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## London Program to offer year-long option

By TERESA FRALISH  
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The London Program will now allow students to study abroad for the entire year, instead of the traditional one semester option.

"It's something we had been looking into for quite some time," said London Program associate director Terri Bays. "The full year gives students the opportunity to engage in more extended projects."

The London Program, which is directly run by the University, is the largest of Notre Dame's international study programs. Most other study abroad locations

allow students to spend an entire year in the foreign country.

Currently, the London Program offers students numerous opportunities for internships and other experiences, such as working for a Member of Parliament. Bays said that, with the year-long option, student would be able to do longer internships and more in-depth research projects, and that her office would work to develop more long-term opportunities.

"That's certainly something that's in the works," Bays said. "We're ready to put the investment in."

As a result of the new year-long option, Bays said enrollment

numbers for the program, presently at 150 students per semester, would likely increase but that the majority of students would still study for only a semester.

Additionally, the curriculum for both semesters, which generally requires science and engineering majors to study in the fall and business majors in the spring, would not change, either. Because of the change, the London Program has extended the application deadline and will also allow students who already applied to change their preference to a full year.

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Notre Dame's London Program classroom building is located adjacent to Trafalgar Square, pictured above. The program is now offering students the ability of studying in London for a year.

### CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Members debate, pass two resolutions



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Student Senators Laura Feeney and Kaitlyn Redfield present information on services for students with temporary disabilities.

By ANDREW THAGARD  
Assistant News Editor

Members of the Campus Life Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for a letter to be sent to the Office of Student Affairs asking for the creation of a University sponsored gender relations center and approved the drafting of a separate letter requesting the implementation of transportation services for students with temporary injuries during their meeting on Monday.

The proposed gender relations center would replace the existing student-sponsored Women's Resource Center. It will educate both male and female Notre Dame students on important women's issues, including rape, said Emily Chin, chief of staff in the Office of Student Body President and a member of the CLC.

The name, Chin said, speaks

of the proposed center's broader purpose.

"We wanted to not limit it to women," she said. "We want to open it to anyone on campus and educate males and females."

During the meeting, members also continued a debate focused on on-campus transportation for students with temporary disabilities. The Office for Students with Disabilities has traditionally provided limited transportation using golf carts for injured students. The policy, however, was discontinued due to budget cuts.

Members passed a resolution supporting the reinstatement of these or equivalent services and a temporary task force formed to address the issue will draft a letter to the Office of Student Affairs outlining CLC's stance and presenting research they com-

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## Absence of American limits options

Some students face higher prices for holiday travel

By MIKE CHAMBLISS  
News Writer

The recent departure of American Airlines from South Bend Regional Airport has forced some students to change travel plans for Thanksgiving Weekend.

Earlier this month, Trans State Airlines, which provided direct flights from South Bend under the aegis of American Airlines, discontinued service to Saint Louis.

Many students, like junior Annie Rohrs, who plans to fly on Northwest Airlines, are able to fly with one of the airlines that still service the South Bend area. These include Delta, ATA, United, Continental and USAirways, all of which have

hubs in the Midwest or on the East Coast. However, the change has limited the travel options of some students, especially those living in the Saint Louis area.

These students, formerly able to fly directly home from South Bend on American Airlines, now must choose between significantly higher ticket prices and traveling to a Chicago airport.

Saint Mary's sophomore Rachel Kevehazi, a resident of Valley Park, Mo., has opted to drive to Chicago's Midway Airport to catch a flight home.

"I tried to get a ticket from South Bend, but I would have had to pay \$400," said Kevehazi.

Mary Kowalski, Travel Manager for Anthony travel, said that the loss of American

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Airlines at South Bend Airport	
Flights out of South Bend Airport per day	
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United Express	
ATA Connection	6
Northwest/KLM	8
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Delta Connection	
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## SMC assists 'scholars at risk'

Program allowed columnist from Swaziland to seek asylum at College

By NATALIE BAILEY  
News Writer

When professor and social criticism columnist Sarah Mkhonza was forced to flee her country for speaking out against injustice, she didn't know who might offer her a safe haven.

But Mkhonza, a scholar from Swaziland, Africa, arrived at Saint Mary's Nov. 4 seeking academic asylum. Her presence is part of the Scholars-At-Risk Program, an organization that gives refuge to scholars who have spoken against inequality and are in danger as a result.

Her refuge at Saint Mary's is

made possible by a matched grant of \$20,000 from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Scholar Rescue Fund of the Institute of International Education at Harvard University.

"The Scholars-At-Risk program is an outgrowth of the College's interest in human rights and humanitarian services," said Janice Pilarski, justice education and program coordinator.

Saint Mary's professors and CWIL fellows attended a conference at University of Chicago in 2000 at the onset of the program and have been working since to host a scholar. The Scholars At Risk Web site

reports that more than 70 institutions, ranging from Ivy League research universities to small liberal arts colleges, are members of the network.

Scholars receiving asylum through the program hail from around the world, with the largest amount, about 30 percent, coming from sub-Saharan Africa.

Over half the applicants have social science or humanities backgrounds, while only six percent are journalists or writers.

Mkhonza, a linguistics professor at the University of Swaziland who was highly critical of government practices,

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INSIDE COLUMN

# A not so thankful day

As I was watching the Thanksgiving episode of "The O.C." last week, there was one line of the script that stood out to me: "Thanksgiving is celebrating the genocide of American Indians."

You know what? I agree. This accurately describes why I have never really liked Thanksgiving. The only thing it's good for is to get a break from school. I'm serious.



Sarah Vabulas

Scene Editor

My mom is a great cook and it's nice to have a home-cooked meal, but we need to think beyond the realm of good food to the reason behind the holiday itself.

When little kids think of Thanksgiving, they think of Pilgrims, their little buckle shoes and silly hats. They think of turkeys running around and smiles on everyone's faces.

But when I think of Thanksgiving, I don't think of that. I think of how the original Europeans treated the Indians badly, killing them and forcing them to move out of land which was rightfully theirs.

But yet, I embrace it just the same as everyone else. But I embrace it because while it supports and celebrates the genocide of American Indians, it also fosters family. Family togetherness is nothing to be snuffed at. Anything that brings families closer together in a positive way is worth keeping as a tradition.

Another reason to keep Thanksgiving is definitely the food. I live in Georgia, where big ole' meals are never taken lightly. The food is amazing and in abundance, at least in my household — or used to be before my parents decided that going to our country club was a much better idea than staying at home like most normal people, cooking a turkey, stuffing, all the vegetable fixings and pecan pie. But who am I to complain? I never liked Thanksgiving that much to begin with.

And we cannot forget the football aspect of Thanksgiving. I am a lover of the pigskin sport and watch it the entirety of the day, whether I care about the outcome of the game or not.

But I guess the best part of Thanksgiving is that it is the beginning of the Christmas season. Yes, I said the magic word — Christmas. Santa rides the sleigh in New York and then takes his seat at Macy's. My family always watches the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," starring Jimmy Stewart and we watch the Lighting of the Rich's Great Tree in downtown Atlanta, while my mom cries and my brother and I laugh about it.

I love Christmas and would just rather skip the whole Thanksgiving thing. I've been that idiot down the hall playing Christmas music since Halloween ended, bought the Christmas Coca-colas as soon as they hit the stores and already have been passing out Christmas cookies and candy. My roommate calls me nuts. I just say I love Christmas.

So, skip class and go home early to celebrate the genocide of American Indians. Chow down with your friends and families, and I'll do just the same. But remember, Thanksgiving really is the start of Christmas.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THANKSGIVING?



Brian Hedges

Junior Off-campus

"When Grandma grabs my cheeks."



Chip Roberts

Junior Siegfried

"I thoroughly enjoy dark meat."



Kathryn Wolohan

Senior Off-campus

"The Detroit Lions game."



Kevin Durney

Freshman Siegfried

"I always love the stuffing."



Mike Conte

Senior Off-campus

"I have to have the cranberry sauce with whole cranberries. I hate that cheap jelly stuff."



Pat Manning

Junior Off-campus

"When my Dad argues with my uncle over politics."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Karl Kadon, a freshman in Siegfried Hall, takes a break from homework and studying to practice on his drum set. Kadon keeps the set in his dorm room.

OFFBEAT

World's only known albino gorilla dies

BARCELONA — Snowflake, an extremely rare albino gorilla and the most popular resident of Barcelona Zoo, died of skin cancer early Monday morning, zoo officials said.

Zoo officials put the elderly gorilla to sleep after his health deteriorated in recent days, zoo officials said. Snowflake had been dying of skin cancer since 2001.

Snowflake, or Copito de Nieve in Spanish, was taken to the zoo's veterinary department for an autopsy.

"Until the end Copito

enjoyed a fantastic quality of life, interacting normally with his children and grandchildren," said the zoo's chief and veterinarian, Jesús Fernandez. "Lately though, he deteriorated quickly. In the past four or five days we noticed signs of pain and suffering and so decided to practice euthanasia."

The gorilla was thought to be between 38 and 40 years old. The average life span in the wild is 25.

Farmers use CDs to help relax turkeys

LONDON — Officials at the National Farmer's Union

said Monday the organization has sent 114 farmers a compact disk of sounds including birds twittering in the early morning, wind chimes, whale sounds and the gobble of "happy turkeys," to play to their birds.

The National Farmers' Union came up with the plan after consulting animal behavior experts at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, where the world's first cloned animal, Dolly the sheep, was produced.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Layna Mosley, a political science professor and fellow at the Kellogg Institute, will deliver a lecture titled "Rules in International Finance: Public Institutions, Private Regulation and Everything in Between." The lecture will take place this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

Come watch "Never on a Sunday," a Greek film with English subtitles. The movie begins tonight at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre of LaFortune. The event is sponsored by the International Student Services.

Participate in drop in indoor soccer at Rolfs tonight from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Purchase your tickets for Handel's "Messiah" presented by ND Chorale and chamber orchestra. The play is directed by Alexander Blachly and will take place at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall on Dec. 3. Tickets are \$3 for students and may be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office.

On Sunday, play in-line hockey at Rolfs from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The sophomore class will sponsor a blood drive on Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Saint Mary's Chamber Ensemble and Wind Ensemble will deliver a concert on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Little Theatre of the Moreau Center for the Arts.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

# Members discuss deadlines

By MATT BRAMANTI  
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday night in LaFortune to continue planning the future of student government and discuss other issues.

Most of the discussion centered on upcoming deadlines for revamping the structure of student government.

"It was originally Dec. 1, but now that's dust in the wind," said Club Coordination Council president Seth O'Donnell.

Elliot Poindexter, president of the Judicial Council, said that the plans to reconstitute the Student Union should be in place by Jan. 13.

"We should have our top structure done by no later than when we come back [from Christmas break]," Poindexter said.

"This deadline is crucial for his organization, which is responsible for conducting fair student body elections and overseeing cam-

paigns. Members discussed the possibility of moving elections back, but they acknowledged that doing so would decrease transition time to the newly elected administration.

Members also presented information on their constituencies to the council. To aid in the overhaul of student government, student body vice president Jeremy Lao called for each member organization to report to the council on its goals, missions and purposes. Several organizations presented brief reports, and more will occur during next week's meeting.

**In other Council news:**

◆ Peggy Hnatusko of the Student Activities Office said LaFortune Student Center will be open for shorter hours during the Thanksgiving break. The center will close at midnight Wednesday, and will remain closed all day Thursday. It will be open noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, but the Huddle will remain closed for the

entire break. Normal hours will resume Sunday.

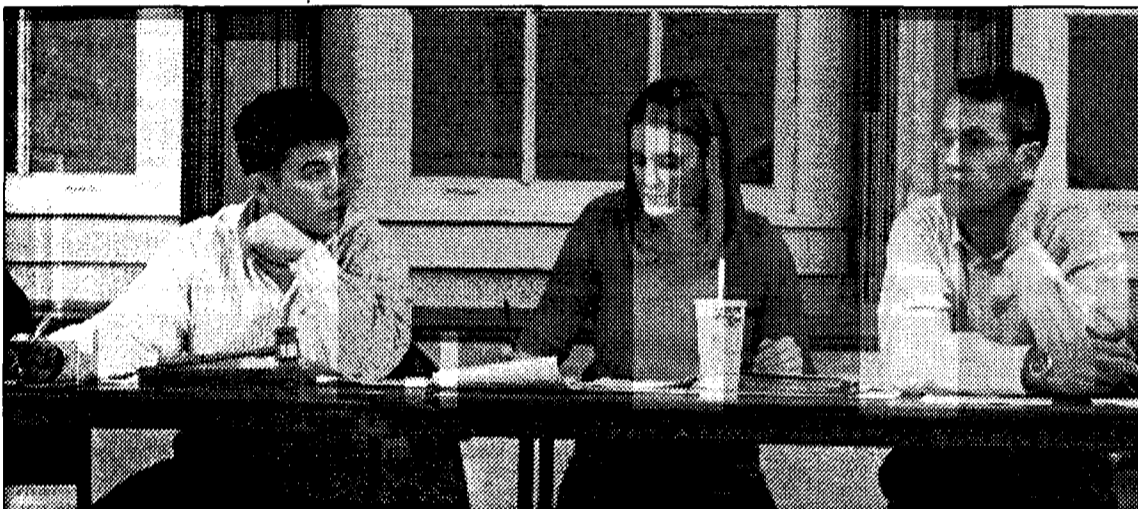
◆ Lao announced the formation of a committee to make recommendations on basketball and football ticket policies. Lao said the committee would submit a report next semester to Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director for ticket operations.

"We want to create a task force to look at ticketing in general and improve ticket procedures," Lao said.

◆ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia asked members of her class to attend class events in the near future. Programming functions include a Dec. 1 dinner and football watch at Buffalo Wild Wings and a class rosary on Dec. 8.

◆ Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer encouraged residence hall staffs to participate in the HPC Christmas decoration contest.

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Jeremy Lao, Meg Smith and Pat Hallahan discuss deadlines for revamping the structure of student government during Monday's Council of Representatives meeting.

**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

# Proposals made to change election process

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
News Writer

Elections commissioner Nicole Haeberle detailed changes to be made to the student government elections process at the BOG meeting Monday. The changes are part of a yearlong effort to update the student government constitution.

One of the biggest changes Haeberle proposed was a separation of first year elections from the other classes. Under the new provisions, the First Year class board elections will be held a week after the class office elections. The shift in dates, Haeberle hopes, will improve candidate numbers.

"We split the first year elections to ensure a higher turnout in the board election," said Haeberle. "A lot of women I talked to didn't run for board because they ran for president."

Increases in allotted campaign funds were also proposed. Upon reviewing past elections commissioners' notebooks, Haeberle noticed that permitted financial expenditures had not be increased for over five years.

"Campaigning on only a hundred dollars is rough," said President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Under the constitution amendments candidates for major student government positions will be allotted \$150 to campaign, a \$50 increase from the previously amount.

The last serious change to the existing policy was a contingency plan in the case of a computer network outage. In a recent election the campus

server shut down for twenty minutes leaving students unable to vote. Under the updated constitutional policy the election will be permitted to continue if the shut down does not exceed two hours. If the electronic election ballot is unavailable for more than two hours, the election will be officially canceled for the day and reopened as soon as possible.

**In Other BOG News**

◆ Student Diversity Board will host Religious Awareness Week Dec. 1-5. The week will include a variety of events to promote consciousness and acceptance about religious diversity. Locations and times will be available online on the student activities calendar.

◆ The Student Government Association is hosting a variety of events on Dec. 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, in honor of the Saint Mary's patroness. Faculty, staff, and students will be invited to attend a dinner at Noble Family Dining Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a mass and reception. All participants are encouraged to wear blue as a sign of recognition of the day.

◆ Student government will host a Christmas feast title 'Christmas Around the World' on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in Reignbeaux Lounge, Le Mans Hall. The event will include a variety of Christmas specialty dishes from different culture all over the globe, such as Spain, Germany, and France.

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**CLC**

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The task force includes Charlie Ebersol, Student Union Board Manager, David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, and Chin. The three reported that between seven and 10 students sustain injuries that limit their ability to walk each month, according to University Health Services. CLC members also considered asking each residence hall to donate money to fund the reinstatement of services.

"We're hoping to get this done before the real snow comes down," Chin said.


**In other CLC news:**

◆ The Senior Privileges Task Force updated the Council on progress toward establishing reserved parking for on-campus seniors. The group said that while Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Student Affairs, expressed interest in the proposal, members of Notre Dame Security Police were concerned about their ability to enforce it.

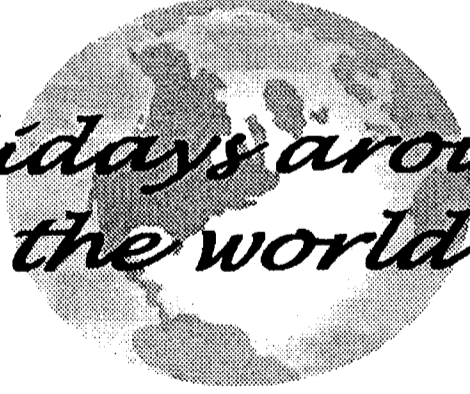
"Given the fact that NDSP has reservations about it we're still working out the details," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice president.

◆ Members continued a previous discussion on the quality of landscaping on the University's grounds. Wyatt Maxwell, a member of CLC, said that he believed the appearance of landscaping around campus has deteriorated this year. CLC targeted eight areas that they consider merit the most attention and will present their findings in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs. Representatives also plan to meet with Landscaping Services to discuss the issue.

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# Interrace



*Holidays around the world*

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**Time: 5:30pm**  
**Place: Center for Social Concerns Coffee House (Food Provided)**  
**RSVP: 1-6841 by December 1st**

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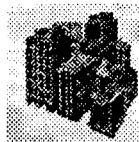
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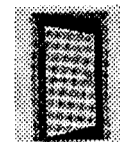
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## Career, Job and Internship Fairs 2004 University of Notre Dame The Career Center



*The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!!*



### Chicago Career and Internship Connection

Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Location: AMA  
8655 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL

**Website:**

<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html>

**Details:**

\*DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003

- ◆ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
- ◆ The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
- ◆ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
- ◆ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

### New Jersey Collegiate Career Day

Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM  
Location: Browers Commons & Rutgers Student Center  
College Avenue - Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, NJ

**Website:**<http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>

**Details:**

Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.

About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.

Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at <http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>

### Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection

Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Location: National Press Club  
529 14th Street  
Washington, DC

**Website:**<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/dc.html>

**Details:**

\*DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Washington is December 1, 2003

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- ◆ The Washington Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
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### Careers 2004 - New York

Date: January 09, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Location: New York City  
New York, NY

**Website:**[www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com)

**Details:**

Large event with Fortune 500 employers and some governmental organizations. Open table format with students meeting employers. Students must register on-line at [www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com). Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

### Boston Career & Internship Connection

Date: January 12, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Location: John Hancock Conference Center  
40 Trinity Place - 3rd Floor  
Boston, MA

**Website:**<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/boston.html>

**Details:**

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### Careers 2004 - Atlanta

Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Location: Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

**Website:**[www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com)

**Details:**

Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, logon to [www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com). The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

### Careers 2004 - Chicago

Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Location: Chicago  
Drury Lane  
Oak Brook Terrace, IL

**Website:**[www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com)

**Details:**

Register on-line at [www.careerconferences.com](http://www.careerconferences.com) to attend this live event in Chicago with 40-50 Fortune 1,000 companies and a few governmental organizations. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 45 students who will be attending. Email Bridget at [kibbe.1@nd.edu](mailto:kibbe.1@nd.edu) or call, 1-5200. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to January 19, 2004.

### Hire Big Ten Plus

Date: January 26, 2004 - 1:00 PM  
End Date: February 16, 2004 - 1:00 PM  
Location: Virtual  
On-line

**Website:**<http://careercenter.nd.edu>

**Details:**

Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description. Interested students must email Lee Svete at [svete.1@nd.edu](mailto:svete.1@nd.edu) for application information.

