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Police eject, cite, arrest 61 at game

Liquor law violations prompt action Saturday; police also uncover counterfeit football tickets

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Police ejected 29 people from Notre Dame Stadium for alcohol related violations during Saturday's home football game against UCLA.

Two people were also arrested at the stadium — an adult for public intoxication and a student "for allegedly punching another student in the face and causing an injury," Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson said in an e-mail Monday.

Twenty-three arrest tickets were issued to adults for violations of liquor laws and four tickets were issued to juveniles for the same violation outside the stadium, Johnson said.

Police made seven custodial arrests outside the stadium — two for public intoxication, two for violation of liquor laws and public intoxication, two for liquor law violations, false informing and resisting law enforcement and one for liquor violation, false informing and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Johnson said.

One juvenile was arrested for selling counterfeit tickets and was brought to the county juvenile justice center. Three other warnings were issued for "re-selling tickets on campus," Johnson said.

Arrested offenders were transported to St. Joseph County Jail, Johnson said.

Two people were sent to area hospitals by ambulance due to

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Students cheer during the UCLA game Saturday. Police addressed alcohol violations both before and during the game.

Verizon optimized on campus

Company improves service over fall break

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Plagued by delays throughout the summer and fall, the University's plan to improve cellular telephone service was finally completed over fall break when Verizon optimized its service on campus.

Both Cingular and Verizon entered into agreements with the University last spring to begin an antenna-installment project during the summer.

The project's goal, said Gordon Wishon, chief information officer for the Office of Information Technologies, was to provide enhanced cell phone service on campus by the first home football game. Cingular achieved the goal in September, but because Verizon lacked the equipment to connect the campus antennas to its nationwide network, it lagged behind its rival, Wishon said.

Verizon had originally expected the equipment to arrive after football season, but the company made some changes, Wishon said.

"They expedited the delivery of that equipment, in order to get it in before the UCLA game," he said. "They were successful in getting it installed, in place, and operational. So, in fact, the customers of Verizon on campus should now be enjoying much-improved service."

For junior Sara Cermak,

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White discloses details of JACC donation



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Athletic director Kevin White explains \$24.7 million renovation plans for the Joyce Center at a press conference Oct. 5.

\$5 million will go to hospitality room and stadium club

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

With Notre Dame still searching for the final donations for its \$24.7 million plan to renovate the south dome of the Joyce Center, athletic director Kevin White continued his media push to gain momentum on the project this weekend, announcing "a very significant piece of the project."

White announced Friday a \$5 million "lead gift" by the family of Vince Naimoli, who is chairman of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays and a

1959 graduate of Notre Dame. The gift is part of the \$22 million dollars donors already had pledged to the University.

"The inspiration [for the donation] was the school being in need," Naimoli said. "If it helps our programs in any small way, I'd be happy with that. ... If there's one thing we can do to honor [former Executive Vice President Father Ned Joyce's] memory, we wanted to do it."

White said the Naimoli gift would be earmarked for the planned 16,000 square-foot stadium club and hospitality area, which will be tied to approximately 800 seats at the south end of the arena. The south dome will be renamed Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center after Philip J. Purcell III, a Notre Dame Trustee

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Students positive after narrow win

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

Students who returned early from fall break for the Notre Dame-UCLA game Saturday witnessed a nail-biting win that brought the Fighting Irish record to 6-1.

Even without their starting quarterback, the 4-2 UCLA Bruins still put a serious scare into the Irish and their fist-pumping fans. With just 27 seconds remaining, Notre Dame was down 17-13.

"[UCLA's defense] was very

impressive," junior Brian Camus said. "It's a little disconcerting after the last couple games that our offense hasn't been able to kick it into full gear."

Despite the solid UCLA defense, the Irish were able to drive the ball inside the 35-yard line with 2:25 remaining. But the team's hopes seemed to be dashed when Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn failed to reach a first down on his fourth QB sneak of the drive. Many students, however,

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GuluWalk unites Uganda, ND

By LAURA BODEIN
News Writer

About 30,000 people in more than 80 cities and 15 countries mobilized Sunday for GuluWalk Day, an event organized to support the abandoned children in northern Uganda — and nearly 150 of those walkers hailed from Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

Walkers braved the cold and rain to walk from the Potawatomi Zoo to the gymnasium of Indiana University of South Bend, a co-sponsor of the event, to promote peace in war-torn northern Uganda.

"It is amazing that a group of individuals living in a fairly small part of northern Indiana could

come together so eagerly in global solidarity," said senior Nicole Steele, part of the event's organizing committee.

Part of the mission of senior Lindsay Hero and her GuluWalk committee was to raise awareness of the terrible human tragedy occurring in Northern Uganda, said senior Patrick Corrigan, president of Notre Dame's Uganda Conflict Action Network.

"The humanitarian consequences of the conflict between the rebel forces and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) have been tragic," he said.

Each day, as many as 40,000 children walk from villages and Internal Displaced Persons Camps (IDCP) into the town of Gulu, where they spend the night

in safety and away from the threat of being abducted by the LRA. The GuluWalk, organizers said, is intended to be a symbolic effort showing worldwide solidarity and support for these children.

The peace talks between the LRA and the Ugandan government are at a critical stage, and GuluWalk participants worldwide were encouraged to make a public statement in support of this process.

"With 20 walks in Canada, 44 in the United States and events in Australia, Burkina Faso, China, England, France, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Serbia and Togo, it's clear that this is not a fringe issue but one that citizens from every corner of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Fantasy fix

It's Sunday afternoon. I'm sitting in my common room watching the NFL, remote control in hand, flipping back and forth between channels faster than Charlie Weis eats a cheeseburger.

I have two papers to work on and a test to study for, and the study abroad

Greg Arbogast

Sports Writer

deadline is approaching faster than I'd like to admit, yet I can't tear myself away from the television and my laptop. Why? Two words: fantasy football.

Who needs to study for Professor Brady's exam when Tom Brady is in the red zone against the Bills?

The great thing is that I'm not the only one currently obsessed with fantasy football, and that's a good thing. Right? I mean, 18 million Americans can't be wrong. A couple more quick stats for you: the number of fantasy football participants is currently growing at a rate of seven to 10 percent on top of the 18 million people who already enjoy spending their Sundays in front of 10 televisions at a sports bar. Even more impressively, fantasy football currently generates an economic impact of close to \$4 billion dollars. That would make up about 1/5 of the GDP of Tanzania.

Here's my question. Why does America love fantasy football so much? Is it the bragging rights you get to hold over your friends for an entire year? The fact that the typical sports fan thinks he knows more than most NFL coaches usually leads to some pretty heated debates, and fantasy football provides the perfect proving ground for inflated sports egos.

Nothing gives quite the same satisfaction as watching your seventh round pick turn into your leading receiver followed by a well deserved "I told you so" to all those who jeered you on draft day.

There's just something about being the GM of your own football team. For those who live vicariously through sports, it's the closest they'll ever get to sitting in a luxury suite during games and negotiating with multi-millionaires.

Apparently, fantasy football leagues have picked up on this with the addition of "keeper leagues." Keeper leagues span the course of multiple seasons, allowing you to hold on to a specified number of players from year to year followed by a draft for new players at the beginning of each season. That's about as close to managing a real team as you can get.

Plus, having your own fantasy football team allows you to watch games as never before. It's the 49ers versus the Raiders on an early December Sunday. I'm riveted. No seriously. I have Frank Gore and Randy Moss on my fantasy team. If nothing else, having a fantasy team increases the chance that you'll have a reason to watch the network games in your area.

Whatever the reason, Americans — myself included — are hooked on fantasy football. I think that you have to worry about the negative effects of this, like the aforementioned neglect of school work... wait, hold on. The Jets are in the red zone. I got to go watch.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW AS A CHILD AND WHY?



Alan Geygan
freshman
Keough

"Legends of the Hidden Temple" because Olmec and the temple guards were my heroes."



Chris Meister
freshman
Keough

"The Power Rangers." The pink ranger was hot."



Logan Zoellner
sophomore
Morrissey

"Mr. Rogers." I loved the imaginary place."



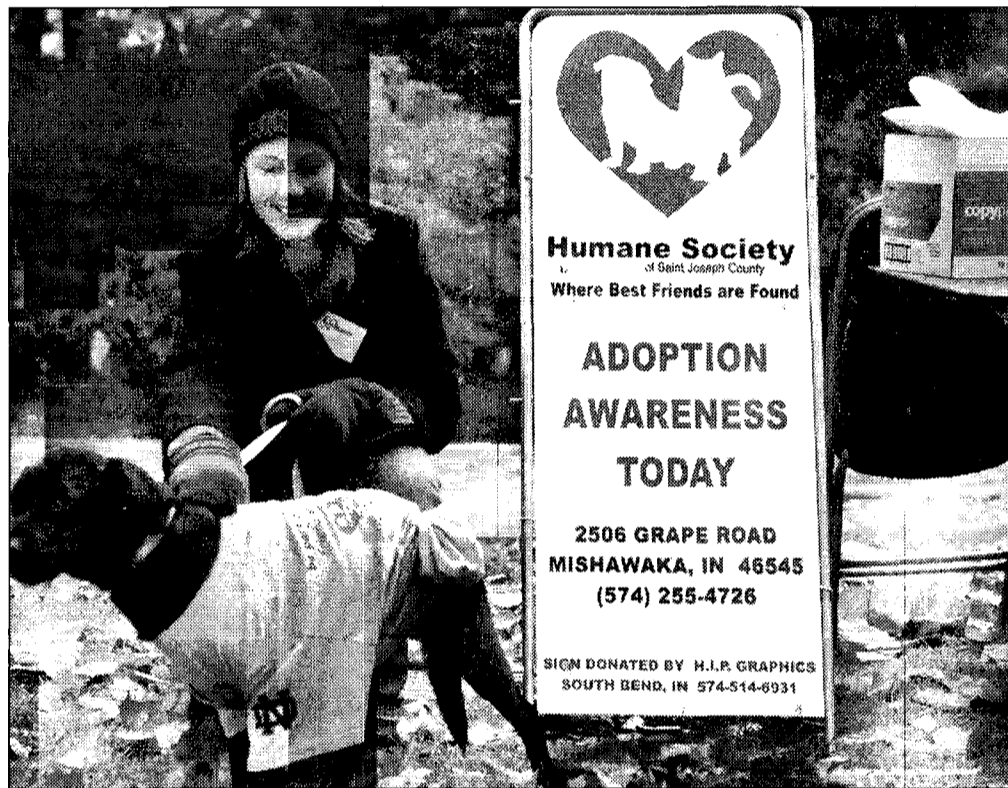
Katy Sidrow
junior
Pasquerilla West

"Bible Videos," because Adam and Eve didn't have furniture."



Mariko Dailey
junior
McGlinn

"Pee-wee [Herman]" because I wish my furniture would come alive in real life."



Notre Dame senior Morgan Dill plays with Coco, who was on campus Sunday as part of the Domer Doggie Walk. The event raised awareness for the Humane Society of St. Joseph County.

LAURIE HUNN/The Observer

IN BRIEF

A blood drive will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Faculty, staff and students can register by calling 631-6100.

Philosophy professor David Burrell will present a workshop titled "Peacemaking in the Holy Land: Political Islam" at 4 p.m. today. Faculty and staff can register for the workshop at the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning.

Amy McInerny, attorney and founder of the Women's Injury Network, will speak on "Abortion and Women: Rhetoric vs. Reality" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall. The event is free and co-sponsored by the South Bend Diocese and the Center for Ethics and Culture.

The Notre Dame chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold their annual AIDS Research Dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 Wednesday in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

The film "Good Morning, Night" will be shown in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty and staff.

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

OFFBEAT

Fried Coke is a big hit

CHICAGO — Fried Coke has become the latest artery-clogging hit at state fairs, local media reports.

The gooey Coke-battered nuggets topped with cola syrup won the "most creative" title at the Texas state fair in Dallas last month. Since then, the deep-fried phenomenon has spread to North Carolina and Arizona.

"We've been getting calls from everywhere since we introduced it," Elizabeth Martin, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina fair, told the Dallas Morning News. "Everyone wants to

know where they can get it."

Fried treats are as big of a draw at state fairs as the rides and prize-winning farm animals. Twinkies, cookies and even pickles are stuck with a stick, dipped in batter and then seared in the deep fryer.

Boston breaks pumpkin record

BOSTON — Boston's nickname is Beantown, but Pumpkintown might also apply now.

Bostonians on Saturday lit 30,128 pumpkins on Boston Common, shattering the world record for

the most jack-o'-lanterns lit in one place.

"It's fantastic," said Jim Laughlin, a spokesman for Life is Good, the Boston clothing company that sponsored the event. "We've been going after this record for a long time."

The old record of 28,952 lit pumpkins had been held since 2003 by Keene, N.H. That city tried to keep up with their own attempt Saturday, but lit only 24,682 pumpkins.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 47 LOW 35	HIGH 31 LOW 30	HIGH 53 LOW 27	HIGH 50 LOW 37	HIGH 45 LOW 38	HIGH 42 LOW 35

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders discuss co-sponsorships

Members address self-defense class and College Dance Team

By **KATIE KOHLER**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance members addressed the co-sponsorship of a self-defense event and the Saint Mary's College Dance Team this week.

Off-Campus commissioner Ashley Harrison presented information about the self-defense event, which will be open to on and off campus students, as well as faculty and staff if space permits.

The goal is for 20 to 40 students to participate in three classes, Harrison said. The cost of the class will be \$5 for students, which will be refunded if the student attends all three classes.

New Director of Security David Gariepy said he saw the need for a self-defense class after recent break-ins and assaults on and around campus this year.

"I think it is a great program because you can apply self-defense in so many different environments," Gariepy said. "It will give [participants] something

they can rely on in those situations."

The program will teach participants how to get out of hazardous situations, while making the maneuvers easy to implement.

"It is good, comprehensive training that everyone should be able to do,"

Gariepy said.

Students will get priority in the class and the remaining spaces will be used for faculty and staff members. The class will meet three times for an hour and 15 minutes.

"It is amazing how much you can learn. I highly recommend it," Gariepy said.

Executives also discussed the co-sponsorship of the Saint Mary's Dance Team, which is returning after a one-year hiatus.

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis and student coach Valerie Pekofske explained the team's need for sponsorship. Since the dance team is not a varsity or intramural sport, the Athletic Department did not offer adequate funding for it,

said Davis, who wants to make more students aware

of the team.

"We want to represent Saint Mary's well," Davis said.

The team will perform at Saint Mary's basketball games, Midnight Madness and Dance Marathon. They will also wear their uniforms to the remaining Notre Dame pep rallies.

"We are already in full swing," Davis said. "We want to keep the club running for next year too."

In other BOG news:

◆ There will be a majors fair today at 5:30 p.m. in Haggard Hall for students who have not decided what they wish to study. Pizza will be provided.

◆ There will be a Pumpkin Carving Contest today in the dining hall. Teams of two to four can participate. Prizes will be awarded to the students with the best carvings.

◆ Haunted Tunnels will be Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 this week outside the dining hall and \$5 at the door.

◆ October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tomorrow, the documentary "Broken Vows" will be playing in Madeleva Hall at 8 p.m. in room 249.

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"It is good, comprehensive training that everyone should be able to do."

David Gariepy
director of security
Saint Mary's

Immigration director to discuss legislation

Special to The Observer

Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, will deliver a lecture titled "Immigration and the



Sharry

Midterm Elections" at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 (Thursday) in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

The talk is free and open to the public.

In conjunction with the current Snite exhibition "Caras Vemos, Corazones No Sabemos (Faces Seen, Hearts Unknown): The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration," the lecture will highlight and offer analysis of pending immigration legislation, and discuss its impact on the upcoming midterm elections.

Sharry is considered a leading spokesperson for pro-immigrant policies. He has been widely quoted, including in The Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Washington Post, and has served as a guest on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, The McLaughlin Group and

CNN's Crossfire.

Prior to joining the forum, Sharry served as executive director of Centro Presente, an agency that assists Central American refugees in Boston.

He helped found the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and led efforts to resettle refugees from Vietnam, Cuba and elsewhere for a national organization now called Immigration and Refugee Services of America.

Based in Washington, D.C., the forum is one of the nation's premier immigration policy organizations with more than 250 member groups nationwide. Its mission is to embrace and uphold America's tradition as a nation of immigrants. The forum advocates and builds support for public policies that welcome immigrants and refugees and are fair and supportive to newcomers in the United States.

Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns' "Economic Justice for All & Democracy Matters Midterm Election Series," the lecture is co-sponsored by the Snite, Institute for Latino Studies, Department of Political Science, Washington Program and the Program in American Democracy.

PLEASE JOIN DR. PAUL WRIGHT, M.D.,

author of *Mother Teresa's Prescription*,
alumni class of '72, and recipient of the
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

- Open Lecture followed by book signing
- DeBartolo Hall, Room 102
- Open to students, alumni and the public

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

- Meet-n-greet reception followed by book signing
- ECK Visitors Center
- Light refreshments provided
- Open to students, alumni and the public

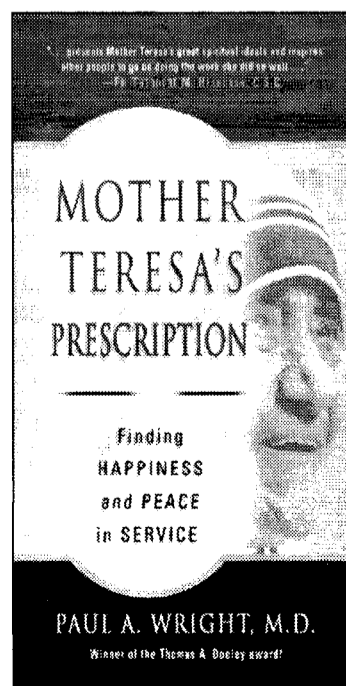
DR. PAUL A. WRIGHT (Class of '72) first met Mother Teresa in 1992 at a center for the homeless in Tijuana, Mexico. Despite professional success as a cardiologist, Paul was filled with anxiety and a heavy heart, but time spent with Mother Teresa transformed him. In 2004, he received the Thomas A. Dooley Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association for humanitarian accomplishments such as the "Poorest of the Poor" that distributes clothing to underprivileged people in the U.S., and the "Medication Assistance Program" that makes prescription drugs available to needy patients. Each year he returns to Notre Dame to offer a Medical Ethics Symposium for students. Dr. Wright and his family live in Ohio.

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the improved service was a pleasant surprise.

After perusing Irish paraphernalia at the Bookstore Monday afternoon, Cermak couldn't decide on a sweat-shirt color for her mom. She quickly reached for her cell phone, but was doubtful she would get a signal.

She pushed the green "talk" button anyway.

"It actually went through, which is unusual," Cermak said. "I've

done that earlier this year, and it didn't work."

Sophomore Verizon customer Mikalyn Steinbrueck is also grateful for the improvements. A chronic oversleeper, Steinbrueck

relies on her parents' persistent phone calls to rouse her — a method that proved faulty last year when she was a freshman in the basement of Pangborn, where she had no cell phone service. Her parents had to call the dorm phone every morning, which her slumbering roommate did not appreciate.

"We ended up having to switch roommates at the semester," Steinbrueck said. "Then I went to the

second floor, and I didn't get service there either."

When the University announced it would stop providing in-room telephones beginning this year, the Steinbruecks planned to pay the additional cost to have one in Mikalyn's room. But once she got to campus, she said, there was no need.

"It works fantastically. I get service basically everywhere on campus," she said. "Some game weekends, it doesn't work as well as normally, but I can definitely see an improvement from last year."

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**Mikalyn Steinbrueck
sophomore
Verizon customer**

And although Verizon predicted dropped calls during the four-day optimization process last week, Steinbrueck's service remained steady.

"I was here during [fall] break, and I heard that the system was supposed to go down, but I didn't have any problems at all with my cell phone," she said. "I've had perfect service."

Now, the wake-up call that comes in each morning (on a crystal-clear five bar signal) is just loud enough for Steinbrueck — and quiet enough to be ignored by her snoozing roommate.

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still had faith in their team.

"He knows what he's doing," freshman Matt Gore said about Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis' five attempts on fourth down. "But it is a very interesting call against a tough UCLA run defense."

After two quick passes, the Irish were past the 50-yard line — but time was running out.

As Quinn was flushed out of the pocket, wide receiver Jeff Samardzija followed him across the field, made the catch and weaved his way towards the end zone. On his 45-yard trip to the end zone, Samardzija broke through UCLA tackles and

dashed Bruins fans' spirits.

The student section erupted.

As students embraced each other in excitement, the Fighting Irish football team made its second great comeback of the 2006 season.

"Did they even kick the point after?" asked freshman Steve Rivera. "I was too busy celebrating and I even lost my shoes. It was crazy."

But some fans thought student enthusiasm seemed muted.

"[UCLA fans] were louder than us at times. It's sad because our team needs our support but after [fall] break the student section seemed empty."

**Alexandra Badewig
sophomore**

"[UCLA fans] were louder than us at times," sophomore Alexandra Badewig said. "It's sad because our team needs our support but after [fall] break the student section seemed empty."

Notre Dame will travel to Baltimore, Md. this weekend to take on Navy (5-2) — a team with one of the best running attacks in the nation. The Irish will attempt to extend their 42-game winning streak against the Midshipmen.

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Arrests

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intoxication, Johnson said.

In addition, one person was issued a "trespass warning for urinating in a public place."

NDSP was assisted outside the stadium by Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Police.

"Patrols of parking lots to promote a family friendly game day

environment and to enforce Indiana laws regarding alcohol is not an undercover operation," Johnson said. "These patrols will continue for the next home football game."

Johnson did not specify whether preliminary breath tests (PBTs) were used or if police officers were in uniform or plain-clothes.

"NDSP will continue to work with other area police officials for the next home football game," Johnson said.

Johnson said if football weekend festivities include the use of alcoholic beverages, Indiana laws should be followed.

"Don't let alcohol get in the way of your safety or fun or keep you from enjoying a great football game," Johnson said. "Keep in mind that laws regarding the use of alcohol will be enforced and you are responsible for your conduct."

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**Write for News.
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"Sigrund Undset: Greatest Catholic Novelist of the Twentieth Century?"

Michael Foley

Professor of Philosophy at Baylor University

Tuesday, October 24

DeBartolo Hall Room 155 8:00PM

Also Coming ...

Monday, October 30, 2006, 8:00PM DBRT 155

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Ralph Wood, Professor of Theology and Literature, Baylor University

Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 8:00 PM DBRT 155

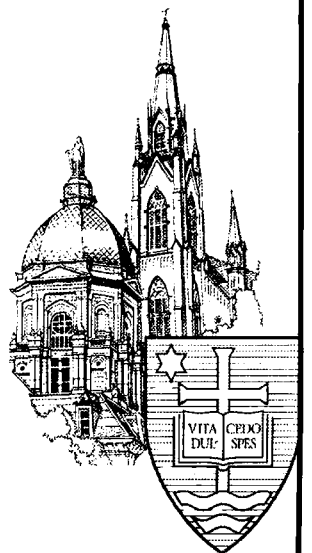
"Bernanos and the Noonday Devil"

Ralph McInerny, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 8:00 PM DBRT 155

David Solomon: "Robert Hugh Benson: Anticipating the Apocalypse"
Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protestant, Catholic meet in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland's dominant Protestant leader, who has long denounced the Roman Catholic Church as corrupt and heretical, held talks Monday for the first time with the leader of the church in Ireland.

Ian Paisley's meeting with Archbishop Sean Brady, leader of Ireland's 4 million Catholics, was timed to signal Paisley's willingness to work with Catholics on the eve of negotiations to revive power-sharing in Northern Ireland, the central goal of the Good Friday peace accord of 1998.

Britain and Ireland, which are leading three days of multiparty negotiations starting Wednesday in Scotland, have given the Northern Ireland Assembly a Nov. 24 deadline to elect a Catholic-Protestant administration or be shut down.

Tree caused May crash killing 10

KABUL, Afghanistan — A helicopter crash that killed 10 U.S. troops last May was caused by a series of mishaps, a new report concluded. Problems included a nighttime landing on a small mountaintop zone, trees that were too close to the runway and soldiers who lacked axes to cut them down.

Maj. Matt Hackathorn, a military spokesman at the U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul, said on Monday that the May crash came "as a very hard lesson" in the difficulties of flying in Afghanistan.

The CH-47 Chinook — a large transport helicopter with two overhead rotors — had such a small landing zone that only its two rear wheels could touch down, while its front two wheels hovered off the mountain's side, the report from the Accident Investigation Division of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center found.

