the album is an unnecessary confirmation of what is already known from a brief scan of the track listing.

The album is the exact set list McCartney treated fans to on his recent *Driving Rain* tour throughout the United States. Disc 1 gets off to a buoyant start with the delightful surprise "Hello Goodbye." Next comes "Jet," a crowd-pleaser from McCartney's years with Wings, the band that he formed with his late wife Linda in the '70s.

Some other highlights from the disc include

a gorgeous rendition of the delicate "Blackbird." For this song, McCartney accompanies his vocals with only an acoustic guitar, emphasizing the tenderness of this classic song and the strength he still possesses in his voice. Showcasing some of his newer songs, McCartney also includes the Oscar-nominated "Vanilla Sky," the theme from the movie of the same name, and "Your Loving Flame," a lovely piano ballad dedicated to his new wife, Heather.

Disc 2 continues the magic with McCartney banging out classic after classic right from the start. He opens with a haunting version of "Eleanor Rigby" from the Beatles' 1966 masterpiece, *Revolver*. From that same album, McCartney plays the melodious "Here, There And Everywhere" before he shakes things up with the energetic numbers "Band on the Run" and "Back in the USSR."

On disc 2, McCartney shines on the many piano ballads he chooses to include. "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Let It Be," "Hey Jude" and "The Long and Winding Road" are only a few examples of the memorable melodies McCartney is famous for.

Rounding out the album, McCartney fittingly selected perhaps his most well-known song, "Yesterday." His gentle guitar picking accompanied by mournful lyrics is as poignant now as it was in the 1960s, showing that McCartney is still a possessor of immense talent in both performance and songwriting.

In order to bring the album to a proper



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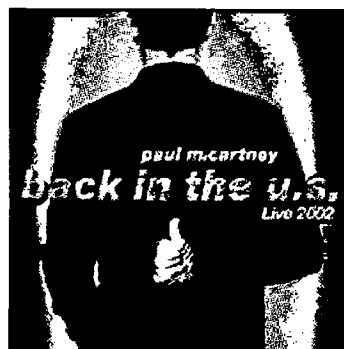
Paul McCartney gives his fans only the best music from rock and roll to balladry.

ending, McCartney rocks out with a medley combination of "Sgt. Pepper Reprise" and "The End," a song from 1969's *Abbey Road* that toots McCartney's final words of advice, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

With such an excellent selection of songs, *Live 2002* is a wonderful compilation representative of McCartney's vast musical career. McCartney, however, doesn't need the glory and praise his songs deserve. As this album shows, from the oldest song to the newest, his music speaks for itself. And oh, what an echo it leaves.

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Carson-ogenic

Palmer proves deadly to Irish in 44-13 Trojan victory

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LOS ANGELES

In a match-up that promised a renewed rivalry and return to glory for two of the nation's premier football programs, the Trojans proved they were a little closer to their return to national prominence, as No. 6 Southern California trounced No. 7 Notre Dame 44-13 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

After claiming a 13-10 lead with just over a minute to play in the first half, the Irish yielded 34 unanswered points as the Trojans moved the ball at will on the ground and through the air in the second half.

"The best thing I can say is that we played a good football game today, and that they took it to us and we were not able to stay with them," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer picked apart the Irish secondary all night. The fifth-year star shone bright in the national spotlight Saturday, going 32-for-46 passing for 425 yards, with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

"I thought Carson did everything he needed to do tonight, I know he wishes he could have a couple plays back," Trojan coach Pete Carroll said. "Everything else about him, he was stellar tonight as only he knows how to be."

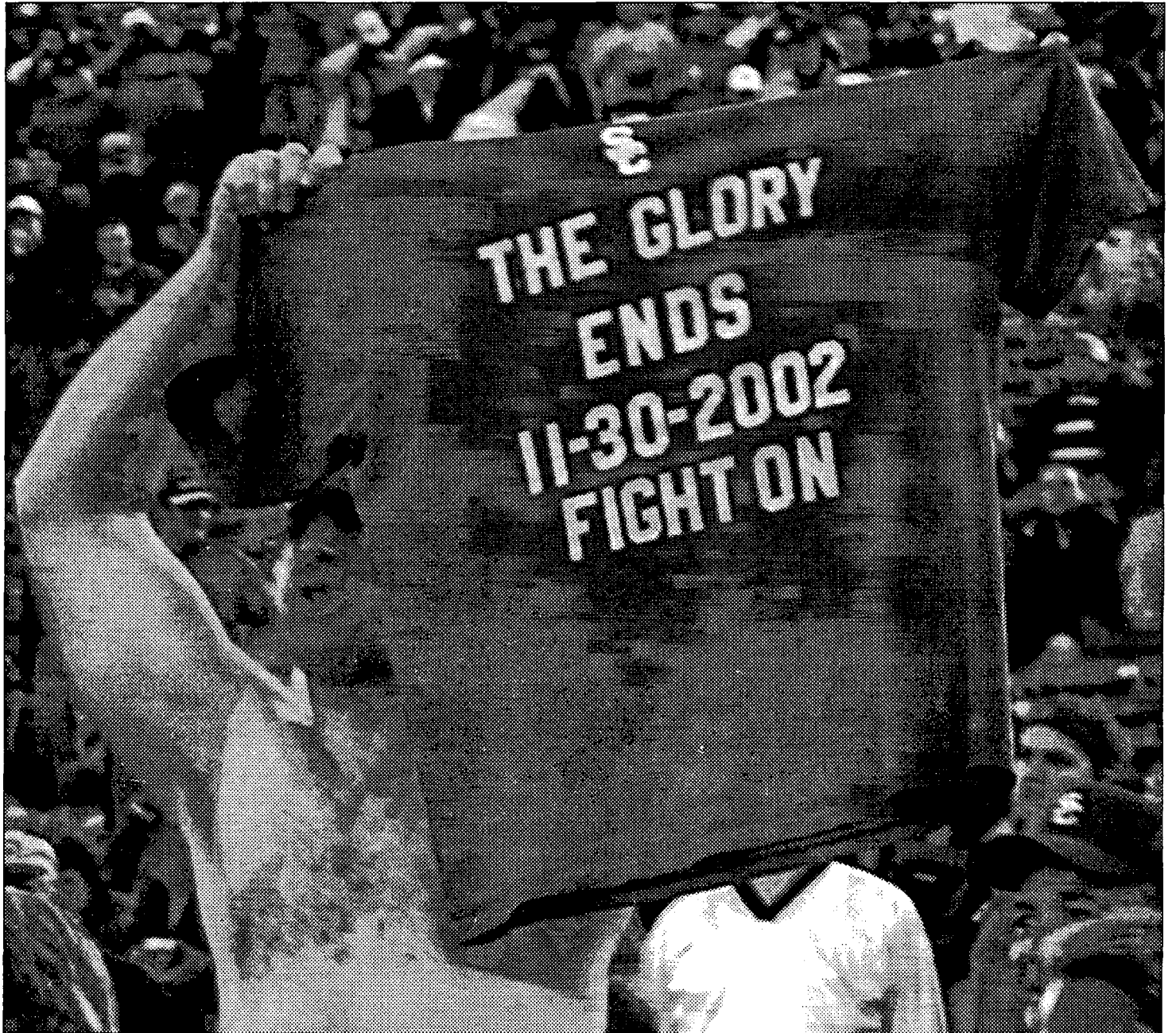
Palmer was near perfect against the Irish, making a late season statement for his place in the Heisman trophy race. The 425 yards passing and 610 total yards given up by the Irish were the highest in the team's history.

"We were clicking, rolling — it got to the point where every time we didn't score, we were mad," Palmer said. "A lot of people say Notre Dame doesn't have a weakness, and we found them all over the place."

While the Trojan offense kept the chains moving and the Irish defenders on their heels, the USC defense, led by Jim Thorpe Award finalist safety Troy Polamalu, was a nightmare for quarterback Carlyle Holiday and the Irish offense. The junior signal caller finished only 10-for-29 for 70 yards with three interceptions. Holiday entered Saturday's game with only two interceptions on the season.

"I thought the [USC] defense did a great job in every category, not just in [limiting] our quarterback's ability to scramble," Willingham said. "I thought they pressured us at great times, kept us off balance, didn't allow us to get very much rushing and made it very difficult even when we had time to find the right throwing lanes. I thought they did an excellent job."

The Trojans held Notre Dame to just 109 yards of offense, with just 15 of those coming in the second half.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

A USC fan holds up a shirt showing the sentiments after Saturday's 44-13 Irish loss. The Trojans, led by Carson Palmer, dominated all 60 minutes and destroyed any visions of Irish glory.

"I thought it was an extraordinary night for our defense — might be the best night we've put together," Carroll said. "We have so much respect for Notre Dame. For us to stop them like that, it was just fantastic."

The Irish jumped out to an early lead on USC, using the successful formula they have followed all year of capitalizing on opponents' mistakes. The Irish turned a missed Ryan Killeen field goal and a fumbled kick-off by Dennis Hershel into a pair of Nicholas Setta field goals for an early 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Trojans responded in their first drive of the second quarter with an 11-play, 93-yard scoring drive, capped off by a six-yard touchdown pass from Palmer to freshman Mike Williams.

The touchdown catch was just the

start of a big night for the Trojan's leading receiver Williams, who finished with 10 catches for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The Irish appeared to take control of the momentum just before halftime when fifth-year senior linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine blocked a Tom Mallone punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for the 13-10 Irish lead with just 1:07 left to play in the half.

But Palmer engineered a seven-play, 75-yard drive capped off with a 19-yard touchdown strike to Williams just before the half to give the Trojans the lead and the momentum.

In the second half, the Trojan rout was on. In the half, the Irish managed only eight drives, six of which ended in punts, one turnover on downs and one interception.

On the other hand, USC scored on five of seven drives, outscoring the Irish 27-0 in the half.

The back breaker for the Irish came at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

With the Trojans leading 30-13 and deep in Irish territory, Palmer threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted at the goal line by Watson, who returned the ball 60 yards to the USC 40-yard line.

But the Irish were unable to capitalize, turning the ball over on downs in four plays. Seven plays later, USC running back Sultan McCullough scampered into the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown run and the Trojan 37-13 lead.

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player of the game

Carson Palmer

The Trojan signal caller passed for 425 yards and four touchdowns. He led a very successful Trojan offense that left the Notre Dame defense totally stymied.

stat of the game

610

total number of Trojan offensive yards — the most any team has scored against Notre Dame in history

play of the game

Mike Williams 19-yard touchdown reception at the end of the first half
The Trojan touchdown was the first seven of 34 unanswered points for USC. It took momentum away from the Irish and set up the second half.

quote of the game

"I just want to go home and throw up."

Jordan Black
Irish offensive lineman

report card

- D-** **quarterbacks:** Hurt thumb or not, Holiday didn't get the job done. His passes were off target all night and he totaled only 79 yards while tallying three interceptions.
- D** **running backs:** You can't win a game with 39 rushing yards. Although they didn't fumble, Grant, Wilson and Powers-Neal just couldn't move the ball.
- C-** **receivers:** The Irish receiving corps didn't have much of a chance to make good catches because Holiday was off his mark. But they did nothing extraordinary to help the effort.
- D-** **offensive line:** The line gave Holiday no protection and opened up no holes for the Irish rushing attack. Holiday was sacked three times and the Irish got only 39 yards on the ground.
- D+** **defensive line:** The defensive line gave Palmer all the time he needed to throw passes. There was no pressure, no forced fumbles and no good stoppage of the run game.
- C+** **linebackers:** The linebackers were the most effective part of an ineffective Irish defense. Watson and Goolsby each had an interception.
- D** **defensive backs:** There was some effort on the part of Duff and Walton but Palmer was more than the secondary could handle. The safeties didn't offer any help and the result was 425 passing yards.
- A-** **special teams:** Special teams was the highlight for the Irish. Pierre-Antoine blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown, Setta hit two field goals and Duff had a 52-yard punt return.
- D-** **coaching:** Southern Cal outcoached Notre Dame on both offense and defense. The Irish were not prepared to play USC and it showed.

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overall: The Irish grades are low enough to put them on probation after their worst outing of the season.

adding up the numbers

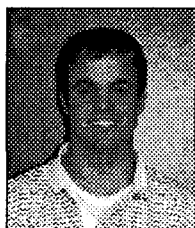
- number of third downs Notre Dame converted out of 13 attempts **0**
- straight points USC scored after being down 13-10 **34**
- total number of offensive yards gained by the Irish in the last 45 minutes of play **26**
- number of Irish first downs, two in the first quarter and two in the fourth quarter **4**
- total Trojan offensive yards — the most yards any team has scored against Notre Dame in history **610**
- Trojan passing yards — another record against Notre Dame **425**
- number of times Carlyle Holiday threw an interception — he had thrown only two prior to Saturday's game **3**
- number of times the USC band played their fight song **52**

Irish not BCS material

LOS ANGELES

An 8-0 start under new coach Tyrone Willingham had Notre Dame fans talking about a 12th national championship several weeks ago.

After an upset home loss to Boston College, a lackluster performance versus the Naval Academy and 44-13 trouncing at the hands of USC Saturday night, the only championship Irish fans may look for is one from the Cotton or Gator Bowl.



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And after Saturday's loss, that's how it should be.

If the defeat to USC told Notre Dame anything it was that although they had a very good season, one better than almost anyone could have imagined, the Irish are still a step or two behind the elites of college football.

It also told the Irish something else — they shouldn't be selected for a BCS bowl game.

No way. No how.

If the Irish had kept it close against USC, one might argue Notre Dame still deserves a chance to play in a BCS bowl game. However, that didn't happen.

The Trojans offense simply toyed with a good Notre Dame defense. They threw at will. They ran at will. They scored at will.

And all the Irish could do was watch Carson Palmer elevate his Heisman status more and more each play. He threw for 425 yards and three touchdowns while leading USC to an outrageous 610 yards of total offense. Both the passing and total yards were the most ever given up by a Notre Dame defense in 1,081 games, dating back to 1887.

Sadly, Notre Dame's offense might have been worse than the defense.

The Irish tallied 109 yards of offense and four first downs — for the entire game.

In the final 45 minutes of the game, Notre Dame's offense gained 26 yards. That's not even close to a yard per minute and that's also something a BCS-caliber team just doesn't let happen.

In Notre Dame's defense, USC isn't just a good team — they're teetering on greatness. The Trojans arguably have the best quarterback in the country, the best wide receiver tandem and two very good running backs. The Trojans also scored 30 points or more in eight games this season, which marks the first time a USC team accomplished that since 1974.

