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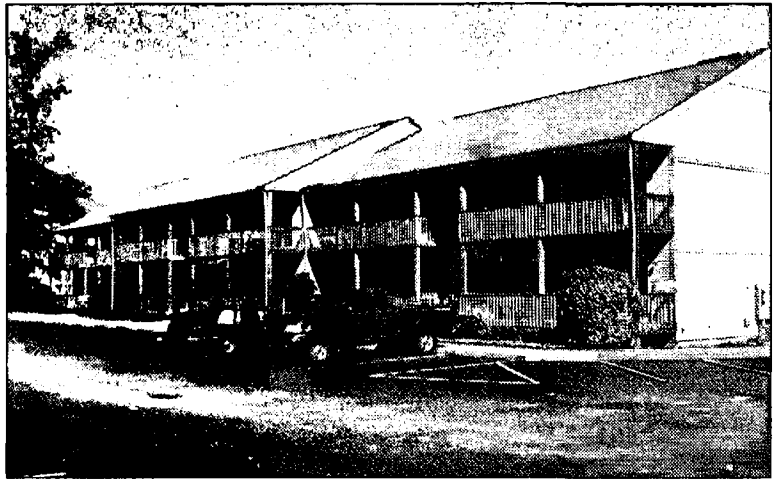
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Student evictions raise questions



A recent city amendment leaves students who live in off-campus housing such as College Park, above, facing possible eviction for noise and drinking violations.

Landlords debate fairness of enforcement

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Turtle Creek Management's recent decision to evict six Notre Dame students from their apartments has left local landlords and property managers torn, and students questioning the application of last summer's amendment to the disorderly house ordinance responsible for the evictions.

"I think [Turtle Creek] made a major mistake," said Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties. "First of all, it was a

first offense. The letter to abate is just a warning letter to a landlord. ... If [students are] running a crack house, I'd evict them. Or not paying their rent. It would have to be pretty hard stuff. I'm not going to evict them for a party."

The Observer was unable to reach Turtle Creek Management Sunday. After the eviction notices were received last week, Turtle Creek director of communications Judy Stowell declined to comment on pending legal actions, citing company policy.

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Class links students, inmates

SMC project calls for pen pal relationship

By LAUREN LAVELLE
News Writer

One Saint Mary's senior has a very special pen pal. His name is Lee, and he loves music, sports and movies. He played basketball in college and once co-hosted his own country music radio show. By all counts except one, Lee is a normal young man.

Lee is a death row inmate.

While many students might be frightened at the thought of conversing with a convicted murderer, writing to Lee has become an important part of the senior's life.

The Observer will not publish the full name of the inmate or the name of the student due to the sensitive nature of the subject.

The senior started writing to Lee in January 2003 as a part of a project for her Catholic Social Thought class. Students in professor Joseph Incandela's class choose from three semester-long projects — one of which is continued correspondence with a death row inmate. Incandela conceived the idea for the project based on the experiences of Sister Helen Prejean, the subject of the book and film "Dead Man Walking."

"When I first read 'Dead Man

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Hot or not? Web sites allow rating of profs

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Looking for cheap textbooks? Go online.

Working to plan your spring break getaway? Go online.

Want to praise, criticize or deem one of your professors "hot?" Go online.

Once dependent on word of mouth, students can now turn to Web sites such as NDToday.com and ratemyprofessor.com to review or research instructors.

The sites provide an anonymous forum in which students go well beyond the typical responses of teacher evaluations and expound on everything from lecture style to friendliness.

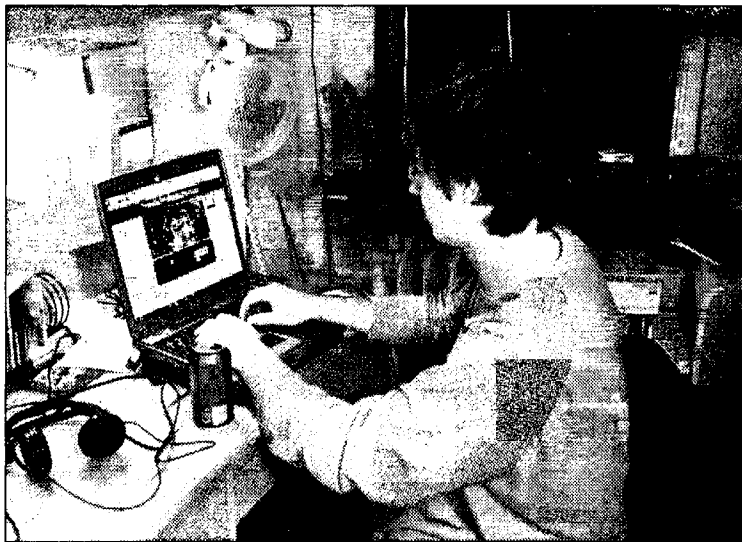
Evaluations for the Notre

Dame and Saint Mary's professors currently listed on the Web sites range from highly flattering — "This dude is great!" — to goofy — "has a sweet beard" — to downright hostile — "All learning must be done on your own. He uses tests as experiments."

Founded by four undergraduates in 1999 and now operated by College Club Interactive (CCI) Studios, NDToday.com launched its teacher evaluations in spring 2000. It quickly became one of the most popular features of the site and has over 10,000 instructor and course evaluations.

Instructors are crosslisted by college, department and overall ranking score. Students rate

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Morrissey freshman Perry Shoemaker looks up his professors on ratemyprofessor.com Sunday.

HY PHAM/The Observer

Run commemorates, raises funds

300 participants run in memory of former resident of Lyons Hall

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

T-shirts for Lyons Hall's signature event proclaimed the message simply: "We Run For Mara."

On Saturday, about 300 participants toed the starting line at Saint Mary's Lake for the 13th Mara Fox Fun Run. The Mara Fox Fun Run honors the life of Mara Fox, a Lyons Hall freshman who was killed on Douglas Road by a drunk driver on Nov. 13, 1993.

"It always amazes us that so many people support the event [who] didn't know Mara," Fox's mother, Teresa McCarthy, said.

This year's race was the 13th in 12 years. Two races were held during the 1993-94 school year.



LISA SCHULTZ/The Observer

Runners prepare for Saturday's 13th annual Mara Fox Fun Run, which was sponsored by Lyons Hall.

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Students turn over a new leaf with raking

Volunteers aid elderly in outdoor fall projects

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

When the leaves started falling on South Bend, nearly 200 Notre Dame students were there to pick them up as part of Turning Over a New Leaf, a service project that helped disabled and elderly community members with their yard work.

The event, organized by Circle K, Badin Hall and the Classes of 2007 and 2008, went from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Volunteers congregated at the Robinson Community Center, a 15-minute walk from Main Circle, where free breakfast was provided. The volunteers then split into groups of about eight.

"[The Robinson Center has] a strong connection to the com-

munity, so they went out and found about 50 elderly, disabled homeowners that needed students to come do yard work for them, mostly raking leaves," vice president of service for Circle K Adrienne Ruffner said.

Most of the homes were within several blocks of the Robinson Center, so the residents are not far removed from the University.

"Everybody was encouraged to knock on the door and talk to the [disabled or elderly] person. A lot of times people are shut in and they don't really get to see students," said Ruffner, who is also an Observer reporter.

"When we got to our sites we talked with the owners of the homes ... all the students were so positive," junior Anne Brusky

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INSIDE COLUMN

Impressive pictures

Funny how things work. My roommate and I went to D.C. over fall break. His girlfriend goes to Georgetown, so she wasn't too impressed when we showed her our pictures from the first day of our excursion.

Tom Dorwart

When it came to amazing-looking (to us) pictures of the monuments and memorials, she'd been there, done that. On of first day of exploration of the city, we even walked — for four hours — back from the Capitol to Georgetown. We made our way up the National Mall, to all the monuments, past the White House, back to the monuments, to the Potomac River, over to George Washington University's neat, urban campus and, finally, up Pennsylvania Avenue and back to the Georgetown neighborhood.

Tired, sore and impressed with ourselves, we told her of our trek, and she merely laughed and said, "People do that all time. People try to walk back from all over the place and get lost all the time." Little did we know.

Despite our setbacks, we were determined to take an impressive picture or at least do something impressive.

The next day we fake climbed out of the Potomac River — hanging over the edge, holding onto the railings — which was probably a bit dangerous considering there was no ledge beneath us.

We really were determined. After looking at our fairly impressive pictures, we decided we still hadn't taken "the one" — the one picture that would be the ultimate impressor.

We continued our walk, tried to think of other outrageous poses and arrived at the FDR Memorial.

It was getting dark, and all we had were a few photos of us climbing out of the Potomac River.

Then, there he was. There walked Bono — the legendary rock star from U2 who just this week appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone.

The sun was setting, so besides my roommate and me, Bono and the three other people (including a bodyguard) who walked with him, there were not many sightseeing tourists around.

Unsure if we should bother him at first, we kept walking and eventually decided we had to ask.

"Sorry to interrupt," we said, "but would you mind taking a picture with us?"

"For sure, man," Bono said in his Irish accent.

Sporting his infamous tinted sunglasses, his shiny earrings, his dark boots and his black leather jacket, he even posed, and some guy in a suit — maybe his agent — took our picture.

Bono was nice about it. We told him we were from Notre Dame.

"Ah, beautiful campus. I loved that campus," he said, remembering his visit several years ago for a sold-out concert.

We told him thanks and walked on in disbelief. He continued his short tour of the memorial and hopped in his ride.

Needless to say, we decided we had found a fairly impressive picture.

This time, we took the metro instead of making the tiring jaunt back to Georgetown.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



Pat Gardner
sophomore
Stanford

"A mime."



Kirsten Prior
grad student
off-campus

"Lara Croft,
Tomb Raider."



Alyissa Hasan
freshman
Pasquerilla East

"A construction
worker."



Graham Parker
sophomore
St. Edward's

"A dingo."



Lucianna Ravasio
senior
McGlinn

"A flapper."



Sam Pendergast
freshman
Sorin

"A Cavadini."



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

The cast of the Haunted Dalloway's event takes a break to pose Wednesday night after scaring students and staff in the basement of the coffeehouse. The haunted house cast reenacted spooky ghost stories from Saint Mary's history.

OFFBEAT

Cheap iBooks cause chaos

RICHMOND, Va. — A rush to purchase \$50 used laptops turned into a violent stampede Tuesday, with people getting thrown to the pavement, beaten with a folding chair and nearly driven over. One woman went so far as to wet herself rather than surrender her place in line.

"This is total, total chaos," said Latoya Jones, 19, who lost one of her flip-flops in the ordeal and later limped around on the sizzling black-top with one foot bare.

An estimated 5,500 people turned out at the Richmond International Raceway in hopes of getting their hands

on one of the 4-year-old Apple iBooks. The Henrico County school system was selling 1,000 of the computers to county residents. New iBooks cost between \$999 and \$1,299.

Dutch witches get tax break for studies

APPELSCHA, Netherlands — Cobwebs cling from the wooden rafters. Dusty shelves are cluttered with glass jars of home-brewed potions, dried herbs and stone amulets. An oil cooker and a black cauldron sit in the corner, ready for the next full moon. This isn't a Halloween party, it's

Margarita Rongen's year-round workshop and she is a witch — according to her tax return.

Dutch witches were guaranteed a financial treat when the Leeuwarden District Court reaffirmed their legal right to write off the costs of schooling — including in witchcraft — against their tax bills. Those costs run to thousands of dollars.

The court found on Sept. 23 that a witch can declare schooling costs if it increases the likelihood of employment and personal income.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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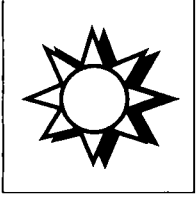
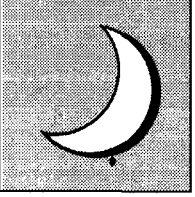
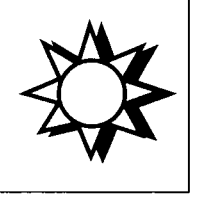
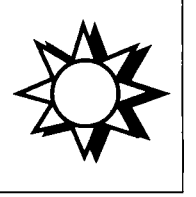
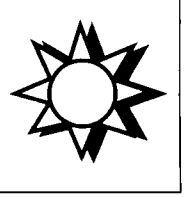
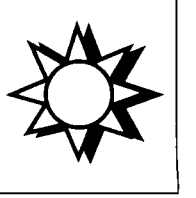
Archbishop J. Michael Miller, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, will present the 2005 Terrence Keeley Vatican Lecture at 8 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Ana Garcia Rodicio, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Department of Sociology and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts will sponsor speaker Pamela J. Smock from the University of Michigan Thursday as part of The Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecturer Series. The lecture will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in G-20 Flanner Hall and will focus on "Living Together Unmarried in the United States: Demographic Perspectives and Implications for Family Policy."

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Nieuwland Science Hall. Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 in room 118 on "God's Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgewood Kilns to the Uncertainty Principle."

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Retail giant criticized for policies

Wal-Mart business, morals addressed during University conference

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Whether they were wearing Wal-Mart's trademark blue vest or lambasting the company, distinguished professors, Notre Dame students, a union representative and the mayor of South Bend joined together to discuss issues surrounding the world's largest retail company in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza

Saturday.

The conference, organized and moderated by undergraduates in the College of Arts and Letters and the Mendoza College of Business, started with a lecture by Susan Soisson, an assistant program manager in Mendoza. Soisson spoke to the Saturday morning crowd about the history of Wal-Mart, as well as aspects of its philanthropy and technology.

"It serves a purpose," she said. "Wal-Mart does contribute."

Although she was wearing a Wal-Mart vest, Soisson did not solely praise the company. She

discussed how even philanthropic aspects of the company had some catches. And she said society ends up paying for the healthcare costs of Wal-Mart employees.

Steven Ashby, an associate professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University, followed Soisson with by far the most critical assessment of the giant corporation of the day. Ashby once served as executive director of Northwest Indiana's Calumet Project, a

"There is clearly a Wal-Mart policy to get people to quit."

Steven Ashby
professor
Indiana University

labor-community coalition that advocates for workers' rights.

"There is clearly a Wal-Mart policy to get people to quit," he said.

Ashby also postulated that Wal-Mart is just one example of the problems of labor relations in the United States.

He said nationalized health care would be a huge improvement in the United States, and that laborers in Sweden had it much better than their American counterparts.

The third expert — known in some circles as the "Wal-Mart

man" — was Kenneth Stone, professor emeritus of Economics at Iowa State University. Stone spoke of the effects Wal-Mart has on the communities it moves in to.

Stone said the types of companies that can survive Wal-Mart are those that are "selling something different" and can benefit from traffic spillover from the retail giant.

The conference also featured three undergraduate students reading their respective research papers on Wal-Mart issues, ranging from the impact on one student's hometown to the history of Wal-Mart's dealings with attempted unionization of its workers to different frameworks for viewing Wal-Mart.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion featuring Soisson, Scott Barnett of United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) Local 700, professor emeritus of economics at Notre Dame Charles Craypo, South Bend mayor Steve Luecke and Paul Mishler, an assistant professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University of South Bend.

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Run

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On Saturday, the 5-kilometer route began at St. Mary's Lake, cut through campus between South Quad and Mod Quad and followed Holy Cross Drive back to Lyons Hall. The walking route did not include the lake segment.

A \$15 participation fee paid for T-shirts, Studebaker bagels and beverages, but profits also supplement a scholarship fund in Fox's name.

Junior Lauren Plenn became the first Lyons resident to receive the award on Saturday. Plenn was a co-coordinator of this year's Fun Run.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who will study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. Fox's dream had been to study in Toledo, Spain, and become a child psychologist in a Hispanic community.

The event's co-commissioner, junior Maya Chan, addressed the reality of Fox's tragedy at a

post-race lunch with Fox's family members, who were on campus Saturday.

"I hadn't really gotten to talk to Mara's family, and to be able to talk with Mara's mother really hit home with me," Chan said. "She said every year it's like a healing process for her."

Just fewer than half of the Fun Run participants were Lyons residents, Chan said. Sorin Hall sophomore Manny

Nuno was the male winner, coming in under

16 minutes. McGlinn Hall junior Catherine Huml finished first of the women, completing the run in 18:49. Each was awarded a sweatshirt from the bookstore.

Chan said Lula's Café and the bookstore each donated prizes for the winners of the race and the raffle.

Door prizes were handed out by Fox's nephew, 8-year-old Ian

Scott. Prizes included gift certificates from Chili's, South Bend Chocolate Company, Lula's Café, Panera Bread Co. and Papa Vito's.

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Maya Chan
Junior

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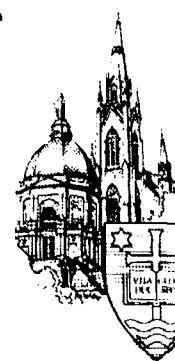
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Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame

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Evictions

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The six students received letters to abate from the city of South Bend shortly after Indiana State Excise Police officers busted parties at their three apartments the weekend of Sept. 9-10, citing about 100 minors for underage drinking.

Returning from fall break, the students found eviction notices at their apartments — an action taken by Turtle Creek Management that Kramer called a mistake, but other property managers deemed necessary.

"[The owners] have to follow the city ordinance so they don't get in trouble," Clover Ridge property manager Kristie Nozykowski said. "They're doing the right thing. If I was fined by the city ordinance, I would evict, and just as quickly."

Castle Point property manager Judy Logan echoed Nozykowski's sentiments, referring to the amendment's clause that drops fines against the landlord if he evicts the offending tenant.

"I don't think it's Turtle Creek's decision. I think it's the city's decision," Logan said. "[The owners] have no choice — they have to [evict] or they're going to get in trouble. It's a domino effect."

A domino effect that starts with students. Senior Ray Denis, who lives in East Race Condos, said he now fears the amendment's backlash is spreading.

