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Campus communities examine sexuality

ND Speak Out! rally addresses gender issues

By KATIE PERRY
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Students, faculty and staff gathered on Fieldhouse Mall Monday as part of a sexuality and gender rally that supporters said was designed to foster a "safe space" at Notre Dame.

The "Speak Out! Sexuality and Gender at Notre Dame" forum was the "first of its kind" at the University, senior Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) member and organizer Curtis Leighton said.

"We knew we wanted to address the state of gender relations on campus and the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning [GLBTQ] students," Leighton said. "These issues need to be addressed in a public setting ... They are not simply issues that pertain to a minority of Notre Dame students."

Junior Chris Vierig, a gay student who spoke at the event, emphasized the significance of having an open forum like this at Notre Dame.

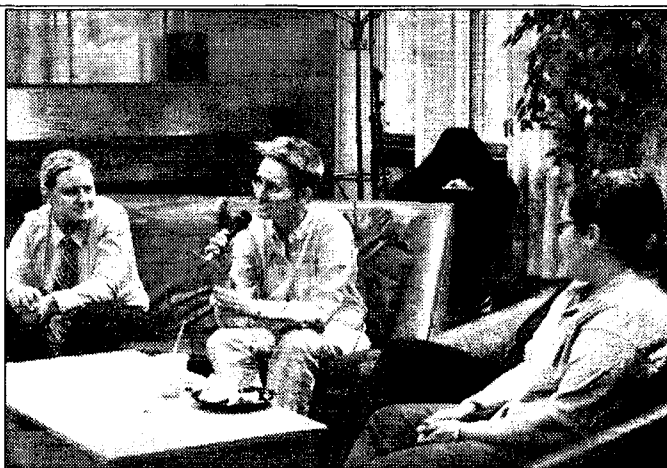
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Above, students rally at ND. At right, SMC panel members share personal stories.

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SMC panel discusses College's atmosphere

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) — a club officially recognized last spring by the College, unlike the still-striving AllianceND group at Notre Dame — held its first major public event Monday night to commemorate National Coming Out Day.

The two Saint Mary's students and two College faculty members who led the panel discussion held at Dalloway's Clubhouse told stories of progress while emphasizing the need to promote campus-wide acceptance of alternative lifestyles.

Panelist and College math professor Mary Porter recalled how the College has progressed in the past 10 years.

"Society and Saint Mary's have both moved forward, but we are still behind," Porter said.

Porter, a tenured professor who was not always "out" while teaching at Saint Mary's, is now open about her sexual preference.

"I would advise an incoming gay

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Lead-ND granted official Lead Agency designation

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's Lead-ND program has earned the position of Michiana's official Lead Agency, a designation from Youth Service America (YSA) given to only 50 U.S. Lead Agencies.

YSA is the parent organization that runs National Youth Service Day (NYSD), which is just one part of Lead-ND's effort to develop leadership with local youth.

As a Lead Agency, Lead-ND will be responsible for convening planning coalitions, making a call for projects among youth organizations in the community and organizing opening cere-

monies for Michiana's NYSD, Outreach Director and Lead-ND co-founder Meg Towle said.

Having over 750 youths involved in NYSD in South Bend last April was a major credential for Lead-ND in YSA's certification process. Lead-ND served as the unofficial Lead Agency for NYSD 2005, the first major observance of the event in the Michiana area, sophomore Outreach Coordinator Mike Laskey said in a statement.

"We were inspired by how responsive people were, so we applied for official position [of being a Lead Agency]," said Towle, who previously worked with the Missouri Lead Agency. "We are the only student organization to ever be identified as a

Lead Agency."

NYSD is in line with Lead-ND's mission of youth being active in their community, but that day of service does not ultimately define the group's work.

"Our program vision is to empower youth to prove they can be active citizens and have a hand in issues they're concerned with," Towle said. She said the vision was a result of research that indicated a lack of after-school opportunities in urban school districts, especially in leadership development.

A Volunteer Corps was sent into Jefferson Intermediate Center last spring to engage 35 youths in after-school programming that included interactive leadership simulations, group

sessions and off-site fieldtrips focused on applied learning, the Lead-ND Web site said.

Program participants are what Lead-ND terms "non traditional" leaders. Towle said students are typically recognized by the school principal or vice principal as "kids that have really strong potential to be leaders."

Lead-ND has expanded their leadership development program to three South Bend Intermediate Centers: Navarre, Brown and Jefferson. There are nearly one hundred seventh and eighth graders currently involved.

This year's Volunteer Corps consists of 18 Notre Dame students, six per site, who Towle

said were selected through an application process last spring and early fall. There are representatives from all classes, and the Corps is half female, half male.

Another ten Notre Dame students comprise a programming and outreach team directed by Towle and junior Steve Cartwright, a co-founder and program director.

Lead-ND's new curriculum, which Towle said was designed by Cartwright, is broken into three main units, each emphasizing a collection of leadership concepts, social action methods and additional cultural connections.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leito promotes Peer Advocacy

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Thanks to the Peer Advocacy Program, students have somewhere to turn if they receive a summons from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Judicial Council president James Leito and Judicial Council vice president for Peer Advocacy John Trippi presented the Council of

Representatives with developments in the program — designed to provide students with advice from trained peers prior to their conferences or hearings and support during meetings — at Monday night's meeting.

Leito, Trippi and Judicial Council director of Peer Advocacy Gina Dolan met with Associate Director of Residence Life and Housing Lori Maurer on Sept. 28 to better orient

themselves with the process and decide what was needed, Trippi said.

"We are technically up and running," he said. "We have been taking a few cases, but not many people know about the service."

Using figures from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the program determined that ten Peer Advocates were need-

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Steve Miller, Liz Kozlow, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell listen to a presentation on the Judicial Council's Peer Advocacy Program.

INSIDE COLUMN

Apparently we're poor

I knew coming to college that many of the other students would be wealthy. I, being from a middle-class family, had no problem with this. I understood that there were people better off than my family, but I also knew that there were many people who could not afford to live as comfortable as I had. I have never felt like I was deprived as a result of my middle-class upbringing, as I have never had to go without shelter, clothing or food. However, my idea of middle class normalcy was squashed after my arrival at Saint Mary's.

Kelly Higgins

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Did you know that people wear Tiffany's on a daily basis? I certainly did not. Aside from the designer label and luxury car shock, which was expected, I was astonished to come to realize that the town that I grew up in was poor, and as a result, I come from a totally different culture. I am from Portage, Indiana.

Anyone from the region can tell you that Portage is not a great place, but it is certainly not the worst place around by any stretch of the imagination.

You may be wondering how I came to realize that I come from a poor place. When it came time to re-stock on essentials such as deodorant and shampoo, I decided to make a shopping trip at the local Dollar General just as I would at home. In my mind, there is no reason to pay more money for something than you have to. After all, shampoo is shampoo, right?

Apparently, there are people who never buy generic anything and, more importantly, never venture to the dollar store. I actually took my friend on her maiden voyage to Dollar General. She was amazed that items purchased at a discount store actually work the same as brand name items. As I was pulling up to the Dollar General, I was posed with yet another question that widened our cultural gap. What is a Rent-A-Center? I was amazed. Doesn't every town have one? For those of you that may not know, Rent-A-Center is a place where people who cannot afford furniture or major appliances can go to rent them, because, after all, you have to have a refrigerator.

This is when it hit me; our strip mall in town looks something like this: Big Lots, Discount Tobacco Shop, Kidney Dialysis Center, Liquor Store, Check into Cash. Wow, my town is poor. This was even more engrained into my psyche after I realized that some people have never seen a trailer park. I can name seven local trailer parks by name. I can even tell you which are nicest.

I am not complaining by any stretch. I am grateful for the privileges that I have had in my life. I just hope others can realize how fortunate they are. I think it is important to understand that it is fine to shop at the dollar store, there is nothing wrong with living in a trailer park, Rent-A-Centers and Check into Cash establishments take advantage of other people's misfortune, not everyone takes a vacation on breaks (some of us have to work), and most importantly the neighborhood that you drive through on the way to the airport is not a ghetto. It may not be nice, but it can be and is much worse in other places. For all of the other middle and lower class students, you are not alone, see you at Big Lots.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE AND WHY?



Baker Jones
sophomore
Zahm

"Top Gun. It's the best."



Caitlin White
junior
Badin

"Jerry Maguire, because Tom had me at hello."



Chloe Bekavac
junior
Badin

"Weddings Crashers, because girls in hats are proper."



Tara Makowski
junior
Badin

"Anastasia, because every girl wants to be a princess."



Paul Cordes
freshman
Dillon

"Cruel Intentions, because school girls are scumtrulescent."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

More than 200 members of the South Bend community participated in Oktoberfest, a three-kilometer walk or five-kilometer run, Monday at Saint Mary's. All profits were donated to breast cancer research.

OFFBEAT

Prize pumpkin weighs in at 1,229 pounds

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A retired Washington firefighter won the annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Monday, presenting a gigantic pumpkin that weighed 1,229 pounds.

Joel Holland said the pumpkin could make roughly 600 pumpkin pies but instead will be displayed in a parade in Half Moon Bay this coming weekend, then carved into a jack-o'-lantern for Halloween.

"Maybe we'll set a record for the size of a pumpkin

pie next," said Holland, who has won the competition five years in a row. He won last year with a pumpkin that weighed exactly the same amount.

Holland's pumpkin had to be removed from the back of a pickup truck with a crane.

Burmese python eats Siamese cat

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Maybe this Burmese python learned a lesson from the one that tried to eat an alligator but exploded because its prey was so big. This snake apparently took on an animal that never stood

a chance — Frances, a 1-year-old Siamese cat.

Frances vanished last week from his owner's home, but his whereabouts were possibly revealed Sunday. A snake expert says Frances is the bulge inside the 12-foot-long Burmese python.

"Poor baby. He was my favorite cat. I know Siamese [cats] are supposed to be distant, but he slept in my bed and everything," said a distraught Elidia Rodriguez, the cat's owner.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Shawn Bushway, class of 1989, will give the lecture "Criminology as an Interdisciplinary, Policy-Relevant Social Science: How a Domer became a Professor of Criminology" today at 7:30 p.m. in 220 Malloy Hall. The event is sponsored by the economics and policy studies departments.

Teresa Ghilarducci, professor of Economics and Policy Studies, will give the lecture "Law & ... Potential and Pitfalls of Social Security Reform" Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Law School. The commentator will be Matthew Barrett of the Law School.

Lyndall Gordon, senior research fellow at St. Hilda's College at Oxford University, will give the lecture "Mary Wollstonecraft's America" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 210-214 McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Political Science Department. The lecture will be followed by a book-signing.

Freshmen and sophomores seeking opportunities to intern or conduct research in Latin America during the summer are invited to attend "Experiencing Latin America Fellowships," an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. Summer 2005 recipients of the fellowship will talk about their experiences and tell undergraduates how they may apply for summer 2006.

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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Over \$100,000 raised at Relay



A team walks together around the sidewalk at Stepan Center for the annual Relay for Life, which took place from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning.

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame's third annual Relay for Life was held this past weekend at Stepan Center. The 16-hour event that began Friday night at 6 p.m. and continued until 10 a.m. Saturday morning honored cancer survivors, paid tribute to those lost to the disease and raised funds to benefit research.

The American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame sponsored the event, which Relay co-chair Kay Stewart said drew an estimated 1,500 to 1,600 participants and 68 teams.

Stewart and co-chair Dee Dee Sterling said this year's outcome was a success.

"As of the morning of the Relay, we had raised over \$100,000, without expenses subtracted," Stewart said.

Among those present was University President Father John Jenkins, who spoke at Friday's opening ceremony.

Student Cole Barker and anthropology department chair James McKenna, honorary chairs of the event, also spoke about their own experiences as cancer survivors.

"I really liked the ceremony and speakers," said Pangborn sophomore Danielle Slatt. "It was very touching."

The fundraising efforts of Stanford and Farley Halls ranked as the top two among dorm teams, the Notre Dame Relay for Life Web site said.

Chris Rohrs of the Stanford team, which raised an estimated \$3,700, said he was grateful for the support from family and friends.

Freshman and Farley team captain Jennifer Melillo said she wished more students had participated.

"It was an awesome night for a good cause, but the turnout was a little disappointing," Melillo said. "Given that the University has 8,000 students, it was a big turnout, but it could have been bigger."

Melillo said the team of 25 Farley girls raised a total of \$2,160 in online donations and close to \$300 in cash or checks.

Welsh Family sophomore Kate Corcoran praised event coordinators for the atmosphere they created.

"There was music playing on loudspeakers, pumpkins to paint, smores to make at a campfire," Corcoran said. "The atmosphere was very cool, with a red carpet leading up to Stepan and luminaries lining the walking path that people had decorated in memory of those affected by cancer."

While Corcoran was there to support the "fabulous cause," she met one student who walked out of necessity.

"I talked to someone who said he was going to be there all night long, in a frantic attempt to get his ResLife hour quota filled before Fall Break," Corcoran said.

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SMC hosts Oktoberfest breast cancer fundraiser

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The Oktoberfest run and walk, a breast cancer research fundraiser hosted by Saint Mary's, drew over 200 participants Monday afternoon.

Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students, as well as faculty and members of the South Bend community, either walked three kilometers or ran five kilometers on Saint Mary's campus.

One noticeable group was the Student Nurses Association. Sporting creative shirts, the 27 nursing students raised \$137.

"As nurses, we deal with patients with cancer, and we want to do whatever we can to make things better," senior member Meredith Casey said.

Many Saint Mary's athletic teams participated in the run, including the basketball, softball and soccer teams.

"It's an easy way to raise money for a good cause," first year softball player Calli Davison said.

Committee member Alicen Miller was excited about the turnout.

"The music and the atmosphere make people want to just come and check it out," Miller said.

Since the first race eight years ago, Oktoberfest has been successful, especially within the last five years. In 2004, the event raised \$3,000, doubling the previous year's total.

Lead organizer and varsity softball coach Erin Sullivan contributes the success to the planning committee.

"The students on the committee have given countless hours to promote the event all over South Bend and gather prizes to be raffled off after the race," Sullivan said.

Miller said the planning committee was hard at work, even up until the

actual race day, meeting two hours before the event began.

A large portion of the planning process was getting the word out, Miller said.

"We sent letters out to churches," Miller said. "We made flyers to hang up around campus. We went door-to-door in my dorm to encourage people to sign up with me or later. We put up table tents on the tables in the dining hall. I made a giant sign to hang in Angela [Athletic Facility]."

But the publicity did not end there.

"We've advertised for it on U93 [a local radio station], local news stations, ND's campus, ECDC and the local churches," Sullivan said.

Sullivan credited local breast cancer survivor Kim Zobrosky for helping with the advertising.

"Kim is our inspiration at every meeting, and when the students see what an amazing person she is and what she has overcome, I think it motivates them to help make this our best Oktoberfest ever," Sullivan said.

The top 20 runners and walkers each received a free T-shirt. However, prizes were not only bestowed on the winners.

After the race, a raffle was conducted to raise even more money for the charity. Pizza from Marco's, sundaes from Ritters, hotel rooms, bowling passes, Starbucks coffee and a Swarovski crystal ornament from Gogi's Jewelry were all raffled off.