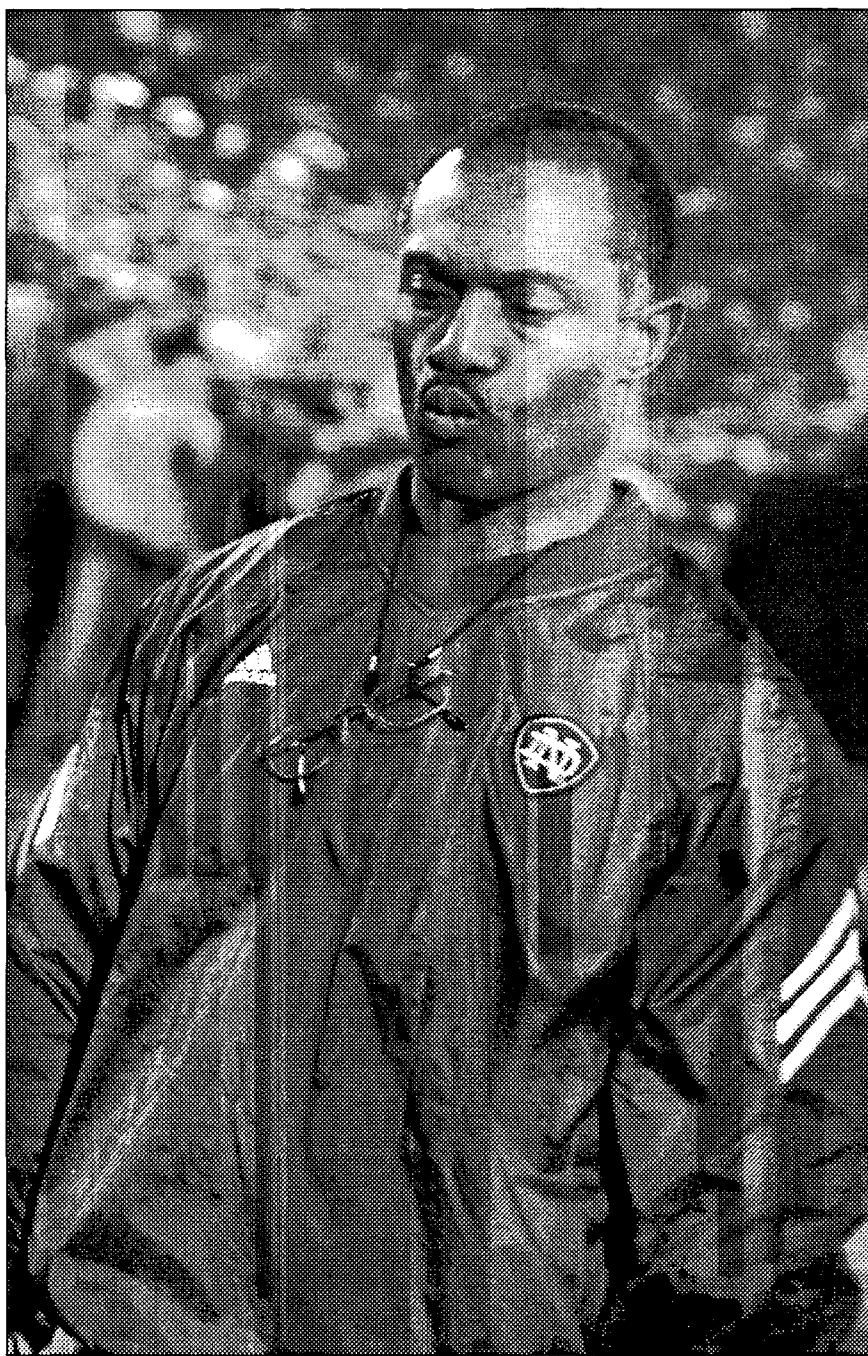
They came into the Notre Dame game ranked 14th in total defense and showed why they are one of the most underrated units in the country.

That combination of an incredible offense and a suffocating defense make USC as good as any team in the nation.

Still, had Notre Dame been worthy of a BCS bowl berth, they would have hung with the Trojans a lot more than they did.

After the game Willingham argued that one game shouldn't ruin Notre Dame's chances at a BCS berth.

"I can make a case for us going to a BCS bowl," Willingham said. "The case is that we've played 12 ballgames and we've won ten of those



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham shows his disappointment after his team's performance on Saturday.

ballgames and we've been a very improved and very sound football team. This one game can not be a true indicator of that."

However, the Irish players had mixed feelings concerning the possibility of making a BCS bowl. "After the way we played, we don't deserve to play in the Orange Bowl," Irish offensive tackle Jordan Black said. "This wasn't this year's

team, it was last year's team that showed up tonight."

Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday didn't really make a great case for the Irish either.

"I don't know what [the loss] does," Holiday said. "I'm not really concerned about that. The only thing we're concerned is about coming out and performing well in our bowl game, whatever bowl that may be."

Likely that bowl would be the Cotton or Gator bowl, although there are several other possibilities too.

One of which could still be the Orange Bowl.

If Washington State beats UCLA next week, the Cougars go to the Rose Bowl and USC should, by all means, pack their bags for Miami. But if UCLA pulls off the upset, USC clinches the Rose Bowl berth to likely face Iowa.

This leaves teams like Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Kansas State the chance to sneak into the Orange Bowl. However, Saturday's performance should have made the BCS

selection committee remember back to 2000 when Notre Dame was picked to play against Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl, only to see the Beavers hand the Irish their worst bowl loss ever, 41-9.

That type of blowout could happen again if the Irish are undeservingly matched against a much better team. And that'd be a real shame for this team, especially the seniors who've done such a great job of returning the Irish to back to glory.

Notre Dame is close to having a great team. Willingham and his coaches have done an almost miraculous job turning around a sputtering program in such a short amount of time.

But the loss to USC shows that Notre Dame isn't quite at the level of the nation's best football teams.

So the most deserving option for Notre Dame would be an invitation to a Jan. 1st bowl game and a chance to reach the 11 win plateau.

That scenario would be a great ending to an excellent season for the Irish.

But if the best teams are supposed to play in the BCS bowl games, then Notre Dame shouldn't be there. A 31-point loss proves that. Being out gained by 501 yards proves that. Gaining two first downs in the second half against the Trojans proves that.

Black may have said it best when described what the loss to USC felt like.

"I just want to go home and throw up," Black said.

Point taken.

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In the palm of his hands

♦ Palmer throws for 425 yards as he looks to BCS, Heisman

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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LOS ANGELES

Fans chanted his name. Teammates chanted "Heisman." But all Carson Palmer wanted to do was savor the final moments of his final game in Los Angeles Coliseum. "I don't even know how I'm feeling right now, this is amazing," Palmer said. "To finish our careers here, this way, I don't know how to explain the way I'm feeling right now. This is amazing."

As Palmer walked off the field after orchestrating the most successful offensive performance by a Notre Dame opponent, he allowed himself a brief smile — one of many the senior quarterback cracked Saturday evening.

All Palmer did was complete 32-of-46 passes for 425 yards and four touchdowns, handily picked apart a normally stingy Irish secondary, and single-handedly improved the Trojans case for making a BCS bowl and his chances for winning the Heisman Trophy.

In his wake, the Trojan quarterback left a befuddled Irish defense searching for answers and sent BCS officials scrambling to meeting rooms.

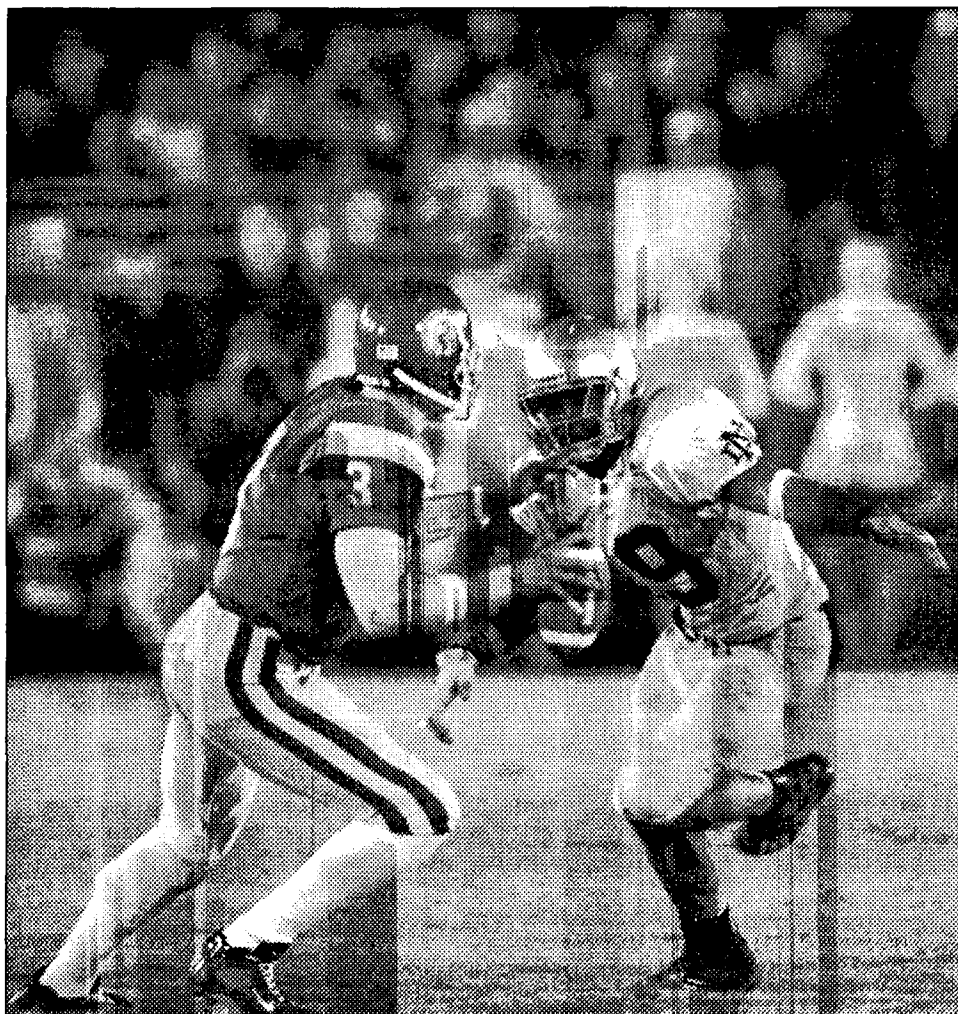
"I hope we showed that we're BCS worthy," Palmer said. "I hope everybody paying attention looks at the score and realizes that it was a dominating game, we're for real and able to compete in the BCS."

What made Palmer so effective? He picked apart Notre Dame's defense at will, often threading passes past the outstretched arms of Irish defensive backs and into the hands of Trojan receivers. In all, Palmer connected with eight different receivers.

Of course, USC has a horde of talented receivers, beginning with freshman sensation Mike Williams, who caught 10 passes for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

But Palmer was at his best creating offensive masterpieces. During a second quarter when the Trojans scored two touchdowns, Palmer first led the Trojans on a 93-yard drive to give them a 7-6 lead. Then, after the Irish blocked a punt for a touchdown, Palmer led the Trojans 75 yards in 1:02 for the touchdown that put USC ahead for good.

"We were clicking, rolling, and it got to the point where every time we don't score we're mad," he said. "We expect



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer evades a sack by Notre Dame's Glenn Earl. The senior signal caller passed for 425 yards on Saturday.

to score touchdowns every series, even if we're playing Notre Dame's defense."

Palmer set all sort of records in the Trojan victory. His 425 passing yards were the most ever recorded by a Notre Dame quarterback and the Palmer-led offense posted 610 yards, the most a Notre Dame defense surrendered in its illustrious history.

To put USC's offensive dominance in perspective, the Trojans had 328 yards at the end of the first half. Notre Dame allowed only three other teams to surpass that total in a game. More importantly, USC scored 34 unanswered points against an Irish defense that hadn't allowed an opponent to score over 25.

"A lot of people say Notre Dame doesn't have a weakness," Palmer said, "and we found them all over the place."

Palmer also broke a pair of school records. He moved past Rob Johnson for first on the single-season touchdown passes rankings, finishing the regular season with 33 touchdown

passes. Palmer threw just 39 touchdown passes in his first three years as a starter with the Trojan. He also broke a 23-year old record for most passes thrown without an interception until Mike Goolsby picked off a second-quarter throw. Palmer later threw another interception to Courtney Watson in the third quarter.

Those two picks were on Palmer's mind even as he celebrated the victory in the locker room after the game. When a reporter asked Palmer if he thought he would be disappointed if he wasn't a finalist for the Heisman, Palmer shrugged and brought up his two mistakes.

"It's kinda like the BCS, I have no control over that from here on out," he said. "Those 2 stupid picks might keep me out of it, but whatever. I'm happy to be a part of this team."

A team that, with Palmer's arm, might be headed for a BCS bowl.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	6	7	0	0	14
USC	0	17	13	14	44

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, USC 0

Nicholas Setta 34-yd FG with 4:10 remaining

Drive: 8 plays, 63 yards, 3:10 elapsed

Notre Dame 6, USC 0

Setta 32-yd FG with 3:46 remaining

Drive: 4 plays, 6 yards, 0:17 elapsed

Second quarter

USC 7, Notre Dame 6

Mike Williams 6-yd reception from Carson Palmer (Ryan Killeen kick) with 10:49 remaining

Drive: 9 plays, 93 yards, 4:11 elapsed

USC 10, Notre Dame 6

Killeen 22-yd FG with 3:34 remaining

Drive: 11 plays, 66 yards, 4:45 elapsed

Notre Dame 13, USC 10

Carlos Pierre Antoine 27-yd blocked punt return (Setta kick) with 1:07 remaining

USC 17, Notre Dame 13

Williams 19-yd reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 0:05 remaining

Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 1:02 elapsed

Third quarter

USC 24, Notre Dame 13

Malaefou MacKenzie 15-yd reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 12:01 remaining

Drive: 4 plays, 55 yards, 1:58 elapsed

USC 27, Notre Dame 13

Killeen 27-yd FG with 6:36 remaining

Drive: 11 plays, 67 yards, 3:32 elapsed

USC 30, Notre Dame 13

Killeen 29-yd FG with 2:15 remaining

Drive: 5 plays, 41 yards, 2:10 elapsed

Fourth quarter

USC 37, Notre Dame 13

Sultan McCullough 11-yd run (Killeen kick) with 11:58 remaining

Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards, 2:57 remaining

USC 44, Notre Dame 13

Malaefou MacKenzie 15-yd reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 12:01 remaining

Drive: 4 plays, 55 yards, 1:58 elapsed

statistics

total yards

NOTRE DAME	109
USC	610

rushing yards

NOTRE DAME	39
USC	185

passing yards

NOTRE DAME	70
USC	425

return yards

NOTRE DAME	198
USC	107

time of possession

NOTRE DAME	21:55
USC	38:05



22-39	rushes-yards	38-185
10-29-3	comp-att-int	32-46-2
9-338	punts-yards	4-126
1-0	fumbles-lost	1-1
5-50	penalties-yards	9-51
4	first downs	31

passing

Holiday	10-29-3	Palmer	32-46-2
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rushing

Grant	10-16	Fargas	20-120
Holiday	6-12	McCullough	8-44
McNair	1-5	Dennis	3-19
Lopinski	1-3	MacKenzie	3-6
Wilson	1-3	Rogers	1-2
Powers-Neal	3-0	Palmer	3-(-6)

receiving

Jenkins	3-33	Williams	10-169
McKnight	2-20	Colbert	5-75

Irish, Trojans leave BCS fate up in the air

Observer Staff Report

While Notre Dame had the opportunity to guarantee itself a spot in a BCS bowl with a victory against Southern Cal, the Trojans were hoping to attract the eyes of the BCS with their primetime performance Saturday against the Irish.

Now both teams leave themselves at the mercy of the polls and the heads of the BCS bowls in selecting the teams to fill only two at-large spots in the four bowls.

"I hope we showed that we're BCS worthy," Palmer said. "I hope everybody paying attention looks at the score and realizes that it was a dominating game, that we're for real and able to compete in the BCS."

Meanwhile Irish coach Tyrone Willingham lobbied

for a spot for his Irish in one of the four BCS bowls.