NATIONAL NEWS

Alaskan villages reject Chavez' oil aid

ANCHORAGE — In Alaska's native villages, the punishing winter cold is already coming through the walls of the lightly insulated plywood homes, many of the villagers are desperately poor, and heating-oil prices are among the highest in the nation.

And yet a few villages are refusing free heating oil from Venezuela, on the patriotic principle that no foreigner has the right to call their president "the devil."

The heating oil is being offered by the petroleum company controlled by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, President Bush's nemesis. While scores of Alaska's Eskimo and Indian villages say they have no choice but to accept, others would rather suffer.

Missouri middle schooler in custody

JOPLIN, Mo. — Fascinated by the Columbine bloodbath, a 13-year-old boy in a dark green trenchcoat and mask carried an assault rifle into his school Monday, pointed it at students and fired a shot into a ceiling before the weapon jammed, authorities said. No one was hurt.

"Please don't make me do this," he was quoted as telling administrators before police arrested him and thwarted what they called a "well thought-out plan" to terrorize his school.

Police said a note in the student's backpack indicated he had planted an explosive in the school, but no bombs were found.

LOCAL NEWS

Deputy injured during reenactment

KOKOMO, Ind. — A sheriff's deputy said he's walking again six weeks after breaking his pelvis during a reenactment of a War of 1812 battle that was being filmed for the History Channel.

Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Ferguson, 47, said he lost control of his horse and was injured after bouncing hard several times on his saddle.

"All of this for 10 seconds on the History Channel," he joked.

Ferguson was part of the reenactment in late August in Friendship, a small community in southeast Indiana.

IRAQ

Shiite militia hunts down police

Anti-American cleric's loyalists re-emerge in south; 4 killed in rival militia violence

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militiamen loyal to an anti-American cleric re-emerged Monday in the southern city of Amarah, hunting down and killing four policemen from a rival militia in a brutal Shiite-on-Shiite settling of scores.

The Iraqi army set up a few roadblocks but did not interfere in the movement of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army fighters after police fled the streets. The latest attacks came despite a public call by al-Sadr to halt the tribal vendetta, suggesting that splinter groups were developing within his militia.

The spread of revenge killings among Shiites in their southern heartland has opened a new and ominous front as American forces struggle to control insurgent and sectarian bloodshed to the north — especially in Baghdad.

In the capital, the U.S. military reported that a soldier was listed as missing Monday night and that American and Iraqi forces were scouring the area where he was last seen. The missing soldier is an Army translator, and the initial report is that he may have been abducted, said a military official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information was not cleared for release.

With the fighting weighing heavily on the prospects of Republican candidates in midterm elections two weeks away, the military on Monday announced four new U.S. deaths — a Marine and three soldiers. So far this month, 87 American service members have been killed in Iraq.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced a military crackdown to tame the country's staggering armed violence, taking special aim at continuing lawlessness in Amarah.

But his statement, while notable for its timing, appeared toothless, especial-



Iraqi soldiers stand guard at a police station destroyed in fighting on Friday in Amarah, a city 200 miles southeast of Baghdad Saturday.

ly given that his army was standing aside in Amarah and has fallen short of delivering troops requested by the Americans for the ongoing security crackdown in Baghdad.

"The Iraqi government hereby warns all groups with illegal weapons to refrain from any armed activities that undermine public security. Let everyone be informed that orders have been issued to the armed forces to stop any transgression against state power and to confront any illegal attempt regardless of its source," al-Maliki wrote in his decree.

"The Iraqi government also calls in particular on the people of Maysan province to exercise caution and care in the face of attempts to

drag the people of one nation into fighting and strife," he said. Amarah is the capital of Maysan province.

Hoping to find a political solution, the Bush administration has asked the al-Maliki's government to issue an unconditional amnesty to Sunni Muslim insurgents, prominent Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman told The Associated Press. He is a confidant of Jalal Talabani, the country's president.

He and Hassan al-Seneid, a member of parliament close to al-Maliki, also told AP that U.S. officials were engaged in ongoing talks with members of the insurgency, including members of Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party, to seek an end to the fighting that has

plagued American forces in Baghdad, surrounding areas and sprawling Anbar province to the west.

Members of al-Qaida in Iraq are not included in either the talks or the U.S. amnesty proposal, which would require Iraqi government approval and is by no means certain since it is controlled by Shiites.

The Bush administration said Monday there were no plans for dramatic shifts in policy or for ultimatums to the Iraqi government to force progress.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said U.S. government and military officials were working with Iraq to set broad time frames for when Iraqis can take over 16 provinces that are still under the control of U.S. troops.

Lower standards raise recruits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army recruited more than 2,600 soldiers under new lower aptitude standards this year, helping the service beat its goal of 80,000 recruits in the throes of an unpopular war and mounting casualties.

The recruiting mark comes a year after the Army missed its recruitment target by the widest margin since 1979, which had triggered a boost in the number of recruiters, increased bonuses, and changes in standards.

The Army recruited 80,635 soldiers, roughly 7,000 more than last year. Of

those, about 70,000 were first-time recruits who had never served before.

According to statistics obtained by The Associated Press, 3.8 percent of the first-time recruits scored below certain aptitude levels. In previous years, the Army had allowed only 2 percent of its recruits to have low aptitude scores. That limit was increased last year to 4 percent, the maximum allowed by the Defense Department.

The Army said all the recruits with low scores had received high school diplomas. In a written statement, the Army said good test scores do not necessarily equate to quality soldiers.

Test-taking ability, the Army said, does not measure loyalty, duty, honor, integrity or courage.

Daniel Goure, vice president of the Lexington Institute, a private research group, said there is a "fine balance between the need for a certain number of recruits and the standards you set."

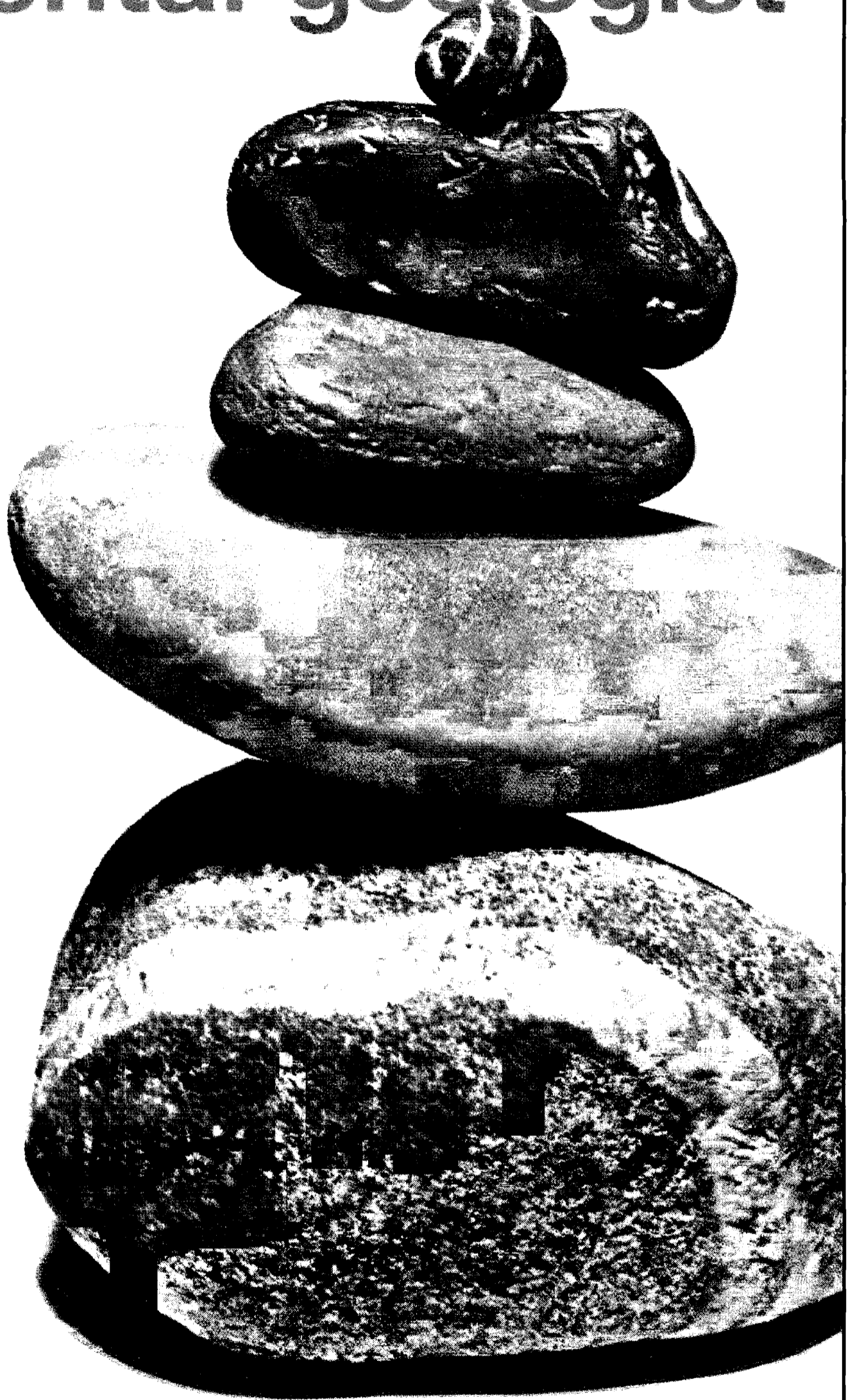
"Tests don't tell you the answer to the most critical question for the Army, how will you do in combat?" Goure said.

But, he added, accepting too many recruits with low test scores could increase training costs and leave technical jobs unfilled.

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1,887	173	1,363
Composite Volume:		2,480,437,030

AMEX	1,946.33	+9.67
NASDAQ	2,355.56	+13.26
NYSE	8,736.59	+34.56
S&P 500	1,377.02	+8.42
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,901.53	+112.71
FTSE 100(London)	6,166.10	+10.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.57	+0.43	42.43
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.56	+0.12	21.45
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.95	-0.30	5.20
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.07	-0.05	28.45
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSUD)	-0.07	+0.02	14.50

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.88	+0.042	4.826
13-WEEK BILL	+0.40	+0.020	4.970
30-YEAR BOND	+0.98	+0.048	4.952
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.88	+0.042	4.798

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.52	58.8
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-13.50	582.91
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.58	89.11

Exchange Rates	
YEN	119.380
EURO	0.797
POUND	0.534
CANADIAN \$	1.128

IN BRIEF

Stocks rise despite geopolitical turmoil

NEW YORK — Stocks rose slightly Monday, with the Dow Jones industrial average briefly touching a new intraday trading high, after the U.N. Security Council condemned North Korea over its claim of an underground nuclear test.

Wall Street had opened the session lower after North Korea announced it had set off an atomic weapon underground. Reports that OPEC was near announcing its first output cut in two years sent oil prices higher. But stock prices turned mixed by midday and were higher by early afternoon.

"We are heartened by the fact the market seems to be shrugging off a major geopolitical event," said Jim Russell, director of core equity strategy for Fifth-Third Asset Management in Cincinnati, which manages \$22 billion.

But Russell added that because of the Columbus Day holiday, volume was too light to say the day's trading represented a trend or theme.

Bond investors knock down rates

NEW YORK — The bond market's rally in recent months looks to be the work of a new generation of "vigilantes" who have turned the notion of holding the Federal Reserve's feet to the fire on its head.

Back in the 1980s and early 1990s, these investors took matters into their own hands when they felt the Fed wasn't doing enough to fight inflation. By selling bonds, they pushed rates on things like 30-year Treasury bonds high enough to slow the economy in the hopes of warding off the stinging effect of higher prices. The Fed eventually followed suit by increasing overnight rates.

This go-around, a new class of bond investors seem to be working the opposite way. They are knocking down rates of Treasury securities in what amounts to an audacious gamble that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues soon will have to reverse course and cut short-term borrowing rates to avoid a recession.

As some on Wall Street have pointed out, this change in tactics may have something to do with who manages money these days: Hedge funds and other speculators play an ever-larger role in the bond market and the pressures they face to show outsized returns are intense.

Google in deal to buy YouTube

Internet leader dismissing copyright concerns to obtain video-sharing company

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Internet search leader Google is snapping up YouTube for \$1.65 billion, brushing aside copyright concerns to seize a starring role in the online video revolution.

The all-stock deal announced Monday unites one of the Internet's marquee companies with one of its rapidly rising stars. It came just a few hours after YouTube unveiled three separate agreements with media companies to counter the threat of copyright-infringement lawsuits.

The price makes YouTube Inc., a still-unprofitable startup, by far the most expensive purchase made by Google during its eight-year history. Last year, Google spent \$130.5 million buying a total of 15 small companies.

Although some cynics have questioned YouTube's staying power, Google is betting that the popular video-sharing site will provide it an increasingly lucrative marketing hub as more viewers and advertisers migrate from television to the Internet.

"This is the next step in the evolution of the Internet," Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt said during a conference call Monday.

YouTube will continue to retain its brand, its new headquarters in San Bruno and all 67 employees, including co-founders Chad Hurley and Steve Chen. Meanwhile, Google will continue to run a less popular video service on its own site.

The deal is expected to close before the end of the year.

"I'm confident that with this partnership we'll have the flexibility and resources needed to pursue our goal of building the next-generation platform for serving media worldwide," said Hurley, YouTube's 29-year-old CEO.

Schmidt thinks so highly



YouTube co-founders Chad Hurley, 29, right, and Steven Chen, 27, pose for a photo with their video cameras at their office loft in San Mateo, Calif. March 29.

of Hurley and Chen, 27, that he compared them to Google's now 33-year-old co-founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

Brin sees the similarities too. "It's hard to imagine a better fit with another company," Brin said during Monday's conference call. "This really reminds me of Google just a few short years ago."

The two companies even share a common financial bond: Sequoia Capital, an early Google investor that owns a roughly 30 percent stake in YouTube. Menlo Park-based Sequoia remains a major Google shareholder and retains a seat on the company's board — factors that might have helped the deal come

together after just a week of negotiation.

YouTube has drawn less flattering comparisons to the original Napster, the once-popular music sharing service that was buried in an avalanche of copyright infringement lawsuits filed by incensed music companies and artists.

While most videos posted on YouTube are homemade, the site also features volumes of copyrighted material — a problem that has caused some critics to predict the startup eventually would be sued into oblivion.

But Hurley and Chen have spent months cozying up with major media executives in an effort to convince them that YouTube could help them make more

money by helping them connect with the growing number of people who spend most of their free time on the Internet.

As its negotiations with Google appeared to be near fruition, YouTube on Monday announced new partnerships with Universal Music Group, CBS Corp. and Sony BMG Music Entertainment. Those alliances followed a similar arrangement announced last month with Warner Music Group Inc.

The truce with Universal represented a particularly significant breakthrough because the world's largest record company had threatened to sue YouTube for copyright infringement less than a month ago.

FRANCE

Airbus chief resigns after short stint

Associated Press

PARIS — Airbus chief executive Christian Streiff resigned Monday after a little more than three months as head of the troubled European plane maker and parent company EADS named one of its own co-CEOs to replace him.

European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co. said in a statement Louis Gallois will succeed Streiff in the top job at Airbus while continuing in his current role as joint head of the Franco-German defense group.

Streiff's departure deals a fresh

blow to crisis-hit Airbus. The planemaker, which stunned investors in June by doubling the A380's production delay to one year, doubled it again this month to two years and said the holdups would wipe \$6.1 billion off EADS profits over four years.

Streiff took over as Airbus CEO just over three months ago, replacing Gustav Humbert — who was ousted along with EADS co-CEO Noel Forgeard as a result of the A380 production crisis.

EADS didn't say in the release announcing Streiff's resignation why he was leaving.

In an interview for Tuesday's edi-

tion of the French daily Le Figaro, Streiff said he had not been allowed the "necessary operational powers" to do the job effectively and welcomed as "a step in the right direction" the combination of the Airbus and EADS roles.

Streiff, a 52-year-old former Saint-Gobain executive, drew up a cost-cutting turnaround plan for Airbus that enjoyed strong support from EADS directors, but he clashed repeatedly with the board over how the plan should be implemented and how much control he would personally exercise, according to three officials familiar with the discussions.

Donation

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and former chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley, who donated \$12.5 million to the project.

"By having an opportunity to kind of talk about [this donation] publicly, it may get other [potential donors] to emulate, and it does build and create momentum," White said. "And there's no question that's occurring."

While remaining optimistic, White once again noted that construction — expected to take about one year — cannot begin until 100 percent of the needed donations have been pledged and the University has 75 percent of that cash on hand.

The University officially announced its plan to renovate the Joyce Center in a press conference Oct. 5. White's announcement Friday did not elaborate on the plans or funding for the renovations, other than identifying the Naimoli family as the second largest donor for the project.

"We're still trying to put together the last \$3 million of funding, and we're working at that as we speak," White said. "[Associate athletic director] Bill Scholl and everyone else in development is working at that all the time."

The plan to renovate the Joyce Center began in early 2001 when White started designing his "master plan" for athletic facilities on campus.

At the time, he had architectural firm HNTB study the arena and begin developing plans for a renovation. Five years and \$22 million later, HNTB is still the University's architect for the project.

"The [Development Office has] been working on this since we had HNTB start the study back five years ago," White said. "These public disclosures are really important [for acquiring the final donors]."

The new design is an attempt to update and revitalize an arena that hosts more than 350 events a year. Former Notre Dame athletic director and former NCAA President Gene Corrigan said Friday that plans like this one can be successful.

"My feeling is that the most important thing is that [facilities] are practical," Corrigan said. "If you look at Duke, they're one of the top five overall programs in the country ... and they're still playing on the same basketball court they were playing on when I was in the 40s, but they fixed it up. It's a lot nicer than it was."

The project will be the first major renovation of the 38-year-old basketball arena. The last significant addition to the Joyce Center was the 1985 construction of the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The construction will renovate both the interior and exterior of the south side of the Joyce Center, benefiting both the basketball and volleyball programs.

Purcell Pavilion will replace the 5,500 bleacher seats in the upper bowl of the south dome with blue chair-back seats. That change will reduce the maximum arena capacity from 11,418 to approximately 9,800.

The new arena will also feature an exterior extension — a "dramatic entrance" — at the south end of the stadium, currently Gate 11. That addition will include a 4,500 square-foot ticket office and 3,000 square-foot retail store.

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Gulu

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the globe want to see their governments engage in," the GuluWalk Web site reads.

Hero visited Uganda over the summer, and it was this visit, she said, that inspired her to take on the challenge of organizing the citywide walk.

"The hard work paid off. It was really a community effort," Hero said. "The majority of walkers were from Penn High School and Marian High School, but we had people drive in from Michigan and students from Taylor University in southern Indiana as well as members of the South Bend community."

Through donations and the sale of GuluWalk T-shirts, hats and wristbands, local participants raised nearly \$2,500, Hero said.

Hero led a rally after the walk in the IUSB gymnasium.

Steele spent the summer working in Uganda and recalled a desperate plea made to her by the director of an Internal Displaced Persons Camp (IDCP) in the city of Gulu: "We are here. We are suffering. We are dying, don't forget us."

"Over 90 percent of the population lives in these camps," Steele said. "There is little sanitation, limited medical supplies, and they are 100 percent dependent on outside food. In one camp they have 26,000 people in a 50-meter radius."

Organizers urged the walkers to

take action and pressure the U.S. government to pay attention to the issues of Uganda.

"One of the main goals of the Gulu Walk this year was to promote the support of peace talks occurring right now and to walk in solidarity with the night commuters," Steele said.

Other speeches included the reading of testimonials written by actual night commuters who walk eight to 10 miles from IDP camps to city centers to avoid kidnapping. If captured, the young men are generally forced to become soldiers and are often forced to kill people in their own families or villages, Corrigan said. The young women are often given to military officers for pleasure and may be tortured.

Putting a face to the stories

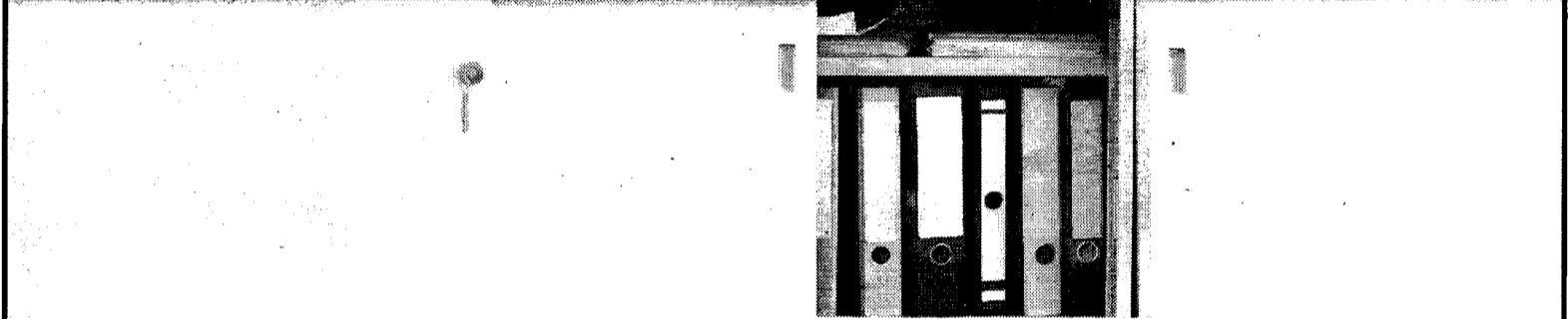
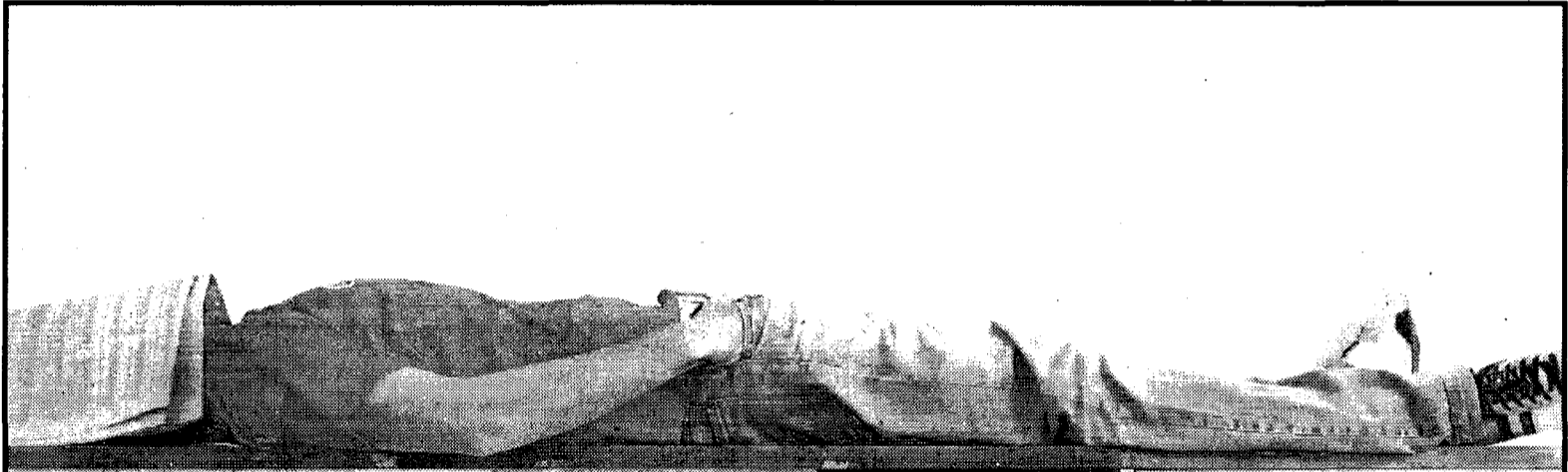
about the struggles in Uganda, the event organizers brought in a 15-year-old Ugandan refugee named Evaline.

"She helped realize the real human consequences," Corrigan said.

Evaline, who now lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., was captured by the LRA and held captive for three years, suffering from inhumane forms of torture. Permanently disfigured after breaking her lower jaw when hit by flying shrapnel in a firefight, she has already had three facial operations.

The original GuluWalk began in July 2005 with just two people. Rapidly, it has grown into a worldwide peace movement.