Each participant was asked to donate at least \$5 to the charity. All money raised will then be given to the research foundation, as well as to breast cancer survivor organizations.

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okay to be gay at a Catholic college," he said. "Even at a place like this, [being gay and being Catholic] don't conflict. Events like this add understanding to an issue clouded with ignorance."

Vierig said he experienced ignorance first hand as a freshman when his dorm neighbors discovered his sexual orientation and chastised him. Vierig said the students wrote "Go home, faggot!" on his whiteboard and urinated on personal photographs.

"Actions like that are formed out of ignorance," he said.

Vierig maintained the importance of events addressing issues of gender and sexuality, even though he said they sometimes have a tendency to "preach to the choir" or only attract students who already agree with the specified calls to action.

"[These events are] important for visibility," he said. "People will see this event and maybe think about it, maybe for just one second ... But if they see others are supportive, they may think it's okay to be supportive themselves."

Vierig, like most rally participants and supporters, was optimistic about the outlook of his cause. But he still expressed a desire for change.

"Change happens slow but we are taking baby steps ... and a lot of baby steps equal a big change," he said.

Director of the Gender Relations Center Heather Rakoczy spoke about the explicit and implicit disrespect of colloquial language. Rakoczy said hate speech, which includes such commonplace phrases as "that's so gay," leads to intolerance.

"Listen for opportunities to challenge language, belief and behavior," she said. "If you stop and say, 'That's not okay with me,' it ultimately gives others the courage to say that it's also not okay with them ... Language matters. Change language, change beliefs and change our community."

PSA President Molly Hayes echoed this call for change and said the University could – and should – be taking steps in the direction of tolerance and equality on campus.

"As a University that prides itself on faith, Notre Dame has a responsibility to do more," Hayes said. "We believe in the dignity of a person ... We are all part of the human family."

Stacey Williams, board member of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, agreed with Hayes and said Notre Dame's current resources do not sufficiently meet the needs of GLBTQ students on campus.

"The Princeton Review ranking is not okay," she said. "We're going to change this community."

History professor Gail Bederman gave a more historical perspective on the changing culture of sexual orientation and student action at Notre Dame.

"Thirteen years ago when I came to Notre Dame, I wouldn't have believed this," she said, gesturing to the crowd.

Bederman described a class taught in 1993 in which students were silent when prompted to discuss issues of sexuality because they "didn't know what to say."

"This was Notre Dame 13

years ago," Bederman said. "As much as we have to move and question and query and suggest, things have changed."

But although Bederman said the University has made strides to better acknowledge Notre Dame's population of GLBTQ students, she told supporters that their work was far from complete.

"Don't say, 'Everything's fine – let's go home now,'" Bederman said. "[If] you keep asking for what you want, things change."

The urgent call for change expressed at the rally was a consequence of the supporters' beliefs in the weightiness of such issues as gender and sexuality at Notre Dame. Event organizers said these topics still have controversial connotations in the University community.

Hayes said much of the discrimination toward these often-marginalized GLBTQ students is "unjust."

"Injustice comes in many forms," she said. "It comes from a lack of respect – a lack of respect for life, education and opinion."

Senior Zach Ortiz, a self-described "straight ally," said the issue of sexual discrimination is more serious that many people realize.

"Sexual discrimination is on par with racism and all of the other '-isms' that face our community," he said.

Leighton encouraged students to talk to their friends about issues like sexual discrimination, which he said are no longer deemed "taboo" or "sensitive subjects."

"Creating a 'safe space' is [about] proving the Princeton Review wrong," he said. "It's about time Notre Dame came out of the closet."

The rally included both student and faculty speakers and addressed the topics of inequality, hate speech, intolerance, the role of straight allies and the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students. Speakers employed poetry, drama and personal anecdotes and reflections to help make these contentious issues cognizant in the minds of Notre Dame community members.

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SAGA

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professor to stay closeted depending on the department they work in, for some are more liberal and accepting than others," Porter said. "Prior to becoming tenured, they may be judged on their sexual preference instead of their expertise, intelligence and research."

Sara Nielsen, sophomore panelist and SAGA vice president, said many people who believe the Catholic Church is not fully supportive of an alternative lifestyle have questioned her decision to attend Saint Mary's.

"I came to Saint Mary's because I felt good, accepted and happy when I was on campus. But when I saw how conservative some people are, I questioned my decision," Nielsen said. "But I have found wonderful students and professors who are fully supportive of me."

Leticia Verduzco, a 2004 Saint Mary's alumna and current faculty member in the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, said she also experienced difficulties as a gay student at Saint Mary's.

"I did not come out until the second semester of my senior year [at Saint Mary's]," Verduzco said. "I did not know who supported me, so I just told others one person at a time."

Senior Marisa Sandahl said she felt being Catholic and a bisexual at Saint Mary's is not easy, but believes it is her duty to work to open other's minds in regards towards homosexuality and the teachings of the Catholic church.

"Many people who are against SAGA and our mission feel this way because they believe they are coming from a morally correct standpoint," Sandahl said. "I am Catholic, and it hurts when I see people who feel this way because the Church is about love and acceptance. I wish that I could see more people embrace this aspect of their faith."

Nielsen said she believes the College's Campus Ministry works to promote a message of acceptance and erase messages of hate.

"I have been so fortunate to find the support of so many wonderful people in Campus Ministry," she said. "If anyone thinks that acceptance is lacking on this campus, they should go there and meet some of those people."

The panelists agreed the college atmosphere is not the only place they struggle to find acceptance. They said they also face the daily challenge of finding acceptance within their own families.

Sandahl said she is not embarrassed by the fact that she is bisexual, but has opted to not tell her parents about it.

"My sexuality is just an aspect of who I am, but not a defining characteristic," Sandahl said. "There are certain things I don't tell my parents because I choose not to hurt them. It does bother me that it would hurt them so much, but I know if I ever choose to be on a serious level with a woman I would tell them ... I would assume my dad has enough love for me that it would just be a little hurdle he would have to jump over."

Porter said she found that support from her parents was something that came with time. After telling them about her sexual preferences in college, she made it a topic for open discussion. This frequent discourse helped them reach a better understanding of her sexuality, she said.

Verduzco said the process of officially "coming out" produces unnecessary pressure.

"Why do I have to announce

it?" Verduzco asked. "I try to just let people get to know me and have it come out as part of a conversation."

Nielsen said she also finds it difficult to tell others about her sexuality and is very cautious about who she tells.

"I hate when people say 'that's so gay' and I hate it when I receive hate mail," Nielsen said. "I am glad to be who I am. I am happy and not ashamed."

Sandahl said discrimination at Saint Mary's was unacceptable.

"[Saint Mary's] does not mandate Catholic teachings," Sandahl said. "We deserve to be treated like every group, and people should be aware of us and more socially conscious."

Nielsen said she would like to see homosexuality discussed from an accepting Catholic perspective during freshman orientation.

Panel members said they felt many members of the College support their mission, but their ultimate goal is to further educate all students and faculty about their lifestyles and increase the number of homosexual students at Saint Mary's as a part of the push to increase campus diversity.

"We need to plan more events," Verduzco said. "I am glad to see SAGA on our campus celebrating National Coming Out Day, but this is only one day of celebration. Why not celebrate 364 more?"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Soldier killed in bombing

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suspected Taliban militant detonated explosives strapped to himself, killing a former militia commander and two others Monday in a southern Afghan city, while a second suicide bomber was thwarted when he blew himself up as he fled police.

Firefights in the country's east, meanwhile, killed a U.S. soldier and wounded three others, while an American special forces chopper was destroyed by fire as it made a hard landing during an offensive. All aboard escaped unhurt.

The violence came amid a reinvigorated insurgency by Taliban-led rebels that has killed more than 1,300 people in the past half year and highlighted the threat still facing Afghanistan as it slowly moves toward democracy.

Game theorists win Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A pair of game theorists who defined chess-like strategies in politics and business that can be applied to arms races, price wars and actual warfare won the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences on Monday.

Israeli-American Robert J. Aumann and U.S. citizen Thomas C. Schelling won the award for research on game theory, a branch of applied mathematics that uses models to study interactions between countries, businesses or people.

The theory, which was devised in 1944 by John von Neumann and Oskar Morgenstern, is often used in a political or military context to explain conflicts between countries but has been of late used to map trends in the business world, ranging from how cartels set prices to how companies can better sell their goods and services in new markets.

NATIONAL NEWS

Police beating under investigation

NEW ORLEANS — A retired elementary teacher who was repeatedly punched in the head by police in an incident caught on videotape said Monday he was not drunk, put up no resistance and was baffled by what happened.

Robert Davis said he had returned to New Orleans to check on property his family owns in the storm-ravaged city, and was out looking to buy cigarettes when he was beaten and arrested Saturday night in the French Quarter.

Police have alleged that the 64-year-old Davis was publicly intoxicated, a charge he strongly denied as he stood on the street corner where the incident played out Saturday.

"I haven't had a drink in 25 years," Davis said. He had stitches beneath his left eye, a bandage on his left hand and complained of soreness in his back and aches in his left shoulder.

Miers not licensed to carry gun

AUSTIN, Texas — Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, who once owned a .45-caliber revolver, is not licensed to carry a concealed handgun in Texas. State officials refused Monday to reveal whether she has ever been licensed.

Miers' brother gave her the Smith & Wesson handgun when he was worried about her living alone in Dallas. Judge Nathan Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court, a longtime friend of Miers', has said she kept the gun for a long time.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels plans aggressive agenda

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels has made it quite clear that he will pursue an aggressive agenda in the 2006 short legislative session and that he wants lawmakers to be very productive over its two-and-a-half months of work from January to mid-March.

In other words, he does not want a repeat of 1998.

Many lawmakers went into that January saying it could be the most productive short session in history. But they went home two weeks early with many saying it was a bust.

PAKISTAN

South Asia suffers from earthquake

Pakistan experiences its worst-ever earthquake and now seeks international aid

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD — For two days, the young tailor lay trapped under concrete slabs and wood beams, dead bodies flanking him, in what used to be a two-story building. On Monday, British rescuers pulled the dusty, wide-eyed man into the sunlight.

"I haven't eaten in three days, but I'm not hungry," said the 20-year-old man, who identified himself only as Tariq. He begged instead for water.

The eight Britons used a body-detecting dog, drills, chain saws and crowbars to extricate Tariq from the ruins 54 hours after Pakistan's worst-ever earthquake. He suffered a leg injury and was carted away on a door.

Tariq's rescue from the rubble was one of many reported in the mountainous swath touching Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. Two girls were plucked from a collapsed school in Balakot, and a woman and child were pulled from an apartment building in Islamabad — notes of hope amid a massive humanitarian crisis.

International aid started pouring in Monday. Aircraft loaded with supplies came from the United States, Britain, Japan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. Rival India, Russia, China and Germany also offered assistance.

Eight U.S. helicopters — five Chinook transport choppers and three Black Hawks for heavy lifting — were diverted from the war in neighboring Afghanistan. They carried supplies, tarpaulins and equipment, including high-tech cameras for finding buried survivors.

Three military cargo planes with blankets, tents, meals and water also landed in Islamabad.

"Pakistan is one of our



A woman of a British rescue team, center, carries a two-year-old boy who was rescued Monday after being trapped under the debris of a collapsed building in Islamabad.

closest allies in the war on terror and we want to help them in this time of crisis," military spokeswoman Sgt. Marina Evans said in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Washington pledged up to \$50 million in relief and reconstruction aid, U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said.

"We have under way the beginning of a very major relief effort," he said.

Desperate Pakistanis huddled against the cold and some looted food stores because aid still had not reached remote areas of mountainous Kashmir, where Saturday's magnitude-7.6 earthquake flattened villages, cut off

power and water, and killed tens of thousands.

Officials predict the death toll, now estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000, will climb because of exposure and disease. With winter just six weeks away, the United Nations has said 2.5 million people near the Pakistan-India border need shelter.

Injured people were airlifted from remote areas, and Pakistan's army distributed rice to starving survivors.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said his government was doing its best to respond. He had appealed for international help, particularly cargo helicopters

to reach remote areas cut off by landslides.

"We are doing whatever is humanly possible," Musharraf said. "There should not be any blame game. We are trying to reach all those areas where people need our help."

Pakistan said it would accept aid from longtime rival India, which promised tents, food, medicine and other aid.

The nations have fought two wars over Kashmir, which both claim as theirs. Pakistan suffered the worst of the damage and casualties, and India reported 865 deaths in its portion of the Himalayan province.

Severe flooding affects Eastern U.S.

Associated Press

ALSTEAD, N.H. — Residents assessed the damage wrought by the weekend's deadly floods across the Northeast, but the swollen rivers barely had a chance to recede Monday as more rain was forecast.

At least 10 people died in the heavy downpours and about a half-dozen people remained unaccounted for, including a couple whose house was washed away by a surge of water over Warren Lake dam in Alstead.

Floods tore up highways, tossed vehicles like toys, and knocked out electricity from North Carolina to Maine.

"I've seen pictures of earthquakes that don't look as bad as this road," Alstead resident Glen Frank, 54, said Monday of Route 123 in southwestern New Hampshire.

The most severe flooding in the state was in and around Keene, where some major roads were under as much as 4 to 6 feet of water, officials said. The city had no electricity and reverberated with the sounds of generators and pumps Monday when the governor visited.

Gov. John Lynch returned from a business trip to Europe on Sunday to take charge of relief efforts in New Hampshire. He declared a state of emergency and called in 500 National

Guardsmen.

The National Weather Service warned that dams could fail or overflow if more rain falls in the next several days.

"At the moment, we are satisfied that they're all in good shape," New Hampshire emergency management Director Bruce Cheney said of the dams. "Our concern is that additional water may change that."

George Butler said his sister, Sally Canfield, and her husband, Tim, were told to evacuate their home twice during the night, but stayed. Butler said when he walked through the woods later on Sunday to look, the house was gone.

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The units evolve from identifying basic leadership qualities to learning and implementing the specific skills necessary to take social action. The youths will plan their own service projects, drawing on the skills they developed throughout the year, which they will carry out in conjunction with NYSD, Laskey said.

As the official Lead Agency, Lead-ND will benefit from a \$2,000 grant from YSA, in addition to personalized program-planning assistance. This money goes directly toward work in South Bend

through NYSD, Towle said. Another new development is the Lead-ND Board of Advisors, Towle said. Irish head football coach Charlie Weis will serve as the honorary chair.

The Board of Advisors reviews Lead-ND's programming and serves as the organization's "primary sounding board" in the South Bend community, Laskey said.

Towle said the Board of Advisors will also consult with current participants and parents of participants for feedback on programming and NYSD.

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ed. The application email that was sent to the student body generated interest, and the Program received 85 applications. 27 applicants were granted interviews that will occur this week.

"There's been a lot of enthusiasm," Trippi said. "So many people said this is exactly what they want to do, that it fits with their career plans."

Oriental and training for Peer Advocates will occur the week following fall break. The group will work to publicize the program in the two weeks following break.

"We're really enthusiastic about it," Leito said. "Part of the problem was that the program had nothing going for it at beginning of year, so we wanted to make sure that we had peer advocates before we advertised."

Peer Advocates will advise students who have upcoming disciplinary conferences and hearings, Leito said, but will only appear with the students at hearings of a more serious nature. There are approximately 60 hearings each semester, while 500 to 800 letters are sent out each year for conferences and hearings.