### 2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception

Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM  
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse

**Website:**<https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair2004.php>

**Details:**

Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

### Indiana Journalism Job Fair

Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Location: Ball State University  
Muncie, IN

**Website:**<http://careercenter.nd.edu>

**Details:**

Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at [rees.4@nd.edu](mailto:rees.4@nd.edu)



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[careercenter.nd.edu](http://careercenter.nd.edu)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Deal reached on Iran nukes

VIENNA, Austria — U.S. and European negotiators agreed Monday on how to condemn Iran for hiding its nuclear programs while still encouraging it to cooperate with the U.N. atomic agency.

The proposed resolution was weaker than the United States had wanted. U.S. officials had hoped that Iran's past nuclear cover-ups would be enough for the U.N. Security Council to get involved. The council has the power to impose international sanctions.

The draft avoids any direct mention of the Security Council, but warns the agency would use "all options at its disposal" — an allusion to the council.

### Russia and U.S. aided Georgia

TBILISI, Georgia — Russia and the United States worked intensely behind the scenes to resolve Georgia's political crisis, as it became clear that Eduard Shevardnadze — who cultivated the West during more than a decade as president — might be forced into a bloody battle to maintain power.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov played the key last-minute role in mediating between the opposition and Shevardnadze, who resigned Sunday after three weeks of protests over disputed parliamentary elections.

Although Secretary of State Colin Powell and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan spoke by telephone with Ivanov, no American diplomats participated in the talks to end the political standoff. Instead, the Bush administration called for restraint and a restoration of order.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### American Muslims sentenced

PORTLAND — Two American Muslims who tried to join the Taliban were sentenced to 18 years in prison Monday during a hearing in which they denounced the Bush administration and pleaded in song for freedom.

Patrice Lumumba Ford, 32, and Jeffrey Leon Battle, 33, had pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy to levy war against the United States.

Both said that in trying to reach Afghanistan, they were fulfilling their Islamic duty to defend fellow Muslims.

"The attack on Afghanistan killed and maimed thousands of people without achieving its objective," said Ford, who had traveled to China in an unsuccessful attempt to reach Afghanistan. "I refuse to stand passive in the face of such policies."

### U.S. swaps prisoners in Cuba

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government released 20 more prisoners from its high-security jail for terrorist suspects in Cuba, the Pentagon said Monday.

After these prisoners were returned Friday to their home countries, the U.S. military brought some 20 new suspects to the facility from an undisclosed location, officials said. The Sunday transfer means the prison on the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba still holds some 660 people suspected of taking part in terrorist activity — many believed al-Qaida and Taliban figures captured in Afghanistan and Pakistan two years ago at the start of the global war on terrorism.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Indiana Guardsman dies in Iraq

OTWELL, Ind. — Residents of a small southern Indiana town are mourning the loss of an Indiana National Guardsman who died Sunday in Iraq when his Humvee overturned during a patrol.

Cpl. Darrell Smith, 28, was in the Humvee's turret — called a gun ring mount — when the vehicle flipped over and into a canal south of Baghdad, said Capt. Stephen Bartels, rear detachment commander of the Indiana National Guard 1st Battalion, 152nd Regiment.

# Sniper dealt death sentence

*Jury recommends execution for sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad*

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A jury decided Monday that John Allen Muhammad should be executed for taking it upon himself to choose who should live and who should die during the sniper attacks that gripped the Washington area for three terrifying weeks last fall.

The enigmatic Muhammad reacted with the same flinty look he had through most of the trial.

The jury deliberated more than five hours over two days before deciding the fate of Muhammad, a 42-year-old Gulf War veteran who masterminded the attacks and asked police to "Call me God" during the reign of terror.

The jury's recommendation is not final. Judge Leroy Millette Jr. can reduce the punishment to life in prison without parole when Muhammad is formally sentenced on Feb. 12, but Virginia judges rarely take such action.

Some jurors said the lack of any emotion or remorse from Muhammad, combined with the broad scope and violence of the shootings, convinced them that the death penalty was the only option.

"I looked for something in him that might have shown remorse," said juror Robert Elliott. "And I never saw it the whole time."

The jury concluded that prosecutors proved both aggravating factors necessary to impose the death penalty: that Muhammad would pose a danger and that his crimes were wantonly vile. Muhammad was sentenced to death on both counts he was convicted of last Monday: committing multiple murders within three years and committing murder as part of a plot to terrorize the public.

"They took pleasure in terrorizing people," prosecutor Paul Ebert said Monday of Muhammad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo. "They took pleasure in killing people. That's the



Washington, D.C. area sniper John Allen Muhammad is escorted into a courtroom at the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. The jury recommended the death sentence for Muhammad, who was convicted of murdering Harold Dean Myers.

kind of man that doesn't deserve to be in society."

The jurors looked solemn as they came back with their decision; Muhammad stood ramrod straight as he listened. The courtroom was silent; the judge had warned against any outbursts before the jury's decision was announced.

Prosecutors had depicted Muhammad as a ruthless murderer who was "captain of a killing team," and they presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Muhammad could be prosecuted in those jurisdictions as well.

When he and 18-year-old Malvo were arrested on

Oct. 24, 2002, various jurisdictions scrambled to prosecute them. Ultimately, Attorney General John Ashcroft sent the two to Virginia, citing the state's ability to impose "the ultimate sanction."

Only Texas has executed more people than Virginia since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 — 310 to 89. Virginia is also one of 21 states that allow the execution of killers who committed their crimes at 16 or 17. Malvo was 17 at the time of the shootings.

Virginia uses lethal injection for executions unless the prisoner requests the electric chair.

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun suggested that the Justice Department had

essentially shopped around for a jurisdiction willing to impose death.

"What is more unseemly than the attorney general of the United States saying we're going to go to Virginia where Mr. Muhammad is going to be killed?" Greenspun asked.

Greenspun indicated he sees several major issues for appeal, including whether Virginia's post-Sept. 11 terrorism law applied in the sniper case. Muhammad became the first person convicted under the law. Greenspun also argued that Virginia law does not allow the death penalty for Muhammad because there was no evidence he was the triggerman.

# Killings in Iraq show resentment

Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — The killings of two U.S. soldiers, who witnesses said were dragged from their car and pummeled with rocks, offended some in this neighborhood of dilapidated houses and potholed streets where the deaths occurred. But few Iraqis were shocked by the brutality, and some even gloated.

"They are occupiers, and this is their punishment," truck driver Hisham Abed said Monday of the soldiers. "The Americans make nothing but empty promises. There's no electricity, no gasoline and no work."

Gunmen ambushed a U.S. patrol here Monday, wounding one soldier.

Nevertheless, Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has been among the safest areas for American soldiers, a place where U.S. troops could stroll bustling streets and frequent stores and cafes.

Countering some Iraqi witnesses, U.S. military officials said Monday that there was no evidence the soldiers' throats were slashed after assailants shot the two as they drove through Mosul's working class neighborhood of Ras al-Jadda, sending their vehicle crashing into a wall.

A military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said there was no indication the men were beaten with rocks or that their bodies were mutilated. The official said Iraqis robbed the

car they were driving and stole personal effects from the soldiers' bodies.

Witnesses said that an Iraqi mob, most of them teenagers, dragged the two bloodied soldiers from the car, threw them to the ground and pummeled their bodies with concrete blocks — scenes reminiscent of the savagery in Somalia against American troops a decade ago.

A few accounts said the soldiers' throats were cut — either by the attackers or by the mob. But witness Bahaa Jassim said the wounds appeared to have come from bullets. Jassim, also a teenager, was among Iraqis who said they saw the crowd pummel the soldiers' bodies with concrete blocks.

## Scholar

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left her politically unstable country at odds with the Swaziland regime.

The country has two forms of government, the Swazi system, with a king, chiefs and princes and the Western system with a prime minister.

Swaziland faces domestic and international scrutiny following King Mswati's decision to prohibit court challenges to the rulings issued by him and other traditional leaders. Because a Swazi court would not dismiss charges against Mswati of kidnapping his 10th wife, the king chose to severely restrict the power of the judicial system.

The new Swazi constitution denies citizens of the right to voice dissent, among other civil rights. In addition, the government has charged countless individuals with acts of sedition.

Through her column, Mkhonza immersed herself in the human rights violations of these incidents. She particularly concerned herself with a recent action of the king expelling people from their homes because he decided he

wanted their land.

A few years ago, as the prime minister wished the citizens of Swaziland a Merry Christmas, Mkhonza composed an article.

"I asked 'How are we supposed to have a Merry Christmas when so many of our own people are out in the open during the rainy season?'" she recalled.

Despite her active role in fighting for human rights and criticizing the government, Mkhonza was unaware of the impact she was making and how strongly she felt.

"I realized what I was saying was true," Mkhonza said. "But what I didn't realize was how much I cared for these people."

Such bold writing and questioning of the government earned Mkhonza the hatred of political leaders, but brought her international recognition through the Hellman/Hammett Grant. She received this grant, named after two American writers, in recognition of her courage to face opposition through her writing. Mkhonza also received a grant for her weekly column.

By the time of her award, Mkhonza was a direct target of political oppression and experienced several incidences of theft and vandalism. Mkhonza's computer was stolen from her University

office twice, with the second computer discovered tossed in the mud just outside campus grounds.

Recently Swazi journalists have been beaten by police and silenced by government officials for covering events similar to those Mkhonza wrote about. Another journalist was brutally murdered returning from work in late October.

As a CWIL Fellow and part-time professor, Mkhonza's residence on campus will not only ensure her safety, but offer enrichment to students as she shares her first-hand experience with injustice and her refusal to accept it.

"[Mkhonza] will enrich both campuses greatly," Pilarski said. "She has worked with poor women in her country and with women who were abused; but she has most experience with writing immersed in real life."

Drawing from her experience with exposing her life and the lives of others as a vehicle for change, Mkhonza will teach a class this spring focused on developing students' ability to find their voice in writing and to narrate stories of their lives and others.

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## Report finds high speed limits lead to deaths

Associated Press

States that raised their speed limits to 70 mph or more have seen a big jump in traffic deaths, according to a report Monday by an auto safety group.

Some 1,880 more people died between 1996 and 1999 in the 22 states with higher speed limits on rural interstates, said the study, compiled by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, funded by insurers. It was based on data collected by the Land Transport Safety Authority of New Zealand. Congress repealed the 55 mph national speed limit in November 1995.

An institute researcher said New Zealand did the study because groups are questioning whether to raise the country's speed limit, which is 100 kilometers per hour — about 62 mph.

"There's a significant societal cost," said Allan Williams, the institute's chief scientist, who said drivers often think a speeding ticket is the worst that can happen.

Supporters of higher speed limits pointed out that federal highway data show the nation's vehicle fatality rate fell each year from 1996 and 1999, from 1.69 deaths per million miles traveled to 1.55 deaths.

"We've moved toward a transportation system where cars are a lot safer and there are better measures like guard rails on highways," said Stephen Moore, a proponent of limited government and president of the Club for Growth. "We've made it safer to drive at faster speeds."

Institute researcher Susan

Ferguson agreed that other factors are making highways safer, and that the nation's death rate dropped as a whole. But she said the study expands upon institute studies from the late 1990s, which showed a 12 to 15 percent increase in deaths when speed limits rise.

The study said the 10 states that raised limits to 75 mph — all in the Midwest and West — had 38 percent more deaths per million miles driven than states with 65-mph limits. That's approximately 780 more deaths.

The 12 states which raised their limits to 70 mph include California, Florida, North Carolina and Missouri. They saw a 35 percent increase — some 1,100 additional deaths.

The report didn't examine the effects of other trends, such as the tendency to drive faster in rural states where cities are far apart. Nor did it analyze the increasing number of sport utility vehicles on the road in the late 1990s.

A separate review of six states by the institute found drivers are traveling faster than any time since the institute began collecting data in 1987. Researchers observed in Colorado, which has a 75-mph speed limit, one in four drivers going above 80 mph. In California, where the speed limit is 70 mph, one in five drivers was clocked at 80 mph.

The institute's study of speeds in Georgia, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, Colorado and California also found that when rates are raised on rural interstates, speeding increased on urban interstates.

## Air

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Airlines has made it more difficult to find competitive prices from South Bend.

"Flights are very full Wednesday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, and over the past few years it has become tougher and tougher to find

cheap fares. The airlines are operating at a higher capacity, and we've had to get used to the decrease in service," Kowalski said.

She added that special holiday fares are available during off peak travel times, but taking advantage of such fares would require students to depart on Thursday and return on Friday.

Students, however, said they did not see the airlines' departure from South Bend as having

important consequences for their future travel plans.

Junior Dan McGuire, a Tampa, Fla. resident, has always had American Airlines as an option, but says the change has not affected him.

"I usually choose to fly out of Chicago anyway because American has relatively high fares," said McGuire.

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## London

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Notre Dame has the third highest percentage of students studying abroad behind Yeshiva University and Georgetown University, according to a recent report by the Institute for International Education. In the 2001-02 academic year, for

which the statistics were compiled, 50 percent of Notre Dame students studied overseas, up about 10 percent from the previous year.

"[Studying abroad] allows for deeper immersion in the culture than [students] would otherwise have. It opens up a number of different possibilities," Bays said.

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## White House, Hill agree to TV limits

Associated Press

Congressional bargainers bowed to White House pressure Monday and agreed to let networks own larger numbers of television stations as lawmakers put finishing touches on a year-end \$390 billion spending package.

Facing a veto threat, top lawmakers decided to include a provision letting companies own stations watched by up to 39 percent of the nation's viewers, congressional aides said. Last week, lawmakers said they would use the massive bill to kill the Bush administration's proposal for a 45 percent threshold — up from the current 35 percent.

Congressional leaders

planned to have the long-overdue spending bill in its final form by Tuesday and moved toward resolving loose ends. Guns rights advocates, for example, wanted federal reporting requirements eased for firearms buyers.

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**Warner sold for \$2.6 million**

LOS ANGELES — A partnership led by former Universal Music chief Edgar Bronfman Jr. has agreed to buy Warner Music Group for \$2.6 billion cash, creating one of the world's largest independent music companies.

The announcement Monday came just hours after London-based EMI Group PLC said it had withdrawn its offer to purchase Warner Music, a unit of the giant media conglomerate Time Warner Inc.

Under terms of the Bronfman group's deal, Time Warner would retain an option to buy back a minority stake in the company, which is home to such artists as Madonna, R.E.M and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The purchase, which also includes Time Warner's Warner/Chappell Music publishing business, would create one of the world's largest independent music companies and include some of the industry's best known music labels, including Warner Bros., Atlantic and Elektra Records.

**Boeing fires CEO for misconduct**

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. fired its chief financial officer Monday for negotiating the hiring of a missile defense expert who worked for the federal government and was in a position to influence Boeing contracts.

Boeing said executive vice president and CFO Mike Sears was dismissed immediately over the hiring of former Air Force official Darleen Druyun.

Druyun also was fired, just 10 months after she was hired as vice president and deputy general manager of Boeing's Missile Defense Systems business.

Both executives tried to cover up their misconduct, which is being investigated by the government, Boeing said.

"Compelling evidence of this misconduct by Mr. Sears and Ms. Druyun came to light over the last two weeks," chairman and CEO Phil Condit said in a news release.

The dismissals follow months of controversy over a plan for the Air Force to acquire 100 Boeing 767 planes for use as aerial refueling tankers.

**Delta CEO plans to step down**

Leo Mullin, chairman and CEO of Delta announced his resignation Monday

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines chief executive Leo Mullin will sever ties with the struggling company and leave unfinished tasks in the hands of a board member and industry veteran: persuading pilots to accept steep pay cuts and restoring the nation's third-largest carrier to profitability.

Mullin said Monday his decision to resign, which caught Wall Street and employees off guard, was not influenced by the company's simmering controversy over executive pay.

"Obviously, the job is not done," Mullin said in an interview. "I wish we were in better financial shape. I wish the pilot contract was done. Having said that, I would say there has been a tremendous amount accomplished. There's never a perfect break point. This is the right break point."

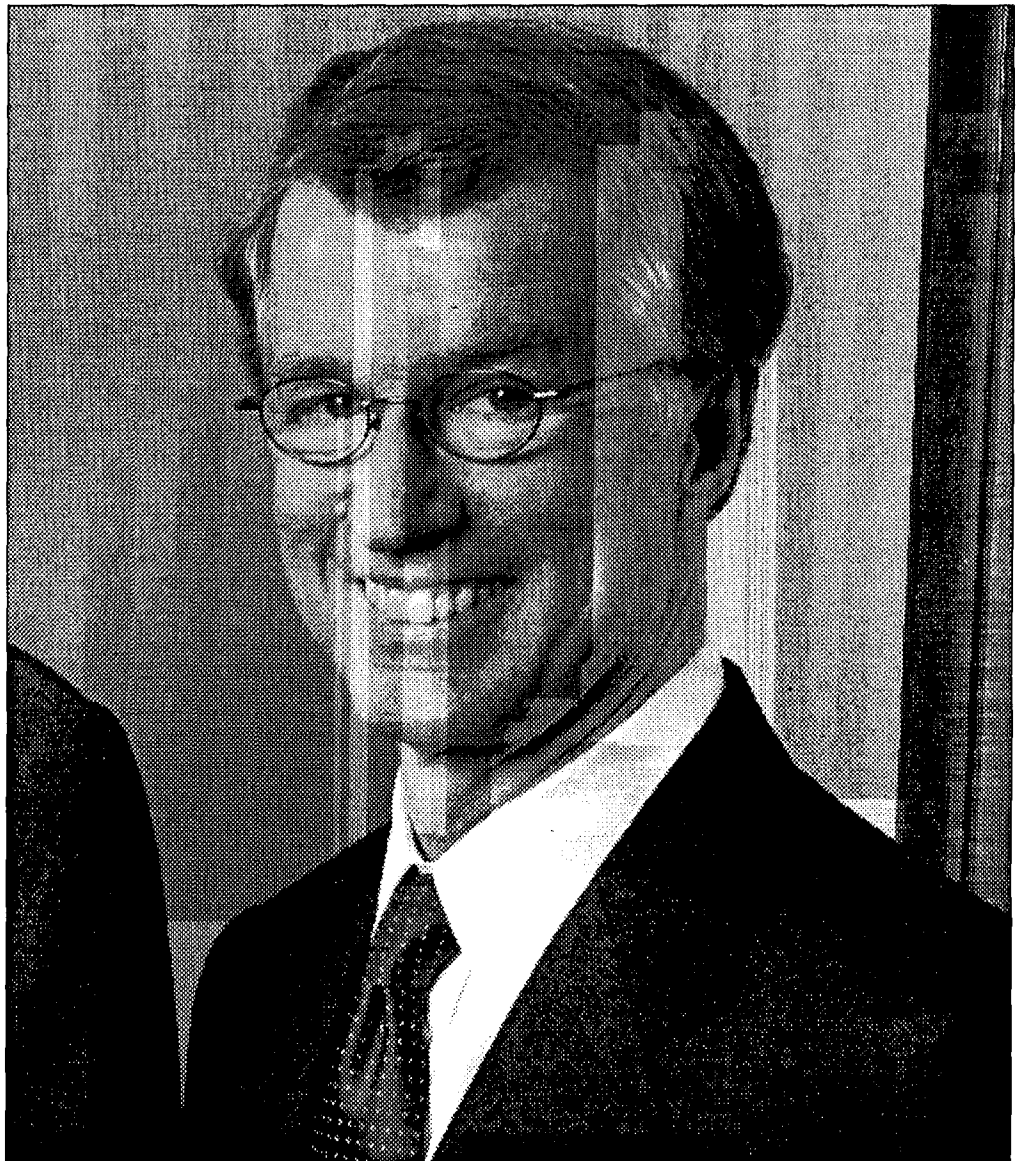
After its worst downturn ever, the airline industry is in the early stages of what analysts expect to be a long recovery process. With passenger demand and ticket prices low, traditional hub-and-spoke carriers such as Delta need to dramatically reduce operating expenses in order to reverse years of massive losses.

With that process incomplete at Delta, Mullin, 60, will step down as CEO on Jan. 1 and as chairman in late April.

He will be replaced as CEO by board member Gerald Grinstein, 71, who ran Western Air Lines from 1985 until 1987, when it was acquired by Delta, and recruited Mullin for the CEO job in 1997.