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Officials continue to search for 9/11 remains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims. Of the 2,749 people who were killed that day, the remains of some 1,150 have not been found. That means that families of 40 percent of the victims have nothing — not a sliver of a bone — left of their loved ones.

"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was, 'Get it done,'" said another official who protested, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the work publicly. "Many a time the issue was raised about how fast it was going and things were being missed."

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the renewed search, said a review of such issues would be premature, but noted that the Fire Department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains, and that the design department proceeded with its work only when the FDNY gave the go-ahead.

After the twin 110-story towers collapsed, police and fire officials led the backbreaking search for bodies while the Department of Design and Construction was assigned to excavate the debris, which stood 10 stories high at the start. The agency, staffed by engineers, architects and construction professionals, specializes in engineering and construction projects, including emergency debris removal.

Each day, the design department convened planning meetings with all the parties involved, including engineers, emergency responders and a range of other city agencies.

The project finished months ahead of city officials' yearlong prediction, and cost about \$750 million — just a fraction of the initial multibillion-dollar estimate. But the design department was sometimes at odds with the rescue workers, who frequently needed to shut down or pause the operation as they recovered bodies.

"It went from a rescue to a recovery to a construction proj-

ect," McArdle said. "There came a point in time when they said, 'We gotta try to wrap this up,' and they tried to expedite it as much as possible, and they jumped the gun, and now you have all of these families hurt and they're finding all these body parts."

Particular disagreements arose as the design department was preparing to turn over the site — which belongs to the bistate agency known as the Port Authority. According to people involved in the process, the design department had created a grid map and asked those leading the remains recovery to walk through each area, and sign off, square by square.

Matthew Monahan, department spokesman, said the intent of that correspondence did not deal with human remains specifically, but rather the agency's overall effort to clean up the site and eliminate safety hazards in preparation for turning it over to the Port Authority.

A powerwashing would not necessarily have reached the 12 subterranean cavities now being opened and picked through this week by teams of forensic anthropologists. But Skyler said there may be many more underground areas to examine.

All involved agencies have also been asked to go back and recall how and when they inspected the buildings on the site's outskirts. Hundreds of bone fragments were recently found on the roof of a skyscraper that had been closed since the attack.

None of the newly unearthed bones has been identified, but the medical examiner's office has DNA profiles of the victims on file and is working to match the remains. Thousands of the 20,000 pieces recovered during the main excavation still have not yielded matches.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday that the cleanup was "a heroic job ... by people who really dedicated themselves — firefighters who had lost sons and brothers, construction workers who worked in difficult conditions where they had lots of heavy machinery and there was a lot of pressure to do things quickly."

He added: "And I think, on balance, they did a magnificent job."

CNN criticized for airing video

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A leading Republican lawmaker on defense issues has asked the Pentagon to bar CNN reporters from traveling with military units in Iraq because the network showed insurgent snipers shooting at U.S. troops.

"Does CNN want America to win this thing?" Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., asked in an interview Monday on the network. In past wars, he said, the press was more pro-American.

CNN issued a statement saying the decision to air the insur-

gents' video was "a difficult one, but for a news organization, the right one. Our responsibility is to report the news."

In a letter released Monday, Hunter asked Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to yank CNN from the military embedding program, in which journalists spend time with combat units in Iraq.

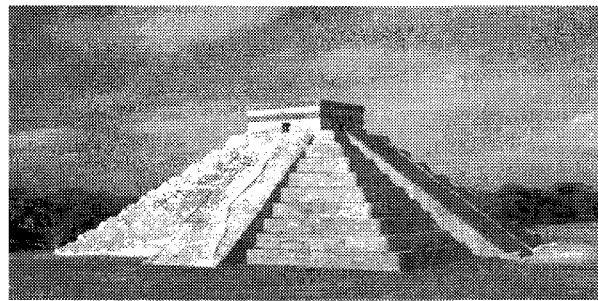
Hunter, a staunch defender of the Bush administration and its handling of the war in Iraq, said the decision was irresponsible because it could encourage more attacks on U.S. troops.

"CNN has now served as the

publicist for an enemy propaganda film featuring the killing of an American soldier," wrote Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. California Republican Reps. Darrell Issa and Brian Bilbray also signed the letter.

CNN last week aired the footage, which was delivered through a contact with an insurgent leader.

The footage does not show the actual death or wounding of any service member. In one instance, the tape shows a service member milling around a public area. A shot rings out, and the tape fades to black.



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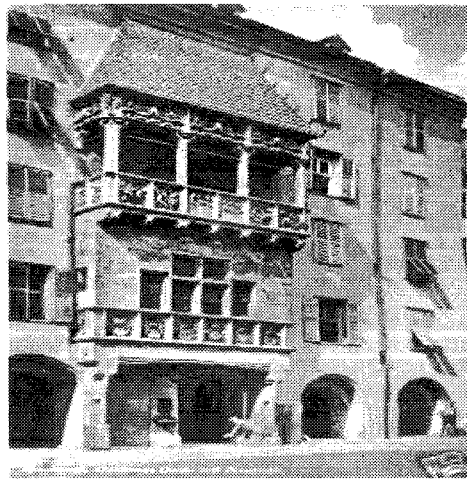
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Hastert aide testifies before panel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee questioned Speaker Dennis Hastert's top aide for more than six hours Monday, as investigators tried to determine whether Hastert's office knew at least three years ago of Rep. Mark Foley's come-ons to male pages.

The closed-door testimony by Hastert chief of staff Scott Palmer could help determine who is telling the truth about when the speaker's office first learned of Foley's conduct. Hastert has said it was in the fall of 2005.

Campaigning for a Republican candidate in Tennessee, Hastert said he plans to testify before the committee this week.

"What Mark Foley did was wrong. It was ethically wrong. It's a shame. It's actually disgusting," Hastert told reporters after a campaign rally.

In Washington, Palmer's lawyer, Scott Fredericksen, said his client hasn't changed his version of events. The Hastert aide has disputed one account that he personally was notified about Foley in 2002 or 2003.

Fredericksen said the testimony was "consistent with the position he's taken all along."

Palmer spent the longest time in the committee offices than any other witness, entering at 1:57 p.m. and leaving at 8:18 p.m. This is the third week of testimony, as the committee tries to learn how the Republican leadership handled Foley's inappropriate conduct.

The speaker has a lot riding on the outcome. He has fended off

calls for his resignation with statements that his staff acted properly after the 2005 notification, and quickly had a lawmaker and the House chief clerk confront the Florida Republican.

Hastert said he didn't learn about Foley until late September, when the scandal became public and Foley resigned.

The speaker's timeline could be shattered if the committee believes former Foley chief of staff Kirk Fordham, who already has testified before the ethics panel. Fordham has said publicly that he told Palmer about Foley in 2002 or 2003, and subsequently learned that Palmer spoke with Foley on the subject.

"What Kirk Fordham said did not happen," Palmer said weeks ago in his lone public statement on the matter.

Hastert's version, issued as an internal report, said his staff learned in the fall of 2005 that Foley had sent overly friendly e-mails to a former Louisiana page. The report said the staff did not see the texts of the e-mails, which asked about the 16-year-old's birthday and requested a picture.

The report said the speaker's office contacted then-chief clerk Jeff Trandahl, who went to confront Foley with Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill. and chairman of the board that oversees the page program. They ordered Foley to immediately stop communicating with the youngster.

The report added that nobody in Hastert's office knew, until the messages became public, that Foley also had sent sexually explicit instant messages to other former pages.

Ironically, the internal report did not mention any role played by Palmer, despite his status as Hastert's top assistant.

The speaker has left himself one major escape route, publicly pledging to fire any of his staff members who were found to have covered up knowledge of Foley's conduct.

Hastert also has said he doesn't recall discussing Foley's conduct with Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., the House Republican campaign chairman; or Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, both of whom said they told Hastert about Foley earlier this year.

Boehner testified before the committee last week and Reynolds was expected to be questioned Tuesday.

Before Palmer testified, Reynolds' top political aide, Sally Vastola, appeared before the committee as it began a third week of closed-door testimony. Vastola is executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee and a longtime top aide to Reynolds.

Vastola's testimony could touch on how Reynolds reacted when learning of problems with Foley's behavior toward pages and with whom Reynolds may have shared the information.

Testimony from Hastert's aides would go a long way toward wrapping up the interviews required for the panel to make its findings, though it's unclear whether the panel will have enough time to issue a report before Election Day. The committee, evenly divided between the parties, could issue an interim report by Election Day.

Accident kills 1 in eastern Pa. coal mine

Associated Press

TREMONT, Pa. — A coal mine accident, possibly an explosion, killed a miner Monday, but five others escaped, authorities said.

The incident happened 2,300 feet underground at the R&D Coal Co. anthracite mine in Schuylkill County, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

The victim was Dale Reightler, 43, of Donaldson, according to his brother-in-law Charles Kimmel. Reightler, who had worked the mines since age 16, had a wife and four children, and dreamed of setting up an auto repair business, Kimmel said.

"He was gonna give it up and go into auto repair full time," Kimmel said. "I guess that ain't gonna happen."

State and federal investigators were trying to determine the cause of the accident, the state Department of Environmental Protection said. Regulators ordered the mine closed until an investigation is complete.

State police initially said the accident was an explosion. However, other state officials were more cautious, saying it was too dangerous to go down into the mine shaft to investigate because the incident knocked out the mine's ventilation system. They hoped to have it restored Tuesday.

"Right now, it's a mining accident, a fatal mine accident, and that's what we're terming it until the investigation concludes," said Mark Carmon, a DEP spokesman.

The five miners who escaped were being interviewed, Carmon said.

The mine is in a remote, mountainous region in eastern Pennsylvania. A June inspection turned up no violations, while an August inspection found brush surrounding an exhaust fan that was cleared while the inspector was on site, according to state officials.

Four workers at the mine were injured Dec. 1, 2004, by debris from an explosion caused by a pipe with a faulty gauge, state officials said. The mine reopened after installing safety equipment, and two inspections this year turned up no significant violations, the state agency said.

The area has the nation's only deposits of anthracite, a type of hard, relatively clean-burning coal that once heated millions of homes but now represents a tiny sliver of the U.S. coal industry. The mines still operating are typically small, with only a few miners.

So far this year, there have been 41 other deaths in U.S. coal-mine accidents, none in Pennsylvania. In the deadliest accident, 12 men were killed at the Sago Mine in northern West Virginia in January.

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Wis. college town struggles with student drownings

After 8 deaths in La Crosse in 9 years, concerns grow about intoxicated partiers falling into three local rivers

Associated Press

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Searchers combing the Mississippi River this month pulled out the body of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse basketball player Luke Homan — the eighth college-age man in nine years to disappear from a city tavern and turn up dead in a river.

La Crosse officials have debated for years how to keep drunken students safe, but some say there may be no answer for a town with three colleges, three

ivers and \$3 pitchers of beer.

"I'm not sure anything we do can prevent a future tragedy," Mayor Mark Johnsrud said.

Some officials want to rein in the binge drinking culture. Others have proposed fencing off the scenic waterfront.

But solutions have so far eluded this community where drownings and drinking have claimed lives for years. The city's first recorded alcohol-related drowning was in 1867, according to the mayor.

The more recent string of

deaths began in July 1997, when searchers pulled 19-year-old Richard Hlavaty's body from the Mississippi River near a park. College wrestler Jared Dion became the seventh drowning victim in 2004 when his body turned up in the same park.

The community is saturated with thousands of students attending the University of Wisconsin's La Crosse campus, as well as Viterbo University and Western Wisconsin Technical College. Downtown

bars cater to young drinkers, offering booze at dirt-cheap prices.

The Vibe, where Homan was last seen alive, offers an all-you-can-drink special for \$5. Shots are just \$1. A sign in the bar's window proclaims: "You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on."

Down the street, Brothers offers bottles of beer for a buck on Wednesdays. The Helm boasts 50-cent schnapps and \$3 pitchers from midnight to 1:30 a.m.

The community has a long tradition of drinking. Thousands of people converge on La Crosse every fall for its Oktoberfest, a day-long party with abundant beer. And on days when the wind blows just right, the smells of City Brewery waft through downtown.

"The problem is the culture is already up on a pedestal in this town," said University of Wisconsin-La Crosse senior Cathy Long.

The city also lies where the Black and La Crosse rivers empty into the Mississippi. Hemmed in by rugged bluffs, LaCrosse is well-known for its scenery.

But the waterfront can be deadly. Investigators believe Dion fell off a levee that doubles as a pedestrian walkway and a dock for visiting paddlewheel boats. The levee had no railing, allowing him to tumble 10 feet into the frigid Mississippi.

His death brought to a head years of fears that a serial killer was stalking drunks. Police held a town meeting to reassure people, explaining that none of the victims was attacked. Investigators said the students had been drinking heavily and noted that Riverside Park is just two blocks from downtown bars.

A task force appointed to investigate the drownings made 19 recommendations ranging from building gates to the levee to creating alternative forms of entertainment and limiting Oktoberfest to one weekend.

But only a handful of those suggestions were adopted, including police patrols of house parties and an extra police shift to patrol bars.

Over time, the focus on drownings faded, Alderwoman Andrea Richmond said.

"Everybody kind of let it drop," she said. "We've done nothing."

Searchers found Homan's body Oct. 2, not far from where Dion was discovered. Preliminary toxicology reports put Homan's blood-alcohol level at 0.32 percent, four times the legal limit in Wisconsin.

Joe Werner, 22, a senior on the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse basketball team, compared Homan's death to losing a brother.

"They need to do something more down by the river," Werner said. "If enough would have been done, it wouldn't have happened again."

Students have taken it upon themselves to patrol the park since Homan's death, but residents are calling for some kind of barrier.

But the mayor does not want fences or gates to mar Riverside Park's natural beauty or send a message that La Crosse is a "playground" for binge drinkers.

His solution: Spend \$60,000 on motion-activated lights in the park to startle drunks and alert them they are close to the water. The City Council is set to consider the lights in November.

Meanwhile, the mayor said, community groups need to keep warning students about the dangers of binge drinking, he said.

"It's a behavior issue," he said. "People are going to do what they want to do."

Mary Torstveit, assistant director of prevention services at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, said students living off-campus are largely on their own.



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As college students, most of us have taken classes or participated in activities which open our eyes to previously unknown issues. Notre Dame students are very blessed to have the opportunity to go to school here and have been given tremendous advantages as we start our lives. The combination of education and resources (particularly time) that college students possess leads many to commit themselves to rectifying the widespread injustices which we find in the world around us. There is a definite temptation, which I have experienced myself and witnessed in others, to view a social/political agenda as the path towards renewal, but the Christian faith which is integral to Notre Dame points instead to individual change as the surest method of improving our world.

Progressives and conservatives hold two very different blueprints for the construction of a better, brighter society. As far as I understand it, progressives believe that people are, for the most part, good and can be relied upon to do the right thing in the absence of overwhelming external pressures. Progressivism's objective is to restructure the institutions and culture of our society in order to remove those ancient obstacles which hinder the flowering of mankind's natural goodness.

In general, conservatives believe that we cannot be counted on to make the right choices all the time, and that we are all capable of, and prone to, committing evil acts. Based on this belief, the goal of conservatism is to encourage spiritual transformation and virtue and build and preserve social institutions and traditions which help foster individual enlightenment.



Jonathan Klinger

Forward the Revolution

A call to arms

Conservatism and progressivism have great numbers of followers, and barring mass deception or blind adherence, there must be elements of both which are true and yet not contradictory. At a university like Notre Dame, it is particularly useful to look to our faith for insight in finding the truth in all things. As the living Truth, Christ cannot be pigeonholed as an ideology of any stripe, and on the question of the nature of mankind He is quite clear.

In Mark 10:18, Jesus says to the rich young ruler, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone." Christ builds on this in Mark 7:20, when he states, "Far from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." These two passages show that according to Christ, no person is good, and that evil proceeds from within men and is not imposed on men from the outside.

We need to work tirelessly to reform institutions which tempt and pressure individuals to act unjustly, but this is not enough. Those who follow Christ's word as truth must accept His assertions on the fallen nature of mankind. This revelation is extremely important to the approach we take in righting the wrongs we see in the world. On the subject of human nature, conservatives — not progressives — are truer to the words of Christ, and the strength of this view of human nature is buttressed by the horrors caused by utopian regimes which have ignored this truth at their peril.

If men cannot be counted on to act justly, rearranging our society through government, activity or revolution is at best a formal endorsement of previous individual enlightenment, or at worst, dangerous window dressing. As long as there are people who seek to commit injustice, those people will find a way to do so. This principle has been demonstrated in our

nation's failed attempts at campaign finance reform, efforts to regulate the lobbying industry and the countless numbers of communal settlements which have failed.

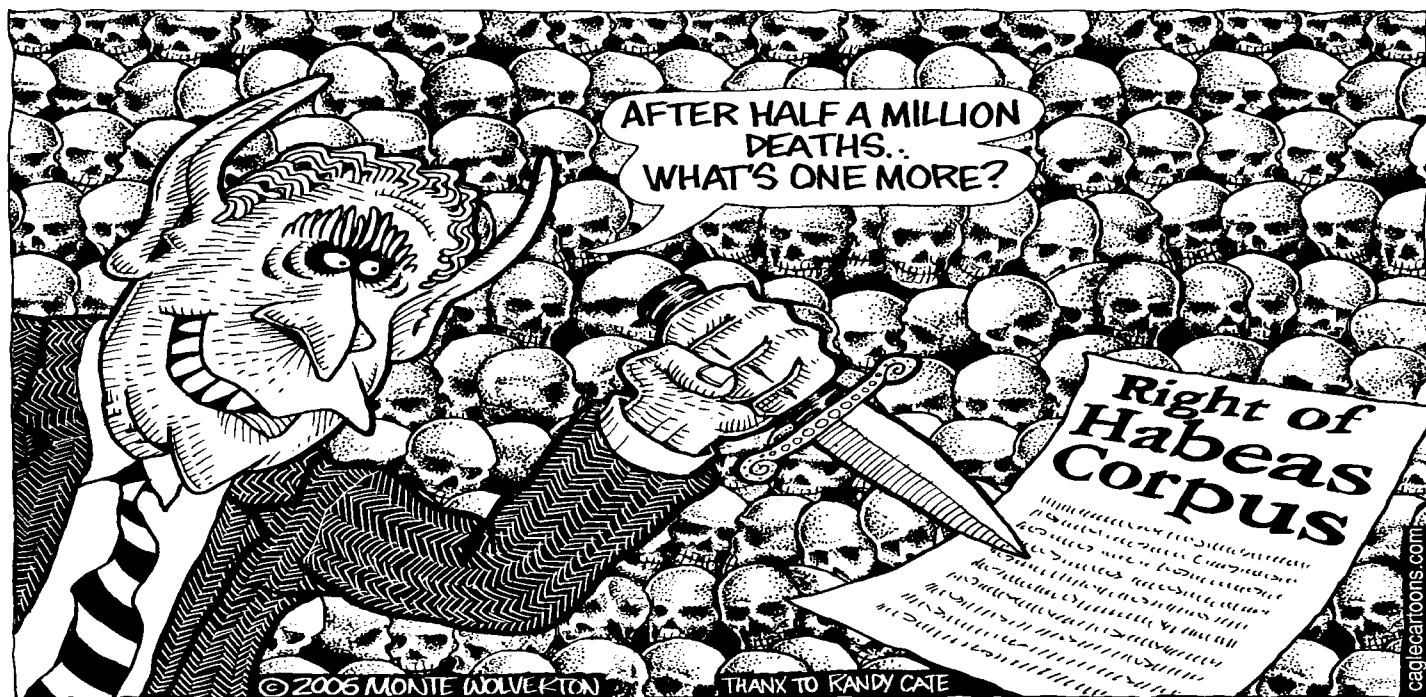
Any lasting and true revolution must be one of the heart, a transformation within every human being which recognizes the inherent dignity which lies within each one of us as an image of our Creator. When men attempt to resolve the complex problems of the human condition with inhuman institutions and bureaucracies, the result is a progression of oppressive systems, each more brutal than the last. Any political or social revolution will fail if it is not preceded by a greater transformation of individual minds, without which the bold designs of leaders will collapse under the weight of fallen men.

We are all called upon to participate in such a revolution in our own lives. Our efforts in fighting poverty, violence, racism and numerous other evils will only be effective when we take responsibility for the struggle in every action we take during every moment of the day. The opposite side of this coin is that all of us must work to lift each other up in the struggle against human weakness and temptation. When this is accomplished, enlightened business owners will treat workers with dignity, enlightened parents will refrain from domestic violence, and enlightened servicemen will act as agents of justice. Together, we can accomplish the radical change we all so desire by first altering our own behavior and then edifying our neighbors. The revolution begins with you.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One who does less than he is able is a thief."

Mahatma Ghandi
Indian philosopher

Joining the team, fighting the global health crisis

Editor's note: This is the first of 3 columns calling for greater attention to the global health crisis as discussed in the academic forum earlier this semester. The second will appear tomorrow.

Few scenes are more entertaining than a little-league soccer game. There is something funny about a large mob of children chasing the ball around, each child vying for a chance to kick the ball. There are no positions and only a vague sense of a team. As they mature, children learn that there is more to the game than simply getting their kicks in. Team members must work together. Ultimately, the team shares both the joy of victory and the agony of defeat. These lessons are applicable even on a global scale.

At the Notre Dame Forum "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change" held at the Joyce Center on Sept. 14, a panel discussed the dire conditions of global health. Panelists included Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University and Director of the UN Millennium Project Jeffrey Sachs, native Ugandan and coor-

dinator of clinical trials at Makerere University Miriam Laker Opwonya, and medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer, along with current and former Notre Dame students. We felt that throughout the discussion, several principles emerged reminiscent of lessons learned on the soccer field. The panelists' primary message was one of teamwork on a global scale. They argued that wealthy nations share a moral imperative to play their part on an international team. Rather than viewing the economy as a zero-sum competition where one country's advancement comes at another's expense, wealthy nations must recognize that aid to poor countries will eventually benefit everyone through the growth of larger global markets.

All citizens, including students like us, have roles on the team, and should participate. Donations are desperately needed to save more than 40 million people who will suffer and die this year from tuberculosis, HIV and various treatable water-borne illnesses. These people are impoverished and unable to support themselves, and the underdeveloped nations in which they live cannot assist them either. Nevertheless, more affluent individuals often fail to donate money, believing the excuse that their limited

contributions cannot possibly elicit global change. While a five dollar donation to charity may not seem very significant, it is enough to provide treatment for two adult malaria victims who would otherwise die. Children, who are even more vulnerable, cost less to treat than adults. The change from one individual's pockets could save two or more lives! If the entire Notre Dame community made similar donations, we could raise thousands of dollars, which could purchase medicines and other supplies that could directly save upwards of 20,000 lives in a single year. Clearly, a team effort can make quite an impact.

Furthermore, our imperative is not merely to keep people from starving now, but to offer enough assistance to provide the foundation for future economic growth. To borrow from the imagery of Sachs, the wealthy nations of the world must help lesser developed nations onto the first rung of the ladder of ecological development before they will be able to begin pulling themselves upward. However, this process takes time, so we must act as soon as possible.

Indeed, now is the time for Notre Dame students to join the team against global poverty. As representatives of the student body, the Council of

Representatives and the remainder of our Student Government should organize this effort. We encourage our readers to let their representatives know that they support a campus-wide fundraiser for global health. More importantly, when the time comes, we implore our fellow students to donate generously. Even if you have no money to spare, your time supporting the fundraiser can be just as valuable. Everyone has individual talents to contribute to global efforts. In the meantime, opportunities exist to join and support student organizations with charitable causes such as Circle K and Lead-ND. The Center for Social Concerns also provides opportunities for students to contribute their time and talents to charitable efforts. If everyone cooperates and we combine our individual contributions, collectively we can and will make a difference. Rally, sons and daughters of Notre Dame, against the global health crisis.

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Guest Columnists

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ignorance surfaces in classroom

On the last day of classes before break, I met my roommate in physics. She seemed distraught, not last-day-of-mid-terms distraught, but more I'm-not-sure-whether-to-laugh-or-cry distraught. She then recounted the events of her philosophy class that day. In a discussion on communism, my roommate made a contribution. She was then opposed by the next student who prefaced his comment by insulting her, stating that he would have expected such a simplistic view from an athlete. For my roommate, who is already economic in her contributions to discussions, this student's power trip effectively hushed her. It is unfortunate that not all Notre Dame students are as self-assured in discussion as the young man who silenced my roommate. I do not care what his point was exactly because his self-assurance was negated by his blatant ignorance. Clearly, this man was quite the inter-disciplinary scholar to have established such a correlation between physical ability and intellect — a correlation which he was unable to argue his point on communism without. I sincerely hope that this young man's preface is not one frequently faced by student-athletes, and I am disappointed by his arrogance. By insulting some of the most industrious students on campus to bolster his ego, he perpetuated his own futile attitude. There is no space for that type of attitude here. He should be appreciative of his victim's tact.

