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Church and state: Keeping them both separate

O'Brien Steinfels questions role of religion in politics

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

A former editor of the Catholic magazine *Commonweal* described the precarious, strange position of Catholic voters as "political homelessness" at Saint Mary's Wednesday, and advised the audience to vote based on issues that would have a real effect over the next four years.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, editor of *Commonweal* between 1988 and 2002, presented a lecture titled "Faith and Political Responsibility: Voting for the Common Good" at the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall.

"[This] is an election year when a born-again Methodist from Texas is considered the Catholic candidate and a Catholic from Massachusetts is treated as an apostate," Steinfels said. "If you go to Mass every Sunday, you fit the Republican profile ... if you don't make Mass every



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Margaret O'Brien Steinfels speaks to a crowded Stapleton Lounge Wednesday. Steinfels spoke about issues regarding citizens voting based on their religious beliefs.

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Kerry, Bush grapple with religion, election

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Many Americans would claim that while it is clear the United States makes a conscientious attempt to distinguish church from state, it is not so clear there exists a similar distinction between religion and politics.

At the forefront of modern-day American tradition, this relationship between religion and politics is increasingly nuanced as it involves prominent individuals and their respective beliefs.

Legislative actions taken by Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry regarding abortion and other issues have provoked some Catholic leaders to impose their ideologies on the political world.

In the winter of 2004, St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke said he would refuse Kerry communion if he attended Mass in the archdiocese.

Beyond St. Louis, some of Catholicism's most prominent leaders have voiced similar opinions. Cardinal Francis

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Kingston speaks words of peace at Saint Mary's

Chinese-American shares tale of living, writing

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Keeping with the College's yearlong theme of peace, feminist author and activist Maxine Hong Kingston spoke about her efforts to build peace through writing and read excerpts of her books Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

Kingston, a first-generation Chinese-American and creative writing professor at Berkley, followed in the footsteps of her writer-scholar father and began composing poetry orally as a child.

Using a mix of Chinese and English, Kingston recounted to the audience memories of her mother leaning her out of the window and encouraging her to recite poems to her grandfathers as they passed below on their way to work.

Many of earliest literary



Kingston

influences, however, were not so tranquil, Kingston said.

"The first stories that ever came to me were war stories," Kingston said. "My mom had been in the bombings in Canton just nine months before I was born in Stockton, California."

Later, when the author was searching for a strong female role model she chose the Chinese heroine Fa Mook Lan and began writing "Woman Warrior."

"When I wrote the Fa Mook Lan story I did it in the first person," Kingston said. "Maybe if I spoke as if I was the women warriors maybe I could be as strong as she was."

The story of a Chinese woman who disguises herself as a man and becomes a celebrated military general, "Woman Warrior" was, according to Kingston, her "youthful" view of war. She later learned the book was being taught at the United States Air Force Academy and

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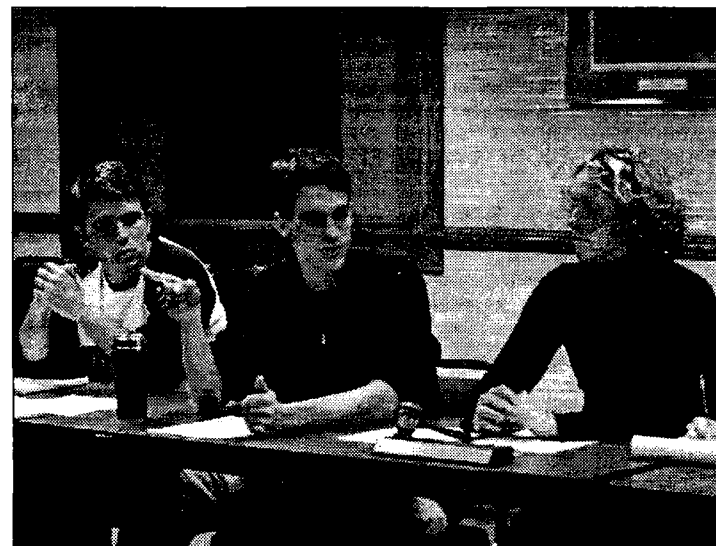
Group discusses course evals

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate voted Wednesday to endorse the Teacher Course Evaluation (TCE) proposal discussed last week, and received a report from student body president Adam Istvan regarding last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

During the last meeting, Alumni senator and academic affairs committee chair Vijay Ramanan, former student body president Jeremy Lao and student delegate to the Academic Council Jeremy Staley presented the idea for a new system that would make course evaluations available to students without violating the administration and faculty sensitivity surrounding the current TCEs.

The proposal calls for the inclusion of an independent questionnaire during the normal TCE process. These answers would be posted on a Web site alongside professor-provided information for each specific course, including a



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Dave Baron, left, Adam Istvan, middle and Karla Bell talk about the SafeBus at the Senate meeting Wednesday.

description and syllabus.

Some senators said they feared their endorsement would be purposeless because a letter detailing the idea was already sent to the Provost. Ramanan clarified that the office is aware the proposal is subject to change, and that Senate backing is essential.

"A Senate endorsement will lend this a lot of sup-

port when we take it to Academic Council and the Faculty Senate," Ramanan said.

Istvan expressed concern that the letter was sent to the Provost on Office of the Student Body President letterhead without Istvan himself first seeing it. He suggested that a new ver-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hit the road, Jack

Every year over fall break, I do the same exact thing. I make the four-hour drive home, work two jobs all week and spend every single spare minute possible with my family and friends. It will be no different Saturday, when I'll kick off a week of baseball watching and assistant accounting for the third straight year.

Only this time, when I climb into the driver's seat, I might not want to go back to Central Illinois. I might just keep on going, south and west to the warmest weather in the country. For the first time in my college career and even my life, I've got travel fever.

It began earlier this year, with a badly-conceived plan to drive from South Bend to Los Angeles to see a friend get commissioned into the Marine Corps. It was a must-see event, so I plotted with my cousin and two then-seniors to start the summer by making the 2,000-mile journey. Flying was far too expensive, so that left us with one option: road trip.

We had no money, no map — just motivation. We didn't know exactly how we were going to get there, or where we were going to stay along the way. We just packed, got in the car, and set off for California.

It. Was. Amazing.

Being completely broke made us the most innovative girls on the road, stopping at \$20-a-night motels and the shadiest crazy family diners you could ever imagine. We managed to get parking for free, housing with friends and cheap tacky souvenirs. We lived off chilidogs, water and bananas with peanut butter.

Being relatively mapless forced us to find our own way. Sure, we had general direction — west. But we wove our way through the country like it was our job, taking shortcuts, longcuts and certainly the road less traveled. We went miles out of our way to see things like Shamrock, Texas — the most Irish town in America — and giant dinosaurs in the California desert on a PeeWee Herman movie. We stopped to appreciate somber moments at national landmarks like the St. Louis Arch and the Oklahoma City National Memorial, drying our tears with hugs and the call of the open road.

When we finally reached our destination, we jumped into the Pacific Ocean with all our clothes on. Our friend's ceremony was well worth it, but what we realized was that the trip itself was the best part. Somehow, in two weeks of living out of suitcases, eating diner food and sleeping wherever we found space, we had changed from uptight college students to true road warriors — bad girls with wild and reckless abandon. We found friends and a home on the road, we found each other, and as cheesy as it sounds, we found ourselves.

My road sisters have graduated and moved on. There will be no more chaotic travel for me. But I urge you to do what I can't — take this fall break and use it to discover who you and your friends really are.


Hit the road.

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Nicole Zook
Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE MIDTERMS GOING?




Ellisha Acosta
sophomore
Badin

"I feel like I'm dying."




Darryl Barton
senior
Off campus

"Two midterms, two papers, but they are almost done. Hallelujah!"




Lisa Wohl
senior
Lewis

"Two exams in the same subject in the same day. It was brutal."




Mike Gigante
junior
Stanford

"It's midterm week?"



Lindsay Peterson
junior
Welsh Family

"Well, I dropped a class this week."



Heidi Storer
freshman
P.W.

"More [stuff] than I can possibly describe."



From left to right, sophomore Matt Cahill, sophomore Elizabeth Clifton, junior Tim Florta and Professor Susan Ohmer led a panel discussion Wednesday before the final presidential debate began. The panel focused on issues of domestic policies as well as the war in Iraq.

IN BRIEF

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

The films "Ex Voto" and "Endgames" will be shown tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Hesburgh Center. Filmmaker Luis Camara will make a presentaion.

The film "Art of Amalia" will be shown tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Fall break will run from Saturday through Oct. 24.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Boston College on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

OFFBEAT

Pig guts cause smelly traffic jam

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Emergency service workers had their stomachs turned when they cleaned up a smelly mess of spilled pig innards that blocked a busy Arkansas intersection for several hours Tuesday.

Police said a truck spilled about 1,000 pounds of hog intestines fresh from a packing plant. The mess in the state capital, Little Rock, left several cleanup workers queasy.

"It was horrible. Oh, it was bad," said Sgt. Terry Hastings of the Little Rock police department.

The truck was carrying the entrails from a rendering plant to a facility where dog food is manufactured when the driver made an abrupt stop.

The container was covered only by a tarp, which did not prevent the viscera from sloshing into the crossroads, police said.

Farmers look to curb foul smell of manure

CONESTOGA, Pa. — With more city-dwellers moving closer to farms, the state is looking at putting restrictions on the smell of manure and farmers are voluntarily trying to find ways to cut down on the stench.

Tom Frey has 1,200 dairy cows on his Lancaster County dairy farm and is one of a growing array of farmers tackling the odor issue on their own, using a variety of tactics such as covering manure pits with vegetable oil and blowing the smelly air through a "biofilter" made of wood chips.

"We don't just do it for our neighbors," Frey said. "My wife doesn't appreciate when it stinks."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

On Saturday, the Notre Dame women's tennis team will play in the Eck Classic at the Eck Tennis Pavillion. Matches will be held throughout the day.

A dance event, "Passage of Oracles" with Peggy Choy will take place on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Moreau Center, Saint Mary's College. The event will combine African and Asian dance, music and martial arts. For tickets, contact the Saint Mary's box office, (574)284-4626.

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



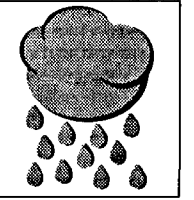
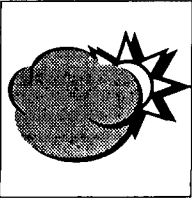
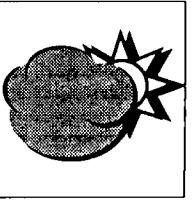
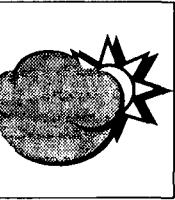
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New program aids in-state grads

Indiana Careers at Notre Dame hopes to prevent 'brain drain'

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

For many graduating seniors, a job placement in South Bend, or any part of Indiana, sounds less than appealing — and the statistics agree. According to a March 2003 Indianapolis Star article, Indiana ranked 14th in state production of college graduates, but only 44th in percentage of college graduates among overall residents.

Last year, however, Notre Dame received a \$1 million endowment from the Lilly Endowment's "Initiative to Promote Opportunity Through Educational Collaborations" to set up Indiana Careers at Notre

D a m e (INC@ND), a new program designed to aid students who choose to remain in-state after graduation. Notre

Dame's program is just one of 37 that have been established throughout Indiana.

With the current loss of college graduates, commonly known as the "brain drain," administrators hope

to encourage them to stay with financial incentives, among other extras. The program will give financial support of up to \$9,000 to qualifying graduates, and up to \$3,000 for students involved in summer internships.

"We are really hopeful that we can help students stay here," INC@ND program director Lori Ann Edinborough said.

To receive funds, upcoming college graduates must apply through the Career Center and be chosen for the program.

Current funds allow for approximately 15 students to receive monthly payments of \$375 over two years. For those students interested in funding for both paid and unpaid internships, money

is allocated for about 30 students, who will receive funds based partially on need, and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Besides financial assistance, INC@ND aims to help

college graduates in other ways. The program will aid students in searching for a career, and will collaborate with not only other universities, but also other companies and state and local government employers.

INC@ND hopes to increase the attractiveness of living in Indiana after graduation. While many people often want to go straight to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles, Edinborough stresses the

positive qualities of cities in Indiana.

"Indianapolis is a really great city to live in that many people don't consider," she said.

As the 12th largest city in the United States, Indianapolis should be a leading candidate for attracting college graduates, Edinborough said.

The Lilly Endowment was organized by members of the Lilly family, which owns the Indianapolis-based pharmaceutical business Eli Lilly and Company.

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Board promotes all diversity

By RACHAEL SCHERMITZLER
News Writer

As one of the five major boards of the Student Government Association, Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board (SDB) wants to promote the idea that the term diversity includes all types of diversity — not just racial.

Despite recent miscommunications and criticisms conveyed to SDB members about the purpose of their committee, SDB is attempting to promote themselves as a committee listening to student diversity needs.

SDB's mission is simple, said SDB president Ashley Doughty.

According to a posting on its Web site, the purpose of SDB is "to increase diversity among the Saint Mary's campus and allow others to recognize diversity around them and become aware of it and gain an interest in what is around them."

Doughty said the board's ambition is to follow the mission statement.

"We also want to develop student's awareness of the different types of diversity and encourage their involvement as we move forward to implement changes and

create new ideas that will hopefully make Saint Mary's College the best it can possibly be for all students," Doughty said.

In addition to social activities, they also hold forums that address current world to give students a chance to speak their minds and form educated and informed opinions in a comfortable environment.

Doughty hopes all students will see SDB as much more than just a campus office focusing on one type of diversity.

SDB's goals for this year include increasing faculty and student involvement, to work diligently in the area of disability policies and to find ways to make Saint Mary's more accessible and offer more chances for students to share their diverse experiences.

Doughty thinks the future of SDB is looking bright.

"For the rest of the year, I'm hoping to breakdown stereotypes of SDB as strictly a board that focuses on cultural diversity to make Saint Mary's students feel welcome and accepted for who they are," she said.

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Sunday, you don't fit the Republican profile."

Steinfels, however, challenged this conception of an unbreakable link between Catholicism and the Republican Party, warning especially against voters who have made abortion the litmus test of their vote.

"There are many life and death issues," she said.

Steinfels went on to mention the Vatican's statement that Catholics have the right to vote for pro-choice candidates if they believe other issues outweigh abortion in that election.

"We have to analyze the issues, pay attention to the facts, and consider the ramifications of Catholic social teaching as we think about the candidates and the election," she said.

After discussing the two parties' courting of Catholic voters, Steinfels concluded that neither had policies that perfectly reflect the Church.

"None of these templates fit Catholicism as much as Republicans or Democrats like to think they do," she said.

Steinfels then gave her reasons for the way she planned to vote in the Nov. 2 election.

"What has started out as a war on terror has become a war with the world," she said. "The Bush administration has badly bungled the fight with terrorism ... There is no sign that anything has been learned from the mistakes that have been made in Iraq ... What will the world conclude if President Bush is elected for a second time?"

Steinfels also cited the growing national debt as a problem under Bush, but said she was no more convinced about Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry.

"About Mr. Kerry, I have come to the following conclusion: he will be no worse than Mr. Bush," she said. "I don't claim he will be better."

Anticipating questions about the importance of abortion and stem-cell research to arise in the campaign, Steinfels said both issues get more than their due of publicity.

"I am opposed to both abortion and embryonic stem-cell research," she said. "Are these reasons to give Mr. Bush a second term? I think not ... Neither candidate will have much if any impact on either issue."

She also responded to the pro-life hope that a Republican might be able to legalize abortion through Supreme Court appointments.

"No Supreme Court, in my opinion, is going to overturn Roe vs. Wade," she said. "The law will only change, if it ever changes, when this culture changes ... and women change their minds themselves about abortion."

Steinfels concluded her speech with a call for Catholics to stay true to their principles. "I think Catholics need to build up a new generation of citizens, public servants and politicians who will look to the common good rather than only to partisan advantage," she said.