"At first I thought, 'Could this happen to me?'" Denis said. "You just don't have parties [now]. It's not worth it. Getting evicted is not worth one night of fun."

Logan said she understands the

dilemma faced by students living off campus.

"Basically, [the amendment] says one strike and you're out," Logan said. "It's really an unfortunate situation."

The amendment, passed by the South Bend Common Council on July 25, added a string of alcohol violations to activities currently prohibited by the disorderly house ordinance and drops the number of noise violations required to send a notice to abate from three to one.

If the prohibited action reoccurs, the city can file a civil suit against both the tenants and the landlord, resulting in fines anywhere from \$250 to \$2,500.

But the amendment drops the fines against the landlord if he evicts the tenants within 30 days of receiving the notice to abate — a choice that puts the management in a tough situation.

Kramer, who rents about 50 houses to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students throughout South Bend, has never evicted a tenant and said he would only do so under extreme circumstances.

If a tenant received a notice to abate, Kramer said he would send another letter to the tenant explaining that this action needed to stop and would then forward a copy of the letter to the South Bend city attorney to show that he was handling the issue.

Castle Point, which rents to about 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, is not within city limits and not subject to the new

amendment, Logan said.

But if problems arise, she gives the offending tenant a warning, explaining that "obvious, disruptive behavior" is prohibited in the apartment lease.

"The second warning is firmer. The third warning is you have to move," Logan said. "If I was in the city of South Bend, I couldn't even give you a warning."

Kramer said none of his tenants have received notices to abate, which he attributes to preemptive actions he took to make his tenants aware of the new regulations.

The Turtle Creek students are now involved in legal action in response to the eviction notices, filed in court Oct. 21, a move that troubled Logan.

"What's going to be hard on these [students] — where are they going to go?" Logan said. "Because no one else is going to rent to them. Litigation goes on their record ... You can't rent to somebody who's been evicted someplace."

Going "peaceably" is always better both for the residents and the property manager, said Logan, who has evicted students in the past for disruptive behavior.

"But I always give fair warning," she said. "But I think the city of South Bend and University has given fair warning [of the ordinance]."

Although students said they knew about the ordinance, the possibility of eviction seemed a

distant and relatively unlikely possibility.

"It's shocking, because ... it's like [Indiana State Excise Police] randomly picked six people, who didn't do anything more than anybody else," said junior Matt Whittington, who lives in Turtle Creek. "It's kind of ridiculous."

Whittington, whose close friends lived in Turtle Creek the past two years, said he never thought he'd see a situation like this — a situation where he said Excise officers showed up at back porch tailgates before the Michigan State football game and asked to join in drinking games, before asking to see everyone's ID.

"It's college. It's going to happen," Whittington said. "Underage drinking — it's going to happen."

But underage drinking subjects property managers to big liability issues, Logan said.

"It's really an unfortunate situation," she said.

Kegs are not allowed at Clover Ridge, said Nozykowski, who fines tenants \$200 a day for every keg on site.

In Kramer's eyes, underage drinking should not be the main concern of police. He said seven of his student tenants have reported car break-ins during the past three or four weeks.

"Where should the priority really be?" Kramer asked. "I don't think we should be worrying about a little alcohol at a party after a football game."

But it's clear the police are worrying about that alcohol. And students are well aware of the enforcement.

"We're more concerned about how strict things are now in general," junior Becky Scholl-Maguire said. "I am less likely to go to Turtle Creek now than I was

freshman year."

Scholl-Maguire, who plans to move off-campus to Clover Ridge next year, said she was "a little concerned" about how the amendment is being enforced.

"Obviously we're going to have parties and stuff," she said.

Junior Chris Disbro, who plans to move to College Park next year — "It's an Alumni [Hall] tradition" — said the evictions are causing him to more closely examine South Bend's rules, to "find out what our rights are."

College Park management did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Whatever happens in Turtle Creek's future, students said they felt the evictions would be bad business for the apartment complex, a perennial party destination.

"There's so many empty apartments because people can't handle [the management] anymore," Whittington said. "It's a bad business move ... My friends who want to move off next year, they see what's going on."

Denis agreed with Whittington about Turtle Creek's decline.

"It's a giant mess out there," he said.

For Kramer, the new amendment is indicative of a problem that's much bigger than alcohol.

"If you're going to alienate students from the community, you're making a major, major, major mistake," Kramer said. "Notre Dame is the largest employer of our community. The students, parents and alumni spend millions and millions of dollars in our community. Where would we be without Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?"

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Matt Whittington
junior

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tanzanians vote despite violence

ZANZIBAR — Crucial regional elections turned violent Sunday as police and the ruling party's militia engaged in running clashes with opposition supporters in the streets of the main town in semiautonomous Zanzibar.

Police fired tear gas and water cannons while party militiamen beat suspected government opponents on the edges of the old city, known as Stone Town. More than a dozen people were injured, hospital officials said.

The violence came as voters turned out in heavy numbers to choose between the socialists who have ruled the Indian Ocean archipelago for nearly 40 years and an opposition group promising wholesale economic reforms. Results were not expected until later in the week.

U.S. soldiers charged with assault

KABUL — Two U.S. soldiers have been charged with assault for allegedly punching two detainees in the chest, shoulders and stomach at a military base in Afghanistan, the military said Sunday.

The announcement came just 10 days after the military launched an investigation into television footage purportedly showing a group of U.S. soldiers burning the bodies of two dead Taliban rebels.

The charges against the two soldiers include conspiracy to maltreat, assault and dereliction of duty. The allegations, if substantiated, could lead to disciplinary action, the statement said, adding that neither detainee required medical attention.

The military did not say when the soldiers were charged.

Amer al-Husseini, an aide to al-Sadr.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. misses many security deadlines

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has missed dozens of deadlines set by Congress after the Sept. 11 attacks for developing ways to protect airplanes, ships and railways from terrorists.

A plan to defend ships and ports from attack is six months overdue. Rules to protect air cargo from infiltration by terrorists are two months late. A study on the cost of giving anti-terrorism training to federal law enforcement officers who fly commercially was supposed to be done more than three years ago.

"The incompetence that we recently saw with FEMA's leadership appears to exist throughout the Homeland Security Department," said Mississippi Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee. "Our nation is still vulnerable."

Mourners honor Parks at service

MONTGOMERY — Hundreds of mourners, politicians and activists attended a memorial service Sunday for Rosa Parks, who inspired the civil rights movement by refusing to give up a seat on a city bus to a white man.

Cascades of roses covered her casket in a chapel bearing her name at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, where she was once a member. A separate wing was opened for the overflow crowd.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that she and others who grew up in Alabama during the height of Parks' activism might not have realized her impact on their lives.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. case challenges child-sex laws

MARION CO. — William C. Bopp could be convicted of child molesting in Marion County, even though he was a child himself when he engaged in sexual activity with a younger girl.

The Indianapolis teenager has told the Indiana Court of Appeals that charging him violates his constitutional rights, because state law says children younger than 14 who engage in sexual activity are presumed victims and can't legally consent.

INDIA

Militant group claims attacks

Little-known group takes responsibility for New Delhi bombings on Saturday

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — A little-known group that police say has ties to Kashmir's most feared militants claimed responsibility Sunday for a series of terrorist bombings that killed 59 people in New Delhi.

Authorities said they already had gathered useful clues about the near-simultaneous blasts Saturday night that ripped through a bus and two crowded markets just before the Hindu festival of Diwali, one of the year's busiest shopping seasons.

Investigators reportedly raided dozens of small hotels across India's capital looking for possible suspects, and police said "numerous" people were being questioned.

The attacks came at a particularly sensitive time as India and Pakistan were hashing out an unprecedented agreement to partially open the heavily militarized frontier that divides the disputed territory of Kashmir to speed relief to victims of a massive earthquake earlier this month.

The agreement was finalized early Sunday, and Indian officials appeared hesitant to quickly put the blame for the bombings on Pakistan-based militants, unlike in previous terror attacks during a 16-year-old insurgency by Islamic separatists in India's part of Kashmir.

India's accusations of Pakistani involvement in a 2001 attack on parliament put the two nuclear-armed rivals on the brink of a fourth war. But they pulled back and, after pursuing peace efforts since early last year, both appeared intent on keeping the atmosphere calm.

"We have lots of infor-



Relatives of a victim in Saturday's blast mourn as they wait to receive her body at the Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi on Sunday.

mation but it is not proper to disclose it yet," Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil told clamoring journalists after an emergency meeting of the Cabinet called to discuss the attacks. "Our people are making good progress. The investigation is going well."

A man called a local news agency in Indian Kashmir to say the militant Islamic Inquilab Mahaz, or Front for Islamic Uprising, staged the bombings, which police said killed 59 people and wounded 210.

The caller, who identi-

fied himself as Ahmed Yaar Ghaznavi, said the bombings were "meant as a rebuff to the claims of Indian security groups" that militants had been wiped out by security crackdowns and the Oct. 8 earthquake that devastated the insurgents' heartland in the mountains of Kashmir.

A senior police officer in India's Jammu-Kashmir state said the caller's name was not familiar to intelligence agencies, and New Delhi's deputy police chief, Karnail Singh, said the group had not been very active since 1996.

Singh refused to comment on the claim of responsibility, but he said the group is linked to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, the most feared of the dozens of Kashmiri militant groups.

A leading anti-terrorism expert said earlier that the timing and nature of the blasts appeared to indicate the work of Lashkar.

"It looks like Lashkar. They are the most active group here," said Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing, India's foreign intelligence agency.

Reid calls for Rove's resignation

Senate minority leader critical of administration's reaction to Libby indictment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Democratic leader said Sunday that presidential adviser Karl Rove should resign because of his role in the exposing of a CIA officer's identity, and a veteran Republican senator said President Bush needs "new blood" in his White House.

Rove has not been charged, but the investigation continues in the case that brought the indictment and resignation Friday of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid said Sunday he was disappointed that Bush and Cheney responded to the indictment by lauding Libby. He suggested they should apologize for the leak that revealed the identity of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame, whose husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, has been critical of the Bush administration.

"First of all, the vice president issues this very terse statement praising Libby for all the great things he's done," Reid said. "Then we have the president come on camera a few minutes later

calling him Scooter and what a great patriot he is."

"There has not been an apology to the American people for this obvious problem in the White House," Reid, D-Nev., told ABC's "This Week."

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday" that Cheney should "come clean" about his involvement and why he discussed Plame with Libby before Libby spoke to reporters about her.

"What did the vice president know? What were his intentions?" Dodd said.

Death

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Walking' and sort of saw how she started, it sort of got me thinking how to do this same kind of project in a classroom setting," Incandela said. "My basic interest was to get students to experience some of the things we are talking about in class."

Incandela created a project in which students can write to death row inmates for one semester. In order to soothe student fears and anxiety about the project, Incandela gives them the option of using pseudonyms and having the letters sent to his office rather than their own mailboxes. At the end of the semester, students write a paper summarizing their experiences and personal growth. Incandela said he hopes this project allows his students to better understand death row inmates and capital punishment.

"The purpose of the assignment is not to make students feel sorry for them. Rather, the point is to try to get students to understand the fundamental principle of Catholic Social Thought, and that is that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God," Incandela said. "Every human has a basic dignity that they don't earn by their actions or lose by their actions. On the very basic level, the point is for students to see those on death row as persons."

The project has been highly popular in the eight years that it has been offered. This semester, 34 out of 45 students have chosen to contact death row inmates.

Sophomore Maggie Siefert, one of Incandela's students, recently began corresponding with a death row inmate. After receiving two letters from the inmate, Siefert said her opinion on death row has already changed.

"I realized that a lot of these people have just made one wrong mistake in their lives, and it's a huge factor," she said. "But they are people too. This project helps to get rid of stereotypes."

Sophomore Ashley Brown, who is also taking the class, said she opted to write to an inmate because of her lack of knowledge on the subject.

"I chose to do it because it would be interesting to hear from them and get their take on their lives and death row," Brown said. "I realized that they are humans and should be treated as humans."

Looking back on her experience, senior Nicole Gifford said she appreciates what she learned by corresponding to an inmate. Gifford took the class in fall 2004 and noted how she changed throughout the semester.

"Prior to the class I wasn't decided [about the death penalty]," she said. "I was in the gray area. I thought that if you did a terrible crime then you should be punished. After taking the class, however, I am totally against the death penalty."

Gifford also said she still has occasional contact with her inmate and writes to him every few months.

Of all Incandela's students who have participated in the project, however, none has had an experience quite like the senior who requested anonymity. January will mark the three-year anniversary of her correspondence with Lee. Writing three- to nine-page letters every three weeks has allowed the student and Lee to establish a level of trust with one another. The senior said she feels free to write to him about her friends, family and life at Saint Mary's.

"He basically lets me tell him

what I want to tell him. He knows that if I want to tell him something specific about my life than I will," she said. "There are enough things to write about that I don't have to tell him all the ins and outs of my life."

The senior also said she enjoys hearing about Lee's day to day life, and that she was surprised to learn about the many things he has access to.

"In his cell, he has a television, a word processor and a radio," she said. "They have access to movies and to books."

Even though Lee has access to life outside his cell, the student said she often feels guilty sharing her experiences with him.

"I always feel selfish when I write about things that are going on and I try to stay somewhat neutral about what's going on. I feel selfish about writing that because I don't know if he wants to hear about the things he's missing out on," the senior said. "He tells me to not feel selfish because he definitely wants to hear that there is a world going on outside those walls."

The senior said she and Lee often talk about serious issues, such as religion and finding God.

"I tell him that I pray for him every night and he is grateful for those prayers," she said. "He says that he prays for me and my family too."

One subject the pen pals do not focus on is Lee's crime. While the senior knows the details of his crime and conviction, she said she does not like to dwell on it. By not focusing on his crime, she said she is able to see Lee as a person rather than a criminal.

"By looking past his situation, I was able to see that there was more to this person than just a crime," she said.

One aspect of Lee's personality the senior said she enjoys is his sense of humor. She is also impressed by his ability to stay positive, despite his situation.

"The one thing that stands out to me over anything is his positive attitude. He is always happy, always laughing. He has an unbelievable will to make people laugh and to be positive about his situation," she said.

While the senior said she admires Lee's attitude and enjoys his correspondence, she also said she knows her boundaries.

"I look at him like another human being and a friend but there is still that distance I try to keep because I realize the position he is in," she said.

She also said although she is not emotionally attached to Lee, she cares for him and prays for him.

"More than anything else, I want Lee to be at peace with his situation and to find God," she said.

The senior said while she was initially apprehensive about writing to an inmate, after corresponding with Lee her opinions about death row and capital punishment have changed.

"The class and my letters from Lee have completely opened my eyes to capital punishment. I am not for capital punishment like I was before," she said. "I used to think that if you were on death row, you were there for a reason and you deserved to be punished for your actions. Now, I see that there are so many things wrong with the system and I can't support it as is."

While Lee's future is unknown, the student said she remains positive about her correspondence with him and would eventually like to meet him.

"I wouldn't be uncomfortable with that situation," she said.

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Rate

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professors on a scale of 1 to 10 in several categories including toughness, teaching quality, accessibility and sense of humor.

CCI president Scott Palko said the reviews posted on his site are focused on teaching ability and are a reliable resource for students.

"The reviews themselves are of a pretty high quality," Palko said. "We have no desire to post things about personal idiosyncrasies of a professor."

Comments posted on NDToday.com are screened for obscenities and slander, Palko said. Complaints from professors have been far and few between, he said. In fact, the site's operators have been contacted by departments checking to make sure that professors were indeed listed.

Junior accounting major Kevin Johnson said he has consulted the Web site for professors for elective courses. With a few exceptions, he said, the evaluations posted on NDToday.com have generally been consistent with what he experienced in the classroom. The more reviews posted, the more accurate the rating, he said.

"I just look at general reviews of the teachers," Johnson said. "The most important things I look for is the way the class is structured like tests and papers."

Junior film major Mike Burke also said he has utilized NDToday.com's teacher evaluations when enrolling in general education classes.

"Usually I am looking for good teachers not necessarily the easy ones," Burke said.

RateMyProfessor.com, founded in 1999 by software engi-

neer John Swapceinski, has a similar format to the teacher evaluations found on NDToday.com. It boasts a listing of 5,277 universities and colleges nationwide with a total of 646,000 professors reviewed.

The site permits students to rate professors on a scale of one to five in three categories — helpfulness, clarity and easiness. They can also post specific comments on workload as well as critique physical appearance using a chili pepper icon — hot or not.

The scores for helpfulness and clarity are averaged together to reach an overall quality rating.

Anthropology professor James McKenna said he was surprised and flattered to learn he topped the list of Notre Dame professors listed on the site — he earned a score of 5. Although he had never heard of rateMyProfessor.com, McKenna said he has always placed a strong emphasis on his relationship with students and reads student evaluations carefully.

Despite the flattering reviews, McKenna said he would never be tempted to look up what students say about him on the site.

"I would never even think about it," he said emphatically. "I just couldn't do it. It would be like intruding. Perhaps it is not for my use. It is for the students' use."

Not all professors are equally as shy about seeing how they rank in the eyes of their students, however.

Saint Mary's history professor David Stefancic, who was jokingly described by a colleague as the "department monitor" for the Web site, said he likes to keep abreast of what students are saying about him. A good review is flattering, he said, while a bad review probably came from someone he "ticked off along the way."

Students might feel more at

ease to speak truthfully about teachers on the Web site, Stefancic said.

"They may [be more honest] because this is totally anonymous," Stefancic said. "Handwriting is distinctive for each student and some might feel intimidated [on traditional evaluations]."

Junior Jenica Forquer said she would give a more open evaluation on rateMyProfessor.com than on a traditional evaluation for that very reason.

"I don't know what happens to those course evaluations," Forquer said. "And it is supposed to be anonymous, but your handwriting gives you away."