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Spirit aids in victory

I have attended untold Irish home games over the years and had the pleasure of being at the recent UCLA game. More than any game I can recall, I was very impressed with the cheers emanating from the student section. At several critical junctures in the game, the noise starting from the northwest corner of the stands spread throughout the stadium and affected play on the field to Notre Dame's advantage. The student body is to be commended for its enthusiasm and for the team's positive reaction to it. Keep up the good work. Go Irish!

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U-WIRE

Homosexuality + GOP = hypocrisy

As the Mark Foley scandal continues to unfold, it would seem that this might be a step back for the gay rights movement in America. Not so fast. The Foley scandal — as gross and disturbing as it is — may in fact be a paradoxical step forward for the status of gays, especially within Republican ranks.

Matt Stone

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Of course, it does not seem like it at first blush. Eight states are considering anti-gay marriage measures in the upcoming election, including Arizona's notorious Proposition 107. Republican leaders continue to pander to a closed-minded base by bashing gays in advertisements.

Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the house, even conflated homosexuality with pedophilia on national television, as if all gays are also pedophiles. According to Gingrich, the GOP failed to address Foley's misconduct years ago because they didn't want to be "accused of gay bashing."

Needless to say, some straight people are pedophiles too, which must mean that all straight people find gratification in sex with children, right, Newt?

But something else is afoot here. The Foley scandal may engender a witch-hunt within the Republican ranks, but behind the scenes, gay Republicans are finding new levels of acceptance.

Take Andrew Sullivan. The well-known conservative columnist is openly gay. He recently wrote that the Republican leadership is "tolerant of gay people but they have to keep quiet about it because their base would go crazy if they ever express it."

He continues: "They have this acute cognitive dissonance, which is a polite way of saying hypocrisy."

A striking dichotomy is evident within the Republican Party. While certain Republican politicians have friends who are gay, support those friends, and indeed, are even comfortable with them (gasp!), to turn out the conservative vote—the so-called "values voters"—those same politicians must pander to a doltish stereotype about gays. This is not leadership; this is cowardice.

Sullivan describes it as a GOP riding two horses by counting on gays "to staff and support"

Republican candidates "while relying on gay-baiting" to turn out the conservative vote. The two horses won't ride in tandem forever, and the Republicans will have to pick which one is a better long-term strategy. Needless to say, Sullivan urges his fellow conservatives to get off the gay-baiting horse — quickly.

But there are other fissures developing in the Republican ranks as well. While some Republicans privately have no qualms with homosexuality — evidently this includes Sen. Rick "Family Values" Santorum — other Republican politicians are still openly hostile toward gays.

Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas is holding up one of President Bush's judicial nominees, Janet Neff, because Neff once attended a commitment ceremony for two lesbian partners. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma will not hire gays onto his staff, although some of his staffers have anonymously admitted to being gay in the press.

Bashing gays was an effective get-out-the-vote strategy in 2004, but it appears that such a strategy is now dividing the Republican Party in novel ways.

The backlash against gay Republicans following the Foley scandal may be short-lived, but it is forcing Republicans to deal very publicly with a profound absurdity. Some GOP soul-searching is in order. The "closet-tolerant" Republican leadership (Vice President Dick Cheney's daughter is a die-hard conservative lesbian, after all) needs to voice a message of hope and openness to its family-values base and persuade the moralists on the right that gays are people too — and should be treated as such.

Leadership is about doing things that may be unpopular but are right. A very public Republican acceptance of gays would be a laudable first step. If the Foley scandal could engender that kind of change, an otherwise depressing affair might become the catalyst for real progress.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

'Grudge 2' instills little fear in audiences

By ERIN MCGINN
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A good horror film is most simply judged by whether or not it achieves its ultimate goal of scaring the audience. The audience response should then consist of such words as "scary," "frightening" or "spooky." "Laughable," on the other hand, should not be one of those words.

Laughable is one of the few words to describe the travesty that is "The Grudge 2."

The first mistake of the film is writer-director Takashi Shimizu's decision to incorporate three separate storylines into the movie. The first storyline is the conclusion to "The Grudge" (2004). After learning that her sister Karen (Sarah Michelle Gellar) has been hospitalized, Aubrey Davis (Amber Tamblyn) goes to Tokyo at the behest of their mother to bring her home. The plot first raises questions at this particular point — it seems unlikely that Karen's absence would go unnoticed for the two years that have lapsed between "The Grudge 2" and its predecessor.

Why was Karen's family only finding out about her situation now? The movie disregards this completely (as it disregards most logic in the film as a whole). Aubrey doesn't believe in the supernatural forces that are after her sister, until Karen dies shortly into the film. She spends the rest of the movie investigating in Tokyo with her journalist

friend Eason (Edison Chen).

The second Tokyo-based storyline follows the unpopular Allison (Arielle Kebbel, "John Tucker Must Die") who is studying at an international high school. On a dare, she accompanies two other girls to the house where the grudge originated. Consequently, her two companions, Vanessa (Teresa Palmer, "Wolf Creek") and Miyuki (Misako Uno), are systematically haunted and attacked by the little grudge children.

The third, and the most unnecessary and confusing, storyline is set far from Japan in Chicago. Trish (Jennifer Beals, "The L Word") moves in with her boyfriend and his two children. The parents begin acting strangely, and the son thinks that it's due to the weird neighboring girl that he sees at night in the hallway.

The major and glaring flaw of this movie is that there is no plot, just these three storylines that can only be called subplots. "The Grudge 2" lacks a single, unifying story that these three would normally serve to flesh out. This leaves the movie with

a very disjointed and empty feel. The original movie, despite lacking a strong plot, was still unified by the single point of Karen discovering what was going on inside the house.

This film has no sense of discovery — or even a point. It doesn't add to the original mythos of "The Grudge." Aside from one minor point, nothing new is learned to warrant the creation of a whole new movie.

Instead the film relies on cheap, non-



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Amber Tamblyn stars as Aubrey Davis in "The Grudge 2." The film is the latest in a series of remakes of Japanese horror movies, but suffers from poor plot execution.

frightening and highly predictable "scares." Shimizu, who also created the original Japanese "Ju-on" films, relies heavily on his now-clichéd freaky-looking children. Unfortunately for Shimizu, his key elements of the long-haired girl, blue screeching boy and dirty murky water have been overexposed to American filmgoers due to the rise in "J-horror" films, a genre of Asian horror movies like "The Ring" that have found new audiences through remakes made in the United States.

Their parody counterparts in the last two "Scary Movie" installments also contribute to the audience's inability to take the film's

conventions seriously. They've simply lost their ability to instill fright in the audience.

"The Grudge 2" could still have been a redeemable movie even with Shimizu's tricks no longer eliciting screams from moviegoers. But that would have required having a plot at the core of the film.

With no coherent storyline, and nothing in the film that comes remotely close to scary, there is quite simply no reason to endure the torture that constitutes "The Grudge 2."

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New 'Beginning' enlivens old horror series

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"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning" keeps up the tradition of previous "Chainsaw" films with its high quotient of slasher-flick techniques. Serving as an origin story for the Leatherface legend, "The Beginning" is a good foundation for an off-kilter film series.

The movie follows siblings Eric (Matthew Bomer, "Flightplan") and Dean (Taylor Handley, "The OC") who are traveling through Texas with their girlfriends Chrissie (Jordana Brewster, "The Fast and the Furious") and Bailey (Diora Baird, "Accepted") before the brothers ship off to Vietnam. Eric is returning to Vietnam for his second tour, with Dean supposedly joining him. Unbeknownst to Eric, however, Dean is planning on running away to Mexico with Bailey. When Dean tries to burn his draft card in the backseat, the four of them get into a severe car crash.

Self-proclaimed Sheriff Hoyt (R. Lee Ermey) takes Eric, Dean and Bailey back to the Hewitt house of horrors to become their first victims. In the meantime, Chrissie makes the standard horror-movie decision to locate and rescue her friends.

The basic premise of the film is similar to that of most other slasher flicks — a group of young travelers are systemati-

cally captured, tortured and killed — but there are some differences in the formula that stray from initial expectations.

For starters, the protagonists are already facing horror in their own lives with the Vietnam War before entering a wholly different realm of horror. Secondly, even before Leatherface enters the picture, the teenagers are already placed in a frightening situation when they total their car and are then taken prisoner by the Sheriff.

Additional creepiness is comes simply from knowing this is a prequel to the other "Chainsaw" flicks — in this film, the Hewitt family is just beginning their murderous careers, leaving the audience to witness the transformation of the family from human to monster.

Similar to the recent retelling of "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006), there is a great deal of social and political commentary in the film. Historically, horror films have often been a reflection of deeper societal fears. In the last few decades, however, the genre's sense of social commentary has often been lost in the quest to be the

goriest or scariest display.

This film is once again joining the senses of horror and reflection together. Besides the conflicting feelings of the teenagers towards the Vietnam War, Sheriff Hoyt reflects on his time spent as a P.O.W. while he served in the Korean War. Like "The Hills Have Eyes," the



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Brothers Dean (Taylor Handley), left, and Eric (Matthew Bomer) scramble to escape from the Hewitt clan in "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning."

movie's villains aren't portrayed sympathetically, but there is attention paid to their initial plight as slaughterhouse workers who have lost both their jobs and their livelihood.

Director Jonathan Liebesman ("Darkness Falls") does an excellent job of maintaining both a suspenseful atmosphere and tight pacing throughout the film. The movie also returns to its roots by retaining the grimy and almost documentary-like style of the original film.

Brewster is successful as the strong-willed heroine who keeps fighting until the film's final moments. Bomer and Handley play the brothers well, and do a good job of demonstrating the inherent conflict of the Vietnam War. R. Lee

Ermey arguably steals the show as the mean-spirited and funny Sheriff Hoyt.

Because "The Beginning" is a prequel, the audience already knows that the Hewitts and Leatherface won't be defeated. The big question of the film is the fate of Chrissie, the only uncaptured teenager, and Liebesman maintains the suspenseful nature of her story for the film's entirety.

With numerous genuinely frightening moments, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning" is as good as a slasher film can get and a great fit for the Halloween horror season.

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The Grudge 2



Director: Takashi Shimizu

Writer: Takashi Shimizu

Starring: Amber Tamblyn, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Arielle Kebbel, Jennifer Beals and Edison Chen

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning



Director: Jonathan Liebesman

Writer: Sheldon Turner

Starring: Matthew Bomer, Taylor Handley, Jordana Brewster, Diora Baird and R. Lee Ermey

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Almost Bruined

Samardzija's season-salvaging TD in final seconds propels Irish past UCLA



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Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija races to the end zone, outrunning UCLA linebacker Christian Taylor (33) and safety Chris Horton (14) with 27 seconds remaining to lift Notre Dame to a 20-17 victory over the Bruins Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Brady Quinn pumped once, rolled right, and threw to his favorite receiver. In that moment, Notre Dame once again showed its flair for the dramatic. Quinn's 45-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija with 27 seconds remaining lifted the Irish (6-1) to a 20-17 comeback victory over UCLA (4-3, 2-2 Pac 10) and kept Notre Dame's slim national title hopes alive.

"I was about ready to throw when I saw a defender coming that way, so I kind of gave a pump and tried to move them around," Quinn said. "I moved out of the pocket, and I found a window to Jeff, and he did the rest."

Quinn finished 27-for-45 with 304 yards and two touchdowns. Samardzija caught Quinn's pass and evaded UCLA safety Dennis Keyes' attempt to bring him down on the 20 yard-line on his way to the end zone.

"You can't have any doubts [about staying on your feet] or else they'll go down," Samardzija said.

Samardzija had eight catches for 118 yards and two touch-

downs.

The touchdown capped a three-play, 80-yard drive for Notre Dame that began with 62 seconds remaining in the game and Notre Dame trailing 17-13 without any timeouts.

On first down from the UCLA 20, Quinn found Samardzija along the right sideline for a gain of 21 yards. The senior quarterback with nearly a half-dozen fourth-quarter comebacks in his career then found Irish sophomore David Grimes — who had a career-high eight catches for 79 yards — on the same side of the field for 14 more at the UCLA 45. A play later, the comeback was complete.

"Unfortunately for us, we had a chance to win it, we were there all the way to the final minute and didn't find a way to finish," UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "That's what it comes down to. Didn't find a way to finish."

But Notre Dame's final drive wasn't the first chance the Irish had to take the lead. With 3:49 remaining in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame had the ball on its own 28. After getting two first downs, the Irish faced a fourth and one, but the Bruins defensive line stuffed Quinn's quarterback keeper

short with 2:20 left in the game.

After the failed fourth down, Notre Dame called a timeout to stop the clock after the change of possession because of a recent NCAA rule change. After runs by UCLA tailback Chris Markey gained a total of three yards on the first two plays of the series, Notre Dame used its last two timeouts with 2:09 remaining.

Facing third and seven, UCLA elected to run the ball again. Notre Dame's defense held as Travis Thomas brought down Markey for a loss of two, setting up fourth down. After alternating delay of game and defensive holding penalties, Bruin punter Aaron Perez sailed a 59-yard punt into the end zone to setup the game-winning drive.

"We had to execute better today," said Markey, who rushed for 32 yards on 19 carries. "The game is 60 minutes long and we played for just over 59 minutes. And that's not good enough."

Notre Dame took a 7-0 lead on a two-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to Samardzija that finished off a seven-play, 44-yard drive. The key play of the series was when Quinn found tight end John Carlson for a 26-yard gain on a play-action pass on fourth-and-one from the Bruin 35.

"Sometimes you get right on the fringe — right on the fringe where you sit there and you tell your team and say, 'Hey, fellas, we can go ahead and make this play,'" Weis said.

UCLA struck for their first points of the game early in the second quarter. Bruins wide receiver Marcus Everett's hauled in a 54-yard touchdown reception from sophomore quarterback Patrick Cowan to tie the score at 7.

Everett finished with six catches for 102 yards and the touchdown. Cowan went 16-for-32 for 217 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

The Bruins front seven stifled Walker and pressured Quinn. Led by defensive ends Justin Hickman (three sacks) and Bruce Davis (two sacks), UCLA held Notre Dame to just 131 yards of total offense in the first half.

Later in the second quarter, Cowan found William Snead, a defensive end turned tight end, for his first career reception — and first touchdown — to take a 14-7 lead. Snead broke tackle attempts by Irish defensive backs Chinedum Ndukwe and Ray Herring on his way to a 36-yard touchdown reception.

Notre Dame ate up the last

seven minutes of the half, going 77 yards on 19 plays before senior kicker Carl Gioia drilled a 20-yard field goal to enter the locker room trailing 14-10.

"Look, fellas, it's 14-10, we haven't played our best football," Weis told his team at halftime. "The offense, you're kind of out there going through it, but you're down four points."

Irish defensive tackle Trevor Laws recovered Cowan's fumbled snap on the Bruin 29, but Gioia's ensuing 48-yard field goal attempt went wide right. He hit his next attempt, a 33-yarder to cut the Bruin lead to 14-13, with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter.

On the second play of the game, Irish junior tailback Darius Walker fumbled — his first in 405 touches — and Bruin linebacker Aaron Whittington recovered on the Irish 38. Six plays later, UCLA kicker Justin Medlock came on for a 42-yard field goal. Medlock's kick split the uprights, but UCLA had jumped the snap. Medlock's 47-yard attempt after the penalty sailed wide right, a miss that loomed large.

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player of the game

Jeff Samardzija

The senior receiver caught eight balls for 118 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning 45-yard score.

stat of the game

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The number of yards the Irish defense allowed on three carries, forcing the Bruins to punt with one minute left in the game.

play of the game

Jeff Samardzija's touchdown

The receiver caught the ball at the 29-yard line, turned up the sideline and outspurred the UCLA defense for the decisive score.

quote of the game

"You prefer for your heart not to be doing it that way, but it's really uplifting to be able to win a game in the last minute."

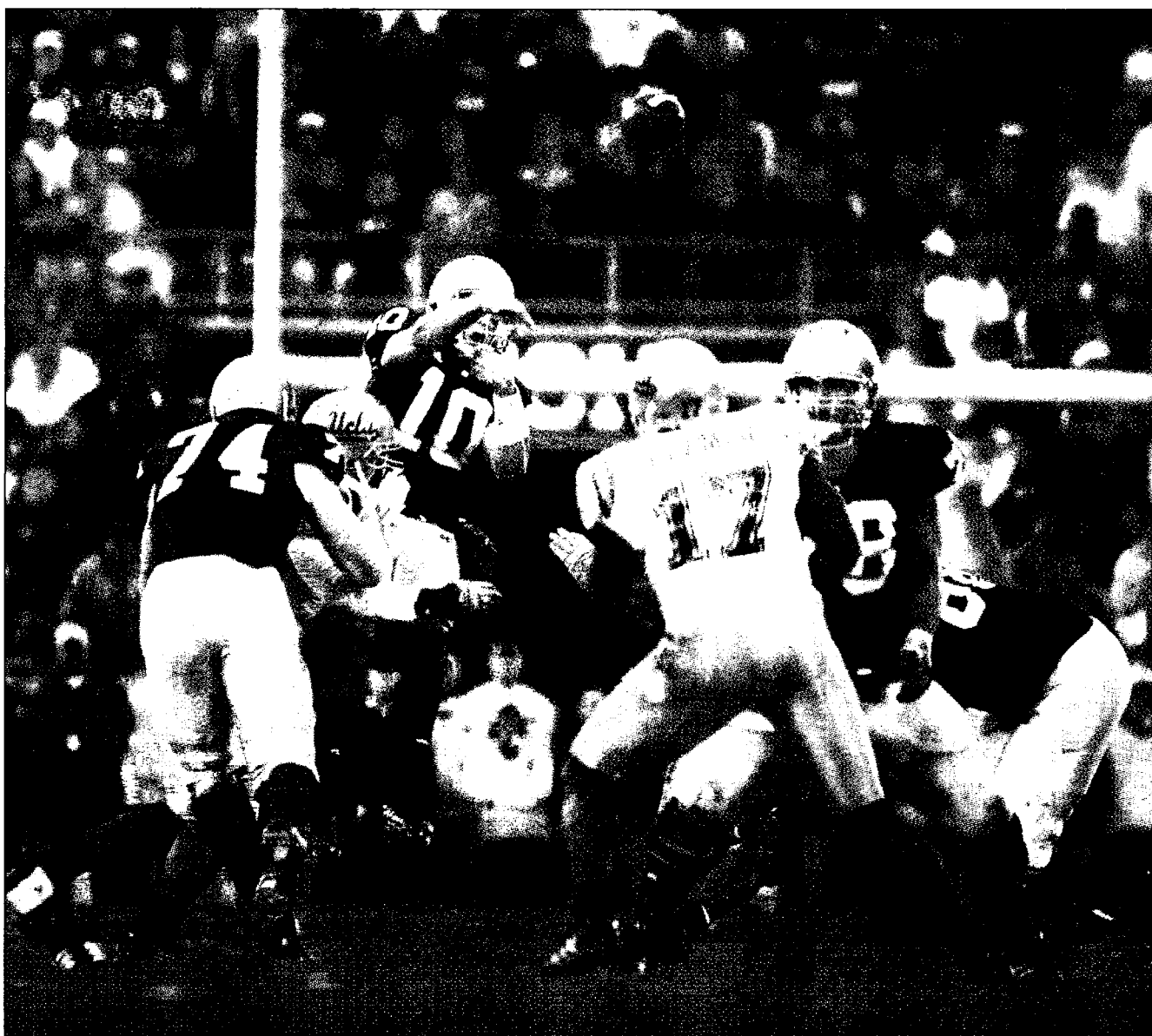
Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** The offense struggled to find a rhythm, but Quinn found his targets with the game on the line. His 345-yard performance and last-minute poise showed why he is a Heisman candidate.
 - D** **running backs:** Though he had few holes, Walker's 2.5 average kept the Irish offense one-dimensional. His consistent blitz pickup against bigger defenders helped protect Quinn.
 - B+** **receivers:** Samardzija's game-winning 45-yard touchdown was the play of the day. Grimes turned out a career game with eight catches, including a diving grab to keep the last drive alive.
 - D-** **offensive line:** The Irish offense mustered just 41 rushing yards and the line allowed five sacks. Morton's lunging block enabled Quinn to hit Samardzija to start the final drive.
 - A** **defensive line:** Abiamiri and Landri each had a sack as the defense forced 10 quarterback hurries. The unit controlled the line of scrimmage, holding the Bruins to 26 rushing yards — including a late three and out on the ground.
 - A** **linebackers:** The starting three linebackers were the team's top three tacklers for the first time all year, stifling the UCLA running game. Crum forced a critical third-down sack late in the game.
 - B** **defensive backs:** The secondary once again gave up two big plays for touchdowns. During the rest of the game, the Irish turned in a solid performance, led by Lambert's well-played first-half interception.
 - D+** **special teams:** Price struggled punting the ball, managing a 39-yard average with a couple shanks. Gioia missed a 48-yard field goal, and the return men failed to break the first line of kickoff and punt coverage.
 - C** **coaching:** Despite an intense week of practices, Weis' offense came out sluggish again. Minter's aggressive approach helped the defense turn out its best performance of the year.
- 2.56** **overall:** Notre Dame's defense kept the Irish close enough to summon late-game offensive heroics in a finish for the ages.

adding up the numbers

- Charlie Weis' record at Notre Dame — the best start by an Irish head coach since Ara Parseghian started 16-3. **15-4**
- 22** Maurice Crum, Joe Brockington and Travis Thomas combined for the most tackles this year by the linebacking unit.
- Yards covered by Marcus Everett's touchdown catch, the longest TD grab by a Bruin receiver this year. **54**
- 159:59** The time from Notre Dame's last turnover Sept. 23 against Michigan State to Darius Walker's first-quarter fumble.
- Interceptions by Terrail Lambert in the second quarter, the third of his career. **1**
- 42** For the third time this year Notre Dame was held to less than 50 rushing yards.
- Sacks recorded by the Bruins — the most the Irish have allowed this year. **5**
- 405** Touches between Walker's last fumble Sept. 10, 2005 against Michigan.



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UCLA linebacker Reggie Carter beats Irish tackle Sam Young (74) and delivers a hit on Irish quarterback Brady Quinn (10) as he throws the ball in Notre Dame's 20-17 win over the Bruins Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Room for hope, despite Irish woes

Charlie Weis isn't a fan of style points. He places no high value on blowout victories, running up the score and embarrassing opponents.

Good thing. Because he didn't even have to think about any of those Saturday as Notre Dame won a game in which a team with much less talent — and a backup quarterback — played better than the Irish.

"Good teams win games like that," Weis said. "Good teams at the end of the game somehow, good teams make a play at the end of the game to win."

In those two sentences, Weis described precisely what's wrong with Notre Dame right now. It's a good team, not a great one. The offense is sputtering, the defense is as vulnerable as ever to big plays and the team cannot — or at least has not — soundly defeated teams it should.

And for a squad that came into the year ranked in the top-3 in most polls and top-5 in all others, being a good team and barely beating lesser opponents should not be enough.

"Let me tell you something," Weis said. "I'm not going to feel miserable about this win, I promise you. You want to be miserable, fine. I'm going to be happy."

Weis can be happy about the win, but Notre Dame's performances this year should give him pause.

But there's a lot of room for hope and happiness.

The way the team is playing now might be enough to win out until the Irish face a questionable USC team Nov. 25. It might be enough



Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

to get the Irish into a BCS bowl. It might even be enough for Notre Dame to beat the Trojans.

Notre Dame played a bad game offensively for more than three and a half quarters, yet in the final 62 seconds showed why so many people are afraid of its offense. The Irish demonstrated a resiliency and belief in their ability to come back in the toughest of situations. Most of all, they sent a message to the world: Don't count us out just yet.

Notre Dame has put itself in a position where, with a tremendous amount of help, it may be able to sneak its way to the BCS title game. Some pundits are quick to say such luck would be tantamount to finding fool's gold — the Irish surely would get crushed against the best team in the nation.