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Peace

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asked an academy professor why.

"He said that there are so many women now in the armed service and they need an ethos and a mythos," Kingston said. "I thought to myself well, I better get to writing a book of peace."

Kingston said her desire to write peace continued

to grow through the years of the Vietnam War, a war her two brothers were drafted to serve in. Despite her willingness to contribute her talents to peace propaganda, Kingston

said inner conflict left her unable to do so at the time.

"I had problems even writing them [my brothers] letters," Kingston said. "On the one hand I wanted to express my concerns for peace, and yet I didn't want them to let down their guard and get hurt."

During the war, Kingston said she wrote very few letters and one short story that were rejected for publication. Her writing hit a wall when she could no longer write about working for peace.

But 20 years later, and with the help of her brother, she was able to rewrite the story successfully.

It was Kingston's belief in the existence of three ancient Books of Peace written in China that eventually inspired her to

undertake peace writing. The books, Kingston said, contained instructions on how to combat violence and war and she spent many years searching for them.

"Every time I went to China and every time I met anyone who was going to Asia I asked them to look for these books of peace," Kingston said.

No one knew anything about the books, however. With her research and

inquiries resulting in nothing, Kingston set about to write her own chapter in peace literature. In October 1991, Kingston was

156 pages into her Fourth Book of Peace when a wild fire destroyed her Oakland, Calif. neighborhood and all of her work.

The effect, Kingston said, was traumatizing but also inspired change in her life. While once a solitary writer, Kingston began a writing workshop for war veterans.

"I gathered veterans of all wars to come write with me," she said. "If we were all together maybe

we could gather the war energy and figure out how to build peace."

The communal writing atmosphere renewed Kingston's belief in peace writing and inspired her to write her most recent work, The Fifth Book of Peace.

"Maybe we can use the promises of art to prevent a war," Kingston said.

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SMC hosts conference

Communication, language and gender main themes

By RACHAEL SCHERMITZLER
News Writer

Starting today, Saint Mary's College will host The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender (OSCLG) for its 27th annual conference.

Saint Mary's assistant professor of communication studies and 2004 OSCLG conference director Linda Berdayes said the conference would explore three main themes.

"The three ideas focus on the shifting gender identities within families and between cultures, women and political resistance and meeting 'the other' through creative practices — dance, music and poetry as embodied communication."

Saint Mary's own Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) along with the communication studies, dance and theatre departments offered to sponsor the conference.

Sister Marianne Farina said they decided to sponsor the event because the department felt they had a great similarity of educating women leaders. Farina said it is not only about women's leadership, but women's understanding of the intercultural paradigm.

Berdayes said there are various purposes for holding the conference.

"The purpose of the conference is for scholars from around the country who are interested in the study of communication, language and gender come together to

present new research, share questions and in general be with other scholars interested in similar issues," Berdayes said.

The three-day conference will provide opportunities to engage in roundtable discussions. Activities include panels and workshops.

Saturday night's event, which is open to the public, is called 'Passage of Oracles' with music by famed composer Fred Ho.

"Oracles combines dance, martial arts and jazz in an unforgettable tribute to those who made the arduous journey to America and whose labors built the landscape," Berdayes said.

The performance melds African and Asian myth and dance with stories from the U.S. history choreographed by Peggy Myo-Young Choy from Madison, Wis.


"We need to experience and approach it in both practical and intellectual levels," Farina said.

The tally of participants from Saint Mary's community is 107 people, mainly faculty and a few students.

As a kickoff to the conference, Maxine Hong Kingston will receive an award from the organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender today. Each year the conference acknowledges a teacher, scholar or someone whose work has dovetailed communications, language and gender.


The conference will run through Sunday.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Armenia registers Jehovah's Witness

YEREVAN, Armenia — Authorities in Armenia registered the Jehovah's Witnesses on Wednesday, allowing the religious group to operate in the Caucasus Mountain nation after years of debate and denial.

The Jehovah's Witnesses first appeared in Armenia in 1988, after a devastating earthquake in what was then still a Soviet republic. But the group was unable to win registration after the nation became independent in the 1991 Soviet collapse.

Legalizing the Jehovah's Witnesses was one of the main conditions set out by the Council of Europe when the continent's leading human rights organization granted Armenia membership two years ago.

Deputy Justice Minister Tigran Mukuchian told The Associated Press a major obstacle to registration had been members' refusal to serve in the military, which in the past led to arrests and prison sentences. A law instituting alternative service has removed that obstacle, he said.

Use of force backed to free hostages

TANK, Pakistan — Talks aimed at freeing two Chinese engineers taken hostage by al-Qaida-linked militants in a lawless region near the Afghanistan border have broken down and tribal elders said Wednesday they would support the military using force to free the pair.

However, the military has given no suggestion that the use of force was imminent, and government leaders have said they are still committed to trying to peacefully free the two hostages, who were kidnapped Saturday while in the area to build a dam.

Tribal elders met with militant leader Abdullah Mehsud early Wednesday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Army ammo plant explodes

MILAN, Tenn. — A thunderous explosion tore through a storage building at an Army ammunition plant Wednesday, causing at least one serious injury and creating a blast that could be heard for miles. Two people were reported missing.

Mayor George Killebrew said one person was airlifted to a hospital, while authorities searched for two others caught in the explosion at the Milan Army Ammunition plant. The cause was not immediately determined, but FBI agent George Bolds had been told by authorities that the blast appeared to be an accident.

"As far as we know, they were moving some barrels of some sort of volatile material and one of the barrels flashed," Bolds said.

Lava rises in Mount St. Helens

SEATTLE — The molten rock rising inside Mount St. Helens is giving the peak an eerie red glow at night.

Lava has been climbing to the surface at nearly 1,300 degrees for the past few days in a process that scientists said Wednesday could go on for days, weeks or months. At night, low-hanging clouds and the steam rising from the volcano reflect the glow of the red-hot stone inside the crater.

Scientists said they do not know how long the eruption might continue.

LOCAL NEWS

Panel backs tougher classes

INDIANAPOLIS — A state panel endorsed a proposal to require students to take a tougher academic track in high school if they want state financial aid — or even admission — to Indiana's public universities.

The governor's Education Roundtable unanimously approved the plan on Tuesday that by 2011 would make college aid and admissions contingent on students earning a Core 40 diploma.

"We've got to get them prepared so they will succeed. We've got to raise the expectations for all kids," said Steve Ferguson, a Roundtable member who is an Indiana University trustee.

IRAQ

Six American soldiers die in car bombing

Allawi warns Fallujah to give up Zarqawi, security problems plague country

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide attack and roadside bombs killed six American soldiers Wednesday, and Iraq's prime minister warned residents of the insurgent bastion of Fallujah to hand over terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi or face attack.

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group has claimed responsibility for beheading several foreign hostages and for car bombings throughout the country. A videotape posted Wednesday on an Islamic Web site showed militants linked to al-Zarqawi beheading two Iraqis the terror group accused as spies.

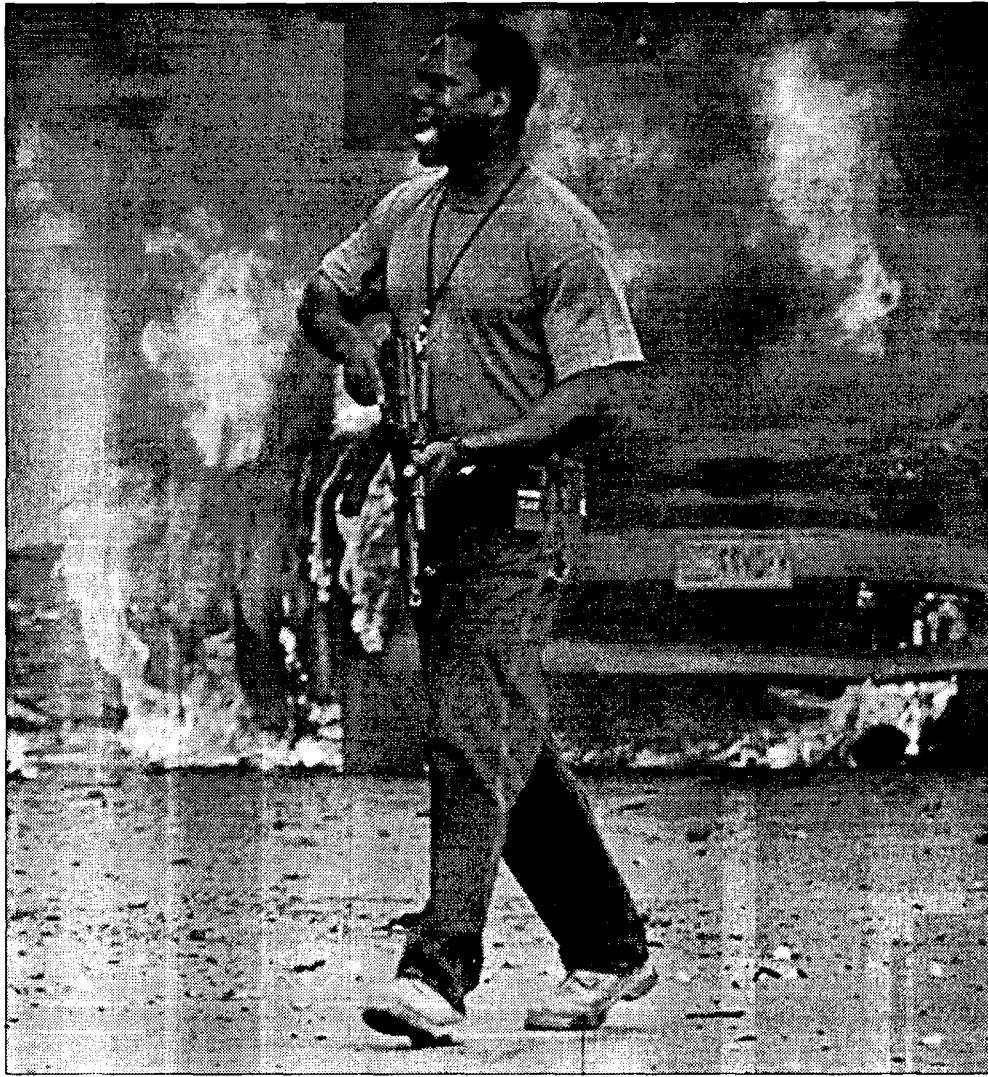
"If they do not turn in al-Zarqawi and his group, we will carry out operations in Fallujah," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told a meeting of the 100-member interim National Council. "Fallujah of course is an honest city, but it has been manipulated by a deviant bunch that wants to harm Iraq."

The attacks on U.S. forces, at a time when the Americans are applying pressure on insurgent strongholds in the Sunni heartland, occurred in the run-up to the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which Iraqi television said would begin here Friday.

Some extremists believe they earn a special place in paradise if they die in a jihad, or holy war, during Ramadan. The month-long holiday of fasting celebrates the time when Muslims believe God revealed their holy book — the Quran — to the Prophet Muhammad.

Iraq's deteriorating security has slowed reconstruction efforts and forced the United States to divert funds from rebuilding to security.

In Tokyo, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that the United States was initially too slow in channeling money to Iraq, telling a



A man rushes the scene after a car bomb rocked Baghdad Wednesday. The U.S. command says 59 car bombs were detonated or discovered before going off.

donors' conference that "it took longer than necessary to get our act together" before turning over sovereignty to Iraqis on June 28.

Armitage said reconstruction delays had created a "void," particularly in the electricity and water sectors in Iraq. But, he added: "It's not a complete void. We have other money going in."

Armitage stressed that the United States — Iraq's leading donor nation, with a pledge of \$18.4 billion — is "picking up the pace."

Wednesday's suicide attack came when a driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car in the northern city of Mosul,

killing two American soldiers and wounding five, the military said. Four other soldiers were killed in roadside bombings in the Baghdad area — three late Tuesday and one early Wednesday, the command said.

Last year, the advent of Ramadan was marked by a surge in insurgent attacks. To prevent a repeat, U.S. troops have stepped up offensive operations in Sunni Muslim strongholds to the north and west of Baghdad.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids Wednesday around Baqouba, 35 miles north-

east of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

"Basically, it's a pre-Ramadan operation just to clear up some of the area around Baqouba," said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

There were no reports of major clashes, but several people were detained. In an unrelated attack, a police captain was killed Wednesday in a drive-by shooting near Baqouba, officials said. Insurgents regularly target Iraq's security forces, who are seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

ENGLAND

Blair refuses to apologize for war

Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair weathered yet another storm over the Iraq conflict on Wednesday, vigorously denying he misled Britain over Iraqi weapons and refusing to apologize for the war.

Eighteen months after the U.S.-led invasion, Iraq continues to dog the prime minister, but political opponents seem unable to land a lethal blow.

In a noisy House of Commons session dominated by the war, Blair parried attacks over his handling of intelligence and won cheers of support from his own lawmakers.

"I take full responsibility and apologize for any information given in good faith that has subsequently turned out to be wrong," said Blair, who has already acknowledged that British intelligence was flawed.

"What I do not in any way accept is that there was any deception of anyone. I will not apologize for removing Saddam Hussein. I will not apologize for the conflict. I believe it was right then, is right now and essential for the wider security of that region and world."

Blair has come under intense pressure for months over his case for war in Iraq. His principal reason for joining the U.S.-led offensive

was his belief that Saddam had stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons. The government highlighted the danger in a September 2002 dossier as it tried to persuade a skeptical public of the need for war.

No evidence has been found in Iraq to back up the government's claims, however, and Blair has faced repeated accusations that he exaggerated the Iraqi threat.

Four inquiries have cleared the government of deliberately misleading the public. But that has failed to satisfy political opponents, who say Blair should have told Britons that the intelligence was patchy at best.

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a probable successor to the pope — stated all priests should deny communion to politicians who display blatant support for abortion.

The release of a statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) indicates religious intervention is becoming more and more prevalent in contemporary politics.

According to the memorandum, "those who formulate law have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good." Furthermore, "bishops can legitimately make different judgments" regarding the decision to deny communion on the grounds of politics.

Senior political science major Ben Haney said although it may be the prerogative of the Church to have similar rights as a private organization, acting upon these rights may prove to be an unwise decision.

"Not every Catholic agrees 100 percent with the Church and to only give communion to those

that do is disadvantageous for a church that has dwindling attendance and membership," Haney said.

Some argue, however, that the presence of religious themes in politics can prove advantageous to society.

Reverend Robert Dowd, an assistant political science professor at Notre Dame, said although religion has been used to justify "terrible acts" in this country and elsewhere, it can also be employed as a mechanism of goodwill.

"Religious convictions have inspired people to great public actions — such as the civil rights movement — that have promoted the common good," Dowd said. "We would all be poorer without such religiously-inspired public or political acts."

One of the biggest criticisms launched on President Bush by his opponents has been the attack on his conspicuous faith in Christian doctrine.

Bush, who is a devout Methodist, often integrates Biblical allusions and references to God in his speeches. In his 2004 State of the Union Address, the president fused both political and religious concepts.

"The momentum of freedom in our world is unmistakable. It is

not carried forward by our power alone," Bush said. "We can trust in that greater power who guides the unfolding of the years. And in all that is to come, we can know that His purposes are just and true."

The president's strong religious background is not only evident in his words, but in his actions as well. Since his inauguration in 2000, Bush has launched a series of faith-based initiatives, which are policies that increase the accessibility of federal grants to religious organizations.

"It's important to strengthen our communities by unleashing the compassion of America's religious institutions," Bush said in the State of the Union.

Conversely, the president's biggest opponent has made an unmistakable effort to downplay his own religious background.

Kerry, the Catholic senator from Massachusetts, has justified his beliefs by citing America's "absolute" separation of church and state and elaborating on the necessary dualistic nature of a politician's identity.

Echoing the words of John F. Kennedy — "I will be a president who happens to be Catholic, not a Catholic president," — Kerry has perpetually

defended his perceived self-dissonance.