"Whenever an infraction is reported, it is assigned to one of the directors of ResLife,"

Leito said. "They decide whether it merits a conference or hearing based on severity and the student's history."

The program is completely confidential and is affiliated with Student Government, not the Office of Residential Life, Trippi said. Students who are interested in Peer Advocacy services should e-mail the Judicial Council.

"One thing we hope this helps out is off-campus students," Leito said. "Lots of people on campus have a resource in their rector or an RA. Off-campus students don't always have anyone to go to or may be reluctant to go back to their rectors [for support]."

In other COR news:

Junior Lindsay Hero spoke to the council about the Notre Dame Gulu Walk and Uganda-CAN, the international group started at Notre Dame that organizes the Gulu Walk. The Gulu Walk, which will take place in cities around the world on Oct. 22 and 23, is intended to show solidarity for the children who are kidnapped to fight in the war in Uganda and to draw attention to the cause.

"Notre Dame is being recognized by news networks nationally and internationally as a center of discussion about Uganda," Hero said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members grant financial request



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Board of Governance representatives hear a proposal for the purchase of t-shirts for an upcoming Big Sis-Little Sis event involving members of the freshman and sophomore classes.

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

Members of the Sophomore Board came to the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night with financial requests to purchase t-shirts for the second annual upcoming Big Sis-Little Sis event.

"We are trying to make the event even more successful than last year," sophomore Christine Darche said. "Big Sis-Little Sis is about uniting two classes and supporting Saint Mary's spirit ... It's going to be very fun."

The Sophomore Board requested and received an allowance of \$700 to purchase t-shirts for the Nov. 30 event. Sophomore Board members expect 280 students to attend. The first 100 girls to arrive

will receive the t-shirt.

Of the 280 participants, 200 are freshman and 80 are sophomores, numbers the Board members called a great improvement since the program is only in its second year. Jaclyn Zins, a 2004 Saint Mary's alumna, attended the meeting to recruit for Teach for America, a program in which college graduates teach in urban areas to "close the achievement gap between lower and upper income classes," Zins said.

In other BOG news:

Student body president Kellye Mitros had a special announcement.

"Congratulations to Board members Meghan Cahill, Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis for their recent campus activity successes, including the 'Sundaes on Sunday,' the

Student Bonfire, and 'Fall Day,' all of which took place in the last week," she said.

Mitros said she received positive feedback from the events.

Shropshire, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) president, told Board members that SDB would work on getting "Diversity Matters" bracelets similar to the ones spotted at Notre Dame.

Residence Hall Association commissioner Jackie Wright said the Saint Mary's tunnels will be re-opened for one night on Oct. 27 for the "Haunted Tunnels."

The event will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$2 or can be purchased at the door for \$3.

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Looking for an Opportunity to Make a Difference?

CIA's Directorate of Intelligence will be interviewing candidates for Analyst Positions.

Representatives from CIA's analytical arm, the Directorate of Intelligence, will be interviewing for analyst positions in Chicago during the week of November 14th. Analysts work on the forefront of protecting national security, quickly assessing how rapidly changing international developments will impact US interests at home and abroad. They use information from classified and unclassified sources from around the world to develop and provide the reliable intelligence that is essential for US policymakers to make informed decisions. The DI is hiring for the following positions:

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- Counterintelligence Threat Analyst
- Counterterrorism Analyst
- Economic, Political, Leadership and Military Analysts
- Science, Technology and Weapons Analyst
- Medical Analyst
- Psychological/Psychiatric Analyst
- Crime and Counternarcotics Analyst

Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Language skills, previous foreign area residence or travel, and relevant work experience are pluses. Candidates must successfully complete a medical examination, polygraph interview, and an extensive background investigation. All positions require US citizenship and relocation to the Washington, DC area.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,238.76	-53.55	
Up: 940	Same: 133	Down: 2,207	Composite Volume: 2,215,936,070
AMEX	1,651.07	-23.83	
NASDAQ	2,078.92	-11.43	
NYSE	7,385.57	-49.62	
S&P 500	1,187.33	-8.57	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,323.88	+96.14	
FTSE 100(London)	5,374.50	+12.20	
Companys			
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.55	-0.21	38.13
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.79	-0.14	17.49
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.53	-0.13	24.46
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	0.00	0.00	2.14
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-2.64	-0.11	4.06
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	0.00	0.00	45.69
10-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	43.61
5-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	42.35
3-MONTH BILL	0.00	0.00	35.33
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.04		61.80
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.30		478.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.03		96.45
Exchange Rates			
YEN			114.0750
EURO			0.8310
POUND			0.5708

IN BRIEF

Lincoln National acquiring Jefferson-Pilot

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lincoln National Corp. said Monday it will acquire rival Jefferson-Pilot Corp. for about \$7.5 billion in cash and stock, as the two century-old companies create what executives said would be one of the largest publicly traded life insurance companies in the U.S.

The buyer, which will retain the Lincoln National and Lincoln Financial Group names, will be the nation's largest seller of universal life insurance products and a leader in group disability insurance and retirement plan assets, the companies said.

The deal is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2006 after shareholder and regulatory approval.

Executives predicted annual cost savings of about \$180 million after the two companies are combined. Lincoln National, which was founded in Fort Wayne, Ind., and headquartered there until 1998, has annual sales of \$5.4 billion, while Jefferson-Pilot has annual sales of \$4.1 billion.

"It makes perfect sense and it's just what the doctor ordered," analyst Tamara Kravec, who follows both companies for Bank of America Securities LLC, wrote to investors after the announcement.

Military company suffers from hurricanes

LOS ANGELES — Northrop Grumman Corp. slashed its 2005 profit forecast Monday after estimating that damages and work delays caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita will cut about 40 cents a share from full-year earnings.

The Los Angeles-based military contractor estimated damage to its shipbuilding unit caused by the storms at \$1 billion and said it expects to take a charge of 8 cents a share in the third quarter to cover work delays.

Northrop said it expects to book another charge of 30 cents to 35 cents a share to cover increased costs associated with existing ship contracts caused by the work delays and tighter margins.

The hurricanes damaged Northrop's Ship Systems shipyards in New Orleans, Pascagoula, Miss., and Gulfport, Miss., although the company said damage from Rita was minor.

Delphi Bankruptcy could affect GM, UAW

Auto supplier's bankruptcy throws companies' negotiations into jeopardy

Associated Press

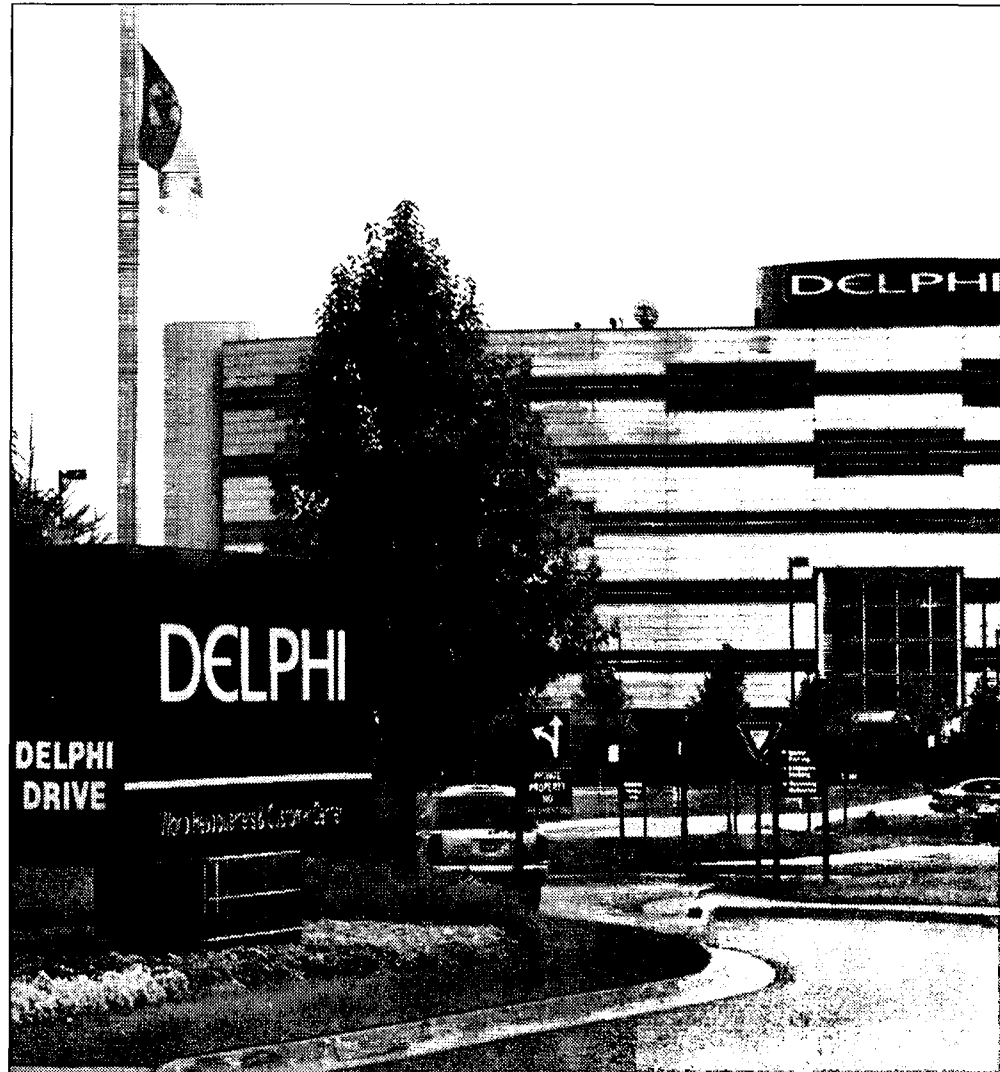
DETROIT — General Motors Corp. has been negotiating with the United Auto Workers for months in an attempt to lower its skyrocketing health care costs, but those talks could be jeopardized by Delphi Corp.'s bankruptcy, analysts said Monday.

Uncertainty over GM's situation caused its shares to fall \$2.81, or nearly 10 percent, to close at \$25.49 on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares of auto supplier Delphi, which filed for bankruptcy on Saturday and has 7,500 employees in the Indiana factory towns of Kokomo and Anderson, fell 76 cents to close at 36 cents.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services also lowered GM's credit rating one level deeper into "junk" status Monday, from BB- to BB-, a move that could make it harder for the struggling automaker to borrow money. GM, which is Delphi's former parent and largest customer, will likely face price increases from Delphi and also is at risk of disrupted supply if there is labor strife at Delphi plants, S&P said.

GM and the UAW have been talking since early spring about ways to cut GM's annual health care bill, which will grow to \$5.6 billion this year. GM has suggested, among other measures, that hourly workers should pay as much for their health care as salaried workers do. The UAW has said it will consider some ways to help GM but won't reopen its contract with the automaker, which is scheduled to expire in September 2007.

Some industry analysts said the UAW may be less willing to make concessions to GM now because the automaker didn't prevent Delphi from declaring bankruptcy, putting the supplier's 24,000 UAW-represented hourly work-



Though General Motors has been negotiating with the United Auto Workers to reform health care costs, the proceedings may be halted by the Delphi Corp.'s recent file for bankruptcy.

ers at risk of massive pay cuts.

GM spun off Delphi in 1999 but left it with high labor costs, and the supplier is expected to seek cuts in wages and health care during its restructuring. A recent letter to union members said Delphi wants to cut its \$27 hourly wage by as much as 60 percent. Any contract changes must now be approved by the bankruptcy court.

"GM's apparent decision to let Delphi fail may signal a new hard line labor strategy at the company," Merrill Lynch analyst John Casasa said in a note to investors. "The company — purposefully or inadver-

tently — has put the union on notice."

Casasa said Delphi's bankruptcy was a huge blow to the UAW. The union said Saturday it tried to prevent a bankruptcy and implied GM was reluctant to assist Delphi.

"We made it clear to Delphi that we were willing to continue discussions and to consider a wide range of options," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said in a joint statement. "However, from the outset of talks about a possible bankruptcy filing, Delphi made it clear that the UAW alone could not solve the

company's problems."

GM spokesman Jerry Dubrowski wouldn't comment on GM's negotiations with the UAW, but said they are continuing. A message was left with the UAW seeking comment Monday.

Himanshu Patel, an auto analyst with JPMorgan Chase & Co., said GM's hope of obtaining as much as \$1 billion worth of concessions from the UAW "is probably now a stretch given likely worsened GM-UAW relationship." Patel said GM may not have acted to prevent Delphi's bankruptcy because it wasn't promised enough concessions of its own from the UAW.

Stocks decline, causing investor anxiety

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Monday as Delphi Corp.'s bankruptcy filing and lowered outlooks at Northrop Grumman Corp. and Xilinx Inc. set a gloomy tone on Wall Street ahead of the upcoming third-quarter earnings season.

The market extended last week's losses as investors grew anxious for earnings reports to gauge the impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and to get a glimpse of where the economy is headed as companies forecast future results. Stocks took a hit after Northrop said the storms would hurt its 2005 profit, while chip maker Xilinx pegged its sales below previous

targets.

However, "this is the time when you get profit warnings instead of earnings surprises," said John Forelli, portfolio manager at Independence Investments LLC. "Once the reports start flying in next week, you typically get a lot of positive reinforcement from earnings."

But the market received some good news after the close, when aluminum producer Alcoa Inc. posted a profit that beat analysts' forecasts despite pressure from soaring energy costs and lower aluminum prices.

Wall Street had some early support from a \$7.5 billion acquisition in the insurance sector and an upgrade at International Business Machines Corp., but the major indexes slipped

into negative territory after each losing more than 2 percent last week.

Many traders took the Columbus Day holiday off. At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 53.55, or 0.52 percent, to 10,238.76, its lowest close since mid-May.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 8.57, or 0.72 percent, to 1,187.33, while the Nasdaq composite index sank 11.43, or 0.55 percent, to 2,078.92.

The U.S. government bond market was closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading, and gold prices edged higher.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You are the music while the music lasts."

T.S. Eliot
poet

Americana beauty

The University of Notre Dame is a beautiful place to be, but it is nonetheless enclosed in an artificial world that does not need to be explained, as much ink has already been spilt upon this subject. It is important to note that while we do live in a bubble, so does the vast majority of the modern Western world. In a world of stresses, pressures and general nonsense, it is imperative to escape for some rootsy, organic fun. There is a great necessity for people to get back to basics and enjoy pleasures that are as simple and real as they are sublime. Enter Americana music, and especially Bluegrass.



Ian
Ronderos

Liberated

Realizing this unquenchable lust for Bluegrass, four dear friends and I made the trip to the Second Annual American Folk Festival in Nashville, Tenn. Armed with two handles of whiskey and a carton of cigarettes, we roared down to Tennessee at 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning blaring Bob Dylan's "Nashville Skyline" album, unaware of exactly how incredible the experience would indeed be.