"I can make a case for us going to a BCS bowl," he said. "The case is that we've played 12 ballgames, and we've won 10 of those ballgames, and we've been a very improved and very sound football team. This one game cannot be a true indicator of that."

No time for a Fiesta

For some around the Irish program, Saturday night's loss to USC was reminiscent of the 2001 Fiesta Bowl, in which a supposed up-and-coming, 10th-ranked Notre Dame team was outmuscled and outthrust by No. 5 Oregon State in a 41-9 lopsided victory.

In that game, the 10-1 Beavers outgained the 9-2 Irish 446-155 and outscored

them 29-6 in the second half. This time the records were reversed, but the 9-2 Trojans moved the ball 610 yards — more than any team has ever gained against the Irish — and outscored 10-1 Notre Dame 27-0 in the second half.

"It feels exactly like the Fiesta Bowl," Irish offensive tackle Jordan Black said after the game. "I want to go home and throw up. I feel awful."

Spreading the wealth

Irish defensive backs have faced some of the top receivers in the country this season in Michigan State's Charles Rogers, Florida State's Anquan Bolden and Stanford's Teyo Johnson.

But this time freshman standout Mike Williams led a corps of talented USC receivers against the Irish defensive backfield, and the

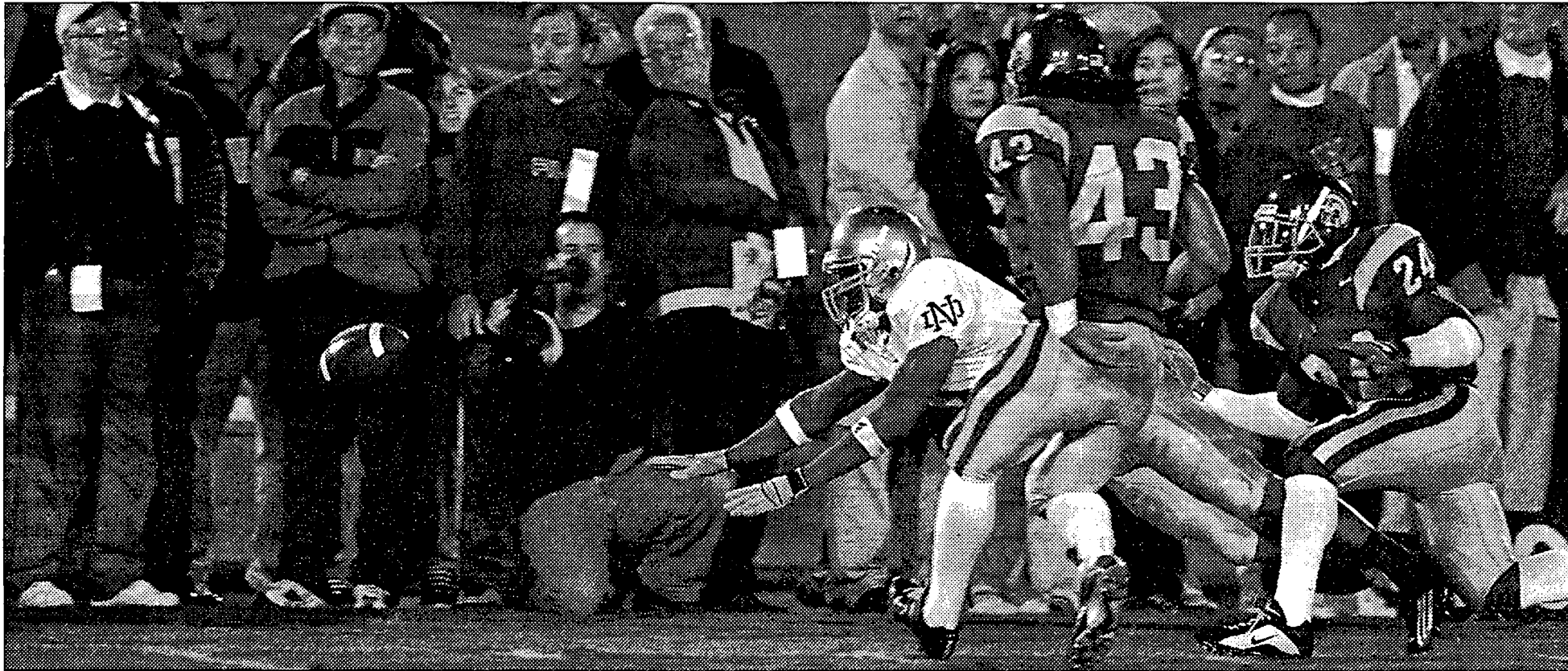
Trojans came away on top. Williams, the leading receiver for USC this season, grabbed 10 passes for 169 yards, including the Trojans' first two touchdowns of the game.

Junior Keary Colbert added another solid performance with five receptions for 75 yards, and six other Trojans caught passes from Palmer in the game.

"I'm so fortunate to be a part of an offense with so many guys that can catch the ball and so many guys who can make big plays," Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer said.

Gameday captains

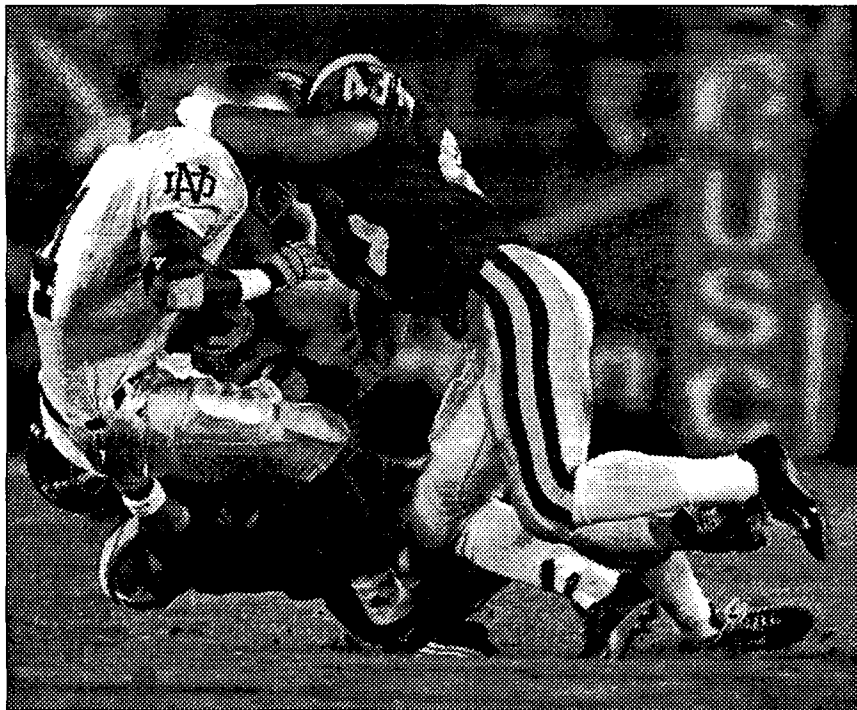
Captains for the Irish Saturday were wide receiver Arnaz Battle, offensive guard Sean Mahan, safety Gerome Sapp and cornerback Shane Walton.



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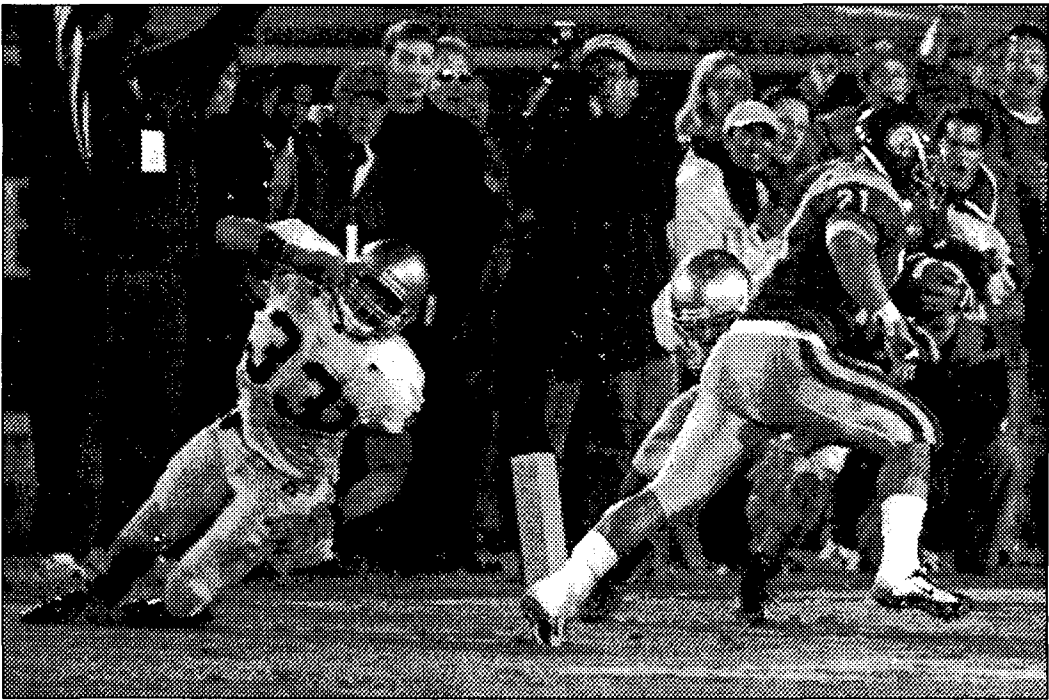
Amaz Battle dives after a badly thrown pass. Holiday had trouble finding his receivers all evening and passed for only 79 yards during the 44-13 Irish loss.

DESTRUCTION



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Ryan Grant gets taken down by several USC defenders. Grant was Notre Dame's leading rusher with a total of 16 yards on the way to a season-low 39 Irish rushing yards.



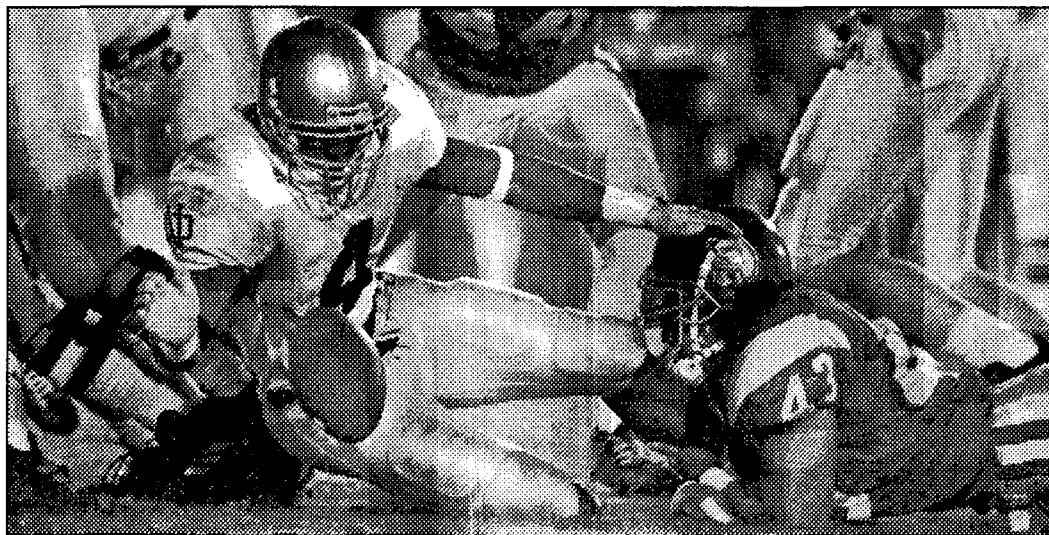
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Malaefou MacKenzie breaks past Courtney Watson on his way to a touchdown. The Irish could not contain the USC rush game.



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An Irish fan despairs after Saturday's loss to the Trojans.



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Running back Ryan Grant dives after a loose ball. The sophomore recovered the fumble, preventing the fourth Irish turnover of the game.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Clapton, a legend on guitar

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

Universally regarded as one of the greatest guitar virtuosos of all time, Eric Clapton has had many opportunities to collaborate with some of the most highly respected musicians in the industry. From his not-so-humble beginnings with the British blues band The Yardbirds, whose lineup would eventually include fellow guitar legends Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck, to his more

recent solo successes, Clapton has created some of the most emotive rock and blues music throughout his lengthy career.

After suggesting that the 2001 Reptile World Tour would be his final large-scale tour, it seemed almost inevitable that Eric Clapton would release an album commemorating the event. Slowhand did not disappoint loyal fans with the recent release of a two disc live album, *One More Car One More Rider*.

Recorded during the Los Angeles and Tokyo stops on his tour, *One More Car One*

More Rider includes many favorites from Clapton's vast catalogue such as "Layla," "Cocaine," "Wonderful Tonight" and "Tears in Heaven," to name just a few.

Clapton demonstrates the diversity of his guitar and vocal talents throughout the first disc beginning with six straight acoustic songs and finally taking up his trusty electric on "My Father's Eyes."

Disc 1 contains two songs from his one time collaboration with Derek and the Dominoes, "Key to the Highway" and "Bell Bottom Blues," but mostly consists of songs

from his more recent albums, the multi-Grammy winning 1998 solo release *Pilgrim* and *Reptile*, Clapton's most recent studio album.

The second disc, on the other hand, contains many of Clapton's earlier rock hits, allowing him to truly wail. It is on this disc that Clapton reclaims "Layla" as a rock classic, despite the huge popularity of the acoustic version from his previous live release, *Unplugged*. Disc 2 also includes a rockin' version of the Cream classic, "Sunshine of Your Love" and proves Clapton's intense devotion to early blues legends, with obvious blues inspiration on "Hoochie Coochie Man" and "Have You Ever Loved a Woman?" Rounding out the set is a lovely rendition of "Over the Rainbow," the theme song from the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*. Clapton pulls off this ballad quite nicely, remembering the forgotten song to his audience.

Musically, disc 2 is much stronger than the first. It adequately showcases Clapton's blues inspired guitar riffs in ways that the songs of the first disc could not. Parts of the first disc even come across as somewhat easy listening, while disc two is purely rock and blues.

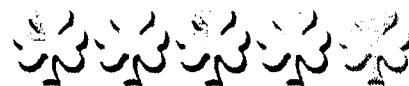
As the only triple inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as a member of both The Yardbirds and Cream and also as a solo artist, Eric Clapton reveals the vast range of his talent on *One More Car One More Rider*. Highlighting his immense talent as a guitarist and proving his close ties to the blues, *One More Car One More Rider*

One More Car One More Rider: Live on Tour 2001



Eric Clapton

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has enabled Eric Clapton to take the wheel and play the songs that he likes best. This album is a must-have for any Clapton fan's collection.

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Eric Clapton asserts his legendary status on his latest compilation of blues, rock and acoustic stylings.

ALBUM REVIEW

Sigur Ros, foreign sound from frozen soil

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Not many people have heard the name Sigur Ros mentioned in everyday music conversations, but they are the biggest band to come out of Iceland. While Sigur Ros (Icelandic for "a victory rose") has been popular in Europe for several years, they've only recently gained attention in America. Their debut album in the United States, *Agaetis Byrjun*,

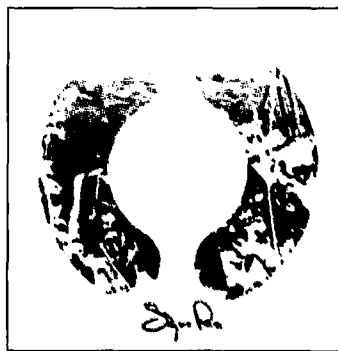
(Icelandic for "a good start") received critical acclaim in 2000, and some of their music was even featured in the movie *Vanilla Sky*. Shortly after releasing *Agaetis Byrjun*, Sigur Ros wrote several new songs while on tour in America. Eight of these songs make up their latest release.