"There is separation of church and state in America, and I fully intend to continue to practice my religion as separately from what I do with respect to my public life, and that's the way it ought to be in America," Kerry said in an April 2004 interview with the Boston Globe.

For some voters however, religion is irrelevant.

"I really don't think about religion when choosing a candidate. I focus on the issues. I admire Bush's strong beliefs but I don't think any less of Kerry because his weaker religious background," said Haney, who plans on voting for Bush.

Although some political analysts have suggested Kerry close the "religion gap," some supporters would disagree.

Saint Mary's freshman political science major Maria Balata, a supporter of Kerry, said she does not feel Kerry should integrate more religion into his campaign.

"I think it's a dirty tactic, and it should not be used by either candidate," Balata said. "If he were to attempt to incorporate a more religious aspect to his campaign now, that would only give the Republicans one more

reason to call him a flip-flopper." However, some Americans, accept this use of religion.

Haney said he is not troubled by the possibility that some religious content is added to garner votes — he expects each candidate will do what it takes to win.

"Candidates shouldn't exclude religious content from their rhetoric altogether because those beliefs are what make up each of them and that's what we're trying to figure out, just who each of the candidates really are," Haney said.

Balata, however, feels the president is using religion in a distasteful manner, stating he is "certainly trying to use religion to his advantage."

According to Dowd, however, from a Catholic perspective, it doesn't matter where one falls on the political spectrum or whom his or her intended vote is for because neither candidate has got it right.

"Catholics must make the best possible decision given the circumstances," Dowd said. "If our Catholic Faith should do anything, it should inspire us to vote beyond self-interest."

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GSU discusses insurance, diversity

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News Writer

Issues of social diversity, discussions of Gay and Lesbian support and new developments with graduate student health insurance were the centerpieces of discussion at the second Graduate Student Union (GSU) meeting of the academic year.

AllianceND representative Mac Russell thanked the GSU for the support it lent to the organizations' efforts to promote National Coming Out Day on Monday and added his appreciation for their sponsorship of the Coming Out Closet Demonstration planned for that day. The demonstration was partially sponsored by the sociology department and the GSU, to help gain formal support, but was not permitted by the University.

"The Graduate Student Union stepped in, and they said they'll take it upon themselves," Russell said. "They said it was something that needed to be done."

Council president John Young talked about the importance of the GSU's involvement in promoting social diversity.

"The GSU recognizes diversity as more than just social or moral issues," Young said. "We do things outside of this. [Gay and Lesbian diversity] is just one component of it."

Social chair Brandy Ellison expressed a similar view.

"I think supporting diversity is

part of the GSU's mission," Ellison said. "It is important that we have a healthy and happy student body."

The GSU motioned to allocate \$250 to the AllianceND's "Gay? Fine by Me" shirt campaign for the coming year.

Health insurance issues were the second focus of discussion in the council. The sponsored health insurance company does not currently cover graduate student club sports. Many students are unable to participate in club sports that travel or compete with teams from other universities. The GSU discussed potential remedies for the problem. A possible supplemental insurance for club sports players was proposed.

Other health care business discussed was the upcoming Forum on Health Care, scheduled for Oct. 26.

Erica Pirnie, the health care committee chair, feels the forum will help keep graduate students knowledgeable about healthcare.

Young recommended that all department representatives inform co-workers and colleagues about the Forum.

"This is your chance to have [Ann Kleva and Charlotte Bostic,] the two people in the university who know more about health insurance than anyone else, cornered."

In other GSU business:

♦ The parking surveys approved at the previous meet-

ing have been finalized and made available for all graduate students. The GSU asked all department representatives to encourage graduate students to take the survey.

♦ The issue of funding for the library access to journal packages was discussed. Concerns about limited funding to renew contracted journal packages from academic journal publishers were raised, and the council was asked to consider courses of action if the journal contracts are not renewed for the next academic year.

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sion, assuming Senate endorsement, be on Student Senate letterhead instead.

The Senate endorsed the proposal unanimously.

Istvan also gave the Senate a summary of how the Board of Trustees report went.

"The Board was really receptive to the idea of off-campus safety as a priority. There was a lot of concern about the ND SafeBus, but they approved the other three," Istvan said.

Istvan said the Office of Residence Life and Housing said they would institute

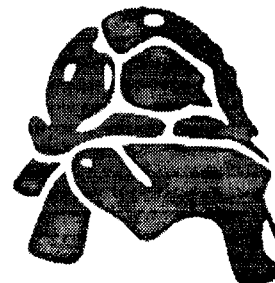
the off-campus seminar program, and that Notre Dame Security/Police was developing a long-term comprehensive plan for off-campus safety.

"All in all, it was very successful," Istvan said. "The [SafeBus] is anything but dead."

In other Senate news:

♦ Chief executive assistant Dave Baron is creating an Office of Communications to both help him perform his duties as director of communications and to make sure everyone interested has the ability to get involved in student government, Baron said.

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NASDAQ	1,920.53	-4.64
NYSE	6,556.53	-53.18
S&P 500	1,113.65	-8.19
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,195.99	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,634.80	-13.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.57	-0.30	18.86
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	0.00	0.00	28.03
YAHOO INC (YHOO)	+0.73	+0.73	34.96

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.18	-0.09	48.71
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.59	-0.24	40.78
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.04	-0.35	33.19
3-MONTH BILL	+2.06	+0.34	16.87

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.96		53.14
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POUND			0.5577
CANADIAN \$			1.2564

IN BRIEF

Quality Dining in pact to go private

MISHAWAKA, Ind. — Quality Dining Inc. said Wednesday a group of five shareholders led by chief executive Daniel Fitzpatrick have offered to take the company private in a \$37 million transaction that values the restaurant company at \$3.20 a share.

The offer price represents a 9.2 percent premium to the company's closing price of \$2.93 Tuesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Stock of Mishawaka-based Quality Dining closed at \$3.03, up 10 cents, or 3.4 percent, on the Nasdaq.

The company said the agreement is subject to the approval of a definitive merger agreement by a special committee established by the board. The agreement would include conditions of obtaining the necessary financing, and the approval of Quality Dining's franchisors and shareholders.

Quality Dining, which operates 124 Burger King and 39 Chili's Grill & Bar restaurants, said the offered share price represents an increase of 16.4 percent from the original proposal made by Fitzpatrick's group on June 15.

SEC investigating newspaper inflation

NEW YORK — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating circulation reporting in the newspaper industry following several disclosures of fraudulent practices in recent months.

Catherine Mathis, a spokeswoman for The New York Times, said Wednesday the SEC is taking an "industrywide look" at circulation practices, but she declined to be more specific about the inquiry. She said the Times stood by its own circulation reporting, and added: "We welcome the SEC's action because we believe it will help put to rest any lingering doubts created by the improper actions of a few."

The SEC declined to comment on whether any such investigation was under way.

Inflated circulation claims by several newspapers have undermined the confidence of advertisers in the integrity of the figures, which are used to set advertising rates. Tribune Co., Belo Corp. and Hollinger International Inc. have all said they plan to make restitution to advertisers for the misstatements.

Oil prices send stocks sharply lower

Investors rush to take profits on fears that market is in a commodities bubble

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Soaring oil prices trumped positive earnings news Wednesday, sending stocks skidding as investors rushed to take profits on new fears that the market is in the midst of a commodities bubble.

Stronger than expected profits at chip bellwether Intel Corp. and an upbeat outlook from McDonald's Corp. cheered Wall Street early in the session. But rising crude prices squashed those gains as oil traders nervously handicapped weekly inventory numbers due Thursday.

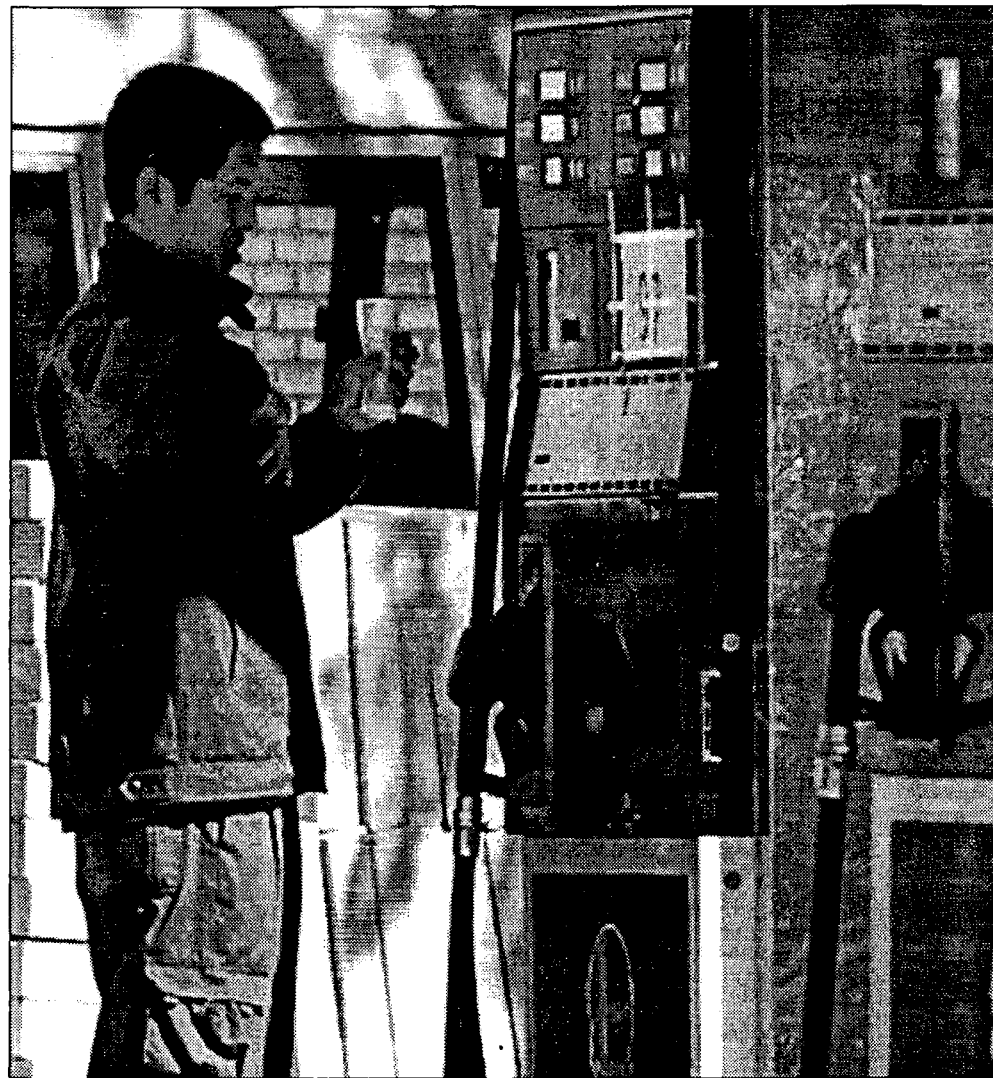
Anticipation of Thursday's report on weekly jobless claims also spooked buyers — particularly following disappointing employment data for September released last Friday. That, combined with surging energy costs and worries about decelerating earnings, contributed to an apprehensive climate on Wall Street.

"There is so much uncertainty in the market right now, and it is playing itself out as fear: The fear of being overcommitted to stocks," said Ken Tower, chief market strategist for Schwab's CyberTrader. "We've also seen a lot of recent sentiment data that suggests there is a real short-term consensus opinion that the market is headed lower. So there's tremendous uncertainty, and uncertainty and anxiety are the enemies of a bull market."

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 74.85, or 0.74 percent, to 10,002.33.

Broader stock indicators were also lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 8.19, or 0.73 percent, to 1,113.65. The Nasdaq composite index shed 4.64, or 0.24 percent, to 1,920.53, propped up somewhat by strength in the semiconductor industry.

Crude oil futures opened



A gas station worker counts money near gas pumps in Beijing. Crude oil futures retreated from record levels of \$54 a barrel in early Asian trade on Wednesday.

lower, a day after trading above \$54 per barrel, raising hopes for a better economic picture by year's end. But as oil traders became less bullish about U.S. inventories and worries grew about Hurricane Ivan's lingering impact on production in the Gulf of Mexico, prices began to soar. Light, sweet crude for November delivery surged \$1.13 to settle at \$53.64 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Even as oil rallied, however, commodity-dependent stocks foundered, pressuring blue chips. On the Dow, Alcoa Inc., the world's largest aluminum producer, lost \$1.00 to

\$32.19, and Exxon Mobil Corp. closed down 89 cents at \$48.48. Other energy stocks also suffered: Chevron Texaco Corp. shed \$1.16 to \$53.31 and Occidental Petroleum Corp. lost 3.6 percent, or \$2.04, to \$54.91.

Analysts blamed the declines on growing fears about a possible bubble in commodities prices, and worries that they were due for a correction soon in the face of slowing global demand, particularly in China, and cooling economic growth at home. With oil prices up 60 percent so far this year, the thinking went, how much further can they go?

"There is a sense here

that we've gone too far, too fast in the commodity stocks ... and that spills over into the big industrials," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst with Wachovia Securities. "All the commodity stocks are getting whacked ... steel, copper, aluminum, oil, chemicals, paper products, you name it. And that's being reflected in the market."

The rise in oil prices definitely overshadowed the session's earnings news. Even though third-quarter results have been fairly positive so far, analysts are dubious about whether that will be enough to lift stocks in the face of lofty energy prices.

Wal-Mart finds union at its back door

Associated Press

JONQUIERE, Quebec — The signs topping sales racks wear the same yellow smiley face, but promise "Chute de Prix," instead of price rollbacks. The boxes of Tide lining the shelves in housewares come packed with a bonus CD, just for Canadian stores, inviting shoppers to experience "la passion du Hockey."

But except for a few tweaks, the low-slung gray and blue Wal-Mart store off highway 70 could be almost any one of the retail Goliath's nearly 5,000 discount emporiums in the United States and eight other countries. And that's what worries executives at the Arkansas headquarters of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

While still not a certainty, the 165 retirees, single moms, students and other hourly workers at this store 2 1/2 hours north of Quebec City could soon become the first anywhere to extract what the world's largest private employer insists its 1.5 million "associates" around the world neither want nor need — a union contract. A government agency has certified the workers as a union and told the two sides to negotiate.

"One person against Wal-Mart cannot change anything," said Gaetan Plourde, a fiery 49-year-old sales clerk in the store's home electronics department, explaining simmering frustration over the store's pay, scheduling and other practices. "Wal-Mart wants to be rich, but it won't share."

Wal-Mart responds that it does share its cost savings with consumers through lower prices and that it treats its workers fairly. The company has redefined retailing by squeezing its suppliers and keeping a tight lid on other costs, including labor, allowing it to undercut competing stores. That translated last fiscal year into profits of more than \$9 billion on sales of \$256.3 billion.

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ISRAEL

Country closes holy site to Muslim worshippers

Killing of schoolchildren continues to escalate

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel said Wednesday it would severely limit the access of Muslim worshippers to Jerusalem's holiest site during the holy month of Ramadan, claiming it could collapse. Three Palestinian militants were killed in Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip.

Angry Muslim clerics dismissed Israel's claims, saying Arab engineers assured them the Al Aqsa Mosque compound was stable. They accused Israel of exaggerating the danger in hopes of increasing its control over the site, which is administered by the Islamic Trust.

Israeli police and archaeologists warned that because of a recent earthquake, part of the compound, Islam's third holiest shrine, might collapse under large crowds of believers during Ramadan, which begins this weekend.

The sacred hilltop, revered by Jews as the site of their biblical temples, is one of the most sensitive spots in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and riots there in 2000 escalated into the current round of fighting. Israeli attempts to restrict the number of worshippers could lead to more Palestinian protests.

Israel's police minister, Gideon Ezra, said he wants the Islamic Trust, or Waqf, to declare the southeastern corner of the holy site compound off-limits.