Bluegrass is particularly well suited for one looking to get back in touch with the simpler things of life, and ultimately the things that really matter. An eclectic amalgamation of country, blues, Irish and Scottish folk and even jazz, Bluegrass is able to produce a sound that can stretch across the ranges of human emotions going from crushing depression to frenzied ecstasy. Few can help from dancing and stomping along when a bluegrass band transcends into

a raging flurry of banjo notes picked at a pace quicker than thought. At the same time, Bluegrass is able to produce slow songs of sorrow and heartbreak.

The human experience is made up of experiences both good and bad. While it is important to celebrate the better points of life and not dwell upon the negative aspects of our existence, it is crucial to recognize that both exist and to give each their respective dues. As an unflinching optimist, this was a great revelation to me. I realized that I was hearing the entire course of the human life wrapped up and packaged into one astonishing festival. It dawned upon me how beautiful this existence is, even the negative aspects have a certain tragic beauty that can be appreciated for what they are when given their due.

The festival atmosphere itself, even aside from the music, was most conducive for returning to the essentials. There was a great communal aspect that was so far removed from the profit driven nature of the world in which we live. The festival, was most certainly not vast enough for the large number of performers to make much of a profit, if many of the bands even got paid at all. Love of the music brought so many of the great bluegrass artists to Nashville. The arts and crafts tents were also removed from the complication of the profit motive. The artists were small-scale local artists selling the wares for generally modest prices that they obviously made out of love for what their chosen craft. It was refreshing to see the genuineness of their attitude, and it reinforced to me that there is so much more to life than the size of one's bank account.

The communal nature of the festival was best embodied by the people who attended. There was a great sense of being a part of something greater than

the self that truly liberated one. This is a feeling that is precious and often hard to encounter in a culture that places so much emphasis on the self and its wants and desires. The greatest sense of joy came from the camaraderie that I did share with my four fellow road trippers. As great as any experience is, it is truly the people that one shares it with that makes the moment most great. There are moments of true clarity where people are enraptured in a timeless state where nothing matters but the now and the bond of friendship of those who experience it. Bonds and moments like these make life truly worth living. They are the good times that we celebrate in Bluegrass, and indeed help us get over the sad times that we recognize in the same genre. Nothing could be more real and sincere in a world and society that too often rewards those who are ruthless, insincere and double-faced.

The American Folk Festival epitomized an organic spirit where things were not forced. A true love of a genre that is not the most commercially profitable brought together a great number of fans, craftsmen, and bands. As opposed to commerciality, there was a vibe of simple relaxation where worries and cares had no place. People could truly be at peace with themselves and see beauty stripped of the artificial.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

U-WIRE

Watch out for falling prices and stupid people

When you write a column like mine, there comes a time when you're really just not sure what to say anymore. It's at that proverbial fork-in-the-road that one can make several different choices — turn political, write bad jokes or complain incessantly. That said, I have chosen to whine like a teenage girl about the one thing that every college student can understand — Wal-Mart. For one of my classes, I had to go to Wal-Mart and write a short essay on whatever made me upset in the store. This discounts the fact that Wal-Mart itself makes me upset. I hate Wal-Mart, not because of their business practices, not even for driving small businesses under. I hate Wal-Mart because it is the center for idiocy in every small town. A place where people will buy things not out of necessity, but because they are "on sale." But I want to pass my class, so off to Wal-Mart with a short list and my complete patience quotient for the week.

Jeremy Gildewell
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It's raining when I get there, so I pull out an umbrella and walk inside. My list is broken down into three main sections — toiletries, a bucket and food. I attack them in that order. The toiletries are on the far side of the store in a section that rivals Houston for traffic supremacy.

This is partly because there are people going in all directions in each aisle. This conflicts with my idea that, like driving, we should stick to one side of the aisle whenever possible (I prefer the right, but I'm not going to discriminate against our British friends). There is something far worse than the non-directional driving — the "stoppers." These are the people that park the cart in the middle of the aisle and proceed to walk around to gather items without moving their carts. Inconsiderate and inconvenient, I don't want to spend more time in an unwanted place. If it were

up to me, there would be a larger seat in the cart, large enough for a college student, and my brother would ride in the seat, throwing items into the cart while I run through the store at Mach 1, thus completing the shopping experience in just less than 23 seconds.

Apparently, my household is in need of a bucket. This is news to me, as I hadn't used a bucket in almost five years. Since I was on that side of the store, I decided to get it right then. I thought that it would be quicker to cut through an aisle on that side of the store to get to the hardware/paint section. This turned out to be a mistake of epic proportions — the toy section (Wal-Mart calls it Toyland) is on the right. The toy section is the very bane of my existence as I hate children.

The buckets were easy enough to find, and I have my choice of several colors in varying stages of neon: green, orange, pink and, the one I ended up choosing, white. It should be noted that the one I ended up choosing is currently sitting in my garage, completely untouched by human hands.

Bucket in hand, I make my way over to the grocery part of the store to pick up a few things, having spent well over 30 minutes in the store by this point.

This side goes smoother except for the presence of parents shopping with their kids, as every single item can be found on the sides of the aisles, allowing me to pick up

everything without even stopping the cart. I finish fairly quickly and sprint to the checkout lines and find a self-checkout with no one in it.

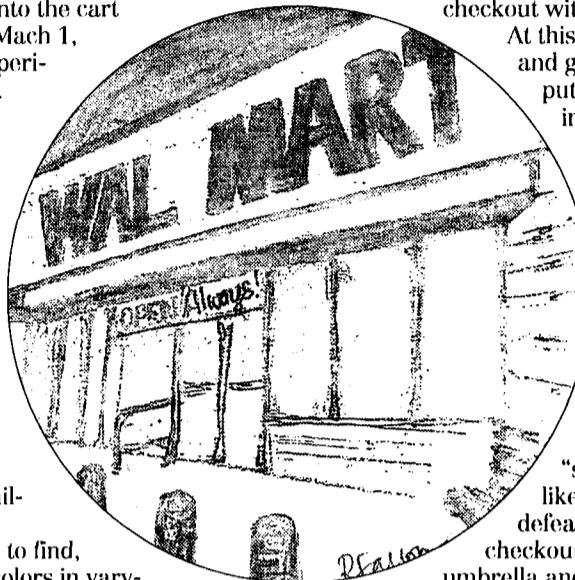
At this point I have a moment of genius and great self-satisfaction. Rather than put the items in a bag, I'll carry them in the bucket with no excess plastic necessary.

The machine disagrees, and begins to malfunction due to the weight in the bag, and the fact that I have to be 21 years old to buy the bucket — they checked my ID. In my continued moment of genius, I kick the machine, causing the cashier to come over to berate me about disrespecting the store.

She tells me to stop pressing the "skip bag" button and use the bags like a normal person, to which I admit defeat. When walking away from the checkout machine, she questions my umbrella and accuses me of stealing it from the store. I open the umbrella and show that it is wet from the rain currently falling upon the Earth.

She grudgingly lets me pass, and I head for my car, wondering why Wal-Mart is the only store in the U.S. allowed to sell both alcohol and firearms.

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Keeping up with technology

Since I am the proud owner of testosterone and a paltry display of chest hair, it's sort of implied that I like gadgets.

Phones, video games, computers, stereos — whatever.

I even bought my car based on its sweet cup-holders. I don't know if my childhood of too many James Bond movies is to blame, but it couldn't have helped; I've always been a gadget nerd.

Then it happened. It was Saturday, therefore I was in my customary position on the couch in front of the television, captivated by a good college football game.

Slipped among the beer-commercials chick-fests that generally keep men occupied between snaps, there was a commercial for a toothbrush. Normally, I would think this is a grand idea, as guys are notoriously dumb creatures and we need to be reminded to brush our teeth every day. Short, persuasive and colorful, commercials are the perfect vehicle for such prompts.

But this was no ordinary toothbrush commercial.

This particular advertisement was for a toothbrush with an on-board computer. I'm going to repeat that for the sake of clarification.

This advertisement was for a toothbrush with an on-board computer.

Now, I'm generally of the opinion that everything can be made better with the addition of a computer chip and LCD display. But a toothbrush? Really?

Let's think about it. What could a tiny computer in the handle of a toothbrush possibly do? Sometimes, right before I switch from brushing my top teeth to brushing my bottom ones, I get the urge to play Galaga. Will this toothbrush fill the void in my life?

Does it have a word processor? Could I type my WR 324 homework out on it? Because that would be so convenient.

Maybe it's wireless-internet enabled, and I could check my Facebook before flossing.

Perhaps I've been tainted against new

technology for some time, ever since my first encounter with an obnoxious automatic paper towel dispenser. But lately, I'm really getting sick of new gadgets and technological wizardry.

When they first got big, I bought myself an iPod. For about a month, I was the coolest kid on the block. I was so proud, in fact, that it became the inspiration for one of these columns.

Then they came out with the iPod mini, then the Shuffle and now the Nano. Now mine is like six revisions old, and I'm afraid to wear it to campus for fear that some guy with a new, sexy little iPod Nano is going to push me over and ridicule me with a Nelson-laugh for my aging technology.

Then, not long ago I bought a new cell phone. It was the talk of the town for quite some time. Now it's held together with Scotch tape, while the guy standing next to me in line at Panda Express is simultaneously talking to his mother, text-messaging his girlfriend with a full keyboard, checking his e-mail and downloading unreleased episodes of "Family Guy" on his uber-phone. Mine rings its little beeping version of the "Frangile Rock" theme song, and I sulk away, too embarrassed to answer it.

Sorry, roomies, I'll call you back.

I'm not going to lie. If I could afford all of these things, I would probably buy them in a heartbeat. Unfortunately, Barometer columnist pay is meager at best, and I need the money for beer to complete my "Around the World" at Suds & Suds.

So maybe I'm not really sick of new technology, I'm just pissed off that I'm too broke to afford it.

Fortunately I have my new toothbrush to keep my mind off my financial woes. It does, in fact, come with Galaga, and I'll be damned if I quit brushing my teeth before I beat the high score.

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Don't fear tracking technology

You walk up to the cash register with a package of hot dogs, the cashier scans it, and a screen pops up on the computer: "Ask the customer if he would like potato chips." So the cashier does, and you leave the store with hot dogs and potato chips and walk home.

Upon entering the door, your home computer asks if you'd like to order a pizza in three hours. You say "yes" as you take your garbage out. As soon as your garbage leaves the door, your computer reminds you that you're out of milk and would like to know if you want more ordered.

Sound like something out of the Jetsons? Well, it's not.

The scenario can be made possible by an increasingly popular technology called Radio Frequency Identification.

According to RFIDjournal.com, RFID is a technology that uses radio waves to automatically identify people or objects.

Companies ranging from Sysco to INTEL to Chevron use RFID for tracking purposes — all of which make lives much easier for those companies.

Consumers have yet to hear much from RFID for one important reason — money.

Today, passive RFID tags commonly cost 25 to 50 cents each, estimated Raj Veeramani, a professor of engineering and business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who works with RFID. Bar codes, on the other hand, cost a fraction of a cent. Obviously, this makes RFID for consumers unfeasible.

Allen Nogue, principle analyst at In-Stat Group, stated, "Over the past few years, tag prices have been dropping by as much as 50 percent a year. The general consensus is that tag prices will have to drop to 5 cents or less for companies to see a return on investment." That's not as far away as some would think.

Once RFID is in place for consumer

use, it will be used for everything from tracking shopping habits, reminding you to buy potato chips with hotdogs, buying a pizza every night at 9 p.m., or keeping track of your home inventory, like letting you know you're out of milk.

With all this potential, it seems there's a bright future for the RFID industry. However, as with all bright futures, there comes a dark cloud.

The RFID industry has faced strong opposition. In a new book titled, "Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track Your Every Move with RFID," Katherine Albrecht and Liz McIntyre claim companies Philips, Procter and Gamble, Gillette, NCR and IBM work together and with the federal government to follow consumers everywhere using RFID tags planted in clothing and belongings.

Albrecht, director of the consumer privacy group Caspian, is at the forefront of the attack on RFID. She has been in numerous articles and made countless radio and television appearances warning of the dangers of RFID.

Albrecht worries retail companies will combine the data from RFID tags with customers' information, turning the RFID tag into a tracking beacon. She also suspects the government will want access to the retailers' RFID databases.

However, if you see "Spychips" on the bookshelves or hear Albrecht speaking, don't be frightened. The downside potential of the RFID doesn't compare to the positives gained from this new technology.

Maybe it's just me, but I look forward to reminders I forgot the toilet paper, letting my PC order pizza or knowing exactly what supplies I need, simply by taking out the garbage.

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LEGENDS EVENT

Kevin Smith's film delivers wit on romance

By MARY SQUILLACE
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We all know how the story usually goes. Boy meets girl, or girl meets boy. Their relationship falls into jeopardy through trials and tribulations of some shape or form. Then, yadda, yadda, right at the end, probably with some Van Morrison's "Someone Like You," playing in the background, the two finally find a way to overcome and live happily ever after.

This standard is safe, but frankly boring after hundreds of retellings of the same fairy-tale contemporary romances.

"Chasing Amy" (1997) on the other hand, is anything but safe or boring with its portrayal of romance. Instead, not even the simple boy-meets-girl label can be applied to this film. Where typical romantic comedies rely on convention and paradigmatic plotlines, Kevin Smith's ("Mallrats," "Dogma") film intertwines compelling questions about sexuality with a romantic plight that defies the ordinary.

In this less-than-simplistic romance, comic book artist Holden (Ben Affleck) falls for Alyssa, whom he soon learns is a lesbian. Aside from the obvious complications in getting their relationship off of the ground, the overwhelming disapproval of Holden's best friend, Banky (Jason Lee), Alyssa's past, as well as Holden's present insecurities drive a rift between the couple. Consequently, the hurdles within Holden

and Alyssa's relationship drive a constant stream of salient dialogue between the verbose characters, drawing attention to a wide range of issues regarding sex and sexuality.

Smith shelves delicacy and broaches difficult topics with boldness that he delivers with enough wit and perspective to prevent his film from becoming didactic or one sided in the opinions it expresses. He provides the questions, but lets his viewers come up with all of the answers.

All of this considered, the film is still punctuated with Smith's idiosyncrasies as a filmmaker, including his irreverent and raunchy sense of humor. However, "Chasing Amy" surpasses Smith's other films, such as "Mallrats" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" in the way that the comedy lends itself to making points that hold up as more than mere punch-lines.

From Lee's cynical, whiny Banky to Dwight Ewell's Hooper X, a militant black man and closeted homosexual who disguises his sexuality under his fierce, exaggerated exhibitions of allegiance to the Black Panther Party, the film features a memorable cast of characters. Joey Lauren Adams ("Big Daddy") is also endearing as the film's unconventional leading lady, conveying both Alyssa's attractive quirki-

ness as well as her emotional sincerity. While he has a tendency to be flat and unremarkable in most of his films, Affleck also delivers with his role as



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Holden (Ben Affleck) chats with Banky (Jason Lee) in Kevin Smith's "Chasing Amy." The movie is screening as a part of Legend's "Brew and View" series.

Holden. His role as the hapless suitor and hopeless romantic appears genuine, as well as his onscreen chemistry with Adams.

As hilarious as it is thought-provoking, and with a degree of crudeness that provokes an "ew" for every "aw" the romantic monologues prompt, "Chasing Amy" succeeds in bringing unique and daring subject matter to the screen.