Sigur Ros' newest album has no title, but instead is represented by two parentheses. This untitled theme carries over to the songs themselves; none of them are titled either. Sigur Ros carries this minimalist approach throughout the entire CD. The insert has no lyrics or credits, only several transparent pages on which the listener is encouraged to write their interpretations of Jonsi, Sigur Ros' lead singer's, lyrics. That brings up another interesting aspect of (), none of the lyrics are real. Every word Jonsi sings is part of a made-up language the band calls Hóplandic. But what about the music itself?

While it is very difficult to get past all the artsy themes on this album, once you hear Sigur Ros' music, none of that seems to matter anymore. The music on () carries a funeral pace in its tempo and rate of development, but it is not without its moments of transcendent beauty. Most of the songs start off incredibly soft and slow, and then inevitably crescendo into a beautiful mix of guitars, strings, and keyboards. The songs then fade out very quickly leaving

only an impression of mood rather than melody. The second track, for example, opens with a slow guitar riff over a groaning organ. This eventually gives way to Jonsi's aching vocals that can only best be described as the high pitched singing of whales. The song then explodes into a perfect blend of Jonsi's bowed guitar, ritualistic drums and haunting strings. Then

()



Sigur Ros

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suddenly, track 2 fades out into the piano centered third track.

The standout track on () is the fourth track. Known as *Njosnaelin*, or the *Nothing Song*, to fans, this track was featured in the movie *Vanilla Sky*. The song begins with soft timpani pounding out a slow beat, and a guitar played with a cello bow lightly resonating in the background. The song quickly adds several other layered guitars to pick out the ongoing melody, and

then Jonsi's choirboy-like vocals enter. The song pauses in the middle for a simple organ solo, but flows right back into the pounding melody and eventually fades out to the end of the first half of the album.

Sigur Ros divides () into two halves, much like a vinyl album is structured, with a 30-second pause in between the

fourth and fifth tracks. There is an obvious shift in mood and melody on the last four tracks. The first four songs are lighter and have an optimistic feel to them, while the final four songs have a darker feel. The final song, for instance, starts off with a subdued guitar riff that could come from any modern pop song. Sigur Ros puts their signature touch on it, however, with Jonsi's vocals dancing over the thunderous drums and distorted guitar. This final track is ()'s loudest track, but also it's darkest. The song crescendos until the last possible second and then abruptly ends with only the hum of Jonsi's distorted guitar fading out.

Sigur Ros' () is a refreshing breath of originality in a music industry where everything sounds very similar. It is safe to say that there is nothing like Sigur Ros in music today. The closest comparison would be Radiohead, but even an experimental band such as them doesn't quite compare to Sigur Ros' sound. The band is like Radiohead's "Knives Out" on a slow morphine drip.

() may not be the most popular album or have the most familiar sound, but the band has created a beautiful ambient masterpiece that captures everyday emotions in eight haunting, layered orchestral songs.

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NBA

Pierce's 27 points help lift Celtics over Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

Paul Pierce scored 27 points and Eric Williams added a season-high 21 as the Boston Celtics won for the sixth time in seven games by beating the Orlando Magic 102-97 Monday night.

Pierce hit four free throws in the final 1:07, shooting 10-for-12 from the line, to snap the Magic's three-game winning streak. He also had 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady, his first step diminished after turning an ankle early, used his outside game to score 25 points. Grant Hill had 22 points and a season-high 13 rebounds, while Mike Miller had 18 points.

The Celtics went ahead 94-93 on Williams' dunk with 4:01 remaining, and Antoine Walker followed with a fast-break layin. Walker had 19 points and eight rebounds.

After McGrady hit a jumper to cut the deficit to one point with 2:41 to go, Orlando missed four shots and committed two turnovers.

McGrady, picked earlier Monday as the Eastern Conference's Player of the Month, appeared to turn his left ankle on a drive to the hoop late in the first quarter. He hobbled around the court in obvious pain before collapsing on his back.

He returned to the game after a brief visit to the locker room, but he ran gingerly for the rest of the night, even passing up a dunk on a second-quarter breakaway for a layin where he barely jumped.

McGrady shot 9-for-21, including 4-of-8 on 3-pointers.

Boston's usual barrage of 3-pointers was cut short in the first half by Orlando's perimeter defense, which held the Celtics to 1-for-9 shooting beyond the arc.

But Boston found its outside shooting touch after the break, making four of its first six 3-point tries en route to an 81-75 lead entering the final quarter.

Knicks 125, Cavaliers 93

Allan Houston scored 29 points and Kurt Thomas had a career-high six blocks to go with 22 points as the New York Knicks dealt the Cleveland Cavaliers their 15th straight loss Monday night.

In a game that wasn't close for the final three quarters, the Knicks surpassed the 100-point

plateau for just the second time this season while enjoying their first lopsided victory.

Latrell Sprewell added 20 points and 11 assists for the Knicks, who have won three in a row for the first time since last January. Led by Thomas going 11-for-15, the Knicks shot 53 percent from the field.

Dajuan Wagner had 25 points and 10 assists for the Cavs, who are closing in on the longest losing streak in franchise history — 19 games during the 1981-82 season. The 32-point margin of defeat matched their second-largest of the season.

Cleveland was without three key players, Ricky Davis (team suspension), Tyrone Hill (sprained ankle) and Darius Miles (knee tendinitis), and only managed to keep the game competitive for a few minutes.

Things started to go south for the Cavs as soon as backup center Michael Stewart entered the game midway through the first quarter with Cleveland leading 14-12. The Knicks went on a 14-2 run ending with an 11-foot runner by Houston for a 26-16 lead.

New York had a 9-0 run to start the second quarter and an 8-0 run later on in the period, taking a 26-point lead on two free throws by Clarence Weatherspoon with 5:42 left that made it 52-26.

Thomas had all of his blocks by halftime, and the Knicks had a 29-14 edge in rebounding at intermission.

Houston gave New York its first 30-point lead on a 3-pointer just 1:12 into the third quarter, then hit three more 3s over the remainder of the period to help the Knicks take a 99-71 lead into the fourth.

Houston left for good with 9:16 left and the Knicks leading 108-75.

Prior to the game, Knicks president Scott Layden said the team was unlikely to use the \$4.5 million medical exception it received for the season-ending knee injury to Antonio McDyess. The exception was due to expire at midnight.

Mavericks 113, Raptors 102

Steve Nash scored seven of his 25 points during a crucial fourth-quarter run and the Dallas Mavericks extended their home winning streak to nine games with a victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Dirk Nowitzki added 23 points,

Nick Van Exel had 17 points in a reserve role and Michael Finley added 15 for the Mavericks, who improved their league-best record to 16-1.

Nash shot 7-for-8 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line, and finished with seven assists.

Alvin Williams scored 27 points, Morris Peterson added 24 and Antonio Davis 18 for the Raptors, who lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Vince Carter, who scored 17 points, picked up his fifth foul with 2:17 left in the third quarter and didn't return until 8:51 remained in the game.

The Mavericks held a 93-84 advantage when Carter returned, and Dallas pushed its advantage to 95-84 on Van Exel's layup with 8:23 left.

Carter had two baskets during a 10-4 run as the Raptors closed within 99-96. But Nowitzki scored from close range on consecutive possessions, Nash hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 3:51 left, and added two layups to cap an 11-2 spurge that gave Dallas a 110-98 lead with 1:45 left.

Dallas took an 82-78 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks opened the game with a 10-0 run, but the Raptors got their offense on track following a timeout and finished the first quarter leading 25-24.

Dallas held a 53-52 halftime lead. Nowitzki and Bradley each scored 10 points in the first half.

Peterson's 18 points and Carter's 11 led the Raptors in the first half.

Heat 100, Suns 90 (OT)

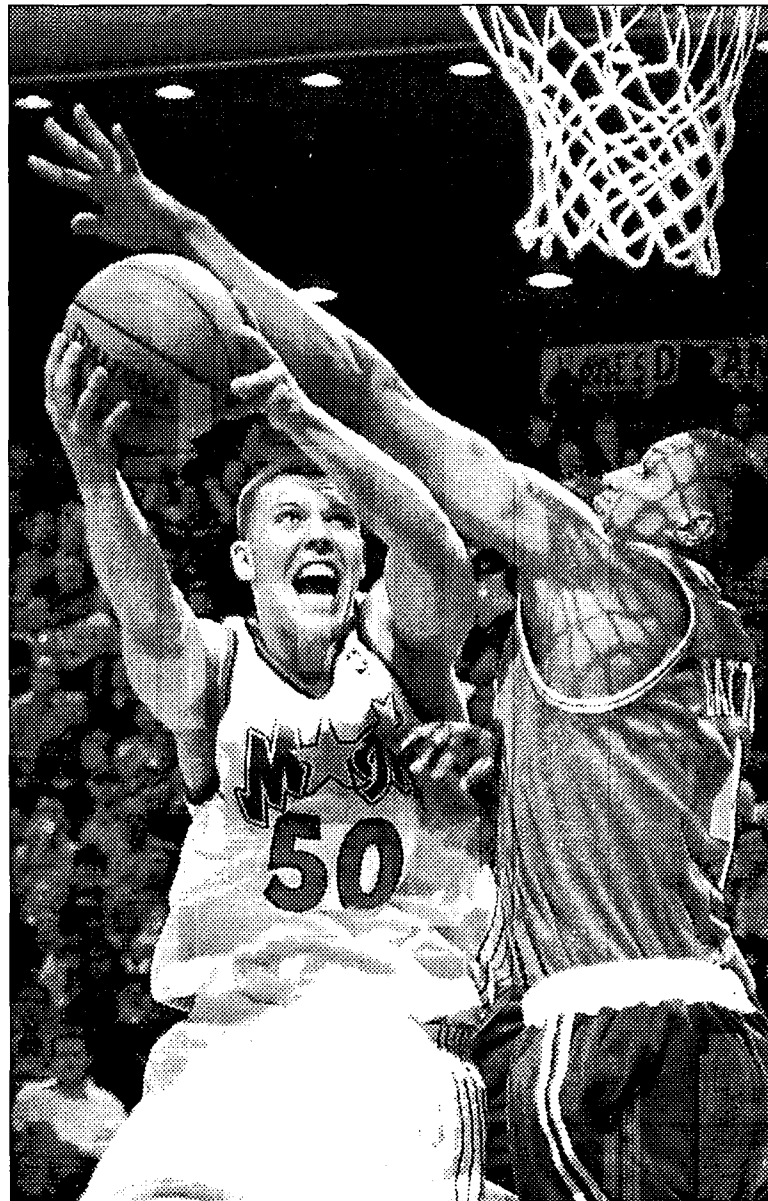
Travis Best was perfect in overtime — after a nearly imperfect performance in regulation.

Best made a tying layup with 37 seconds left in regulation, then added three baskets in overtime, leading the Miami Heat over the Phoenix Suns Monday night.

After missing his first nine field-goal attempts of the game, Best made five shots in a row to boost the Heat.

In the extra period, Best made all three of his field goal attempts, including two 3-pointers, and both his free throw tries.

He opened the overtime with a 3-pointer for an 82-79 lead and followed that with a driving layup. He capped his late-game field goal splurge with another 3, giving him the only three field goals for Miami in the extra period.



KRT Photo
Orlando's Mike Miller drives against Boston's Tony Battie Monday. The Celtics defeated the Magic 102-97.

od. The rest of the Heat's 21 points in the extra period — their most ever in a first overtime — came on foul shots.

Best finished with 16 points. Eddie Jones led Miami with 21 points, rookie Caron Butler had 20 and Brian Grant had 17 points and 17 rebounds.

Miami scored its final 12 points on free throws, six by Grant, as the Suns fouled desperately in an effort to catch up. The Heat finished 27-of-31 from the foul line, while Phoenix was 11-of-12. The Heat also outrebounded the Suns 49-35.

Shawn Marion topped the Suns with a season-high 30 points, rookie Amare Stoudemire had a season-high 20 points, and Stephon Marbury scored 18. Marion and Stoudemire each had nine rebounds.

Another key to the game was

Miami going to a zone defense, after the Suns had opened a 13-point lead in the third quarter.

For a team not noted for its accuracy, the Suns were very proficient in the first half, connecting on 51.3 percent of their shots (20-for-39) in building a 44-41 lead at the break. Coming into the game, Phoenix ranked 27th in the league in field goal percentage (.401).

The Heat stayed close because of their rebounding. They outrebounded the Suns 23-13, including 12 off the offensive glass, and had 17 second-chance points to only two for Phoenix. Grant had nearly as many rebounds as the Suns with 11 at halftime.

Jones gave the Heat their biggest lead in regulation, 53-48, by scoring 10 consecutive points, including two 3-pointers, early in the third period.

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NFL

Packers beat Bears 30-20 to secure NFC North

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Spectacular touchdown-saving plays by two backups named Walker allowed the Green Bay Packers to win their first division title in five years.

The Packers won the NFC North by beating the Chicago Bears 30-20 Sunday, despite losing running back Ahman Green to a knee injury after he had produced 123 yards of offense.

Rookie Tony Fisher, an undrafted free agent from Notre Dame, ran for 91 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Packers (9-3), who were coming off two straight losses, became the first team to clinch a playoff spot and remained the only team without a loss at home.

They couldn't have done it without rookie receiver Javon Walker, who chased down a cornerback headed for the end zone to prevent the Packers' halftime deficit from reaching 15 points.

Then nose tackle Rod Walker forced a fumble from the Bears' center on first-and-goal at the Packers' 1 in the third quarter.

"The Walkers rep-re-sent-ed today!" defensive end Vonnie Holliday said.

On a cold, windy day at Lambeau Field, Brett Favre threw two second-half touchdown passes and improved to 33-0 at home when the temperature is 34 or below. He beat the Bears for the 18th time in 22 tries.

The Packers trailed 14-6 at

halftime after Javon Walker ran about 100 yards and chased down Roosevelt Williams as he was about to dance into the end zone at the end of the first half.

"It would have been devastating to have them score like that right before the half," Packers coach Mike Sherman said.

Green Bay still appeared on its way to another defeat when Rod Walker, filling in for injured Gilbert Brown, snatched the ball from center Olin Kreutz just as he was snapping it to quarterback Jim Miller.

"Those were two huge plays," Bears coach Dick Jauron lamented.

Rod Walker timed the snap perfectly, grabbed the ball and pulled it back to his chest, covering up all in one fluid motion.

"I had a friend who did it all the time in high school, so I thought I might as well try it," Walker said. "I just went directly for the ball."

Eagles 10, Rams 3

Backed by a dominant defense, the Philadelphia Eagles proved they can win with their No. 3 quarterback. The St. Louis Rams still haven't won without theirs.

Bobby Taylor returned an interception of Kurt Warner 23 yards for a touchdown, and

third-string quarterback A.J. Feeley did just enough to help Philadelphia beat the Rams 10-3 Sunday in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

The NFC East-leading Eagles (9-3) shut down St. Louis' once-potent offense, forcing five turnovers and sacking Warner eight times, including four by backup defensive end N.D. Kalu.

"When we go out and play and there's no letdown in any quarter, there's no team we can't beat," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said.