If the Waqf does not agree, "we will view this as a real and immediate threat and we can't let this happen ... we will have to limit the number of worshippers to 50,000 or 60,000," Ezra told Israel Army Radio. The compound holds about 250,000 people and is often filled to capacity during the main Ramadan prayers.

The chief Muslim cleric, or mufti, of Jerusalem, said he would not go along with the Israeli request. Egyptian and Jordanian engineers who inspected the walls after the earthquake said that "there is no real danger," the mufti, Ikrema Sabri, told The Associated Press.

Late Wednesday, Israeli aircraft targeted a group of militants near Beit Lahya, a town in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, witnesses said, killing one Hamas member and wounding another.

Another Hamas militant was killed in a missile strike early Thursday in the Jebaliya refugee camp, and a second died later in a hospital.

The Israeli military said in both cases soldiers spotted militants planting explosives and targeted them.

As the violence flared, about 20 tanks moved into the Rafah refugee camp on the Egyptian border and destroyed four abandoned structures, Palestinians said. Two people were wounded by an Israeli missile.

The military said it was a "routine" operation to remove cover for Palestinian gunmen.

More than 100 Palestinians have been killed during the recent Gaza offensive, about half of them civilians.

Earlier Wednesday, Israeli troops captured the Hamas chief in the West Bank city of Hebron after surrounding his hideout. The fugitive, Eymad Qawasmeh, was ordered to strip to ensure he was not armed, and was led away blindfolded and in his underwear. Bulldozers destroyed the hideout.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz branded Qawasmeh a "mass murderer" who he said was responsible for a number of suicide bombings. Qawasmeh is suspected of sending two bombers who killed 16 Israelis in twin bus attacks Aug. 31 in the southern city of Beersheba.

In the Gaza Strip, an Israeli platoon commander was suspended on suspicion he emptied an ammunition clip into a 13-year-old Palestinian girl from close range after she had already collapsed under army fire.

The officer was not charged in the Oct. 5 incident near the Rafah refugee camp, but came under investigation after fellow soldiers said he engaged in an illegal practice known as "verifying a kill."

In another incident in Rafah on Wednesday, a 16-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and his 7-year-old cousin shot in the stomach by army fire, hospital officials said. The witnesses said the fire came from army vehicles south of the refugee camp.

The Israeli military said the boys were in a no-go zone.

In the Palestinian refugee camp of Khan Younis, a 5th-grade girl died Wednesday after being shot in the chest the day before while sitting at her desk in a U.N.-run school. The army said soldiers returned mortar fire from the area of the school. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which runs the school, said the camp was quiet at the time and denied mortars were fired from its grounds.

Peter Hansen, the UNRWA chief, said that the incident marked the second time in several weeks that an elementary school girl was killed while in school.

"That two young children have been shot and killed, sitting at their desks in UNRWA schools in the last month is horrific by anyone's standards. Schools should be havens of peace," he said in a statement.

In four years of fighting, 3,248 people have been killed on the Palestinian side, including hundreds of minors. On the Israeli side, 999 people were killed, including 98 minors. Many of the Palestinian youngsters were killed while throwing stones at soldiers. Others were hit while in their homes, walking to school or observing clashes.

The Israelis charge that militants operate from populated areas, endangering civilians.

KAZAKHSTAN

Inexperienced crew mans craft

Russians and American flight on Soyuz first without veteran pilot aboard

Associated Press

BAIKONUR — Smiling and confident, two Russians and an American prepared for their first mission in a Russian Soyuz spacecraft — breaking the nearly 30-year tradition of having at least one crewman with previous experience in piloting the capsule.

Russians Salizhan Sharipov and Yuri Shargin and American Leroy Chiao were set to roar into space at 7:06 a.m. Moscow time Thursday atop a Soyuz booster rocket and dock with the international space station two days later. Chiao and Sharipov both have flown U.S. space shuttles, while Shargin is a rookie.

"I have flown shuttles three times ... and I would very much like to fly a Soyuz, which would be a new adventure for me," Chiao told reporters Wednesday. "Both ships are very good, very reliable."

Chiao, who got married just over a year ago, said he had a mascot from his shuttle missions to take on the Soyuz, but added that the most important personal item during the mission would be his wedding ring.

Responding to a question in an official Russian questionnaire about what he would secretly bring to the station, Chiao jokingly said that he would take a good scotch or brandy.

The first Soyuz flights were in the late 1960s, and since the mid-1970s, Soviet and Russian space crews always have included a cosmonaut with previous pilot experience aboard a Soyuz to ensure a smooth ride. The tradition now has been broken because several veteran cosmonauts have resigned in recent years and the space agency hasn't had

enough seats on recent Soyuz missions to train their replacements, said Yuri Grigoryev, a spokesman for Russia's Cosmonaut Training Center.

"It's not a problem. We simply need to adapt to new conditions," he said.

Russian space officials have played down the lack of Soyuz experience, and the crew said Wednesday that thorough training had compensated for it.

"We have logged many hours in a simulator and got prepared for all regular and emergency regimes," Sharipov said.

Soyuz spacecraft are guided by autopilot on their approach to the station and during the docking, but the crew is trained to operate it manually in case of

computer failure.

"We hope that the docking will be conducted in automatic mode, but the crew is ready to switch to manual controls if the need arises," Sharipov said.

"Our training methods are reliable and give us full confidence."

Nikolai Moiseyev
Russian Federal Space Agency director

Nikolai Moiseyev, a deputy director of Russia's Federal Space Agency, scoffed at a question about the crew's lack of Soyuz experience.

"Yuri Gagarin's flight was also his first," he snapped, referring to the Russian who in 1961 became the first man to fly in space. "Our training methods are reliable and give us full confidence."

The grounding of the U.S. shuttle fleet following the Feb. 1, 2003, Columbia disaster has left Russian spacecraft as the sole link to the 16-nation station. One of three seats on the latest Soyuz missions was assigned to a U.S. astronaut.

In order to earn some extra cash, the underfunded Russian space agency has also sold several seats to European astronauts or space tourists.

Initial plans for Thursday's mission had envisaged including a space tourist, Russian millionaire businessman Sergei Polonsky, who said he was ready to pay some \$20 million for a 10-day ride. Polonsky was eventually jettisoned from the mission after officials said he was too tall for the tiny Soyuz capsule.



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"Six months after he said Osama bin Laden must be caught dead or alive, this president was asked, 'Where is Osama bin Laden?' He said: 'I don't know. I don't really think about him very much. I'm not that concerned.' We need a president who stays deadly focused on the real war on terror."

John Kerry

"Gosh, I just don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. It's kind of one of those exaggerations. Of course we're worried about Osama bin Laden. We're on the hunt after Osama bin Laden. We're using every asset at our disposal to get Osama bin Laden."

George Bush

"In our first debate (Kerry) proposed America pass a global test. In order to defend ourselves, we'd have to get international approval. I'll work with allies. I'll work with friends. We'll continue to build strong coalitions. But I will never turn over national security decisions to leaders of other countries."

George Bush

"I have never suggested a test where we turn over our security to any nation. In fact, I've said the opposite: I will never turn the security of the United States over to any nation. No nation will ever have a veto over us. ... I think most Americans in their guts know, that we ought to pass a sort of truth standard."

John Kerry

Candidates debate issues on domestic policy

Nineteen days to go: Bush defends his presidency, Kerry makes case for change in final debate



Left, Democratic candidate John Kerry emphasizes a point during Wednesday's debate. Center, Laura Bush and Teresa Heinz-Kerry embrace after the debate. Right, President Bush gestures while speaking.

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — President Bush's policies are under assault, his re-election threatened, so he sought Wednesday night to make the campaign a referendum on his rival.

He cast Democratic Sen. John Kerry as out of the mainstream, a liberal whose rhetoric doesn't match his record. Vote against Kerry, the vulnerable incumbent seemed to say, even if you're not too crazy about me.

"If you don't want to focus on your own record, you focus on the other guy's," said Tony Fabrizio, a Republican consultant in Washington. "He really doesn't have much of a choice, does he?"

Bush's challenge was to stop Kerry's momentum, which began with a poor first debate that erased Bush's lead in the polls. There was no reason to believe that the final debate changed the campaign dynamics, said analysts and voters

alike.

"I've become more and more disturbed about Bush," said John Barker, 73, of Tampa, Fla., who voted for Bush in 2000, sweated over this year's election for months and finally decided Wednesday night to back Kerry.

"I just don't think with everything we're facing, we can have another four years. I'm talking about the economy. I'm talking about Iraq. Bush just didn't give me a good reason for the way things are," the former policeman said. "He gave me plenty of reasons to vote against Kerry. But why should I vote for him again?"

In a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 511 debate watchers, Kerry was seen as the winner by 52 percent to 39 percent. An ABC News poll had Bush and Kerry tied among a sample of debate watchers that tended to be more Republican.

Bryan French, 21, a biomedical science major at Marquette University, agreed that Kerry won the debate but he wasn't

swayed. "I think Kerry spoke better. But I still support Bush."

Fabrizio and others gave Bush credit for firmly defending himself in the third and final presidential debate. A Democratic consultant, Dane Strother, called the faceoff a draw — with Bush forcing Kerry into awkward territory on social issues.

Allan Ramsey, 67, an uncommitted voter from Hedgesville, W. Va., said he was more likely after the debate to vote for Kerry, though he was unimpressed with the show.

"I'm just glad this was the last one," Ramsey said. "I'm tired of the same old squabbling."

Indeed, there was plenty of that.

The debate opened with both men assuring voters that the post-Sept. 11 world could be safe again — if he wins Nov. 2, that is.

Kerry tried turned a question about flu vaccinations into a long indictment on Bush's health care policies. "This president has turned his back on the well-

ness of America," he said.

Bush countered: "I want to remind people listening tonight that a plan is not a litany of complaints" and he called Kerry's health care plan "an empty promise."

The president repeatedly tried to convince voters that Kerry exaggerates, dissembles and can't be trusted to keep his promises or protect the people's money. New programs? "Guess who ends up paying the tax gap? The middle class."

Kerry hammered Bush for the loss of more than 800,000 jobs during his presidency and the rising deficit. "Being lectured by President Bush about fiscal responsibility is like Tony Soprano talking about law and order," Kerry said.

Bush answered Kerry's dig with a cold stare — then a small smile as he reached for his glass and took a sip of water. But he managed to withhold the scowls and fidgeting that marred the first debate.

Bush punched back. "There's

a mainstream in American politics," he told Kerry "and you're sitting on the far left bank."

As if to answer Bush's out-of-the-mainstream argument, Kerry couched his answers to the next two questions — on abortion and gay rights — in gauzy, conservative language.

"We're all God's children," he said to begin a lengthy answer on gay rights. Mindful that one-fourth of voters are Catholic, Kerry embraced his religion but noted that he opposes the Vatican on abortion. "I believe that I can't legislate or transfer to another American citizen my article of faith," he said. Does that mean he's personally opposed to abortion? Kerry didn't make it clear.

"I think I'm leaning toward Kerry now because he says he's a Catholic and doesn't believe in all of the church's beliefs, like me," said Marcia Vinick, an uncommitted voter from Scotia, N.Y., and a Catholic.

She favored Bush before the series of three debates began.

CRITICAL REVIEW

LOS ANGELES — George Bush avoided scowling and John Kerry managed to crack a few more smiles.

But if the candidates had learned to improve their performance by the third presidential debate Wednesday, viewers got another lesson: This final showdown was mostly a recycled version of what they'd heard before.

With moderator Bob Schieffer posing questions that rarely broke new ground or were overly broad — his opener: Would America's children ever live in a safe, secure world? — Bush and Kerry were free to resort to familiar answers and edited stump speeches.

CNN's Jeff Greenfield deemed it "the least satisfying of the debates, the least focused, the most drenched in wonkery on both sides."

Not to mention sound bites, as both President Bush and Sen. Kerry veered between a barrage of facts, often quickly disputed by the other, and attempts at colorful quotes.

NADER WATCH

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A state court knocked Ralph Nader off Pennsylvania's presidential ballot on Wednesday, citing thousands of fraudulent signatures including "Mickey Mouse" and "Fred Flintstone."

The ruling was one of two new setbacks for Nader. Also Wednesday, a federal judge denied the consumer advocate's bid for a spot on Hawaii's ballot.

In Pennsylvania, describing Nader's petitions as "rife with forgeries," Commonwealth Court President Judge James Gardner Colins said that fewer than 19,000 of the more than 51,000 signatures Nader's supporters submitted were valid. Nader needed at least 25,697 to be listed on the ballot as an independent candidate.

"I am compelled to emphasize that this signature-gathering process was the most deceitful and fraudulent exercise ever perpetrated upon this court," Colins said in a 15-page ruling that followed a two-week review in multiple courtrooms across the state.

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The price of loyalty

The most important fact to notice about the political books which reach The New York Times bestseller list is that while they come from both ends of the political spectrum — never the center — they all have something in common. In every case it is possible to discern not just the book's subject matter but also the author's conclusions without opening the covers. Jack Huberman's "The Bush Hater's Handbook" must surely represent the limit-case, but Coulter's *Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism* isn't exactly cryptic. Dante, you will recall, put traitors in the ninth circle of Hell, closest to Lucifer.

These books are designed to be judged by their covers, allowing us to pick our politics à la carte. We don't read to discover whether Bush is the anti-Christ — we know that he is — we just need to be reminded of the evidence, preferably in a large typeface and with plenty of bullet points. Or conversely, since we already know that everything that is wrong with America, and possibly everything that has ever gone wrong anywhere, is the result of the malevolent influence of liberals, it would be nice to be equipped with a knock-down argument for use with colleagues who stubbornly refuse to acknowledge Sen. Ted Kennedy's responsibility for the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

Many of these books are rich in facts and statistics. Not all of them are false, but they are all pre-screened. You are more likely to catch malaria in Boston than encounter a statistic which might cast the slightest doubt on the author's views. We all know that it is possible, even easy, to mislead with statistics and facts ripped from their context, but chose to temporarily forget this when we read Coulter or Moore. To the facts and statistics of our opponents we

respond with the refined skepticism of the ideologue, who sees only what he believes.

Partisanship is not the same thing as extremism, nor is it taking one's own side in an argument. The defining feature of the partisan is that he subordinates, consciously or unconsciously, his judgment to the views of his party or faction. That is why George Orwell said that a writer cannot be a loyal member of any party. His support for a party cannot supersede his obligation to be honest with his reader or he will have betrayed his craft.

Paul Krugman, a professor of economics at Princeton, has written over 400 columns for The New York Times. Not once has he written a column in support of a Republican politician or policy. You can find less partisan Democrats in Congress.

In a representative democracy such as the United States — and, now, such as Afghanistan — citizens vote for whichever candidate or party they think is the best of those on offer. Since each party must seek to appeal to a variety of very different groups, often with differing interests and views, we should not expect to find a party that we can support unreservedly, just one that we think will be better than the others.

For many this vision of democracy is not enough to justify their emotional investment in the process. The appeal of partisanship is that by identifying a party's cause with all that is good and just most easily achieved by thinking as little as possible about that party and focusing entirely on the sins of the other(s) — it makes it easier to see politics as a fight worth entering, or to jus-

tify time and effort already sacrificed.

But, as Orwell saw, the price of this unqualified loyalty is high. Krugman's columns, collected under the unintentionally felicitous title, "The Great Unravelling," are best read as a cautionary fable in which, week by week an extraordinarily talented economist — tipped by many as a future Nobel Laureate — slowly gives up his wit, his style, and his economic expertise for his cause.