Saint Mary's history professor Bill Svelmoe laughed when he was told he received a 5 out of 5 ratings and a chili pepper icon on rateMyProfessor.com.

"Do students have the right to do this and is it a great Web site?" Svelmoe said. "Absolutely."

However, some professors' overall scores are based on just one or two student reviews, Svelmoe said, and therefore are not statistically accurate and cannot be taken seriously.

"At the moment I think it is more fun and a good place to start conversations," Svelmoe said. "You might go on the Web site and look up a professor and then go ask friends [about him]."

Freshman Rachel Peck looked up her professors before arriving at Saint Mary's in August and said it helped her to anticipate what would be expected of her in the classroom.

"It was positive so I got excited," Peck said. "I wasn't too worried and I thought it was funny that you could read the hotness."

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NASDAQ	2,089.88	+26.07
NYSE	7,369.55	+106.23
S&P 500	1,198.41	+19.51
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,346.54	+15.65
FTSE 100(London)	5,213.40	+30.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+2.74	+0.68	25.53
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+0.77	+0.29	38.32
SUN MICROSYS INC (SUNW)	-0.51	-0.02	3.88
INTEL CP (INTC)	+2.15	+0.49	23.33
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.53	+0.09	17.14

Treasures			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.08	+0.04	47.74
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.20	+0.09	45.67
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.45	+0.20	44.50
3-MONTH BILL	+0.87	+0.33	38.25

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.13		61.22
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IN BRIEF**Delphi CEO expects an agreement**

WASHINGTON — Delphi Corp. Chairman and CEO Robert S. "Steve" Miller said Friday that the company's proposal to cut some workers' pay by more than 60 percent was not intended to provoke a strike and he remains confident a deal can be reached in the coming months.

Miller, meeting with reporters in Washington, said workers for the country's largest auto supplier "understand that no good can come from a strike."

"We hope to arrive at an equitable settlement without court-authorized rejection of the labor contracts. Rejection results in a free-for-all wherein management can impose contract modifications, and the union is free to strike. Nobody wants to end up there."

Miller said he had seen no indications of work slowdowns at American plants since the company's bankruptcy filing earlier this month, but he recognized that many workers are upset with him personally.

"They're very angry with me. You ought to see the e-mails I get ripping my hide," Miller said.

He said "not all my plants are going to survive this," but no decisions have been made on any of the facilities.

Exxon Mobil profits break records

NEW YORK — Crude-oil futures ended in shallow positive territory Friday, capping a week marked by unusually thin volumes and extreme volatility.

As was the case earlier in the week, players stuck to the sidelines amid a lack of market-moving news and a feeling that prices have found equilibrium.

"Looks like the market thinks crude is priced right in here," said Chris McCormack, a broker and analyst at ABN Amro in New York. "The market spent the week consolidating at the bottom of the recent range."

The December crude futures contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 13 cents to settle at \$61.22 a barrel. Petroleum products were mixed, with the November heating oil down 1.04 cents at \$1.8435 a gallon, and November gasoline up 3.16 cents at \$1.6242 a gallon.

Stocks rally on GDP growth

Upswing in economic activity eases markets' fears; DOW gains 172 points

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied sharply Friday, with the Dow gaining 172 points on better-than-expected gross domestic product growth last quarter despite the disruptions caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The major indexes finished an erratic week higher.

The upswing in economic activity for the July-September quarter soothed a market anxious for signs of the economy's health amid fears of a downturn. The GDP figure also overshadowed a drop in consumer confidence and a weak forecast from oil company Chevron Corp.

"It basically drove home the point that the economy was healthy before the hurricanes and indeed may have remained healthy afterward as well," said Doug Porter, a senior economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns, who noted gains in spending and business investment among increases in nearly every GDP component in the Commerce Department's report.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 172.82, or 1.69 percent, to 10,402.77, its biggest one-day gain since April 21.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 19.51, or 1.65 percent, to 1,198.41, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 26.07, or 1.26 percent, to 2,089.88.

Bonds declined as stocks rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury rising to 4.57 percent from 4.55 percent late Thursday. The dollar was higher against most major currencies, while gold prices inched upward.

Oil traded in a narrow range despite fears that recovering Gulf Coast facilities will struggle with heating oil demand as winter makes an early approach. A barrel of light crude rose 13 cents to settle at \$61.22 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.



The nomination of economist Ben Bernanke, above, as the next Federal Reserve chief, as well as mixed earnings reports, made for a volatile trading week that ended positively.

Wall Street closed out a week of volatile trading as investors juggled mixed corporate earnings reports and renewed interest-rate worries following the nomination of top White House economist Ben Bernanke as the next Federal Reserve chief.

Bernanke, who would replace outgoing Chairman Alan Greenspan in January, is largely expected to keep the Fed's mission of clamping inflation by slowly lifting interest rates and curbing demand. But with oil and gas prices now retreating from record levels, many fear the Fed may go overboard and send the economy sliding.

For the week, the Dow

added 1.84 percent, the S&P 500 rose 1.6 percent and the Nasdaq finished 0.37 percent higher.

Friday's positive GDP report gave investors a brighter economic picture. The Commerce Department said the economy grew 3.8 percent in the third quarter, besting economists' forecast for a 3.6 percent gain and the 3.3 percent advance for the April-June period.

That growth helped the market look past weakening consumer confidence after the University of Michigan reported its consumer sentiment index for October sank 1.2 points to 74.2, below views for an increase to 76.

Mike Viracola, managing

director at Adams Harkness, also attributed this week's volatility to stock-specific moves as traders used earnings data as catalysts to boost returns before year-end.

"I don't think (investors) are getting that much from the individual earnings reports," Viracola said, that would cause them to switch gears in their long-term positions.

Chevron's earnings grew 12 percent last quarter, but the company estimated it lost at least \$600 million from the hurricanes and other storms. The company also warned the fallout will have an even larger impact on fourth-quarter results.

CHINA

Olympic officials combat piracy

Associated Press

BEIJING — When the Xi'ao Center office complex went looking for tenants, it hung out a 10-story-high banner boasting bookings by corporate sponsors of the 2008 Olympics: "The Choice of Olympic Organizing Committee Partners."

Chinese Olympic officials were livid. The company found itself pilloried in the media, ordered by Olympic and government officials to remove the 10-story-tall banner and fined an undisclosed sum.

Normally a haven for pirated products and trademark rip-offs,

China has mounted an unusually aggressive campaign to prevent unauthorized use of Olympic symbols. The communist government is devoting money, manpower and political capital to the effort, treating it as a national priority.

"If the government fails in this, the International Olympic Committee might feel it was a mistake to let China hold the Olympics," said Huang Yaling, a professor at Beijing Sports University and consultant to the city on the 2008 Games.

The result isn't perfect. At Beijing tourist landmarks, peddlers sell

knockoff caps bearing the five-ring Olympic logo for a dollar. An adult Chinese Web site offers male potency pills brand-named "Olympic Male Treasure."

But China's vigorous effort to defend Olympic wares contrasts with its poor record in protecting foreign companies' brands. Chinese manufacturing pirates have gone beyond DVDs of Hollywood movies and are becoming sophisticated enough to turn out industrial pumps and even runs a global export industry of copycat auto parts centered in the eastern port city of Ningbo, Chinese officials say.

Volunteers serve meals to community's poor

Gonzaga University program sends food to low-income residents

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Even though it's been more than 40 years since Walletta Hayes attended college, she has no trouble remembering mealtime in the campus dining hall: limp, discolored vegetables and mystery meat.

Nothing like the meals delivered these days to Hayes and her neighbors at O'Malley Apartments from the kitchen at nearby Gonzaga University.

Three nights a week, student volunteers package dinners that otherwise would have gone to waste and distribute them to residents of the low-income complex. A recent dinner tray included poached salmon, wild rice and fresh string beans.

"I think this is better than the dorm foods I used to get" at college in the early 1960s, Hayes said. "I don't remember it being this good."

Gonzaga is one of six universities nationwide which sponsor a Campus Kitchens Project, in which

student volunteers package unserved dining hall food into nutritious meals that they distribute to the elderly, homeless and underprivileged in surrounding communities.

Founded as a pilot program at St. Louis University in 2001, Campus Kitchens is a spinoff of the successful Washington, D.C.-based DC Central Kitchen, whose founder and President Robert Egger came up with the idea to use unserved food and campus facilities during off hours to feed the hungry.

"He saw a school that had a kitchen ... and a fabulous opportunity to use space that is ready to go, but not used at all hours," said Abby Flottesch, develop-

ment director of the nonprofit organization.

Campus Kitchen at Gonzaga organizes the packaging and distribution of meals.

Hannah Israel, a recent University of Michigan graduate and the 21-year-old coordinator of the Gonzaga program, is joined by about 40 regular volunteers at Cataldo dining hall to assemble meals, which are supplemented by donations from restaurants, grocery stores and food banks. The next day volunteers load up their cars with food — including dinners, sack lunches and after-school snacks for elementary school children involved in a campus mentoring program — and deliver them to clients of five hunger relief agencies.

Hayes, a diabetic, has her meals specially prepared with salads and low-sugar desserts.

The Gonzaga program, which helps train unemployed adults for jobs in the food service industry, serves about 500 meals a week.

"Spokane has a big issue with homelessness and unemployment," Israel said. "There is a lot of need in this community."

And the need clearly extends beyond Washington state.

At Marquette University, senior Kelly Collins volunteers six to eight hours a week at the university's Campus Kitchens.

"A lot of people that want to come here ... have these kind of values," she said in a telephone interview from the Milwaukee campus. "A lot feel 'I should volunteer. I should give back to the community.'"

Besides Gonzaga, St. Louis and Marquette, kitchen projects are operating at Chicago's Northwestern University, Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Dillard University in New Orleans, although that school was closed after Hurricane Katrina. A pilot program also started earlier this month at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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Hannah Israel
program coordinator

Students adjust to new campuses

Acclimating to a different lifestyle proves challenging, rewarding

Associated Press

AMHERST, Mass. — Accustomed to low and flat New Orleans, Tameka Noel finds herself huffing and puffing as she walks the hilly campus of Amherst College near the Berkshire Mountains. And though it's just October, it already feels like winter to her.

She misses friends, and Cajun food, and Bourbon Street, which puts small-town Amherst's nightlife to shame.

She and the six other students from Xavier University who wound up here this semester won't lie and tell you Hurricane Katrina was the best thing that ever happened to them, just because they get to spend time at an elite liberal arts college. They will, however, say they are grateful for the hospitality, and that — when all is said and done — their time at Amherst might have broadened their education.

"Some days are difficult and others aren't," said Noel, a senior from New Boston, Texas, who is part of Xavier's well-regarded premed program. "But I think being outside your comfort zone is something everybody should experience."

An estimated 75,000 college students were displaced from New Orleans by the storm. Many are still in the South, or at least at schools close to family. But others are temporarily enrolled at colleges far from home, both geographically and culturally. About a dozen from Xavier, a historically black, Roman Catholic school, were taken in by Amherst and nearby Williams — schools some would call archetypal New England liberal arts colleges.

Around the country, host schools have worked hard to make the students feel welcome. Loyola of Chicago, which accommodated about 300, hosted a Midwest-themed welcome

barbecue and a party to watch a New Orleans Saints football game. Washington & Lee University had Cajun night in the dining hall. Santa Clara University in California gave students skateboards and offered a one-time class called "Skateboard Etiquette 101" — figuring it would help students both get around and feel more Californian.

Amherst took

its visitors shopping for the winter clothes they suddenly needed, and is even paying for them to fly home for Thanksgiving. In the classroom, it organized tutorials to help them catch up after missing the first two weeks of class. College officials say the students are doing

fine academically.

For the Xavier students, it's a way to get the courses they need to stay on track to medical school. But it's also a chance to try some new things. At Xavier, they said, most classes are in a lecture-and-drill format. Their Amherst seminars have been a nice change of pace in both structure and content.

"We discussed homosexuality, which is definitely a big taboo at Xavier, being Catholic and all that," said Noel, who added an elective on "cross-cultural constructions of gender" to her science coursework. The different classroom experience "is something I've enjoyed," she said.

In interviews with students scattered across the country, several said they had found the chance to spend a few months at another college unexpectedly valuable.

"I wouldn't take it back. I honestly wouldn't," said Dawnel Verrett, a junior from Loyola of

New Orleans who is at Santa Clara and says she has been warmly welcomed — and enjoyed discovering Mexican food. One of 19 displaced undergraduates at Washington & Lee, in tiny Lexington, Va., Tulane sophomore Jennifer Comarda says she has enjoyed some aspects of small-town life, like getting to know the man who works at a local ice cream shop.

And being at Loyola of Chicago has allowed Zac Markey, who had expected to start at Loyola of New Orleans this fall, the chance to sample some bands on the local music scene.

But make no mistake: Small and unexpected pleasures aside, being displaced is tough, for all sorts of reasons.

"I think all of us here are getting a little bit of cabin fever," said Comarda, who had never spent more than a few days outside her home state of Louisiana. "We're so used to going to the movies and having so many opportunities in a big city, going to the mall. There's no mall here. There's a Wal-Mart."

Markey says he's never quite felt comfortable at Loyola of Chicago. "I'm not getting used to anything here," he said. "I kind of just see it as getting a few credits out of the way."

Zac Markey
freshman

People have been friendly, but he hasn't made close friends: "There's definitely a division between the Chicago students and the (New Orleans) students. They're from two different cultures."

Some, like Josh Solowiejczyk, a Tulane student relocated to the University of Pennsylvania, have done New Orleans-related charity work to keep up their connection to the city. He has raised over \$15,000 for a children's charity by selling bracelets. Others are showing up at recruiting events for their New Orleans colleges.

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senior

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Hundreds arrested as police raid Halloween crowds

Midwest college students celebrated in downtown Madison; more than 400 were arrested while partying

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A week-end of Halloween celebrations popular with college students resulted in more than 400 arrests, and police used bursts of pepper spray early Sunday to break up crowds of revelers.

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz suggested canceling the annual gathering. The downtown party near the University of Wisconsin-Madison attracts college students from across the Midwest, and has turned chaotic in the past. Last year, police made 455 arrests.

"Every year there's a certain group of people who come hell-bent on starting an altercation of some kind and we can't seem to shake that,"

Cieslewicz said. "The only way to end it is to order State Street shut down, every business, for a couple of nights."

Police used officers on horseback early Sunday to move chanting revelers off State Street, a mile-long stretch of bars, restaurants and shops. The pepper spray was used after cups filled with drinks and ice were thrown at officers.

Most arrests were for alcohol-related offenses, including underage drinking, said Lt. Pat Malloy. He said the local detoxification center was filled to capacity and some people had to be taken to emergency rooms.

There were 269 arrests overnight and 178 the night before, Police Chief Noble Wray said.

The university had taken steps to control the chaos this year, prohibiting visitors from dormitories and warning Big 10 and warning other Midwest schools that students shouldn't come. City officials and the university have said most of the problems are caused by out-of-town visitors.

Elsewhere, police in Athens, Ohio, home of Ohio University, made 95 arrests at a Saturday night Halloween block party. Police described the crowd as belligerent but smaller than previous years. Forty-eight of those arrested are college students, officers said.

One man was stabbed in the hand and a woman was injured escape from an attempted rape, Athens police spokesman James Mann said.



A man is detained by Dane County Sheriff deputies on State Street Friday during Madison's annual State Street Halloween bash.

Halloween events give new hope

Hurricane-ravaged New Orleans finds strength to celebrate holiday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The margarita Diane Spieler sips during her nocturnal masquerade on Bourbon Street perfectly matches the glow-in-the-dark green of her hideous face, airbrushed in dreadful detail with reptilian scales and skeletal hollows.

Is she a radioactive ghoul? An alien sea serpent?

"If somebody asks me, I just tell 'em I'm Katrina," the 57-year-old New Orleans accountant says, glaring through ghostly pale contact lenses beneath hair molded into spikes. "Doesn't it look mean and freaky!"

Two months after the monster hurricane's horrifying rampage, Halloween has brought back the French Quarter's thirst for theatrical horror and debauchery, its Mardi Goth mojo in the heart of a city long known for its reverence for voodoo and Anne Rice's glamorously gothic vampire novels.

"Halloween is the best kept local secret. It's shoulder-to-shoulder, just like Mardi Gras, but everybody's in costume," Spieler said late Saturday, the spooky celebration in full swing two days early. "It's the first big, fun drinking night since the hurricane."

Much of New Orleans remains a ghost town, but the French Quarter teems with wicked witches and pimps in purple velvet. Elvis struts the sidewalk flanked by Supergirl and Marilyn Monroe. An Amazonian Blarney's skimpy cop outfit flirts with indecent exposure. Others share the Katrina theme, dressing as discarded refrigerators and the blue tarps that cover broken city roofs.

"Enough clean-up — time for a



A woman calling herself Queen Katrina, center, leads a Halloween parade in the French Quarter of New Orleans on Saturday.

drink!" says Bobby Hughes, 23, a Loyola University graduate student sporting a blonde pigtailed wig, a plaid skirt that is too short on his 6-foot-6 frame, and a blouse knotted above his waist that bares traces of a red bra.

"Helga's my name tonight," says Hughes, joined by girlfriend Kat McKibben, a "love bug" with floppy antenna, feather boa, butterfly wings and fuzzy slippers. "You're hot!" a passing man tells Hughes.

Spared the brunt of Katrina's wrath and the flooding that followed when levees ruptured, the French Quarter has steadily revived since reopening a month ago. Its bars, restaurants and T-shirt shops have been kept afloat by a transient stream of construction workers, relief volunteers and journalists.

Trash cans overflow with discarded beer cups. Shoes stick to sidewalks lacquered in spilled liquor. Outside the Bourbon Street Blues Company, a woman

lifts her shirt in return for a shower of beads tossed from the balcony.