Feeley, starting his first game since his junior season at Oregon in 1999, completed 14 of 30 passes for 181 yards, and lost one fumble. He played because Donovan McNabb is out with a broken right ankle and Koy Detmer has a dislocated left elbow.

"It felt great. It's been a long time since I played a whole game," said Feeley, who started eight games his junior season, before getting hurt and losing his job to Joey Harrington.

Warner, the NFL MVP last season, was 20-for-42 for 218 yards and two interceptions. He also lost a fumble in the first quarter, and lost 9 yards when he dropped the ball on a pump fake.

The Rams (5-7), who beat

the Eagles 29-24 in the conference title game 11 months ago, are 0-6 when Warner starts. They won five straight when No. 3 quarterback Marc Bulger stepped in after backup Jamie Martin went down in his first game playing for Warner, who broke his pinkie in Week 4.

"We made mistakes all across the board," said Warner, whose right hand was wrapped in ice after the game. "In the past, we've always been able to overcome it. For whatever reason this year, we haven't."

Bills 38, Dolphins 21

Drew Bledsoe overcame the elements and the Buffalo Bills overcame Ricky Williams' best rushing performance.

Braving a cold wind and a slick field, Bledsoe passed for three touchdowns and scored one on his own, sparking the Bills to a 38-21 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

It was enough to deal with the elements and Miami's Williams, who set a Dolphins record with 228 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns.

The game began with a temperature of 25 degrees and ended in near whiteout conditions as a heavy snow fell through most of the fourth quarter.

While the Dolphins, now 3-7 when the temperature is 27 degrees or colder, have traditionally had trouble playing in wintry conditions, the Bills and Bledsoe are much more accustomed.

"I've played in cold weather for a long time now, since high school," said Bledsoe, who grew up and played college football in eastern Washington, and spent his previous nine seasons in New England. "It never has been a real factor as far as throwing the ball. I've got big hands. I can throw the ball."

Bledsoe finished 15-for-27 for 306 yards, breaking the game open by leading Buffalo on three consecutive touchdown drives in the second half.

It was a prolific turnaround for a once-sputtering offense that produced 36 points in its previous three outings. It was also a historic performance.

Buffalo's Eric Moulds, with 130 yards receiving, and Peerless Price, with 93 yards, each surpassed the 1,000 yard receiving mark. Travis Henry with 151 yards rushing, broke the 1,000-yard plateau. It marked the first time three players on the same team have done so in the same game.

The Bills (6-6) ended a three-game losing streak while jumping back into the AFC East playoff race, inching within a game of the Dolphins (7-5). Miami fell into a tie with the New England Patriots.

The New York Jets (6-5) could make it a three-way tie for first with a win at Oakland on Monday.

The Dolphins, who lost quar-

terback Ray Lucas to a nerve injury in his neck, couldn't be carried by Williams alone. Williams scored on 45- and 55-yard runs and set a single-game franchise record. Williams also set a single season franchise record with 1,284 yards, beating the mark of 1,258 set by Delvin Williams in 1978.

Ricky Williams almost also set less-glorious NFL record: His rushing total was the second-most by a player in a loss. O.J. Simpson set the mark with 273 yards in Buffalo's 27-14 loss to Detroit on Nov. 25, 1976.

"I've been preparing for it since Monday. I'd check on my phone to see the forecast and look on the computer every chance I had," Williams said of the weather. "I was a little nervous about it. It was cold and miserable, but we did a good job up front and it made my job easy."

Panthers 13, Browns 6

The Carolina Panthers were smiling, laughing and hugging. A season soured by suspensions, an arrest and an ugly fight was finally fun again.

After nearly three months of self destruction, the Panthers finally damaged somebody else's season.

Dee Brown rushed for 122 yards in his first career NFL start as Carolina ended an eight-game losing streak Sunday with a 13-6 win over

Cleveland, crippling the sloppy Browns' playoff chances.

The Panthers (4-8), who began the season 3-0, won for the first time since Sept. 22 and ended a string of futility that included all sorts of off-field problems — the most notable being wide receiver Steve Smith's assault of teammate Anthony Bright during a film session.

"So many bad things have happened to us," said tight end Wesley Walls, who scored the game's lone touchdown. "That made this one sweet, real sweet. This is our most satisfying win because of what we've been through."

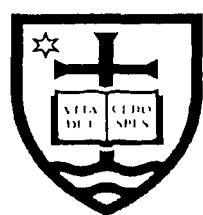
During the losing streak, Carolina lost four games by three points or fewer and had blown fourth-quarter leads in all four.

"A bounce finally went our way," said cornerback Reggie Howard.

Like so many of Cleveland's games in the past two seasons, this one had some controversy as officials waved off an apparent go-ahead TD by Browns wide receiver Kevin Johnson with 1:57 remaining.

The Browns (6-6) committed five turnovers and quarterback Tim Couch threw three interceptions, including one on a bobbled ball that Carolina's Emmanuel McDaniels picked off with 1:45 left.

"This is a really tough loss because of how much it meant to us," Couch said. "It's tough to take."



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"We didn't stay disciplined even when we made that comeback," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "We used so much energy to come back, I don't think we had anybody that could play that many minutes."

The score could have very easily been much worse. Carroll only connected on 1-of-11 3-point attempts and generally struggled to find the basket all night.

"We would have definitely had over a hundred," Carroll laughed about how high the score might have been. "It's a great sign when I don't shoot the ball too well and we still score 90 points. That says a lot about our team."

The Irish held vaunted guard Dwyane Wade, who entered the game averaging 25.3 points, to 19 points on 7-of-19 shooting. Most of Wade's points came against Notre Dame's defense, which used a zone for the first half, then switched to man-to-man in the second half.

Nearly lost in Notre Dame's offensive flurry was the play of freshman Torin Francis. Francis, who struggled against Creighton and only played six minutes, was left to fend for himself down low, as the Irish used a lineup that featured four shooters. But Francis walked away with 13 rebounds.

"We can make shots," Brey said. "We can put numbers up. We scored 91, but I think some guys thought we should have had more."

Notes:

♦Former Irish forward David Graves, now playing with a Nike exhibition team, after a stint with the Chicago Bulls, attended Monday's game.

Graves' team beat North Carolina, coached by former Irish coach Matt Doherty, in an exhibition a month ago. But Graves broke his thumb about a month ago and hasn't played since, although he said he would be ready to play in a couple of weeks.

♦The Irish split their Thanksgiving break games, losing to Creighton 80-75 Tuesday but blowing out Albany 90-55 Saturday.

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he drove to the basket, hesitated, drove again, hesitated again, then tossed up an ugly shot as Todd Townsend chopped his arm down like a cherry tree.

The ball dropped straight through the net.

Thomas jogged under the basket and toward a jubilant bench, a smile on his face,

three more points on his resume and one foul left on the stat sheet.

"They brought all kinds of defensive players at me," he said.

"When I started getting rolling, I knew none

of those guys could guard me."

When the Irish lost their first game of the season to Creighton a week ago, Brey chastised his team for getting out of its half-court offense. Mistakes Brey saw the Irish make in blowout games early in the season manifested themselves to chew away Notre Dame's unbeaten record.

So he told the Irish in general, and Thomas in particular, to do what they do best — stay patient, pass the ball around, play unselfishly and wait for the shot to happen.

"Just go ahead and give it up," Brey remembers telling Thomas earlier in the week. "You're gonna get it back."

The casual observer who picks up a stat sheet the morning after Notre Dame torched Marquette can't help but

"They brought all kinds of defensive players to me. When I started getting rolling, I knew none of those guys could guard me."

Chris Thomas
Irish guard

notice Thomas' spectacular line — 32 points, 10 assists, five rebounds, five turnovers.

The 11,418 fans crammed into the Joyce Center picking up the stat sheet might be surprised the Irish guard didn't have 32 assists.

With national television cameras invading the Joyce Center, Thomas arguably played his finest game of the young season. He looked to pass before he shot. He created open shots for his teammates with his dribble penetration. He swung the ball with ease around the perimeter.

And when the ball came back to him, Thomas didn't hesitate to pull the trigger.

Notre Dame lost to Creighton because the Irish tried to

do too little on offense. In trying to rally their team, each individual player put the burden of responsibility on his shoulders. Thomas failed to create something out of nothing. Matt Carroll tried to force 3-pointers. Dan Miller rushed his shots.

The result was a '1' in the 'L' column.

Later that week, Brey called the three players into his office for a little conference. With Torin Francis struggling on the inside, Brey essentially told his squad that if they wanted to win, they had to help the other guys and not try to take the game over individually.

"It wasn't selfishness on the part of Miller, Carroll and Thomas," Brey said. "It was we're young on that front line and [them thinking], 'We have to do it.'"

Notre Dame's strength lies in the play of its perimeter players. Brey looking down his bench resembles an executioner staring at a table of lethal tools, trying to decide which ones to use.

When the Irish put Chris Quinn on the floor with Thomas, Carroll and Miller, Notre Dame has a potent group of shooters. The guard-heavy lineup the Irish used successfully against Marquette creates matchup problems on offense. They trade size for speed and run away with the advantage.

And they take the focus off the post.

This early in the season, much is already clear.

Francis will emerge into a dominant player down low, but he needs time before he's ready to fill Ryan Humphrey's Orlando Magic-sized sneakers.

If Notre Dame wants to make a run for a Big East title, their perimeter will have to form the foundation while the post is under construction.

Although the Irish sharpshooters will carry much of the offensive burden for the Irish, Notre Dame's sophomore point guard has to make solid on-court decisions. Any shooter shoots best when defenders are caught scrambling for position, something created by a fluid halfcourt offense involving the entire team.

Thomas' points will come no matter what he does. But by involving his teammates, he takes pressure off himself and his teammates at the same time.

And that, as Monday night showed, will lead to great things for the Irish.

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35-20 in the second half.

"[Success in the second half] was a combination of a lot of things," McGraw said. "I'm excited because that was a great win on the road against a good team. That's a definite NCAA tournament team. I'm really pleased we were able to pull that out."

Notre Dame also got a look at how a physical team plays. The Irish's first win over Cleveland State didn't prepare the team for the kind of game they had against USC. The Trojans bumped the Irish forwards around and their guards hand checked Notre Dame all night. But the experience of playing a team like USC should help Notre Dame later in the season.

"They were really physical," Ratay said. "They really crashed the boards and I think that caused some problems for us and kept them in the game. We haven't seen such an athlete team. I think we'll be ready for it now when we see it again."

Borton agreed. "They play a really intense defense, they over play so it's different than some teams that we play," Borton said. "We had to step it up and counter their pressure defense and look for the backdoor and look what they would give us."

The Irish have three games left on their current four-game road trip and will travel to Valparaiso to take on the Crusaders Wednesday.

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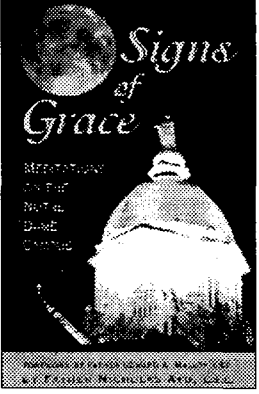
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oklahoma State upsets Oklahoma again

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla.

Rashaun Woods and Josh Fields did it to Oklahoma again.

One year after ruining the Sooners' postseason plans with a late touchdown in Norman, Fields and Woods connected for three TDs as Oklahoma State pulled off a 38-28 upset of Oklahoma on Saturday.

Woods had 12 catches for a school-record 226 yards, while Fields completed 18 of 27 passes for 357 yards and four touchdowns against the nation's ninth-ranked defense.

"We played our best opponent; we played our best football," Cowboys coach Les Miles said. "Considering all of our big wins this year, this was undoubtedly our best one."

Last year's 16-13 stunner by Oklahoma State cost Oklahoma a trip to the Big 12 title game, where a victory would have sent the Sooners to the national title game. Oklahoma (10-2, 6-2) came into this game with the South Division title sewn up, but the Sooners have no shot of playing for a national title.

"There are no excuses," Stoops said. "They did an excellent job all around — their coaches and players — and just beat us."

Oklahoma, which will play No. 13 Colorado for the Big 12 title next week in Houston, had no answer for Woods.

He caught TD passes of 41, 60 and 13 yards in the first half and had three catches on the Cowboys' first drive of the third quarter, when they took a 35-6 lead. Woods then had two more receptions on a clinching fourth-quarter drive that led to a field goal and a 38-21 lead.

The Cowboys set the tone for the game by driving 64 yards for a touchdown on their first possession. Mixing the pass and run, the Cowboys drove to the 30 before Seymore Shaw broke free. He fumbled at the 1, but receiver John Lewis picked it up and fell into the end zone for a touchdown.

Oklahoma State needed just two plays to make it 14-0. After

a personal foul put the ball at the Oklahoma 41, Woods got behind cornerback Andre Woolfolk on a post pattern and was wide open when he caught Fields' perfect pass.

The Cowboys immediately seized the momentum back, going 71 yards in three plays for another touchdown — this one a 60-yard pass to Woods, who again burned Woolfolk.

Oklahoma State 28-6 on a 13-yard pass from Fields to Woods midway through the second quarter. The big play on the drive was the long completion to Bajema.

Oklahoma scored its final touchdown on a pass from Hybl to Trent Smith with 2:14 left, but couldn't recover the onside kick, and the Cowboys ran out the clock.

Florida State 31, Florida 14

All of a sudden, the season doesn't seem so bad for Florida State.

Taking advantage of his second chance, Chris Rix ran for 83 yards and threw two touchdowns to Anquan Boldin to help the Seminoles earn their biggest win of the year, 31-14 over Florida on Saturday night.

"We finally looked like Florida State," a relieved coach Bobby Bowden said.

Freshman tailback Leon Washington ran for 134 yards. Linebacker Kendyll Pope returned an interception for a touchdown. A week of turmoil melted away with a big post-game celebration, and a season of disappointments took a long-awaited positive turn for the Seminoles (9-4).

On the other side, Ron Zook had no more luck in his first year than Steve Spurrier did in 12 seasons when it comes to winning at Doak Campbell Stadium. The Gators (8-4) still haven't won in Tallahassee since 1986.

"I guess the streak continues," Florida offensive lineman Shannon Snell said.

Florida's hopes grew dim with 10 minutes left in the third quarter when Grossman slipped a pass to tight end Aaron Walker. Walker tipped it into the



Oklahoma State players celebrate the game-winning field goal against Oklahoma on Saturday. The Cowboys knocked off the Sooners for the second straight year.

hands of Pope, whose 13-yard interception return gave the Seminoles a 24-6 lead.

A little later, Grossman, who finished with 303 yards, led the Gators on an 84-yard touchdown drive to cut the deficit to 10.

But Rix and Boldin answered with what might have been Florida State's best drive of the season. They connected for a 26-yard gain and for a 19-yard touchdown as part of an 80-yard drive that made the score 31-14 and turned the rest of the night into a Seminole celebration.

It was an odd combination, considering Boldin was in McPherson's corner when Rix struggled earlier this season and several Seminoles were calling for a change.

Arkansas 21, LSU 20

Now LSU knows how it feels to lose on the last pass of the game, too.

Matt Jones threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to DeCori Birmingham with 9 seconds left, and David Carlton made a long

extra point to give Arkansas a 21-20 victory over the Tigers on Friday.

The ending was nearly as stunning as LSU's win over Kentucky on Nov. 9, when Devery Henderson caught a 75-yard touchdown pass on the game's final play for a 33-30 victory.

Arkansas scored twice in the last half of the fourth quarter to win the SEC's West Division title and advance to the conference title game against Georgia next Saturday in Atlanta.