In Monday's New York Times, one of our own professors wrote an editorial in which he argued that if Catholics honestly examined the issues, they might return to their Democratic roots in the forthcoming election. I am not Catholic and shall offer no an opinion about whether a good argument could be made to support that claim, but the argument in the article did not even come close. Leaving aside a variety of other objections, the argument depended crucially on a misunderstanding of the Church's teachings so elementary that it is hard to read it as anything other than a deliberate attempt to deceive the reader. Coming from an accomplished scholar, arguments that bad illustrate the true cost and final demand of partisanship: the mortification of the intellect.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'I am a Catholic, political flip-flopper'

As a recent Notre Dame graduate, I have realized just how much I value my education. During a time of increased political awareness, I reviewed the Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2, 2000 issues of The Observer, where I confidently penned bold views in support of our current president, George W. Bush. I supported his plans for improving education; valuing middle-class families; increasing campaign fiscal responsibility; and, overall, creating a better America. As a College Republican, I naively asked, "How could a man who claims credit for inventing the Internet be a better option than Bush?" Now, we have a presidential incumbent who stated in Friday's debate that there are multiple Internets, and has not followed through with the promises I so foolishly believed as a responsible, first-time

voter.

President Bush's administration stole the title of "No Child Left Behind" from the Children's Defense Fund's efforts, and provided no plausible way of funding the program intended to improve education. Additionally, he still does not aid the poorest of the poor, who will if at all attend dilapidated schools with out-dated texts.

While he promised incentives for married families, he never mentioned supporting a constitutional amendment to discriminate against certain citizens by depriving benefits of a marriage. He increased the gap between the rich and the poor, and provided tax incentives to industries that outsourced jobs overseas. Consequently, middle class families suffered.

Bush supported campaign finance reform, yet used the U.S. government

to increase both his and Dick Cheney's personal wealth through the war in Iraq. Today, he stands idly by while the Sinclair Broadcasting Group schedules to air an anti-Kerry documentary prior to the election.

He claims to support "homeland security," but cut most federal spending on sexual assault and domestic violence crisis support, which directly protects families from violence within their own homes.

Today, I am proud to say that I am a Catholic, political flip-flopper. I acknowledge my mistake, and will rectify it in my vote. I hope that you will do the same.

Lindsey Horvath
alumnae
class of 2004
Oct. 13

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."

e.e. cummings
poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-choice beliefs active on both campuses

Each year, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life club strategically places signs and crosses around their respective campuses as part of their annual demonstrations. After four years in lovely Notre Dame, I have found that not only are we not accepting of alternative lifestyles, we also refrain from respecting opinions that go against the Notre Dame social norm. If people were allowed the opportunity to have their voices heard, perhaps they would be less likely to seek other forms of expression.

While discussing the destruction of the crosses, Right to Life co-president Lauren Galgano, told The Observer that she felt, "personally attacked." Miss Galgano, how do you think those crosses make a man or woman who has been personally affected by abortion feel? By displaying the crosses on the green, are you subtly attacking your own classmates? The last time I checked, abortion was still a legal activity in the United States, and under the law not equated with murder. Alas,

the pro-life and pro-choice debate will not be solved in the editorial column of The Observer, but one-sided demonstrations must end on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

In March, a group of students and members of the South Bend community joined with over a million people in Washington, D.C. to March For Women's Lives. The march proved that the pro-choice movement is alive, and that there are plenty of men and women fighting for reproductive rights. The pro-choice movement may seem to be non-existent on these campuses, but that is hardly the case. Instead of fostering hate, the recent destruction of crosses should cause members of the collegiate community to foster a logical, open dialogue between both groups, free of shock tactics.

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Abortion is a human right

I write this in response to Notre Dame Right to Life's offensive display euphemized as the Cemetery of the Innocents. This and other events of Respect Life Week are demeaning not only to pro-choice individuals on campus, but also to women across the nation.

As a pro-choice Catholic, my integrity and character have been repeatedly attacked. In response, I state that Catholic doctrine should never have a veto over national policy and a clear separation of church and state takes precedence over the subjective morality of a particular religion.

In a line of decisions, going back as far as *Union Pacific R. Co. v. Botsford* (1891), the Supreme Court has recognized that a right of personal privacy exists under the Constitution. The Court has found this right echoed in the First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments and also in the penumbras of the Bill of Rights.

Simply put, a woman has the right to control her own body. The "rights" of a fetus should not take precedence over her interests in reproductive health and personal liberty. To that end, my roommate and I actively protested the Cemetery of the Innocents on Thursday and Friday and we are proud to have done so. We will continue to stand up to the misogyny, sexism and bigotry of the anti-choice right and also to the anti-intellectual undercurrent that is sadly now so pervasive within the Catholic Church.

I close with a quote from novelist Ayn Rand:

"I cannot project the degree of hatred required to make those women run around in crusades against abortion. Hatred is what they certainly project, not love for the embryos, which is a piece of nonsense no one could experience, but hatred, a virulent hatred for an unnamed object... Their hatred is directed against human beings as such, against the mind, against reason, against ambition, against success, against love, against any value that brings happiness to human life. In compliance with the dishonesty that dominates today's intellectual field, they call themselves 'pro-life.'"

Please support women's rights: Keep abortion safe and legal.

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Use more effective methods to persuade

In his Oct. 11 letter to the editor, Charlie Ebersol claims that the vandalism of the white crosses on South Quad is just another act of free expression. While the vandals were indeed expressing themselves, some forms of expression are simply unacceptable. If I am angry with my little brother, I can either tell him why I have a problem with him and try to work it out, or I can punch him in the face. Both are ways of expressing myself, but one is mature and appropriate while the other is never acceptable. If you are offended by the white crosses, write a letter to the editor or stand near the display with a sign expressing your opinion. Vandalism is not only immature and inappropriate; it is criminal. Therefore it should be condemned by all, regardless of personal beliefs regarding abortion.

That said, I agree with Ebersol that the white crosses are ineffective and tactless. Ebersol's example is more extreme than necessary for making his point, but it illustrates what is wrong with the Cemetery of the Innocents. Many women who have abortions regret their choice, and having to see the white crosses covering South Quad rubs salt into their emotional wound. I realize that the intent of the display is not to evoke feelings of guilt, but this is indisputably an effect of it. My suggestion to the Right to Life Club is this: instead of spending hours making a symbolic cemetery that won't change a single mind, construct a single larger cross dedicated to the victims of abortion, both the aborted fetuses and the women who have been scarred by abortion. Then spend the time you save promoting and volunteering for organizations like the Women's Care Center. The Women's Care Center is a fine organization that shows women facing crisis pregnancies that they are not alone and that they have real alternatives to abortion. I'm sure that they will appreciate the extra help, and you will be doing infinitely more good than you do by covering South Quad with little white crosses.

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Remain open to all persons

Lance Gallop's article on Oct. 13 stated that most people forget that both gay and straight people have similar human "motivations, thoughts, desires, needs and concerns." I would agree. One of these desires and needs that is essentially human is the need to love and to be loved. God has placed this need in us, and none of us can deny its existence nor its power. That need is uniquely expressed through sexual desire, and most perfectly through the sexual act within marriage. Where Gallop and I differ is his leap from the existence of this desire to this desire's role upon identity.

He goes on to state that "being gay is not a lifestyle, it is a person; being gay is not a choice, it is a commitment to oneself." I would argue that sadly, Gallop has fallen for what is a common proposition of gay activists. This proposition argues that a person's sexuality is the defining fact of their existence.

This understanding of human anthropology is countered by the full exposition of human anthropology by the Catholic Church, and most recently in Pope John Paul II writings on the Theology of the Body. Man is more than one desire, one need. So many needs and desires compete for and master our actions. We all know this, and I have found that the Catholic Church's divinely inspired teaching has alone offered me the path to freedom. It teaches that I am not slave to my sexual desire, or any desire for that matter. It is a sad thing indeed if I am led to believe that my entire identity, my unique self, is bound to any one of my needs or desires alone.

The Princeton Review is often quoted in its finding Notre Dame as the num-

ber one discriminatory school in regards to alternative lifestyles. According to their website, this is based upon the question: "Is there very little discrimination against homosexuals?" As an institution that says the homosexual act is flat out wrong, of course Notre Dame would garner a high ranking. That ranking will always remain high because the question refuses to determine between the person and the act. Those adhering to the Catholic faith must do so, and it is a very fine line indeed. The Catholic view will always make this distinction, and gay activists must realize that people are more than their sexual drives. These contrasting views of the human person are at odds and need to be recognized.

Perhaps Gallop is correct about the lack of acceptance at this school towards those who have a same-sex attraction. But acceptance of the person will never mean acceptance of the act. On the flip side, it must also be conceded that until the gay activists give up their limited view of the human person there will be little fruitful dialogue in this arena. I hope that those of you who struggle with a same sex attraction, and all of us who struggle with our powerful sexual desires, will not fall prey to this trap. In our hyper-sexualized culture, we are all, homosexual and heterosexual alike, bombarded with the idea that our main meaning for existence is our sexuality. Your identity is bound up in much more than your sexuality. We are all called to a higher standard than what the world presents.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



ALBUM REVIEWS

McGraw delivers a classic

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

Country music megastar Tim McGraw delivers something exceptional with "Live Like You Were Dying," his most genuine and emotional album so far.

The first single, namely that of the title CD, has dominated country music charts all summer long. The tone of the album is set entirely by this single track.

There is an obvious message about life, which is conveyed in each song on this 16-track album. McGraw and his stage band, the Dancehall Doctors, reunite to deliver an album filled with passionate ideas about living life to the fullest.

McGraw fans can expect nothing

less than grade A country from what is undoubtedly the best, most authentic record he has released.

With plenty of experience under his belt, he knew exactly what he wanted to do on this ninth album. Listeners will be surprised to find the record presents the most real country he has yet delivered. On previous records McGraw has had a tendency to perform songs that are more pop country than anything. For this album, however, he seeks to define a side which is more traditional style cowboy.

Fans are certainly familiar with McGraw's stage band, to which he credits on his last CD, "Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors." Again they reunite to create a collection of impressive and enthused songs. And while Tim McGraw is an amazing



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Tim McGraw's "Live Like You Were Dying" is a superb album with an uplifting message.

songster, he has not yet attempted to write any songs by himself. Instead, he gets help from some of the most talented writers and musicians in Nashville. Top songwriters Bruce Robinson and Darrel Scott collaborated with him to create the reminiscing song, "Old Town New." Robinson, writer of hit song "Angry All The Time," and Scott writer of "It's A Great Day To Be Alive" are well known favorites in country music.

Faith Hill, McGraw's wife and a top country songstress, expectedly makes an appearance singing harmonies on the track "Blank Sheet of Paper." This will be an obvious favorite, as it tells the story of a guy looking to express his feeling for a certain girl. Interestingly enough,

however, the song is written from the point of view of the paper itself.

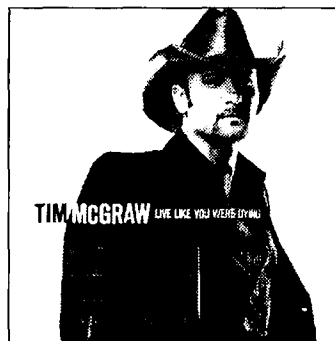
Other favorites should include, "Back When," "Drugs or Jesus" and "We Carry On." Noticeably enough through the titles of both the album and songs, this record clearly carries a theme about living. The songs contain a philosophy about growing and maturing in life and love. In a way, each track calls on the listeners to reevaluate life and to appreciate it in its entirety.

Undeniably, "Live like You Were Dying," with its uplifting messages and embedded congeniality will absolutely leave McGraw fans smiling.

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Live Like You
Were Dying
Tim McGraw

Curb



The Thrills loses its edge

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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At the beginning of this year, The Thrills emerged as a new and unique genre of music. The band headed back to the sound of the Beach Boys and feel good California rock with its first album, "So Much for the City." The five Irish members of The Thrills appeared to have really caught a new wave.

The only problem with its newest album "Let's Bottle Bohemia" is that it is still riding the same wave that drove the energy on "So Much for the City." While "Let's Bottle Bohemia" is a great album with a catchy and unique sound, a better album title would have been "So Much for the City: Part 2." The new and uniquely energizing sound of The Thrills'

first album loses part of its punch in a second album that hits too close to the sound of the first.

Don't think that "Let's Bottle Bohemia" is a poor album. When the only major problem is that the terrific sound of the first album is too closely emulated, then the album is still good. Many of the songs start to sound the same after the album gets going, but even so, the actual sound of the music is interesting and different and thus worth hearing. A few songs that stand out are "You Can't Fool Old Friends with Limousines," "The Irish Keep Gate-Crashing" and "Not For All the Love in the World." The current single, "Whatever Happened to Corey Haim?" is actually one of the weaker tracks on the album. With a bridge that sounds like it should be the background music to a movie about a guy cruising



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The Thrills is a good band, but fans will be disappointed by the lack of creativity in "Let's Bottle Bohemia."

down the strip at night in Las Vegas, it captures the Southwest spirit, but not in a way that is even remotely original.

"The Irish Keep Gate-Crashing," the last song on the album, is only about three minutes long, and then is followed by interesting instrumentals for another seven minutes. The instrumentals feature a violin and guitar and are musically very intriguing and do not come across as inappropriate for the album.

Lyrical, the album is mediocre at best. While there are some interesting concepts explored, the songs are full of clichés such as, "You can't take the city out of a city girl" in "Faded Beauty Queens" and "So for the first time in my life / feel like a country boy

caught in headlights" in "Found my Rosebud." However, there are a few poignant images such as, "felt emptier than a suburban swimming pool in the fall" in "Our Wasted Lives" and "And so you crave recognition / but the keys to the city went missing. / People aren't puzzles to be figured out."

The good and the mediocre are closely met in The Thrills' "Let's Bottle Bohemia." A great band, but any Thrills fan will be disappointed in the lack of energy behind creating a new and distinguished sound for themselves. The Thrills seems to have ironically played it safe in the recording of "Let's Bottle Bohemia."

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Blood Brothers stirs up more mayhem

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Like a dump truck driving through a nitroglycerine plant, Seattle's infamous Blood Brothers have returned to wreak more havoc with their fourth full-length effort, "Crimes."

Comprised of five friends ever seeking to push the proverbial envelope of punk music, the band has amassed considerable notoriety for its incendiary live shows and atypical lyrics, which read something like wrecking-ball beat poetry. Longtime fans should rejoice, as Blood Brothers are in top form once again on this latest release with the momentum built from 2003's explosive "...Burn, Piano Island, Burn" showing no signs of waning.

Sounding like Junior Senior on PCP, the Brothers tear through 13 chaotic tracks on "Crimes," leaving listeners with little time

to breathe and even less time to suture their ruptured eardrums. Showstopper "Peacock Skeleton With Crooked Feathers" opens with the characteristically damaged poetic Blood Brothers lyric, "If the sea shakes / like an empty maraca / and he falls in love / with the sound of ships sinking?" The song carries a rabid intensity through several "movements," a veritable head charge that will leave unwarned heads spinning and restless hearts craving more.

Ironically, several of the Blood Brothers' concoctions have a sing-songy quality to them, with melodies that would not sound entirely out of place in a Disney direct-to-video pseudo-sequel, were they sung by cartoon animals using substantially bowdlerized lyrics. This is particularly true of title-track "Crimes" with its off-Broadway chorus of "We're scrapped valentines / We're tangerine rinds / We're crimes, crimes, crimes, crimes, crimes."

This is noisy, spastic, highly unnerving rock that is anything but background music and will likely lead many to question its validity as music at all. It is perhaps no coincidence, that the same week that witnessed the arrival of "Crimes" saw the passing of preeminent deconstructionist Jacques Derrida.

While certainly



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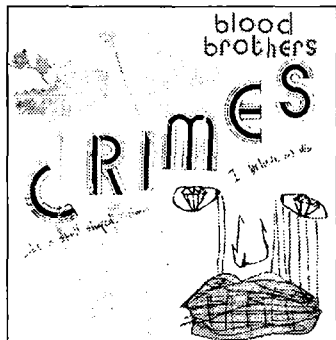
Blood Brothers have a noisy, unnerving brand of rock that pushed the proverbial envelope of punk music.

not for everyone, "Crimes" should excite those who are not afraid to make relentless, frenetic energy a part of their listening experience and positively exhilarate those who live by such energy.