"Different parts of the city, the Garden District and everything, are not the same at all," said Dawn Carroll, 33, dressed as a "Tool Time" character from the sitcom "Home Improvement," only with a naughty tool belt. "This makes you think that it's going to come back. It'll be back full-force."

Bourbon Street may not be kid-friendly and many neighborhoods remain too wrecked for door-to-door trick or treating, but children haven't been neglected.

Outside De La Salle High School in the Garden District, little Batmen and butterfly-winged fairies fill sacks with chocolate bars and lollipops from bowls on tables lining the sidewalks. Indian braves and cheerleaders dance to zydeco music, oblivious to the downed power lines in the median of St. Charles Avenue.

Rake

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said.

This was the fifth year for Turning Over a New Leaf, and it is one of the biggest service projects of the fall.

"We spent a few weeks planning it," vice president of membership for Circle K Mike Bogacz said. "We try to find opportunities for large-scale projects on Saturdays. We wanted to try something different, something we could get a lot of people involved in."

In fact, so many people got involved this year that not everyone could get in on the raking.

"I actually didn't end up doing [any raking] because we didn't have enough rakes," Bogacz said. "It was no big deal as long as all the mem-

bers got to do it."

The groups fell only a few rakes short of accommodating everyone, but as it turned out, volunteers did more than just raking due to a lack of fallen leaves, which was the only real drawback of the event, organizers said.

"I'd say the only problem would be that the leaves aren't falling as early as they usually do because of the warmer weather, but I think that people found plenty of other yard work to do, like pulling weeds and straightening up around people's yards," Ruffner said.

The event was about more than yard work, Brusky said. It was about making sure no one in the area feels left out.

"Any time students are visible in the community, that is important," she said.

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Voters set to address gay rights, abortion

Polls to open in several states for Nov. 8 elections

Associated Press

Gay rights, teen abortion, Arnold Schwarzenegger's prestige. These and other volatile topics are adding spice to off-year elections in seven states where voters will be considering statewide ballot measures on Nov. 8.

As is often the case, California has the most intriguing mix of propositions — including four backed by Schwarzenegger, the Republican governor, to curb the power of the Democratic-controlled Legislature and the state's public employee unions. Another measure, notable in a state with liberal leanings, would require parents to be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.

Texas voters are expected to approve a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriages — a step already taken in 18 other states. In Maine, a conservative alliance is urging voters to quash a new law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In Republican-controlled Ohio, site of bitter wrangling in the 2004 presidential election, four election overhaul measures backed by Democratic-leaning groups are on the ballot. Voters will be asked if bipartisan boards, instead of elected officials, should draw lawmakers' districts and oversee elections; whether campaign contribution limits should be lowered; and whether all voters should be allowed to vote early by mail.

Doctors and lawyers in Washington state are spending heavily to support rival measures dealing with medical malpractice. The one backed by doctors would place a cap on certain types of jury awards and limit lawyers' fees. The lawyers' proposal would create a state-run supplemental malpractice insurance program, and allow doctors' licenses to be revoked after three malpractice verdicts against them within 10 years.

Other measures in

Washington would ban smoking in public areas and indoor workplaces, and overturn the Legislature's gas-tax hike of 9.5 cents a gallon.

New Jersey voters will decide whether the state should have an elected lieutenant governor to take over if a sitting governor leaves office early. The measure is a response to the sex scandal that drove former Gov. James McGreevey from office and installed Senate President Richard Codey as acting governor even as he retained his Senate duties. New Jersey is one of eight states with no lieutenant governor.

Voters in New York are being asked to approve a \$2.9 billion transportation bond and a measure that would give the Legislature, not the governor, the upper hand in writing a budget.

In Texas, the proposed gay-marriage ban is the only high-profile statewide item on the ballot, and both sides are concerned about possible low voter turnout.

"We think the vast majority of people in Texas are with us but that doesn't help if they don't show up," said Kelly Shackelford of the Liberty Legal Institute, which supports the ban.

Gay-rights activists opposing the ban have produced television ads featuring direct appeals by same-sex couples for marriage rights.

"We are not second-class citizens, and we need the same resources and rights available to heterosexual couples to protect our families," said the Rev. Carolyn Mobley, an associate pastor at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, appearing with her partner in one of the ads.

Massachusetts is the only state allowing such marriages; Vermont and Connecticut have approved same-sex civil unions. Texas law already prohibits same-sex marriages, but supporters of the amendment say a constitutional ban would guard that law from judicial challenges.



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Don't be a Halloweeny

Well, your roommate is wearing a dress and clown makeup, so it must be Halloween again. What's that? He wears that everyday? Oh. Well, it's still Halloween today.

Halloween follows the proud traditions of American holidays, in that the main focus is the fattening of the American populace. Thanksgiving — let's have some turkey. Memorial Day — who wants a hot dog? Fourth of July — who wants to blow stuff up and then have a hot dog? St. Patrick's Day — beer is too a food! Many of these holidays hide their gorging roots behind things like patriotism and green food coloring, but not Halloween.

Halloween says, "Screw that, let's just have everyone everywhere give out candy for free. What, you want costumes? Sure, we can have costumes."

When we were children, we'd gladly apply the regalia of princesses and hobos to get bite-sized Milky Way candy bars, and today, we gladly apply the dress of whatever was cheap at Target in order to go out and consume alcohol, because everyone knows that you can't drink on Halloween unless you're wearing something insane people wear the other 364 days of the year.

But we all gladly slap on the makeup and rubber masks that make us feel like our face is in the Everglades, so yes, you do need a costume. Nobody buys that "My Costume Is A Poor College Kid" or "My Costume Is A Guy In A Red Shirt." You're not fooling anybody, get a cos-

tume.

But what costume to wear? If you're a girl, it's quite simple: take a regular costume, and sexy-cize it. That cowgirl can't herd cattle unless her midriff is showing and she keeps the sun out of her eyes with her sequin-festooned ten-gallon hat. This nurse can't change a bedpan unless her white pleather dress is tight enough to restrict any normal human movement. How could this maid, who happens to be French, possibly clean toilets without her fishnet stockings and lace? And this cat, well, that's just one sexy cat, I'd let her scratch my furniture and then relieve herself in a little box full of sand any day. Everyone knows that Halloween is the one day of the year that a girl can dress like a stripper and get away with it. Alas, my efforts to change the holiday into a month-long celebration a la Ramadan have come up short.

For the dudes, proper Halloween costuming may require a little bit more creativity. There is one rule to live by, though; any costume that takes over five words to explain is a bad idea. Obtuse costumes are a bad idea for both you and me. For you, you'll get sick of yelling over party sounds the exact same explanation dozens of times a night. For me, I really just don't want to listen to you for that long. Put a white sheet with some eyeholes over your head if you're going to be complicated, then you won't even need to explain yourself. Even if you do have to explain your costume for the blind and the stupid, it's simple, "I'm a ghost."

Clever commentaries on big events are good ideas for costumes, but you have to make sure the timing is right. It's probably a bit too soon for that Hurricane Katrina costume, but the Flu Plague of

1918 is fair game. Also, make sure that your timely costume isn't too obscure. Everyone can pick out a Monica Lewinsky or a Saddam Hussein, but people may not realize that your costume is a scathing representation of former Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers. You still might manage to win "Most Terrifying Mask," however.

A favorite costume idea of mine is just something big and dumb, something that screams "I'M WEARING A COSTUME." Sure, go as an ice cream cone or a pumpkin. Everybody knows what you are, the garishness of it all makes you the life of the party, and best of all, you get to be an ice cream cone or a pumpkin. With these types of costumes, you don't have to worry about being clever or too subtle, you are what you are.

Some people have problems with Halloween because of its Pagan roots, but I say to these critics, "Critics, if the Pagan religion includes fun-sized packages of M&M's and Snickers, and I get to dress up like a vampire, hobo, or former Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, heck, I'll be a Pagan for one night."

Halloween is a great time for everyone involved, but remember to keep it in moderation. Don't eat too much candy and don't drink too much if you're an adult, because nobody, young or old, likes a vomiting Power Ranger. So get out there, boys and girls, and have some fun tonight. Don't forget your reflective tape.

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Peter Schroeder

Will Write for Food

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Understanding sensitivity and tolerance

We all know Halloween is supposed to be a time to let down your guard and to allow your real personality shine through. With this in mind, I looked forward to the Halloween weekend, ready to unload my mind and gorge on candy.

So my weekend started on Thursday, when I attended the Student Comedy Show at Legends. I was a little skeptical about the show, not exactly sure if my abs were going to get their much-needed workout from laughter, or if my hands were just going to deliver whumpy applause all night. Things were going great, I even caught myself chuckling at times, until one "comedian" mentioned the death of Rosa Parks. Instantly I became confused; I thought I was at a comedy show, and I could not fathom how the death of Rosa Parks would fit into his sequence. It was not until I heard the laughter that followed the "Thanks to Rosa Parks, blacks can sit in the front of the dining hall" that I froze and stared around the room. THIS was comedy? This warranted the jocular laughter I heard?

Do not get me wrong — I am not trying to shoot daggers at the person who made this crude "joke." Instead, I am attacking every single person in that room who did not have the gall to stop and think for two seconds and say, "Hey, that's not cool."

But hey, that was only Thursday. The weekend was just beginning.

Friday night approached, and a few friends and I stopped by a party to try and be "cool Notre Dame kids." The party was kind of wild — I think I even saw Michael Jackson there — and my impressions of Notre Dame started to ascend again, making

up for the significant dip it took from the night before. It was then I spotted two people, one dressed as Hurricane Katrina and the other one as the victim of the hurricane. As the imposter "Hurricane Katrina" ran around making "wooshing" noises, I froze and looked around, feeling a tad bit of déjà vu. However, everyone was busy laughing and having a good time. No one took the time to wrinkle a brow or shake their head, and I could not believe the insensitivity that was displayed again by my peers.

I entered this University as a non-Catholic, minority, liberal-minded female VERY apprehensive about my next four years at such a conservative learning institution. However, I realized that despite my differences, there still is, or I was led to believe, a common human morality that any person — black, white, short, tall — should be sensitive towards. I see the diversity campaigns on campus — the bracelets, the seminars, the invention of new departments — to try and solve this perpetual problem of why race matters, but from two days out of my four months at Notre Dame, I must say I think we have a bigger issue at hand. If we are going to try and promote students to act with sensitivity and tolerance towards issues on campus, I think it may help if students know what those words mean.

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freshman
McGlinn
Oct. 30

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Come with me
All Hallow's night
We'll frighten everyone in sight
Such pranks for ince,
are justified
And fun and frolic amplified."

from an early 19th-century Halloween postcard

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students lack respect for community and law

South Bend owes no debt

I am extremely frustrated. After reading the article "Baron wants better ND-city relations," I cannot help but be saddened by the situation. The students who received eviction notices did so because they broke the law; the city of South Bend owes them nothing, and it's absolutely ridiculous to think that it should. Speaking as both an ND student and as a resident of the South Bend area, I find it completely degrading that my fellow students call people in this city "uneducated, low-achieving, low-achieving, but generally nice." There is a high percentage of people who live here who are well-educated, high-achieving and high-achieving, and who are more than "generally nice." How can students who perceive themselves to be well-educated make remarks like this? The city may not meet every single need that Notre Dame students require, but it has enough to offer. These students' tactlessness unfortunately puts a stigma on the rest of the student body, and it is no wonder to me why many South Bend residents often have such poor opinions of students.

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Oct. 28



Remarks insulting

I would just like to say that in response to the article, "Baron wants better ND-city relations" in The Observer on Oct. 27, I am absolutely appalled at the statements quoted in the paper by a few of the ND students. These students referred to people in the South Bend community as being "uneducated, low-achieving, low-achieving." This is absolutely insulting behavior and these quotes reflect more than just a few students' views from what I have experienced. Who are these students to make huge, inaccurate assumptions about the people in this city?

By making these assumptions, students not only insult every single person who works here at the University besides professors, but they also insult students who attend Notre Dame with any amount of financial aid. It is a direct slap in hard-working people's faces. It is incredible to me how students who attend one of the leading universities in this country could be that unintelligent and that lacking in any sort of common respect and class. Just because people may not have the amount of money as a lot of the students here does not mean in any possible way that these people they don't work just as hard as any student, if not harder, on this campus.

The problem with the relations between ND and the South Bend Community rests on the University's students. What kind of change do the students expect to be able to make in this world if they can't even respect the people who help Notre Dame work? How do they think they'll succeed in life if they can't get along with anyone who isn't on their income level or who have the same "class?" It is even more disturbing to hear these types of sentiments being made because this is a predominantly Catholic university. I am truly embarrassed for Notre Dame and for the entire student body.

Frances Clare Thunder
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Oct. 27

Not in my backyard

The reported reaction of the current student body president to the eviction notices received by students deemed responsible for hosting a gathering that led to 100 police citations for underage drinking falls far short of adult standards of common sense.

The claim that Notre Dame students need two chances to learn that providing (cheap or even free) alcohol to (a very large number of) minors is against the law, and that law-breaking on the premises is a lease breaker for any responsible landlord, is incredible.

The claim that South Bend has in loco parentis responsibilities for students, some of whom have chosen to live in South Bend specifically to avoid on-campus scrutiny of alcohol consumption, beggars the imagination. Why would anyone but a student body

sycophant say that?

But the further suggestion (by a student leader?) that the likely student response to the eviction notices sent by the management of Turtle Creek Apartments will be to abandon that venue in search of more tolerant landlords chills the blood. I hope there are no such landlords in the South Bend neighborhoods where five of my grandchildren are growing toward responsible adulthood. In truth, I hope there are no such landlords anywhere in my adopted hometown.

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U-WIRE

America: the global culture

I got an e-mail this week from a friend going to school in Chicago, and she wanted to make sure that I had gotten the news about the World Series. She's one of those metro-sox-uals, that is, a Cubs fan that has, overnight, morphed into a White Sox fan, because, well, let's be realistic.

I tried to explain her excitement to my host family and got a blank stare. Finally, I tried to create an analogy that would make sense.

"They haven't had a team in the World Series since the 1950s. It's like Ecuador and the World Cup." (Ecuador just qualified for their second ever appearance).

Then they asked me how many countries were in the World Series.

"The United States. And I think there are some Canadian teams."

"How is it the World Series if the world doesn't compete?"

The truth is, baseball isn't that popular here. Soccer is the big sport. Talking to a professor, I learned one of the great ironies. The two Latin American countries who play the most baseball are Cuba and Venezuela. These also are two of the most anti-American countries in Latin America.

The two countries that have sitting

leaders who survived U.S. assassination or coup attempts are the two countries drawn to a uniquely American sport.

Much of the world has adopted American culture but rejected America. Ecuador seems to be the Island of Unwanted Songs, where the U.S. sends all of the CDs that don't sell. I can't eat lunch without hearing Celine Dion, or "I Just Called to Say I Love You."

American culture is being sold right alongside the Che Guevara shirts and posters. And not just American culture, but the U.S. as a whole. Ecuador, in the midst of an inflation crisis, dollarized their economy, and now rely on U.S. economic policy for the value of their currency. They're an oil-exporting country, which means that U.S. energy policy will affect whether or not they have money to run the schools.

And Ecuador isn't the only country that looks to U.S. policy to see where they stand in the world. Throughout the free trade debate, Americans tend to focus on what free trade does to American factories and American jobs. Lost in the debate is what free trade does to the rest of the world.

Just look at American subsidies to our "family" farms. Of course, in today's world, by family, I mean Monsanto, and other corporate farms. By subsidizing farming in the U.S., we can produce grain and rice

cheaper, which means that when we sell it overseas, the local producers can't compete. Here in Ecuador, an increase in the popularity of wheat actually led to a decrease in domestic wheat production, as local producers couldn't compete with subsidized wheat coming out of Europe and the U.S. Most of the domestic products are for export — coffee, bananas and oil.

As Americans we can't deny that we are connected to the world. Since the end of World War II, we have spread throughout the world, establishing ourselves in developing nations. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, we have become the world's only superpower, although the EU is rising to a close second. The result of our quest for superpower? The world is now connected to us, and we are connected to the world. Even the parts of the world whose leaders despise us still embrace our culture. We have a responsibility to the world — we must think of the world as we create policies. And we need to quit pretending that the World Series is a world-wide event.

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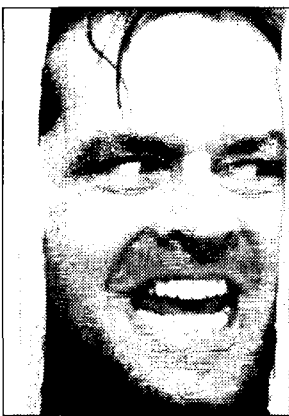
English clubbing from the inside

As an Englishman abroad, it is clear that [Viewpoint columnist Peter] Wicks is spending rather too much time abroad, and when he is in his native land he seems to opt to spend his leisure time in venues that would not be easily categorized as "clubs." It is lamentable, therefore, that such an ill-informed Englishman should comment on "modern dancing."

Wicks is correct to identify modern clubbing as a fundamentally solitary activity. To suggest that only women have the capacity to interact with music in a way that suggests a heightened connectivity with the music is bizarre and utterly false. Contemporary clubbing is all about connecting the individual with the music through the genius of the DJ who lifts the crowd before lowering it according to the beats of the music and his ability to mix songs competently. The contemporary clubber is often blissfully unaware of his/her surroundings and even other clubbers, such is the power of this connectivity.

Clearly the popularity of certain recreational drugs is linked to connecting to the music in major clubs, something which Wicks fails to appreciate. In short, ahead of further commentaries on popular culture, it would be helpful if the writer had some basic understanding of the culture and the venues where this culture is voraciously consumed.