All Notre Dame and St. Mary's students will have a chance to catch "Chasing Amy" Thursday following Ha's

10 p.m. performance at Legends. The screening is part of Legends' weekly "Brew and View" and offers students a chance to enjoy drinks, free tater tots and the atmosphere of Legends while watching a variety of movies. Past Views have included "Napoleon Dynamite," "Happy Gilmore" and "Jaws." On Thursday, Oct. 27, View will feature "Beavis and Butthead Do America."

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'Chasing Amy' Brew and View

Venue: Legends
Time: Thursdays, following nightly performance
Starring: Jason Lee, Ben Affleck, Joey Lauren Adams

DVD REVIEW

Cronenberg's 'The Fly' fills Halloween horror niche

By MARK BEMENDERFER
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With the release of "A History of Violence," director David Cronenberg is quickly becoming a well-known director. Most people aren't familiar with his previous work, however.

That is a shame too, as it is filled with almost 40 years of excellent movies.

Fortunately, in preparation for the Halloween season, one of Cronenberg's earlier masterpieces has made its way back onto DVD. The remake of "The Fly" (1986) that he helmed is perfect Halloween fun.

"The Fly" follows the age-old parable of science gone wrong. The plot is fairly well known, but for the uninitiated it follows the plight of scientist Seth Brundle (Jeff Goldblum). Brundle is close to discovering the secrets of teleportation, so he enlists the aid of reporter Veronica Quaife (Geena Davis) to record his exploits. They quickly fall in love, but as her ex-boyfriend (John Getz) enters into the film, Brundle is pushed to finish his experiment.

This proves to be a very poor decision on his part. Since one of the final tests required before the machine's completion was the teleportation of a live human being, Brundle places himself in the machine. Unfortunately, a tiny fly escapes his notice and makes the journey with him.

When Brundle leaves the machine, however, the fly is conspicuously absent. Apparently the two merged as they teleported, mutating Brundle's genes.

Much of film's impact comes from Brundle's attempts to retain his humanity. As he slowly mutates into a man-fly hybrid, he is both disgusted and intrigued with what he is becoming. Goldblum does a terrific job in his role, and sells the role convincingly.

Director Cronenberg does a terrific jobs playing with the themes in the movie, namely being a cautionary tale of technology gone wrong. In many ways, this film holds more merit than it did nearly 20 years ago, as genetic testing and manipulation play into the movie well.

The special effects are superb. They are some of the best, most realistic examples of the 80's capabilities in special effects creation. Brundle's transformation is convincing, as it is a subtle evolution that only towards the end becomes nightmarish.

On the DVD, there are special features dedicated to showcasing the special effects. "The Brundle Museum of

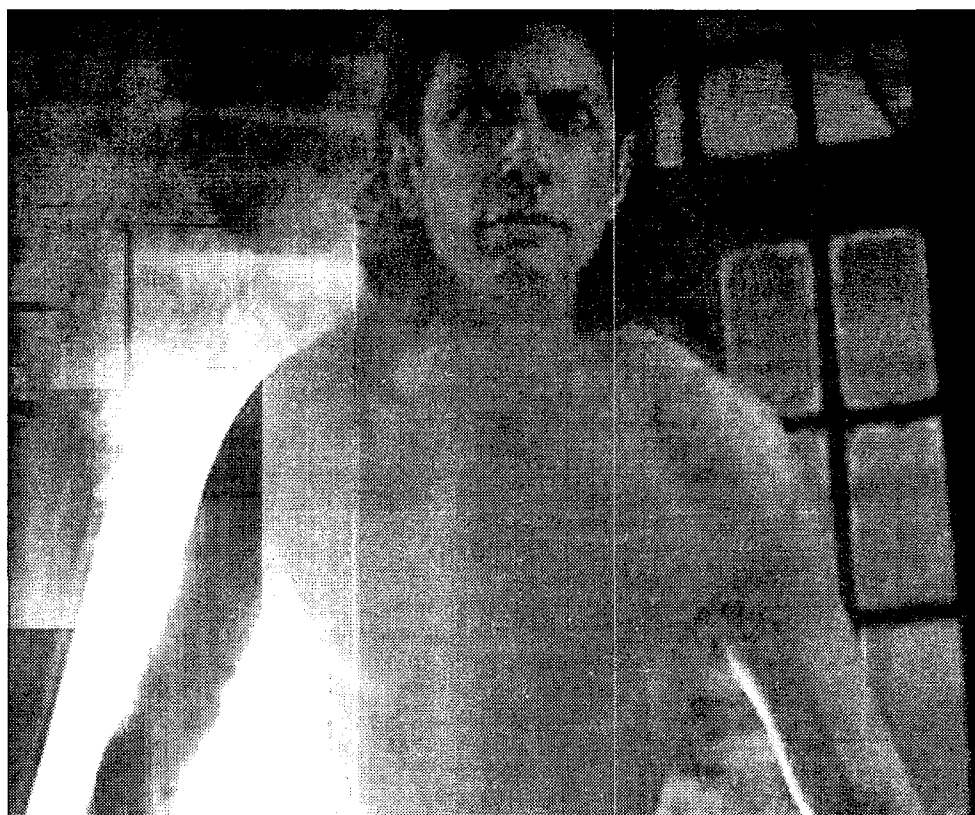


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Scientist Seth Brundle, played by Jeff Goldblum, emerges triumphantly from his teleportation device. Recently re-released on DVD, this film is perfect for horror fans.

Natural History" showcases some of the many prosthetics and models they employed in the making of the movie.

For film auteurs, it is worth listening to the Cronenberg commentary track, as he talks about creating the movie and about the scientific implications of his film. He is absent through the other special features however.

David Cronenberg has been directing films for almost 40 years. Until recently however, his films have been more niche than mainstream. One should learn more about him this Halloween by checking out this DVD re-release.

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'The Fly'
Collector's Edition
Fox Home Entertainment



SEASON THREE PREVIEW

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"Arrested Development," a critical darling that spent its first two years as a show one step away from cancellation, has made it to its third season. While its precarious renewal status still remains, the quality of the show has not diminished. Continually proving itself as one of the funniest and best-written shows on television, the show's third season looks to potentially be one of its best.

The show follows the adventures of the Bluth family, a self-indulgent, wealthy family whose fortunes take a downward turn after their company is busted for questionable accounting practices. Michael (Jason Bateman) is the only responsible family member who not only must pick up the shattered pieces of the business,

but also has to hold together the eccentric who make up his family. These include his spoiled sister Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), his incompetent magician brother Gob (Will Arnett), his sheltered brother Buster (Tony Hale), his frigid mother Lucille (Jessica Walter) and his imprisoned father George Sr. (Jeffrey Tambor), all while raising his clueless son George Michael (Michael Cera.)

The third season looks to be highly entertaining, if its first three episodes are any indication. The first episode of the season, "The Cabin Show," finds Michael Bluth back in charge of the Bluth company.

Things seem to be going smoothly, which is usually just a set up for more insane events on "Arrested Development." He gets news that the company's stock has been upgraded from "Sell! Sell! Sell!" to "Don't Buy" by financial advisor Jim Cramer. He

attempts to take his son to the family cabin and somehow ends up in Reno, Nev. George Michael and Maebby, who are cousins, are reeling from the kiss they shared last season, and Lindsay searches for Tobias. Gob discovers that he has a long-lost son, Steve Holt. Proving that some things never change, Lucille and Buster are at odds with each other, and George Sr. and his twin brother Oscar have switched places in prison.

In the next episode, "The British Bombshell," Michael asks his father to plead guilty to save money on attorney fees, but his father instead proclaims his innocence and declares that he was set up by an underground British group. To ameliorate this situation, Michael goes to Britain and meets a woman, Rita, whom he asks on a date. Lindsay gets charged for her time when she flirts with the family's attorney, and Gob uses his magic in a bold attempt to get out of spending time with his newfound son.

"Forget Me Now" finds Michael lying

to Rita about having a family, a fib that blows up on him when the rest of the family brings her to a party in an attempt to surprise him. Their ineptitude leads to such things as giving Rita a "forget me now," a pill that magicians use when someone learns how a trick is done, which is also known as a "roofie." Lindsay works as a nanny for the attorney on whom she has a crush, and George Sr. tries to escape from prison.

If the plotlines introduced in these three shows continue, and if the show continues what was started in the first two seasons, this season should prove to be just as easy and well-written as anything else on TV.

The show can seem complicated because it references past episodes and switches between characters quickly, but after a few episodes it makes perfect sense, regardless of the irrational behavior of the characters.

"Arrested Development" can be seen on Fox every Monday at 8 p.m.

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Celebrity cameos play huge role in sitcom

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If celebrity cameos were the true mark of popularity, then "Arrested Development" would be the prom queen of television. Celebrities almost appear to be waiting in line to appear on the show. Fortunately the show uses them with such discriminating taste that the celebrity guests actually add to the program rather than overshadow it.

The first season included some celebrity cameos, but nowhere near the levels that would eventually come in the second season. Liza Minelli does some fine work as "Lucille Two," a neighbor of Lucille Bluth and a rival for Buster's affection. Minelli does some hilarious work as the feisty, vertigo-plagued character.

Henry Winkler also shows up as Barry, the incompetent attorney whom the Bluth family hires to get George Sr. out of prison. Winkler takes ineptitude to hilari-

ous new heights, and there is a continual in-joke because Ron Howard, who was on "Happy Days" with Winkler, is the producer and narrator for the show.

Heather Graham also appears as George Michael's ethics teacher, who has a crush on Saddam Hussein and whom Michael ends up dating.

Michael has a one-night stand with a blind attorney, played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus of "Seinfeld" fame, who ends up not being entirely honest (or even blind, for that matter). The scene when she must pretend to be blind while Tobias is sneaking around her house looking for evidence makes one wonder why she hasn't had her own successful television show.

The show's second season emerged even more loaded with celebrity appearances than the first. Along with the return of Minelli, Winkler and Louis-Dreyfus, there were a host of other cameos.

Christine Taylor ("Dodgeball") appears as Michael's long-lost love from childhood, and her real-life husband, Ben Stiller,

appears as one of Gob's rival magicians.

Carl Weathers ("Predator") plays himself as a starving actor in a series of episodes. He takes Tobias under his wing — for a price — and ends up teaching him more about getting free food than about perfecting his "craft."

Martin Short makes an appearance as a crazy, wealthy gym owner who has lost the use of his legs. The episode itself is ridiculous, as is the character Short plays, but his manic energy is riveting in an odd, frantic way.

Amy Poehler ("SNL," "Wet Hot American Summer") turns up as a woman who, after an escalating series of bets, ends up daring Gob to marry her.

Other celebrities who appear in the second season include James Lipton ("Inside the Actor's Studio"), Zach Braff ("Scrubs," "Garden State"), Dan Castellaneta ("The Simpsons"), Dave Attell ("Insomniac with Dave Attell") and Andy Richter (formerly of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien").

The current third season of the show

looks to continue this trend of attracting hoards of celebrities. Oscar-winner Charlize Theron is set to appear on the next episode of the show, and Ricky Gervais, known best for his work on the British version of the hit-comedy "The Office," is slated to appear on the show. The actors on "Arrested Development" wanted him to appear so much they actually paid for his ticket when Fox balked at shelling out the money.

While the core actors, not the cameos, truly make "Arrested Development" great, the added celebrity appearances add some variety and humor to the show. The producers seem to be particular enough about who appears and the roles they play that the show avoids the trite pitfalls into which most shows fall. It seems that it will only be a matter of time before appearing on "Arrested Development" is a celebrity rite of passage on par with hosting "Saturday Night Live."

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The stars of "Arrested Development" pose for a publicity shoot. The show is now entering its third season.



Michael (Jason Bateman), right, finds Tobias (David Cross) practicing for a Blue Man Group audition. Such antics are common fare for "Arrested Development."

MEN'S INTERHALL

Carroll outscores Knott; Siegfried, Sorin win

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Sports Writers

Even without two starters and the coach, Carroll was able to come away with a victory on Sunday, securing their spot in the playoffs. Knott put up an outstanding fight, but in the end fell short with a final score of 20-15.

Carroll's offense scored its first touchdown in the second quarter on a 30 yard Kory Wilmot pass to Paul Tassinari to put Carroll on the one-yard line. Tassinari then caught a touchdown pass and the first half ended with Carroll up 8-0.

In the first possession of the second half, Knott Quarterback Matt Whittington was able to get

through to Justin Betz, who also caught the 2-point conversion, tying the game.

Carroll was quick to respond, as Mark Bennett scored on a 65 yard punt return. Knott followed suit as Whittington threw a 40-yard pass to Betz, who notched his second touchdown. The Juggs took on Dan Romza's successful PAT.

But Carroll's Kyle Kownacki scored another touchdown, leaving Knott with just over three minutes to try and take back the lead. Bennett intercepted a pass on the Knott 20-yard line, sealing the Carroll victory at 20-15.

Siegfried 10, St Ed's 0

Ten was the stat of the game, as Siegfried shut out St. Ed's 10-0 and held their opponents to negative 10 yards of total

offense.

The St. Ed's offense was completely suffocated by Siegfried's defense. The Rambler defense recorded three sacks and seven negative plays in a total display of physical domination.

In the third quarter, a blocked punt gave St. Ed's the rare opportunity of playing in Siegfried territory when the Ramblers were still only up 3-0. But in keeping with the trends of the game, the Stedsman ran three ineffective plays and had their field goal blocked.

The Ramblers punished the Stedsman defense with a two-pronged running attack that featured Pat Manning (15 carries, 109 yards, TD) and Marcus Young (8 carries, 68 yards). Young broke free for 31 yards, and Pat Manning ran for a 24-yard touchdown on Siegfried's

fourth quarter touchdown drive.

The loss put St. Ed's at 0-3 and in danger of winless season. Even more disconcerting is that the Stedsman have still yet to score this season.

Sorin 7, Fisher 0

Conor Dougalss's 25-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Tooke at the end of the third quarter proved to be the difference as the Sorin Otters (2-2) defeated the Fisher Green Wave(1-2) 7-0. The win clinches the final play-off spot in the Blue League for the Otters.

Sorin's touchdown came one play after defensive lineman Ryan Adams caused and recovered a fumble by Fisher quarterback Riley Fenlon.

Fisher mounted a long drive in the fourth quarter, but was unable to score when a

Fenlonopass on 4th and 14 fell incomplete.

Fisher suffered from injuries to key players in the first half. On their second drive, running back Tom Sullivan re-twisted his previously injured ankle and sat out the rest of the game and starting quarterback Patrick Gotebeski left after absorbing a huge hit.

Sorin's defensive line, led by Adams, Kyle Kron and Dan McMahon, got good penetration all day and prevented Fisher from establishing a running game.

"Both lines stepped up and played well," said Sorin coach Matt Young.

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O'Neill stops 'Roos; Dillon edges Morrissey; Stanford wins

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The O'Neill defense bent the entire game but held at the most important moment to give the Angry Mob a 14-13 win over Keough.

The Kangaroos drove down the field with only minutes left to play, converting a fourth-and-16 en route to a 2-yard touchdown run by quarterback Faustin Weber. A Keough touchdown made the score 14-13, but the Kangaroos made a surprising call and elected to go for a two-point conversion.

"We wanted the win," Keough captain Brian Lang said. "We weren't going to settle for tie."