John Smith Jr., a former chairman and CEO of General Motors Corp., will take over as chairman.

Grinstein, who said he



Delta Airlines chairman and CEO Leo Mullin announced Monday that he will step down as CEO in January and as chairman in late April.

tried to dissuade Mullin from resigning, has a good track record in terms of getting wage concessions from employees and reducing operating.

"He saved Western Airlines," Blylock & Partners airline analyst Ray Neidl said. "They would have gone bankrupt if not for him."

Investors seemed happy with Delta's choice for a successor.

Shares of Atlanta-based Delta rose 82 cents or more than 7 percent, to close at \$12.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Perhaps the most diffi-

cult task Mullin has faced in recent months has been persuading pilots to agree to deep wage cuts — concessions he has said the airline needs as part of its survival.

Delta, which lost \$168 million in the third quarter, has said it wants to cut pilots' hourly wages by 22 percent, cancel pay raises due over the next year and reduce some benefits. The airline also wants to rescind a 4.5 percent raise the pilots received May 1 and a similar raise due next May.

Delta, which has laid off 16,000 workers since the 2001 terrorist attacks, has said it might have to

lay off more workers if it doesn't get the concessions.

Delta's pilots union, which was scheduled to meet with company executives Tuesday, issued a statement saying it "looks forward to a productive working relationship with new CEO Gerald Grinstein."

But the company's relationship with employees has been strained in recent months because of revelations that the company spent millions of dollars to protect the pensions of a select group of executives even as it sought concessions from rank-and-file employees.

**Medicare overhaul nears passage**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate cleared the way Monday for final congressional passage of legislation to add a prescription drug benefit and a free-enterprise flavor to the government-run Medicare program, repelling twin attacks by die-hard Democratic opponents.

"Today is a historic day and a momentous day," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., anticipating a final vote no later than Tuesday on a bill to make the most sweeping changes in Medicare since the program was created in 1965.

Defiant in defeat, Sen. Edward

Kennedy, D-Mass., said the legislation "starts the unraveling of the Medicare system," and he accused the Republicans of planning a follow-up attack on Social Security after the next election. He indicated he would delay final passage as long as possible.

At its heart, the legislation was designed as a compromise of sorts, the new drug benefit long sought by Democrats, combined with a Republican-backed plan to give private insurance companies a vast new role in health care for the program's beneficiaries.

The scope of the bill goes far beyond that, though, including an additional \$25 billion for rural hos-

pitals and health care providers, a requirement for higher-income seniors to pay more for Medicare Part B coverage and billions of dollars to discourage corporations from eliminating existing coverage for their retirees once the new government program begins.

The bill would satisfy other goals of conservatives, including creation of tax-preferred health savings accounts, open to individuals who purchase high-deductible health insurance policies. Most controversial of all, the legislation would create a limited program of direct competition between traditional Medicare and private plans, beginning in 2010.

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## Teaching should come first

Research first, then teach.

That seems to be the direction University officials want faculty members to focus their actions, in the wake of University President Father Edward Malloy's discussion with over 60 faculty members last week. And while there is nothing wrong with trying to improve the research base of the University's faculty, it shouldn't come at the expense of undergraduate education.

Notre Dame currently uses a unitary faculty system, where professors are hired with the knowledge that they must simultaneously teach and research in order to receive tenure. Moreover, demands for increased research, which bolster Notre Dame's all-important ranking, have led academic officials to cut back faculty course loads in order to free professors to do more research. Even the tenure process itself appears to place more emphasis on how many papers a professor has written than teaching or service, the other factors considered in the tenure process.

Forcing faculty members to increasingly concentrate on research projects can only have detrimental effects for undergraduate education, even if the University says otherwise. Professors frantically trying to finish a book will pass more grading and lecturing off to teaching assistants, instead of evaluating students themselves. Seminar classes will become forums for a professor to test out theories he later will defend in an article. Helping students to finish a lab becomes secondary if

the experiments won't help the professor's findings.

Perhaps if there was a clear-cut way of rating the quality of an undergraduate education beyond student-faculty ratio in a national magazine, then Notre Dame might be more likely to ensure an equal balance between teaching and research. It might even allow professors to specialize in either research or teaching, recognizing that different people have different strengths. Or, when tenure applications come up, officials might find a way to identify how many students changed their major because they were so inspired by one professor's class. After all, what is more likely to impact the average student — a dense 200-page book on principles of Bulgarian economics or a lively professor who actively engages students through lectures?

Just as teachers without knowledge are useless to students, so are researchers who can't pass on their knowledge to others. If Notre Dame was a think tank instead of a prestigious University, then there would be nothing wrong with emphasizing research to faculty members. But as an institution that has long prided itself on a strong undergraduate education, academic officials would do a disservice to the Notre Dame community if they failed to reward and extend tenure to exceptional teachers who may lack a strong research background.

After all, Notre Dame students don't pay \$34,700 a year to support a faculty member's obscure research proposal. They pay it to receive a quality education.

### The Observer Editorial

## More than just cheese

So, I was at this party last night. To be safe, let us call it a get-together.

People were sitting on couches, all feeling a little confused about the rave music blaring from the stereo: "Hyper! Hyper! Come on! Put your hands in the air! Hyper! Hyper!" Secretly wishing we were all in some discotheque in Zurich, we sat there as two kids came in grunting, yelling and killing the mood. Just when the song was getting good, one of them thought it an appropriate time to approach one of my friends and speak his mind.

"Hey, your little brother is a complete loser; he's, like, not cool at all, man. Get this: he calls pizza 'za.' Yeah, totally stupid."

It was one of those moments when you asked yourself, "Did that kid seriously just say that?" I wasn't sure how to react. Maybe I should just dismiss it as some kid who thinks he's a smoothie running his mouth. No, it was more than that.

For a second I thought I was a 5th grader getting on the bus to barbs from our neighborhood bully, who kept reminding me that my ankle length jeans made it look like I was getting ready for a flood. It had honestly been a long time since I had met a kid with that much attitude.

When does some closed-minded doink in a yellow oxford and Blue Blockers think it is ever okay to put people down, much less family?

There was so much wrong with that moment. I honestly thought that four or five years ago diversity and sensitivity

became cool, popular and actually practiced. Sometime, hopefully during high school, people reached a level of maturity when they realized that making fun of people's expressions or second hand jeans simply wasn't acceptable anymore. Hopefully. Not realistically.

Some Notre Dame students, while exceptional in mathematics and the natural sciences, cannot muster up enough tact and sensibility to keep from embarrassing themselves in social situations.

This past week I had an opportunity to drive up to Madison, Wisc. for a couple of days. I decided to take a tour of the Law School and sit in on a class. Of the roughly 60 kids in the class, 40 of them had laptops and about 20 of those with laptops were playing some variety of Yahoo games. It is always nice to see kids in school for the right reasons. Relatively unimpressed.

However, outside the school, on the main drag of campus known as State Street, part of which is only accessible to pedestrians and panhandlers, I was in a whole other classroom. I saw hippies, Hell's Angels, and a flutist in prison issue orange. There were about four Thai restaurants and two Greek ones, a kiosk called "Jamaicamerica" specializing in all things jerked and countless others. Everywhere you looked there were backpacks, students scurrying to class and soaking it all in.

I always thought state schools were fun. Yet they were only fun in the sense that you knew a kid there whose floor you could sleep on for a weekend. Too overwhelming to make me actually want to attend one.

But Madison was more than that. Instead of a colorless campus indifferent to its uniformity, you have an amazing city completely devoted to and proud of

its diversity. It thrives on the fact that so many different types of people walk past each other on their ways to class. Sure, they don't have the true blue student body that Notre Dame does, but nor do they have the juvenile who continually criticizes those around him simply because they may not share with him the same sense of "cool."

I was impressed by what Madison offers and Notre Dame really doesn't. Their students can get an education merely by walking through town or grabbing a bite to eat. They don't really even have to do anything. Lucky them.

Unluckily for us, we are stuck with kids who criticize "za" and your little brother. Kids that might have come to Notre Dame partly because they knew they'd find someone who'd laugh with them. Which brings me to my point.

People should get off campus and into the community of South Bend, which, although no Madison, still offers a different perspective and perhaps a better one. There are a number of centers and clinics where you can be a great help, if only an extra set of hands. In return, you might get the education you missed out on when you decided against that state school.

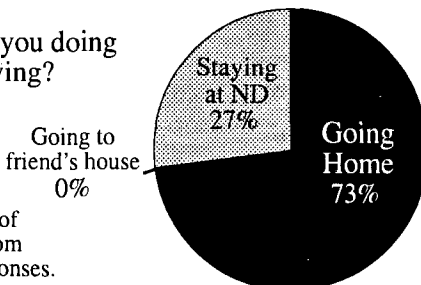
Then we can all live together peacefully. We can celebrate our newfound perspective, and commemorate the moment with a pizza party at my house. I'll order some "zas" with "zooms" and "zonis," and you'll love it.

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### OBSERVER POLL

Students, what are you doing for Thanksgiving?



\*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 11 responses.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Only the spoon knows what is stirring in the pot."*

**Sicilian proverb**



## You, me and the 2004 election

Next year at this time, as we complain about registration flaws, get our flu shots and become excited for Notre Dame basketball, the presidential election will be over. That is, the United States presidential election, not our own intense student body presidential election. The 2004 election will be history, but my question is this: What will that history say? And my message is this: It will be whatever you and I make it.

It is easy to become disillusioned with student government politics here as the leading issues range from changing the constitution to organizing dances, and my fear is that this disillusionment translates from the campus level to the national level. Let's be honest; Notre Dame students care about politics as much as Boston University students care about football. (Boston University had to cut its football program in 1997.)

The rampant political apathy on this campus is also rooted in the fact that most of us do not feel the direct effects of political elections. Frankly, whether a Republican or Democrat is in office, you and I will still be privileged and on the career path to a blue home with white shutters in some suburb of Chicago, married to another Domer and going to Mass every Sunday with our 2.2 children. OK, I should not be so harsh. Some of us might move to California or Texas. Some of us will be lawyers or doctors, rather than businessmen. There might even be a college professor out there amidst our anti-academic-engagement wonderland.

So, here's my plea: Care. As the presi-

dential hopefuls spend overwhelming amounts of money trying to convince the many uninformed idiots of America that they should vote a certain way, the educated masses on college campuses have a huge responsibility to demand higher standards.

Educated masses of the United States, unite! It is time that we stop electing presidential candidates for owning baseball teams, fighting in wars and looking good on the Jay Leno show. It is time for citizens to push both parties on the issues that really matter. It is time for us to start caring.

If there were an election to start caring, the 2004 one is perfect. Never since Teddy Roosevelt ran as candidate for the Bull Moose Party in 1912 has America seen such a circus. Of course, my good friend George W., former owner of the Texas Rangers, poor student of international relations at Yale and architect of the term "Axis of Evil," will be returning.

Joining him, however, are some classic individuals, ranging from Joseph "Could Not Be More Moderate" Lieberman to the ambiguous Gen. Wesley Clark, who could just as easily be running for the Republican ticket. The democratic front-runner, Howard "Never Should Have

Mentioned the Confederate Flag" Dean, seems to be making a run. Personally, I like the Catholic and Red-Sox-supporter John Kerry from Massachusetts, but I have to admit that there is something about the Reverend Al Sharpton that tickles my fancy. Hard to argue with a guy who is committed to getting people to vote and has been stabbed before.

In all seriousness, though, quite a bit is at stake with the current election, and it is time for us to take action. The challenge of making this election one of serious debate about serious issues lies in our hands. Rather than simply perpetuating the image-based voting system of America, we need to recreate a system of issue-based voting. Our forefathers surely did not envision a country where a candidate would win for looking good on television or spending lots of money.

We have to ask the pertinent questions. When will we know that we have won the war on terror? How long will it take? What will you do to restore our global reputation as a law-abiding nation? How will your presidency be an inclusive one with the vast differences on issues that define our country? How will you help the least fortu-

nate in our country? Where do you stand on the issues of importance in our time? We need to demand answers from our leaders and then hold them accountable.

This needs to begin here at Notre Dame. It does not matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat or somewhere in the middle; we need to engage one another with debate about the issues and the future of our country.

We need to hold rallies, teach-ins and debates. We need to get everyone registered to vote. How about a political retreat?

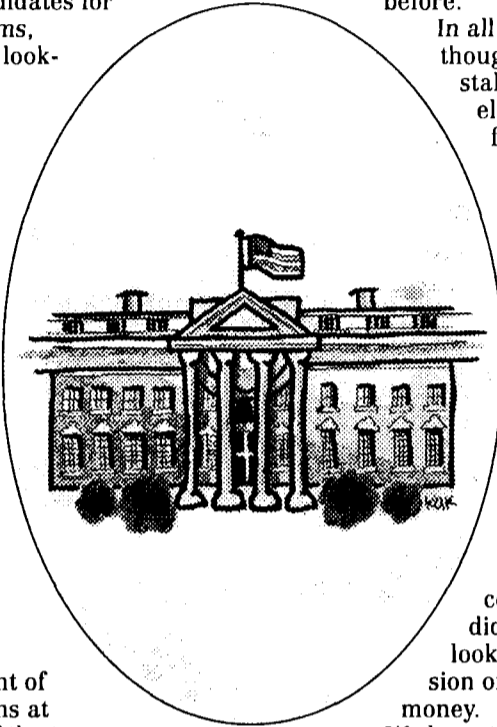
I mean, if we can hold a Man's Weekend with pig roasts and a football game watch, how about a retreat where everyone wears suits, debates politics and watches CNN? Let's call it the Political Weekend. You'd better believe I would be the first person to sign up for such a retreat.

So it all comes back to you and me. Will we shy away from hard-nosed, engaging politics and continue our football-laden, work-driven, middle-of-Indiana, alienated existences?

Or will we stand up, as our seniors have to the marshmallow-hating ushers, and demand a better standard, a more just America? It is the hope of this lowly idealist columnist that we may.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Preserving Church and U.S. law

In his Nov. 20 letter, "A Call for Equality," Lucas Sayre made several assertions defending the rights of gay marriage as a civil institution. However, Mr. Sayre failed to realize how his opinion is not only literally contrary to the laws of this country, but also to the very nature of our laws.

Like it or not, the United States was founded on a combination of natural law described by Enlightenment thought and the Judeo-Christian belief system. Thus, the nature of our laws, stemming from freedom of the individual with the realization of responsibility toward the common good, can be best illuminated by these two philosophies. With regards to marriage, then, we most clearly understand why our laws define marriage as they do by understanding the union between two people as the Founding Fathers understood it.

Marriage is a partnership valued as a life-long commitment, which is ordered toward the good of both the spouses and the procreation and education of children. (If you are Catholic, and most of you reading this article are, you ought to be in accordance with this statement.) In his letter, Mr. Sayre asked for convincing evidence that homosexual marriage would endanger the sanctity of marriage itself. Clearly, no one could rationally argue that that "homosexuals are incapable of the love, respect, loyalty, honesty and other qualifications necessary for a successful and fulfilling marriage," as Mr. Sayre suggests. Every Christian ought to know that all humans are capable of expressing these virtues because they are created in the image and likeness of God.

However, attempting to live out these virtues in the context of a homosexual relationship is a manifestation of disordered affections. (To be clear, I am not suggesting that homosexuals have a disorder; I am stating that their affections, which were meant to be ordered toward the good, are disordered. There is a difference.)

Moreover, the covenant of marriage goes beyond the simple practice of these virtues in a relationship.

Marriage must also be open to the possibility of creating natural children, which is the key element to understanding marriage as a mirror image of God's own love. When two are married they become "one flesh" (Eph. 5:31-32), and in this mystery where one plus one equals one, by the love of the Father, they are allowed to become three, a direct parallel to the image of the Trinity. Homosexual relations lack all physical possibility of this aspect of marriage, which would prove such a union somewhat less than completely fulfilling. I hope this brief explanation provides a starting place for Mr. Sayre and others to explore exactly why marriage must be between a man and a woman.

For many, the question now becomes, "Well, maybe that's the way Christians view marriage, but how could the United States employ this definition in light of the First Amendment Establishment Clause?" I would like to suggest that this clause may be viewed in more than one way. Popular interpretation suggests this clause protects the state from religion. The original intent, however, may have been something closer to protecting religion from interference of the state, as well. Drawing on the writings of the Founding Fathers and our nation's history of seeking freedom from religious tyranny, our history seems to suggest that perhaps this latter interpretation is also part of the Establishment Clause. Thus, it may be incorrect to invoke the Establishment Clause at all in this debate.

Instead, we should focus on the roots of how this nation came to define marriage as it does. Our laws have an inherently Christian flavor to them, which is probably why we find images of the Ten Commandments in courthouses all over the country, not just in Alabama. Undermining the values recognized in the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, we are only left to question all assumptions underlying any law of the United States. For example, is it OK to take a life? In "Roe v. Wade", the Supreme Court acted contrary to the nature of the

United States laws, and, as a result, we waited through 30 years of legislation to finally ban infanticide. Likewise, it takes a major risk by a high-powered politician to prevent a single case of euthanasia. Our laws have an underlying morality because, without a common understanding of societal standards, we have nothing on which to base any laws.

In addition, I find Mr. Sayre's delineation of conservatives as defenders of the status quo and liberals as the champions for change problematic. First, many conservatives support "radical" ideologies on a variety of current issues ranging from abortion laws to school vouchers. Secondly, the act of calling for a major change in a state-recognized institution just for the "sake of change" does not make such an act right. Perhaps on this issue conservatives are defending the status quo, but have you ever stopped to think that it might be for a well-thought-out, legitimate reason? Regarding homosexual marriage, those opposed to it are not scared of change, especially not just because it is something different; they are not homophobic. Instead, they are courageously defending what they know to be right by careful study of natural and moral law.

In conclusion, please consider that Dante's "Inferno" reserves the hottest places in Hell for those who in a time of moral crisis maintain a position of neutrality. Justice Antonin Scalia is correct; we are in the midst of a "culture war." Recently, the Massachusetts Supreme Court has propelled this nation into deeper moral questioning. I would like to challenge each and every member of the Notre Dame community to decide in your hearts the correct course of action for our nation in this case, and to stand up for what you know to be right.

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MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Gothika': scary but stupid script

By C. SPENCER BEGGS  
Scene Movie Critic

You might like *Gothika* better the first time you saw it, when it was called *The Ring* or *The Sixth Sense* — or maybe *The Stupid Parts of The Ring Meets the Stupid Parts of the Sixth Sense*.

Oscar-winner Halle Berry plays Miranda Grey, a psychiatrist at a Connecticut hospital for criminally insane women that gives Dracula's castle a run for its spooky money, complete with conveniently timed power outages. After a harrowing session treating a patient named Chloe (Penélope Cruz) who claims she is raped by the devil at night, Grey takes a fateful detour on her way home and runs off the road when she swerves to avoid a half-naked girl standing in the road. When she approaches the girl to see if she is all right, the girl grabs her, bursts into flames and Grey blacks out.

When she wakes up, she finds herself committed to her own hospital under the treatment of one her colleagues, Pete Graham (Robert Downey, Jr.), who reveals to her that she has brutally murdered her husband. The plot is pretty much a downward spiral from there, involving ghosts, possession and satanic ritual abuse.

The real shame of *Gothika* is that it starts out with some pretty intriguing psychological premises and symbolism, but it never develops any of those themes. As the movie progresses, it goes from psychological thriller, to occult thriller, to Nancy Drew-solves-the-case-of-the-crazy-ghost-possessed-women. Robert Downey, Jr., who turns out a stellar performance with disappointingly little screen time, is under-utilized, and his character, along with a possible romance with Berry, all but vanishes about halfway through the film.

After seeing *Gothika*, one can only wonder what went awry with the script. It almost seems as if the last quarter of the movie was amputated and replaced by a campy Hollywood ending. During the last scene of the movie, you can almost hear the audience thinking, "OK, hit me with the twist ending. Here it comes. Here it comes. OK, now hit me with the real twist ending. Hey! Why are the credits rolling?"

To give the devil his due — quite literally — *Gothika* is pretty damn scary. Director Mathieu Kassovitz really knows how to turn the screws when he's building up to a scare.