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Oct. 27



A Haunted Holiday Halloween at Notre Dame

HALLOWEEN ON CAMPUS — COSTUMES, SYRS AND BEYOND

By MOLLY GRIFFIN and LIZ BYRUM
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Notre Dame is used to having its campus overrun by fans every football Saturday, but only once a year is campus swarmed by Ninja Turtles, fairy princesses and pirates.

Halloween is a time for college students to return to their childhood memories of trick-or-treating by dressing up in costume, but the activities they participate in while incognito differ somewhat from door-to-door candy collection.

Halloween has become a major event at many colleges, as huge celebrations at schools like the University of Wisconsin-Madison reveal. Students don't simply dress up — they go all out, creating outrageous and creative costumes and vying for prizes in costume contests.

Students at Notre Dame attend parties, dances and other functions dressed up in various outfits — some random, some depicting famous characters.

Walking into a room, one can see costumes representing films like "Zoolander," television shows like "The Dukes of Hazzard," cartoons like "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and inanimate objects like a Twister Board. Beauty queens, celebrities and Disney characters also abound.

Some costumes are obvious, like a beer can, while some require a little more explanation to be understood, such as someone dressed up like gum stuck to the bottom of a shoe.

There were a variety of events on campus in preparation for the

Halloween holiday, and they ranged from community service events to dance parties.

Keenan Hall sponsored its annual Great Pumpkin event, in which underprivileged kids from the South Bend area are brought on campus to trick-or-treat in the dorms and enjoy a host of other Halloween activities.

College students are doing their part to make sure that [Halloween] isn't a holiday solely for the elementary school set.

Legends also sponsored several events related to Halloween this past weekend. The first was the Salsa-ween nightclub on Friday, with a live salsa DJ. Saturday night featured a Halloween Nightclub with a costume contest and a live DJ.

And since Halloween has fallen alongside a football bye weekend, SYRs became a central part of celebrating the holiday on the Notre Dame campus.

During the weekend, numerous dorms across campus celebrated this spooky (or sometimes goofy) holiday with crazy themes that let creativity run wild, such as the Nightmare on Mod Quad or Pangborn's "Where Are You From You Sexy Thing?"

While there were lots of off-campus options for festivities, many students chose to stay on campus to celebrate Halloween. "My friends and I always have a lot of fun at dorm dances," a Pasquerilla East junior said.

The weekend dances started early when the Class of 2008 hosted their annual Halloween dance Thursday

night. While Halloween might usually be considered a holiday meant only for young trick-or-treaters, many students proved this idea false as they flooded costume stores and the Goodwill in search of the perfect costume to fit their dance theme.

Pangborn Hall joined in the Halloween weekend festivities with a "Where Are You From You Sexy Thing?" themed dance Friday night. Whether the girls and their dates dressed as their home city, state, or took the creativity a little further, everyone had a great time celebrating.

For some dorms, this weekend may have been their only chance for an SYR this semester, so even more people than usual got decked out and hit the dance floor — or made their own, which was the case for Fisher Hall residents. They bowled the night away and danced in the lanes at Beacon Bowl for their annual "Fisher Funk" event with Breen-Phillips.

The Funk, which was described as "funktacular" by freshman Billy Lyman, gave the men of Fisher, the women of B.P. and all of their dates an excuse to get all decked out in 70s duds and show off their bowling skills (or maybe, for some, their lack of skills). Many of Fisher's residents consider

this SYR their favorite. As Sophomore Jim Bochnowski said, "Good friends, good music, good bowling and a swell time all around."

Meanwhile, at the Stepan Center on Saturday night, "Nightmare on Mod Quad" was in full swing. Casey Pepek,

an RA in Pasquerilla East thought the Stepan Center was a great location for the annual Mod Quad dance.

"It is close and large enough to fit everyone," Pepek said.

Knott RA Ricky McRoskey said that, "There was a good turnout and I thought the DJ kept it lively the entire time."

Some of the creative costumes that could be spotted at the dance included Ariel from "The Little Mermaid," and a group of four girls who were dressed up in perfectly coordinated Mean Girls outfits, like the ones characters wear during the

Christmas dance scene.

No matter which dance venue students went to during the weekend, they had some Halloween fun. Creative costumes, great music and an occasional set of bowling shoes guaranteed spookily good times.

While Halloween may be for many people over the age of 12 nothing more than a warm-up for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, college students are doing their part to make sure that it isn't a holiday solely for the elementary school set. Students invest a lot of time and effort into creating a variety of creative costumes, above and beyond what one ever would have thought of creating when they were younger. With its mix of costumes and candy without the pressure of giving presents or hanging out with family, Halloween may be the perfect holiday for college students.

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Students attended the "Nightmare on Mod Quad" dance in costume. The dance, sponsored by the four Mod Quad dorms, was held in Stepan Center on Saturday.



Students dressed as the Village People dance at a Halloween dorm party. There were a variety of on-campus holiday activities, most involving wearing a costume.



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'TIS THE SEASON - CLASSIC HALLOWEEN FILMS

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Halloween is a time for celebrating, oddly, certain terrifying aspects of life. While other holidays focus on fuzzy bunnies or a fat man wearing red, Halloween celebrates things like witches and skeletons.

As people grow older, dressing up in costumes is gradually replaced with a variety of substitutes, such as parties and Halloween-themed activities. But of all the activities, there is none more time-honored than watching horror movies.

And while certain viewers may prefer movies less focused on fright, there are Halloween-lite films such as "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "The Phantom of the Opera" and films with laughs like "Scary Movie" and "Shaun of the Dead." There is a huge selection of movies waiting to make the thrill-seekers jump out of their seats.

There have been many great horror films over the years. In 1968, Roman Polanski released the film "Rosemary's Baby." Centered on the fictional character, Rosemary Woodhouse, it is a disturbing tale that deals with ideological themes.

The movie begins with Rosemary and her husband Guy moving into a new apartment. The situation quickly turns ominous as the couple discovers more of the history of the building, none of it being pleasant.

The year 1973 brought horror watchers what many consider to be the scariest film of all time, "The Exorcist." It was a well-crafted, suspenseful tale of a young girl potentially possessed by demons. Like "Rosemary's Baby," the film is entrenched in religious beliefs and ideology.

The potential hero for the film, Father Lancaster Merrin, is a trou-

bled cleric who may not be up to the task of saving the young girl.

The film may not be considered incredibly scary by today's standards, especially by any horror film fanatic. There have been so many derivatives and knock-offs during the years that the original has become a diluted shadow of its former self. However, for someone not well versed in the realm of horror, "The Exorcist" is an excellent starting point.

While some great horror films are psychological thrillers, the bulk of scary movies tend to use more violent means of creating chills.

The horror icon Michael Myers was introduced to audiences in 1978. "Halloween," directed by the still young John Carpenter and completed on a pitiful budget in a short period of time. However, despite these limitations, it became one of the most influential horror movies ever.

A large part of its effectiveness arose from its memorable and unique soundtrack. Composed by Carpenter and a few of his friends, the film's theme song has become a staple of the Halloween holiday. Today, it can be seen in everything from commercials to phone ring tones.

After "Halloween," Carpenter remained busy in the world of horror, directing "The Fog" in 1980. However, it wasn't until 1982 that he released what many consider to be his masterpiece. "The Thing" was financially a failure, being released near the same time as "E.T." but has since rose to a cult status over DVD and video.

The film chronicles the events of American Outpost 31, and its twelve members. Life is boring and mundane for them, but the appearance of a dog that is more than it seems changes everything.

Everything about this movie has stood the test of time. The shot composition, the musical score, even the special effects stand up well to today's standards. Because computer effects and stop-motion didn't appear real enough to Carpenter, he employed a young Rob Bottin to create the most realistic, gory effects ever seen, essentially creating a benchmark in the genre.

Stephen King is a staple of the world of literary horror, but his film adaptations haven't held the same impact. Fortunately, Stanley Kubrick created one worthy of its literary source in 1980.

"The Shining," starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, told the tale of the fictional Overlook Hotel. Jack Torrance (Nicholson) is charged with maintaining the hotel through the winter, along with his wife and son. As the winter progresses however, cabin fever and the ghosts of the Overlook begin to play on their minds, with disastrous consequences.

The later remake was more true to King's original work, but Nicholson's performance alone raises the original into greatness.

Wes Craven is another established name in the realm of horror. Having helmed the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, as well as "The People Under the Stairs" and the recently released "Red Eye," Craven has become a staple for Halloween activities.

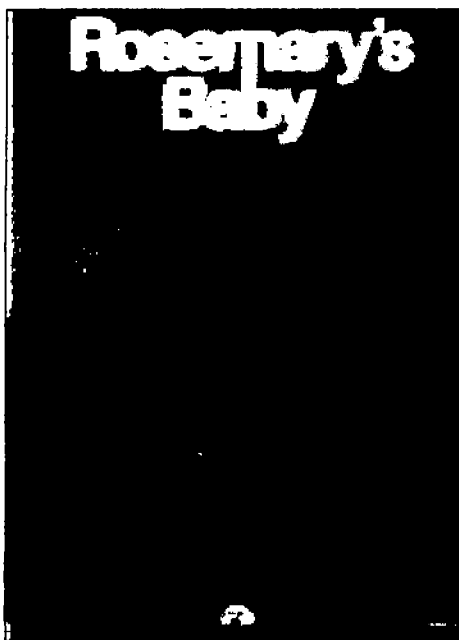
His movie "Scream," released in 1996, reinvented the dying slasher genre and made popular a new horror icon.

Halloween only comes around once a year, so make the best of it and participate in the festivities by watching some classic horror movies.

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Roman Polanski's "Rosemary's Baby," John Carpenter's "The Thing" and William Friedkin's "The Exorcist" are all examples of classic horror films. All three are frequently viewed during Halloween because of their eerie nature.

HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH MIX

If Halloween is your excuse to party on a Monday, gorge on Snickers, ignore your Calculus homework, or dress up in an outlandish costume it can also be a great reason to program your iPod or MP3 player with rocking Halloween-themed tracks. Or at least, it can make your friends thankful you looked beyond Eric Prydz and Kanye West for the party music.

Song: "Monster Mash"
Album: "The Original Monster Mash" (1991)
Artist: Bobby "Doris" Pickett

The "Monster Mash" is the quintessential Halloween party track, featuring a catchy dance hook, spooky chord progressions, and a self-parodying nature that is perfect for a quirky holiday centered upon candy, ghosts and goblins. Pickett, the song's creator back in the early 1960s and Halloween's favorite one-hit wonder, wrote the tune after thinking it would be funny if a song showed the Frankenstein monster starting a dance craze.

Song: "Pet Sematary"
Album: "Brain Drain" (1989)
Artist: The Ramones

With its impossibly catchy chorus, "Pet Sematary" is one of the Ramones' greatest hits. The song is atypical of the usual Ramones tune, since it clocks in at over three minutes and features songwriting that delves deeper than "I Want to Be Sedated." When the venerable punk band sings "I don't want to be buried in a Pet Sematary, I don't want to live my life again," it provides a fun sing-along with the baddies' moment.

Song: "Halloween"
Album: "Weekend at the Rocks" (2005)
Artist: Dave Matthews Band

When the jam-rock stalwarts The Dave Matthews Band traveled to the legendary Red Rocks amphitheater in Colorado this past summer, they unearthed one of their most rare and edgy unreleased songs for the performance - "Halloween." Lead singer Dave Matthews abstains from his usual acoustic-filled falsettos in the song and uses an enraged yell to propel the almost hard-rock melody. "Halloween" is seemingly about an ex-lover, who sometimes can be scarier than ghosts or vampires.

Song: "Ghostbusters"
Album: "Ghostbusters: Original Soundtrack" (1984)
Artist: Ray Parker Jr.

Take a nostalgic trip to your childhood - or at least the 80s - by plugging in Ray Parker Jr.'s monster hit that was the theme for the popular comedy starring Bill Murray and Harold Ramis. You'll be asking "Who ya gonna call?" for the rest of the week.

Song: "Devil In My Car"
Album: "Wild Planet" (1980)
Artist: the B-52s

The B-52s are well known for bridging funky dance techno with pop sensibilities. In this hilarious, but still somewhat scary song, a car is possessed by the devil himself. With lines like "I don't wanna go to hell" and "I don't need no batteries / the devil's my car," the B-52s are as their kitschy best.

Song: "Thriller"
Album: "Thriller" (1982)
Artist: Michael Jackson

In 2005, Michael Jackson is a campus favorite subject for Halloween costumes. In 1982, Michael Jackson was the king of pop, and no song demonstrates this more than "Thriller." The album's title track led it to eight Grammy awards and sold more than fifty million copies worldwide. The video for "Thriller" may be about mummies, but the song's groove is anything but dead and slow.

Sidebar Compiled by Bob Costa

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Otto, Feauto pace Saint Mary's at MIAA meet

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Sara Otto and Becky Feauto led the Belles to their best-ever finish at the MIAA Championship Meet Saturday, as Saint Mary's finished fifth in the six-kilometer race hosted by Kalamazoo College in Three Rivers, Mich.

Two weeks after setting personal records in their final 5-kilometer race of the season, Otto and Feauto once again turned in strong performances for the team.

The junior Otto finished No. 26 overall with a time of 24:15.

Feauto, a senior, crossed the line just two seconds later, good for No. 29 in the race.

"I felt pretty good," Feauto said. "We kept up with [the packs we wanted] ... and I was able to finish strong."

Otto and Feauto both improved dramatically over their finishes in last year's MIAA Championship, hosted by Calvin College. Otto finished No. 62 there, and Feauto came in No. 70.

Both showed potential earlier this season in the MIAA Jamboree, where Otto and Feauto finished No. 28 and No. 29, respectively.

The two have now placed one-

two for Saint Mary's in each of its seven races this season, but the gap between those two and their teammates has shrunk.

Before the race, Belles head coach Jackie Bauters said she thought her two top runners would lead her team in the 6-kilometer race.

"I think they probably will finish one-two," Bauters said. "But I don't think the 3-4's will be too far behind."

She was right. Junior Katie White ran a 24:45, and freshman Kelly Biedron finished fourth for the Belles at 25:02.

White's time was a strong improvement, as she completed

the 6k-course four minutes quicker than her time in her last 5-kilometer race, 20:45.

Her pace in the longer race was nearly two seconds-per-kilometer faster than her previous best 5-K.

For Feauto, though her pace was slightly slower this week than during her 19:59 5-K two weeks ago, the race was a success.

"We don't have many [6-K races], so it's kind of hard to compare times," she said. "We were really happy about [the fifth-place finish]."

Saint Mary's previous best finish in the conference champi-

onship was sixth. This year, the Belles' team score of 163 beat Olivet (170), Alma (183), Adrian (227) and Tri-State (257).

Saint Mary's main competition in the top four, the host Hornets, staved off the Belles and finished fourth with a team score of 116.

With a team score of 22, Calvin reclaimed the league trophy from Hope, which ended Calvin's streak of 16 consecutive league titles in 2004.

Hope finished second with 61 points. With a team score of 71, Albion rounded out the top three.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles knock off Tri-State for their ninth conference win

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Tri-State University confronted Saint Mary's with a level of play nonexistent in the Belles' previous meeting with the Thunder, but it was nothing an experienced Saint Mary's squad couldn't handle.

The Belles traveled to Michigan to take on Tri-State Saturday and returned to South Bend with a 3-1 win in hand, their ninth conference win of the year.

The victory cemented the Belles' spot in third place in the MIAA. It gave them a four-point cushion

over fourth-place Kalamazoo, the Belles' opponent for their season finale Tuesday.

"We dominated on the whole," junior midfielder Colleen Courtney said. "But the Tri-State team wasn't the same team we played last time. They were definitely a stronger team. We deserved the win, we were definitely better than them."

The last time Saint Mary's faced the Thunder of Tri-State, it came away with a 9-1 victory on its home field and helped to propel itself up the MIAA standings.

Now, the Belles look to get their first ten-win season in program

history with a win over Kalamazoo and have a near lock on an unprecedented third-place finish.

Saint Mary's wasted little time in opening up a lead. The Belles got on the board with a 1-0 advantage in the 17th minute on a great connection between freshman Mandy Thomson and Courtney.

Courtney controlled the ball well into Thunder territory and sent a cross-pass skimming low over the ground to Thomson waiting on the left side of the goal. The freshman finished off the well-executed play with a flick of her foot to send the ball past Thunder goaltender

Vickie Bearman.

Fellow freshman Lauren Hinton had a big day on the pitch as well when she notched the second and third Belles goals.

The second goal of the game, Hinton's first, came in the 38th minute of the first half on another cross-pass play. Junior attacker Ashley Hinton fed the ball across the box to her sister on the far side, and Lauren converted for the 2-0 Belles lead.

"Mandy [Thomson] worked really well in the middle dishing up the balls, a real playmaker," Courtney said. "[Lauren Hinton] had some good runs on the ball.

They both had really good games."

Hinton and the Belles added yet another insurance goal in the 85th minute of play to put the game at 3-0.

The Thunder refused to be shut out, however, and in the last minute of regulation, they converted on a corner kick.

Saint Mary's goalkeeper Laura Heline made six saves during the game, and the Thunder's Bearman stopped nine Belles' shots.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hit road, travel to Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After competing with mostly Midwestern teams in the first few tournaments of the 2005-06 season, the Notre Dame women's golf team will face several national powers this weekend in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown at the Anthem Country Club in Las Vegas, Nev.

The field for the tournament will feature three teams in the golfstat.com top 10 and 11 teams in the top 35, including No. 3 UCLA, No. 4 Pepperdine and No. 5 Arkansas.

The No. 35 Irish come into the tournament only the eleventh best team by ranking, but head coach Debby King said she feels the team could finish much higher than that.

"We looked at it and we see about maybe five teams that

are a little bit out of reach, then there's about six teams that in about the same boat we are and about five teams that are behind us," she said. "That means if we beat the teams that are in the same boat and take down three of the teams that are ahead of us, we can get third. I think that's very possible."