Not so fast my friend, as the inimitable Lee Corso would say. Weis and Co. have their own opinions.

There's a reason so many people — on campus and on air — are upset with Notre Dame's performance so far. They should be better than this! That's why Notre Dame keeps bouncing around in the polls.

With a rare talent at quarterback, an offensive line with four seniors (though it didn't show Saturday), another four on the defensive line and two more in the secondary, how much more experience could a team have?

Ordinarily, a 6-1 record and top-10 ranking should merit a content fan base and student body. Ordinarily, a team doesn't have five possible first-round picks.

Notre Dame has the personnel to be a dominating team, yet has

failed to dominate all but one opponent. The Irish dismantled now-unranked Penn State at home but then suffered one of the worst home losses — to the nemesis Wolverines — since the end of the Holtz years. Notre Dame couldn't find enough motivation to hang with a regional rival, and then the Irish struggled to get off the ground against Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford and, now, UCLA.

But with four powder (blue) puffs in the firing line before the battle in the Coliseum, don't yet discount the possibility of seeing four wins by four touchdowns or more between now and Thanksgiving.

And with dramatic comebacks against the mediocre Spartans and Bruins in the background, Weis focused on the bright side.

"Sign me up," he said. "You want to give me a couple more of those, I'll take them."

Brady Quinn and Jeff Samardzija gave Charlie Weis that win this time. And those two, despite their imposing numbers already this year, still have some room above their heads before they hit their performance ceilings.

With his eye black dripping from his face after the win, Quinn put his head down on Irish quarterback coach Pete Vaas' shoulder. "Heck of a game," Vaas said. Hopefully that will be the last one that nerve-racking for a while.

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There's a reason so many people — on campus and on air — are upset with Notre Dame's performance so far. They should be playing better than this!

Samardzija keeps cool, saves game

Laws rubs receiver's calves for luck; Weis calls play product of preparation

By KEN FOWLER
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As UCLA punter Aaron Perez booted his two booming kicks with just over a minute remaining in the game, Notre Dame defensive tackle Trevor Laws was on the sideline, rubbing down the calves of Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija.

"Just trying to keep it loose," Samardzija said. "Me and Trevor are pretty loose guys out there. You won't see us yelling or anything too much. They came up with a good, little defensive stop. And I figured I'd use a little luck and see if he could rub up my calves a little bit before I went out there."

Samardzija found that luck and put the massage to good use, contorting his long legs around Bruins safety Dennis Keyes and galloping into the end zone for the game-winning score.

"[Samardzija] knows he owes me something for that," Laws quipped. "I swear of it. I rubbed those calves down and told him to [do it]."

But for Irish coach Charlie Weis, Notre Dame's final drive had nothing to do with luck or massages; it was all about preparation.

"I think that all of the circumstances that took place from that play to the game ended, OK, were players prepared to win," Weis said.

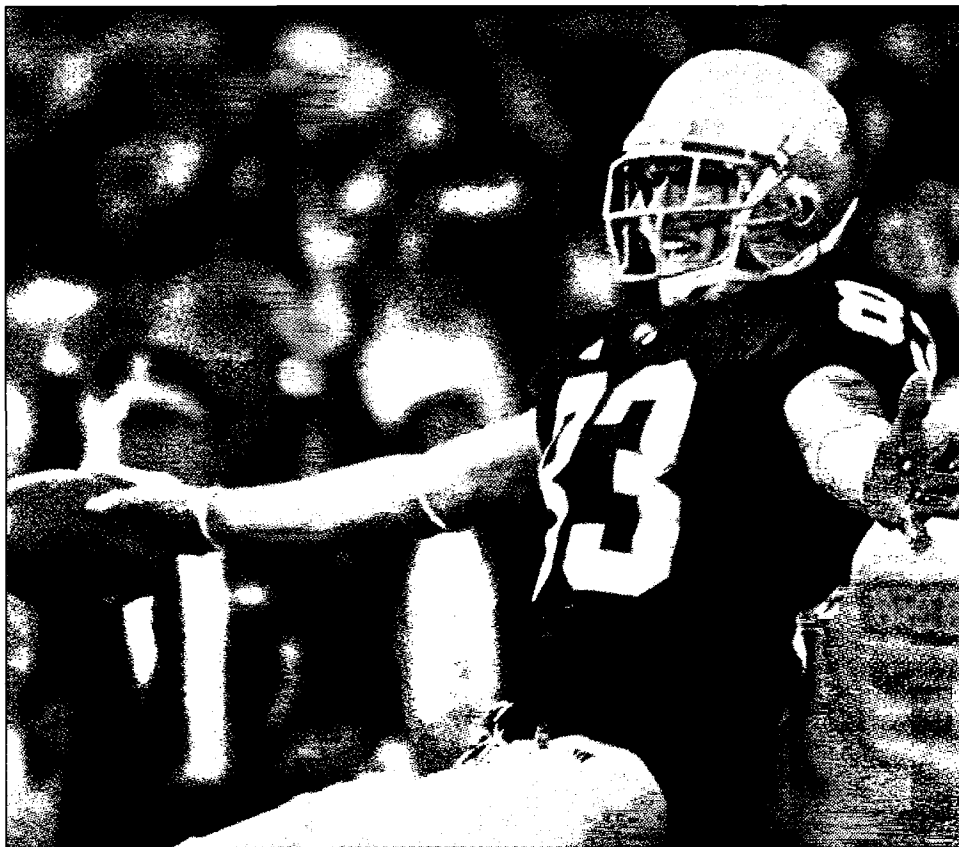
Weis had the drive so planned out that he was even thinking about the hash-mark on which the referees would spot the ball after a punt. With the ball sitting on the right side of the 20 yard line, Weis got it just where he wanted it.

"It was important to me first of all to figure out whether or not the ball is going to be in the middle of the field, the left half the right half," he said. "The first couple of calls we had were the calls that

I kind of drew up on the sideline before we got the ball back, so it just happened the way you diagramed it."

From there, Weis said, it was just "players making plays."

With the Bruins applying pressure as



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Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija jumps across the goal line with 27 seconds left for the game-winning score.

they did all day, Brady Quinn rolled right and found Samardzija on the sideline. After hitting Irish wide out David Grimes on the next play, Quinn once again found Samardzija. The 6-foot-5 senior caught the ball on the UCLA 25 and added another chapter into Irish lore with his scamper to the goal line.

"It was just a calm, cool and collected mentality," Samardzija said. "Obviously, there was a sense of urgency because we didn't have much time left, but we went out there with our heads on straight, and that's what you've got to do."

That mentality was nothing new for the Irish offense — especially Quinn and Samardzija, who have hooked up on a slew of other comeback drives before.

Against USC last season, Samardzija caught passes of 18 and 14 yards to start Notre Dame's go-ahead drive with less than five minutes left. Six weeks later, he hauled in throws of 30 and 17 yards as the Irish went 80 yards in 50

seconds to beat Stanford and qualify for a BCS bowl.

Against Michigan State this season, Samardzija caught and ran with Brady Quinn's 43-yard pass that began Notre Dame's 17-point, fourth-quarter comeback.

"You've got to make plays when you have a chance," Samardzija said. "You don't know how it's going to come or when it's going to come, but you've got to take advantage of it."

Weis said those big plays come from the composure the Irish carry with them when their backs are up against the wall. He said the hours of two-minute drills in summer camp and the constant focus on time management during the course of the season — and the knowledge that they have succeeded in tight spots before — instill a confidence in the players.

"I think that this team is a very mature team that didn't lose their composure," Weis said. "As much as we compliment how UCLA played, I'm very proud of how the [Notre Dame players] ended this game today and you've got to give them credit for that."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
UCLA	0	14	0	3	17
Notre Dame	7	3	3	7	20

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, UCLA 0
Jeff Samardzija 2-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 4:04 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards, 3:40 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, UCLA 7
Marcus Everett 54-yard reception from Patrick Cowan with 13:42 remaining. (Medlock kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 87 yards, 3:31 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, UCLA 14
William Snead 36-yard reception from Cowan with 7:18 remaining. (Medlock kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 39 yards, 1:01 elapsed
Notre Dame 10, UCLA 14
Carl Gioia 20-yard field goal with 0:00 remaining.
Drive: 19 plays, 77 yards, 7:18 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 13, UCLA 14
Gioia 33-yard field goal with 1:50 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 60 yards, 6:55 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 13, UCLA 17
Justin Medlock 29-yard field goal with 7:19 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 48 yards, 4:22 elapsed
Notre Dame 20, UCLA 17
Jeff Samardzija 45-yard reception from Quinn with 0:27 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 80 yards, 0:35 elapsed

statistics

total yards

ND	345
UCLA	243

rushing yards

ND	41
UCLA	26

passing yards

ND	304
UCLA	217

return yards

ND	58
UCLA	106

time of possession

ND	34:14
UCLA	25:46



35-41	rushes-yards	28-26
27-45-0	comp-att-int	16-32-1
7-273	punts-yards	6-279
1-1	fumbles-lost	1-1
6-50	penalties-yards	8-55
20	first downs	12

passing

Quinn	27-45-0	Cowan	16-32-1
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rushing

Walker	21-53	Markey	19-32
Quinn	14-13	Bell	2-9

receiving

Samardzija	8-118	Everett	6-102
Grimes	8-79	Taylor	3-39
Carlson	4-57	Markey	2-8
Walker	4-22	Snead	1-36
McKnight	3-28	Ketchum	1-13

tackles

Crum	8	Taylor	10
Thomas, T.	7	Keyes	8
Brockington	7	Hickman	8
Lambert	6	Horton	7
Landri	5	Verner	6
Laws	4	Davis	5
Abiamiri	4	McNeal	4
Richardson	4	Brown, K.	4
Zbikowski	4	Carter	4
Ndukwe	4	Van	3
Frome	3	Brown, T.	3

punting

Price	6-236	Perez	6-279
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Quinn's 4th-down pass goes for 10,000

West, Samardzija handle punt return duties; Wooden recovers from lingering concussion

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Brady Quinn's 25-yard completion on fourth-and-one to tight end John Carlson in the first quarter Saturday gave him exactly 10,000 passing yards for his collegiate career. Quinn became the 32nd quarterback in Division 1-A history to reach that milestone.

Third time Irish charm

Saturday's comeback marked the third time in school history that the Irish scored a go-ahead touchdown with less than 30 seconds remaining.

The first time was in the 1979 Cotton Bowl when Joe Montana's touchdown pass to Kris Haines lifted Notre Dame to a 35-34 victory over Houston.

The second time came in the "Snow Bowl" against

Penn State in 1992. Rick Mirer threw a three-yard TD to Jerome Bettis to pull the Irish within one. Mirer then found Reggie Brooks in the corner of the end zone on a two-point conversion to give the Irish a 17-16 win.

Lambert earns starting nod

Charlie Weis said Ambrose Wooden had fully recovered from a concussion suffered against Michigan before the game, but junior Terrail Lambert started at the field cornerback position. Lambert intercepted UCLA quarterback Patrick Cowan in the first quarter for his third interception of the season.

"After he made that pick they pretty much stopped going over there," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said.

Zbikowski absent on returns

Zbikowski did not return punts for the second straight

game. Jeff Samardzija and George West split return duties on Saturday. Zbikowski has not returned a punt since suffering an injury to his shoulder against Purdue.

"I wasn't going to risk him," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "Zbikowski is our punt returner. I just didn't want to waste him on a punt return."

Fourth down dominance

Notre Dame went 4-for-5 on fourth down conversions Saturday. On the season, the Irish are 13-for-17, while the defense has stopped 7-of-10 fourth down attempts by Irish opponents.

Healthy Thomas returns

Linebacker Joe Brockington still saw significant time in Saturday's game even though a healthy Travis Thomas returned to the lineup.

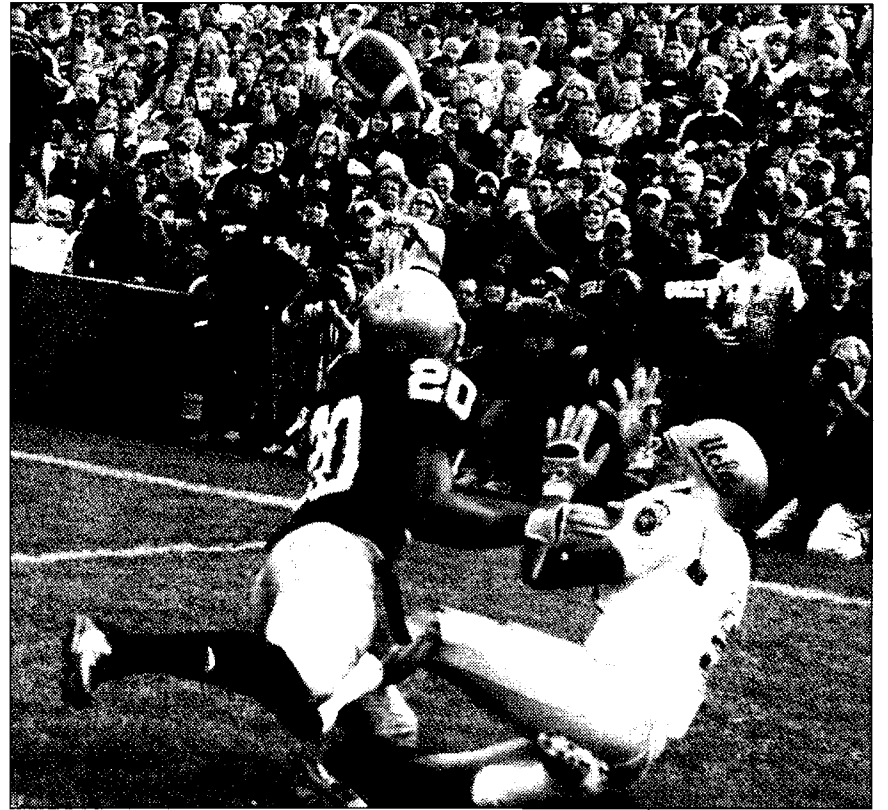
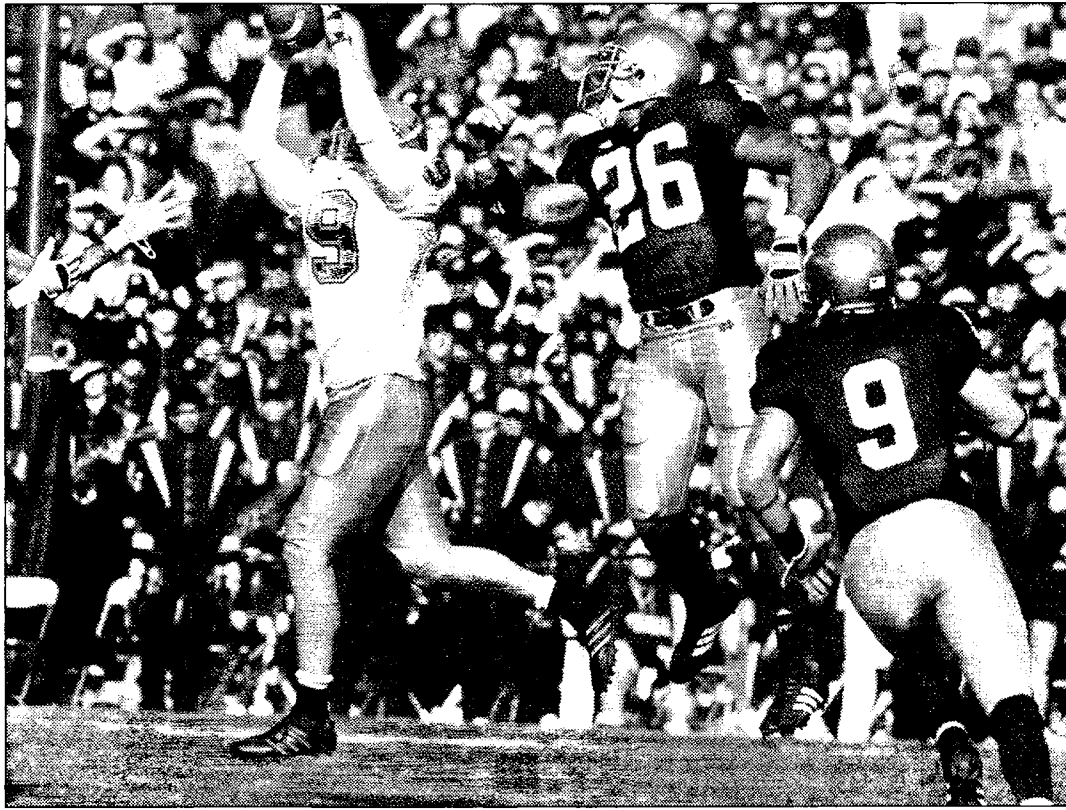
"Travis was ready to come

back and Joe played really well the last couple of games," Weis said. "So we just didn't feel that taking Joe out of the lineup was the right thing to do, and we didn't feel that keeping Travis out of the lineup was the right thing to do. We just felt that we [should play] both of them."

Hornung honored at game

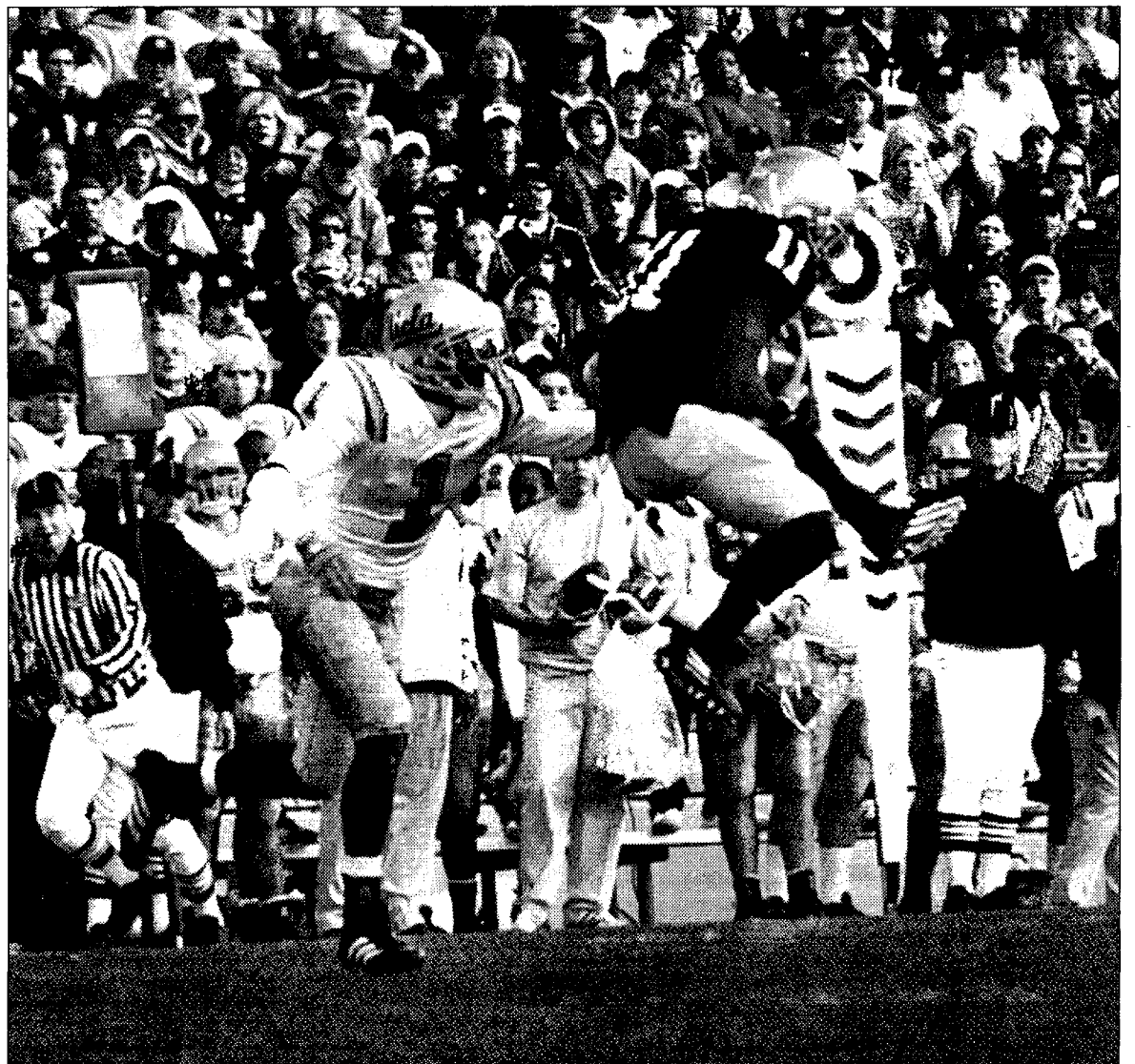
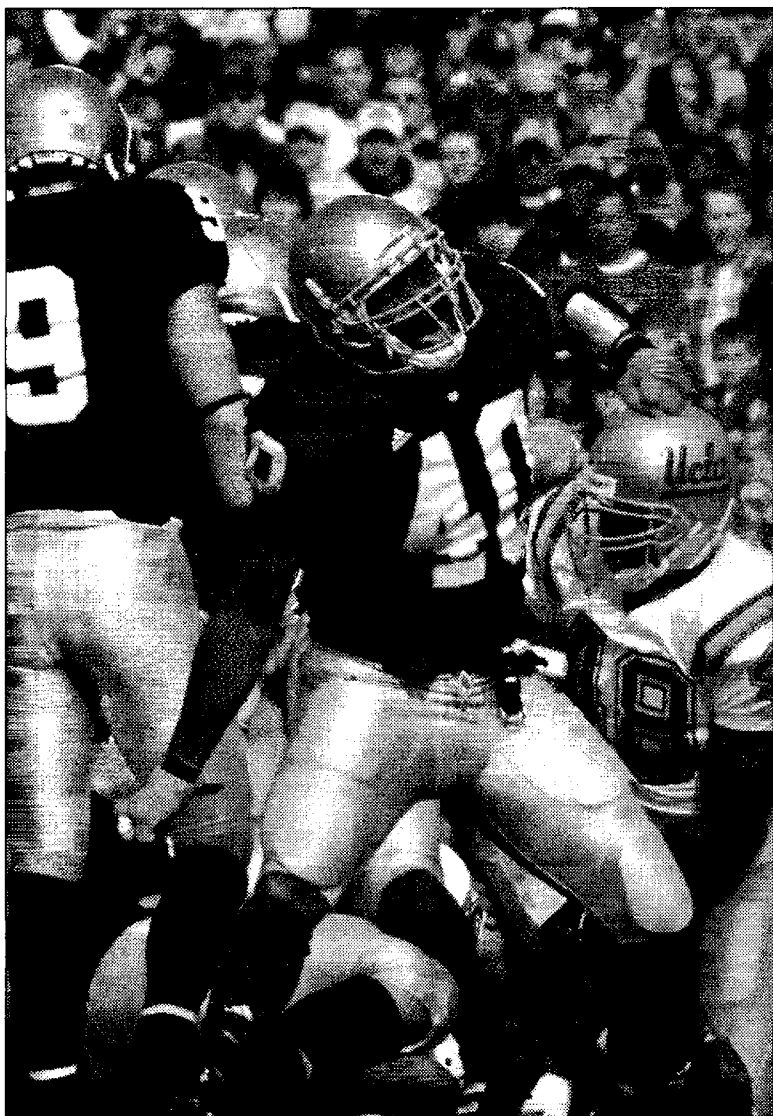
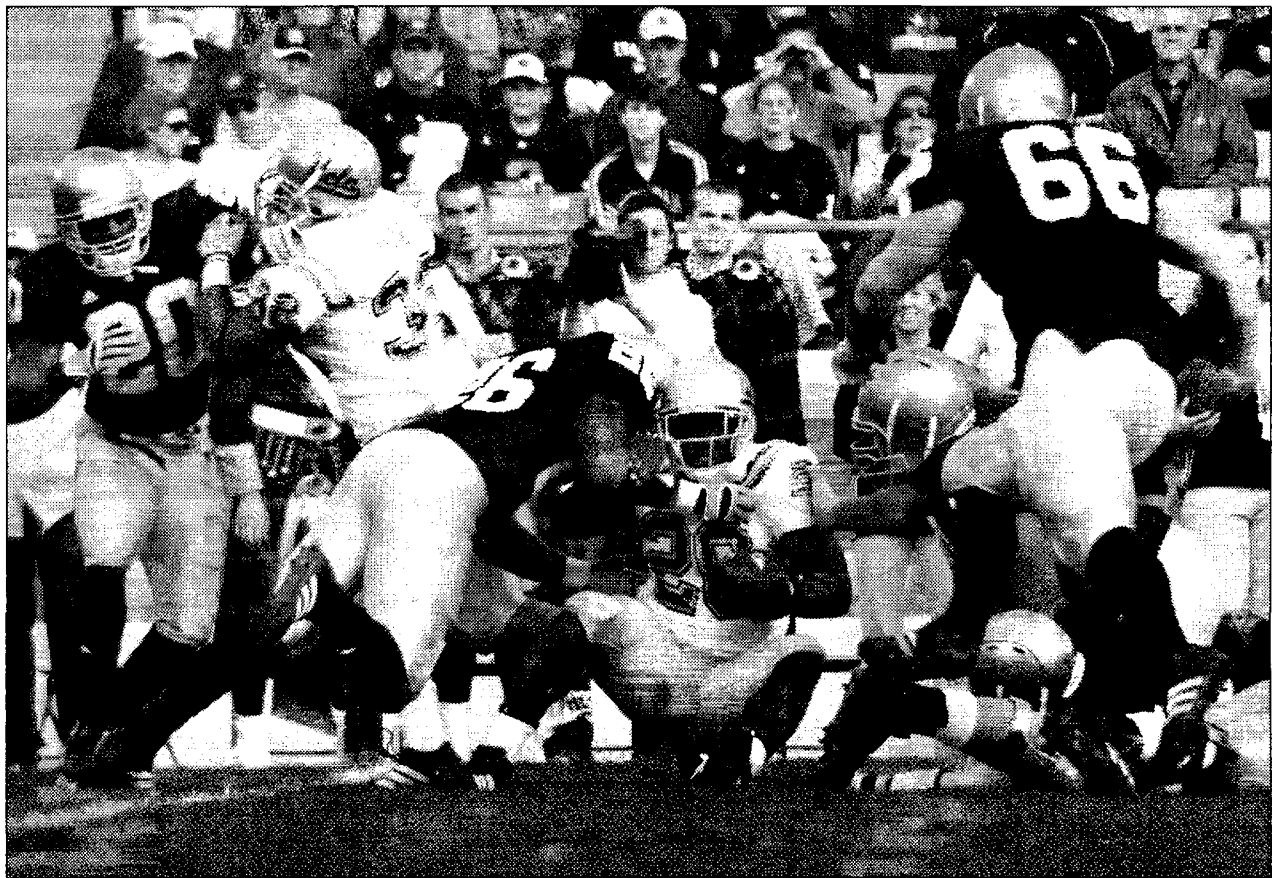
Notre Dame honored 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung before the game. Hornung flipped the coin at the beginning of Saturday's game. UCLA won the coin toss and deferred the option to the second half. Notre Dame received, and the Bruins defended the north end zone. Notre Dame is now 5-2 this season in coin flips, but has received the ball to start each game.