For the most part, *Gothika* steers clear of slasher flick-esque red herring scares and jump out "gotchas." Kassovitz telegraphs most of his



Miranda Grey (Halle Berry) finds herself as a patient in the mental institution where she works, with no memory of the murder she's accused of committing.

"Gothika"



Director: Andy and Larry Wachowski  
Writers: Mathieu Kassovitz  
Starring: Halle Berry, Robert Downey Jr., Penélope Cruz and Charles Dutton

scares — the audience knows exactly where and when they're coming, but they're going to get you anyway. Kassovitz gets what he wants with audiences screaming out loud, covering their faces and spilling their popcorn.

*Gothika* is scary because of the artful design and cinematography, but it doesn't summon enough intelligence to invoke the true psychological terror that marks a good horror movie. There's too much in *Gothika* that just plain doesn't make sense: Where *The*

*Ring* intelligently decided to stay away from explanations and *The Sixth Sense* intelligently decided to give a complete one, *Gothika* only offers half of a really bad one.

Of course, this should have been evident from the movie's title: It kind of looks like gothic, but adding an extra letter to the word is just plain pointless.

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MOVIE REVIEW

# Suspense abounds on the open sea

By KATIE WAGNER  
Scene Movie Critic

*Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* is a suspenseful, emotionally drawing, slightly gory, war-at-sea movie. "Lucky" Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe) plays the captain of a British ship seeking to prevent a mysterious French ship from taking over Britain's shores. This movie is set during Napoleon's takeover of Germany, but it provides minimal historical insight into the Napoleonic wars. Instead, the film main-

ly presents a realistic view of the horrors of living on a war ship, focusing on the lifestyle of the sailors on the British ship, where there is little food and few places of shelter from the rough weather.

British sailors die, are injured, get seasick, argue with each other and suffer from depression. The ocean is presented as a terrifying force to all sailors on board. Its power is especially obvious during battle and storm scenes — the approximately two and a half hour film is filled with such eye-capturing clips and interesting characters that it moves very quickly.

The movie begins with the British ship being attacked by the French ship. The French attack leaves the ship badly wounded along with some of the British sailors. After this attack, the French ship disappears. Throughout the rest of the film, the British ship plots to retaliate by sneaking up on the French ship to destroy it. The problem is that the British ship is much smaller, slower and less sturdy than the French ship. The leadership of Captain Aubrey and the medical talents of the captain's best friend, Dr. Stephen Maturin (Paul Bettany), help keep the sailors' spirits up. The horrible conditions at sea, however, threaten these two characters' relationship with each other.

Captain "Lucky" wants to continue pursuing the French ship, regardless of how dangerous this quest becomes, while the doctor insists on returning to England. Bettany's acting is one of the greatest strengths of the film. He convinces viewers that he is very different from the rest of the men on board through displaying his intellect — and his indifference to defeating the French ship. In many of his scenes, Maturin is alone reading, writing or thinking. His mannerisms, language and appearance distinguish him from the other actors.

Crowe, the only big name actor on

screen, also does a great job of staying in character, although his acting is still secondary to Bettany's. Crowe makes all of the decisions, commands respect from his sailors and is also well-liked. He remains calm, regardless how dangerous the situation, and he does a great job of handling deaths of his sailors.

There are several young children on board the British ship. These child actors' reactions to death and injuries are very touching and viewers can't help but empathize with these boys. The British's constant anticipation of attacking the French ship is another of the film's greatest strengths. The clips of the Spanish ship, through the lens of a telescope, are dramatic.

Some bloody segments are included, but since this is a PG-13 movie, the camera only provides short clips of these scenes. The film's glimpses into too many minor characters are confusing and leave many questioned unanswered about them.

Despite these flaws, this film is definitely worth seeing. The cinematography and acting are excellent. The film's maintaining of suspense captivates viewers.

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Russell Crowe brings great intensity to the role of Captain Jack Aubrey. 'Lucky Jack,' as he is referred to by his crew, is well-regarded by his men.

"Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"



Director: Peter Weir  
Writers: Peter Weir and John Collee  
Starring: Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany, Billy Boyd, James D'Arcy and Edward Woodall

OVERVIEW

# DEFENDING THEIR GOALS



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# Regular season success puts Irish in great spot

The Irish are in a good spot, and for three rounds at least, they can stay there.

The men's soccer team did not even appear on the NSCAA Preseason Top 25 rankings at the start of this year. But like coach Bobby Clark always says, the last season doesn't matter. Sure enough, they jumped to fourth in the nation for the Sept. 1 rankings, and Notre Dame never really left the national spotlight.



Pat Leonard

Sports Writer

Sparked by a surge of shutouts in the Big East tournament that culminated in a 2-0 championship victory over St. John's in the final, the men's soccer team now carries momentum into a home match against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the NCAA tournament round of 32.

Why are the Irish in the perfect position to make a run at a national title?

Well, being ranked fifth overall and getting a bye in the first round doesn't hurt. Home field advantage on Wednesday doesn't hurt either. In fact, Notre Dame was just one spot away from getting home field advantage all through the playoffs. Now, they must be the higher seed in a match to play at Alumni Field. This will work in the favor of

the Irish, who are 9-2-1 at home counting a postseason victory over Connecticut.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee is already traveling, and if the Irish can get by the Panthers safely, they will face the winner of St. Peter's vs. Michigan.

That game's winner would also have to travel to South Bend, as St. Peter's is unranked and the Wolverines sit at No. 12 in the brackets.

Picture Notre Dame in the elite eight. First of all, that would automatically mean the Irish had advanced further than any men's soccer team in the history of the program. Furthermore, that would also mean Bobby Clark and the boys could have home field advantage for a third straight tournament game, as long as No. 4 seed North Carolina loses one of its next two games.

The Tar Heels are in a similarly comfortable spot, and a loss to Coastal Carolina this Wednesday is not likely for the Atlantic Coast Conference power. Still, don't discount No. 13 Loyola Marymount from a possible upset of North Carolina if they can get by Santa Clara, a winner in penalty kicks over Southern Methodist.

Notre Dame has reached the five seed in the tournament due to a tough schedule, both out of conference and within. While the ACC boasts three of the top four seeds — Maryland, Wake Forest and North Carolina — the Big East is clearly a top conference that has served the Irish especially well in determining their

fate for the tournament.

Six teams, including Notre Dame, made the cut to the national tournament. Five remain, with Seton Hall losing to Virginia in the first round.

St. John's, the six seed who also received a bye in the first round, will take on the University of Connecticut, a 3-0 first round winner of Rhode Island.

Virginia Tech has a date with Virginia Commonwealth after disposing of Clemson in penalty kicks, and Rutgers advanced past Lafayette to take on Akron.

Strength of schedule definitely helps, and giving up a stingy 15 goals all season almost makes the Notre Dame defense the aggressor.

Analysts like ESPN's Tommy Smith have said this tournament does not matter if top-seed UCLA plays its best soccer, because they can play an unbeatable style.

Still, the Irish cannot be concerned with such matters right now. They have a game to take care of and then hopefully another.

The team played its way to where it stands, and they now have a golden opportunity to take advantage of home field, momentum and a combination of coach, leadership and chemistry that could take this Irish team soaring even further into the record books.

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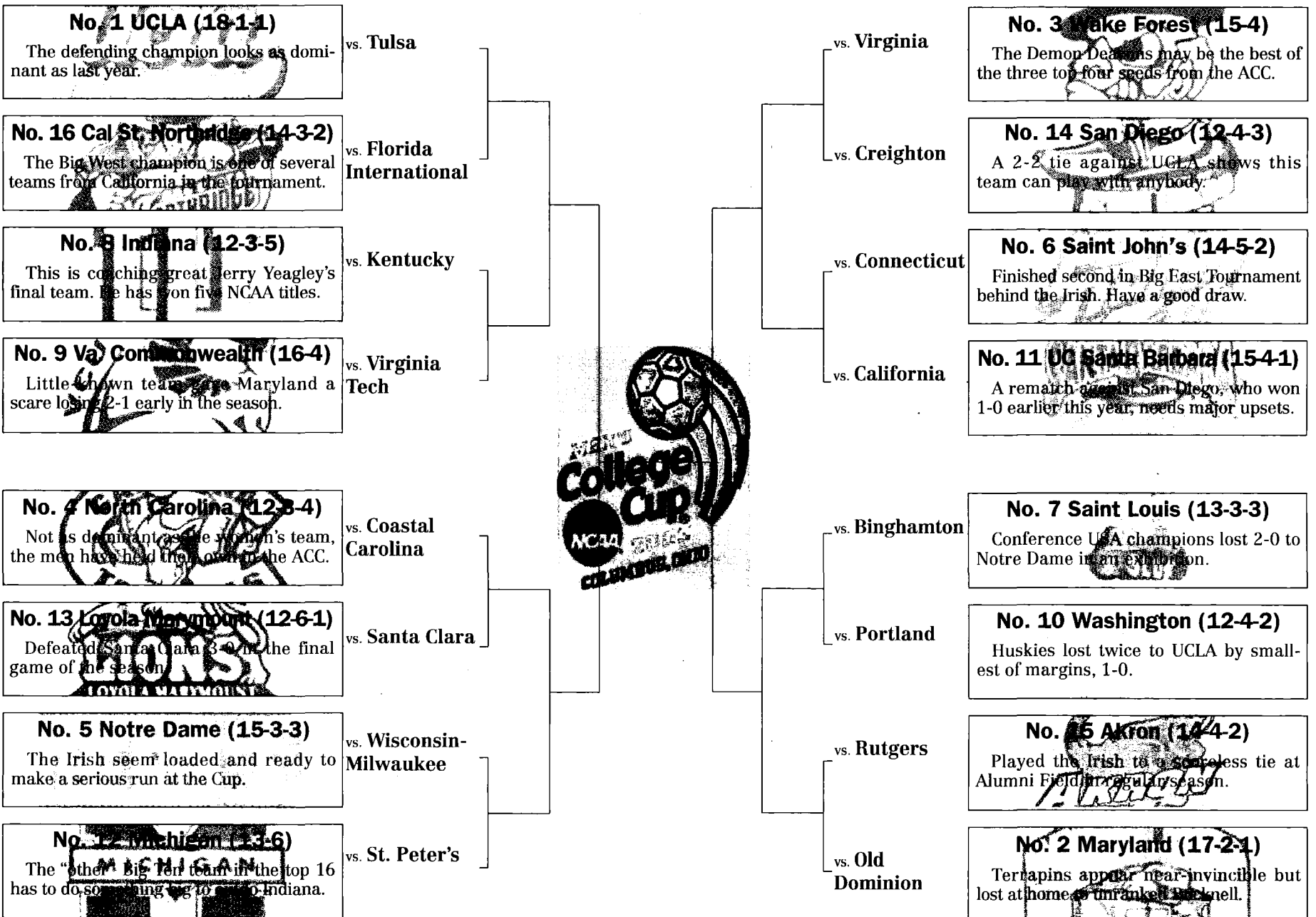


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Forward Devon Prescod dribbles upfield against Georgetown earlier this season.

## THE TOP SIXTEEN SEEDS

### TOP SEEDS AND THEIR SECOND ROUND OPPONENTS



# Leaving a mark

*The Irish seniors hope to leave Notre Dame having accomplished all their goals — especially the biggest one*

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Associate Sports Editor

When the Notre Dame seniors take the field Wednesday against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the second round of the NCAA tournament, it could possibly be the last time for those seven players to step onto Alumni Field and play a soccer game.

Hopefully it won't be, but even if it is, this year's seniors have really put a special touch on not only the 2003 Irish soccer season but also their entire careers. When the six scholarship seniors arrived on the South Bend campus for the first time in 2000, they each agreed that they had one goal for their time at Notre Dame.

"I think we came here with the mission to make this a soccer school," team captain Greg Martin said. "In a couple of weeks we'll have left this school and I think I can say we have probably accomplished that goal.

Forwards Devon Prescod and Justin Detter, midfielders Filippo Chillemi, Martin and Chad Riley and defender Kevin Richards have done their part over their four years to help put Notre Dame soccer on the national map. Walk-on midfielder Roger Klauer, from Granger, Ind., has helped the six scholarship players achieve that goal as well.

"I would like to think it's a soccer school at this point," Martin said.

It's a strange possibility to consider — most people who hear the name Notre Dame think of football and not the European variety most call soccer. However, Martin has a good point and the numbers are there to back him up.

In 2000, the Irish averaged 810 spectators at their home games at Alumni Field. This year, Notre Dame has averaged an impressive 1,154 fans per game, a mark that currently places them 14th nationally in attendance.

Notre Dame's 1-0 overtime victory over Indiana was attended by 2,131 fans, the largest crowd this season and one of the largest in the school's history.

With the help of seasoned coach Bobby Clark, who arrived in 2001 with an impressive resume that included an NCAA runner-up while at Stanford, Martin and the other seniors have helped take Notre Dame soccer to a whole new level.

This year is the first year that the Irish have received a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament as one of the top 16 seeds. They are the No. 5 seed and just missed having

home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

This is also the first year since 1996 that the Irish have won the Big East conference championship, and the first under Clark's leadership. Like any other coach, Clark has expected a lot out of his senior class.

"They look for us for leadership, both on and off the field," Riley said. "I think a lot of the guys — Greg, Devon, and Justin — have probably scored about 80 percent of the goals this year, so that's another important area we've had to contribute in.

"We've also been asked to just kind of show a good example to the younger kids so they can see how to improve their play."

Prescod and Detter have indeed paced the Irish offense most of the way through the season, with each forward collecting 11 goals this year. Martin, the next closest, has three. The offensive flurry for the talented forwards has been a result of Clark's decision to make the two his top attacking tandem this season.

"It's a fairly new chemistry for us, you might say," Detter said. "We've always played together, just not always on top. I'd say now that we've played about 20 games or something like that, that we've definitely formed a

good chemistry, and we feel like we're playing well at the right time.

"Of course, what we do comes from the rest of these guys, sending in good crosses and nice [passes] into the box."

Prescod collected four assists this season to go along with his four goals — most of those assists to Detter — and was the team's leading scorer during the regular season with 26 points. He too credits being teammates so long with his forward partner as a reason for the duo's offensive success this year.

"I think we've definitely gotten to know each other better over the past three years," Prescod said. "Playing together up front has actually allowed us to spend even more time together because we've been rooming together on road trips and things like that.

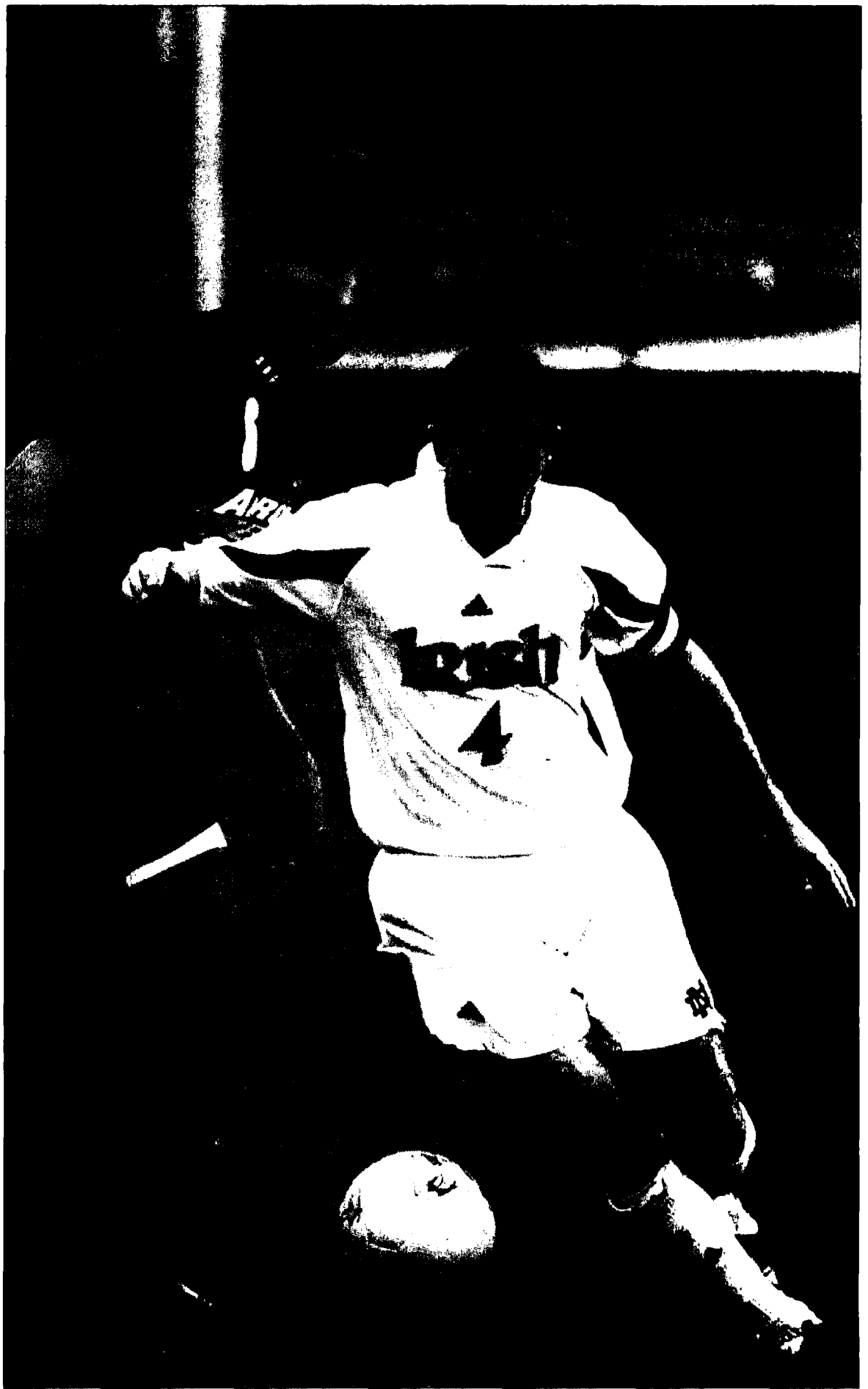
"I'd say we're definitely at a point now where we know each other the best we ever have through these four years."

While Prescod and Detter have been the cornerstones of the Irish offense, Richards has been a consistent veteran presence for Notre Dame's impressive defense, which gave up only 14 goals in 21 regular season games.

While the senior defender is known more for keeping the ball out of the net, he had perhaps one of the biggest goals of

*"I think that off the field we've become a very tight group and I can honestly say that these guys have become my best friends."*

**Filippo Chillemi**  
Irish midfielder



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Midfielder and three-year captain Greg Martin dribbles around a West Virginia defender at Alumni Field Sept. 21. Martin is one of seven seniors who have brought Notre Dame to soccer prominence in their four years in South Bend.

the year when he scored the game-winning goal in Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over St. John's in the finals of the Big East championship.

"I'd say my role is more in just getting some of the younger guys to understand coach Clark's system and way of playing," Richards said. "Those guys have really stepped up quick and have allowed me to go forward a little and not always have to play in the back, which has helped me to not have such a big responsibility as the only senior defenseman."

These seniors realize that their success in the regular season is just ancient history now as they head into the NCAA tournament with a very good chance to help bring Notre

Dame something that the Irish have never achieved — a national championship in men's soccer.

Regardless of the final outcome of this year's tournament, it will still be difficult for these seven to leave. They certainly already have a lot to be proud of.

"I think that as far as on the field we've really come in and done what we said we've wanted to do, and that's improve every year as a team," Chillemi said. "And I think that off the field we've become a very tight group and I can honestly say that these guys have become my best friends."

"It's going to very tough to leave."

As for the date of these sen-

iors' final game, that is completely up to how they perform in the tournament. You can bet they would like to stay on the field as long as they possibly can.

"Back in August of 2000, and especially in August 2003, we really set our sights on the national championship," Martin said. "Can this team win a national championship? I think a better answer to that is that this team can accomplish whatever we set our minds to, and I think that's the message we want to leave as a legacy to the next Notre Dame teams."