Trailing 20-14 with 34 seconds left, the Razorbacks (9-3, 5-3 SEC) got the ball at their 19. Jones completed a 50-yard pass to Richard Smith on the first play.

After an incompletion from the LSU 31, Jones found Birmingham in the back right corner of the end zone. The sophomore slipped behind Randall Gay and outleaped him for the ball. LSU's Travis Daniels was too late to break up the pass.

"It was a triple post route and

Matt threw it deep in the end zone and I just jumped up and made the catch," said Birmingham, who had only 14 receptions coming into the game. "I kind of gave (Gay) a little stick to make him think I was running a much shallower route. He bit for it so we went a little deeper."

Arkansas was penalized 15 yards for excessive celebration, however, setting up a 35-yard extra point. Carlton's kick was plenty long enough, but it curved left and was barely good.

Randall, who came off the bench in a 14-13 win over Ole Miss last week, completed four of six passes on the opening drive. Green caught his second pass of the season on a wide-receiver screen, and he turned it into a 67-yard touchdown with 6:44 left in the first quarter.

Jones tried to throw the ball where Smith could catch it in the back of the end zone, but Webster stepped in for his SEC-leading seventh interception. Arkansas made six first downs on the drive, which lasted 17 plays and took 8:10 off the clock.

Arkansas responded by holding LSU to three plays, and a 10-yard punt return by Birmingham gave the Razorbacks their best field position of the game at the Tigers 47.

LSU didn't allow Arkansas to take advantage of that either, holding on three plays and forcing the Razorbacks' third punt of the half.

The Tigers took over at the 10 with 3:18 remaining and drove 58 yards in 10 plays to set up Corbello's 49-yard field goal on the last play of the half for a 10-0 lead.

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Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, the winningest coach in Texas A&M history, was fired Monday after the Aggies went a disappointing 6-6 in the regular season, capped by a 50-20 loss to Texas.

During his 14-year tenure as head coach, Slocum's 123 career wins were the most in school history.

But A&M fans were disappointed that the Aggies have become less competitive in the Big 12 South — their 3-5 finish was their first losing record in league play since 1984.

"It was with great sadness and disappointment that I learned today that I was being fired as the head football coach at Texas A&M," Slocum said in a prepared statement.

"We had a season where we lost several close games that could have gone either way and no one was more disappointed than me with our record. However, we have some really outstanding young players and I felt our future was bright," he said.

In a statement, the school said A&M President Robert M. Gates asked Slocum to step down as head football coach Monday and assume the role of special adviser to the president.

"Coach Slocum is one of the most respected and admired members of the Aggie family, and he has much still to offer the university he has served so long with rare integrity and skill," Gates said.

Slocum, 58, was in the fourth year of a seven-year deal he signed in 1999 worth \$1 million annually, including a base salary of \$300,000.

The rest of the package was to come from radio and television programs, a housing allowance, cars, a country club membership and shoe contract.

Slocum leaves after a 6-6 season that matched his worst

with the Aggies. A&M last posted a 6-6 record in 1996.

He won four conference championships, including the Big 12 title in 1998. His overall record was 123-47-2.

Slocum told players of the firing at a team meeting earlier Monday.

"I'm disappointed. He's a great guy and a great football coach and I hate to see that happen to him," senior linebacker Brian Gamble said. "The guy has been a father figure for me for four, almost five years. To see him go is really disheartening."

Slocum had to deal with his share of tragedy. Last week, freshman defensive lineman Brandon Fails died after collapsing in his dorm. He was the third Aggies player to die during his tenure.

And in 1999, the campus was stunned when the log stack for the university's traditional bonfire collapsed and killed 12 people and injured 27. That year, Texas A&M rallied in the second half for a 20-16 victory.

Since a 30-26 win over then No. 1 Oklahoma, the Aggies lost in double overtime to Missouri, and closed the regular season with a loss to Texas.

"Although disappointed with Dr. Gates' decision, I do recognize that the university has the right to decide who coaches the team," Slocum said. "I have spent 30 years of my life here and have deep feelings for Aggieland. I will cherish the memories of my many relationships over the years with the students and former students of this university."

Slocum had been a part of A&M's football operations all but one year since 1972, when he joined Emory Bellard's A&M staff as offensive end coach.

Slocum was named A&M's defensive coordinator under Tom Wilson in 1979. In 1981, he left to be defensive coordinator at Southern California but returned to A&M the following year when Jackie Sherrill became the Aggies' new coach.

Slocum succeeded Sherrill in 1988.

♦ Solich cuts 3 assistants, looks for new defensive coordinator

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska coach Frank Solich fired three of his defensive assistants and said Monday that he no longer will call the team's offensive plays.

Defensive coordinator Craig Bohl, secondary coach George Darlington and rush ends coach Nelson Barnes were let go.

The announcement came three days after the Cornhuskers finished their worst regular season in 41 years. With a 7-6 record, Nebraska barely became eligible for a postseason bowl game.

Solich said he has not decided who will take his spot as offensive coordinator. Solich, like his predecessor Tom Osborne, had served in that role while also head coach.

"We are taking the necessary steps to get this program turned back around," Solich said.

He said hiring a new defensive coordinator is his top priority.

Solich said defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and graduate assistant Jimmy Burrow will handle the defensive game plan for the Cornhuskers' upcoming bowl game. Nebraska will accept a bowl invitation for an NCAA-

record 34th straight year, probably to the Dec. 27 MainStay Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., against an opponent from the SEC.

The university will honor all terms of the fired coaches' contracts, which run until June 30, 2004, and pay a combined \$525,356. Bohl will receive \$207,600, Darlington \$179,120, and Barnes \$138,636.

"We made some changes today that we think are in the best interest of the University of Nebraska, and I want you to know I support Frank Solich completely on those," athletic director Bill Byrne said.

"We need to turn this program around and we're going to do it," Solich said firing three of his assistants wasn't easy.

"I appreciate that these coaches have dedicated themselves to this profession and this program, but we feel we need to move forward at this time," Solich said.

Darlington was a Nebraska assistant for 30 years. Hired in 1973 in Osborne's first year as head coach, Darlington worked most of his career alongside Solich, who was an NU assistant for 19 years before being promoted to head coach in 1998.

Darlington said Monday that he has enjoyed his career at Nebraska. He has said

repeatedly this season that he does not plan to retire.

"To have been a part of one of the most dominant and respected programs in the history of the sport fulfills a boyhood dream," Darlington said.

Bohl, who played for Nebraska from 1977-79, was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2000 after five years as the team's linebackers coach. He did not return a message left on his phone by The Associated Press.

Barnes, a former defensive line coach at Texas, had been Nebraska's rush ends coach since 1997.

The Huskers are 7-8 in their past 15 games. Nebraska's once-feared Blackshirts defense has struggled since giving up 62 points

to Colorado near the end of last season. They gave up an average of 35 points in losses to four opponents ranked in the AP Top 25 this year.

"The coaches can only do so much," rush end Trevor Johnson said. "Some changes needed to occur. ... I think change is going to help us."

Solich was one of only a dozen Division I-A head coaches who also served as offensive coordinator. The Huskers' offense has been criticized this season for being one-dimensional and lacking the physical power of past squads.

"We are taking the necessary steps to get this program turned back around."

Frank Solich
Nebraska coach

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♦ Lynch let go after unsuccessful tenure at Ball State

Associated Press

MUNCIE, Ind. — Bill Lynch was fired as Ball State's football coach Monday after producing only two winning seasons in his eight years at the school.

He will be reassigned to an unspecified job within the university for the final year of his contract, athletic director Bubba Cunningham said.

Lynch had a 37-53 record at Ball State, with his only winning seasons coming in his first two years. The Cardinals lost 21 straight games in 1998-00, which at the time was the nation's longest losing streak.

Ball State finished 6-6 this season after Saturday's 38-14 loss to Marshall.

"Bill has brought in good students and good people," said Cunningham, who

became athletic director in August. "However, we also expect to excel on the field. We have not achieved the success we had hoped we would."

Telephone messages were left at Lynch's home and office.

In 2001, the Cardinals finished 5-6 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-American Conference West for a share of the division championship. Former athletic director Andrea Seger announced at the time that Lynch's contract would be extended to January 2004.

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Womens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Duke (36)	2-0	996
2	Kansas State(1)	4-0	920
3	LSU	2-0	870
4	Connecticut (3)	2-0	864
5	Tennessee	1-1	824
6	Purdue	2-0	760
7	Stanford	2-0	745
8	Vanderbilt	1-0	689
9	Georgia	1-0	645
10	NOTRE DAME	0-0	567
11	Texas Tech	1-1	521
12	North Carolina	2-0	475
13	Penn State	4-1	449
14	Louisiana Tech	1-1	428
15	Arkansas	1-0	423
16	Texas	0-0	391
17	Minnesota	2-0	339
18	Iowa State	1-0	245
19	Boston College	1-0	230
19	Mississippi St.	3-1	230
21	TCU	1-0	199
22	Oklahoma	2-1	140
23	Virginia	1-0	117
24	Geo Washington	1-0	110
25	Cincinnati	0-1	105

Mens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (31)	2-0	775
2	Texas	4-0	714
3	Duke	3-0	696
4	Pittsburgh	3-0	674
5	Alabama	4-0	658
6	Oregon	3-0	573
7	Oklahoma	3-1	525
8	Maryland	3-0	521
9	Florida	4-1	475
10	Marquette	4-0	459
11	Indiana	4-0	448
12	Connecticut	3-0	428
13	Kansas	2-2	416
14	North Carolina	6-0	321
15	Missouri	2-0	299
16	Xavier	2-1	259
17	Minnesota	2-0	235
18	Kentucky	2-1	229
19	Tulsa	3-0	192
20	Illinois	3-0	185
21	Michigan State	2-3	128
22	Stanford	4-1	122
23	Virginia	3-1	99
24	Mississippi	2-1	79
25	Gonzaga	2-2	74

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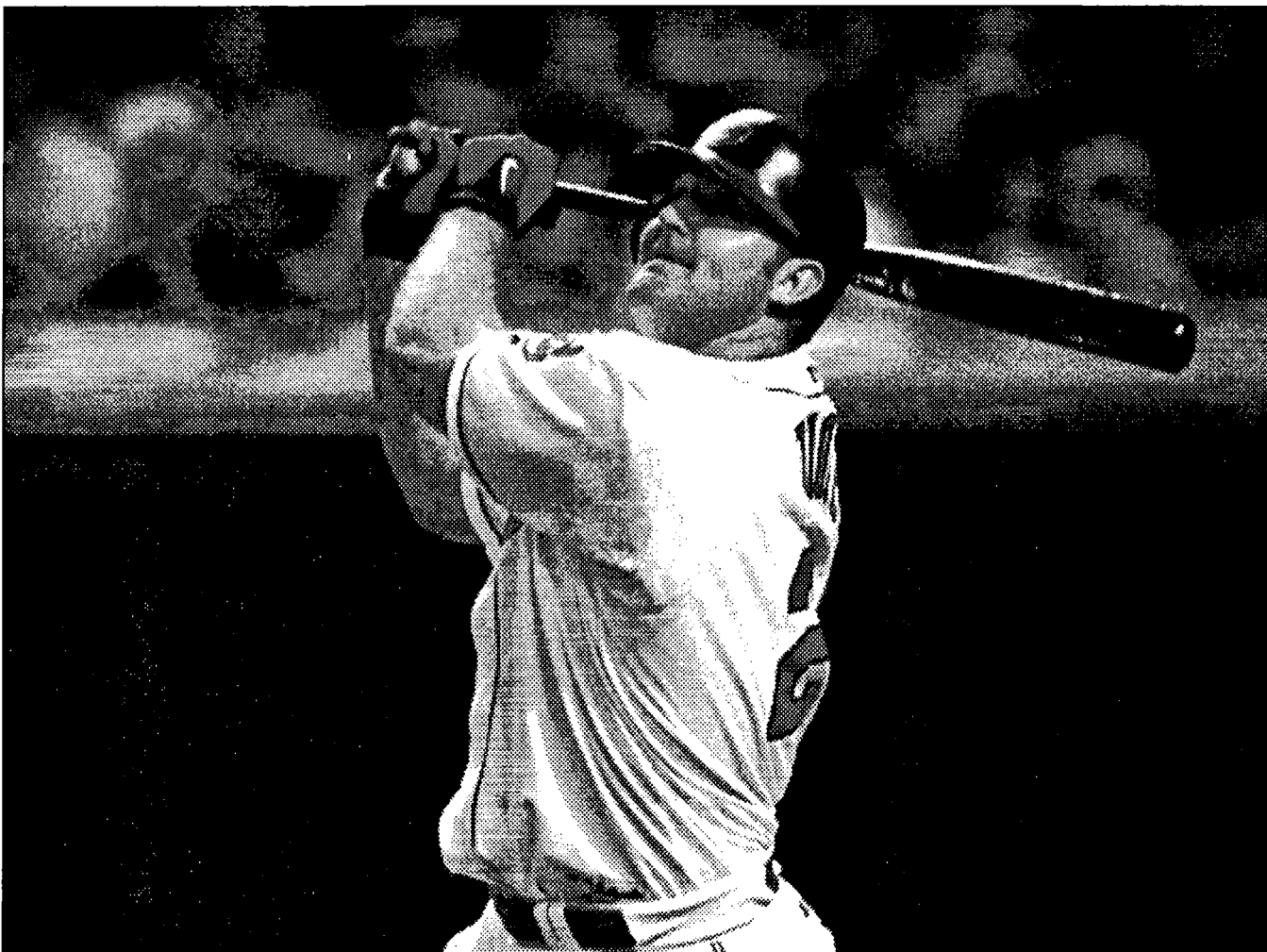
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Reuters Live Photos

Jim Thome reportedly agreed to an \$87.5 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies Monday. Thome, who hit .304 with 118 RBIs and had a .445 on-base percentage last season, will replace Travis Lee at first base.

Thome scores millions with Phillies

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
Jim Thome, the most coveted hitter in the free-agent market, agreed Monday to a six-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies, two baseball officials said.

Thome, who hit a club-record 52 homers for the Cleveland Indians last season, accepted a deal worth about \$87.5 million, one of the officials said on the condition of anonymity.

For the deal to become final, Thome must pass a physical.

Philadelphia is aggressively trying to improve as it prepares to move into its

new ballpark in 2004.

The Phillies agreed to a \$17 million, four-year contract with third baseman David Bell on Nov. 24. The Phillies also have a \$30 million, three-year offer out to left-hander Tom Glavine, the top free-agent pitcher.

Phillies general manager Ed Wade wouldn't discuss whether Thome had signed.

The 32-year-old Thome turned down a \$60 million, five-year offer from the Indians, the only team he has played for since he was a 13th-round pick in the 1989 amateur draft. The left-handed hitting first baseman has a .287 batting average, 334 homers and

927 RBIs in a 12-year major-league career.

Thome hit .304 with 118 RBIs, 122 walks and a .445 on-base percentage last season. He has hit at least 30 homers seven straight years and has driven in more than 100 runs in six of the last seven seasons.

While Bell takes over at third base from All-Star Scott Rolen, traded to St. Louis last summer, Thome replaces Rolen's power in the middle of a lineup that includes Bobby Abreu and Pat Burrell.

Thome's arrival signals the end of Travis Lee's time as Philadelphia's starting first baseman. Lee came to

the Phillies in 2000 in the trade that sent Curt Schilling to Arizona.