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COMEBACK KIDS

Notre Dame clawed from behind to steal a 20-17 victory from UCLA Saturday when Quinn found Samardzija in the game's waning seconds. Quinn finished 27-for-45 for 345 yards with two touchdowns, both to Samardzija. The Irish defense allowed only 243 yards — its lowest total this season — and forced a three-and-out Bruin punt in the last minutes to set up the final Irish charge.



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Top left, Bruin receiver Marcus Everett hauls in a pass before racing for a touchdown. Top right, Irish cornerback Terrail Lambert breaks up a pass in the end zone. Center, Notre Dame linebacker Travis Thomas tackles UCLA running back Chrls Markey (28) for a loss. Bottom right, Notre Dame receiver David Grimes leaps for a first-down catch. Bottom left, Irish linebacker Maurice Crum celebrates a defensive stop.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Unfunny satire overwhelms new comedy

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

"Man of the Year" is a film that starts out promisingly, but gradually loses steam and ends as an unsatisfying mish-mash of aborted ideas and unfulfilled potential. Failing to take a real stab at the American political system and its farcical nature, "Man of the Year" instead gets lost over the course of its running time, pushing the real issues out of the way in favor of traditional Hollywood trappings.

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) is the host of a late-night comedy news program (not unlike "The Daily Show" or "The Colbert Report") who, on a whim, decides to run for president. Helped by both his manager Jack Mencken (Christopher Walken) and his aide Eddie Langston (comedian Lewis Black), he sets off to run his campaign. The campaign scenes are the best and most effective in the film, as Dobbs continually mocks the circus-like nature of running for office.

Meanwhile, computer programmer Eleanor Green (Laura Linney) discovers a bug in the new voting computers, which means that Dobbs is guaranteed to win despite the actual election results.

Her employer, Alan Stewart (Jeff Goldblum), decides it would be better to drug or kill her than to lose the revenue from the new system, which can't be

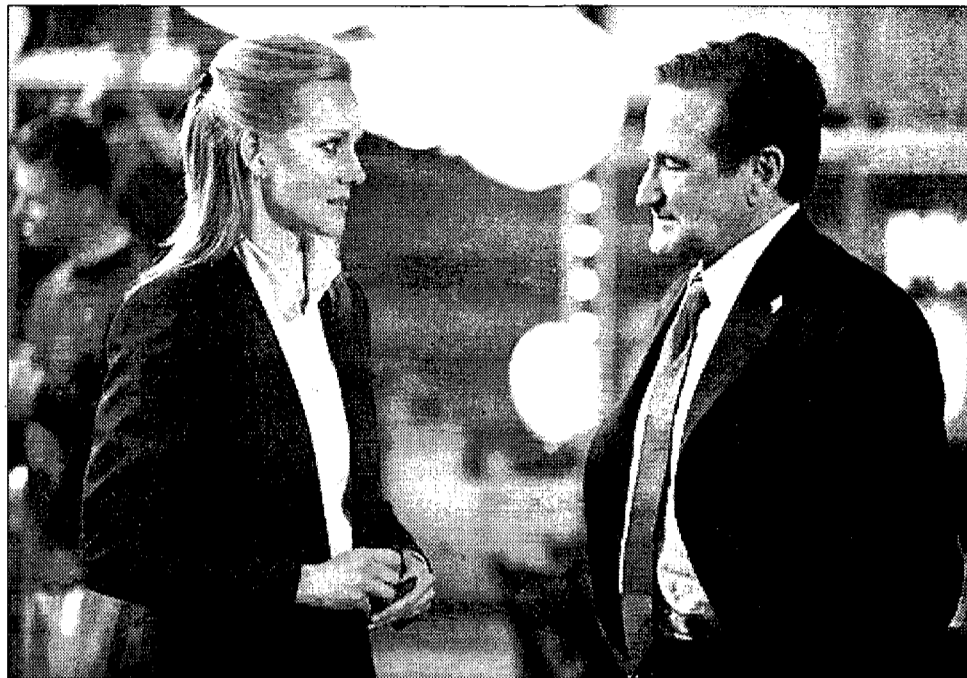
recalled in time for the election.

Unfortunately, the second half of the film gets bogged down in this heavy-handed plotting. There's a romance, there's some action, there's a conspiracy, the typical Hollywood stuff. This wouldn't be so problematic if the characters had been developed more fully or if the plotting itself weren't so laughable.

"Man of the Year" loses focus as it progresses, and while it never completely derails, its departure from its original premise detracts from any possibility of success. Despite its full 115-minute running time, "Man of the Year" feels underdeveloped — the filmmakers clearly didn't trust its single premise to carry the film over two hours, and instead padded it with unnecessary plotting.

The acting is problematic. Strangely enough, the entirety of the cast is comprised of actors whose personality quirks define them — Williams, Goldblum and Walken, among others. None of the actors seem to play actual characters (with the exception of Walken, who seems somewhat detached from his role), but rather seem to play themselves playing characters.

Black has proven time and again that he's simply not an actor, and though he tries to stay under control here, his stand-up tendencies and sensibilities show through. Both he and Linney are



Late-night comedian and president-elect Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams), right, stands with Eleanor Green (Laura Linney) in Barry Levinson's new film, "Man of the Year."

mired in histrionics, which gives parts of the film a more frantic feel than necessary. In a strange twist of fate, Williams is really the only actor who holds himself in check, making Dobbs surprisingly subdued.

"Man of the Year" is the kind of film that would work better as a mockumentary. It's an interesting concept, but the execution is so run-of-the-mill and its sensibilities so mixed that the picture ultimately falls flat. It feels as if director Barry Levinson doesn't trust his audience, which leads to a rather uninterest-

ing and, worst of all, unfunny picture. The best comedies are pointed satires, which is part of what makes them so appealing — while "Man of the Year" claims to be a topical comedy, it's neither topical enough nor comic enough. There's not a single memorable joke, gag or line in the entire film. It's not that "Man of the Year" goes for cheap laugh, but that it goes for no laughs at all, and in that it succeeds.

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Man of the Year

Director: Barry Levinson
Writer: Barry Levinson
Starring: Robin Williams, Jeff Goldblum, Lewis Black, Christopher Walken and Laura Linney

Opulent 'Marie Antoinette' fails to connect

By LAURA MILLER
Scene Critic

"Marie Antoinette," written and directed by Sofia Coppola, is both a success and failure at once. It is absolutely heart-wrenching to watch — and not because of the plot line. When Kirsten Dunst bursts onto the screen, she completely embodies the decadence and sensuality of the former queen of France.

As the minutes tick by, however, and the film continues to move at the pace of Ferris Bueller's history teacher, a gut-wrenching sadness remains. How can a movie with such marvelous music, costumes and casting fail to be moving?

The problem is that the plot line does not progress very quickly. There is something to be said for slowly taking in the artistic beauty of a film, but the pacing of the film resembles crawling on the floor of the Louvre so as not to miss the style of the parquet tiles.

The film's strikingly powerful finale proves frustrating for the audience, as its emotional strength acts as an unfortunate reminder that the entirety of "Marie Antoinette" could have been well written and, unfortunately, was not.

Despite these failings, "Marie Antoinette" is quite historically accurate. Many of the images seen in the movies are replicas of real artifacts, paintings and buildings from Marie Antoinette's

life. A few minor adjustments in the telling were made, but only to simplify the story, making it more accessible for audiences with little knowledge of eighteenth-century French politics.

Dunst was excellent as Marie Antoinette — one of the more redeeming aspects of the film. Not only does she seem to relish playing the spoiled aristocrat, but she wins the audience's sympathy.

This is a significant accomplishment given the mixed reports on the historical character of Marie Antoinette. There were few familiar faces in the cast — the acting was good on the whole, but the majority of roles weren't very demanding.

The varied soundtrack is by far one of the most interesting aspects of the film. It blends more familiar modern music, such as Bow Wow Wow's "I Want Candy," with classical tracks like "Opus 23."

The modern music does not take away from the more classical aspects of the film, nor does the classical music bore any pop-culture-savvy viewer.

Both genres are combined with cinematographically unique imagery, making these sequences enjoyable to watch.

The costumes undoubtedly add to the beauty created by the music and cinematography. Marie Antoinette's costumes are incredibly ornate and vast in number, a fitting tribute to the legend of



Kirsten Dunst stars as the title character of Sofia Coppola's latest release, "Marie Antoinette." The intriguing biopic centers on the life of the doomed French queen.

the historical figure herself. The other costumes are equally beautiful, contributing to an aura of overwhelming wealth most typical of European royalty. The only downside to such fantastic costing is that it is frequently distracting, seeming apparently to even the director. The film loses its emotional power due to the overwhelming emphasis on Marie's attire. Dialogue frequently becomes obsolete, with the film devolving into shot after shot of shoes, dresses and textiles. While this film certainly is up to Academy Award standards for costume design, it seems that the only reason for the

movie's creation was to win this sort of acclaim. While the beginning of the film drags due to this obsession with costuming, the end of the film is beautiful, leaving audiences with a feeling of validation for seeing the entire picture. It is a notable flaw, however, that Coppola's film lacks the ability to draw any significant amount of emotional power until the last 30 minutes. Sadly, "Marie Antoinette" could have easily been shortened to an hour without losing any of its dramatic aspects.

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Marie Antoinette

Director: Sofia Coppola
Writer: Sofia Coppola
Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Shirley Henderson, Molly Shannon and Jason Schwartzman

NHL

Toskala continues to show strong from the net

Oilers triumph over Coyotes with Ales Hemsky and Petr Sykora in lineup; Turco has 33 saves in Dallas win

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The hottest goaltender to start the NHL season is also a guy who was among the hottest at the end of last season.

Vesa Toskala ran his winning streak to 12 games with his fifth career shutout in the San Jose Sharks' 3-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night.

"A shutout is nice, but the most important thing is to get those two points," Toskala said.

Steve Bernier, Jonathan Cheechoo and Marcel Goc each had goals for the Sharks.

Toskala is 5-0-0 this season while allowing just under two goals a game with a .926 save percentage. The 12-game winning streak is the longest in Sharks history. He has also won his last eight starts on the road.

"I feel comfortable on the ice," Toskala said. "It always feels good after you get a couple of good saves. I saw the puck well. Our defensemen blocked so many shots, and that really helps a goalie a lot."

Toskala had plenty of help, but was solid when Columbus did get off a shot.

"We played good team defense all the way around," defenseman Scott Hannan said. "When we needed him, Ves was there to stop it."

Columbus has lost four consecutive games while being outscored 17-5.

"San Jose is a good hockey team, but there is no reason for that to happen to us," Blue Jackets coach Gerard Gallant said. "They made us look bad out there. They embarrassed us."

The Sharks were 2-for-8 on the power play while Columbus failed to score on seven chances with a man-advantage.

"It (defense) was really good, in particular our penalty-killing," Sharks coach Ron Wilson said. "We limited their opportunities and we might actually have had more opportunities killing penalties than they did on their power play."

Toskala, who stopped 23 shots, had all the support he needed just 2 1/2 minutes in.

On the power play after Jason Chimera was called for holding, the Sharks surrounded Columbus goaltender Pascal Leclaire. Bernier controlled the puck while skating behind the net and centered it to Milan Michalek, whose shot was

stopped. Matt Carle picked up the rebound and Leclaire left the net to cut down his angle. With Leclaire unable to get back, Bernier was on the doorstep when he got the puck with an unguarded net in front of him.

San Jose defenseman Josh Gorges was tripped while swooping in on the Columbus goal by defenseman Ron Hainsey early in the second period. Gorges slid hard into the corner boards on his left shoulder and needed assistance getting off the ice, although he later returned.

Not long after that, the Sharks put the game out of reach with two quick goals.

First Cheechoo notched his fifth goal, putting a power-play shot just inside the back post at the 3:15 mark after setup passes from Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau.

"One of the keys early on was getting the puck deep and putting pressure on their defense, allowing us to get some chances," Cheechoo said. "When the puck's in deep, it's hard for them. Our defense did a great job of standing up to them and protecting the front of the net."

Oilers 5, Coyotes 2

Following a dominant performance Monday night, the Edmonton Oilers' new line of Ales Hemsky, Petr Sykora and Patrick Thoresen has likely earned an extended run.

Sykora had a goal and three assists, Hemsky and Thoresen chipped in three-point performances and the Oilers downed the slumping Phoenix Coyotes.

Shawn Horcoff and Jarrett Stoll each added their first goal of the season for the Oilers (6-2-0).

Sykora said the line, which was retooled to give Norwegian rookie Thoresen a more prominent role after a strong start, is starting to mesh.

"Everybody is skating and making plays and looking for each other out there and that is why we have had success. It's why the puck is going in for us," said Sykora, who leads the Oilers with 13 points. "Right now we are getting our chances and we are scoring on them. Patrick is making some great plays out there right now."

Edmonton head coach Craig MacTavish also praised Thoresen, who doubled his season point total and has looked good since replacing Raffi Torres on the line.

"I was super impressed with



Blue Jacket Fredrik Modin, left, tries to get a shot off against Shark goalie Vesa Toskala in the first quarter Monday night. Toskala posted a shutout in the 3-0 San Jose win.

him in camp and he just continues to get more impressive," said MacTavish. "I don't know that we have a player that thinks the game positionally as well he does right now. He checks and all those things. He thinks the game well offensively and has really meshed in with (Hemsky), who was spectacular tonight, as was (Sykora)."

Thoresen, just the fifth player from Norway to play in the NHL, is just glad to be getting a shot.

"It's such a bonus for me to create points right now," he said. "Every time I am out there I'm just trying to work hard and to do my job on the line. I'm just trying to work hard to make room for Hemsky and Sykora because they are two of the most skilled guys in the league."

Jeremy Roenick and Mike Comrie scored for the Coyotes (2-7-0), who have lost six of their last seven and are off to their worst start since moving to Phoenix from Winnipeg for the 1996-97 season.

"We need to ... win, however we do it," said Roenick. "We're not going to do it sitting in the penalty box all night. We're the most undisciplined team in the league and it has to stop. It's embarrassing."

"We're killing our goaltenders with barrages of shots because we are killing penalties all ...

night. We keep doing the same thing."

The Oilers jumped out to a 2-0 start 12 minutes into the first period, scoring two goals in 59 seconds.

Torres beat Phoenix goaltender Curtis Joseph with an easy tap-in after a perfect cross-ice pass from Thoresen. A minute later, and with the Oilers on the power play, Stoll ripped a slap shot from the point past Joseph for his first goal of the season.

Early in the second period Horcoff blasted in a slap shot off the post give Edmonton a 3-0 lead.

Phoenix finally put one past Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson four minutes later as Ladislav Nagy hit Roenick with a pass as he charged the net. Roenick's first of the year broke a string of 147:50 without a goal for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes pulled within one on a second-period power play when Comrie batted a puck through Roloson's legs during a scramble in front of the net.

Edmonton went up 4-2 in the third when Sykora blasted his sixth goal past Joseph.

Stars 2, Canucks 1

Dallas coach Dave Tippett knows they're not the prettiest nine games he's seen. But the

Stars aren't complaining.

Mike Modano scored the decisive goal and Marty Turco had 33 saves as the Stars beat the Vancouver Canucks Monday night to give Dallas its best start in franchise history.

"No matter what we do sometimes, we look like the Keystone Kops out there," Tippett said. "But luckily we did enough to win."

Modano, who had a goal nullified earlier, scored at 8:33 of the third when Dallas had a 5-on-3 advantage. He scooped up a rebound off a shot from Eric Lindros and beat Vancouver's Roberto Luongo. Niklas Hagman scored the Stars' first goal 2:24 into the game.

Dallas (8-1-0) topped the mark it set in 1971 when the franchise was in Minneapolis. It was 7-1-1 that season.

"It doesn't feel like we're running over teams," Turco said. "But we're coming out on top in the end, and that's all that matters."

The Stars have played six of their first nine games on the road, and this was their third contest in four nights.

Dallas struggled to muster a rhythm through two periods. The Stars took just 12 shots on goal through two periods, and went without a shot in the first 14 minutes of the second.

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NCAA Football Associated Press Top 25

team	record	points	previous
1 Ohio State	8-0	1623	1
2 Michigan	8-0	1533	2
3 USC	6-0	1468	3
4 West Virginia	7-0	1458	4
5 Texas	7-1	1355	5
6 Louisville	7-0	1215	6
7 Auburn	7-1	1182	8
8 Tennessee	6-1	1178	7
9 Florida	6-1	1146	9
10 Clemson	7-1	989	12
11 NOTRE DAME	6-1	988	10
12 California	7-1	964	11
13 Arkansas	6-1	843	15
14 LSU	6-2	799	14
15 Boise State	8-0	608	18
16 Rutgers	7-0	579	19
17 Wisconsin	7-1	560	21
18 Boston College	6-1	526	22
19 Oklahoma	5-2	497	20
20 Nebraska	6-2	373	17
21 Georgia Tech	5-2	303	13
22 Texas A&M	7-1	288	23
23 Missouri	7-1	240	24
24 Wake Forest	6-1	164	25
25 Oregon	5-2	132	16

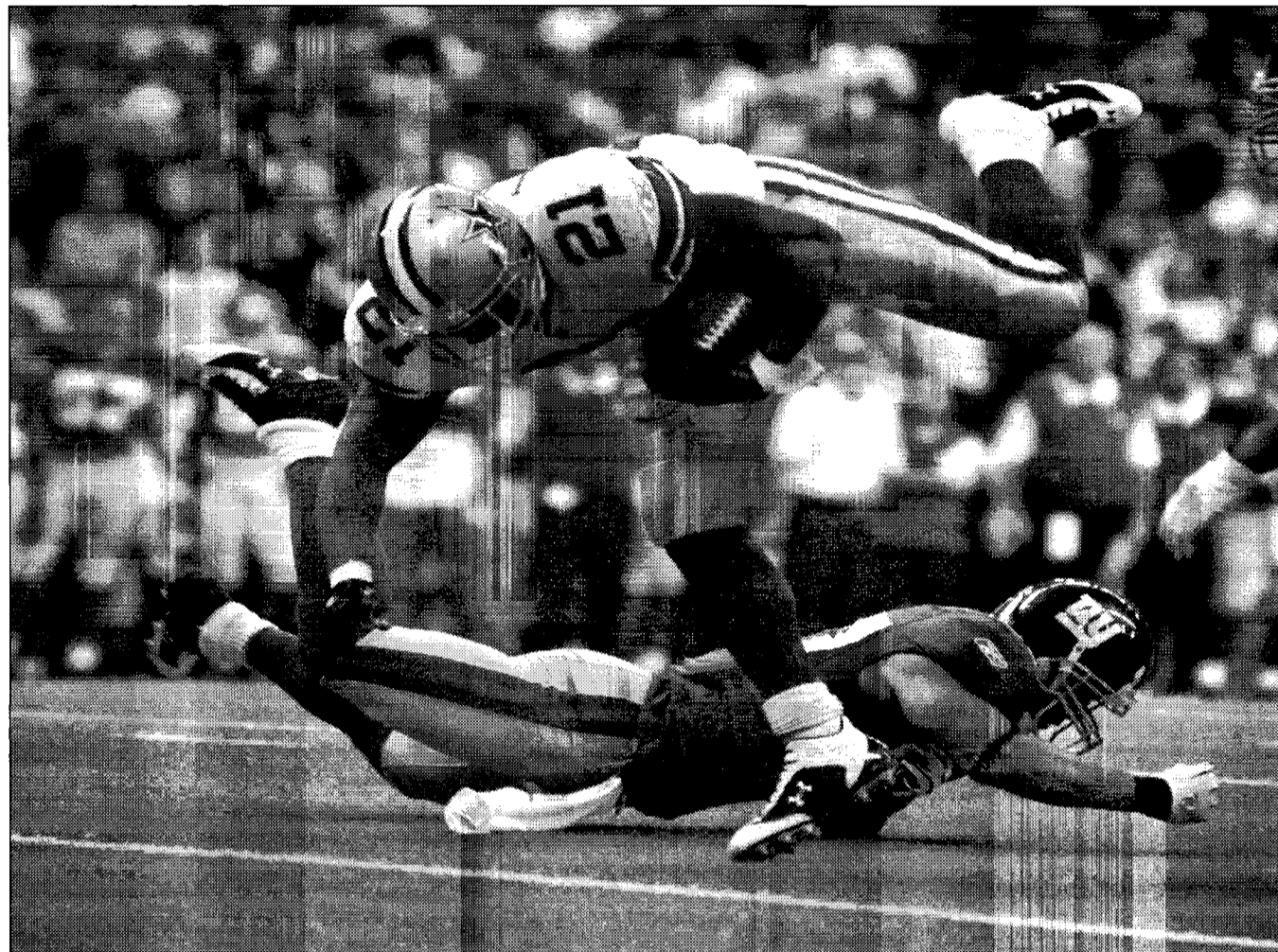
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1 Ohio State	8-0	1575	1
2 USC	6-0	1469	2
3 Michigan	8-0	1454	3
4 West Virginia	7-0	1394	4
5 Texa	7-1	1308	5
6 Louisville	7-0	1205	6
7 Auburn	7-1	1178	7
8 Florida	6-1	1051	10
9 Tennessee	6-1	1046	9
10 NOTRE DAME	6-1	1019	8
11 Clemson	7-1	962	12
12 California	7-1	923	11
13 LSU	6-2	720	14
14 Arkansas	6-1	700	18
15 Boise State	8-0	667	17
16 Rutgers	7-0	557	19
17 Boston College	6-1	530	21
18 Wisconsin	7-1	525	22
19 Oklahoma	5-2	450	20
20 Nebraska	6-2	328	16
21 Georgia Tech	5-2	264	13
22 Texas A&M	7-1	263	25
23 Missouri	7-1	229	NR
24 Oregon	5-2	228	15
25 Georgia	6-2	163	24

NCAA Football BCS Rankings

team	Harris	CPU	previous
1 Ohio State	1	3	1
2 Michigan	2	T-1	3
3 USC	3	T-1	2
4 West Virginia	4	14	5
5 Auburn	7	6	4
6 Florida	9	4	6
7 Texas	5	13	9
8 Louisville	6	9	7
9 NOTRE DAME	10	8	8
10 California	11	5	10
11 Tennessee	8	11	11
12 Clemson	12	15	12
13 Arkansas	14	10	13
14 Rutgers	15	7	16
15 Boise State	16	12	15

NFL



Giants safety Will Demps brings down former Notre Dame tailback and current Cowboy Julius Jones in Monday night's game. Jones rushed for only 30 yards as New York defeated Dallas 36-22.