"We want to show that first, Notre Dame can play soccer, and second, that if a group of guys commit to a goal, they can achieve whatever they want. "This year, we want to win a national championship."

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**Greg Martin**  
Irish captain

# Stingy defense has led the Irish all year long

*In 21 games, Irish have only allowed 14 goals and registered 13 shutouts*

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Wisconsin-Milwaukee scored four times against Western Michigan to earn a shot at Notre Dame in the second round. It was silly of them.

The Panthers should have saved two of those goals for Wednesday.

With Big East Goaltender of the Year Chris Sawyer and arguably the strongest back four in the nation composed of Kevin Richards, Kevin Goldthwaite, Jack Stewart and sophomore Christopher High, the Irish are consistently limiting powerful offenses to few chances and even fewer goals.

At the rate the Irish are giving up goals, Wisconsin-Milwaukee is looking at a possible goose egg in its goals column in the Thursday box score.

It's a distinct possibility, since it's happened to 13 other teams this season.

Sawyer — only a junior — has a 0.65 goals against average on the season, making 66 saves including eight in three straight shutouts on the way to a Big East conference championship.

Not only have the Irish been shutting opponents out, they have given up just fourteen goals all season. Notre Dame's total of 38 goals is not a high season total for any team, but the Irish still have twenty-four more tallies than their foes.

When Sawyer raised the goaltender of the year trophy

above his head following a 2-0 victory over St. John's, he knew it would have been more appropriate to have four sets of hands helping him support the award. They have supported each other all year anyway.

"The reason we've been able to shut teams out so well is simple," Sawyer said. "We have the best back four in the country. My back line is unbelievable. And all of the credit really must go to them."

Sawyer accepts none of the credit for his success, though saves like a diving grab in the first half on St. John's Angel Rodriguez prove his value to the number three team in the nation.

"I see one or two shots a game, maybe one where I have to go to the ground," Sawyer said. "Other than that, the defense just takes care of me. That save in the first half, I was just glad I could do that for them when they save me so much."

The two men in the middle who 'save' Sawyer often are Stewart and High. The two juniors function as a two-headed monster, splitting the gut of opponents' attacks. They win close battles at their feet and leaping battles in the air, particularly Stewart, who has a knack for getting his head on any ball within twenty feet

above his shoulders.

High, a junior from Camarillo, Calif. saw action in four games during his sophomore season after red-shirting his freshman year. This season, however, with coach Bobby Clark shifting Luke Boughen from stopper to midfielder midway through the season, High has stepped up as a rock on defense. Stewart made the All-Big East first team this season.

"Our two central defenders are very solid," Clark said. "They counter every aerial threat, especially against St. John's, who is a fairly direct

team. If you don't handle that threat you're in trouble, and these two boys have played superbly well."

Words like Clark's force teams to try and take the ball around the outside of the Notre Dame defense. The two Kevin's are waiting patiently.

Richards and Goldthwaite man the outside defender spots, right and left, respectively. Richards is an all-Big East third team selection and Goldthwaite is a second-team member. Richards is a speedster who can catch any streaking forward or midfielder, while Goldthwaite relies on technique and poise to lock down on team's strongest threats.

Most important about the two outside backs, however — especially in the Irish system — is the ability of both players to not only halt opponents' rushes but to counter with attacks of their own. Both players make runs to the sideline often as Notre Dame switches the ball across the field.

Richards scored on such a run in the Big East Championship game against St. John's, his first goal in three years. Clark later assessed the qualities Richards brings to the team.

"Kevin Richards doesn't score a lot of goals, but he makes a lot of goals," Clark said, referring to his playmaking skills.

Goldthwaite certainly does, as well.

The junior from Sacramento, Calif. started nine games his freshman season and has been invaluable particularly due to his set up ability. Goldthwaite can put a crossing ball, corner kick or throw in into the box on offense. Counting the Big East Tournament, he leads the team in assists with nine.

Richards, Goldthwaite and Stewart each have one goal, and the defense has often translated into offense this season for the Irish. Still, the Irish defense has been the reason the team needs only one or two great plays per game from attackers like Justin Detter, Devon Prescod and Greg Martin to secure a victory against anybody.

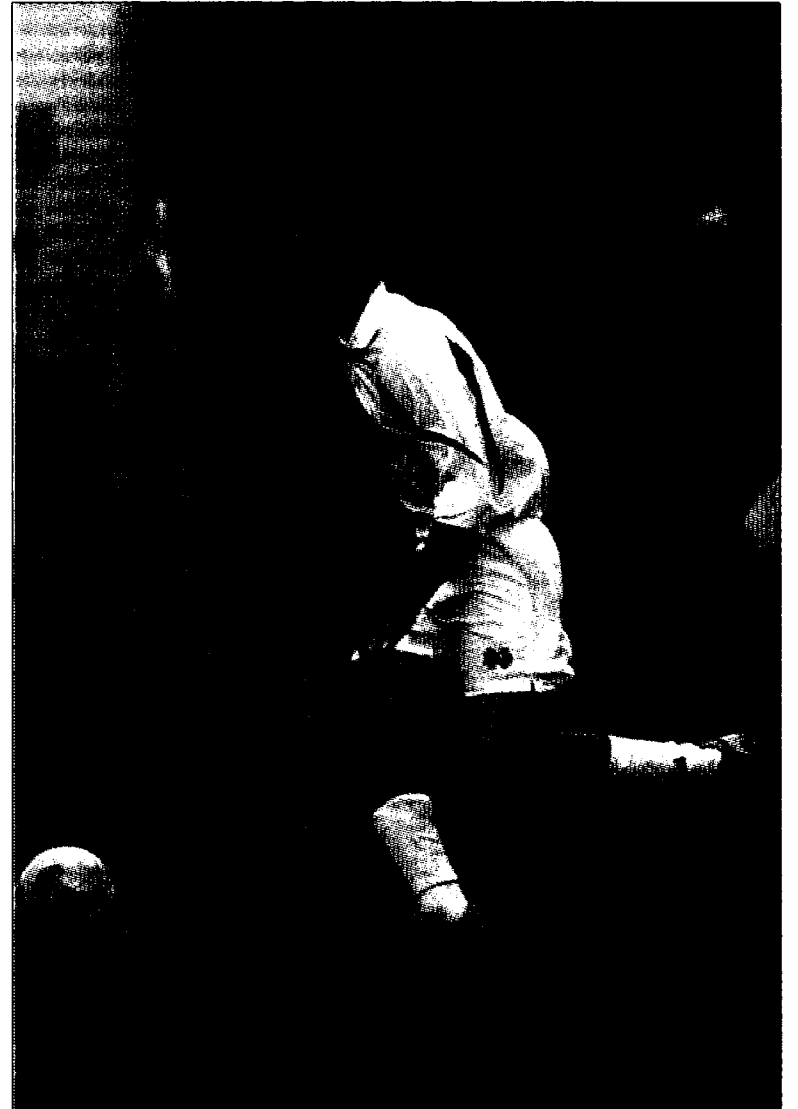
"We have good defenders and a good goalkeeper, but we also have a good team mentality," Clark said. "We've lost fourteen goals, and take away

*"We have good defenders and a good goalkeeper, but we also have a good team mentality."*

**Bobby Clark**  
Irish coach

*"The reason we've been able to shut teams out so well is simple. We have the best back four in the country."*

**Chris Sawyer**  
Irish goalie



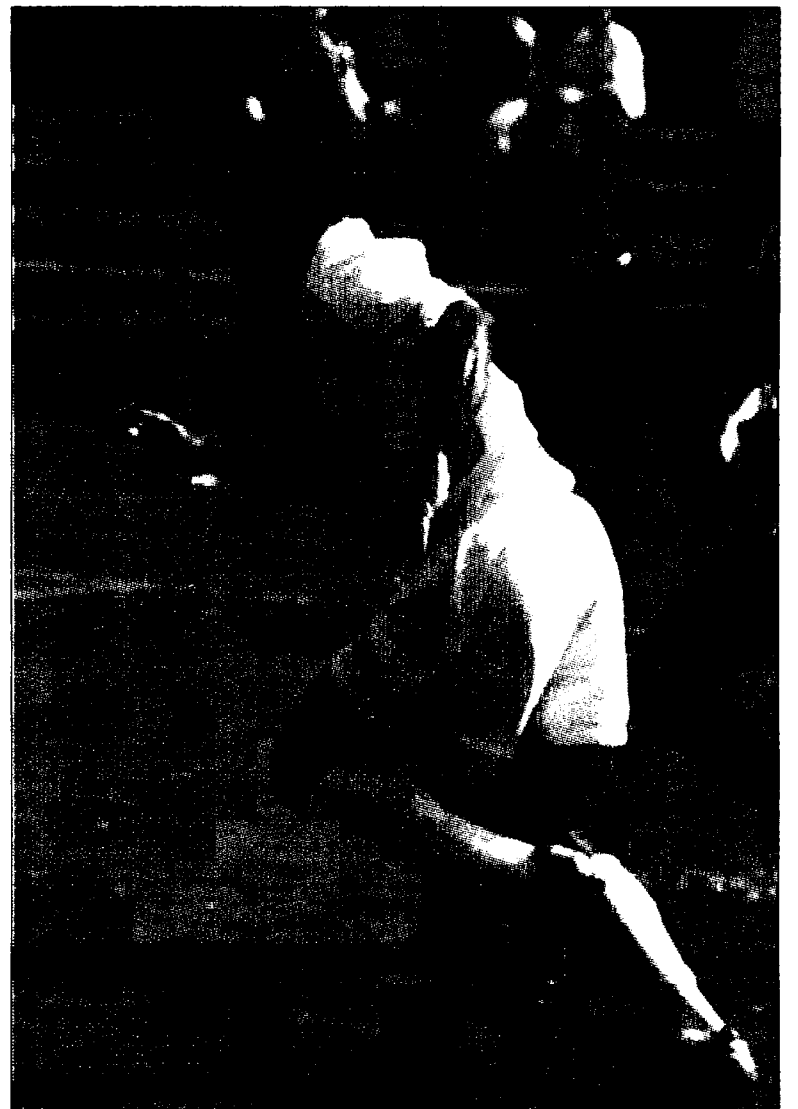
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Midfielder Jack Stewart dribbles upfield against Georgetown in Notre Dame's 2-1 win on Sept. 28.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Defender Kevin Goldthwaite leaps over a West Virginia player earlier this year at Alumni Field.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Defender Kevin Richards chases after the ball against West Virginia in Notre Dame's 1-0 win.

our losses to Rutgers [5-2] and St. John's [3-0] and we've lost just six."

Offense wins games and defense wins championships, the cliché goes.

In Notre Dame's case, defense is what wins. Period. It wins quarters, halves,

games and conference tournaments. And, if the Irish build on their 13 shutouts and maintain the flawless play on defense, it could win them much more.

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DVD REVIEW

# 'The Two Towers' comes to life

By JONATHAN RETARTHA  
Scene Movie Critic

Tolkien fans now have the opportunity to get even more hobbit, elf and dwarf action as *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* Extended Edition DVD gives viewers an entirely new film. *The Two Towers* is the second part of the *Lord of the Rings* series of novels, written by J.R.R. Tolkien.

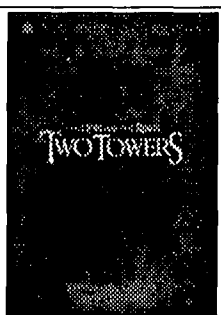
The series, directed on film by Peter Jackson, tells the story of a hobbit, Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) who goes on a quest to destroy a ring that is the source of all evil in the world. *The Two Towers* picks up where the first part, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, leaves off, with Frodo's company of travelers dispersed.

Frodo now travels with his friend Sam (Sean Astin, of Rudy fame) and a creature named Gollum (Andy Serkis), while Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), a friend of the hobbits, continues on his journey to take his rightful place as king of men in Middle Earth.

The first two discs of the four-disc set contain the actual motion picture. While the theatrical DVD was released in August, featuring the version of the film shown in theaters, along with a few extra features, the Extended Edition DVD features over 40 minutes of unseen footage.

## The Two Towers Extended Edition

New Line



While the notion of providing deleted scenes in a DVD is not new, Peter Jackson takes this feature one step further by weaving the deleted scenes into the film, forming a "director's cut" that even features original music composed just for these deleted scenes by composer Howard Shore.

Even though many "director's cut" DVDs seem long and drawn out with the deleted scenes woven in, *The Two Towers* actually seems shorter in the Extended Edition than in the theatrical version. All of the deleted

scenes are valuable additions to the film and satisfy many of the complaints that several critics and Tolkien purists have had about the film.

Some of the deleted scenes include a funny scene with Merry (Dominic Monaghan) and Pippin (Billy Boyd) experimenting with Ent Draft, Aragorn revealing his age to Eowyn (Miranda Otto), and the funeral of King Théoden's son. In addition, a long scene describes a flashback of Boromir (Sean Bean) and Faramir (David Wenham) together.

This scene is also important because it introduces the character of Denethor (John Noble), who plays a key role in the final chapter of the trilogy, *The Return of the King*, which opens in theaters Dec. 17.

Finally, perhaps the largest addition to the film is a sequence of scenes at the end of the film, which continue Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and Gimli's (John Rhys-Davies) head count and show the orcs fleeing from Helm's Deep into Fangorn Forest. The sequence also shows Merry and Pippin discovering a heap of food in the ruins of Isengard.

At over three hours and 45 minutes, Jackson successfully achieves his goal of making his films more like "histories" of middle earth, as if the events of the story actually took place. The film also can be watched with several audio commentaries, including one with almost every feature actor in the cast, one with Jackson and his writing team, and one with members of the design team.

The other two discs are full of special features that will keep fans entertained for hours on end. Disc three is full of pre-production material for the film. Even though the movies may seem dense with material, the books themselves are even denser, and the writing team was forced to make several cuts and changes to the original story in order to make it flow better on the screen.

While many of these changes have angered Tolkien purists, one documentary features Jackson explaining all of the cuts and changes and why they needed to be included or removed from the film.

Other excellent documentaries on



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Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) prepares to help defend the humans nestled in Helms Deep, a human haven in 'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.'

the third disc explore the world of Weta, the special effects and design company that worked on the films. It is simply amazing to watch how much effort was put into the hundreds of costumes and prosthetics, as well as into finding and constructing the various locations in New Zealand where the three films were shot concurrently.

Also featured on the third disc are hundreds of conceptual drawings for the various costumes and sets in the film.

While all of the design documentaries provide incredible insight into the filmmaking process, perhaps none is more fascinating than the section on disc three devoted to the creation of the Gollum character, the first ever dramatic performance given by a computer-generated character. Never before has such a significant event in film history been so well documented.

The documentaries even explore the controversy that erupted inside of Weta over whether to use Serkis as a model for Gollum's performance using revolutionary motion capture technology, or to simply use his voice and use the computer alone to generate the character's movement.

The fourth disc documents the actual filming of the picture. One section of features describes the amazing collection of miniatures needed for certain parts of the film. Another goes into depth about digital effects in the film.

A third section is devoted completely to music and sound, with commentary from Shore about the different themes used for different locations in the movie.

All of the special features make the Extended Edition the ultimate movie experience. Enough information and insight into the process is present in this DVD to make it its own lesson in filmmaking. Everything from ideas and drawings to editing and marketing make this a truly unique experience to own on DVD.

While many thought that Jackson would run out of things to put in the DVD after loading the *Fellowship of the Ring* Extended Edition DVD with dozens of bonus features, he has actually topped himself with *The Two Towers*.

All of the contributors to the interviews have been through the Extended Edition process before and are even more comfortable with answering questions and sharing their love of film.

Even without the spectacular DVDs, the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy will leave an indelible mark on the world of filmmaking. The extended editions only serve as further proof of the passion and love every person involved has with bringing the novels to life.

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Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) and Sam Gamgee (Sean Astin) make their way across the dangerous road to Mordor as they attempt to destroy the One Ring.

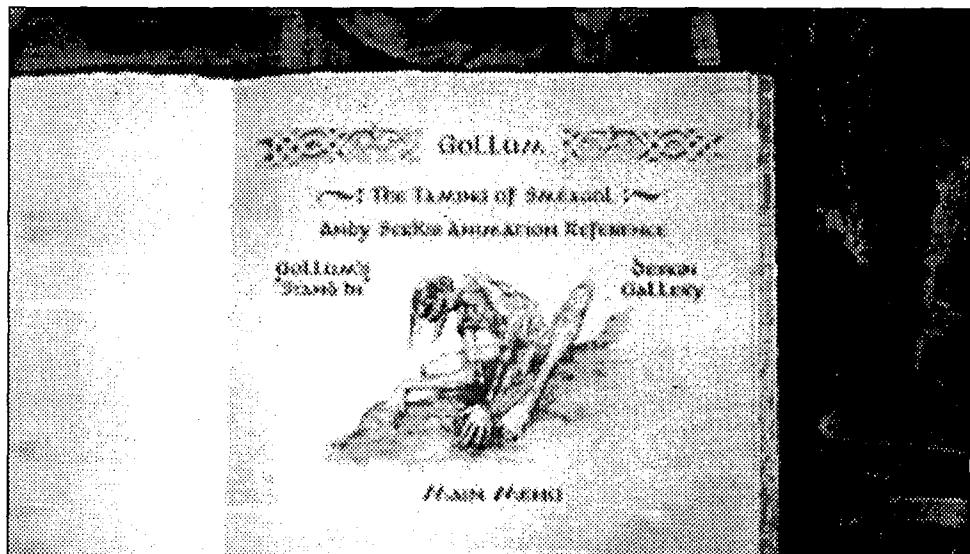


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The third and fourth discs of the Extended Edition DVD have over six hours of special features, including lots of information about Gollum, a CGI creature.

## NHL

# Mathieu Biron defeats older brother in a 2-1 victory

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Mathieu Biron finally got the best of his big brother.

The Florida defenseman became the first NHL player in 23 years to score against his brother, beating Martin Biron in the Panthers' 2-1 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Monday night.

Phil Esposito of the New York Rangers was the last player to accomplish the feat, scoring on brother Tony of Chicago on Nov. 5, 1980.

"The Esposito brothers probably have been fighting for the last 23 years," Martin Biron joked. "We'll probably be fighting for the next 23 years, my brother and I."

Mathieu Biron, who at 23 is three younger than Martin, gave Florida a 2-0 lead late in the first period when he joined a two-on-one rush and tipped Stephen Weiss' pass past his brother.

"I was happy," Mathieu Biron said. "I knew it was going to come sooner or later. I'm glad he didn't put me on the ice right after the goal. I didn't know what was going on. It's hard to explain."

The Biron's parents, Celine and Rejean, were in the crowd.

"In the summer they were nagging each other, with Mathieu saying that he would score on Martin," Celine Biron said. "It was good that it was a nice goal. It wouldn't have been as nice if it was a cheap goal."

The goal was Mathieu Biron's first of the season and the sixth of his NHL career, which began in 1999-00 with the New York Islanders.

Martin Biron finished with 22 saves.

## Toronto 2, Vancouver 1

Ed Belfour solidified his place as one of the best goalies in NHL history.

Belfour passed Glenn Hall for fifth place on the career victory list, stopping 24 shots in the Toronto Maple Leafs' 2-1 victory over Vancouver on Monday night.

Belfour has 408 victories, 15 shy of Tony Esposito for fourth

place. Patrick Roy is first with 551.

"To be with Glenn Hall is a great honor," Belfour said. "I'd love to hear from him. I had a chance to talk to him quite a bit when I was in Chicago. He was always helpful."

Hall played 19 seasons for Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis. Belfour is in his 16th season.

"He's one of the best goalies in the game," Toronto captain Mats Sundin said. "It's great to have him back there. He certainly made it look easy tonight. That's just the kind of guy he is."

Sundin and Gary Roberts scored for the Maple Leafs, who went winless in the first five games of their West Coast road trip before winning in Vancouver on Saturday night.

Brendan Morrison had the lone goal for the Canucks, who haven't won on the road in five games since Nov. 5 at Nashville.

After Vancouver center Matt Cooke turned the puck over, Sundin fired a slap shot past goalie Johan Hedberg at 2:08 of the third.