The Kangaroos put the ball in the hands of running back Mike Anello, but he was stopped just short of the goal line. Keough

was stopped from getting its first win of the season.

"Our defense didn't let that drive get them down, and they showed a lot of guts stopping that 2-point conversion," O'Neill captain Matt Hughey said.

Anello finished the game with more than 100 yards of total offense, including an impressive individual effort resulting in the Kangaroos' first touchdown. On that play, Anello scampered 65 yards, broke two tackles and outran two O'Neill defenders to the end zone.

Keough's season (0-3-1) is now over. O'Neill (2-1) has a short week to prepare for a huge game against Keenan Thursday night.

Dillon 14, Morrissey 10

With under a minute to play, Dillon quarterback Kenny Cushing called his own number from the 1-yard line and punched in the sneak to take a

14-10 lead that would hold in a win over the Morrissey Manorites Sunday afternoon. The outcome looked dim for the Big Red when, with about six minutes remaining, Manorite quarterback Mike Spencer scrambled 15 yards into the endzone to give his team the lead.

Dillon then mounted a sixty-five yard drive that resulted in the game-winning touchdown.

Morrissey and Dillon now both find themselves in similar positions with a 2-1 record and one game remaining on the schedule for this week.

Dillon will play a make up game against Alumni this Thursday night. A win over the Dawgs will secure a spot in the playoffs for Dillon, but even with the loss there is still a chance of a post season birth for the Big Red. The same situation applies for Morrissey who takes on Stanford on

Wednesday.

Stanford 14, Alumni 6

Stanford and Alumni clashed Sunday at Riehle Field. Both teams had prepared for an all-out battle and neither disappointed, as Stanford came away with a 14-6 win.

Stanford's offense started quickly, with Matt Frankenfeld catching a 40-yard pass on Stanford's opening play. They would score twice in the first half, establishing a lead they never surrendered.

"We played well," Stanford captain Phil McNicholas said. "Matt McQueary was playing at quarterback for the first time this season, and Kevin O'Boyle had never played at running back before. Both came through with impressive performances."

"Our defense, led by Dave Costanzo's two interceptions, also put on a great performance."

Alumni, keyed by Nick Chambers' critical goal-line interception, kept the game close by playing especially well in the second half. Quarterback Kerger Truesdell ran in a touchdown late in the fourth, set up by a long pass to receiver Eddie Villa.

Both teams have important games coming up this week. Stanford, with two wins, is on the brink of a playoff berth.

"Our last game is Thursday," McNicholas said, "and hopefully we'll come back and win."

Alumni, meanwhile, seeks to come away with a win against Dillon.

This game, a major rivalry, is half complete and will be finished Wednesday.

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sides of the ball to bring that same intensity and skill to special teams can only help the team.

"I think it is significant to have guys who turn into special teams performers," Weis said. "Guys that you can count on, like starters on offense and defense. Guys that are going to know what to do and can

play with a high level of knowledge and toughness."

Although the Trojans are on pace to break a number of offensive college football records, heading into Saturday's showdown, they have struggled on special teams.

The Irish hold a distinct advantage in a majority of special teams categories, including both kickoff and punt coverage. Through five games, the Trojans have allowed an average of 17 yards per punt

return and 26.6 yards per kickoff. The Irish, on the other hand, have been solid in coverage this season, yielding only 5.4 yards per punt return and 19.5 yards per kickoff return.

Notre Dame also has been more effective returning kicks than Southern Cal. With safety Tommy Zbikowski handling the punt return duties, the Irish have picked up 95 punt return yards on seven returns (13.6 yards per return), while Bush has had trou-

ble bringing his explosiveness in the backfield to the return game, gaining only 40 yards on seven returns.

On kickoffs, three different Notre Dame players — receiver David Grimes, running back Justin Hoskins and defensive back Brandon Harris — have seen action, with Grimes' 93 return yards and 31.0 yards per return leading the Irish. While Bush has once again struggled to make an impact returning kicks — he's

posted just a 17.5 yard average on eight returns — running back Desmond Reed has been particularly effective, racking up 163 yards on only four returns (40.8 yards per return).

Should the Irish continue their comparative dominance in both returns and coverage Saturday, special teams play could be a factor in an Irish upset.

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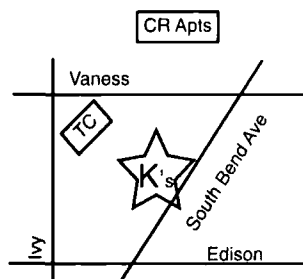
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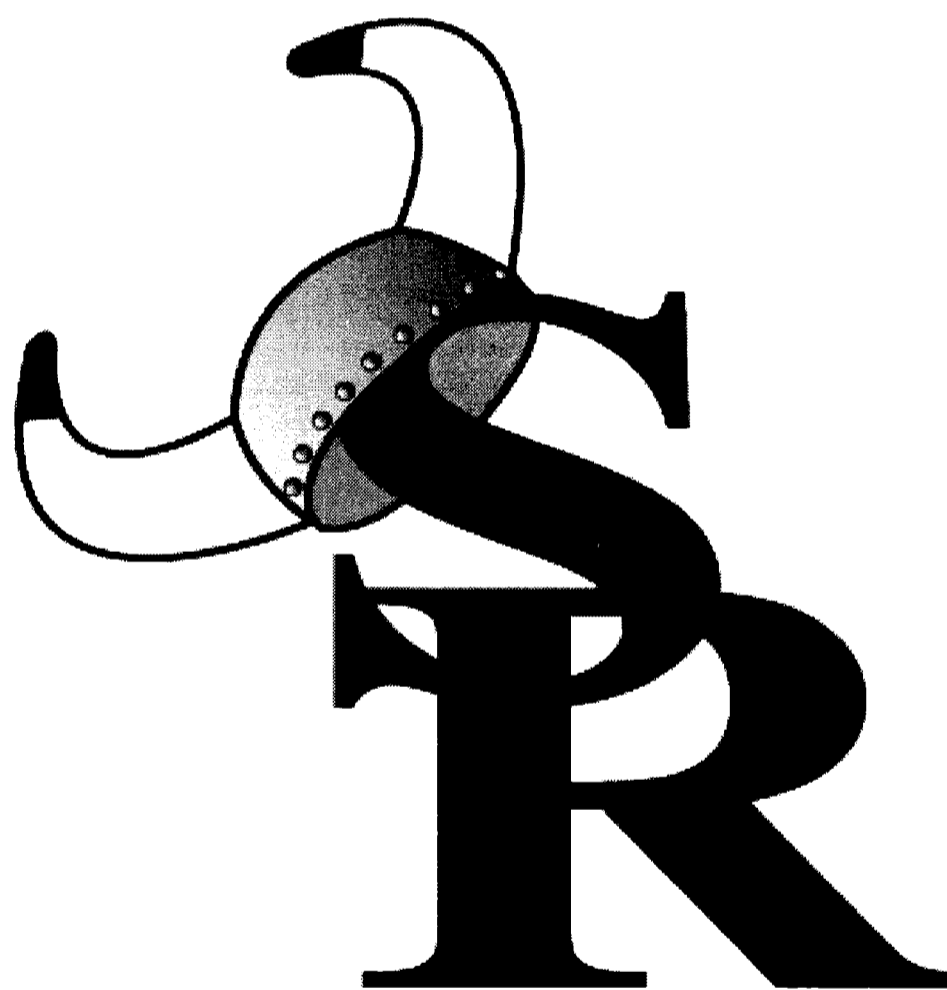
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Men's Cross Country Top 25

	team	points
1	Arkansas	473
2	Wisconsin	465
3	Colorado	461
4	BYU	420
5	Stanford	415
6	Arizona	412
7	NOTRE DAME	382
8	Iona	365
9	Texas	320
10	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	317
11	UTEP	289
12	Georgetown	276
13	Florida	258
14	Iowa	250
15	William & Mary	232
16	Portland	223
17	Florida State	220
18	Ohio State	206
19	Michigan	175
20	Minnesota	150
21	Indiana	143
22	Dartmouth	137
23	North Carolina State	132
24	Washington	116
25	American	105

Women's Cross Country Top 25

	team	points
1	Duke	390
2	Michigan	371
3	Stanford	363
4	Brigham Young	342
5	Illinois	328
6	Arizona State	327
7	Colorado	319
8	NOTRE DAME	309
9	North Carolina State	272
10	Minnesota	260
11	Wake Forest	254
12	Arkansas	241
13	Columbia	234
14	Baylor	210
15	Princeton	208
16	Oklahoma State	188
17	Michigan State	163
18	Tennessee	158
19	Georgetown	156
20	Providence	139
21	Butler	138
22	Virginia	105
23	Washington	90
24	Northern Arizona	87
25	Marquette	86

Women's Volleyball Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	15-0	1,495
2	Washington	14-0	1,445
3	Stanford	16-2	1,356
4	Penn State	15-2	1,340
5	Florida	16-1	1,200
6	Louisville	16-0	1,172
7	Missouri	12-1	1,150
8	Wisconsin	13-2	1,066
9	Minnesota	15-2	1,061
10	NOTRE DAME	14-1	956

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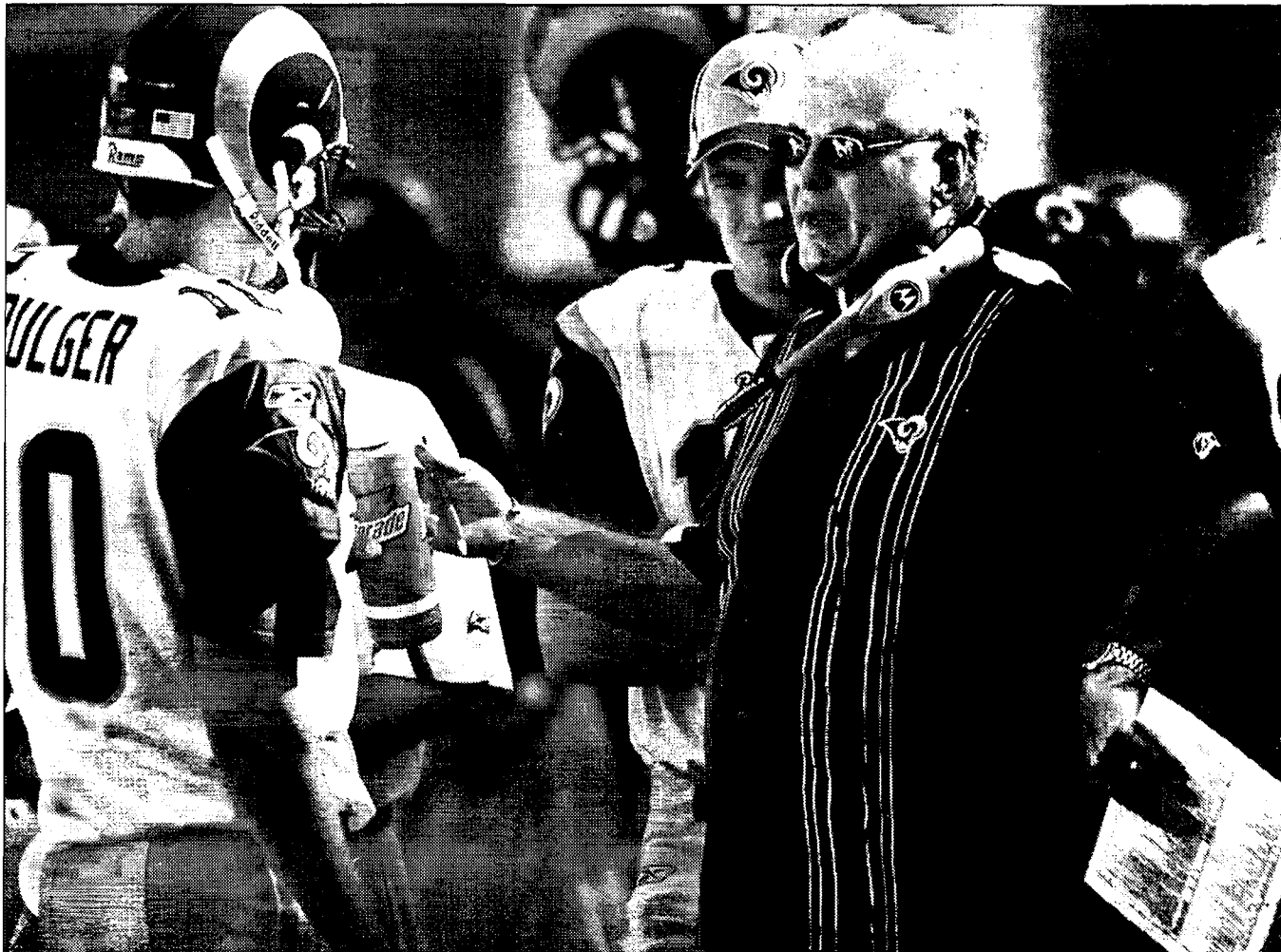
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NHL

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NFL



St. Louis Rams head coach Mike Martz talks to quarterback Mark Bulger during the Rams' 44-24 loss to the New York Giants on Oct. 2. Martz will miss the rest of the season and assistant coach Joe Vitt will take over.

St. Louis' Martz out for entire season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mike Martz is out indefinitely as coach of the St. Louis Rams with a bacterial infection of the heart.

Martz was told by a specialist Monday that his condition, which kept him out of two practices last week, had worsened. The 54-year-old has been ill for more than a month and was tested for endocarditis, a bacterial infection of the lining of the heart or a heart valve.

After the Rams' 37-31 loss Sunday to the Seattle Seahawks, Martz said he

shouldn't have been on the sideline. St. Louis dropped to 2-3.

Rams president John Shaw said Monday that Martz will be hospitalized four to 12 days but would not speculate on the length of his absence. Shaw said he wasn't told the specific name of the illness, but was led to believe that Martz's heart valve had weakened since last week.

"I think he was concerned he was letting down a lot of people, but also had concern about the gravity of the situation," Shaw said.

The antibiotics that

Martz began taking on Friday didn't seem to help, Shaw said, but he didn't know if any additional procedures would be necessary. Severe cases of endocarditis can require open-heart surgery.

Assistant head coach Joe Vitt will take over as coach. Martz told his players during a brief but emotional team meeting that he would step aside, Vitt said.

"The team is his concern," Vitt said. "His health is our No. 1 concern."

Martz spoke with a raspy voice after Sunday's game

but sounded optimistic about his health. Still, he said that in retrospect, he should have allowed offensive coordinator Steve Fairchild to run the show.

"I wasn't myself this week, the game plan wasn't clear for me," Martz said. "It's over with now but I just feel what happened to me has affected this team, and that breaks my heart."

Martz was first hospitalized Sept. 30 with what was thought to be a sinus infection. He coached two days later during a 44-24 loss to the New York Giants.

IN BRIEF

Phillies' GM Ed Wade fired after team misses playoffs

PHILADELPHIA — Ed Wade turned the Philadelphia Phillies into a winner. He couldn't make them a champion.

Wade was fired as general manager Monday after failing to get the Phillies into the playoffs during eight years on the job.

Philadelphia went 88-74 this season and finished one game behind NL wild-card winner Houston. It was the Phillies' third consecutive winning season and fourth in five years, but they missed the playoffs for the 12th straight year and 21st time in 22 seasons.