The Indians won six division titles and went to the World Series twice during Thome's tenure. The Phillies, meanwhile, are coming off their 14th losing season in 16 years.

Thome began his career as a third baseman, but moved to first when the Indians acquired Matt Williams before the 1997 season. Thome hit 40 homers in 1997, 49 in 2001. Though he has had some back trouble, Thome has played at least 146 games in six of the last seven seasons.

IN BRIEF

Warner out for at least 2 games

Kurt Warner's throwing hand is broken, and he will miss at least the St. Louis Rams' next two games.

Coach Mike Martz ordered Warner to have his right hand X-rayed Monday after the quarterback insisted several times during a meeting that he is fine. The exams showed a hairline fracture, which won't require surgery. Warner could play, in theory, but Martz said the pain is too strong.

The two-time NFL MVP appeared to have trouble gripping the ball in Sunday's 10-3 loss to the Eagles. He fumbled trying to tuck the ball in, and also lost control of the ball trying to pass.

Against Philadelphia, Warner threw two interceptions and lost his third fumble of the season. He has three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions in going 0-6 as a starter in 2002.

Martz said backup quarterback Jamie Martin will start next weekend

against the Kansas City Chiefs, with Marc Bulger — 5-0 as an emergency starter this season but now hampered by a sprained index finger on his throwing hand — as the backup.

Jordan back in starting lineup

The doubts about the knees are gone. Michael Jordan has made his inevitable return to the starting lineup, and he's there to stay.

The experiment that had Jordan coming off the bench for the Washington Wizards went on the shelf for good Saturday night against Philadelphia. Jordan will start again Tuesday against Milwaukee and plans to do so as long as his body holds up.

Jordan and coach Doug Collins agreed that he wasn't ready to start at the beginning of the season because he had rested his knee so much over the summer and had played so little in the preseason.

Asked if his desire to start was the result of his knees feeling better or

his frustration over the losing streak, Jordan said: "Both."

Fiedler to start against Bears

Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler will start next Monday night against the Chicago Bears after sitting out six weeks with a broken right thumb.

Ray Lucas, who started at quarterback Sunday, underwent an MRI exam Monday, but results will not be available until Wednesday.

Lucas was knocked out of the game in the third quarter with a deadened nerve in his shoulder and neck.

Fiedler played in the third and fourth quarters in a 38-21 loss to the Buffalo Bills in the snow Sunday. He reported no lingering problems with the thumb despite throwing an interception on a wobbly pass.

The loss ended the Dolphins' two-game winning streak and dropped their record to 7-5. Miami is in a tie for first place in the AFC East with New England, while Buffalo is a game behind at 6-6.

MENS SOCCER

Hoosiers end Irish season with 1-0 victory

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

One trend this season for the Notre Dame mens soccer team was rather odd: In its two previous games this season in which a player was ejected for receiving a red card, the ejected player's team — in both cases, not the Irish — won the game.

That streak was broken Wednesday night, as the ejection of Irish midfielder Justin Ratcliffe with 27 minutes remaining forced the Irish, already trailing to Indiana 1-0, to play 10-on-11.

The Irish were unable to overcome both deficits, and fell to the Hoosiers in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Bloomington.

"I thought it was a very competitive game," said Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. "We are very disappointed, because I thought we controlled large parts of the game."

The Irish seemed to control much of the early part of the first half of the match, culminating in a scoring opportunity by midfielder Kevin Goldthwaite that went just wide, as well as an 18-yard shot by midfielder Greg Martin that was just barely saved on a dive by Indiana goalie Jay Nolly.

However, after this early stretch that saw the Irish defense hold the Hoosiers without a shot, the Irish offense fell silent for a long stretch that lasted well into the second half.

Indiana finally got onto the

scoreboard at the 51:03 mark, as midfielder Ned Grabavoy knocked a lead pass to Brian Plotkin standing at the edge of its offensive penalty area. Plotkin — the Big Ten's Rookie of the Year — chipped a shot over charging Irish goalie Chris Sawyer to put the Hoosiers ahead.

The goal was Plotkin's first of the season.

"It was almost like a slap in the face to dominate a team like that and not come out with a victory," Sawyer said. "If we can take anything out of it, we can feel good about the way we played. But I know this team expected to go further."

The Irish then became more aggressive on the offensive side of the ball, which led to the red card on Ratcliffe. With 27:37 left, Ratcliffe was ejected for a hard tackle on the Irish offensive side of the field, and the Irish were forced to play a man down for the rest of the game.

"He's an incredibly passionate player and we all realized he was just doing everything he could to help the team and it just didn't go in his favor," Sawyer said. "We really admired his passion all season so you really got to hand it to the kid and feel for him after a game like that."

Without its senior captain at midfield, the Irish struggled, yet still managed some late scoring attempts. In the 89th minute, defender Jack Stewart led a late charge deep into Indiana's end of the field and booted a solid shot that sailed just wide of the net.

With the victory, the Hoosiers advanced to the



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Irish forward Rafael Garcia avoids a tackle during Notre Dame's victory over Akron in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish lost to Indiana Wednesday 1-0.

Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament to face off with Connecticut.

"The hard thing was after the ejection, when we went down to [playing with] 10 men," Clark said. "To play Indiana is a tough enough task when you are 11 versus 11. But I was really proud of how our team played when we went

down to 10 men."

The win also extended Indiana's home unbeaten streak to 13 games, dating back to the middle of last year, when the Irish knocked off the Hoosiers.

With last year's win, the Irish felt they had a slight edge over previous Hoosier opponents.

But it just wasn't meant to

be.

"We played here last year and won 1-0, but I felt that we actually controlled more of the game this year," Clark said. "It's a great in-state rivalry and we love to play here."

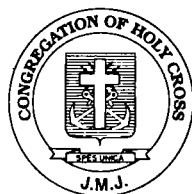
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NCAA awards Notre Dame tournament site

♦ Irish face College of Charleston in first round Saturday

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After winning its third consecutive Big East Conference Tournament championship Nov. 24, the Irish were rewarded over the weekend by being named a host of the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament. 16th-seeded Notre Dame (23-7) will play College of Charleston (29-5) Saturday at 6 p.m.

The College of Charleston won the Southern Conference and is making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish have never faced the Cougars.

The Cougars have won 22 straight matches — the second longest active streak in the country.

The Irish are currently on a 35-game winning streak at home, including a win over ninth-seeded Pepperdine on Sept. 14.

Notre Dame last hosted a NCAA Tournament game in 1996 losing to Ohio State in the second round after defeating Hofstra in the first round.

Overall, the Irish are 8-1 at home in the NCAA

Tournament.

The Irish enter the NCAA Tournament after sweeping Miami and Connecticut in the semifinals and finals of the Big East Tournament, respectively, en route to earning an automatic bid.

The Irish won their seventh conference title overall.

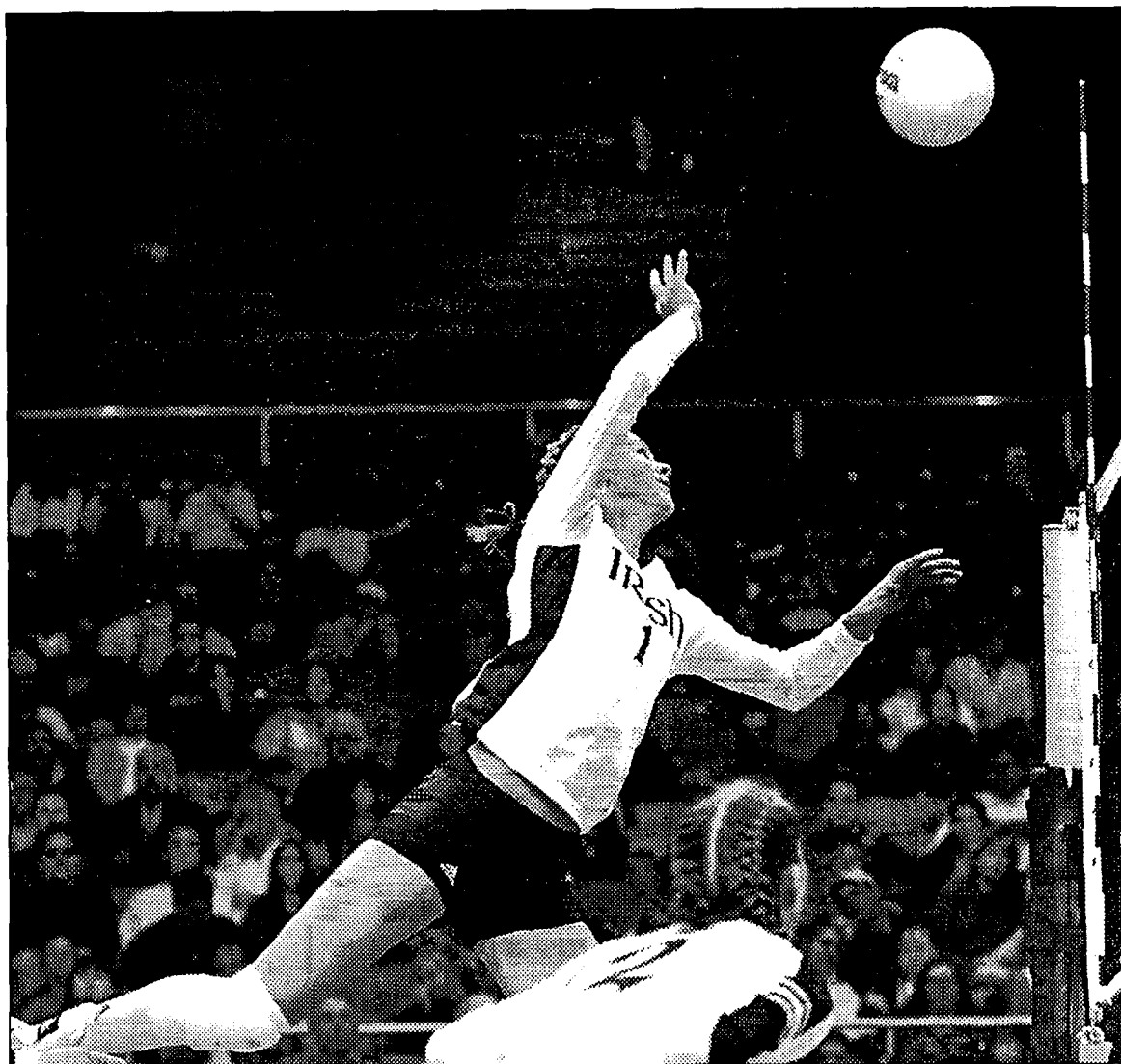
Michigan State (19-11) and George Mason (22-7) will play in the first semifinal Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Spartans are participating in their ninth straight NCAA Tournament and finished fifth in the Big Ten. George Mason won the Colonial Athletic Association and has not qualified for the NCAA Tournament since 1996. The Patriots and Spartans have never played each other.

Saturday's winners will play at 4 p.m. on Sunday. The winner of that game should face number one seed USC in the regional semifinals next weekend.

In last season's NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame was eliminated in the first round by Michigan State 3-1.

The Irish have not advanced past the second round since making it to the regionals in 1995.

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Sophomore outside hitter Emily Loomis goes for the ball during a match earlier in the season. The Irish won their third straight Big East Conference Tournament championship on November 24th.

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11:30 a.m.
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1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

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5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

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7:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

Rejoice! Mass

10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Chapel
Celebrant: Fr. J. Steele, csc

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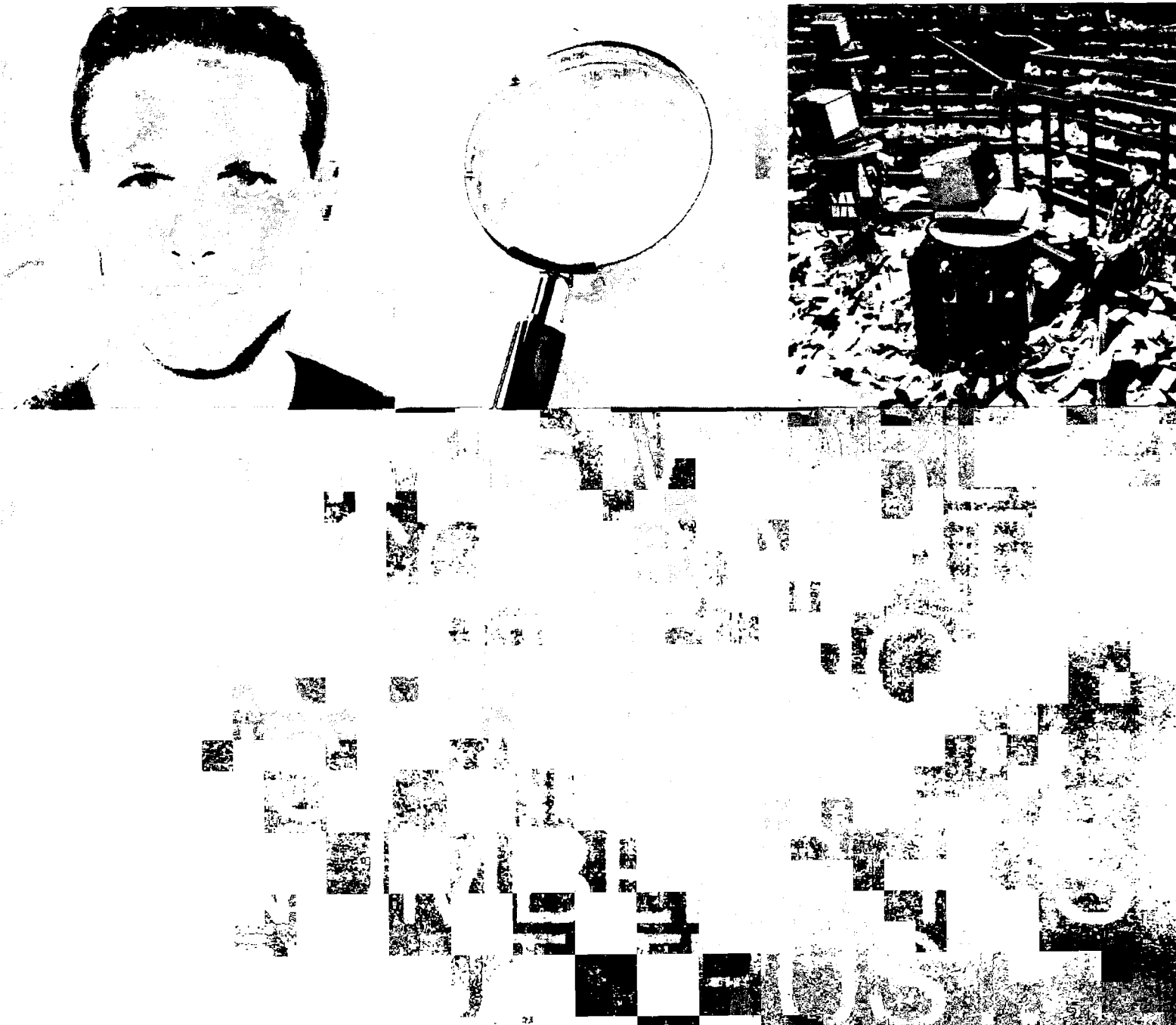
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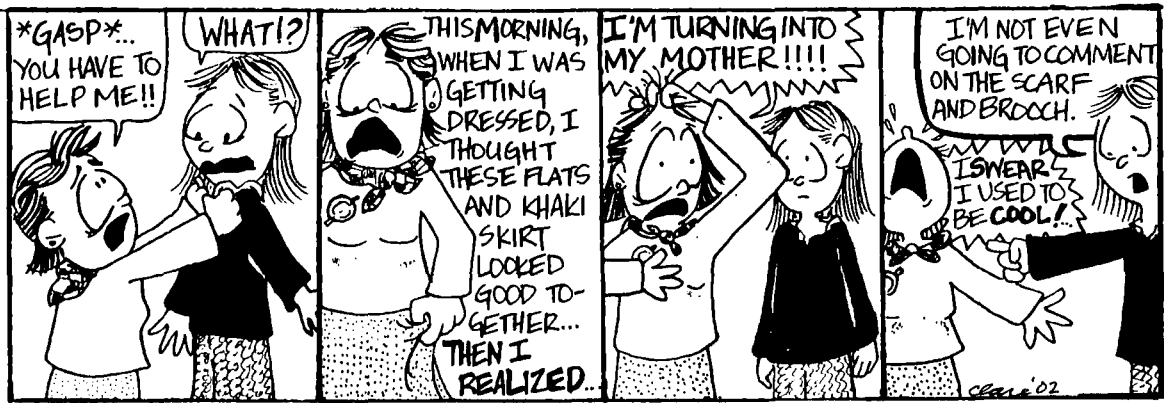
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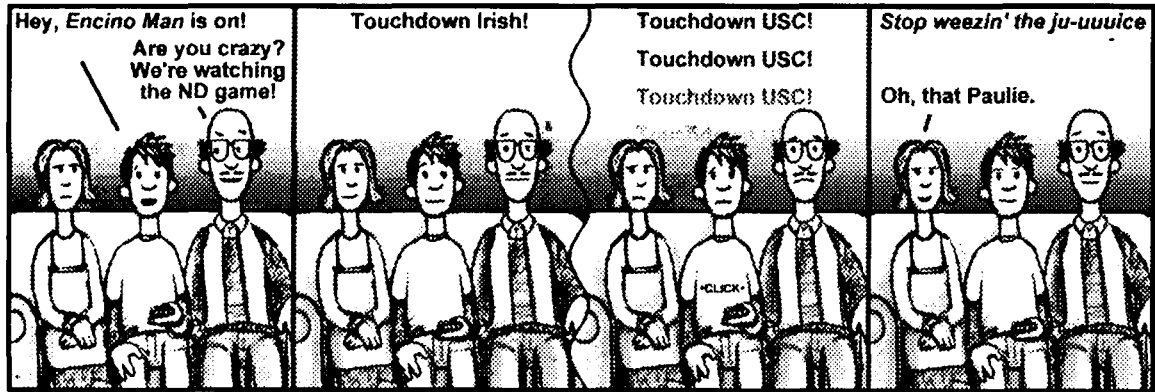
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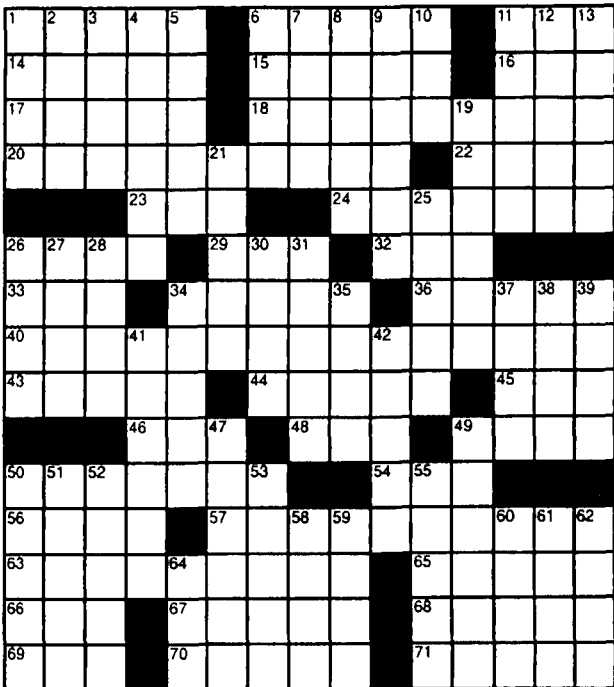