## Nashville 3, Colorado 2

Kimmo Timonen and Marek Zidlicky scored power-play goals to lead the Nashville Predators to a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

Timonen added an assist, Rem Murray had a short-handed goal, and Tomas Vokoun made 34 saves to improve to 5-1-0 in his last six starts.

Milan Hejduk and Joe Sakic had third-period goals for Colorado, with Hejduk's goal ending the Avalanche's scoreless streak at 124 minutes, 31 seconds. Colorado was 0-for-5 on the power play and has failed to score in its last 13 chances.

Timonen opened the scoring 42 seconds into the game — and 21 seconds into a power play — with a low blast that went between Philippe Sauve's pads.

Vokoun kept Colorado scoreless with saves on Sakic from the slot. He caught a break when Alex Tanguay's shot dribbled between Vokoun's pads,



Florida Panthers Mathieu Biron (center) celebrates his first goal of the season with teammate Andreas Liija (right) against the Buffalo Sabres Nov. 24 2003

but hit the left post at 8:10 of the period.

Zidlicky extended Nashville's lead to 2-0 with a power-play goal at 5:09 of the second period. Sauve stopped shots by Timonen and David Legwand, but Zidlicky scored off a rebound.

## Washington 4, Detroit 1

Rastislav Stana got all the help — and breaks — he needed to win in his first NHL start.

Stana made 38 saves, and Jaromir Jagr, Robert Lang and Dainius Zubrus combined for eight points to give the Washington Capitals a 4-1 victory over Detroit on Monday night. "I think I was having the luck of the beginner," said Stana, the first Slovak goalie to win an NHL game. "There were some rebounds that I left, but the defense cleared them for me."

"It would have been nice to get the shutout, but I'm still happy with the win."

Both Jagr and Lang had a goal and two assists, and Zubrus had a goal and an assist. Peter Bondra got the

other Washington goal, and Sergei Gonchar had two assists.

"Our guys do have the ability to score," Capitals coach Bruce Cassidy said.

With 14 points, Washington is tied with the Pittsburgh Penguins for last place overall in the NHL.

Kris Draper scored for Detroit, which has lost two of its last three games.

The Capitals scored three times in the first period, with Jagr and Bondra getting goals just 1:35 apart.

Jagr scored on a one-timer from in front after taking a pass from Gonchar 6:57 into the game. Bondra made it 2-0 when he jammed the rebound of a shot by Zubrus past Curtis Joseph at 8:32.

Lang then scored on a rebound of a shot by Gonchar with 8:59 left in the period. That chased Joseph, who only faced nine shots. He was replaced by Manny Legace.

Zubrus got a power-play goal at 3:25 of the second period when his one-timer from the slot converted a pass from Lang.

"When we have good starts like tonight, we win those games," said Lang, who took over the NHL points lead with 28 on 12 goals and 16 assists. "But a lot of times, we're coming out of the first period down a couple of goals. And in this league, with the way teams play now, nobody's going to let you back into the game."

## Dallas 5, Phoenix 2

Mike Modano, Jason Arnott and Jere Lehtinen scored power-play goals in the Dallas Stars' 5-2 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Monday night.

Steve Ott added his first goal of the season, Modano also had two assists, and Stu Barnes added an empty-net goal for the slumping Stars, who were 1-6-2 in their previous nine games.

Cale Hulse's goal 31 seconds into the second period snapped the Coyotes' shutout streak of 141 minutes, 46 seconds. Phoenix was coming off consecutive shutouts against San Jose and Atlanta.

Landon Wilson added his first goal of the season for the

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NBA

# Indiana extends Orlando's losing streak to 13

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The hapless Orlando Magic put up a surprisingly strong fight against the Indiana Pacers with star player Tracy McGrady sick at home with a 103-degree fever.

Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and 19 rebounds, and the NBA-leading Pacers handed Orlando its 13th straight loss, winning 89-78 on Monday night.

The Magic stayed close with a scrappy, hustling effort that earned the respect of a crowd ready to roast them.

It wasn't until midway through the fourth quarter, when O'Neal's three-point play put the Pacers up 77-63, that Orlando was down for the count.

"The effort they put forth without McGrady was exceptional," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "They made the game the kind of game they had to make it to have a chance to win."

Ron Artest added 17 points and reserve Austin Croshere scored 13 of his season-high 15 in the second quarter to help Indiana extend its winning streak to five games.

Orlando is four losses short of tying its franchise-worst losing skid. That stretch was set in 1991-92, the season before the Magic drafted Shaquille O'Neal.

"Certainly we were undermanned with T-Mac not playing, but I don't think our guys conceded to the Pacers all night," said Orlando coach

Johnny Davis, who was making his home debut. He replaced Doc Rivers, who was fired a week ago in the middle of an 0-5 road trip.

"If we continue to fight like that, and make some adjustments to what we're doing, I think we can get this situation turned around and begin to have some success."

### Knicks 94, Celtics 88

With or without their two top scorers, the New York Knicks know how to rally against the Boston Celtics.

They did it Monday night with Allen Houston and Keith Van Horn sidelined, winning 94-88 after trailing by 10 points at halftime. One week earlier, the two stars played major roles as the Knicks beat the Celtics after trailing by 16 at intermission.

The key, said New York forward Clarence Weatherspoon, is to shoot the ball when the opportunity is there.

"When you're short-handed, you just have to feel confident enough to let it go," he said. "We did some things that led to easy baskets and put them on their heels."

Shandon Anderson led the Knicks with a season-high 28 points.

Dikembe Mutombo had four blocks, moving him into fifth place with a career total of 2,896, two more than former Knick Patrick Ewing, who preceded him at Georgetown.

"He'll be the first man I'll call," Mutombo said. "It's a nice commentary on my career."

One week earlier, Houston

and Van Horn combined for 47 points as the Knicks came back to beat the Celtics 89-86 in New York. Van Horn had 13 points in the third quarter when the Knicks trimmed a 54-38 halftime deficit to 72-66.

But on Monday, Houston missed his second straight game with a sore lower back, and Van Horn, missed his fifth in a row with a sprained right ankle.

The Celtics also blew a 51-42 halftime lead last Friday and lost in Philadelphia 87-85.

"We go into the locker room saying we have to pick it up," Boston forward Vin Baker said, "and, behold, we come out in the third quarter and it slips away. It may be we're thinking too much about it."

### Pacers 89, Magic 78

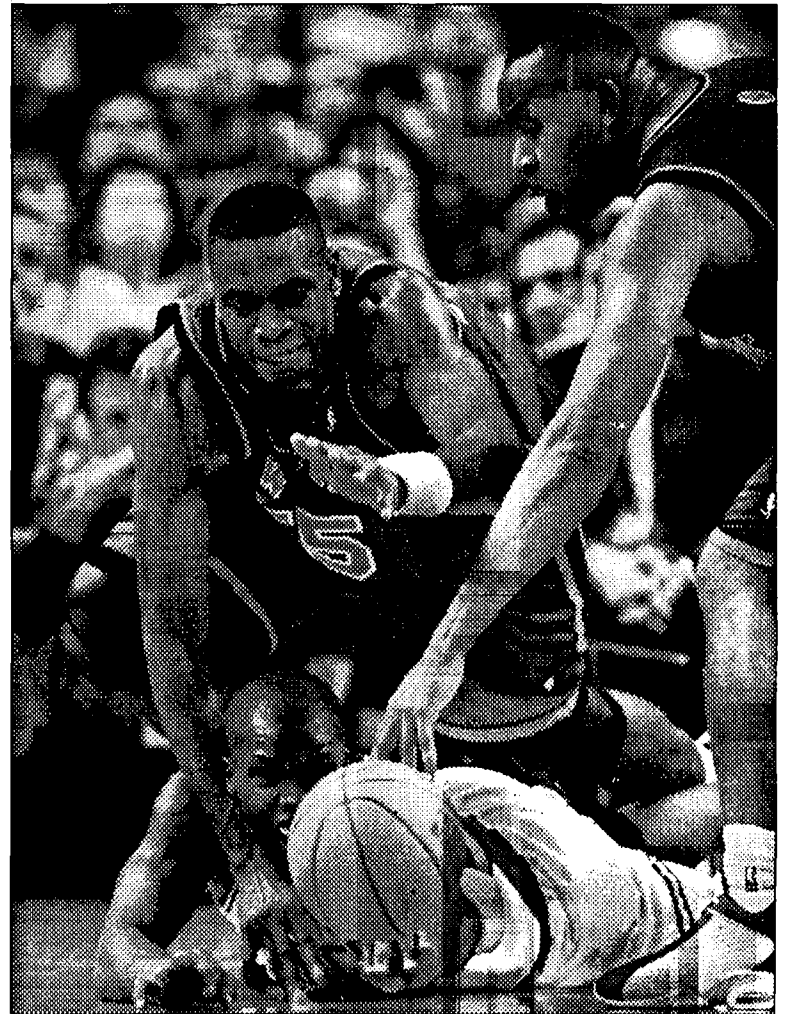
Chauncey Billups redeemed himself at the free-throw line by hitting four straight shots in the final 18.3 seconds to help the Detroit Pistons beat Atlanta 94-89 on Monday night.

Billups missed two foul shots with seven seconds remaining Sunday in Detroit's 81-80 loss to New Orleans. He finished with a team-high 24 points despite shooting only 7-for-23 from the floor.

The Pistons, winning for the fifth time in six games, trailed Atlanta by 16 points following Shareef Abdur-Rahim's 12-footer with 5:46 left in the third quarter.

Detroit answered with a 24-4 run, capped by Billups' 14-footer from the right wing with 7:14 remaining.

Of the 23 points Atlanta



The New York Knicks' Dikembe Mutombo dives over the Boston Celtics' Eric Williams for a loose ball Monday night.

allowed off 21 turnovers, 15 came in the second half, the worst mistake coming on Stephen Jackson's inbound lob pass that went out of bounds.

Abdur-Rahim led the Hawks, who have lost four of six, with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

Tayshaun Prince added 22

points for Detroit, and Ben Wallace had 15 rebounds.

Billups took an inbound pass from Prince and drew a blocking foul on Jacque Vaughn as he drove the left side of the baseline for the free throws that gave Detroit the lead for good.

# Mourning leaves NBA as kidney problems worsen

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Nets center Alonzo Mourning is leaving basketball again because the kidney disease he's had for three years is worsening and he needs a transplant.

The announcement Monday came just a few months after Mourning, 33, signed a four-year contract with the Nets believed to be worth \$22 million.

The four-time All-Star sat out all of last season and large portions of two of the last three years because of the life-

threatening kidney ailment, focal glomerulosclerosis.

The team said Mourning, who was in his 12th NBA season, needs a transplant "in the near future" and that a nationwide search is under way for a prospective donor.

"Alonzo is a true champion and a very courageous athlete who attempted to defy the odds with his comeback to the NBA," Nets president Rod Thorn said. "Unfortunately, his medical condition will not allow him to continue his basketball career."

Dr. Gerald Appel of Columbia University Medical Center said

Mourning's kidney function has deteriorated rapidly in recent weeks.

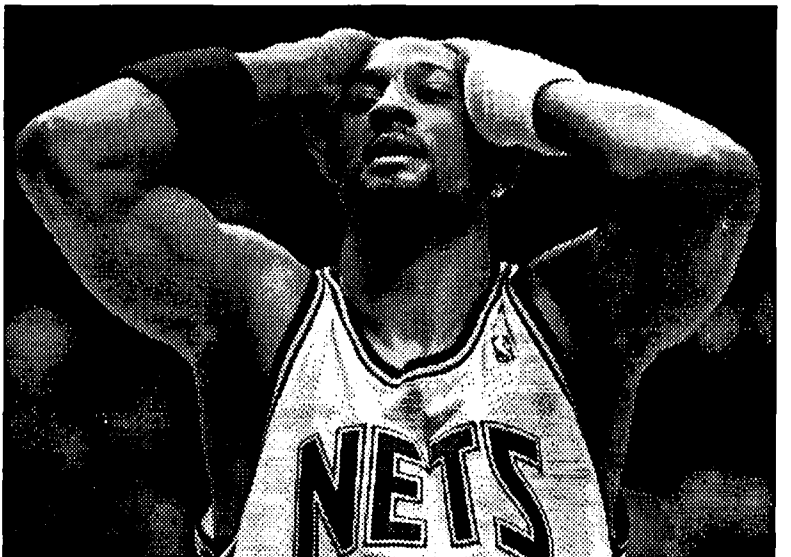
"It is no longer medically safe for him to play basketball," Appel said. "Although he still feels well, the chemical imbalances in his blood make it dangerous for him to play."

Mourning played in 12 games for the Nets this season, averaging a disappointing 8 points and 2.3 rebounds in 17.9 minutes.

His career averages were 20.3 points and 9.8 rebounds per game coming into this season.

On Saturday, Mourning had a season-high 15 points in the Nets' 81-80 loss to the Toronto Raptors.

Two days earlier, he got into a heated exchange with teammate Kenyon Martin, who made light of Mourning's disease.



Alonzo Mourning reacts after a fellow Net fouled a Toronto Raptor in their game on Saturday.

"I have overcome all I have overcome to play this game for one reason, and that's to win," Mourning said afterward.

Mourning previously played for the Charlotte Hornets and Miami Heat.

The disease was detected in 2000, while Mourning was with the Heat.

The diagnosis came shortly after the 6-foot-10 center helped the U.S. team win the gold medal at the Olympics.

The disease attacks the tiny filters in the kidney that remove waste from the blood.

That makes the kidney spill protein from blood into the urine.

The resulting kidney damage can lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a transplant.

"It's a sad day in anyone's life when they can no longer do what they love, especially when they have no control over their situation," Heat president Pat Riley said in a statement. "Alonzo had been the cornerstone of the Heat organization for eight years and continues to be a role model in the Miami community."

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MLB

# Hall of Fame pitcher Warren Spahn dies at 82

Associated Press

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Warren Spahn, the Hall of Fame pitcher who won more games than any other left-hander in history, died Monday. He was 82.

Spahn died at his home, family friend Gary Caruso said.

Spahn was the mainstay of the Braves' pitching staff for two decades, first in Boston and then in Milwaukee. He pitched for 21 seasons, winning 363 games and posting 20 or more victories 13 times.

The remarkable part was that he was 25 before he got his first major league win.

"Warren Spahn was a fighter and a winner," said New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, a former teammate. "He made catching in the big leagues a lot easier for me because he took me under his wing along with Lew Burdette. One of my biggest thrills to this day was catching his 300th victory in 1961."

Spahn started his baseball career in his hometown of Buffalo, playing first base while his father played third for the Buffalo Lake City Athletic Club. He wanted to play first in high school but his team already had an all-city player at that position. So Spahn switched to pitching.

He signed with the Braves in 1940 for \$80 a month and injured his arm twice in his first season of D-level ball. But he won 19 games the next season and was invited to spring training with the Braves.

He started the 1942 season with the Braves but was sent down by manager Casey Stengel, who was angry because the left-hander refused to brush back Pee Wee Reese in an exhibition game. Spahn went 17-12 with a 1.96 ERA average at Hartford that season while the Braves finished in seventh place. Stengel called farming Spahn out the worst mistake he ever made.

In 1943, Spahn went into the Army. He served in Europe, where he was wounded, decorated for bravery with a Bronze Star and Purple Heart and was awarded a battlefield commission. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge and in the battle for the bridge at Remagen, Germany, where many men in his company were lost.

Spahn returned to baseball in 1946, and had an 8-5 record for the Braves.

The next season, he emerged as one of baseball's best pitchers with a 21-10 record. He led the NL with a 2.33 ERA and became part of a pitching partnership with Johnny Sain that took Boston to the NL pennant the

next year. Because of the Braves' thin staff, Boston's pitching was described as "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain."

Starting in 1947, Spahn won 20 or more games in 13 of the next 17 seasons. Only Christy Mathewson had as many 20-win seasons in the NL. Strangely, one of the years he missed that plateau was 1948, when he was 15-12 as the Braves won their first pennant since 1914.

Equipped with a high-kicking delivery that baffled batters, Spahn became a dominant pitcher after that season, a consistent 20-game winner. Only once between 1953 and 1961 did he fail to win 20 games.

Spahn led the NL in victories eight times, including five in a row from 1957-61, and led the league in strikeouts from 1949-52.

He once said, "When I'm pitching, I feel I'm down to the essentials — two men with one challenge between them."

He usually won that challenge.

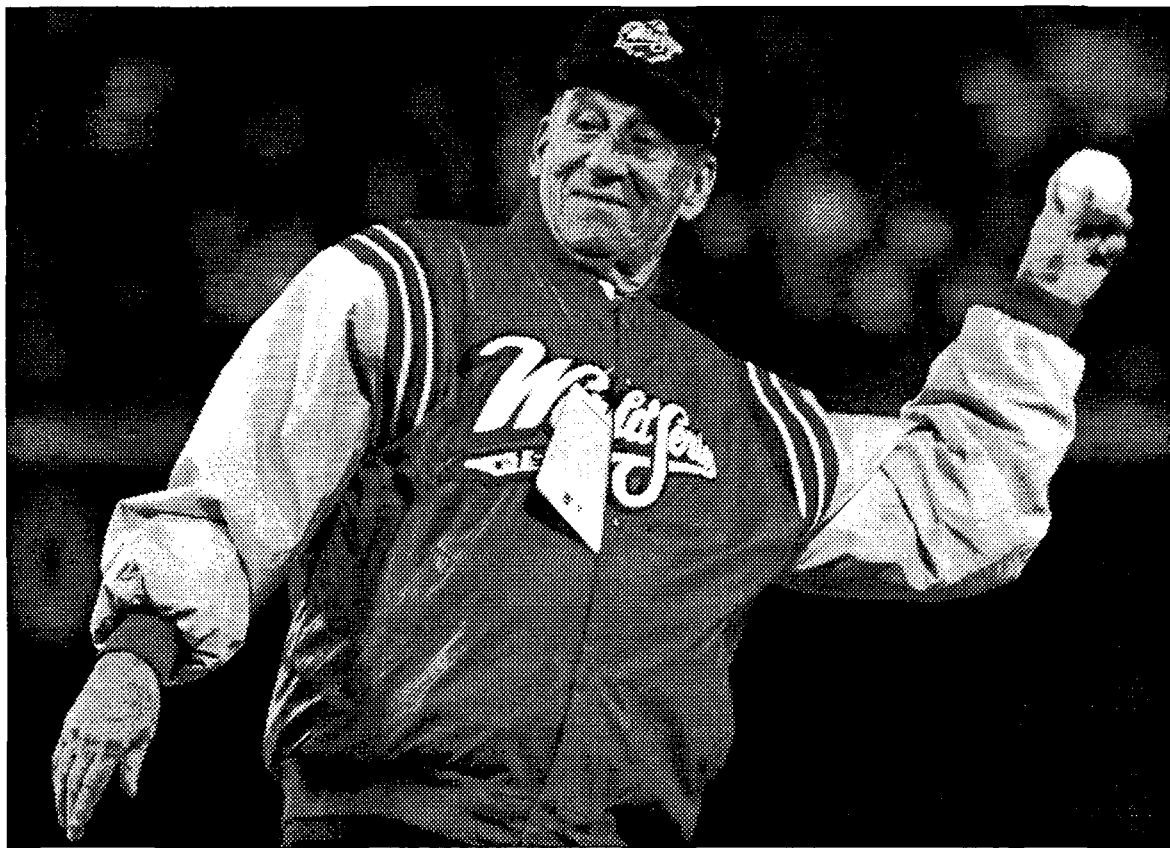
Spahn led the league in complete games nine times, including seven in a row from 1957-63. For his career, he completed 382 of 665 starts and had 2,583 strikeouts.

He led the Braves to pennants with 21 wins in 1957 and 22 in 1958 — their first two seasons in Milwaukee — and then won 21 games in each of the next three seasons.

He was 23-7 and led the league with a 2.10 ERA in 1953 at age 32 and then matched that a decade later when he was 42, going 23-7 again in 1963, this time with a 2.60 ERA.