King will send a familiar lineup onto the course. Senior Katie Brophy, Junior Noriko

Nakazaki, Sophomore Jane Lee, Senior Lauren Gebauer and freshman Lisa Maunu will compete for the Irish.

King said she was expecting a very different type of course in the Nevada desert from the Warren Course in Northern Indiana, but she said the Anthem course will not be a major adjustment for the Irish.

"We thought there would be Bermuda grass, but there

isn't," she said. "It's really much more like we have at the Warren. The rough [in Las Vegas] is really different though. It's more like a desert. There are rocks and tumbleweed-like bushes."

The Irish will tee off at 8 a.m. today with second and third rounds Tuesday and Wednesday.

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	team	record	points
1	USC	8-0	1,617
2	Texas	8-0	1,563
3	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,500
4	Alabama	8-0	1,395
5	Miami	6-1	1,328
6	LSU	6-1	1,262
7	UCLA	8-0	1,233
8	NOTRE DAME	5-2	1,097
9	Florida State	7-1	1,094
10	Penn State	8-1	1,061
11	Georgia	7-1	972
12	Ohio State	6-2	926
13	Florida	6-2	836
14	Wisconsin	8-1	769
15	Oregon	7-1	756
16	Texas Tech	7-1	593
17	Auburn	6-2	535
18	West Virginia	6-1	621
19	Boston College	6-2	459
20	TCU	8-1	418
21	Fresno State	6-1	301
22	Michigan	6-3	294
23	California	6-2	212
24	Louisville	5-2	141
25	Colorado	6-2	138

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC	8-0	1,544
2	Texas	8-0	1,485
3	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,431
4	Alabama	8-0	1,349
5	Miami	6-1	1,285
6	LSU	6-1	1,215
7	UCLA	8-0	1,200
8	Florida State	7-1	1,060
9	NOTRE DAME	5-2	988
10	Georgia	7-1	966
11	Penn State	8-1	927
12	Ohio State	6-2	827
13	Oregon	7-1	782
14	Wisconsin	8-1	739
15	Florida	6-2	648
16	West virginia	6-1	597
17	Texas Tech	7-1	596
18	Auburn	6-2	514
19	Boston College	6-2	455
20	TCU	8-1	398
21	California	6-2	327
22	Fresno State	6-1	248
23	Michigan	6-3	178
24	Colorado	6-2	121
25	Louisville	5-2	113

Men's Cross Country Top 20

	team	points	region
1	Arkansas (12)	476	SC
2	Wisconsin (4)	459	GL
3	Colorado	452	M
4	Stanford	432	W
5	NOTRE DAME	404	GL
6	BYU	396	M
7	Arizona	395	W
8	Florida	354	S
9	Georgetown	342	MA
10	UTEP	337	M
11	Iowa	307	MW
12	Texas	293	SC
13	Kansa	285	MW
14	Dartmouth	264	NE
15	Portland	252	W
16	William & Mary	250	SE
17	Michigan	212	GL
18	Virginia	211	MA
19	Florida State	161	S
20	Alabama	156	S

MLB



Pittsburgh's Al Lopez makes an out at home in the first game of a Giants-Pirates doubleheader in New York on June 27, 1945. Lopez, a Hall of Fame catcher and former oldest living Hall of Fame member, died on Sunday.

Baseball legend Al Lopez dies at 97

Associated Press

MIAMI — Al Lopez, a Hall of Fame catcher and manager who led the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox to American League pennants in the 1950s, died Sunday at 97.

Lopez had been hospitalized in Tampa since Friday, when he suffered a heart attack at his son's home, Al Lopez Jr. said.

Lopez was the oldest living Hall of Fame member, said Jeff Idelson, spokesman for the Hall. He caught Bob Feller, Dizzy Dean and Dazzy Vance, but

never forgot working as a teenager with Walter Johnson, who won 417 games and possessed a legendary fastball.

Lopez hit .261 with 51 homers and 652 RBIs during a 19-year career in which he was one of baseball's most durable catchers and set the record for most games caught in the major leagues at 1,918. The record was later broken by Bob Boone, then Carlton Fisk.

Lopez was best known for being the only AL manager to lead teams that finished ahead of the New York Yankees between

1949-64. He helped the Indians to the 1954 pennant and, until last week, was the last manager to lead the White Sox to the World Series — their 1959 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"We're saddened by the news," White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said through a spokesman Sunday. "Al lived a long and good life. We're so pleased we were able to win the World Series this year and that he was able to see it before he died."

The two-time All Star's first full season in the majors was 1930, and he

played 18 seasons for Brooklyn, the Boston Braves, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. He managed the Indians from 1951-56 and the White Sox from 1957-65 and 1968-69.

During spring training in 1925, the Washington Senators hired the 15-year-old Lopez to catch batting practice for \$45 a week. Johnson was nearing the end of his career by then, but still made an impression on the youngster.

"He wasn't firing like he used to, but he was still very fast and had very good control," Lopez said.

IN BRIEF

Giants dominate in wake of Wellington Mara's death

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tiki Barber put the finishing touch on the best running day of his career, then made one of the most important runs for the New York Giants.

Barber scored late in the third quarter of the New York Giants' 36-0 rout of the Washington Redskins on Sunday, ran straight to the Giants sideline and presented the ball to Tim McDonnell, grandson of owner Wellington Mara, who died of cancer Tuesday at 89.

"I told him, 'This is for you, this is for your grandfather,'" Barber said after the game. "It was a big day and a special day for me, especially considering the events of the past week. It's something I'll never forget."

Two days after attending an emotional farewell to Mara at a packed funeral at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Giants produced their best defensive effort of the season, forcing four turnovers and sacking Washington quarterbacks five times.

Tennessee falls from AP Top 25 for first time in three years

Tennessee has gone from preseason No. 3 to not even receiving a vote in The Associated Press Top 25.

The Volunteers (3-4) fell from the rankings Sunday for the first time in three years after losing 16-15 to South Carolina and old nemesis Steve Spurrier.

No. 1 Southern California, No. 2 Texas and No. 3 Virginia Tech, all 8-0, hold the top three spots in the media poll for the sixth straight week. USC received 57 of 65 first-place votes, adding two from last week, and extending its record streak at No. 1 to 28 straight polls. The Trojans beat Washington State 55-13 on Saturday.

Texas received eight first-place votes, down two from last week, after having to rally from a 19-point deficit to beat Oklahoma State 47-28.

Doug Segrest of The Birmingham News in Alabama started the season with USC No. 1, and switched to Texas for three weeks.

Dodgers set to interview Pat Gillick for GM position

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers have received permission to interview Seattle Mariners adviser Pat Gillick to replace fired general manager Paul DePodesta.

No interview date has been set for Gillick, who led Toronto to consecutive World Series titles in the 1990s and was a general manager with Baltimore and the Mariners.

"He's expected to be interviewed sometime in the near future," team spokesman Josh Rawitch said Sunday.

Owner Frank McCourt also interviewed Gillick for the position in February 2004, but instead chose DePodesta, who he fired Saturday.

Gillick has also interviewed with the Philadelphia Phillies to replace Ed Wade, who was fired Oct. 10 as general manager.

Gillick won five AL East titles and consecutive championships (1992-93) in Toronto, led the Orioles to the ALCS in 1996 and 1997.

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NHL

Montreal at New York 7:00 p.m., OLN
Florida at Toronto 7:30 p.m., FOX Sports

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish lose to No. 8 Cal, No. 15 Purdue

Team upbeat despite pair of close losses to highly-ranked teams

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team proved it could hang with the best talent in the country this weekend.

The Irish competed with No. 8 ranked California-Berkeley down to the last event Friday night at home.

Then, the Notre Dame shifted its focus immediately to a closely contested Saturday meet with rival Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

Against California, the Irish needed a first- and second-place in the final event of the night, the 400-freestyle relay. Notre Dame wasn't able to finish better than second and third in the event, allowing California to emerge with a 156.5-141.5 victory.

The Irish had little time to reflect on their positive performance against Cal as they faced a motivated Purdue team on Saturday.

Notre Dame was not able to put together as strong an effort, as Purdue won the meet 172-128.

Notre Dame pulled as close as 127-118, but Purdue put the meet out of reach by taking first and second place in both of the diving events.

"We might have been a little tired against Purdue coming off of the Cal meet, and we also missed the home pool advantage that we had against Cal," junior Jessica Stephens said.

During the weekend, the Irish were hurt by their inability to touch out — or stretch for the finish.

While the number of first and second place finishes were close in both meets, both Cal and Purdue consistently took home third and fourth place, giving them the precious points that led to their victories.

There were many positives for the team, most notably the swimming of junior Katie Carroll, who won six events over the weekend.

Those events included a school record against Cal with a time of 1:48.79 in the 200-freestyle. Another positive for the Irish was the performance of the new freshmen class which, between them, accounted for three first-place finishes and one second-place finish.

"Our freshmen are having a huge impact as they're adding depth to an already talented team," Carroll said.

Perhaps the biggest positive, however, is the confidence Notre

Dame gained from competing with such a talented opponent.

"We've been looking forward to this weekend for a while as we knew that Cal would be tough, but we realized that we're at their caliber," Carroll said. "We have the talent, we have the potential and we have the coaches to bring us to their caliber."

The Irish will look to carry their newfound confidence with them when they open Big East play in their next meet Friday at Pittsburgh.

"We've had some really great swims so far," Carroll said. "We're right where we want to be at this point."

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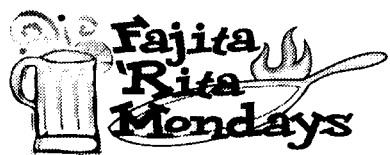
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish fall to Boilermakers

ND cannot hold early lead as Purdue beats upset-minded squad

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Irish fell to Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind. Saturday, as the No. 15 Boilermakers took advantage of an early lead to run away with the dual meet, 182-118.

After a strong team performance in the 200-yard medley to begin the meet, sophomore Jay Vanden Berg and junior Ted Brown put the Irish on top 30-25 with victories in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle, respectively.

Higher-rated Purdue, however, came roaring back.

Purdue's swimmers took the first place spot in the next three events and sandwiched three more wins around Notre Dame junior Louis Cavadini's 50-yard freestyle victory to take a total of six of the next seven events.

Wins in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly helped put the Irish back within con-

tention, but Purdue ended the match on a 58-16 run to earn the win.

"We got ourselves into a little bit of a hole a little early," senior co-captain Patrick Heffernan said. "I think we weren't racing where we did a week ago. The effort was there but just the times weren't going our way."

Notre Dame has never beaten Purdue during the Tim Welsh era, but after dominating the Dennis Starks Relays and taking down Texas A&M, the Irish were confident they could finally upend their cross-state rivals.

"We really thought we had a good chance to upset a team that was ranked higher than us — just from their times early last year," junior Tim Kegelman said. "They swam better, and we didn't swim up to our potential, so it didn't make for the best situation."

There were a few bright spots for Notre Dame at the meet.

Most notably, Vanden Berg continued his impressive start by ratcheting two victories on the afternoon, also taking the 500-yard freestyle.

"Jay Vanden Berg did swim fast overall, he's been swimming fast all year, and he's been

solid winning those distance events," said Kegelman, who got his first win of the season in the 100-yard butterfly. "Graham Parker also had a great breaststroke — he really stepped up in that one — and Jame Lutkus had a pretty fast 400 medley."

The Irish have a week to recover from the loss before their matchup with Big East rival Pittsburgh this Friday. Notre Dame defeated the Panthers in meets twice last year, ending Pittsburgh's run of eight straight conference championships.

"We're heading into Pittsburgh, which is our biggest rivalry, so I think we'll just bring a lot more intensity and a little more focus and we'll just be better prepared to race," Heffernan said.

Looking on the bright side, Kegelman said the loss gives the Irish motivation to work harder.

"We should definitely realize there are lots of places to improve and that'll probably keep us focused during practice," Kegelman said.

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NFL

Bears top host Lions, take over NFC North

Associated Press

DETROIT — With the NFC North up for grabs, the Chicago Bears snatched control.

Charles Tillman intercepted Jeff Garcia's across-the-body pass and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown with 8:43 left in overtime Sunday, putting Chicago atop the division with a 19-13 win over the Detroit Lions.

Garcia, making his second start in place of Joey Harrington, rolled right and tried to throw back across the field to Mike Williams. Tillman stepped in front of the soft toss and r a c e d untouchable to the end zone where he was mobbed by teammates.

"The ball was floating," Tillman said. "But my eyes weren't big until I caught it and knew I would score."

It was a big win for Chicago (4-3) not only because the Bears broke a first-place tie with Detroit (3-4), but also because they secured a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Lions, whom they beat 38-6 in an earlier meeting.

"This is my third year in the league and it's my first time in first place," Tillman said. "It's feeling pretty good. I'm going to savor the moment."

Meanwhile, Garcia regretted trying to make plays that weren't there.

The 35-year-old quarterback was bailed out after one ill-advised play in the fourth quarter, then the Bears burned him on another in overtime.

"This was an emotional game," said a distraught-sounding Garcia. "You battle for 60-plus minutes, and it falls on your shoulders to make a play, and you don't do it. Right now, it hurts."

Garcia was 23-for-35 for 197 yards with an interception.

The Bears led 13-3 at halftime, then the Lions had consecutive scoring drives to tie the game with 13:20 left in the game.

Thomas Jones fumbled on the ensuing drive at Detroit's 28, then the Lions caught a huge break on the next play.

With Brian Urlacher draped on him, Garcia was flagged for intentional grounding when the Bears thought he threw a lateral that linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer picked up and returned for a score. The Bears challenged, but the play stood after review.

"I guess if you argue enough with the refs, they're going to change the call in your favor,"

said Urlacher, referring to Lions coach Steve Mariucci's lobbying efforts. "They should've had to review the play, not us. But we won the game, so it doesn't matter."

Chicago overcame the call and won its third straight, becoming the first NFL team with 650 victories.

"How about those Bears! What a great game!" Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "To get over the hump and get to the next level, you have to win a game like this on the road."

Rookie quarterback Kyle Orton was 17-for-31 for a career-high 230 yards with a TD for the Bears.

Orton's 23-yard pass to Muhsin Muhammad, which capped a 99-yard drive, and Robbie Gould's two field goals put Chicago ahead 13-3 at halftime.

On Detroit's first two possessions, the Lions picked up six first downs in six minutes, and Jason Hanson missed one field goal and made another. Then the Lions had four straight three-and-out drives.

"But my eyes weren't big until I caught it and knew I could score."

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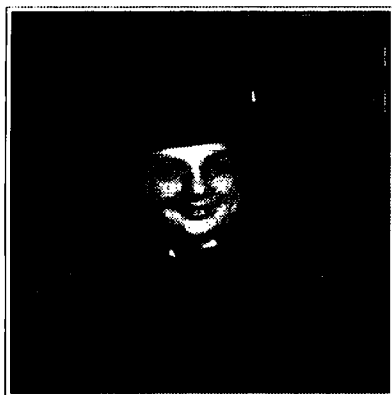
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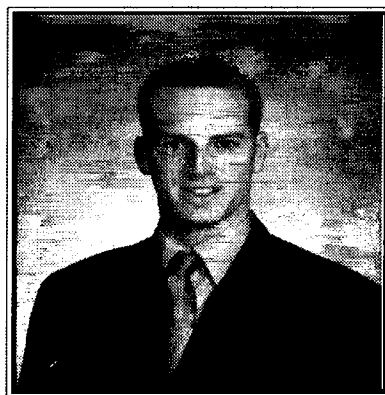
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MEN'S SOCCER

Team shuts down visiting Pirates, 4-0

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Badly needing a win, Notre Dame defeated No. 16 Seton Hall 4-0 Saturday in its final regular season game.

The win moved Notre Dame's record to 10-6-2 overall and 6-4-1 in the Big East and significantly bolstered the team's chance of receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"That was a terrific team performance," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "It's nice when a top-20 team comes in and you give them four goals."

Notre Dame opened the scoring at the end of the first half when freshman forward Bright Dike tallied his second career goal.

Dike took a pass from forward Joe Lapira, beat one Seton Hall defender and fired a shot past goalkeeper Boris Pardo for the score.

"He brings so much energy to the team," Clark said. "He's a phenomenal athlete."

In the second half, the Notre Dame offense exploded. Four minutes into the period, Lapira scored to stretch the Irish advantage to 2-0.

Midfielders Matt Besler and Kurt Martin were both credited with assists on the play.

Two minutes later, Besler added another assist. The freshman found junior defender Ryan Miller on the right side of the box. Miller sent a shot past Pardo for his first career goal.

The final act of the offensive barrage came with 14:11 left in the game when Lapira scored his second goal of the night.

Lapira headed the ball in off of a long cross from Martin, putting Notre Dame on top 4-0.

With the two goals and one assist, Lapira recorded five points on the night. The forward leads the Irish with 15 points on the year.

Junior Midfielder Nate Norman, who sat out Saturday's game with an injury, has the second most points with nine.

Junior goalkeeper Chris Cahill had three saves against the Pirates. Senior Justin Michaud, who replaced Cahill for the last 11 minutes, added a save of his own.

At the end of the game, Clark made sure to get Michaud and the rest of the seniors on the field for their last regular season home game.

"It was very satisfying to get all the seniors on the field for good periods of time," Clark said. "I've not been able to do that right through so it was terrific to be able to do that."

The win was vital for Notre Dame in terms of its NCAA Tournament chances.

If the Irish do not win the Big East Tournament and thus secure an automatic bid, they must hope for an at-large invitation.

"That's another great win when you're looking to get into the NCAA tournament," Clark said. "I think we get another win on top of that and I think we're almost a lock. So that was a very important game for us."

Notre Dame will host a first round Big East tournament game Wednesday. The opponent for the game has yet to be determined.