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Crimes Blood Brothers

V2



CocoRosie channels ghosts of bygone era

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Like a whisper from a rickety old Victrola or a ghost, enigmatic Parisians CocoRosie has arrived to ensorcell listeners with a penchant for the old with "La Maison de Mon Reve." Comprised of sisters Bianca and Sierra Cassady, CocoRosie concoct bizarre hymns from another era with sparse ballads that seep into the subconscious despite their fragility. Those who tire of the increasing predictability of indie rock in this century will do well to embrace this gem, which resonates with a freshness — however paradoxically

— of centuries well past.

Sounding like Edith Piaf on helium, the sisters pirouette through 12 delicate tracks on this, their lovely debut. One of the album's most uniquely affecting tracks, "Candyland," showcases the unlikely combination of plaintive mandolin against a backdrop of jarring electronic children's toys. Sierra's opera-trained soprano rises up into the mix to deliver the album's most deliriously haunting moment.

As the story goes, Bianca and Sierra found themselves holed-up in a 19th-century Paris apartment, reluctant to communicate after several years apart. They at last found an inroad into one another's lives — music, nat-



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CocoRosie is not for everyone, but those who give "La Maison de Mon Reve" a chance will be entranced by its unique sound.

urally — and began producing the idiosyncratic songs found on "La Maison," whose full title translates most fittingly to "The House of My Dream."

The sisters underscore their turn-of-the-century vocal styling with the strangest assortment of instruments and non-instruments — among them, a jackhammer, an old-fashioned popcorn popper, a Fisher Price electronic cash register and the sound of teeth brushing. Most of this instrumentation contrasts

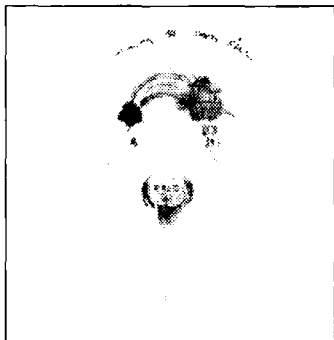
sharply with the pleasant guitar and vocals, a juxtaposition which some may find refreshingly synergetic while others may find it annoyingly off-putting.

While certainly not for everyone, "La Maison de Mon Reve" should delight open-minded casual listeners and entrance those who give the Cassady sisters the chance to work their unique magic.

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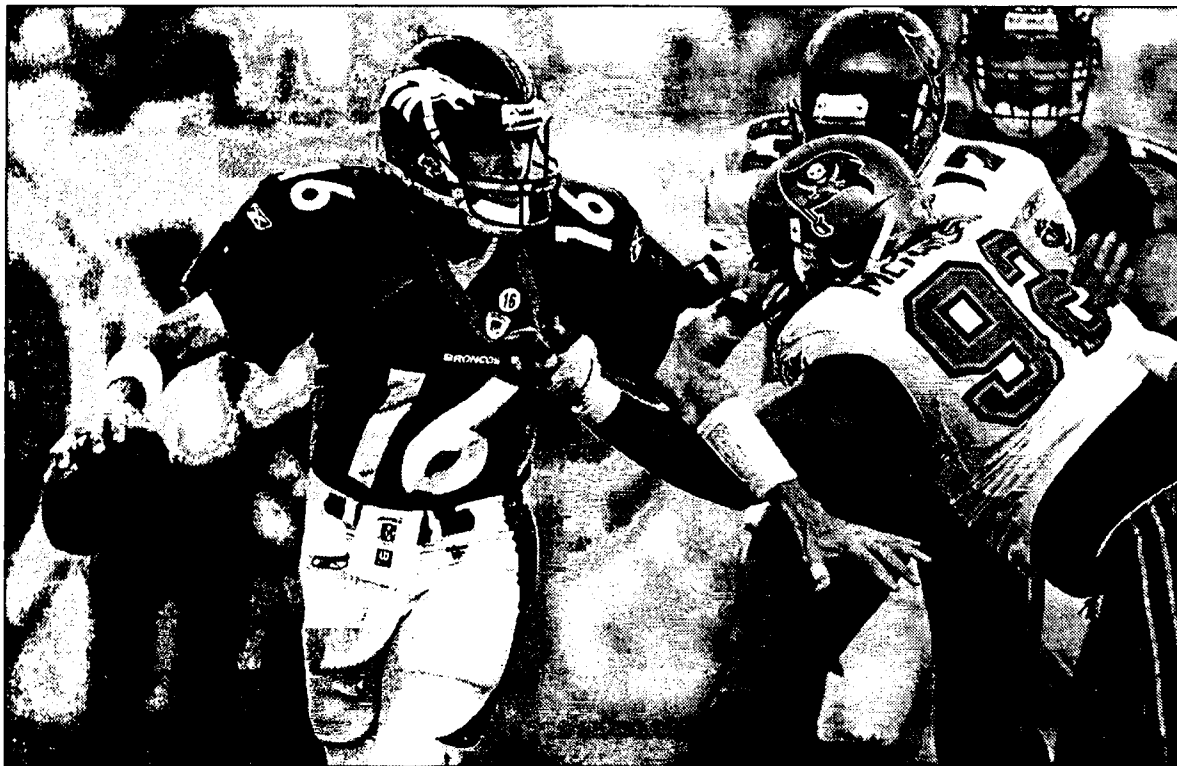
La Maison de Mon Reve CocoRosie

Touch & Go



NFL

Broncos' Plummer looks for new ways to honor former teammate



Denver quarterback Jake Plummer scrambles out of the pocket during the Broncos' win over Tampa Bay Sunday. Plummer wore a sticker on his helmet recently honoring Pat Tillman.

Associated Press

DENVER — Pat Tillman always stood up for what he believed. His friend Jake Plummer wanted to as well, but officials from the NFL weren't so keen on letting him.

Plummer relented Wednesday, agreeing to adhere to the league's dress code and remove a sticker from his helmet that honored Tillman, who was killed in the war in Afghanistan after quitting football to join the Army.

"When it comes to honoring Pat, he's bigger than a sticker on my helmet," Plummer said. "I don't like the fact I can't, but I understand what the league wants to accomplish with its rules and regulations."

To soften the blow, the NFL said it would not fine Plummer for wearing the sticker last Sunday in violation of league rules. Also, the league agreed to let Plummer tape public-service announcements honoring Tillman and play them in stadiums nationwide on the weekend after Veteran's Day.

"We, too, want to continue to keep Pat Tillman's legacy alive, but ... we have rules regarding personal messages on uniforms

that we needed to apply consistently," the NFL said in a statement.

Tillman, a former teammate of Plummer's at Arizona State and with the Arizona Cardinals, quit the league in 2002 to join the Army Rangers. He died in combat in April.

To honor the former safety, all NFL players wore the No. 40 decal on their helmets during the second week of the season.

Plummer wanted to keep his own tribute going past the second week. Warned of possible fines by the NFL, Plummer backed down for the next two games. But against the Panthers last Sunday, the sticker reappeared. At that time, Plummer said giving up the fight just didn't feel right, and he agreed to accept whatever fine was levied and urged fans to donate to the Pat Tillman Foundation.

By Wednesday, the story had gained footing well beyond Broncos headquarters and the NFL offices. Arizona Sen. John McCain sent a letter to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue criticizing the league's policy. Colorado Sen. Wayne Allard also weighed in.

"I find it disheartening that the National Football League

will penalize a player for honoring a fallen soldier, friend and American hero," Allard wrote in a letter to the commissioner.

In its statement, the NFL said "we look forward to working together with" Plummer and announced it has donated \$250,000 to build the first USO facility in Afghanistan, which will be named after Tillman.

The Broncos will honor Tillman by putting up a big No. 40 logo in the stadium.

The NFL has long had a strict uniform policy banning untucked shirts, unlicensed logos and unapproved decals and signs worn on uniforms and helmets, regardless of the reason.

In one of the more famous episodes, Bears quarterback Jim McMahon played with an Adidas ad plastered on his headband.

Then-commissioner Pete Rozelle told him not to, so McMahon came back with a headband that said "Rozelle." McMahon was fined.

Plummer, who signed a \$40 million contract last year and could afford any fine levied by the NFL, knew he was walking a fine line between doing what he believed was right and causing a distraction.

Rice looks to get out of Oakland

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice was scheduled to meet with Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis on Wednesday night to discuss the receiver's future after he said he wants to be traded.

"If there's something that can be done, it will be done," coach Norv Turner said following Wednesday's practice and after a conversation with Rice. "Everything's too vague right now for me to get into any specifics. He's expressed his wishes and we'll just see what happens."

The last time Davis met with a receiver was during training camp, and Tim Brown was released the next day after refusing to accept a greatly diminished role with the Raiders.

Rice is making \$1.35 million in base salary this season. He spent Wednesday — his 42nd birthday — defending his ability to catch passes yet again. That's the umpteenth time already this season.

His complaining is becoming a weekly occurrence.

"I'm not trying to force anything, but, you know, it doesn't make any sense for me to stay here if things continue going this way," Rice said, reiterating he'd like to be traded.

"I didn't envision what's going down right now. I pretty much was under the impression I was going to be a big factor this year, be a part of the offense and have opportunities to make plays."

Rice, who claims he was never informed he'd have such a diminished role, told a Sacramento radio station Tuesday that he expected to be traded before the Oct. 19 deadline and would embrace the chance to play elsewhere because he "can't go out this way."

There also have been rumors about a possible trade with the Detroit Lions that would reunite Rice with Steve

Mariucci, his former coach at San Francisco.

Raiders senior personnel executive Michael Lombardi denied there was ever a trade in the works. Rice's agent, Jim Steiner, was out of the country and unavailable.

Mariucci said Wednesday he had read about Rice's situation, but that the Lions were committed to developing their young receiving corps.

"That's where we're headed," he said. "We're headed forward with these guys. The trade deadline is next week. Not a lot of trades go on in football. There are some rumors about several receivers and other players too, but we haven't given it a lot of serious consideration only because we're committed to our guys right now and headed in a certain direction where guys are going to be here for several years."

Rice, the NFL's career leader in catches and touchdowns and the only receiver to ever play after age 40, has just five receptions for 67 yards and no touchdowns. His record streak of 274 consecutive games with a catch ended in a 13-10 win over Buffalo in Week 2. He threw a sideline tantrum after that game.

He compared his current situation to the one he faced with the 49ers four years ago when they let him go and decided to give their young receivers more opportunities.

"It's not up to me to fix it. If I did that, then I would be running the team," Rice said, laughing. "You know what, I look at the situation and it's always a business. That's the way I've approached it. Sometimes you're just dealt a bad hand. If I have to leave, I have to go. That's the bottom line. If I go to another team, then I'm going to do everything possible to help that team to win."

His teammates sympathize. "Everybody wants to be involved in the game," receiver Ronald Curry said. "Jerry should be involved."

"If I have to leave, I have to go. That's the bottom line."

Jerry Rice
Raiders' receiver

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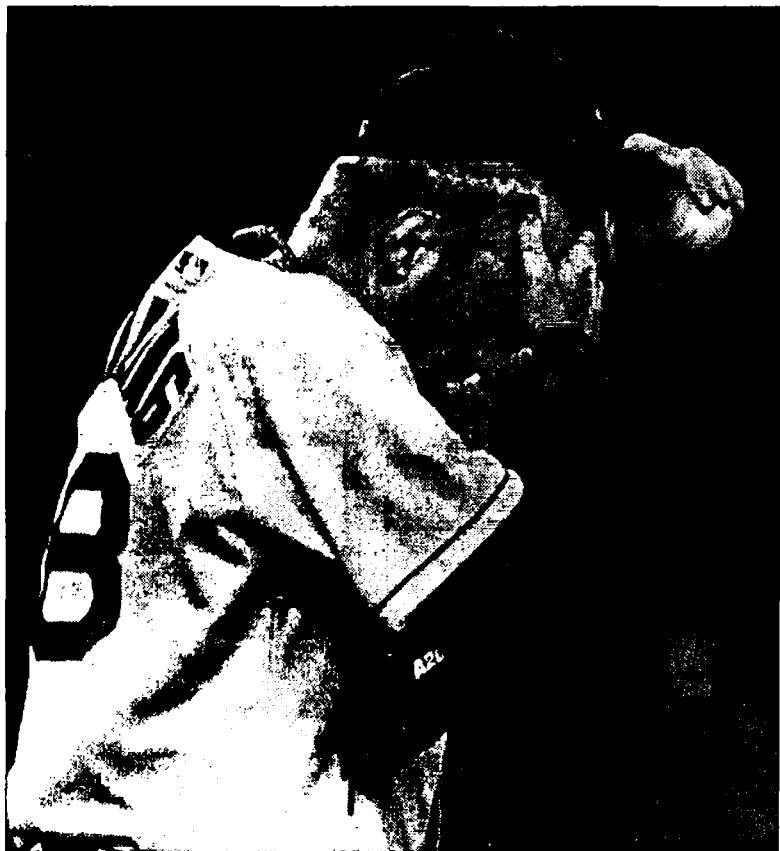
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MLB

Bad ankle might keep Schilling out of ALCS



Boston pitcher Curt Schilling wipes his brow during the third inning of Game 1 of the ALCS against New York Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston ace Curt Schilling might not be able to pitch Game 5 of the AL championship series Sunday because of his injured right ankle, which will require surgery after the playoffs.

Schilling, who led the major leagues with 21 wins, lasted just three innings and 58 pitches in Boston's 10-7 loss to the New York Yankees in Tuesday night's opener, allowing six runs, his poorest postseason performance since 1993. He had trouble with his balance and pushing off the rubber, which cut his velocity.

If Schilling can't pitch, he probably would be replaced by Derek Lowe, a starter all season who struggled down the stretch and has thrown just 12 pitches in relief in the playoffs.

"If we're not able to overcome some adversity," manager Terry Francona said, "we're not a good enough team."

Red Sox team physician Dr. Bill Morgan said before Wednesday's game that the sheath that covers two tendons in Schilling's ankle is torn, allowing one of the tendons to slip out of its groove and rub against a bone. Schilling didn't feel discomfort while pitching Tuesday because he was injected with a painkiller.

"We won't compromise the team by sending out Curt Schilling who won't be effective," general manager Theo Epstein said.

The Red Sox are trying to create a customized brace to hold the slipping tendon in place outside the sheath. Morgan was "relatively optimistic" that the ankle could be stabilized.

"We're going to take another shot at it and continue to use every medical technique under the sun to try to get this tendon stabilized so he can go out there again," Morgan said. "We have no guarantees."

Schilling is to throw in the bullpen before Friday's third game. If he doesn't have more success, he probably wouldn't pitch again this year, even if the

Red Sox reach the World Series, Morgan said.

"Knowing Curt, he might want to try," Morgan said. "If we can't accomplish getting him his next start, then he has to make a decision if he wants surgery right away."

He suspected that Schilling would delay surgery so he could stay with the team even if he can't pitch. Schilling will need about three months to recover from an operation and should be ready for spring training.

"If this was midseason and we had a few months to play with, he would have been placed in a cast and potentially undergone surgery," Morgan said.

Schilling had pitched well after getting hurt on Sept. 21 against Baltimore. (The injury was first diagnosed as tendinitis.) In that game, a 3-2 Red Sox win, he struck out 14 and allowed three hits and one walk in eight shutout innings.

Five days later in an 11-4 victory over the Yankees, he gave up two runs and one hit in seven innings. And in the opener of the AL division series in Anaheim, he allowed two earned runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Schilling appeared to aggravate the injury in the seventh inning against the Angels when he fielded Garret Anderson's grounder, threw wildly to first and grabbed his right ankle. He faced just one more batter in that 9-3 victory.

Schilling wears a boot on his right foot when he's not in uniform.

"I think Schill has been shooting for last night's game since last Thanksgiving when Theo and those guys went out and signed him," Francona said. "He was waiting to pitch that game and he could not pitch that game the way he's able to physically. I'm sure that was very discouraging."

Lowe, one of the best closers in baseball before becoming a starter, is eager to pitch more than he has.