That was his last great season. A year later, he went 6-13 and then finished up in 1965, splitting the season between the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants and winning seven games. He then pitched in Mexico and the minors before finally retiring in 1967 at the age of 46.

When he was criticized for pitching that long, Spahn said, "I don't care what the public thinks. I'm pitching because I enjoy pitching."



Warren Spahn throws out the ceremonial first pitch before Game 1 of the World Series Oct. 23, 1999. Spahn won more games than any left-hander in Major League history.




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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

# Irish have one last chance

*Irish travel to No. 6 Stanford to improve their NCAA seeding*

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**  
Sports Writer

They know what they have to do, now it is just a matter of execution.

Coming off a loss to Pittsburgh (24-4) in the Big East Tournament Championship, No. 20 Notre Dame (23-5) looks to regroup when they travel to No. 6 Stanford Saturday.

The Irish come off a loss that snapped their 61 game Big East winning streak at home and was only the second loss the Irish have ever suffered in the Big East tournament since joining the conference in 1995. The Irish are 2-3 in their last five matches.

But Notre Dame is putting the loss behind them and moving on. They have a week of practice to prepare for Stanford (21-6), the last regular season match of the year.

"We can't go into Stanford and have a good match if we don't practice well this week," Irish head coach

Debbie Brown said. "We have to get back into the gym and work out the details there."

The Irish have been led all season by their nation-leading blocking average, 3.73 per game. Emily Loomis leads the Irish attack with 3.62 kills and 1.12 blocks per game. She is joined by Lauren Brewster, who is atop the nation with 1.82 blocks per game. She also averages 3.54 kills per game.

However, the Irish have struggled of late, losing to then No. 14 Northern Iowa, and then dropping two matches in one week to Pittsburgh.

Those two losses gave Pittsburgh a share of the regular season conference title and last Sunday, the Big East Tournament Championship.

"This is the time to pull together — we're in the post-season and it goes really short," Brown said. "You don't allow yourself to get tired, you don't allow yourself to make excuses, you just get after it everyday at practice. We just have to play well."

Stanford will be a tough

opponent for the Irish, as they outthit opponents last weekend .405 to .156. Both teams will be looking to improve their seeding chances going into the NCAA Selection on Sunday evening.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder will have to lead the Irish offense back on track in their efforts to beat the Cardinal for the first time ever. Kinder, Brewster and Lauren Kelbley were all named to the Big East all conference team last week. Brown was named co-coach of the year, and Loomis earned second team honors.

But for now, the Irish remain focused on the week of practice.

"I think that for some reason we didn't play with the confidence we need to play with [against Pittsburgh]," Brown said. "I think the only way you get that pack is you get back into the practice gym." So despite the setbacks of the last few weeks, the Irish remain focused on one thing — winning.

"I still think this team can accomplish a lot," Brown said. "What we need to do is go after the match and be able to say 'that's all we had, they were just better.'"

Saturday's game is set to start at 1 p.m.

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

# Oklahoma leads BCS standings, USC rises

Associated Press

Southern California moved back into position to play for the national title — for now.

The Trojans were once again in second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, moving up one spot after a loss by Ohio State.

Oklahoma (12-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which teams will play for the national title in the Sugar Bowl. The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in the polls and are the top team in all seven BCS computers.

USC was second, nearly five points behind at 6.89, followed by LSU at 9.04, matching the order in both polls. The Trojans and Tigers are the only one-loss teams remaining from one of the six major conferences.

USC has one game remaining Dec. 6 against Oregon State (7-4). LSU plays Arkansas (8-3) on Friday, and if the Tigers win, they will play in the SEC title game. If LSU wins both those games they could get enough of a boost to move ahead of USC.

"Sometimes when you start thinking about all that other stuff it is just kind of clutter that can affect your ability to prepare, focus, and have the kind of poise and discipline that you need," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think you can get distracted by other things and it really comes down to performance. We have to play well in the game and

preparation helps you do that."

The Sooners have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.40 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 1.9.

With all the focus on second place, Oklahoma has been able to avoid the usual BCS controversy.

"It's hard for us to get on television or the newspaper," coach Bob Stoops said. "We just focus on what we can do. That always is our focus and what we pay attention to. What's been kind of nice about it is it has kind of deflected a lot of attention off of us."

For now, the focus is on LSU, USC and all the teams they've played this year.

USC is 22 spots ahead of LSU in strength of schedule this week.

BCS expert Jerry Palm projects that USC could end up anywhere from 15 spots ahead to 26 spots behind.

There are seven games remaining that have a direct impact on that: Alabama at Hawaii, Florida State at Florida, Georgia at Georgia Tech, Rice at Louisiana Tech and Arizona at Arizona State this weekend, and Notre Dame at Syracuse and Boise State at Hawaii next weekend.

Saban said his preference would be to have the top two or four teams after the bowls meet in a mini-playoff.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

# Connecticut remains first, top 17 hold

Associated Press

The opening of the regular season brought little change to the Top 25.

After a week in which 14 ranked teams played their first games of the season, the only changes in The Associated Press' weekly poll Monday were a couple of position swaps.

The first 17 teams held their spots from last week's poll and the only changes were Wake Forest and Cincinnati at 18 and 19 and Oklahoma State and North Carolina State at 24 and 25.

Teams were allowed to play their first regular-season games last Friday. Before that, they were only allowed to play in exempt events such as Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Connecticut, which opened the season this week with wins over Yale, Nevada and Sacred Heart, was again the runaway No. 1.

The Huskies received 69 first-place votes and 1,797 points from the national media panel.

Duke, which beat Detroit, was No. 1 on one ballot and had 1,666 points. Michigan State, a winner over Bucknell

in its season opener, also had a first-place vote and was third.

Arizona and Missouri were fourth and fifth, respectively, while Kansas, the only other team with a No. 1 vote, was sixth.

Syracuse, Florida, North Carolina and Kentucky rounded out the Top 10.

Texas was 11th followed by Illinois, Saint Joseph's, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Gonzaga, Louisville, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Stanford.

The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Marquette, Oklahoma State and North Carolina State.

There haven't been any changes in the rankings from the preseason Top 25.

That could change this week with the last six of the ranked teams playing their first games: Arizona, Missouri, Syracuse, Florida, Louisville and Notre Dame.

The season's first Top 10 matchups will be this week with No. 3 Michigan State at No. 6 Kansas on Tuesday night and No. 4 Arizona facing No. 8 Florida on Friday night in the Tipoff Classic in Springfield, Mass.



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## BCS Top 25

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	12-0	1.90
2 USC	10-1	6.89
3 LSU	10-1	9.04
4 Michigan	10-2	10.25
5 Ohio State	10-2	14.57
6 Texas	9-2	14.98
7 Georgia	9-2	15.06
8 Tennessee	9-2	17.97
9 Florida State	9-2	21.76
10 Miami (Fla.)	9-2	22.19
11 Florida	8-3	23.83
12 Iowa	9-3	28.57
13 Miami (Ohio)	10-1	28.71
14 Purdue	9-3	31.98
15 Washington State	9-3	36.35
16 Kansas State	10-3	36.94
17 TCU	10-1	37.65
18 Ole Miss	8-3	43.92
19 Boise State	10-1	44.49
20 Bowling Green	9-2	46.75
21 Oklahoma State	9-3	48.12
22 Utah	9-2	48.66
23 Nebraska	8-3	50.93
24 Arkansas	8-3	51.95
25 Pittsburgh	8-3	53.35

## NSCAA/adidas Men's Soccer Poll

team	record	last week
1 UCLA	18-1-1	1
2 Maryland	17-2-1	2
3 NOTRE DAME	15-3-3	6
4 Wake Forest	15-4-0	3
5 Indiana	12-3-5	9
6 Santa Clara	13-3-3	4
7 St. John's	14-5-2	5
8 Saint Louis	13-3-3	10
9 Va. Commonwealth	16-4-0	11
10 Old Dominion	14-3-1	7
11 Florida International	13-4-2	8
12 Coastal Carolina	18-2-0	15
13 Washington	12-4-2	16
14 North Carolina	12-3-4	12
15 Virginia Tech	14-4-2	14
16 Cal. State-Northridge	14-3-2	19
17 Southern Methodist	13-6-2	21
18 Oregon State	13-6-0	13
19 San Diego	12-4-3	25
20 Brown	10-3-3	20
21 Akron	14-4-2	18
22 Virginia	9-9-2	NR
23 Cal.-Santa Barbara	15-4-1	24
24 Hartwick	15-2-1	23
25 Tulsa	12-5-2	22

## Eye on Irish Opponents

### Saturday

NOTRE DAME (4-6) at Stanford (4-6)  
 SYRACUSE (5-5) at Rutgers  
 FLORIDA STATE (9-2) at Florida (8-3)  
 Miami (Fla.) (9-2) at PITTSBURGH (8-3)

### Off

WASHINGTON STATE (9-3)  
 MICHIGAN (10-2)  
 PURDUE (9-3)  
 MICHIGAN STATE (8-4)  
 BOSTON COLLEGE (7-5)  
 USC (10-1)  
 NAVY (7-4)  
 BYU (4-8)

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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

North Texas at New Mexico St. 7 p.m., ESPN2

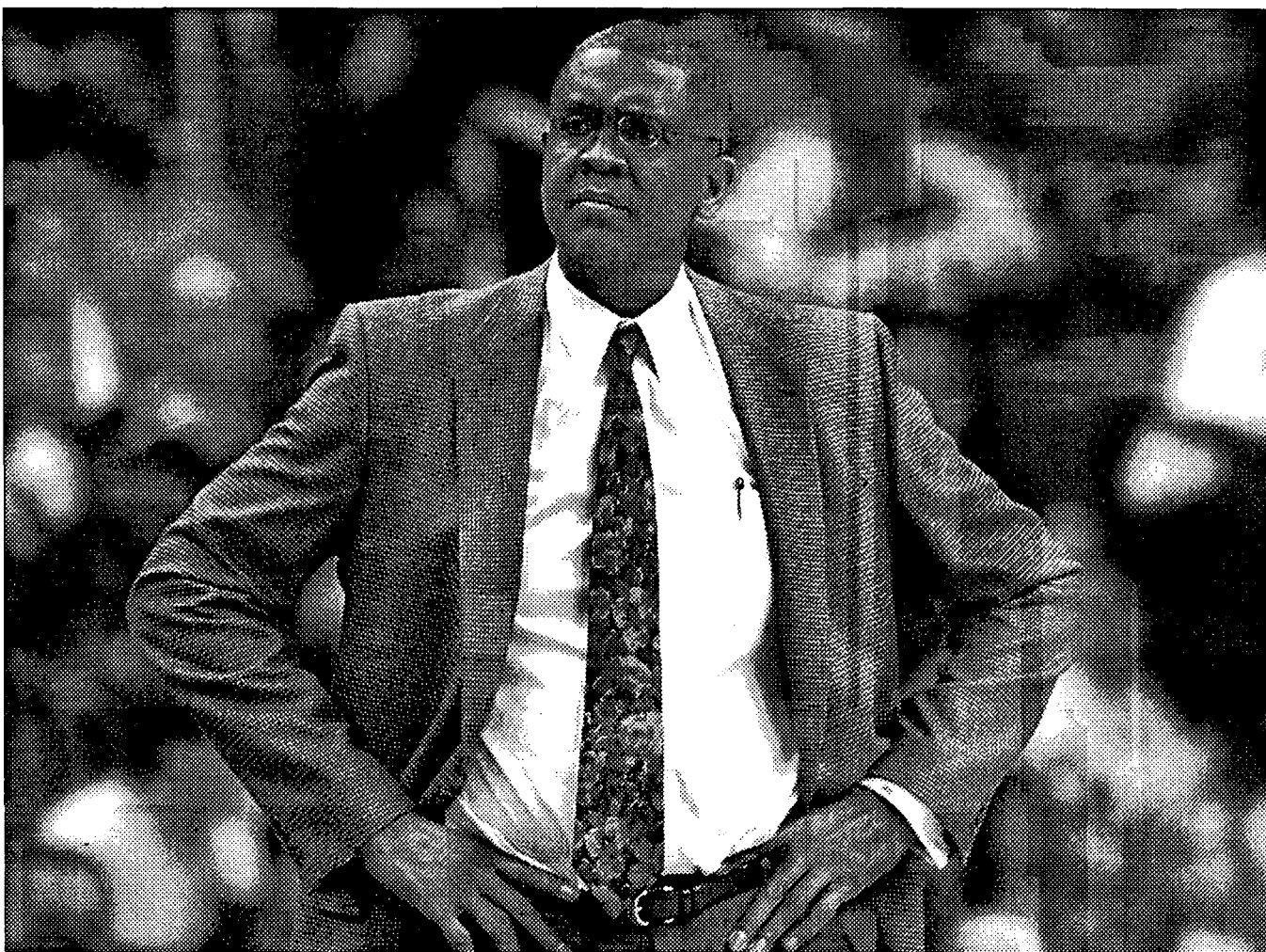
### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan State at Kansas 9 p.m., ESPN

### NBA

Bulls at Mavericks 8:30 p.m., FOXCH

## NBA



Chicago Bulls head coach Bill Cartwright watches the action during the Bulls' game against the Washington Wizards on Jan. 8, 2003. Cartwright was fired from the Bulls Monday after the team struggled to a 4-10 start.

# Cartwright fired as coach of Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls are starting over. Again.

Bill Cartwright became the latest casualty in the Bulls' seemingly endless rebuilding project, fired Monday after a 4-10 start. The team that began the season with such high expectations — maybe even the first playoff run since the dynasty days — looks like so many other versions of the HorriBulls.

"There's no question that this team has under-achieved, and probably for many reasons. Is it a coaching problem? I don't

think so," interim coach Pete Myers said in Dallas, where Chicago plays the Mavericks on Tuesday night.

"These kids got to tie up their shoestrings a little tighter," Myers said. "I told the guys today that it's time for you all to pull that mirror out now. We've changed coaches, now you guys are going to take the heat. Now you have to stand up."

If they don't, more changes are likely. Trade rumors were already swirling around the team, with talk over the weekend of a deal with Toronto for Jalen Rose.

While that trade hasn't happened, general manager John Paxson has made it clear he's not happy.

"The team is underperforming and we have to find ways to win, period," Paxson said. "I am not satisfied with the team's start this season and changes have to be made. This represents the first change, but not necessarily the last."

Chicago has been abysmal since the Michael Jordan dynasty was blown to bits after winning its sixth NBA title in 1998. The Bulls have lost 292 games since, and have started and scrapped sev-

eral rebuilding plans along the way.

But this was supposed to be the year everything turned around. Chicago finished 30-52 last year, a nine-game improvement. Prep-to-pros projects Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler were expected to build on the progress they made at the end of last season, and Scottie Pippen's return added veteran leadership.

Instead, the Bulls lost three of their first four games by an average of 27 points, including back-to-back 30-point blowouts. They share last place in the Central Division and have lost five straight.

## IN BRIEF

### McGrady misses game against Pacers with flu

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady missed Orlando's game Monday night against the Indiana Pacers because of the flu, handing the struggling Magic another setback.

He left the team's morning shootaround after five minutes and did not return for the game. The team said he had a temperature of 103.

McGrady is the league's third-leading scorer at 24.4 points a game, but the guard's shot has faltered during the Magic's 12-game losing streak. He is shooting 43 percent, far below last season when he won the NBA scoring title.

Donnell Harvey replaced McGrady in the lineup.

### Escobar signs three-year contract with Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Right-hander Kelvin Escobar and the Anaheim Angels agreed Monday to an

\$18.75 million, three-year contract.

Escobar was 13-9 with a 4.29 ERA and four saves in 26 starts and 15 relief appearances for Toronto last season, moving into the starting rotation May 18 after 92 consecutive relief outings. He had one shutout, a four-hitter at Cincinnati on June 8.

Escobar, 27, was the Blue Jays' closer in 2002, going 5-7 and a 4.27 ERA. He had 38 saves but tied for the AL lead with eight blown saves.

A native of Venezuela, Escobar signed with Toronto in July 1992.

After making \$3.9 million last season, he gets a \$750,000 signing bonus and yearly salaries of \$5.5 million, \$6 million and \$6.5 million.

Escobar was the 10th player to sign among the 210 who filed for free agency and only the second to receive a three-year contract. Outfielder Raul Ibanez left Kansas City last week, agreeing to a \$13.25

million, three-year contract with Seattle.

### Colts kicker breaks nose, not expected to miss games

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis kick returner Terrence Wilkins broke his nose during Sunday's 17-14 victory at Buffalo but is not expected to miss this weekend's game against New England. The injury occurred in the first half, but Wilkins continued returning kicks throughout the game.

Colts coach Tony Dungy also said the team was waiting for the results of an MRI on tight end Dallas Clark's back. Clark had a strained muscle in his lower back, Dungy said.

Dungy was hopeful four players — wide receivers Troy Walters and Brandon Stokley, fullback Detron Smith and safety Cory Bird — could return from injuries this week. All four were inactive Sunday.

**CLUB SPORTS**

# Women's volleyball club victorious

Associated Press

The Notre Dame women's volleyball club opened the season in great form this weekend by capturing the Penn Invitational in Philadelphia.

The Irish overwhelmed Richmond in the first round 14-2, as co-captain Allison Gienko spearheaded the attack with three goals.

Penn State proved to be no more of a threat to the Irish in the second round, falling 14-3 as co-captain Brigette Alge and freshman Jana Stewart continued their exceptional play in goal.

Sophomore Katie Lancos led the diversified attack with four goals, while Gienko, Cimino and Bohling scored two goals apiece.

In the semifinals, Colgate showed an explosive attack at times, but was still overwhelmed by the Irish in a 17-8 contest.

Freshman Bridget O'Neill put on an offensive show as she netted seven goals, while Bohling added four of her own.

A finals showdown with DC Metro, a Masters Club team, was the most challenging for the squad, but the Irish claimed the championship with an 11-6 victory. Tri-captain Kimmy Moore and Lancos shared scoring honors with three goals each.

**Men's volleyball**

Notre Dame's men's volleyball club hosted the Golden Dome Invitational this weekend at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The Irish were runner-up to Club Nowak

by the narrowest of margins.

The Irish kicked off the tournament by splitting games with Club Nowak 25-22, 27-29. Building on this strong performance in their first match of the year, Notre Dame 1 dropped only lone game throughout the rest of pool play.

The Irish then swept Indiana 25-22, 25-20, before splitting two games with the Alumni team, 25-20, 18-25. The ND1 squad then defeated ND2 25-17, 25-19 and Northwestern 25-15, 25-19.

Notre Dame 2 also had a very strong tournament, posting two convincing victories over Indiana University.

Notre Dame 1, posting an 8-2 record, claimed the top seed heading into the playoffs. Carrying their momentum from four straight victories in pool play, the Irish dominated Northwestern in all aspects of the game.

Mike Toomey provided key digs to setter Dan Zenker who strategically mixed up outside, middle and back sets to keep opponents on their toes. Ryan Goes and Mike Giampa recorded key blocks down the stretch to help the Irish to victory. Notre Dame began the championship match against Club Nowak a little flat, finding themselves down 19-12.

Although they did end up losing the first game, the Irish scored six of the last eight points in the game. Carrying this momentum into the second game, Notre Dame

coasted to a 25-20 win. In the third and final game Notre Dame fought

valiantly, but came up short in a 26-28 loss.

**Women's ice hockey**

In what has become a frustrating season for the Irish, the women's ice hockey team dropped three games this weekend in CCWHA action.

The Irish, minus their goalie and one of their two offensive stars, traveled to East Lansing Friday for a pair of games with Michigan State. The Spartans swept the two games in convincing fashion, 12-1 and 10-0.

The lone bright spot for the Irish was the continued stellar play of Saint Mary's Megan Mattia, who scored the lone goal on an assist from Lizzy Coghill.

Yet even this enthusiasm was tempered by an injury, which benched Mattia for the rest of the weekend.

Julia LaPointe and Emmy Venchuk played aggressively throughout both games for the shorthanded squad, but were unable to stem the Spartan tide.

On Sunday, the Irish hosted Western Michigan and dropped an 8-0 contest.