"The expectation is that you need to make the playoffs, and we didn't live up to those expectations," Wade said.

"I've seen it happen in other places. There's never a good time for something like this, but that's not my decision to make."

Astros fan catches two home run balls in game

HOUSTON — Shaun Dean made two big catches from his spot in the stands during the record-setting, 18-inning Game 4 between the Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros.

He caught both Lance Berkman's grand slam and Chris Burke's series-winning homer Sunday, which gave Houston a 7-6 victory and ended the longest postseason game in baseball history.

"I never caught one in a game before," said Dean, 25, of Porter. Berkman's eighth-inning homer was toward Dean, who was sitting in the second row of the boxes above the left-field wall at Minute Maid Park.

The second catch, which came about three hours later, was a little bit harder to make. He said the ball "came more toward my father-in-law, and he just leaned over and I reached down and caught it."

Ricky Williams returns to Miami's potent backfield

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins made a substantial offensive upgrade Monday, adding a certified yoga instructor and student of holistic medicine notorious for his shyness and mercurial behavior.

Yes, Ricky Williams is back. Returning from a four-week suspension that followed a one-year retirement, Williams took part in the team's brief walkthrough session.

He'll rejoin practice Wednesday and likely play Sunday at Tampa Bay — his first game since December 2003.

The Dolphins (2-2) won't burden Williams with the heavy workload that helped send him to Australia and India for an extended vacation.

Instead, he'll share time with Ronnie Brown, the No. 2 overall pick in the April draft.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles prepare for final home match

*Saint Mary's will play
host to Adrian at the
Angela Athletic Center*

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes — or so the Saint Mary's volleyball team hopes.

The Belles (9-12, 3-6) take to the Angela Athletic Center floor tonight to face Adrian College, a team to which they lost last Wednesday in three one-sided games.

The game marks the Saint Mary's final home match of the regular season. Tonight's match will be followed by six MIAA road contests to conclude the year.

Despite the 30-15, 30-21, 30-18 loss last week, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek feels confident entering tonight's contest.

"They are a very good team, but they are beatable," Schroeder-Biek said. "We saw some things last week we think we can take advantage of."

Schroeder-Biek said that Adrian's blocking was lax at times. She also thought that the Belles could win some easy points if they made the Bulldogs move and shift their defense more.

Adrian's strength is a powerful attack game led by two-time MIAA player of the week Lindsay Eshelman. While the Belles were able to hold the outside hitter to a .256 hitting percentage in last week's meeting, other Bulldogs stepped up. Adrian had five players tally hitting percentages over .500, as they recorded 68 kills to the Belles' 29.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team played adequate defense, despite the numbers. She felt her offense, though, was sluggish at times. She attributed the lackluster performance to a lack of intensity.

"We didn't all compete [last week]. It wasn't everybody, but some of the girls looked intimi-

dated out there," she said.

The Belles should be confident entering tonight's match, coming off a 1-1 weekend that saw the team play with heart and desire. The Belles rebounded from a tough five-game loss to Albion with a convincing four-game win over Olivet, avenging an earlier loss to the Comets.

Schroeder-Biek thought that mimicking this weekend's focus and intensity would bring the Belles success tonight.

"We need to compete like we did out there on Saturday. Each individual needs to bring a sound mental game," she said.

Adrian (14-4, 6-3) enters the game in fourth place in the MIAA, two places ahead of the Belles. They split two matches this weekend, losing to second-place Alma before sweeping Tri-State.

Saint Mary's will be honoring its two seniors tonight in their final home game.

Talia Matury-Vacaro will finish her second year with the team. The middle hitter played her freshman year, but study abroad and injury prevented her from playing the past two seasons. She rejoined the team this year and has proved a valuable asset for the Belles off the bench this season.

Shelly Bender will finish her fourth season with the Belles. She has shown a great deal of improvement over four years and has anchored the Saint Mary's defense all year at the starting middle hitter position. She leads the Belles with 19 blocks in conference play this season.

Schroeder-Biek acknowledged that Senior Night has provided an added motivation for her team.

"We have two great seniors. Playing the last home game is something special for them, and their teammates recognize that. They want to play well for the seniors."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Teams vie for playoff spots as season nears end

Welsh Family ties PW; McGlinn shuts out BP; Pangborn beats PE

By JAY FITZPATRICK,
BECKI DORNER, AND
DREW FONTANAROSA
Sports Writers

Welsh Family quarterback Melissa Sands ran in the one-point extra point attempt to tie the score at 13 late in the second half to give both Pasqueilla West (2-1-1) and Welsh Family (2-1-1) one point in a game that could have major playoff implications.

The extra point came after a handoff from Sands to Whirlwind running back Maggie Forester, who ran the ball for the second Welsh Family touchdown of the game.

Pasquerilla West took the lead in the second half after quarterback Cara Davies ran the ball into the end zone for six points, leaving the score at 13-6 after the failed one-point attempt.

Davies also led the Weasels to an early lead in the game, scoring on a pass from Davies to wide receiver Maureen Springs in the first half and converting the one point attempt.

As time was running out in the first half, Kelly Bushelle caught a pass from Sands to put Welsh Family on the board, but a failed two-point attempt left the Whirlwinds down 7-6 at halftime.

"We played really well on defense," said Welsh Family freshman Kristy Szczepaniec. "Our offense just could not seem to make those turnovers count for scores."

The one point from the tie gives Pasquerilla West a one-

point lead in fourth place over rival Pasquerilla East, enough to put them in the playoffs.

McGlinn 7, Breen-Phillips 0

It was a battle of the defenses Sunday on West Quad field, as Gold League-leader McGlinn attempted to hold off challengers Breen-Phillips.

A few penalties on Breen-Phillips helped the Shamrocks of McGlinn advance the ball early into Babes' territory, and quarterback Becky Brown would later convert to give the Shamrocks a lead that their defense would hold for the rest of the game.

Although the McGlinn defense recorded their fourth shutout of the year, the defense of Breen-Phillips also looked especially strong after the lapse on the first drive.

"We made some key adjustments on defense," said Babes' captain Shannon Swanigan. "The defense stepped up, but we just couldn't capitalize on our opportunities."

McGlinn's Sally Head had a punt return for a touchdown that was called back on a flag-guarding call.

Becky Brown also had a strong performance, running well and keeping the Breen-Phillips offense on their toes.

Looking into the week ahead, McGlinn has an almost-certain playoff berth with their second-to-last game against Pasquerilla West Tuesday.

The loss put the Babes nearly out of playoff contention.

"Our record unfortunately doesn't reflect the huge

improvements we've made," Swanigan said.

Pangborn 13, Pasquerilla East 0

The Pangborn Phoxes, judging from their performance against Pasquerilla East Sunday afternoon at Stepan Field, are holding firm to the path that leads right into the stadium. On the first drive of the game, Phoxes halfback Trish Conneely took the ball into the endzone, putting the Phoxes up 7-0.

Later in the first half, a pass from quarterback Katie Mooney found its way into the hands of junior receiver Brynn Johnson to put Pangborn up 13-0.

Despite the season-long consistency, captain and linebacker Katie Murray still found room for improvement.

"We needed more intensity in the second half," Murray said. "That's two games in a row that we've played a lackluster second half. That can't happen in the playoffs."

The Phoxes and their 4-1 record are assured of a playoff berth. Last year, the Phoxes lost a heartbreaker to Cavanaugh in the semifinal round, just one touchdown away from a berth in the Finals.

"My freshman year, we lost every game by the mercy rule," she said. "Then sophomore year we won our first game ... and then last year against Cavanaugh, we were so close."

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Squads gear up for Tuesday night showdowns

By JAY FITZPATRICK, TIM
KAISER, AND DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

In a game that could decide postseason destinies, the showdown between the Pasquerilla West Weasels and the McGlinn Shamrocks Tuesday night at Riehle Fields at 8 p.m. is guaranteed to be a good one.

Coming off a tie with Welsh Family, Pasquerilla West is looking to make a late season charge into the playoffs past rival Pasquerilla East.

The Weasels took Monday as a resting day in between back-to-back games with two undefeated West Quad juggernauts, Welsh Family and McGlinn, the eGold League's only undefeated team.

"Their [McGlinn's] being undefeated is motivation enough for this game," Davies said. "We have been looking forward to this game."

McGlinn is coming off another win, a 13-6 victory against Breen-Phillips on Sunday. The win, coupled with the Welsh Family tie, cemented McGlinn's place at the top of the standings in the Gold League and guarantees the Shamrocks a spot in the playoffs this year.

The Shamrocks are playing to match Cavanaugh's best record in interhall, while the Weasels are hoping to extend their season to the playoffs.

Farley vs. Welsh Family

Late in the interhall football season, there are bound to be games loaded with playoff implications. Today's matchup between Farley and Welsh Family is no different.

With a win, Farley will finish with a 3-3 record and secure a spot in the Gold League brackets. Welsh Family, with a record of 2-1-1, will need to win this game and their next against McGlinn to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Farley is coming off of a big win against Pasquerilla East in which senior quarterback Katie Popik threw for 200 yards in a blowout.

The Finest are expecting another big game from Popik, as well as her standout receivers Diane Duran and Annie Parrett and running backs Kim Crehan and Jenny Rolfs. Their defense has a made big plays, including two picks by Megan Hurt last week.

"We've got some momentum going, and our confidence has been boosted," Parrett said. "We have a chance to win this game, it's just a matter of executing."

Welsh Family's season has been the opposite of Farley's, with two wins to start, and their last two games ending in a loss and a tie.

"We practiced well on Friday, and we really played well in the second half of our last game [against PW]," said junior wide receiver Wendy Svetanoff.

The Whirlwinds will rely on senior quarterback Melissa Sands and their receivers, especially Kelly Bushelle, as well as a balanced defense that seems to have a different player step up whenever it's needed.

Breen-Phillips vs. Pangborn

At Riehle West Field tonight, the Breen-Phillips Babes will finish up their season against the heavily favored Pangborn Phoxes. No playoff berths are on the line, so both teams will be playing simply for a matter of pride.

The Phoxes compiled a 4-1 record this season and have clinched playoff berth.

Once again Pangborn hopes to get a strong performance out of their trio in the backfield. Quarterback Katie Mooney and running backs Tricia Connelly and Brinn Johnson have excelled all year.

Breen-Phillips is eager for the game tonight in hopes of having some pluses to build on for next season. The team has had a hard time getting their offense going all year long and has been shut out twice.

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outs by Badin, the Chicks tied the game with a 39-yard touchdown pass to Klune.

Badin and Lewis traded interceptions on their next possessions, but another three-and-out stand by the Chicks forced the Bullfrogs to punt, giving Lewis solid field position. The Chicks quickly capitalized and took the lead 18-12 with a touchdown to Joslyn Moya.

Badin took over the ball with less than three minutes left and began marching down the field, moving the chains twice. Just as things were looking up, a crucial sack by Kate Erdle stopped the momentum and an interception by Lauren Mullins — her second of the night — sealed the victory.

"It feels really good to get this win," Burke said. "Let's just say we've won two games fair and square now."

Due to Tuesday's heartbreaking loss, the Bullfrogs came out with a chip on their shoulder, showing more aggression and focus in the early minutes. The Bullfrogs opened the scoring with a 15-yard touchdown toss from Katie Rose Hackney to Courtney Rains to make it 6-0.

Lewis managed to march down the field and threaten, but key defensive plays by Badin kept the Chicks scoring.

"It's not that our offense wasn't clicking in the first half, it's just

that we couldn't get it into the endzone," said Burke.

The game looked like it might be in hand when Badin captain Meghan Charlebois picked off an errant pass by Valdez and returned it nearly 60 yards to put the Bullfrogs up 12-0.

"We just had some unlucky breaks," Charlebois said. "Some critical plays killed us and their quarterback is pretty strong, so it's always tough to face her."

Walsh 19, Lyons 0

Walsh showed no mercy Sunday night under the lights, shutting out a Lyons team fighting to make the playoffs. A two-touchdown effort by cornerback Julie Campbell highlighted play for the Wild Women at Riehle West.

From the start, Walsh set their no-nonsense tone, forcing the Lyons to go three-and-out, and returning the punt to the Lyons 35-yard line. After a successful option, quarterback Mary Sullivan threw for 20 yards, and the Wild Women were within ten yards of the goal line.

Lyons held them for three downs, but on fourth, Sullivan ran outside and scored Walsh's first touchdown. Their second came soon after. Four plays into a Lyons drive, Campbell intercepted the ball and ran it back almost 50 yards for a touchdown. Walsh converted the extra point and gave the Lions another try to get their offense started.

This time, Campbell let the Lions get five plays get five plays

into their drive before picking it off again and running it 40 yards to the house. Then came three consecutive turnovers on downs, all without a first, and halftime was called with Walsh in scoring position.

"It was great to end the regular season on a high note," said Walsh captain Mary Botta. "We are happy with how we did this season, though we would have loved to go undefeated, and we're just really excited for the postseason."

The Wild Women started with ball but had to punt, as did Lyons on the next possession. When Walsh got the ball back, the team marched down the field, gaining big on a 25-yard pass that got a boost from a penalty on Lyons for unnecessary roughness. But the Lyons defense held them in the red zone and got their offense the ball.

The Lions put together their most successful drive of the game with time winding down, completing four consecutive passes and running for a first, but Walsh buckled down and forced a turnover on downs. The Wild Women then let the clock wind down on the Lyons season.

Editor's note: Howard forfeited to Cavanaugh because they could not find enough players to fill a team.

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Golf

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stood up to the challenge well. But we're not making the run that all good teams go on when they win these kinds of tournaments."

No. 5 Duke won the event with a 10-under 854, besting second-place Coastal Carolina by one stroke.

Northwestern, No. 17 Minnesota and Charlotte were the other three teams ahead of Notre Dame, respectively.

Coastal Carolina's Dustin Johnson finished 15-under par with three consecutive rounds of 67, edging Michigan State's Ryan Brehm and Minnesota's Antti Ahokas by seven strokes.

Following the tournament, Kubinski felt Notre Dame played well but not well enough to win.

"We're not making the run that all good teams go on when they win those kinds of tournaments."

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

"We're just a couple of mistakes here and there away from taking that next step to where we want this program to be," Kubinski said to UND.com.

While Baldwin and Gustafson finished in the top 10, Isban struggled on the first day and had to make up for it in the second two rounds. Isban finished No. 37 overall after shooting a five-over 221 (76-71-74).

Sophomore Greg Rodgers shot a 224 (76-74-74), and senior Eric Deutsch finished with a 232 (75-77-80).

So far this season, Notre Dame has a 292.22 stroke average, the second best average in the last 40 years for the Irish.

Notre Dame will travel to La Quinta, Calif. on Oct. 17-18 to play in The Prestige on the Greg Norman Course at PGA West.

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Soccer

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will ever give up. I'm pretty confident that this is a tough team."

The season has been up and down for the Irish, who have had 10 games this season decided by one goal. Notre Dame has won six of those matches, but the close games have taken their toll.

However, losses like Connecticut could have serious postseason repercussions.

"Obviously I'm not discouraged because the team played very well," Clark said. "Obviously you're disappointed at not winning, certainly not discouraged. You're always disappointed when you don't win, especially when you feel you play well."