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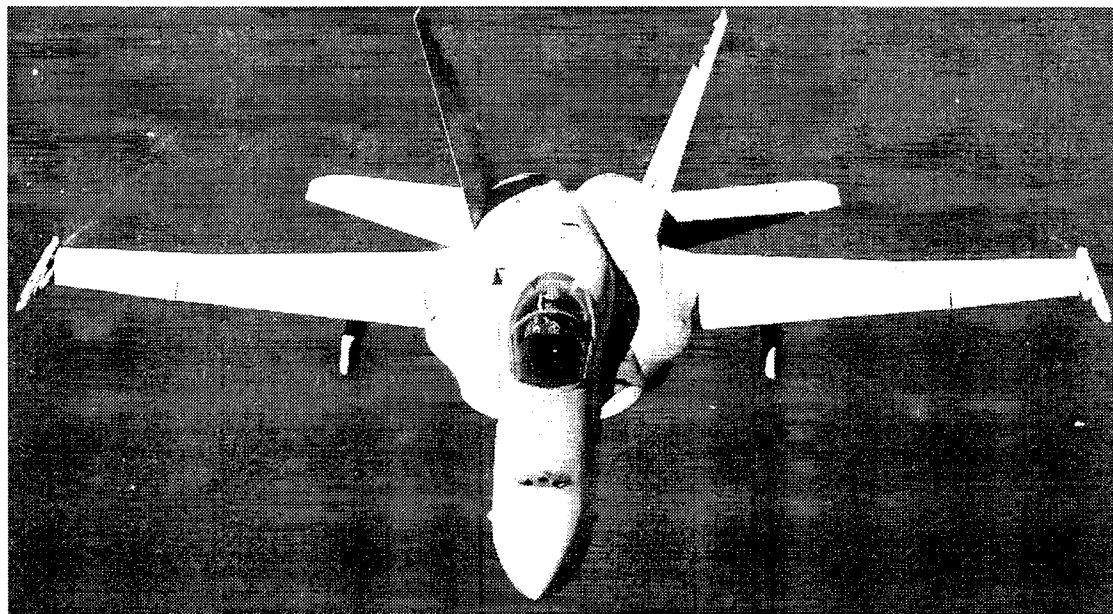
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Bock made the pass, and the freshman picked up goal No. 21 on the season.

Thorlakson said the play was the result of good movement by the Irish away from the main action.

"There was just a lot of good movement off the ball today," the senior said.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum attributed the goal to focus during the week and adjusting practice patterns to live-game situations.

"We work on little patterns and sequences like that," he said.

The Irish kept on attacking after taking the lead, with eight

shots on goal and a corner kick in the ten minutes following Hanks' score.

The fast-paced action forced both teams to substitute many of their starters in the first half after the intense opening 25 minutes. Waldrum said Notre Dame's productive bench and good conditioning gave the Irish a decided advantage.

"One thing is our kids work really hard," he said. "We're as fit as any team in the country. And when you can get your second team in [and be productive] ... you can stay at a high-tempo pace."

Notre Dame attempted 29 shots to Georgetown's two and constantly redirected Hoya goal kicks back into Georgetown's territory, keeping the Hoya defense on its heels.

By halftime, the Irish had an 8-0 advantage in shots on goal but only a 2-0 lead after Thorlakson and sophomore Amanda Cinalli assisted on Jen Buczkowski's fifth goal of the season. Thorlakson took a pass from Cinalli and led Buczkowski on the left side. The junior midfielder made a move and beat Hoya goalkeeper Jade Higgins to the left side at 22:22.

Higgins was the main reason Georgetown remained in the contest as long as it did. The sophomore made several key saves in the first half that kept the Hoyas' deficit at just two despite the relentless Irish attack, including a diving kickeave on a Thorlakson shot midway through the period.

Ashley Jones netted her first goal of the year and opened the scoring for the Irish in the second half with a blast from the right

wing at 54:30 to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead.

Thirteen minutes later, Hanks and Thorlakson scored just 17 seconds apart to put the game out of reach at 5-0.

"[The quick tempo] is fun," Thorlakson said. "It's harder in a slow-paced game to get into your rhythm."

Georgetown failed to find an offensive rhythm and mount a serious offensive attack during the game, as the Irish swarmed the ball after each turnover to the Hoyas and prevented Georgetown from moving up field with ease.

Waldrum said the forward Thorlakson was a key component in the Irish defense to the extent that she helped the Irish regain possession on several occasions.

"[Thorlakson] adds a whole different dimension to the game,"

Waldrum said. "She's a 90-minute player."

Thorlakson credited the defense.

"[Defenders Christie] Shaner and [Carrie] Dew and Kim [Lorenz] ... all did an amazing job," she said.

The pressure from the Irish forwards and strong defensive communication limited Georgetown's offensive chances. In all, Georgetown managed just one shot on goal, and Irish keeper Lauren Karas saved Shara McNeill's kick from the right side.

Beth Koloup found the net for the second time this season with just over two minutes remaining to extend Notre Dame's lead to its final margin, 6-0.

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ND WOMEN'S CREW

Irish compete in two events over weekend

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

On Sunday, Notre Dame raced against 18 other programs at the Head of the Elk race in Elkhart, Ind.

The Open Eight "A" boat — Maria Romano, Ankica Jedry, Amand Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Casey Fairbanks, Meg Boyle, Andrea Doud and Sarah Palandech — finished second out of the 19 schools, with a disputed time of 14:29.228. The gap between Notre Dame and first place Louisville, which clocked in at 14:11.515, may be smaller, and the team will learn of the official results later in the week. Notre Dame's "B" boat — Shannan Lettieri, Jessica Guzik, Alyssa Close, Danielle Stealy, Julie Sobolewski, Lindsay McQuaid, Pamela Jelson, Melissa Felker and

Sarah Kate Hafner — finished first in its race with a time of 14:45.405, good enough for the fourth best time in the Open Eight overall.

Notre Dame's "A" boat — Sarah Sullivan, Amanda Gonzales, Mallory Glass, Anni Nowhitney, Megan Black, Lauren Buck, Laura Petnuch, Laressa Milano and Courtney Hummel — in the Novice Eight finished fourth with a time of 17:14.573, and the novice "B" boat — Kim Tran, Erica Copeland, Katie Buza, Christy Carr, Kelsey Reno, Megan Grebe, Amy Arellano, Stephanie Bauer and Bridget Leone — finished in 18:14.437, fifth in its class. Notre Dame's "A" boat — Eileen Froehke, Kendra Short, Allison Marsh, Brittany Burnham and Betsy Madison — in the Open Four finished in tenth place with a time of 17:22.308, and the "B" boat — Christina Padayhag,

Ashley St. Pierre, Kate Sylvia, Elli Greybar and Alyssa Teves — finished fourth with a time of 17:41.495.

Irish Coach Martin Stone thought his team made progress this weekend, but not to the point that he had hoped.

"Most boats had better rows than yesterday," Stone said, referring to Sunday's race. "We're trying to get back to where we were before fall break, and we didn't make it. We were close, but not back there yet, we still need more sharpness."

He said this weekend's races provided his team with some great experience, and the team must now get ready for the spring.

"If you take a look back, we are definitely closer to some of the other top schools this year than we were last year, and that gives us something to build on," Stone

said. "We have another two weeks on the water this fall, and I think we'll fix a lot of things."

On Saturday, Notre Dame, Michigan and Michigan State raced at the Notre Dame Invitational held on the St. Joseph's River.

Each school entered two boats in the Varsity Eight race. Michigan State's "A" and "B" boats finished first and second, with times of 14:03.4 and 14:15.1, respectively, and the Michigan "A" crew came in third place with a time of 14:17.1.

Notre Dame's "A" boat finished fourth with a time of 14:23.8.

Notre Dame's "B" boat finished fifth with a time of 14:39.1. Michigan's "B" boat was sixth, finishing in 14:48.1.

In the Novice Eight race, Michigan and Michigan State each entered three boats, and Notre Dame entered two. Notre Dame's

top boat finished third with a time of 16:27.9, behind Michigan and Michigan State's "A" boats.

Michigan and Michigan State's "B" boats finished fourth and fifth, and Notre Dame's second boat finished sixth with a time of 17:13.6. Michigan State and Michigan's "C" boats finished seventh and eighth.

In the Varsity Four, Notre Dame entered three of the seven boats in the race, with Michigan and Michigan State each entering two. Michigan State's two boats finished first and second, and Michigan's "B" boat finished third.

Notre Dame's "C" boat finished fourth in 16:48.0. Notre Dame's "B" boat finished in fifth place with a time of 16:54.8. In sixth, with a time of 16:58.0, in Notre Dame's "A" boat. Michigan's "A" boat finished seventh.

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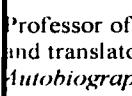
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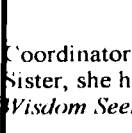
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MEN'S GOLF

Team visits California for Corde Valle tourney

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

California, here they come.

Notre Dame will play its fifth golf match of the season today and Tuesday when it travels to San Martin, Calif. to take part in the CordeValle Collegiate.

It is the last event the Irish will participate in this fall.

Notre Dame has had a two-week break, with its last event being the Oct. 17 Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif. The Irish finished tied for fifth in that event.

For Notre Dame — ranked No. 22 in the country according to the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index — this weekend will be especially important since they have not finished on top of a tournament this season.

The team has been consistent, but it has not won an event this fall, despite coming close several times.

The Irish have finished in the top six in their last four events and have a stroke index of 292.50 this fall. Mark Baldwin is leading the Irish with a 71.89, good for No. 43 in the nation according to the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance

Index.

Scott Gustafson and Cole Isban are also ranked in the poll, No. 48 and No. 73, respectively.

Notre Dame has played top competition all season, which will continue in California.

UCLA is the host team of Monday and Tuesday's event. Arizona, Arkansas, Augusta State, California, UCF (Central Florida), North Carolina, Northwestern, Pepperdine, Southern California, Stanford, Texas, Virginia and Washington will also be there.

Washington, UCLA, Augusta State, Northwestern, Texas and Southern California are all ranked in the GCAA/Bridgestone top 25.

Notre Dame has already played against 10 of the 14 teams this season, posting a 7-3-1 record.

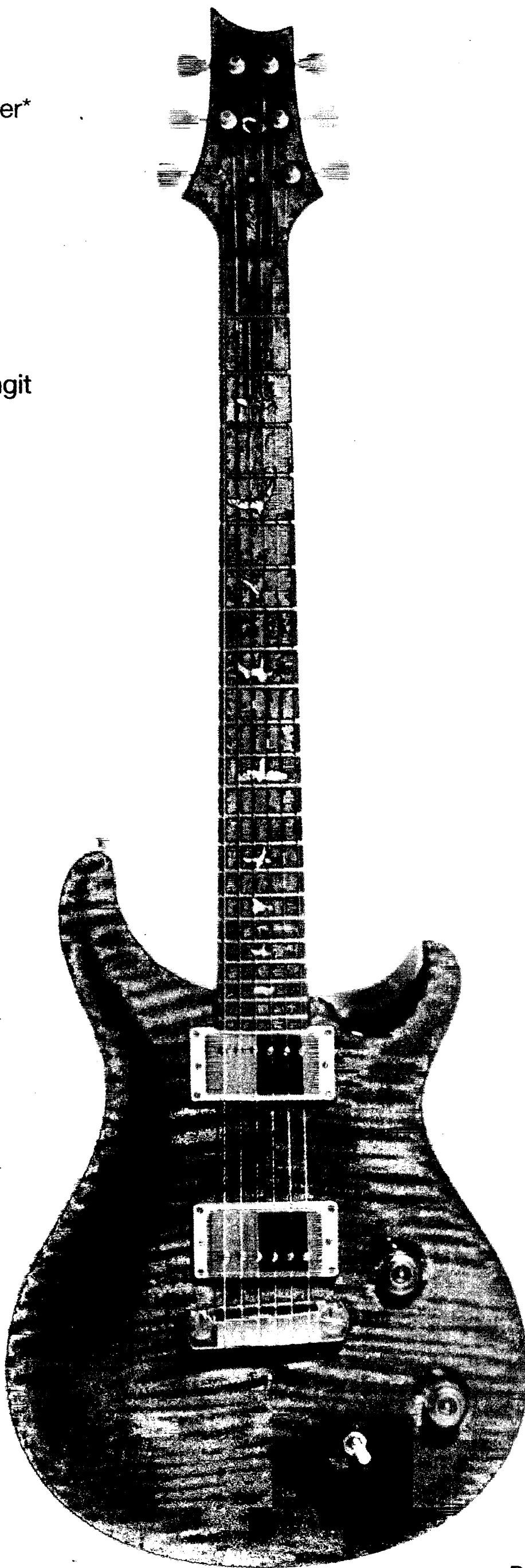
Baldwin, Gustafson, Isban, Mike King and Eddie Pickles will travel to California.

The format is laid out for Notre Dame to play two rounds today, with the first shotgun time of 8 a.m. PST. The final round will be played Tuesday morning.

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27-30, 30-27 Irish victory.

Early in October, against Connecticut, Heintzman barely played. Against DePaul she saw the court a little more. Two weeks ago, she relished the opportunity to play more against Illinois State. Saturday and Sunday, she had the opportunity again.

And she ran with it. "She just had a great week of practice and kind of won the position in practice," coach Debbie Brown said. "And [Heintzman] has continued to play very well. I think that she did elevate her game some."

Heintzman, who had a total of 22 kills, four digs and four blocks against No. 6 and previously-undefeated Louisville (20-1, 8-1 Big East) and Cincinnati (16-8, 7-3 Big East), was one of many players who contributed in a total team effort this weekend, improving No. 7 Notre Dame to 20-1 and 10-0 in the Big East with victories over the Cardinals and the Bearcats.

"Both [wins] were really, really exciting," Brown said. "Obviously, [after] the Louisville match, [considering] the ranking and all that kind of stuff, beating a really talented team, the team was really excited. We felt good about the way we played."

"It feels good to be 2-0 this weekend."

Notre Dame had a total of 124 kills and 135 digs on the weekend.

The Irish, who have now won 13 consecutive matches since falling to LSU, have beaten four top-12 teams this season, including No. 4 Florida, then-No. 8 USC, then-No. 11 Texas and, now, No. 6 Louisville.

"We talked earlier in the year about the wins over other ranked teams and about how that really helped raise the confidence level of the individuals and as a team together," Brown said. "So the fact that we had been in matches like that before, against really talented teams, really helped. I know that the team was confident and, again, played with a lot of composure and was just really focused and intense. It was just really fun to be a part

of that."

The Irish downed the Cardinals Saturday 30-28, 30-28, 27-30, 30-27 in an intense battle for the Big East lead. Notre Dame then dispelled any worries of a letdown after such an emotional win and beat the Bearcats Sunday afternoon 30-24, 30-27, 30-27.

"Today, I think we didn't play the best match of the year or anything," Brown said. "But following up the big win yesterday with another win today was so important for the program and the things that we want to do, the things that we want to continue to accomplish throughout the year. I'm really excited for the team. I think all the players are excited as well."

Considering the exceptionally short break before facing Cincinnati, Notre Dame didn't have much time to celebrate Saturday afternoon.

"We gave them a film report right away after the match with Louisville," Brown said. "We really hadn't done anything with the team regarding Cincinnati. I think the team did a great job with the short turnaround. [After] an emotional win against Louisville and following it up with another great performance, we're really pleased with how we finished every game. We were ahead, and Cincinnati gave us all we could handle."

While the Bearcats were scrappy and hung with the Irish for most of each game, Notre Dame handled them. Part of the reason for the sweep was that, once again, seemingly everyone contributed for the Irish.

Players on the soon-to-be No. 6 team in the country continue to push each other every day in practice.

"It's a really a situation where Ellen and Mallorie [Croal] had been competing for that spot, really since the beginning of the season," Brown said, referring to Heintzman's recent resurgence. "Mallorie had some good matches and same thing with Ellen. Whenever it was that Ellen started, just that week, she really improved. And, again, Mallorie is very, very close, and they continue to push each other in practice."

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"This allows me to become a permanent fixture [at Notre Dame] while at the same time erasing any doubts of my intent," Weis said, "which was clearly stated the day I walked in the door."

"When I first came here ... when I was offered this job and we made the family decision to take this job, we were doing it on a permanent basis, not on a quick fix or to buy some time to go somewhere else."

The announcement came during a bye week for the Irish football team so it wouldn't cause a distraction, Weis said.

Rumors, mainly on internet message boards, had been circulating for the past several weeks that Weis could be making a move back to the NFL, where he most recently was offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots.

But with the new contract, Weis squashed suspicion he

would be heading for professional football and hopes the news keeps recruits from wondering about the future of the Notre Dame coaching situation.

"We no longer have to worry about [my future] being a distraction [in recruiting]," Weis said. "I don't want to be a distraction, and yesterday I eliminated myself from being a distraction."

Notre Dame Athletic Director Kevin White has come under criticism from the media and fans for contract issues in the past since he was appointed to his current position on March 13, 2000.

Former Irish coach Bob Davie signed a five-year contract extension on Dec. 5, 2000, after his squad was invited to play in the Fiesta Bowl. He was fired one year later on Dec. 2, 2001 following a 5-6 season and a 35-25 mark during five seasons as coach.

The University fired Tyrone Willingham on Nov. 30, 2004 after three seasons on the job in the middle of a six-year deal. Willingham was

the first football coach in school history to be fired without fulfilling the length of his original contract. White and the administration were criticized for firing the first black head coach ever at Notre Dame halfway through his original deal.

Weis originally inked a six-year contract. The new deal restructures the next five years and adds another five on top of it — meaning the 10-year contract begins next season.

ESPN.com reported the contract to be worth anywhere from \$30-40 million over 10 years. Notre Dame, as a private institution, is not required to release financial records. But Weis did say money was not the motivating factor behind the extension.