Romo replaces Bledsoe in Dallas loss

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The New York Giants had their way with Drew Bledsoe so much that he got benched at halftime. Tony Romo's promotion thrilled Dallas Cowboys fans — until he threw an interception on his first snap.

That's how it went Monday night: The Giants made all the big plays, the Cowboys made the big mistakes.

"That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "A recipe for disaster. It was a real bad performance. And there's really no excuse for it."

Eli Manning threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play, LaVar Arrington sacked Bledsoe for a safety soon after and the Giants fended off several potential momentum-changers, beating the Cowboys 36-22 to stake a big head start in defense of their NFC East title.

A week after knocking Michael Vick seven times, New York got four against Bledsoe — two by Michael Strahan, tying Lawrence Taylor's club record — and two against the more-mobile Romo.

Sam Madison picked off Bledsoe on a potential go-ahead pass into the end

zone, costing the statuesque quarterback his job, at least for the rest of the night.

But Parcells said it wasn't just the one play that drove his decision to give Bledsoe the hook.

"Too many mistakes," he said. "Too much improvisation."

Romo was intercepted three times, with Kevin Dockery taking the last one 96 yards with 2:33 left for the game-sealing touchdown, leaving Parcells staring down with his arms folded, out of answers for Dallas (3-3).

While Romo sparked the offense at times, his mis-

cue were too much to overcome. He got little comfort from Bledsoe, who stood alone on the sideline wearing a visor pulled down over his eyes, mostly keeping his fingers curled inside his collar.

Romo, who hung his head after the last interception, perked up spirits moments later with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Crayton soon after. But it was too little, too late.

"I don't feel very good about the situation right now," Romo said. "I definitely would have liked to have performed better. Hopefully next week that will change."

IN BRIEF

Big Ben injured again in Steeler loss

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers aren't saying if quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sustained his second concussion in slightly more than four months.

Roethlisberger was fit enough to fly home with the Steelers following their 41-38 overtime loss Sunday in Atlanta, and to drive his SUV to a team meeting Monday, despite being briefly knocked unconscious during a helmet-to-helmet hit with the Falcons' Chauncey Davis.

By definition, a concussion is a disruption of the brain's activities caused by a sudden blow to the head — much like the hit Roethlisberger absorbed while being sacked by multiple defenders. Doctors who have studied concussion patients have said some act and look fine within hours or even minutes of being injured, while others take longer to look normal.

Colts defensive depth continues to be tested

INDIANAPOLIS — As quick as the undefeated Indianapolis Colts fill a defensive hole, others seem to emerge.

The Colts found out Monday that safety Mike Doss will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL — an injury he suffered the day before while filling in for injured Pro Bowler Bob Sanders.

Doss was hurt during Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins, just hours after defensive tackle Montae Reagor was injured when his SUV flipped over in a crash while he was driving to the RCA Dome.

The Colts expect Reagor to miss their key AFC matchup against Denver (5-1) on Sunday, but hope for the return of Sanders, who has missed the last four games, after having arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Seahawks quarterback out at least three weeks

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss at least three weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee, coach Mike Holmgren confirmed on Monday.

An MRI showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained the medial collateral ligament while getting rolled into by a Minnesota pass rusher during Sunday's loss to the Vikings.

"There are three levels (of seriousness)," Holmgren said. "So he's right in the middle."

"He's on crutches for a few days ... I guess it's kind of good news for me. It could have been worse."

Seneca Wallace, a fourth-year veteran, will make his first NFL start on Sunday at Kansas City (3-3). The Seahawks (4-2) are already without league MVP Shaun Alexander, who remains out indefinitely with a broken foot.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish overcome bad first round, place seventh

Sandman shoots career-best 67 to lead Notre Dame

By **FRAN TOLAN**
Sports Writer

After a first round that Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski called "terrible," the Irish stormed back in the final two rounds to place seventh in a strong 15-team field at the Prestige in La Quinta, California Oct. 16 and 17.

The Irish carded an opening-round 302 and were stuck in thirteenth place before a strong comeback, culminating in a third-round 282 that matched Notre Dame's sixth-best 18-hole team score ever.

"I was proud of the way we fought back," Kubinski said. "I think it says a lot about our guys."

Co-host Stanford won the event with a team score of 849, 30 shots better than Notre Dame.

The Irish were led by sophomore Josh Sandman and senior co-captain Cole Isban, who both finished with scores under par.

Sandman shot a personal-best 67 (-5) in the final round and ended up in a tie for tenth place with a three-under par 213.

"I honestly think Josh is as talented as anyone in college golf," Kubinski said of his budding star. "This is a glimpse of what's to come, not an exception to the rule."

Sandman, meanwhile, is simply happy to be healthy and playing well after struggling through back injuries last year.

"I was injured for awhile but I'm glad to see things are starting to fall into place for me," the sophomore said. "This was my best tourna-

ment since I've been at [Notre Dame]."

Isban, who has been the team's strongest golfer throughout the season, finished in 14th place with a one-under par 215.

"Cole knows that he has to play well every time we tee off and he did [at the Prestige]," Kubinski said.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford placed 25th with a personal-best score of four-over par 220. He also

recorded the first under-par score of his career during the third round when he carded a two-under 70.

"With [Gifford] and [Sandman] playing like they did, I think we showed how good we can be," Kubinski said.

Rounding out the Notre Dame top five were freshman Doug Fortner and junior Greg Rodgers.

Fortner carded a 16-over par 232 and Rodgers record-

ed a 21-over par 237.

The Irish, while not entirely pleased with the seventh place result, finished just two shots behind both No. 1-ranked USC and No. 27 Kansas.

"We're not too happy with seventh but we just needed a couple more shots to beat those teams," Isban said.

Before this event, Kubinski had said that he was hoping for a top-5 finish in La Quinta. His wish was not

realized, but he was optimistic after the strong closing round.

"I see [the result] as a way to build momentum," he said.

The Irish will be in action again on Nov. 6 and 7 at the CordeValle Collegiate, hosted by UCLA at the CordeValle Golf Club in San Martin, Calif.

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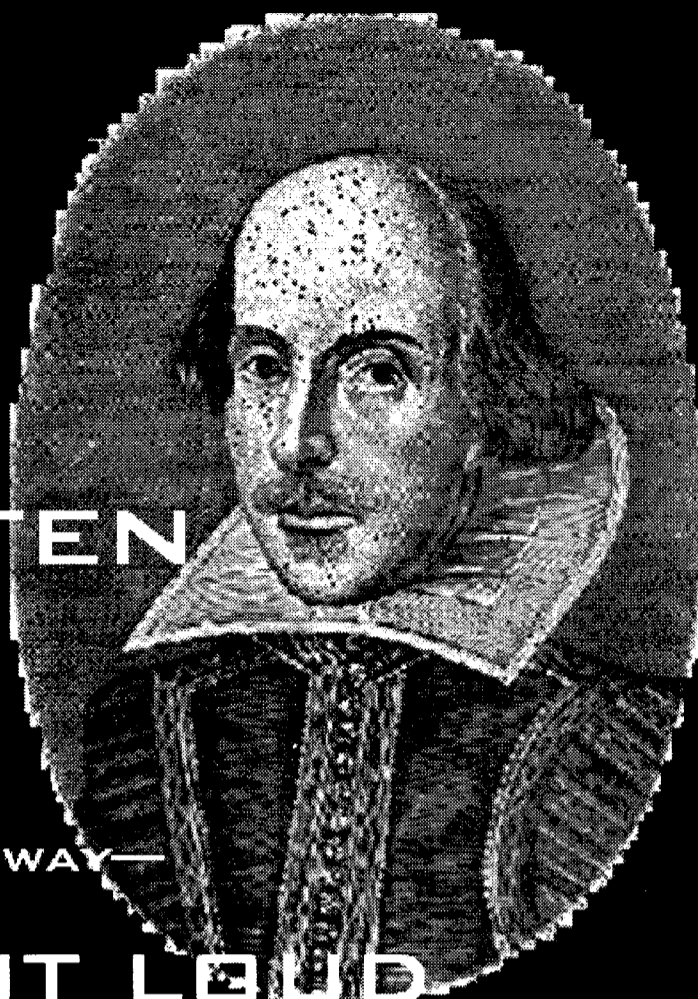
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles win two, lose one match over break

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had a roller-coaster ride of a fall break.

The Belles started it off playing Alma on Oct. 14, the second time Saint Mary's met the tough conference foe that week. Alma came out strong, beating the Belles 30-19 in game one.

While the Belles took the second match with a 30-25 win, they couldn't keep up the fight. Alma took game three 30-22 and game four 30-27 for the win.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko posted the team high of 12 kills and contributed 26 digs. Senior libero Anne Cusack held the team high in digs with 34, and junior setter Amanda David had 35 assists in the effort.

The Belles dropped to fifth place in the MIAA with a 7-6 record and 14-8 record overall. Alma jumped to fourth in the MIAA with a record of 8-5 and 11-10 overall.

Saint Mary's 3, Windsor 1

On Oct. 18, the Belles played in an "international" exhibition match against Windsor. The Belles had a strong win against the Canadian team with a 3-1 (25-21, 25-20, 16-25, 25-15) victory.

Every Belle who dressed had a chance to play.

Saint Mary's 3, Kalamazoo 0

The following day, Oct. 19, the Belles traveled to Kalamazoo for another conference matchup. The Belles were ready to play and posted a great victory of 3-0.

Saint Mary's kept the leads

strong in each game, winning in three 30-19, 30-20, 30-28.

Playko once again had a big game for the Belles, tallying a match-high 10 kills to go along with her 25 digs, and Cusack added 26 more digs.

Sophomore middle blocker Kaela Hellmann had seven kills on 14 attempts and no errors in posting a .500 hitting percentage.

The team had a total of eight service aces, keeping the Hornets on their heels throughout the match.

Saint Mary's improved its record to 15-8 overall and 8-6 MIAA, keeping fifth place in the conference. Kalamazoo stayed at sixth in the MIAA with a record of 4-9 and 8-14 overall.

The Belles take on the Tri-State Thunder on the road tonight at 7 p.m in another conference match and their second-to-last game of the season. The Thunder is seventh in the MIAA with a record of 5-9 and 8-18 overall.

The Belles will look to MIAA player of the week senior Kristen Playko for assistance in the conference win. Playko has been a key player in every game this fall, tallying 304 kills on the season with an average of 3.62 per a game. She is also second on the team in digs with 364 and a game average of 4.33.

Playko will need to watch out for MIAA Specialty Player of the week Tri-State senior setter Rainbow Bednarski.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not available for comment.

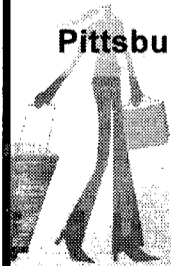
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Gray wins race; Belles get 3rd in Manchester

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA Championship meet this coming Saturday in Alma, Mich. with renewed confidence after an impressive performance in the Manchester College Invite Oct. 14 that wrapped up the team's regular season.

The Belles finished third of nine teams, behind Cornerstone and Manchester College, and had two runners place in the top 10. Saint Mary's junior Megan Gray won the individual title with a time of 18:42 for the 5K distance and teammate Sara Otto earned sixth place with a recorded 19:41.

Coach Jackie Bauters stressed the magnitude of Gray's feat.

"Megan ran a phenomenal race and was the first overall win for a Saint Mary's runner — quite the accomplishment," she said.

Rounding out the top five for the Belle runners were Megan McClowry with a 20:35, Caitlin Stevenson with a 21:05 and Alicen Miller with a 21:17.

The Belles ran some of their best times of the year despite being tested by the varied terrain of the Manchester course, a mix of field, woods, flat and rolling landscapes.

Bauters said she was impressed with her squad's fitness level.

"The team looked stronger than most other teams during the second half of the race and ran well together," she said.

In preparation for the MIAA meet, many of the team members remained near South Bend for fall break, which Bauters believes "benefited the team and allowed them to stay more in the flow of the season, rather than being totally out of sync a week before the championships."

For the final week of practices, Bauters said the team element will be emphasized, with the runners discussing team goals for the race and how to improve the teamwork that served them well in the Manchester Invite.

The Belles hope to improve on last year's fifth place finish in the conference standings. Last year at the MIAA Championships, Otto was the squad's best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course. Fellow

senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, clocking in at 24:45 to finish 33rd.

Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around.

"This season has been wonderful thus far and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," she said.

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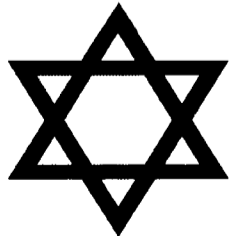
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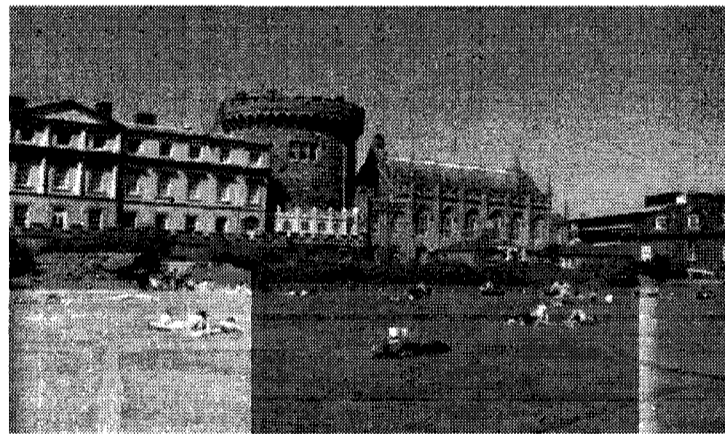
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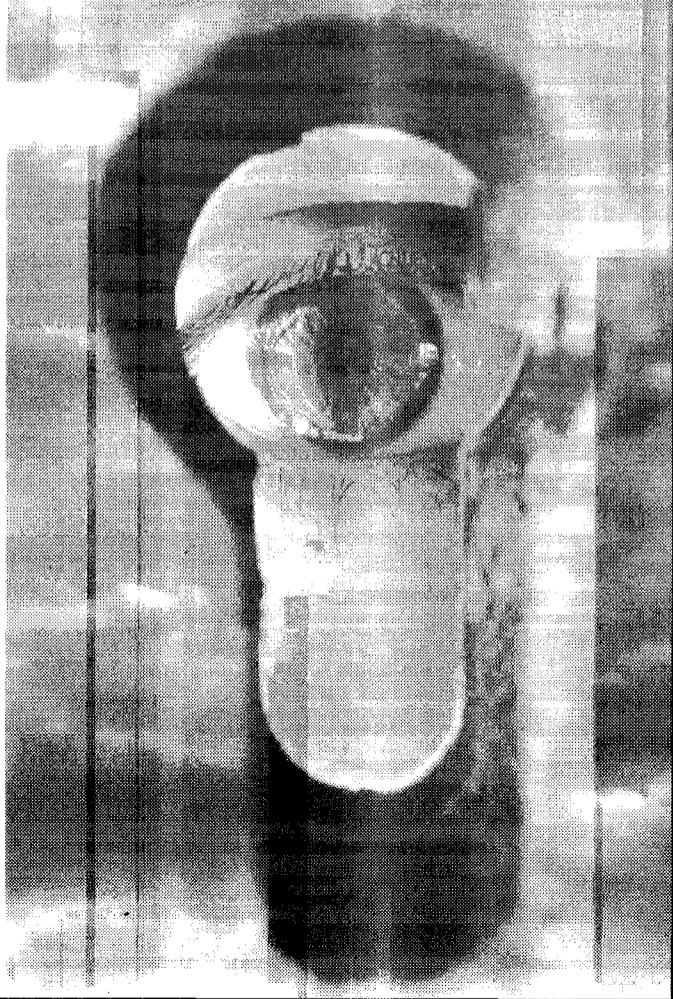
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SMC SOCCER

Belles drop to fourth in MIAA with losses

Saint Mary's shutout three times in three games over fall break

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was held scoreless in three games during fall break as it dropped to 4-8-1 (3-3-1 in the conference) on the year.

The small skid drops the Belles into a tie for fourth in the MIAA with one game remaining this week before the conference tournament gets underway Oct. 28.

The team started the break with a 1-0 loss to Hope College in Holland, Mich. Sophomore Sonya Masghati scored with nine minutes left in the second half to break the scoreless tie and secure a win for the Flying Dutch.

In the game, Saint Mary's was held to just five shots — only one of which was on net — allowing Hope goalkeeper Holly Nestle to collect an easy shutout victory.

The Belles also dropped a 1-0 decision to No. 5 Calvin the following Saturday. Senior Jill Capel was the hero for the Knights as her seventh goal in conference play brought the team's unbeaten streak to 16 games. Capel beat goalie Laura Heline as she drove a high shot into the corner from 18 yards away.

Belles' coach Caryn Mackenzie opted to play a defensive-minded game to slow down the quick, veteran offense of the Knights, a unit

that put up six goals against Saint Mary's earlier in the season.

The plan worked but kept the team from registering a single shot on net and very few opportunities on the offensive side of the ball.

Calvin got off 20 shots in the game, and Heline was able to stop six of the seven that made it on goal.

The senior goalkeeper captured her second shutout of the season as the Belles played to a 0-0 draw with Adrian College. She saved all eight shots she faced in the contest.

Senior Ashley Hinton and sophomore Mandy Thomson had two shots each on net for Saint Mary's, but once again the team was unable to find the back of the net against the Bulldogs.

The tie gives Adrian and Saint Mary's identical records in the conference, but the Bulldogs' overall record of 6-10-1 gives them the current edge in the standings.

Adrian will face Kalamazoo this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Saint Mary's needs a Kalamazoo victory in order to have a chance to finish in the top half of the conference.

The Belles conclude their regular season at home against Tri-State tomorrow afternoon. The Thunder has been outscored 31-1 in 2006 and is still in search of its first conference win.

Saint Mary's players were unavailable for comment following the games.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Maunu recovers from illness, finishes tourney

Sophomore finishes 31st as Irish take fifth at Taylormade Classic

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Lisa Maunu couldn't even walk to the plane.

Maunu, who contracted a throat infection and spent the night of Oct. 12 at Health Services, still managed to play the entire Taylormade Aztec Fall Classic at San Diego State University Oct. 16-17 and finished 31st, helping her teammates to a fifth-place finish.

"They did an athletic blitz on me, hooking me up to an IV and pumping me with drugs," Maunu said. "My teammates had to literally carry me to the plane on Friday because I was so sick."

Maunu had doubts as to whether she could complete all 36 holes.

"I didn't know if I could walk through the tournament, but I took it one shot at a time and made it through," she said.

"I thought I played well. First day, I had a nine on a par-five and that killed me, but the second day I had to stay away from getting a nine, and I did that and I had more birdies."

Despite Maunu's illness, the Irish expected to finish well in San Diego, where they were one of the highest ranked teams going in.

"We were the third highest ranked team of the field coming in, so finishing fifth was a little disappointing," senior Noriko Nakazaki said.

The Irish faltered on day one, Oct. 16, firing a 22-over par 311 to place eleventh after 18 holes. Three Irish golfers posted scores above 80.

Notre Dame coach Susan Holt met with the squad after day one to light a fire under her team to finish off their rounds as strong as they started them.

"I put a sense of urgency into

their heads. They got very sloppy in the middle of the first round," she said. "They really needed to start picking it up or else they would have dug themselves into a huge hole."

Notre Dame responded, firing a season-best 299 to climb into a tie for fifth place overall last Tuesday. In that second round, the team's highest score was a 76. The Irish finished 22 strokes behind tournament winner Denver.

"I was very pleased with what happened on day two," Holt said. "We were a little disappointed with fifth, but it could've been a lot worse."

Nakazaki (71-74, +1) led the way for the Irish. Notre Dame's overall stroke average leader had struggled in her last few tournaments before the Aztec Fall Classic, but rebounded last week to finish tied for fifth overall — her best of the fall season.

"I played OK," she said. "The first day went well. I've been working on putting and I hit six birdies on day one. The second day it got away a little bit, but finishing fifth was very nice."

Freshman Annie Brophy (78-77, +11) tied for 35th overall while junior Jane Lee (80-76, +12) tied for 41st. Kristen Wetzel rounded out the team scoring for the Irish by finishing tied for 49th with a 13-over par performance. Senior Stacy Brown played as an individual entrant whose scores did not count to the overall team performance.

Denver (278-303) took the tournament title while BYU (296-293) placed second. Denver's Stephanie Sherlock (69-72, -3) and Emily Hoepner (66-75, -3) tied for first overall, with Sherlock winning a playoff to take the title. Hoepner's 66 in the first round was the low round for the tournament.

Next on the Irish schedule is the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Invitational on Oct. 30-31 in Kiawah Island, S. Car.

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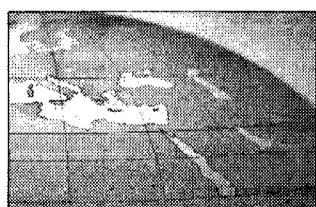
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MEN'S TENNIS

Parbhu advances to semis

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

For Sheeva Parbhu, taking on Ohio State's Devin Mullings in the semifinals may seem like a case of déjà vu.

The two faced off in the semifinals of the 2005 ITA Midwest Championships and are scheduled to do so again today. Parbhu, this year's No. 2 seed, defeated Mullings, this year's No. 8 seed, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 in 2005.

Parbhu knocked off Ohio State's Drew Eberly in a tiebreaker Monday, winning 1-6, 7-6, 6-1 on his way to securing a place in the semifinals.

Senior Stephen Bass — who won the event last year — fell to Ohio State's Steven Moneke 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

"He needs to step it up, to be more offensive," head coach Bobby Bayliss said of Bass. "At whatever level he plays he needs to do it instinctively, to strike first."

The rest of the Irish team also had a strong showing at the tournament. Senior Barry King dropped a close match to Minnesota's Raoul Schwark, falling 7-6, 6-4.

"[King] had chances to win it and played very well, but could not quite pull it out," Bayliss said. "I think he could have gone far in the tournament."

Bayliss also praised the efforts of sophomore Brett Helgeson. Helgeson advanced to the main draw with a No. 17 seed only to fall to Louisville's David Simon 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"Brett has had a great fall and is hitting the ball very well," Bayliss

said. "He's hitting better than anyone on the team right now."

Parbhu has thrived not only in singles but also in doubles, advancing with senior partner Ryan Keckley to the semifinals of the Doubles Championship.

The Irish have been working on their doubles game all season and Bayliss is pleased with the results the team is seeing. The duo triumphed over Illinois' Brendon Davis and GD Jones 8-2 in the quarterfinals. On their way to earning a spot in the semifinals, the two also eliminated Michigan's Matko Maravic and George Navas.

Parbhu and Keckley are scheduled to take on Ohio State's Drew Eberly and Justin Kronauge today at 2 p.m.

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SMC GOLF

Belles fall short of fifth straight MIAA title

Young team finishes fourth at conference championship tourney

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's wanted to win the conference title this year, but after a season filled with disappointment, illness and injury, the Belles came up short of their goal.

Saint Mary's finished fourth at the MIAA Championship last weekend with a team score of 373 at the par-72 Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich. First place Olivet posted a 348 to clinch the conference title for the first time in more than 10 years.

Tri-State and Albion also finished ahead of the Belles, the first time either school has done so in five years. Tri-State shot a 355, Albion a 362.

Hope did not compete as a result of an "automobile accident en route to competition," according to the MIAA's Web site.