The single goal scored Saturday was the first goal or assist for defender Ben Crouse. In all, nine different players have scored goals for the Irish this year, with midfielders and defenders often getting involved in the action deep in their opponent's territory.

Some of their confidence can come from goalkeeper Chris Cahill's strong play. The first-year starter has posted five shutouts on the season, compared to Spartans goalie Jason Tillman's two.

The Irish are 7-4-1 (3-3-1 Big East), and the Spartans are 4-3-4 overall (1-1-1 Big Ten). Michigan State is coming off a 2-0 win over Ohio State and are led by explosive forward Ryan McMahan, a preseason All-American.

"They're a strong team, they're a big team," Clark said.

But the final six games of the season will be important for the Irish realizing the most important of their preseason goals: making the NCAA Tournament.


"That's the first hallmark of a good season is to make the tournament so I'd say that's our main goal at the moment," Clark said. "I think this team definitely has the ability of a tournament team."

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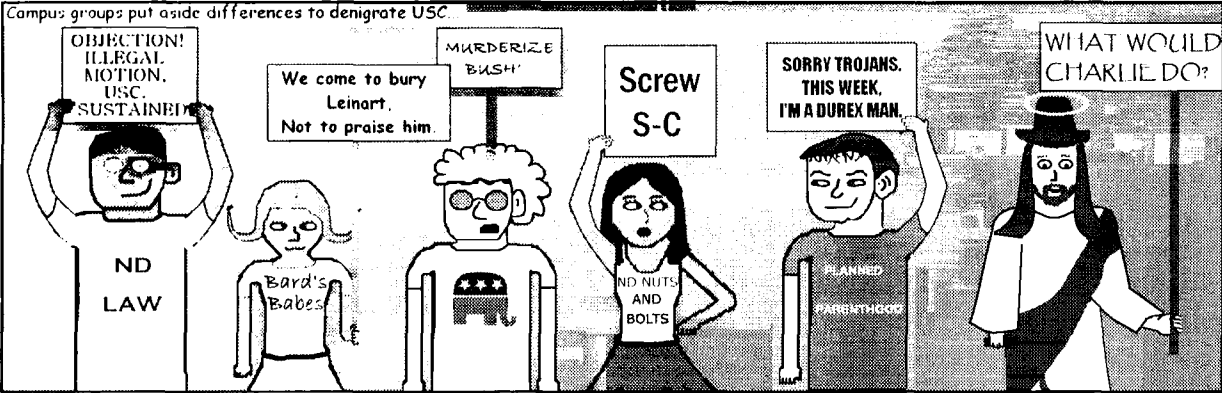
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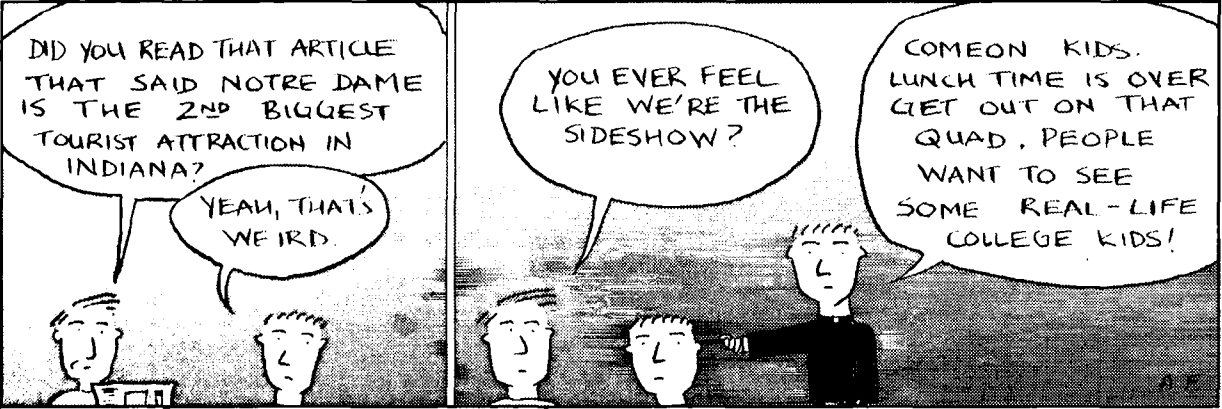
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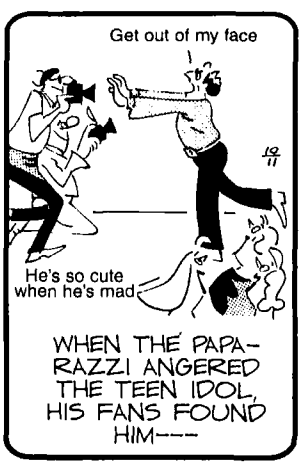
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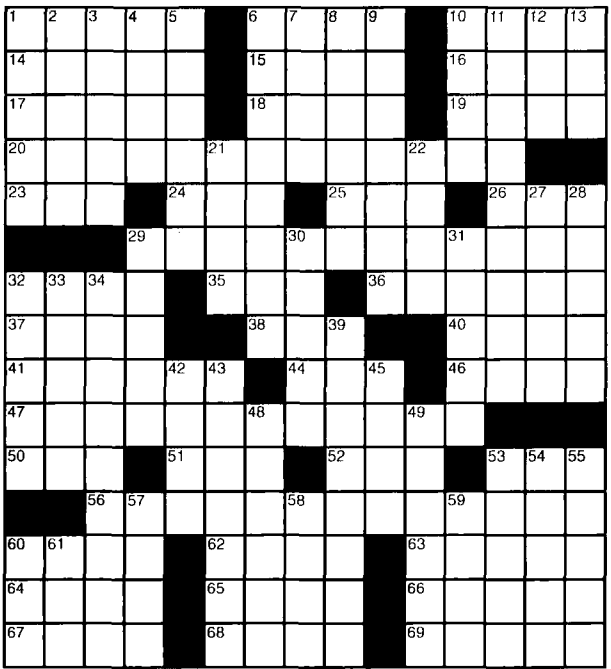
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Congregation leader
 - 6 Noted movie terrier
 - 10 Excellent, in slang
 - 14 Columnist Goodman
 - 15 Very top
 - 16 Prefix in the airplane industry
 - 17 Large antelope
 - 18 Numbers game
 - 19 A bit blue
 - 20 False rumor about seafood?
 - 23 Needle plow
 - 24 Whistle blower
 - 25 "Delta of Venus" author
 - 26 Barnyard sound
 - 29 40¢ per fifth of a mile, in New York City?
 - 32 Greek earth goddess: Var.
 - 35 New Deal program, for short
 - 36 C. S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of ____"
 - 37 It's trapped indoors
 - 38 Finis
 - 40 Polish border river
 - 41 Protozoan
 - 44 Preschooler
 - 46 Guernsey, e.g., in the English Channel
 - 47 Holy chicken?
 - 50 Disco ____ "The Simpsons" character
 - 51 A Perón
 - 52 Timberwolves' org.
 - 53 Onetime United rival
 - 56 Chic scavenger?
- DOWN**
- 1 Witherspoon of "Vanity Fair"
 - 2 Put to rest, as fears
 - 3 Proclaim loudly
 - 4 Not stay rigid
 - 5 A Gandhi
 - 6 Rest awhile
 - 7 Oil price-setting grp.
 - 8 Lessee
 - 9 Tony Blair, collegiately
 - 10 Catherine who wed Henry VIII
 - 11 Sweat absorbers
 - 12 Parabola, essentially
 - 13 Play (with)
 - 21 Queue cue
 - 22 Kournikova of tennis
 - 27 Sharon of Israel
 - 28 On ____ (how pranks may be done)



- Puzzle by Leonard Williams
- 29 Spud
 - 30 ____ Domingo
 - 31 C-3PO, e.g., for short
 - 32 Lens
 - 33 Shoot for
 - 34 Immunize
 - 39 Conductor's cue, maybe
 - 42 Shade of red
 - 43 Unfavorable
 - 45 Forbidden: Var.
 - 48 Redeemed, as a check
 - 49 Stubble removers
 - 53 Advice to a base runner before leaving base
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FOOTBALL

A special advantage

Special teams is key difference with Irish

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

In a game that loves its strong-armed quarterbacks, crushing linebackers and fleet-footed receivers, the impact of special teams tends to fade into the grid-iron woodwork.

But for as little attention as this aspect of the game typically receives — outside of game-winning field goals or 100-yard kick-off returns — the hidden yardage that always finds its way onto the stat sheet can make all the difference.

With Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Matt Leinart and a pair of gifted running backs in Reggie Bush and LenDale White coming to town, talk has centered on a couple of main points: how Notre Dame's offensive leaders — specifically, quarterback Brady Quinn and running back Darius Walker — match up to their Trojan counterparts, and how the Notre Dame defense, a unit that has been bending all season, will weather the hailstorm of the Southern Cal offense.

As important as of these key players will be in determining whether the Irish can snap USC's 27-game winning streak, special

teams also figure to play a prominent role, a fact not lost on Irish cornerback and frequent special teams contributor Terrail Lambert.

"I like [playing on special teams]," Lambert said. "I think a lot of people tend to overlook it, because many games are won and lost on special teams alone, and most people don't see that."

"And I think that's why they call special teams 'special teams.'"

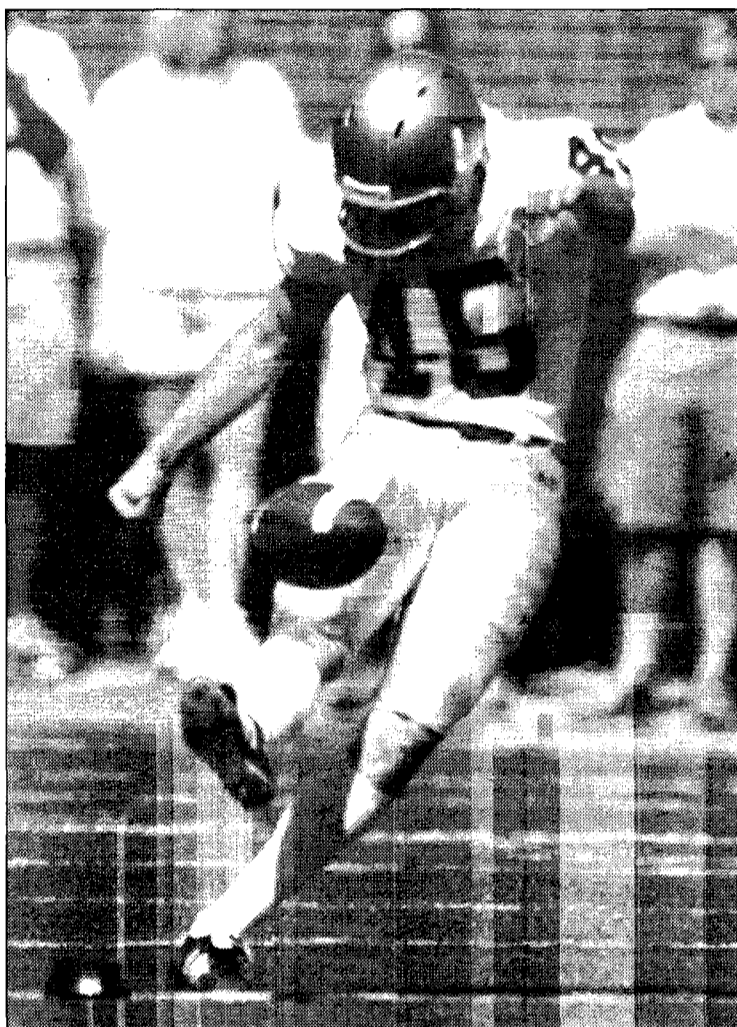
For players used to lining up at "island" positions — spots where most any incredible play or costly mistake is magnified — making the switch to the relative anonymity of special teams can be difficult.

With the Irish coaching staff stressing the significance of solid special teams play from day one, players like Lambert are buying into the philosophy.

"I think coming in I'm starting to realize the importance of that facet of the game because the coaching staff really puts an emphasis on that facet of the game, so I feel pretty good about being on special teams knowing that I'm contributing to the team," Lambert said. "That was one of my biggest concerns — what can I do for the team."

Irish coach Charlie Weis said the ability of frontline players on both

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Kicker Carl Gloia kicks off against Michigan on Sept. 10. Special teams will be key for the Irish against No. 1 USC.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Bullfrogs fall 18-12 to Lewis

By JACK THORNTON and
BEN VINCENT
Sports Writers

The Lewis Chicks came back from a 12-point deficit Sunday night to beat the Badin Bullfrogs for the second time in one week at Riehle West.

After being dominated for most of the first half, the Chicks took the ball down 12-0 and executed the two-minute drill like a team ready for the playoffs. Displaying efficiency, Lewis quarterback Elisa Valdez completed 6-of-9 passes on a critical 70-yard scoring drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Katie Klune.

"The biggest turning point was when the team relaxed after we got the first touchdown," Lewis captain Julia Burke said. "After that, we started playing with a lot more confidence."

In the second half, the Lewis defense put their team in the position to win by holding the Badin offense inside its own 20. After two consecutive three-and-

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MEN'S SOCCER

Spartans host inconsistent Irish

After 2-1 loss, team hopes to rebound

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

After a rocky season, the Irish have six games remaining to make their case for the NCAA Tournament.

That final stretch begins today as the Irish face off against Michigan State at 3 p.m. in East Lansing, Mich.

After a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Connecticut on Saturday, when the Irish controlled play but couldn't cement the win, there were still positives to come from the play.

"I think we showed a lot of character on Saturday," head coach Bobby Clark said. "We've done it in other games, but I thought Saturday we were very strong ... I don't think this team

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Midfielder Matt Besler carries the ball in a 1-0 win against Bradley on Sept. 28. The Irish face Michigan State today.

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MEN'S GOLF

Seniors pair up to lead team on links

Gustafson, Baldwin help Notre Dame to a sixth-place finish

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Cole Isban has been carrying much of the weight for the Irish all season, but this weekend at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic, a different pair of Notre Dame golfers led the team to a sixth place finish.

Senior Mark Baldwin led the Irish with a three-day 210 (70-72-68), and senior Scott Gustafson finished just one stroke behind Baldwin, with 211 strokes (70-69-72). Baldwin's final-day 68 tied the Notre Dame 54-hole record en route to a sixth-place

overall finish.

It was Baldwin's sixth career top-10 finish in his collegiate career. Gustafson finished in eighth place at five-under for the tournament.

Notre Dame's 1-over 865 (291-286-288) was the lowest three-round score of the season and the school's third lowest score ever.

The sixth place finish was impressive considering the field that competed in Durham, N.C. The teams Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said prior would be tough played well.

"This wasn't our best performance, but I'd call it slightly above average," Kubinski told UND.com. "This was the third tournament in a row where we faced a really strong field and we

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Welsh Family 13
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A late score gave the Whirlwinds a tie with the Purple Weasels.

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McGlinn 19
Breen-Phillips 0

The Shamrocks shut out the Babes for their fourth shutout of the season.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pangborn 13
Pasquerilla East 0

The Phoxes secured a playoff berth against the Pyros with a shutout.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Carroll 20
Knott 15

The rivals' offensive shootout ended in a hard-earned victory for the Vermin.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Siegfried 10
Sorin 0

The talented Ramblers emerged on top of a game dedicated to the late Ray Siegfried.

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