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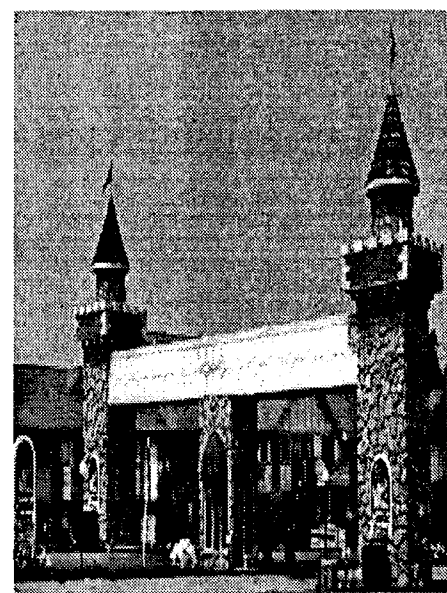
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7	Washington	9-2-1
8	UCLA	9-3-0
9	Kansas	12-2-0
10	Duke	10-3-0
11	Princeton	9-1-0
12	Tennessee	9-2-2
13	Michigan	9-3-2
14	Florida State	10-3-0
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21	Southern Methodist	8-2-2
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23	Florida	9-3-2
24	Illinois	10-4-0
25	San Diego	7-6-1

NFL

AFC East

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

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4-1	.800	112	94
Baltimore	3-2	.600	97	70
Cleveland	2-3	.400	82	96
Cincinnati	1-3	.400	66	95

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4-1	.800	159	106
Jacksonville	3-2	.600	73	86
Houston	2-3	.400	118	127
Tennessee	2-3	.400	111	118

AFC West

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

NFC East

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

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Detroit	3-1	.750	78	72
Minnesota	3-1	.750	112	94
Chicago	1-3	.250	68	76
Green Bay	1-4	.200	99	142

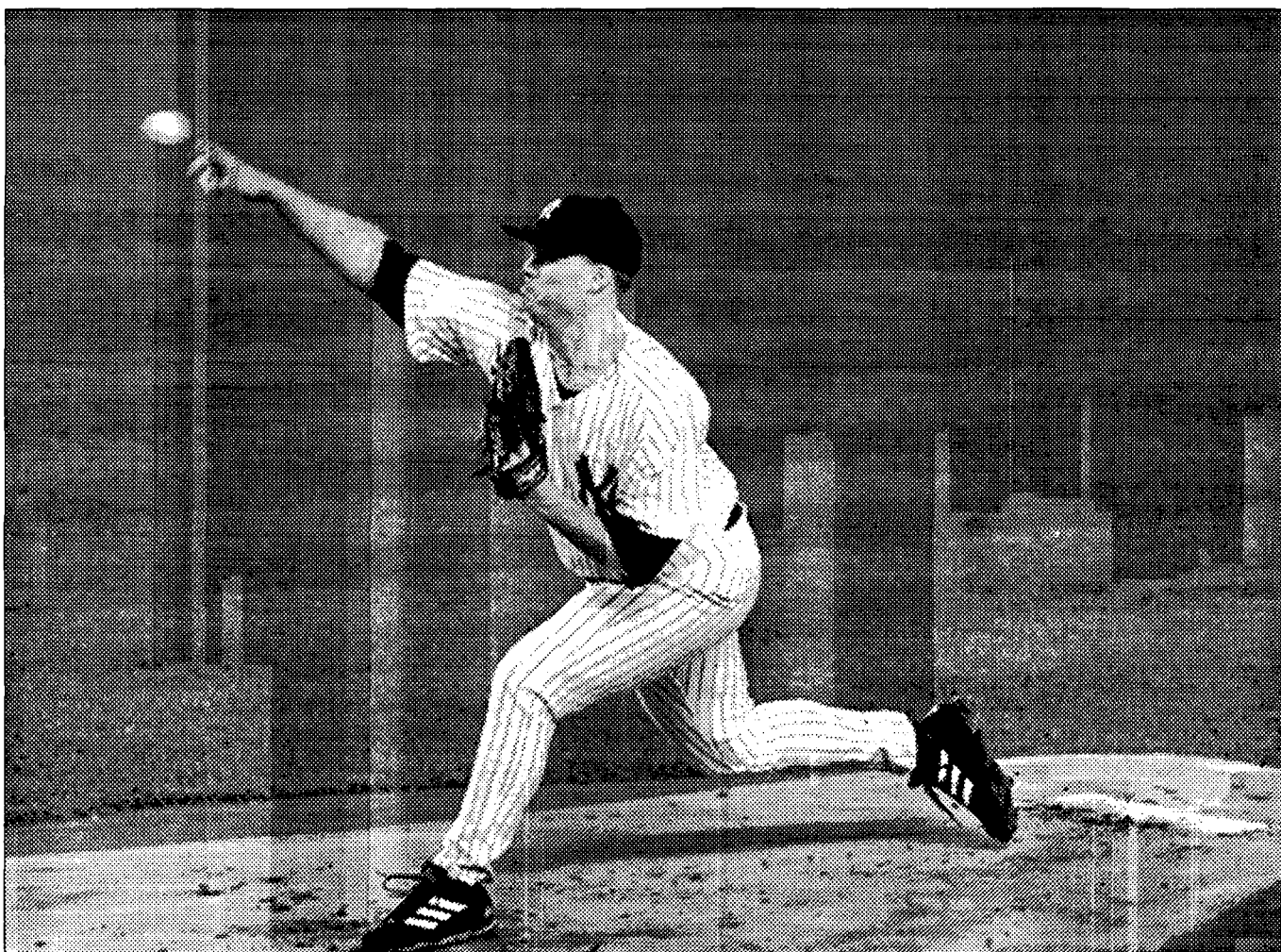
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Atlanta	4-1	.800	98	66
New Orleans	2-3	.400	92	127
Carolina	1-3	.250	89	88
Tampa Bay	1-4	.200	69	89

NFC West

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

MLB



Yankees' pitcher Jon Lieber strides towards the plate during New York's 3-1 Game 2 victory over Boston Wednesday night. Lieber shut out the Red Sox into the eighth inning as the Yankees took a 2-0 lead in the ALCS.

Yankees defeat Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pedro Martinez has a new "Daddy." His name is Jon Lieber.

While the raucous crowd at Yankee Stadium taunted Martinez with booming chants of "Who's Your Daddy?" Lieber shut down the highest-scoring offense in the major leagues.

A No. 5 starter pitching against a three-time Cy Young Award winner, Lieber took a shutout into the eighth inning. John Olerud backed him with a two-run homer in the sixth off the tiring Martinez, and the Yankees beat the Red

Sox 3-1 Wednesday night for a 2-0 lead in their AL championship series rematch.

"These two games were huge, especially tonight," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

After Orlando Cabrera singled leading off the third inning for Boston's first hit, Lieber retired 13 straight batters before David Ortiz singled in the seventh.

"He pounded the strike zone down," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Boston had seen Lieber recently. On Sept. 18, he took a no-hit bid against the Red Sox into the seventh inning.

Cards win Game 1

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Make no mistake about it — this is a slugger's series.

Albert Pujols homered early, Larry Walker delivered three key hits and the St. Louis Cardinals withstood four Houston shots to outlast the Astros 10-7 Wednesday night in Game 1 of the NL championship series.

Slumping Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds also contributed, and winning pitcher Woody Williams even helped out with a big double for the league's top-hitting team.

Together, that was

enough — barely — to withstand homers by Carlos Beltran, Lance Berkman, Jeff Kent and Mike Lamb.

And it was a significant victory: The last 11 teams to win the opener of the NLCS have gone on to the World Series.

"We couldn't quite get the outs that we needed," Astros manager Phil Garner said.

The Cardinals and Astros took turns whacking shots all over Busch Stadium, with Walker finishing a home run shy of becoming the first player in postseason history to hit for the cycle.

IN BRIEF

Colts sign new QB, release Hamilton

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts signed quarterback Travis Brown to their practice squad on Wednesday and released former Georgia Tech star Joe Hamilton.

Brown spent the last three seasons with the Buffalo Bills before reaching an injury settlement with the Bills in September. The agreement allowed Brown to become a free agent.

He sprained his left knee in a pre-season game against Indianapolis on Aug. 28 and wore a brace on the knee at the Colts' practice on Wednesday.

In four NFL seasons, Brown is 29-of-52 for 361 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions. He spent the 2000 season with the Seattle Seahawks.

Colts coach Tony Dungy said the move was made because the team believed Brown was healthy, bigger and stronger than Hamilton, who started the season as the Colts' top

backup to Peyton Manning.

Hamilton finished second to Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in the 1999 Heisman Trophy voting, but has yet to throw an NFL pass.

Jenkins out for season with shoulder injury

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — All-Pro defensive tackle Kris Jenkins was lost for the season Wednesday to a shoulder injury, the fourth important member of the Carolina Panthers out for the year.

It was the latest blow to the defending NFC champions, who are already without top receiver Steve Smith (broken leg) and No. 2 running back DeShaun Foster (broken collarbone).

Star running back Stephen Davis has also missed three games with a knee injury, leaving Carolina (1-3) thin on talent all over the field.

"I've never seen anything like this. Not like this, not the guys that we had go down," said defensive tackle Kindal Moorehead, who will replace

Jenkins. "We had main guys go down like Kris and Steve and Stephen Davis missing a couple games. It just shows what kind of team this is going to be — either we're going to fold or we're going to step in and make the plays we need to make."

Kuznetsova wins, Safin loses at Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW — U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated qualifier Michaela Pastikova 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday, joining fellow Russians Vera Zvonareva and Elena Bovina in the quarterfinals of the Kremlin Cup.

On the men's side, top-seeded Marat Safin was upset by Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic 7-6 (8), 4-6, 6-3.

Stepanek, No. 72 on the ATP Tour rankings, broke the Russian's serve twice in the final set to pull out the 2 1/2-hour match. Safin is ninth in the rankings.

Zvonareva, seeded sixth, rallied to beat Karolina Sprem of Croatia.

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The NDE, The Retreat, The Myth...

What is this retreat REALLY about??
by The NDE Board

Do you have doubts and questions about going on the NDE? Are you ridiculously excited about a Notre Dame retreat and want to know more about the NDE? Are you bored with the rest of the newspaper and want something fun to read?

We invite you to read on, friend.

If you have ever asked a friend about the Notre Dame Encounter with Christ retreat in an attempt to get to know more about it, you may have gotten the response, "Just go." You probably realized that they loved the experience, had a great time, and really want you to go. But what happens on an NDE? Why is it a big secret? Why are people talking about it so much, but never giving you all the details? Let us shed some light on the matter.


Everyone here at Notre Dame is experiencing faith in a different way. Our relationships with our friends, our prayer life, and our own identity are all affected by the relationship we hold with God. Simply enough, the NDE is an opportunity to explore all of that. It is a forum for thoughtful discussion. It is a step away from the chaos of campus. It is a hilarious time with friends, old and new. Most importantly, though, the NDE is an answer to a calling.

Each of us is called to know Christ. This is a challenge for most of us, don't worry. A retreat like this one, though, is an opportunity to examine what that relationship is for you, and what it means for your future. The retreat offers small group discussions, talks by team members, skits, shared prayers, and celebrations all established with the intent of experiencing Christ in our daily lives.

The retreat can be a challenge, no doubt. Some participants are nervous about the small group discussions, others aren't sure about their faith life, some have loads of questions, and some are so burdened by life here that they feel a retreat is the last thing they can handle. Hesitant friends, have faith. The NDE simply requires an open heart. You may respond to the experience differently from your friends. You may experience something profound and ask of yourself new questions. Ultimately, you will be a witness to Christ's presence in our world.

There are, of course, some rumors floating around. There are those that have said that the NDE is only for the campus-ministry groupie. **WRONG!** Perhaps you've heard that the NDE is a huge sob-fest. **NOT TRUE!** Maybe you've heard it is best experienced in your senior year. **DON'T WAIT!** No matter what myth you've heard, let us assure you that your experience on an NDE is going to be unique to who you are. This retreat has the potential to enliven your faith, strengthen your friendships, and spark a new spirit within you. When friends tell you to "Just go", they mean, "It was a spiritual experience. I learned new things about myself, new things about my relationships with others and discovered a deeper relationship with Christ. You will too."

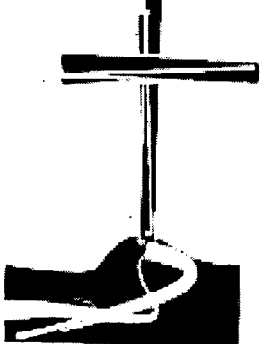
food for thought...



As we make our way
through Autumn,
Let us remember Him
who saved us from
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For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

~ Romans 5:15,18



mass schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, October 23

Vigil Mass at the Basilica
30 minutes after the Game
Rev. Richard S. Bullene, csc.

Vigil Mass at Stepan Center
45 minutes after the Game
Rev. William D. Seetch, csc

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 24

8:00 am
Rev. Nicholas R. Ayo, csc

10:00 am
Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy
Bishop of Fort Wayne - South Bend

11:45 am
Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, csc
Bishop of Peoria

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Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 2nd: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Ramblers stop Bats, move to 3-1 on year

By RYAN KIEFER and MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writers

The Siegfried Ramblers had one thing on their minds Wednesday night when they broke their pre-game huddle. They yelled one simple word. "Stadium!"

Siegfried took a big step toward returning to the championship game by securing a playoff berth with a 20-8 victory over Zahm. The Ramblers never trailed and were sprung to victory by their defense, which forced three Rabid Bat turnovers.

Zahm came out poised to execute its ball control offense, as the team ran its misdirection ground attack to near perfection on its first drive.

The Bats used the entire first quarter clock, driving the ball inside the 10-yard line behind the running of halfback Corey Brisee.

The 15-play drive stalled, however, ending with a dropped pass on fourth and goal.

The offense was unable to sustain another drive of this duration as three of its remaining five possessions ended in turnovers.

"We made it real hard on ourselves, putting the ball on the ground and throwing interceptions," Zahm coach Rich Petty said.

The Siegfried offense countered Zahm's initial drive with an impressive march of its own.

Tailback Matt Wopperer was able to rip off huge chunks of yardage, finishing the drive with 65 yards and a 1-yard touchdown run. Wopperer made a key contribution on defense as well coming up with a crucial interception in the second half.

The Ramblers were able to convert this interception into six points when quarterback Brian Vithe threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to begin the fourth quarter.

Zahm responded with a quick score on a 46-yard pass from Sean Wieland to Jake Richardville, but Siegfried put the game out of reach on its next drive.

Receiver John Kaup caught four passes for 66 yards on the drive, including an 18-yard touchdown that accounted for the final margin.

The extra touchdown may prove crucial to Siegfried when the playoffs start in two weeks.

"We really wanted to score on that last drive because we realize how important point differential will be in playoff seeding," Siegfried captain Kevin Phipps said.

The Ramblers will start their playoff run after fall break. Their post-game mindset was no different from their pre-game thinking.

"I'm a senior, and I've been to the stadium each of my three years," Phipps said. "I want to make it four this year."

Sorin 34, Carroll 13

The Otters intercepted Carroll three times and returned two of them for touchdowns as turnovers forced Carroll into an early

hole.

"They were up 14-0 in the first quarter and you can't run the ball when you're down with a running clock," Vermin free safety Matt Wormington said. "So we had to throw, and they made plays."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles suffer heartbreaker

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Sometimes the breaks just don't fall your way.

Saint Mary's came away with that feeling well after the Belles lost to Kalamazoo Wednesday night 1-0 on a penalty kick with 32 seconds left in the game.

"We played well as a team," senior midfielder Emily Wagoner said. "We had a problem capitalizing on our oppor-

tunities. It wasn't a lack of effort."

The call that buried the Belles came when midfielder Carrie Orr caught Hornet forward Aliza Caplan from behind on a breakaway. The referee blew the whistle, and the freshman Caplan buried the kick in the back of the net to seal the game for Kalamazoo.

The loss drops the Belles to 6-3-1 in conference play, putting them in a tie for third place with Kalamazoo.