Tori Blainey returned to the ice after missing the games at Michigan State and helped a swarming Irish attack keep the Mustangs bottled up at their end of the ice. Western Michigan was able to break free to score two goals at the end of the period to take the lead.

It was more of the same in the next two periods as the Irish controlled most of the action but gave up multiple goals at the end of the periods.

# Runners

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appointed."

"You need five girls to have five great races," she said. "That didn't happen."

Despite the team's disappointments, King had a stellar day, earning her third consecutive All-America honor with her 28th place finish.

She is the first female Irish cross-country harrier to do so.

King reclaimed the position she had last season as the team's top runner as she surpassed talented Irish sophomore Molly Huddle by about 13 seconds.

King said she has had some struggles this season, so earning her third cross-country All-America honor was a proud moment.

"That was a positive for me," she said. "I feel like I'm finally getting on the right path." While the Notre Dame men's team did not qualify for the national title race, senior Todd Mobley and sophomore Tim Moore ran individually.

Mobley, competing in his last collegiate cross-country race, earned his second All-American honors with his 27th place finish.

He completed the 10,000-meter course in 30 minutes, 9.5 seconds.

Mobley, who was of course disappointed that his team was not able to run Monday, was pleased with his final performance as an Irish cross-country runner, although in retrospect he saw improvements he could have made throughout the season.

"I don't think I had an exceptional race," he said. "Had the season gone slightly better, I think I could have done better [Monday]."

As a sophomore, Mobley earned his first All-American honor — something that had been a goal of his for some time — but an injury prevented him from earning the coveted award last season. Mobley admits that during his

sophomore year, he had taken that success for granted.

"When I earned All-American honors sophomore year, I figured I would get them every year," he said. "Since my injury, I've become more appreciative of winning All-American honors. I now know what it takes."

King also spoke of taking successes for granted.

"I think we've been spoiled," she said. "We've taken some of the wins for granted. Finishing third last year was a dream."

Despite disappointments with the 10th place finish — which put Notre Dame behind foes it had already defeated this season, namely Michigan and Providence — King is still impressed with the overall season.

"It was a fantastic season," she said. "We were Big East champions for the second consecutive year."

It's unfortunate that we can't show that at the national meet."

She cautioned, though, that Notre Dame is not looking to settle in as the 10th best team in the country.

"Once you feel that pain, that heartache, you don't want to feel that again," she said. "ND women's cross country and track is a force to be reckoned with."

The men's team likely was experiencing more pain than the Irish women's squad Monday.

Both Mobley and Moore believe that, had the Irish been awarded an at-large bid to the title race, they would have performed better than some of the other teams racing Monday.

"It kind of hurt to watch some teams run so poorly when we know we could have had a good race," Mobley said.

"We definitely could have done some damage," Moore said.

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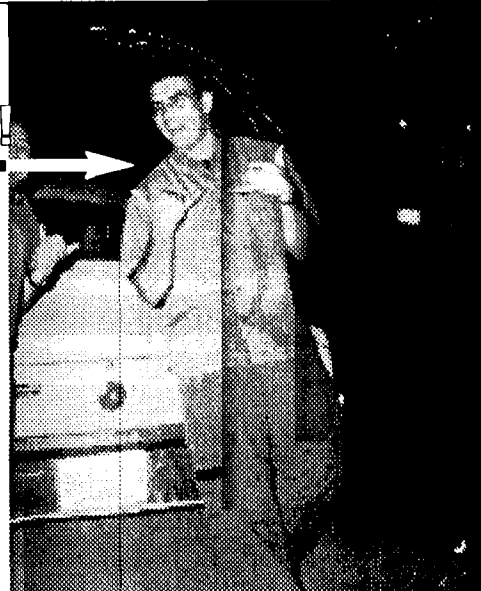
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## Belles

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range didn't help the Belles in their comeback effort.

"It was a back and forth game, but it's going to be tough for us to win in those

situations if we can't shoot better," Bellina said.

The Belles' shooting woes carried over into their next game. Franklin only shot 34 percent from the field but they also forced 18 turnovers. The Belles shot 30 percent, and freshman forward Anne Hogan was the only player to score in

double digits with 11 points.

Despite their problems on offense, the team's overall improved defense has been a source of optimism.

"We're setting high expectations this year, and we still have a positive outlook on the season," Creachbaum said. "We should've made some

more shots last game, but our defense has really stepped it up."

The Belles begin the season 0-2, but the team is far from panicking. With a 6-20 record last year, they're eager to improve wherever they can.

"The freshmen on the team really played with heart and

intensity this weekend, and the juniors have been there to keep the team together," Bellina said. "I think we have the ingredients to turn things around this season."

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish still have some growing up to do

Sometime in the future, Mike Brey should gather his team around a big-screen television, pop in a tape of the last 15 minutes of Monday's Notre Dame-Northern Illinois tilt, look each player in the eye and say, "Gentlemen, that is NOT how you finish a game."

Then he should pause, dramatically, and open his mouth again.

"Gentlemen, that is NOT how you finish a game."

Let's review. With 14:47 left in the game, Torin Francis had just lofted a shot into the basket to give Notre Dame a 24-point lead over a Northern Illinois team expected to give the Irish much more of a fight.

At that point, Francis might have shrugged his shoulders had he known that he would only score one more basket in the game — a tip-dunk off a Torrian Jones missed layup.

But Francis certainly couldn't have expected that that putback would have been Notre Dame's only field goal for the final 14:47 of the game.

No, that isn't a typo. Notre Dame scored just one basket the final quarter of the game.

"We just got lazy," the soft-spoken sophomore said.

While authorities sent out search parties for Notre Dame's normally prolific offense, Northern Illinois slowly clawed its way back from the brink of utter humiliation to actually make a 24-point game into one where Brey couldn't empty his bench. The Huskies drew as close as six points with 40 seconds before Notre Dame put the game away with free-throw shooting.

"We had to do things at the end, call a timeout and get the ball in against pressure, make some free throws, that's all good things," Brey said, leaving unspoken the fact that with a lead as big as the Irish had, they had no business facing game pressure in the first place.

Of course, the Irish faced first-game jitters. Of course, Notre Dame's defense stepped up where its offense didn't to keep the Huskies at arm's length. Of course, it's tough to play with the same intensity when the score is 0-0 as it is when you're holding a lead the size of an NBA shot clock. Of course, the Irish still stumbled away with a win against a top mid-major program that's going to look very good on the resume in March.

And of course, the Irish still have work to do.

One can easily to attribute the erosion of Thursday's lead to sev-

eral things, but first, remember that the Irish have three players — Jordan Cornette, Chris Quinn and Torrian Jones — who have only been role players in Notre Dame's past. Now, that trio is expected to become 30-minute figureheads each game. As part of their adjustment process, they'll have to get used to finding the hammer to nail a team in the coffin, or the Irish might start lose games they should otherwise win.

Point to Thomas, too, started hoisting early shots instead of managing the game as the Irish started decomposing. He also struggled at times to bring the ball up the court against the Huskies' quick guards, and his teammates didn't help him out much when he did get across the half-court line, either.

"When we were up 24, we just got complacent," Thomas said. "We took a good team for granted by the way we were playing at the time."

To get nit-picky at the second-half breakdown — as ugly as it was — ignores the solid first-half burst that helped give the Irish their monstrous lead in the first place and the stellar defense that helped them keep the lead until the final horn sounded. And in all fairness, Notre Dame was never in serious jeopardy of losing once they built their big lead.

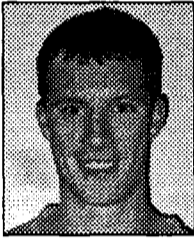
Aside from the offensive woes, Notre Dame showed it could consistently shut down a foe on the defensive side of the court, as they held the sharp shooting Huskies to just 23.5 percent. Francis controlled the boards despite receiving minimal help on the glass from his teammates. And constant defensive pressure in the first half led to three straight steals in the half's final minute.

The early-season games will be the time when Notre Dame can find its identity as a team and former role players can adjust to the spotlight. If anything, the game pressure might have been good for Cornette, Quinn and Jones, who had to — and turned back — a lengthy charge at the end of the game. Because everyone in the Joyce Center knows the Irish will have to do it again later this year.

In time, Notre Dame's role players-turned-starters will learn to adjust, and it's a good thing they're learning to adjust against the Northern Illinois's on their schedule than the Indians who loom much later. But in the wake of Monday's game, it's not hard to wonder if Brey drove away from the Joyce Center muttering one sentence over and over.

"Gentlemen, that is NOT how you finish a game."

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Sports Writer

## Hoops

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"We were close."

Francis dominated down low, registering game-highs in points (24) and rebounds (19). He was able to use his big height advantage over the Northern Illinois defenders and have a great game to open the season.

"I just used the preseason to come out strong in those games to build up some momentum for the actual season and when it counted. That

was my goal," Francis said. "I had to use the height mismatch to my advantage. They couldn't really hold me on defense and I just kept taking it at them."

The Huskies out rebounded the Irish 53-43 and had 25 offensive rebounds. Brey felt his team had to guard the 3-point line and give up some things on the inside. For the game, the Huskies only shot 4-of-17 from behind the arc.

Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn, along with Francis, were the only Notre Dame players to score in double digits. Thomas scored 17 while

Quinn had 18.

Despite scoring only 17 points, 15 on free throws, in the game's last 14:47, the Irish feel Monday night was something they can build on later in the season.

"I think that's good for this team to get in game situations like that down the stretch, it puts hair on your chest," Jordan Cornette said. "The guys being able to perform under pressure like that is a great way to start the season."

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Irish guard Chris Thomas drives to the basket and attempts a lay-up between two Northern Illinois defenders in Notre Dame's 74-65 victory over the Huskies Monday night.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish face pair of tough road games

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

This Thanksgiving, the Irish will be on the road, facing two tough opponents. First, No. 17 Notre Dame (2-1) travels to Michigan State (2-0), to face the Spartans on Wednesday.

Michigan State is coming off a 78-40 win over Temple to win the Spartan Classic.

After this game, the Irish travel to Tennessee on Sunday.

The No. 3 Lady Volunteers (1-0) will be a tough opponent for Notre Dame. They return three starters, all seniors. This senior class has a record of 93-13 in their four years at Tennessee.

Meanwhile, the Irish come off a dominating performance at home on Friday night. They beat Valparaiso 74-57, good enough to move them up three spots in this week's Associated Press women's basketball poll.

So far this season, the Irish have been led by the trio of Jacqueline Batteast, Le'Tania Severe and Megan Duffy. Batteast averages 18.3 points and 8.3 rebounds. She had the 21st double double of her career against the Crusaders, with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Severe, a senior guard, averages 11 points a game to go along with five assists. She has been a spark plug as the senior leader of the team.

The sophomore Duffy has been strong at point guard, averaging

ten points through the first three games. Duffy has benefited from major improvements over the off-season.

This road trip will be a challenge for the Irish, who are 1-1 on the road this season.

Michigan State has challenged to break into the top 25 in the polls, and Tennessee is always a force to reckon with. The Lady Volunteers won 83-52 in their season-opener against Chattanooga.

Wednesday's game tips off at 7 p.m. and Sunday's game is set to start at 3 p.m.

The Irish return home Dec. 4, when they face Wisconsin.

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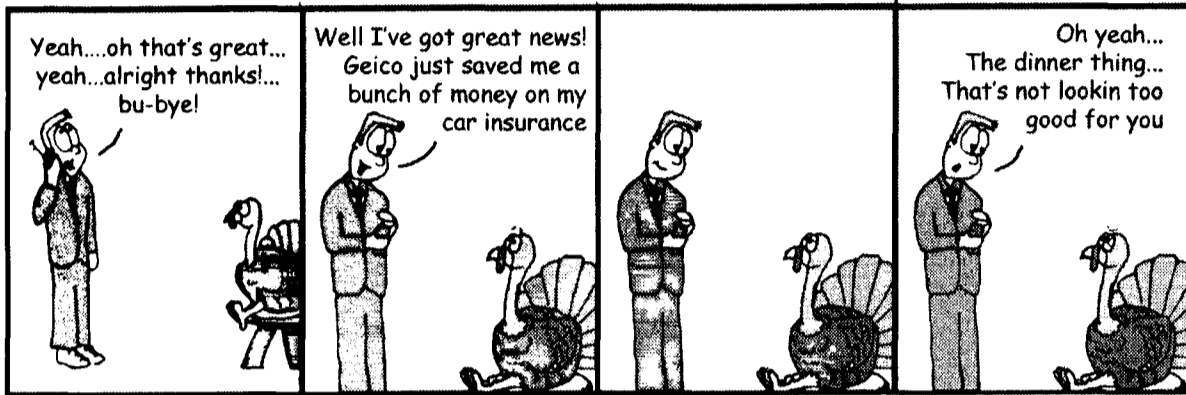
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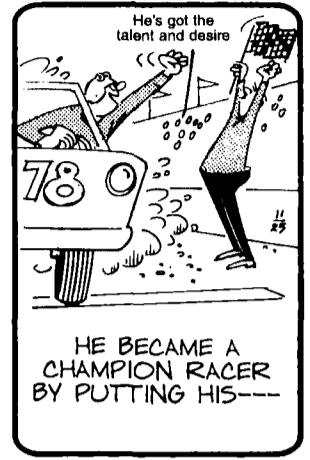
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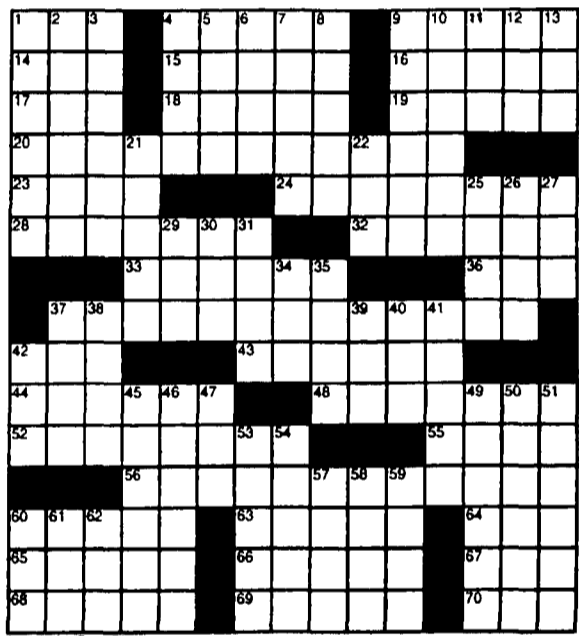
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  - 9 Barely beats
  - 14 "Gotcha!"
  - 15 Wore
  - 16 Dickens's \_\_\_ Heap
  - 17 Nothing at all
  - 18 Eyes
  - 19 Elephant gone amok
  - 20 Mimic
  - 23 Can't stomach
  - 24 Got back into business
  - 28 Resistance to change
  - 32 Many a home purchase
  - 33 Putin's land
  - 36 "Treasure Island" inits.
  - 37 Departure from reality
- DOWN**
- 1 India's Mohandas
  - 2 Buckeye Stater
  - 3 Gourmet's sense
  - 4 "Hold it, horse!"
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  - 6 Together, on a score
  - 7 Like practically all TV's, now
  - 8 Bowie's weapon
  - 9 Part of the Old World
  - 10 Pilotless planes
  - 11 Jazz job
  - 12 \_\_\_ Claire, Wis.
  - 13 Sow, ewe or mare
  - 21 Gibbs of country music
  - 22 Part of F.Y.I.
  - 25 Bust maker
  - 26 \_\_\_ May Clappett of 60's TV
  - 27 \_\_\_ Plaines, Ill.
  - 29 Harbor workhorse
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  - 39 Friend's opposite
  - 40 \_\_\_ snail's pace



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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Opportunities for partnerships are present; however, you must get every detail in writing as empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Notoriety will be yours if you have been pursuing your goals. You may be disgruntled by the way situations are being handled in your personal life. It's time to intervene. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. You can get your point across and make valuable connections as long as you make the effort to get out and interact with others. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will have a little more energy than you usually do. Don't hesitate to sign up for creative courses or physical fitness programs that interest you. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can make or break your personal relationship today. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. You may find that someone at work hasn't been trustworthy. \*\*\*

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Taking it for granted

*After opening a 24 point lead, Irish struggle to finish off Northern Illinois*



CARRIE PETERS/The Observer  
Irish forward Torin Francis dunks the ball during Notre Dame's 74-65 victory over Northern Illinois Monday night.

By MATT LOZAR  
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It wasn't how close it was at the end that surprised Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey more Monday night, but his team's 57-33 advantage early in the second half.

"Quite frankly, I was shocked we were up as big as we were on them at times. I kept looking at the scoreboard twice because I didn't think we would ever get that much breathing room on them," Brey said. "I thought it was going to be just like it was for the last seven minutes for 40 minutes."

Using an inspired defensive effort to build what appeared to be comfortable margin for the first 25 minutes of the game, the Irish held on Monday night against Northern Illinois and prevailed 74-65 in Notre Dame's season opener.

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"It's a good win for us because we beat a very good team tonight. I expected game pressure on us," Brey said. "I thought we defended really well for 40 minutes, which really helped us win the game."

The Irish jumped out to an early 10-0 advantage — a combination of a high defensive intensity and poor shooting from the Huskies. In the first half, the Huskies only shot 27.5 percent while the Irish had seven steals and five blocks.

Early in the second half, the Irish looked to put this game away by scoring 13 of the half's first 18 points, building a 24 point lead.

But then the Irish had a let-down and stopped scoring. Over the last 14 minutes, 47 seconds, the Irish had one basket — a Torin Francis slam-dunk off a missed jumper by Torrian Jones.

"There may have been some

[a letdown], I don't know why because this is a heck of a basketball team. They are a tough match-up," Brey said. "I'm pleased with what we did overall defensively. Offensively we could have been a little more efficient in the second half and paid a little more attention to detail."

*"There may have been some of [a letdown]."*

**Mike Brey**  
Irish head coach

The Huskies methodically cut down on the Irish lead, making baskets while the Irish could only connect from the free throw line. But the Irish connected on enough of their free throws and Northern Illinois couldn't make enough 3-pointers to pull the upset.

"Another couple of 3's might have made a difference," Northern Illinois coach Rob Judson said. "To come in here and be successful against a team like Notre Dame, you need to make 3's and keep them off the free throw line."

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles lose two close games over weekend

By STEVE COYER  
Sports Writer

Disappointment may have defined the start of the Belles' season, but improvement and optimism can also be included in that definition.

The Belles opened the Tip-Off Classic with a 68-65 loss to Hanover. In the tournament's second game, the Belles fell 55-44 in a defensive struggle against Franklin. Both games were significantly closer than those in previous years, despite the losing outcome.

"We were much closer this year against Franklin and Hanover, but we're still disappointed," head coach Suzanne Bellina said. "If we had shot the ball better, we probably would've beat Hanover."

Poor shooting was the

deciding factor against the team in both games. Against Hanover, the Belles shot 31.4 percent while allowing their opponents to shoot 47 percent in the first half. In the second game, Franklin held the Belles to 30 percent shooting.

"I don't know what happened," junior center Emily Creachbaum said. "Our shots were off all weekend, and we couldn't get it going."

Creachbaum had an impressive first game with 18 points and seven rebounds to lead the team. Sophomore guard Bridget Boyce also contributed with 16 points and six rebounds.

The Belles came back from a 38-30 halftime deficit against Hanover but couldn't close the gap fast enough. Being 2-20 from three-point

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Irish finish 10th at championships

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

It was bitterly cold Monday in Cedar Falls as the Iowa town played host to the NCAA Cross Country Championships. While two Irish runners had All-American days, the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's team did not cap off the season with the warm feeling of victory that it had become accustomed to in the past months.

Just last week, the Irish commanded the field at the Great Lakes Regional with their first place finish, and, propelled by that momentum they were hoping Monday to meet or better their third place performance in last year's national championships. While they did not accomplish that goal, the Irish nevertheless finished in a respectable 10th place in the nation.

"None of us ran what we



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer  
Kerry Meagher competes earlier this season at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 19.

wanted to run, [with the exception of junior Lauren King], sophomore Stephanie

Madia said. "We're pretty dis-

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