"In the last 24 hours I have heard zillions of dollars of difference between the low end and the highest end," Weis said. "It really is irrelevant. If it was about money, I would be coaching in the NFL."

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Big East

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Championship race since Villanova scored 29 to win the 1994 title.

On the men's side, the No. 5 Irish beat out Georgetown 31-51, placing all five scoring runners in the top 10.

Even more impressive, men's head coach Joe Piane said, were the Irish times. Kurt Benninger, Kaleb Van Ort, Tim Moore, Sean O'Donnell and Patrick Smyth all finished with times under 25 minutes.

"What we were really thrilled with is how fast everyone ran," Piane said. "Normally, if you can get a couple of guys under 25 [minutes], you're thrilled."

Benninger, Van Ort, Moore, O'Donnell and Smyth all earned all-conference honors. Jake Watson and Vinny Ambrico also competed for the Irish, finishing 18th and 19th, respectively.

Senior All-Americans Stephanie Madia and Molly Huddle led the women. Huddle finished second with a time of 20:52, while Madia finished third, two seconds behind. Sunni Olding was the third runner for the Irish, finishing fifth with a time of 21:04. Freshman phenom Ramsey Kavan was the fourth Notre Dame runner in the top ten, finishing eighth in 21:26.

Madia, Huddle, Olding and Kavan were all named all-conference.

Katie DeRusso scored as the fifth runner for the Irish, finishing 16th with a time of 21:58. Jean Marinangeli was three seconds behind in eighteenth. Elizabeth Webster rounded out the Irish lineup with a 32nd place finish.

DeRusso, Marinangeli and Webster had been competing for the fifth spot all year long, but in each race they had all finished well behind Kavan. At Van Cortlandt Park, they all finished less than a minute and a half behind the freshman.

The coaching staffs of both

Piane and women's coach Tim Connelly earned Big East Coaching Staff of the Year honors. Piane said the award, while flattering, should be more about the team than the coaches.

"It means a lot because it's voted on by your peers, but all it is truly a reflection of is how well the kids ran," he said.

Having won their conference, both Irish teams now look ahead to the Great Lakes Regional Nov. 12 in Bloomington, Ind.

"If you look at our schedule, it can be pretty much divided in half," Piane said. "The first section is some important meets, but the second half, starting with the Big East Championships, is what we call the 'championship' season. It's our goal to have a successful 'championship' season."

"This [conference championship] bodes well for us qualifying for the NCAAs and doing well at them."

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3:59 into the second period, when junior right wing Michael Bartlett stole the puck in the Princeton zone and passed to Erik Condra. Condra's shot deflected off to the side, but freshman Garrett Regan put the rebound home.

"The guy picked up the puck and was going up the ice. I saw that I had an opportunity, so I hit him and then we got a shot on net and the freshman put in the rebound," Bartlett said.

At the time of Regan's goal, Notre Dame had just returned to full strength after consecutive penalties by Condra and Noah Babin left them at a two-man disadvantage. Although the Tigers peppered the Irish net with shots for nearly two minutes, Pearce and the rest of the defense did not allow a goal.

"You always give up lots of chances in 5-on-3, but we played really well in [penalty killing]," Pearce said.

Notre Dame picked up a second goal on the power play at the 16:13 mark of the second period. Bartlett set up Mark Van Guilder to the left of the net. Van Guilder, shooting from a severe angle, snuck the puck behind Princeton goalie Eric Laroux.

"The seams were open because their forwards were lazy, so I found [Van Guilder] and he put it in," Bartlett said.

The Irish outshot the Tigers 30-27, the second time in as many nights they had the advantage in shots on goal.

Princeton 5, Notre Dame 3

The Irish gave up an early lead in Friday night's game to drop their regular season home opener decision to the Tigers.

Princeton capitalized on several Notre Dame penalties to shift a 2-1 Irish lead early in the second stanza into a 4-2 Princeton advantage by the end of the period.

A holding call on the freshman Regan at 6:50 into the second led to a Princeton power play goal by Grant Goeckner-Zoeller (2 goals), with the assist credited to Kevin Westgarth (3 assists).

Goeckner-Zoeller found plenty of space on the left side to maneuver into the Notre Dame zone and rip a shot past the goaltender Brown at the 7:06 mark for the 2-2 tie.

Notre Dame defenseman Brock Sheahan was whistled for an obstruction-hooking call at the time of the goal, and the Irish found themselves down a man once again.

Princeton struck only 21 seconds later on a Westgarth shot taken from the point that rebounded to center Patrick Neundorfer, who tucked the puck past Brown for a 3-2 Tigers lead.

The Tigers made it 4-2 on an Irish turnover. A badly timed drop pass while entering the Tigers' zone created a Princeton 3-on-none for an Erik Pridham goal at 12:20.

"I think we did okay in the second period, but a couple of mistakes ended up in our net and we just imploded," Jackson said. "I've never seen anything like that before in my coaching career. The whole game just turned totally around."

The first period ended in a 1-1

tie after both teams scored within a 10-second span of each other. Princeton got on the board first on Goeckner-Zoeller and Westgarth's first hookup of the night.

The Irish wasted no time in answering after Van Guilder drew a faceoff to winger Tim Wallace. Wallace walked in on net and roofed the puck past Tigers goalie B.J. Sklapsky for the goal.

Wallace scored his second goal of the game 5:07 into the second period to give the Irish a 2-1 lead, with an assist from Matt Amado. Wallace received a crisp cross-ice pass from Amado on a three-on-two rush to bury the goal.

"Timmy Wallace, that was his best effort so far this season," Jackson said. "I mean not just

the goals per se, but it's good to see him have a real solid game."

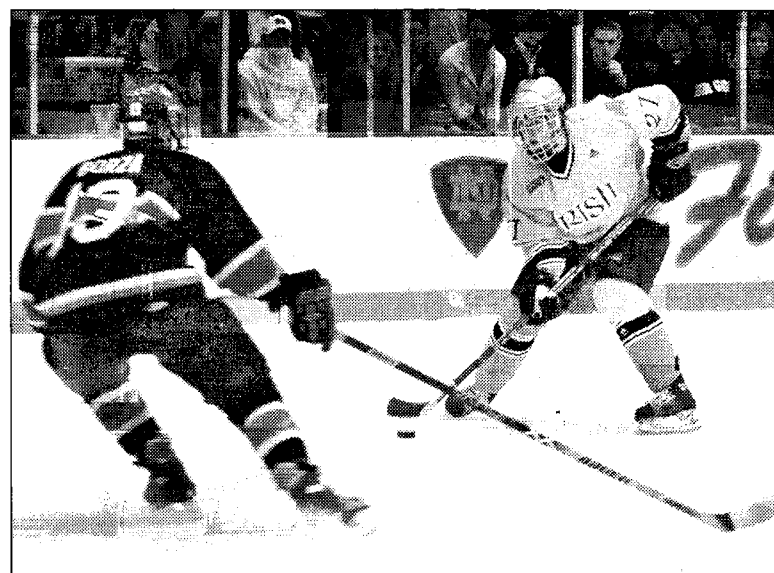
Princeton notched its last goal at 18:31 in the third period on an odd-man rush from defenseman Kyle Hagel, assisted by Pridham.

The Irish struggled on the power play, going 0-for-10 with 23 total penalty minutes on the Tigers. Princeton went 2-for-7 in similar situations.

"We were much sharper with our special teams tonight even though our power play still has the inability to finish," Jackson said.

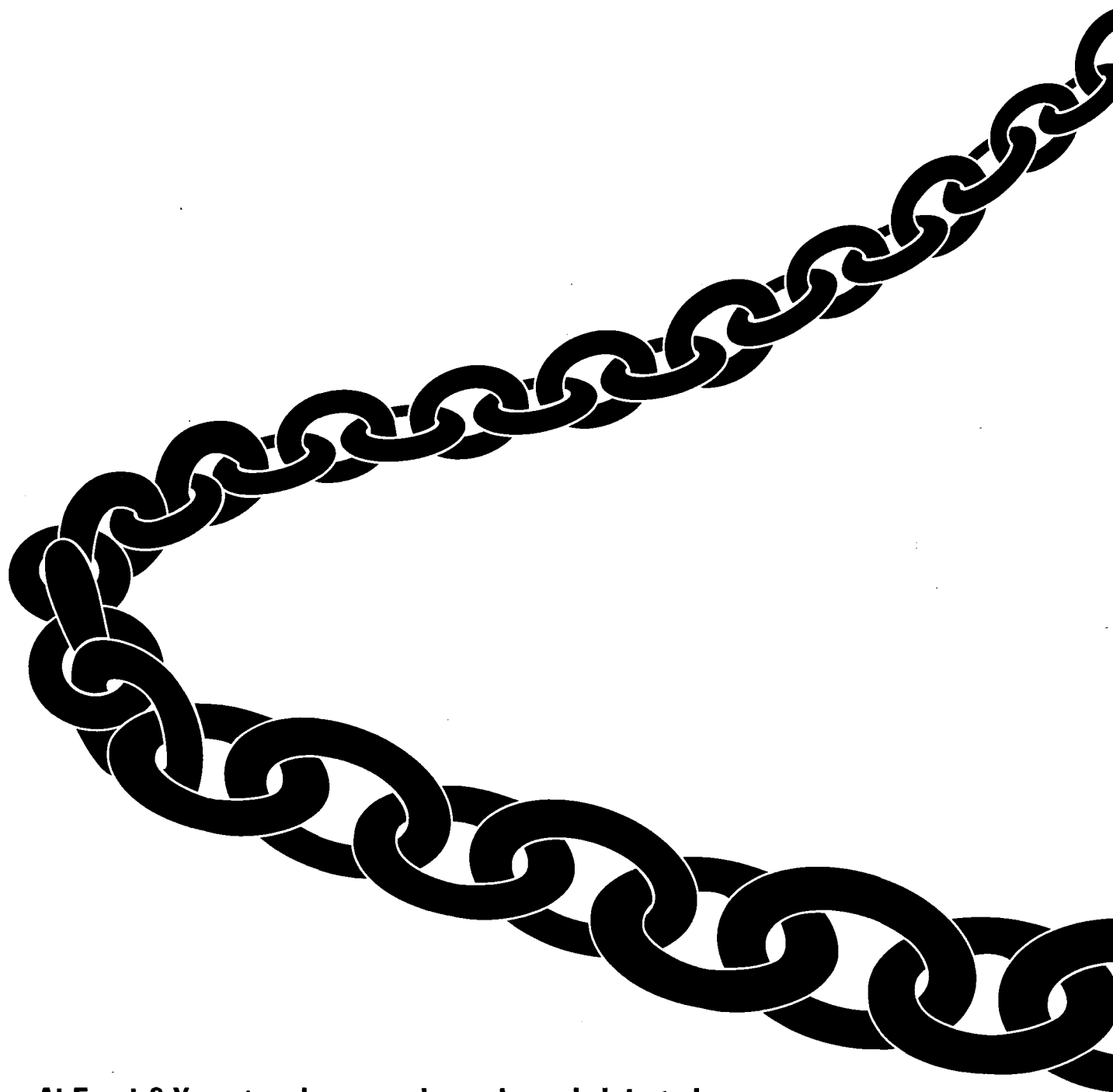
Brown stopped 8 of 13 shots, while Sklapsky saved 34 of 37 opportunities faced.

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Notre Dame forward Michael Bartlett skates up the ice against Princeton Friday. The Irish split with the Tigers over the weekend.



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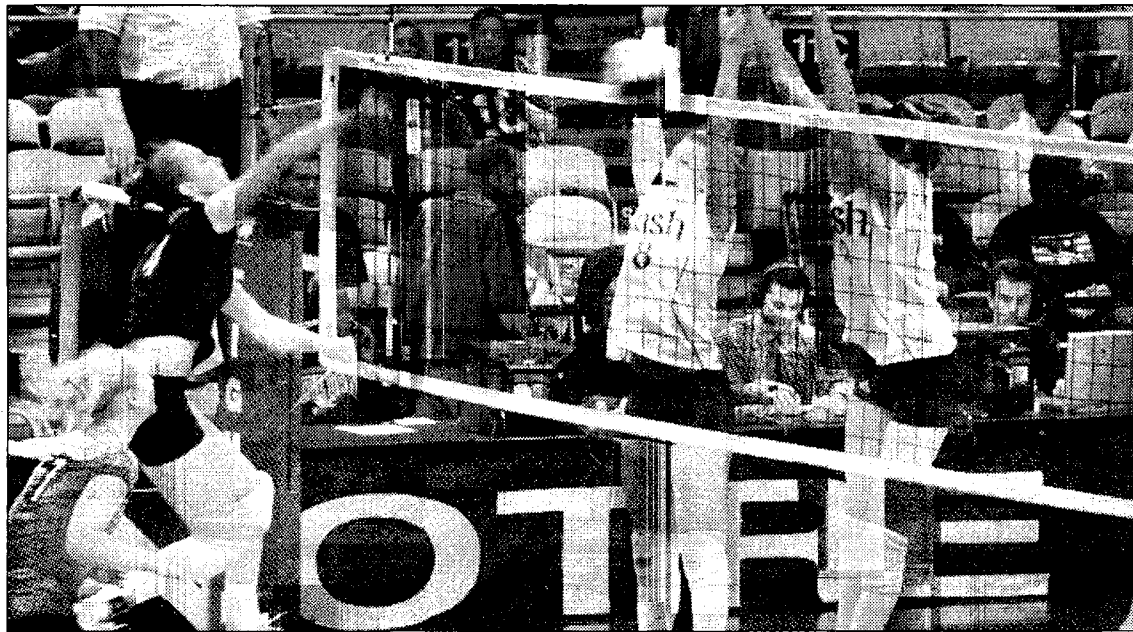
Heintzman leads Notre Dame to wins over Louisville, Cincinnati to move to top of conference

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Leading up to Saturday's battle for the Big East lead, No. 6 and undefeated Louisville might have scouted the Irish. They had to have known pre-season Big East player of the year and All-American Lauren Brewster could hurt them. Or that pre-season all Big East pick Lauren Kelbley could hurt them. Or even that last week's CVU.com National Player of the Week Adrianna Stasiuk could hurt them.

They most likely didn't guess sophomore outside hitter Ellen Heintzman would be one of No. 7 Notre Dame's top weapons in a 30-28, 30-28,

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Notre Dame sophomore Ashley Tarutis, middle, and junior Carolyn Cooper block the ball against Cincinnati Sunday. The Irish defeated the Bearcats and No. 6 Louisville over the weekend.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Both Irish teams win conference

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

It was almost too easy. The Notre Dame men's and women's cross country ran away with the Big East Championships literally and figuratively Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park in The Bronx, N.Y.

The No. 4 Irish women defeated second place Providence by a large 34-59 margin. Providence came into the meet ranked No. 16 in the country. Notre Dame placed four runners in the top 10 and recorded the lowest score in a women's Big East

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HOCKEY

Losing streak ends as ND defeats Tigers 2-0

By CHRIS KHOREY and
KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writers

Jeff Jackson knew it was time to forget about the past.

The Notre Dame hockey coach had planned to keep the ashes of last year's disastrous 5-27-6 campaign in the locker room all year, but he changed his tune

during the first intermission of a 2-0 victory for the Irish over Princeton at the Joyce Center Saturday night.

"[Before the season], I had them write down everything they hated about last year on 3-by-5 cards," Jackson said. "I made them burn them and we stored [the ashes] in the locker room in a jar. I thought it would be good to have them hanging

over in there to serve as a reminder of what happens if you're not committed.

"But in the first three games our second periods were horrible, so I decided to [get rid of them]. They laughed a little bit, but the toilet flushed and last year was behind us."

The motivation worked. The Irish scored two second-period goals and broke their 12-game

losing streak and a 22-game winless streak. Both streaks dated back to Jan. 2, when the Irish defeated Rensselaer Polytechnic 2-1.

Freshman goalkeeper Jordan Pearce earned his first collegiate shutout, making 27 saves in only his second career start.

"It's good to get that monkey off my back," Pearce said. "I haven't had a shutout in like

three years, going back to my freshman year [in high school]."

Jackson declined to say whether Pearce or junior Dave Brown, who started Friday's 5-3 loss to the Tigers, would start against Michigan next weekend. Both goalies have started two games so far this season.

The Irish got their first goal

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FOOTBALL

Weis gets 5-year extension

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame extended the contract of first-year football coach Charlie Weis Saturday through the year 2015. Financial terms of the deal were not released.

Weis, who spoke at a press conference Sunday, believes the extension will eliminate rumors of his leaving for the NFL. It will also enable him to coach the Irish until his son, Charlie, a seventh grader, has graduated from Notre Dame.

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Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis yells instructions against Michigan State Sept. 17. Weis received a contract extension through 2015 Saturday.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thorlakson leads ND to quarterfinal victory

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Katie Thorlakson once again led Notre Dame to a postseason victory Sunday, as the Irish topped Georgetown, 6-0, at Alumni Field in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament.

Thorlakson, who scored or assisted on 18 of Notre Dame's 22 postseason goals last year, found the net once and added three assists as the Irish advanced to face Marquette Friday in the conference semifinal game in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Just 10 minutes into the match Sunday, Thorlakson and freshman forward/midfielder Brittany Bock assisted on the only goal the Irish needed for the victory, a Kerri Hanks tap-in on the right side.

Bock found Thorlakson on the left side of the box and made a backdoor cut to the goal. After Thorlakson hit Bock in stride, a Hoya defender rotated over to cover Bock, leaving the streaking Hanks open as she approached the net.

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Irish travel to California for Corde Valle Collegiate.

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Irish compete in two events in Northern Indiana over weekend.

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Irish defeat No. 16 Seton Hall 4-0 at Alumni Field.

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Irish fall to No. 18 Purdue 182-118 in West Lafayette.

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Belles beat Tri-State at home 3-1 to capture ninth conference win.

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