Saint Mary's had plenty of chances to score in the game outshooting the Hornets 23-11. But Kalamazoo goalkeeper Monisha Berkowski came up with 13 saves to keep the Belles in check.

"We were extremely disappointed with the loss," Wagoner said. "It's tough to play hard for a whole game and then lose like this."

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Redbirds

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maintained the stalemate throughout most of the game, matching each other point for point.

Illinois State held the biggest

advantage at 22-19, but Notre Dame rallied to even the score at 22-22 after a three-point run. Ultimately, the Irish pulled ahead for good, overcoming the Redbird defense 34-32.

"We were both fighting for each point," Henican said. "Illinois State is solid all-around. They didn't

really let us get runs with point scoring."

Illinois State notched its first victory of the night in the third game, 30-25. The Redbirds took advantage of a lull in the Irish offense, stepping up their efforts to collect 17 kills and .180 on hitting. Defensively, they limited their

counterparts to 13 kills on .130 hitting.

Thriving on the momentum from its win, Illinois State claimed the fourth game 30-23. The Redbirds improved their hitting, registering 17 kills and a .205 hitting percentage.

But Notre Dame bounced back

in an impressive display of its staying power, finishing off Illinois State 15-10. After the Irish built a four-point advantage at 14-10, Brewster secured the win with a kill.

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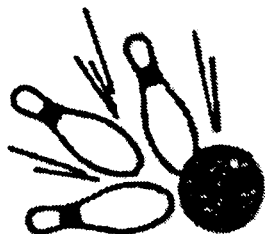
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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Alumni, Dillon renew bitter rivalry tonight

By BRAD WALLACE and
CHRIS KHOREY

Hatred could prove to be a deadly weapon.

Each hoping to outdo the other in a contest of athleticism and masculinity, Alumni (2-1) and Dillon (2-0-1) will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Riehle Field, as one of the most intense rivalries on campus will be tested.

Although they will attempt to stay focused, Dillon captain Mike Roaldi believes that it will be very difficult to overlook the competitive history of the two halls.

"We're going to go into this like it's just another game," Roaldi said. "But the rivalry between our dorms gives us a really good reason to get pumped up and excited to play."

The Big Red has proven to be a defensive powerhouse in past weeks, not allowing a single point in three games.

"Our defense has definitely been a strong point this season," Roaldi said. "Last week, they didn't give up a first down, and they've created a lot of turnovers, which definitely helps our offense a lot."

Alumni has also posted impressive defensive stats this season, forcing a number of turnovers. Tonight, they will be pitted against Dillon's strong running game.

"We've been running the ball really well the past few games," Roaldi said. "We would like to open up our passing game a little more, though. If we could do that, it would take a lot of pressure off our running backs, and I think our offense would improve a lot."

Tonight's game will be the last of the regular season for Dillon and Alumni, but neither is considering its season over.

"We want to get a big win so we have some momentum going into the playoffs," Roaldi said. "There are a lot of things we need to keep doing in order to have a good shot in the playoffs. In the end, I think that the most disciplined team will do the best throughout the postseason."

Alumni captain A.J. Remen was unavailable for comment.

O'Neill vs Stanford

Stanford and O'Neill both enter this week with major questions offensively. The Griffins have not scored in two weeks and the Angry Mob's brand-new Wing-T has resulted in a very high number of turnovers. When the two teams meet tonight at 8 p.m. at South Riehle Field, the winner will be the team whose offense can move the ball and put points on the board.

That task does not seem easy for O'Neill, who is facing a Stanford defense that has shut out its last two opponents.

"We know they have a very tough defense," Mob captain Mike Milligan said. "They've been playing some good teams and shutting them down."

Milligan hopes his defense will be able to force turnovers and put the Mob offense in promising situations.

"We're going to need our defense to get us good field position so we don't have to go the whole field," he said.

However, the Mob are going to have to cut down on turnovers to score against the staunch Griffin defense. O'Neill implemented a Wing-T offense for this season, but the complex fakes and misdirection of the scheme have resulted in as many fumbles and losses as big gains.

"We've tried to cut down on turnovers, but they still seem to happen to us," Milligan said. "We get something going, but then we shoot ourselves in the foot."

On the Stanford side of the ball, captain Vin Monaco has been trying to fix the Griffins' offensive struggles since early in the season.

"We've been running out of the wishbone and getting stuffed and passing out of the spread and not having success there either," Monaco said.

This week the team is planning some major overhauls in an attempt to move the football.

"We're going to put in some new formations to keep the defense on its toes," Monaco said.

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Silvia, Virginia, y
Marcela

Line

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dependent on their new position.

That's something that doesn't just happen overnight. Morton feels the line is going down the right path in becoming more familiar with their new positions.

"The reasons why, and stuff like that, the offensive line has talked about, and it's going to stay with the offensive line," he said. "Maybe when it's all said and done, we'll let all you guys know, but for now we'll keep it to ourselves. We know there are places we need to go and things we need to do, and we are taking the steps to get there."

Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick complimented the line for its pass blocking against Purdue, despite giving up seven sacks. Diedrick justified his statement by saying when the defense knows an offense must throw the ball on every down, it can pin back its ears and just come after the quarterback.

In that game, the Irish rushed for just 76 yards on 36 attempts.

Last week against Stanford, the line kept plugging away as the Irish gained 149 yards on the ground, albeit taking 51 attempts.

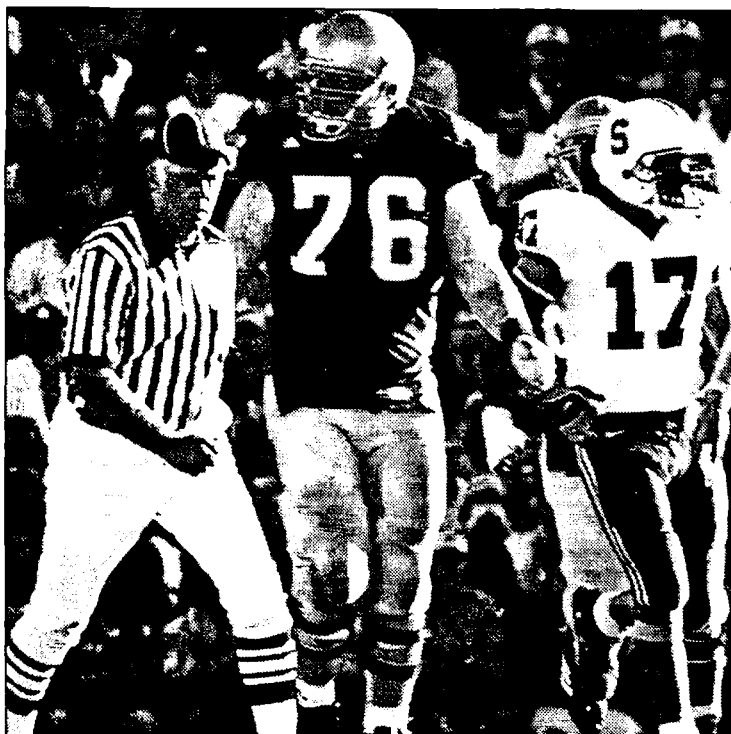
So now, it comes down to putting it all together.

"From the first week of the season, we've been right there, it's just a matter of getting it done, and that's one thing we're always striving for," Morton said. "One of these weeks we are going to get it right, and it will be a real fun thing to watch."

With only five games left in the regular season, there's not a lot of time to put it all together, but Denbrock feels this team hasn't leveled off yet and is still striving to reach its peak.

"I look forward to us continuing to make progress, and I think the most encouraging thing is at this point of the season a lot of teams can kind of level out and finish out the string, play hard but not really improve," Denbrock said. "But what I've seen from our players right now, they're interested in still improving as a football team, and with that in mind, we have a chance to be pretty good before it's all done."

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Guard Bob Morton walks upfield during Notre Dame's victory over Stanford. Morton switched to guard from center this year.

Michigan

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the Wolverines started the final period hungry. Aggressive defense and an opportunistic offense forced the Irish defense to stay close, limiting runs into Michigan territory by defenders Ryan Miller, Jack Stewart and Goldthwaite.

However, Norman would put a cushioning goal past the keeper at 85 minutes, 53 seconds, threading through the Michigan defense on a cross by Boughen.

The game extended Sawyer's shutout streak to 555 minutes.

"I've had to make maybe one save a game, two saves max,

and that's how you know your [team is] doing well — you're not allowing many shots," he said.

The team will hit the road over fall break with three crucial Big East conference games. Tonight's game, while out of conference, was a quality opponent who challenged the Irish both offensively and defensively.

"I thought our performance was a little bit back and forth," Sawyer said. "I know we can play better than that. Soccer sometimes is all about weathering the storm and taking advantage of opportunities when you get them."

The Irish have been doing so all season.

Chris Sawyer
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MEN'S SOCCER

Biting back

Irish avenge last season's Sweet 16 loss, shut out rival Wolverines 3-0

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

All victories are sweet.

But Wednesday night at Alumni Field, revenge made a 3-0 walloping of the No. 22 Wolverines that much better for the Irish.

"We talked about it beforehand and everyone came to a consensus that we wouldn't be thinking about last year coming into this game," co-captain and All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer said. "But as a returning player, it's a little hard not to [remember]. I think everyone had a little bit personal of a vendetta out there, so it was just awesome to come out here and completely dominate them."

Despite a few scares by the Wolverine offense, the win could have important bearings on the postseason.

"It wasn't our best performance, but we got the result," midfielder Greg Dalby said. "It was a really big regional game for the NCAA Tournament — to get a big win over Michigan."

Last year, the Wolverines tied the Irish 1-1 in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and advanced after a penalty kick shootout.

This year, Luke Boughen, Justin McGeeney and Nate Norman contributed a goal apiece to keep the No. 7 Irish rolling on a six-game shutout victory streak. The team improved to 10-2-1 on the season.

"It was really nice to see people like Luke Boughen step up, getting crucial goals for us," Sawyer said. "I thought it was a great overall battle for the team because they were really coming at us all game."

McGeeney notched his fifth goal of the season early in the contest, going two-on-one with a Michigan player and the goalkeeper off an Ian Etherington feed.

It didn't take long for the Irish to light up the scoreboards again, as a Kevin Goldthwaite free kick deep in Wolverine territory was settled by Joe Lapira and put home by Boughen.

"Our offense being productive has definitely taken a lot of pressure off the defense," Sawyer said. "But the guys in front of me, my four backs, have just been absolutely outstanding."

After being dominated for much of the first half, however,

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BRAD CARMEAN/The Observer
Midfielder Nate Norman passes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 shutout of Michigan Wednesday. Norman scored the last Irish goal.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish top ISU in 5 games

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

True, Notre Dame defeated Illinois State (12-5) on Wednesday.

But ask junior captain Meg Henican if the team is satisfied with the season, and she'll describe an antsy Irish team.

"We can be great," Henican said. "It's so fun to watch my teammates play and see what they can do and how good they are. I think we're yet to play to our potential."

The team showed glimpses of its potential as it bested Illinois State in five games 30-25, 34-32, 25-30, 23-30, 15-10.

The Irish continue to excel statistically, with Lauren Kelbley chipping in an impressive team-high 20 kills, averaging .283 on hitting and collecting four aces. Freshman Ashley Tarutis matched her season-high record for assists with 51, while leading the team in digs with 17.

Junior Lauren Brewster, senior Emily Loomis and freshman Adrianna Stasiuk also contributed to the Irish defensive effort with 11 blocks each.

In nearly every game, the Irish held the Redbirds to under .200 hitting and upped their opponents' errors to at least six every game. While this game didn't showcase the Irish in their prime, Henican said the Irish fulfilled their expectations for the matchup.

"We knew Illinois State was a good team, a tough one," Henican said. "We didn't execute as we had hoped, but we came out with a win so we're happy with that."

In the first game, Notre Dame kept Illinois State at arms length. The Irish defended every inch of the court, swooping in for digs and diving to save the ball and preserve their lead.

Kelbley and Stasiuk, who was recently named the Big East Rookie of the Week, spearheaded the Irish offensive effort with six kills each. Stasiuk recorded .556 and Kelbley posted a .364 in hitting. Notre Dame maintained a five-point lead in the last two serves of the game, beating Illinois State 30-25.

The second game featured 25 ties and 11 lead changes in the most fiercely contested game of the match. Both teams

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FOOTBALL

Line still looking for consistency

By MATT LOZAR
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On the surface, it looked like the offensive line was going to be a sure-fire strength for the 2004 Irish.

Four returning starters, with 2002 Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year John Sullivan being the only new starter, appeared to have left their struggles in the baptism by fire season of 2003.

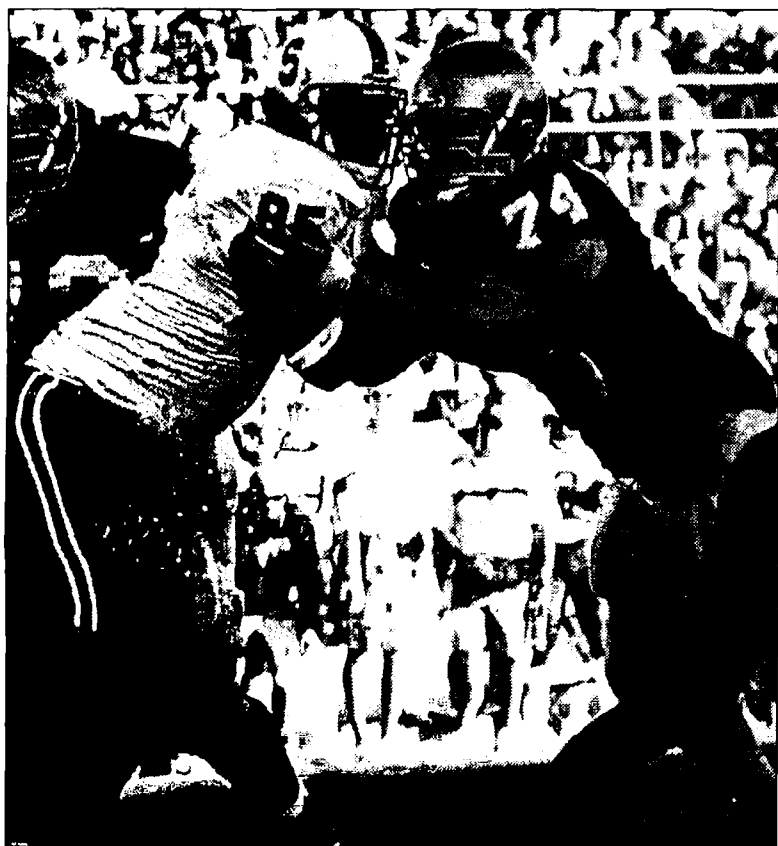
It's not that easy.

Three of those four returning starters are playing a different position in 2004, which is a potential reason for the line's inconsistency.

"Any time you're not as consistent as you want to be, you're searching for any answer and every answer that's out there," Irish offensive line coach Mike Denbrock said. "We're going to continue to dig and work and find the answers that we need to be more productive as an offensive group."

Shifting three players around on the line — Ryan Harris from right to left tackle, Bob Morton from center to left guard and Mark LeVoor from left guard to right tackle — obviously forces the players to learn new techniques and responsibilities

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Guard Dan Stevenson makes a block in Notre Dame's 23-15 win over Stanford Saturday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOCCER

Kalamazoo 1
Saint Mary's 0

A penalty kick with 32 seconds left downs the Belles on the road.

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ALCS

New York 3
Boston 1

New York pitcher Jon Lieber yields one run in seven innings as the Yankees take a 2-0 lead in the ALCS.

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NLCS

St. Louis 10
Houston 7

Centerfielder Jim Edmonds knocks in three runs as the Cardinals win Game 1.

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ALCS

Red Sox ace pitcher Curt Schilling is questionable for Game 5 of the ALCS because of an injured right ankle.

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NFL

Raiders wide receiver meets with Oakland owner Al Davis to discuss a possible trade.

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NFL

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer searches for a new way to honor former player Pat Tillman.

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