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 - 15 Golden-____ (oldsters)
 - 16 Ad-____
 - 17 Nebraska's largest city
 - 18 "Of course"
 - 20 "Of course"
 - 22 Memorial Day weekend event, for short
 - 23 Fork providers?: Abbr.
 - 24 Leather from the sea
 - 26 Float gracefully
 - 29 Old Mideast inits.
 - 32 Beehives and others
 - 33 "Honest" man
 - 34 "Sharp Dressed Man" band
 - 36 Spring in the Sahara
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 - 43 Dined at home
 - 44 Holy radiance
 - 45 Bake sale organizer, for short
 - 46 Costa ____ Sol
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 - 50 Asian shrines
 - 54 Drum locale
 - 56 Baseball's Jesus
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 - 63 "Of course"
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 - 6 Play group
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 - 9 Victimized, with "on"
 - 10 Speedy jet to J.F.K.
 - 11 Move sinuously
 - 12 Language of Delhi
 - 13 Future mom's doc
 - 19 Condemn from the peanut gallery
 - 21 Trooper maker
 - 25 Untethered
 - 26 "S.N.L." character Baba ____
 - 27 Some
 - 28 Grand banquet
 - 30 "____ boy!"
 - 31 Court game



Puzzle by Michael Shneyman

- 34 Like land in a city
- 35 Petted pet's sound
- 37 Doesn't guzzle
- 38 Small quantity
- 39 "____ out of it!"
- 41 Avoided a dragnet
- 42 Painting holder
- 47 Apt to change
- 49 Franklin with soul
- 50 Harness racer model
- 51 Oldsmobile
- 52 Mountain climber's obstacle
- 53 Church council
- 55 Pile up
- 58 ____ mater
- 59 City on the Rhone
- 60 Like
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can enjoy the company of someone you consider to be special, however, you shouldn't feel the necessity to pay his or her way if you really can't afford to. Remember that you want this person to appreciate you for you. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have a tendency to take unnecessary risks that could end in disaster. Think before you leap. Don't let someone you love goad you into doing things you'd prefer not to do. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social activity will open up romantic possibilities as well as bring you in touch with individuals who can lead you to a higher position. Take advantage of the many opportunities that are available. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on your work; lovers will only interfere with your being able to accomplish your objectives. You haven't been seeing things too clearly at an emotional level. Your time would be better spent focusing on your career. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression due to a domestic problem is quite likely. Direct your efforts into your work. The present starts now, so move forward with optimism. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be able to charm the world, but you had better have some concrete answers when dealing with authority figures. Lies will come back to haunt you. Make sure your sources are accurate. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic connections can be made through social or organizational acquaintances. Get out and interact with a variety of people. You can gain popularity if you voice a humanitarian opinion. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you have a problem with a friend or loved one, seek sound advice from someone you respect. You may be deceiving yourself, so do some soul searching. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional mishaps may lead to an estrangement with someone you care about. Direct your energy into physical activities. You will be able to accomplish a great deal if you put your mind to it. ★★

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MENS BASKETBALL

Golden Boy

◆ Irish knock off No. 10 Marquette with 92-71 win

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When the Irish basketball team walked into the locker room before Notre Dame played No. 10 Marquette Monday night, they noticed a small surprise waiting for them in their lockers.

Printed on a sign hanging from their lockers, Irish players saw a list of all the ranked teams that had fallen this season with the score after each game. At the bottom of the list, Notre Dame and Marquette was printed with question marks taking the places of scores.

It didn't take the Irish long to turn those question marks into exclamation points.

Behind 32 points from Chris Thomas and a 50 percent shooting performance from the field, the renewal of the Notre Dame-Marquette rivalry quickly turned into a blowout as the Irish humiliated the Golden Eagles 92-71 on national television.

"Quite frankly, what do rankings mean right now?" Irish coach Mike Brey asked after the game. "I don't really know. I put all of the so-called upsets up. Why not us?"

Why not Notre Dame, indeed.

Less than a week after the Irish lost their first game of the season to Creighton, a game Brey said the Irish walked away from convinced they had to adjust their style of play, Notre Dame put on

their most impressive offensive output of the young season in a renewal of one of the school's fiercest rivalries.

The Irish used a strong half-court game to spread the ball around the perimeter, and they played a lineup that included Thomas, Matt Carroll, Dan Miller, Torin Francis and Chris Quinn to spread the Golden Eagles' defense out.

The result an Irish shooting clinic put on for the benefit of Golden Eagles. Miller finished with 20 points, Carroll had 14, Quinn had 12 and Francis had 11.

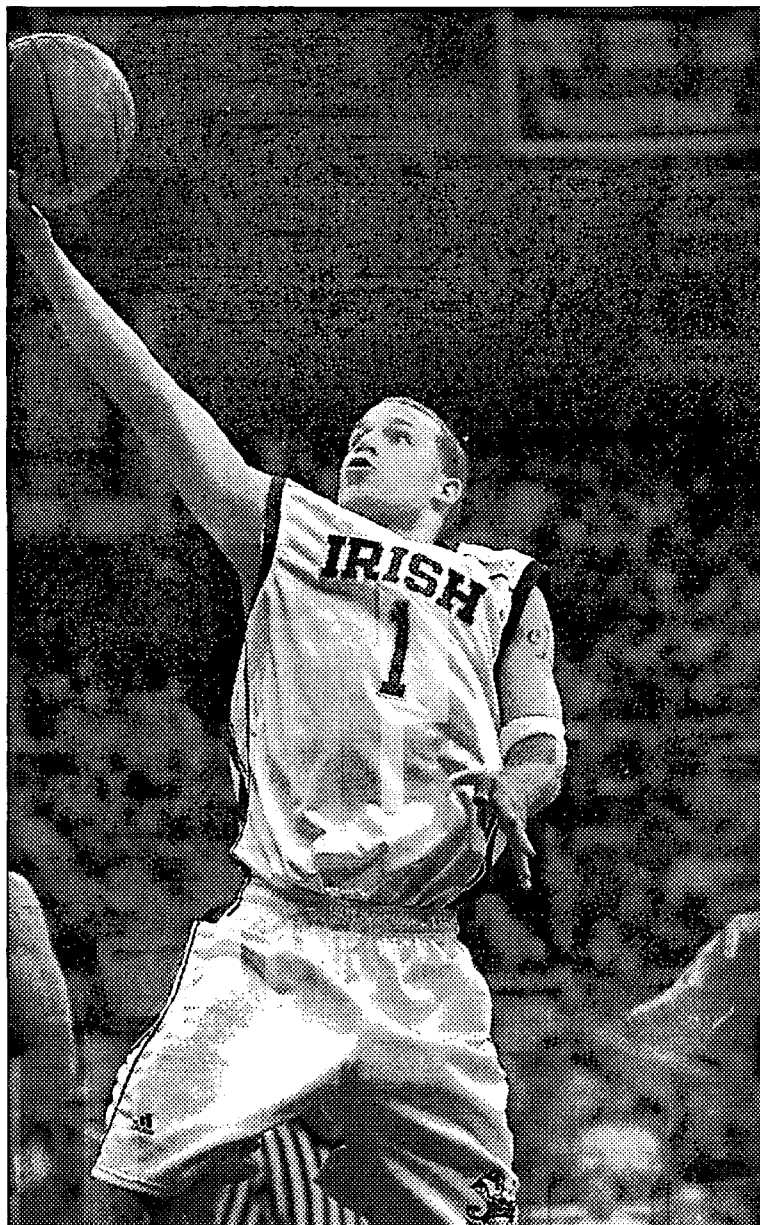
"We got tons of open looks," said Thomas, who also finished with 10 assists. "You give our team tons of open looks, we'll make most of them."

With the score tied at 11, the Irish reeled off seven unanswered points to take a 18-11 lead. After the Golden Eagles scored a lay-up, the Irish proceeded to score on 11 of their next 14 offensive possessions, turning a tight game into a 42-26 blowout.

Marquette didn't back down. Slowly but surely, they chipped away at Notre Dame's lead. Finally, when Chris Thomas picked up his fourth foul with 9:28 left and Travis Diener made both free throws, the Golden Eagles had closed the margin to 67-63.

But that was as close as the visitors would get. Keyed by a trio of Thomas 3-pointers, the Irish went on a 25-8 run to close out the Golden Eagles.

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Chris Thomas flips the ball towards the basket during the huge 92-71 Irish victory over Marquette Monday night.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

◆ Thomas' 32 points key balanced attack

Marquette had just cut a 16-point deficit to four points. The Golden Eagles couldn't miss a shot. Chris Thomas had just picked up his fourth foul. And more than nine minutes remained.

Yet Mike Brey didn't think about pulling his sensational sophomore for a second.

Sure, Notre Dame's point guard had picked up four points and three fouls in a seven-minute span in the second half.

But Brey figured that Thomas had played enough basketball to know how to play with four fouls.

"I thought in the back of my mind that I had to stay in the game for us to win," Thomas said.

Flash forward seven more minutes.

Thomas, who had only left the game for a minute's rest, dribbled the ball around the perimeter, trying to kill time. As the shot clock wound down,



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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish win first road victory of season at USC

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LOS ANGELES

Megan Duffy provided the dagger, and Alicia Ratay drove it through the Trojans' heart.

Duffy assisted Ratay's 3-pointer with 4:55 left in the game that gave Notre Dame a 10-point lead, and helped the Irish hold off a physical USC team 69-57 Friday night at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

"I think that was the turning point of the game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

"That put us up ten and we felt that was going to be enough cushion. [Ratay's] a veteran player and someone we can count on in the clutch situation."

With the win, Notre Dame (2-0) gained its first road victory of the young season. The Irish didn't win on the road until Jan. 2 last season.

"This is a big deal for us," said Teresa Borton, who with her 10 points was one of five Notre Dame players who scored in double figures. "I'm so excited to win on the road

and [USC] is a good team ... they played a good game and we did too, so it's exciting to win."

Ratay led the Irish with 22 points, and Jacqueline Batteast added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Notre Dame looked lost as the game started and quickly fell behind 11-2. Trojan forward Rachel Woodward tallied nine of USC's first 11 points. She ended the first half with 16 points.

"Woodward had a phenomenal first half and we talked

about her quite a bit at half-time," McGraw said. "I don't know how many she got in the second half but I thought we did a much better job."

Notre Dame cut the Trojan lead to 13-9 before finally grabbing their first lead of the game at 15-13 with 13:36 remaining in the first half.

The game see-sawed for the rest of the half, until USC went on a small 9-5 spurt and took a 37-34 lead into intermission.

The Irish came out strong in the second half and overtook USC 42-41 on a Le'Tania

Severe lay-up with 15:07 left in the game. Five minutes later, Borton's layup gave Notre Dame its biggest lead of the game to that point, at 52-45.

After a USC timeout, the Trojans cut the Irish lead to three, but Duffy's layup and a pair of free throws from Katy Flecky pushed it back to seven points at 56-49.

The teams then exchanged field goals before Ratay nailed the pivotal 3-pointer.

Notre Dame outscored USC

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VOLLEYBALL

After winning their third straight Big East Conference Tournament on Nov. 24, the Irish secured a host position in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Indiana 1
Notre Dame 0

A goal by Indiana's Brian Plotkin sinks the Irish in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Notre Dame struggled to keep up with the Trojan offense.

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Chris Thomas scored 32 points to help the Irish upset No. 10 Marquette.

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Alicia Ratay helped fend off a ferocious USC attack.

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