The 2006 League Medalist, an award given to the best performer over the course of the season, was given to Kristy Latimer, an Olivet senior who placed sixth in the championship tournament (88). Belles captain Katie O'Brien shot three strokes better than Latimer for

an 85 and placed second in the tournament. O'Brien tied for second with Kylee Ehinger of Tri-State. AnnMarie Jasieniecki of Albion was the individual reader posting an 80.

Earning 14th place was freshman Kate Doornbos who fired a 92. Alex Sei (95), Katie McInerney (101) and Meredith Fantom (101) also contributed to the Belles' fourth-place finish.

Four Belles earned league honors. Doornbos was the ninth lowest scorer in the MIAA, shooting a total of 352 in four conference tournament appearances. McInerney (379) placed 20th, Sei (382) 24th and Fantom (387) 27th. Olivet continued to dominate the conference with four of their golfers placing in the top four spots.

Olivet freshman Megan Rimmel led the golf leaders and her team with a total score of 337.

Doornbos was the only Belle and only freshman who named to the All-MIAA Second

"We're such a young team, but we played well. Even though we didn't reach our goal [of a fifth-consecutive MIAA title] we'll be back in the spring."

Alex Sei
Belles sophomore

Team. Sophomore co-captain Sei said the pressure on the team contributed to its finish.

"We're such a young team, but we played well," Sei said. "Even though we didn't reach our goal [a fifth-consecutive MIAA title] we'll be back in the spring."

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Irish finish fourth at ISU

Kurt Benninger and Patrick Smyth lead team with top-20 finishes

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For the second race in a row, the No. 12 Irish men were able to shock higher ranked teams in a big-time national meet, finishing fourth out of 36 in the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14 at Indiana State.

Notre Dame accumulated just 255 points in the race, better than five teams ranked ahead of the then-No. 21 Irish before the race — No. 9 BYU, No. 14 Michigan, No. 16 Virginia, No. 19 William and Mary and No. 20 Arizona State. The Irish finished behind only No. 5 Iona (100 points), No. 3 Stanford (106) and No. 25 Florida (217).

Senior Kurt Benninger (23:40) and sophomore Patrick Smyth (23:49) led Notre Dame across the line, finishing seventh and twelfth, respectively.

"It was good we ran together for about three-quarters of the race and went with a group," Smyth said. "I kind of fell off a little bit, but we were both pretty high."

Joining Notre Dame's top two runners were juniors Jake Watson (24:23) and Brett Adams (24:50) and freshman Jake Walker (24:51). Of the Irish qualifiers, four set career-highs for an eight kilometer race while Smyth was a mere three seconds off his personal best set at the Notre Dame Invitational run Sept. 30.

Walker's finish was especially impressive as it was the freshman's first time in the team's top-five lineup in his Notre Dame career.

"As a freshman stepping into that role, I think he's going to be great and I think he's going keep it moving," Smyth said.

Despite the high finish, Smyth feels Notre Dame has the capability to do even better as the season continues.

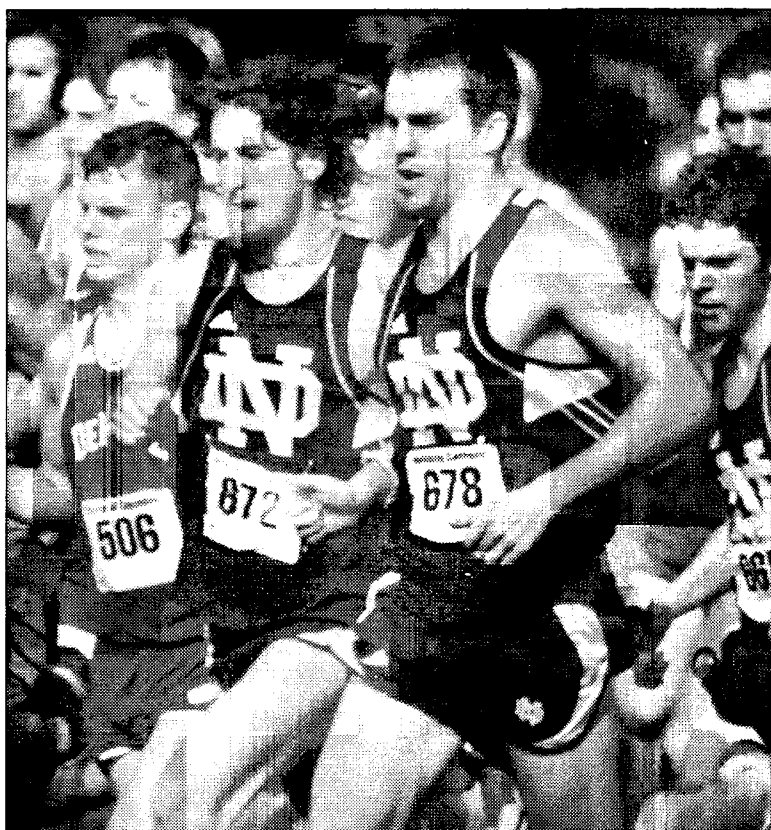
"We have the Big East this Friday — we're just going to keep rolling," he said. "We had a real good training over fall break and we just keep rolling with it and hopefully the Big East goes well."

The race was an important stepping stone for Notre Dame's hunt for a national title because the NCAA championship next month will be run at the same course in Terre Haute.

The Irish women also competed in the Pre-National Meet, finishing tied with Indiana for 15th out of 36 teams in the six kilometer race with 441 points.

Defending national champion Stanford dominated the competition with a paltry 45 points, an incredible amount considering second-place Minnesota amassed 200.

Junior Sunni Olding was the only Notre Dame runner in the top 50 finishers of the



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Sophomore Robbie Barany, left, and junior Jake Watson, right, break away from the pack at the National Catholic Championship Sept. 15. Watson placed second at the event.

meet, clocking in at 20:38 for 19th place. Next for the Irish was junior Julie O p e t (21:15), followed by senior Ann M a z u r (21:15), sophomore Heidi Rocha (21:49) and freshman L i n d s e y Ferguson (21:51).

After training during fall break and this coming week, the Irish return to action Friday at Boston College to compete for the Big East Championship.

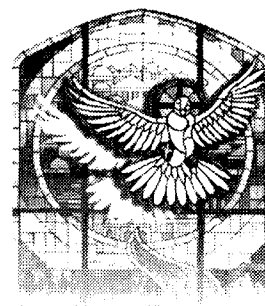
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♦Liberty's Josh McDougal won the men's race with a final time of 23:14. Wake Forest's Michelle Sikes took the top spot in the women's race at 20:16.

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Patrick Smyth
Irish runner



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currently one point behind Seton Hall for the 10th and final slot in the conference tournament, which begins Wednesday. Because the Bearcats lost to the Pirates on Sunday, they need to beat the Irish tonight to qualify for the tournament.

Notre Dame has clinched both a berth in the tournament and a first round bye, but Waldrum said he is not concerned about Cincinnati's emotion in what could be the last game of the Bearcats' season because Connecticut, Georgetown and Villanova were in similar situations when the Irish played them.

"The last two or three games, we've run into teams that desperately need wins," he said. "When we played UConn, we were playing a desperate team. They were on the verge of missing the conference tournament, which is unheard of for them."

Waldrum also said the Irish have motivation of their own.

"We've reminded our kids that we need to win as many games as we can to get home field advantage in the NCAA tournament," he said.

Notre Dame 0, Connecticut 0

The Irish and Huskies tied Oct. 13 in Storrs, Conn., giving Notre Dame the first blemish on its record and Connecticut a berth in the Big East Tournament.

"We ran into a UConn team

that was ready to play, but we also ran into a little bit of the fatigue from midterms, from staying up late and studying," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said his players were upset immediately following the tie, but by their next game against Georgetown, the emotion had subsided.

"They were upset about it and they hope to get to play Connecticut down the road, but it's not something that's going to be in their minds the rest of the season," he said.

Irish junior forward Amanda Cinalli had Notre Dame's best scoring chance, a header on a cross from sophomore Brittany Bock with only nine minutes left in the game, but the ball sailed just over the crossbar.

Notre Dame 5, Providence 0

The Irish bounced back from their tie against UConn with a drubbing of the Friars on the road Oct. 15.

Sophomore Kerri Hanks became the youngest player in Irish history to reach 100 career points and 40 career goals with her score and two assists while Bock and Cinalli added goals of their own.

Notre Dame held Providence without a shot on goal or a corner kick in earning its 12th shutout of the season.

Notre Dame 4, Villanova 2

The Irish allowed multiple goals for the first time this season but managed a 4-2 win over the Wildcats in Philadelphia Friday.

The initial Villanova goal, the first allowed by Notre Dame in six games, came four minutes

into the second half by freshmen Erin Byrnes and tied the game at one.

"We had a little bit of a break down in the flank area," Waldrum said. "We turned the ball over and didn't over quick enough and then the kid made a really good shot."

Byrnes also scored Villanova's second goal, a shot with less than a minute remaining. It was the first goal the Irish have allowed in the second half of a game this year.

"I thought we went to sleep instead of finishing the game off," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame 1, Georgetown 0

The Irish shut out their 13th opponent of the season Sunday with a 1-0 victory over the Hoyas in Washington, D.C.

Sophomore Carrie Dew headed in a cross from Hanks early in the second half for the game's only goal.

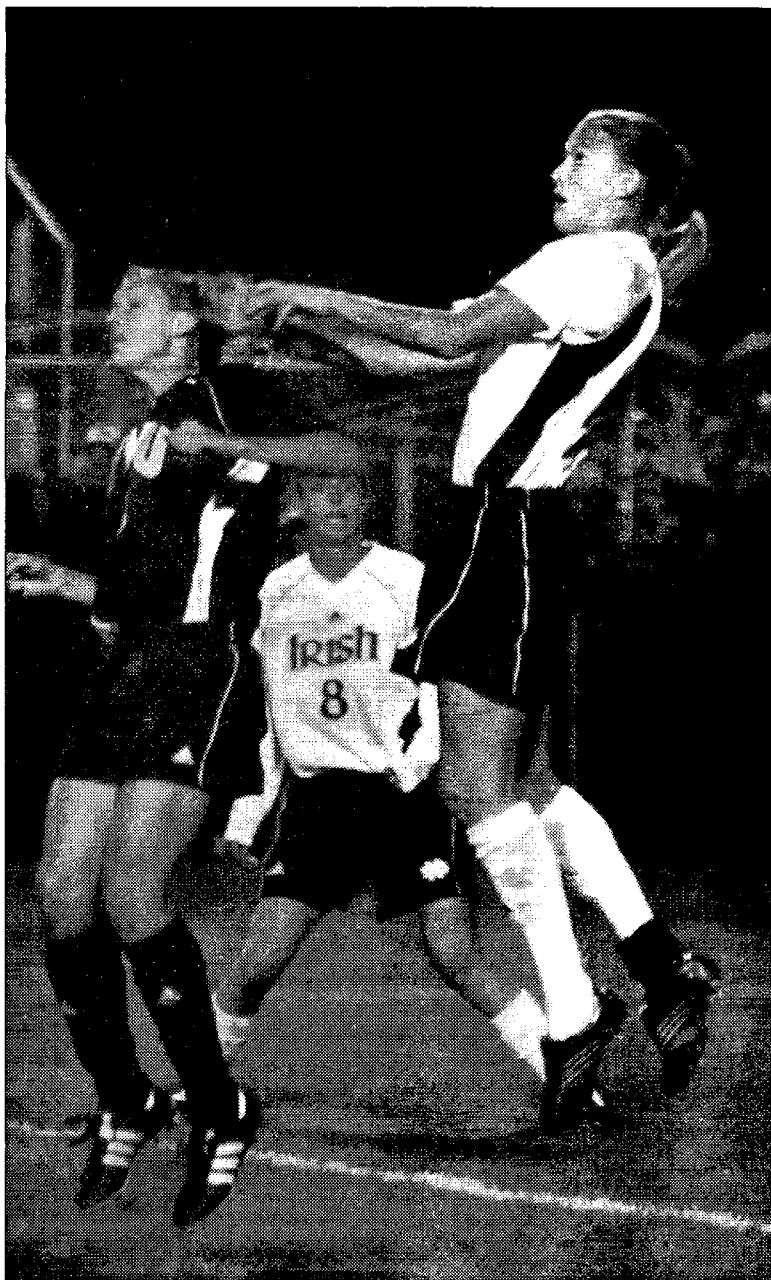
Georgetown (5-9-5, 2-7-2 Big East) needed a win to have any chance to qualify for the Big East tournament but didn't get it.

Notes:

♦Waldrum said he will give the team Wednesday and possibly Thursday off from practice in preparation for a Big East tournament game Saturday or Sunday.

"They need the rest and a chance to catch up on school work," Waldrum said. Notre Dame will have played three games in five days after today.

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Defender Christie Shaner clears the ball against West Virginia Sept. 29. The Irish defeated the Mountaineers 3-1.

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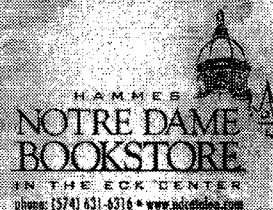
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the last two games) was named Defensive Player of the Week, while senior Dave Brown (48 saves in two games) was awarded Goaltender of the Week and freshman Kevin Deeth (one goal, two assists) Rookie of the Week.

"It's great that our guys get attention for what they accomplished," Jackson said. "But the weekend's over, everything we accomplished last weekend could be blown out of proportion next weekend if we play Army and lose."

Notre Dame beat Boston College 3-2 with a last-second goal by T.J. Jindra Oct. 22, 2004 at the Joyce Center and shut out the Eagles 1-0 at Kelley Rink the year before.

"We have to prove the most important part of excellence is consistency," Jackson said. "We proved that we can be a good team this weekend, but we have to prove we can be a great team."

Notre Dame 7, Boston College 1

Junior Mark Van Guilder scored his second career hat trick in the Eagles' worst home loss in 12 years.

Boston College goaltender Cory Schneider made 24 saves and surrendered six goals

before he was replaced by Joe Pearce. Brown made 26 saves for the Irish, allowing a short-handed goal to Dan Bertram :48 seconds into the third period to cut the Irish lead to 4-1.

Notre Dame responded with three third-period goals, one each by Van Guilder — his third of the game — sophomore Erik Condra and freshman Ryan Thang (two goals) to seal the win over the speedy Eagles.

"I think they had to worry about our speed," Jackson said. "Our transition game was as good as I've seen it. When we forced one of their turnovers, we countered very quickly. They had a hard time adjusting to our speed sometimes."

Jackson said the Irish defense was the most important factor in the blowout victory, creating numerous turnovers that led to droves of scoring chances.

The Irish opened up a 4-0 lead by the second intermission on first-period goals by Van Guilder and Thang and second-period tallies by Van Guilder and Deeth.

Notre Dame was 2-for-11 on the power play, while the penalty-kill unit shut down 9-of-10 Boston College power plays.

Notre Dame 6, Providence 1

Freshman Dan Kissel packaged his first three collegiate goals into a tidy hat trick for the Irish in the Saturday win over Providence.

The Irish struggled in the first period, scoring a lone goal by Kissel on the power play, but rebounded with a three-goal second period.

"It's hard to say if we played down to their level," Jackson said. "Right now, we're not good enough to do that stuff."

Kissel scored his second goal 1:15 into the second period and was followed :47 later by a rebound put-away from senior Jason Paige, his first goal of the year. Deeth scored later in the period for a 4-1 lead.

The lone Friars goal came in the second from Colin McDonald, assisted by Nick Mazzolini. Brown had 22 saves.

Senior Michael Bartlett scored his first of the year and Kissel added his third in the third period for the 6-1 final.

Minnesota State-Mankato 3, Notre Dame 2 (OT)

The Mavericks defeated the Irish with 14.2 seconds remaining in overtime on the power play to take the second game of a series in which Notre Dame took the opener 6-1.

Irish sophomore Garrett Regan was called for a phantom tripping penalty with 2:02 left in the overtime. Minnesota State forward Jon Kalinski shoveled home the game-winning goal on a down-low backhand over Brown.

"I think at Minnesota State, we didn't do what we did last



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish center Erik Condra drives toward the net in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Minnesota State Oct. 13 at the Joyce Center.

weekend," Jackson said. "We didn't do the little things, we didn't execute the system the way we did [against BC and Providence]."

Deeth scored a man-advantage and a first-period short-handed goal for the Irish, but after two periods the score was

tied 2-2. Joel Hanson and Kael Mouillierat put the Mavericks up 2-1 with goals in the second period, before Deeth knotted it.

Brown had 13 saves in the loss.

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Big East

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tributed one of his two assists for the night on Martin's goal, ran his team-leading assist count to seven.

Junior forward Joseph Lapira increased his nation-leading goal count to 19 by scoring the team's opening goal in the 32nd minute. It was the seventh consecutive game in which Lapira had scored a goal.

Sophomore midfielder Cory Rellas, who has seen vastly increased playing time since senior midfielder Ian Etherington injured his leg on Sept. 23, picked up the first of his two assists for the evening on Lapira's goal. Despite his limited playing time, Rellas now has five assists on the season, second only to Norman's seven.

"Since [getting more playing time], Cory has come on and really established himself as a very solid player," Clark said. "He's getting better every week as his confidence has grown, and that's the exciting thing."

West Virginia 2, Notre Dame 1

By defeating then-No. 6 Notre Dame 2-1 Wednesday evening at Dirk Dlesk Soccer Stadium in Morgantown, No. 4 West Virginia not only snapped Notre Dame's seven game winning streak, but they also ended the Irish's run for the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament.

The loss left Notre Dame four points behind the Mountaineers — a difference the team could not make up with only one game remaining on the regular season schedule.

The Irish started the game positively as Rellas tallied his first career goal for Notre Dame, scoring in the 4th minute. Freshman midfielder

Michael Thomas slipped the ball through the defense to Rellas to pick up his second assist on the season.

West Virginia responded decisively, picking up the equalizer only 13 minutes in. Mountaineer midfielder Dan Stratford received a pass from fellow midfielder Andrew Wright and blasted his shot home from 22 yards out. The goal was the first conceded by

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hard thing for us was giving up the lead so quickly," Clark said. "If we had been able to go into halftime one goal to the good, it would have helped us a lot."

Wright would give West Virginia the lead for good in the 56th minute when his shot hit home from 12 yards out for his fifth goal of the season.

Notre Dame 1, Connecticut 0

Notre Dame closed out its regular season with a 1-0 win over No. 14 Connecticut in front of 3,831 fans at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium Saturday evening.

It was Notre Dame's second ever win at Connecticut and its first win in Storrs since 1986. With the victory, Notre Dame locked up the No. 3 seed in the Big East tournament as the Irish finished with 24 points in Big East play — one behind Connecticut and four behind West Virginia.

The only goal of the game was scored in the 65th minute by Thomas. Senior defender Ryan Miller sent a cross into the box that was flicked on by

Lapira to an open Thomas who deposited the ball at the back post. The goal was Thomas's third of the season, and the fourth straight game with a point for the reigning Big East freshman of the week.

"[Thomas] is an amazing freshman, and he's been terrific since day one," Clark said. "Since the injury to [junior midfielder] Alex

Yoshinaga, he's had to change from an off the bench role to a starting role, and he's taken to it like a duck to water. He's played well all year, but the

nice thing is that now he's been rewarded with some goals."

With the shutout, Cahill held an opponent scoreless for the ninth time on the season, and he improved his record to 11-3-1.

Notre Dame now will begin preparing for post-season play which begins Wednesday night when the Irish take on DePaul in the first round of the Big East tournament, and Notre Dame will draw on their past three games to aid their preparation.

"All three games were like NCAA tournament games," Clark said. "They were hard, competitive, tough games. They were fun experiences for the boys to wrap up the season."

Note:

♦By failing to score against West Virginia, Lapira was held without a goal for the first time in seven games, but he held onto his national lead in both goals (19) and points (41).

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great fan base," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "They're very appreciative. When we left the court after Tuesday there was a standing ovation. They like good volleyball."

Notre Dame 3, DePaul 0

The Irish defeated DePaul 30-22, 30-16, 30-10 at home behind nine-kill performances from freshmen Christina Kaelin and Serinity Phillips.

Junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk led the team in digs with 11.

The Irish dominated the first game and never relinquished the lead, ending the game on a 3-0 run.

A kill from Kaelin put DePaul down two games, and a 10-point stretch on the serve by freshman Jamel Nicholas ended the third game and completed the sweep.

"I felt like we had a good start to fall break and played at a high level to take us into Hawaii," Brown said.

Hawaii 3, Notre Dame 0

Sophomore Mallorie Croal led the Irish in a losing effort with 11 kills in the 27-30, 26-30, 27-30 loss.

Stasiuk had nine kills and freshman Kim Kristoff had six blocks while the Rainbow Wahine snapped a six-game Irish win streak. Junior Ashley Tarutis led the team in assists with 22.

Hawaii sophomore Jamie Houston had 18 kills and put an end to Irish comebacks in each of the games with timely kills. Houston rallied the Wahine from a three-point deficit with three kills in a 6-0 run to take the match with a sweep.

"We got better," Brown said. "I do think we learned a lot. I don't think we played great, it was a little bit more high error than what we needed to be to win."

Hawaii 3, Notre Dame 1

The Irish took one game against the Rainbow Wahine 28-30, 25-30, 30-22, 23-30 and were led by sophomore Justine Stremick, who had 14 kills.

After dropping two close games, the Irish rallied in the third game to

take their first lead, on a kill from Kristoff, and eventually the game. The team went on a 10-2 run after the scored was tied at 20-20 to make the score 2-1.

The Irish opened up a 13-11 lead in the fourth game, but Hawaii rallied back for the lead and put the game away with a 7-2 game-winning stretch.

Notre Dame 3, Connecticut 0

Phillips led the Irish in kills with 16 and the team won at home 30-12, 30-24, 30-27 Friday.

The Irish were helped in the first game by four attack errors from the Huskies and kills from Stremick and Croal. Kristoff finished the match with a five-serve stretch.

"We came out and played a really good game one, really steady and played a good match overall," Brown said.

Stasiuk ended the second game with a kill and the Irish took the match in the third game off a Huskies attack error.

St. John's 3, Notre Dame 0

Stasiuk left the match in the first game with an ankle sprain and the Irish fell to the undefeated Red Storm 30-32, 24-30, 22-30.

"Losing Adrianna is huge for us," Brown said. "She is a primary passer and takes a huge offensive load, and it's not that Megan [Fesl] can't or didn't do a great job — she did a good job. We're just not used to having that leadership off the court."

The Irish dropped a close first game after several kills from the Red Storm's Latoya Blunt squashed a late rally.

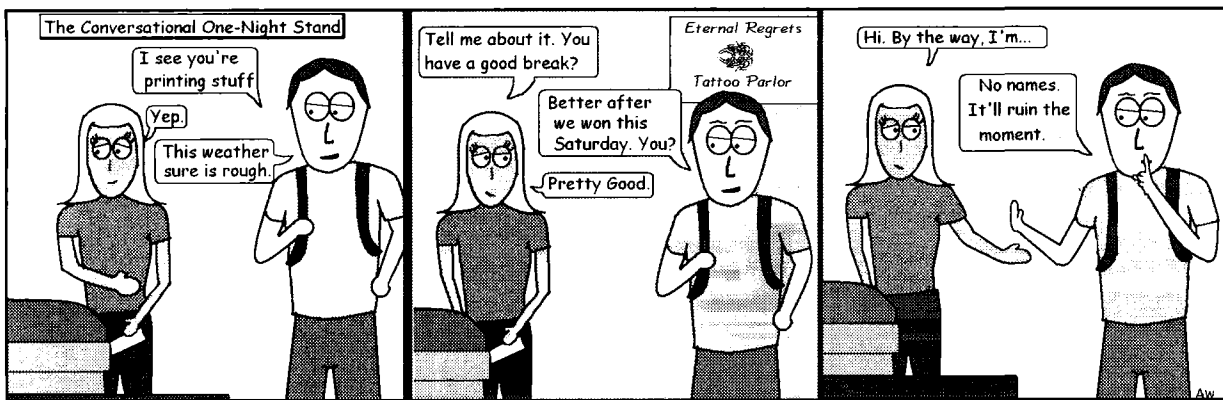
"One of the things we talked about before playing this team is that every match that they've won — which is a whole bunch — they win the first game," Brown said. "I think we felt like it was really important to come out with a really good start and win the first game and put them in a position they're not used to being in."

The Red Storm never trailed in the second game and trailed only briefly in the third game as it completed the sweep and took control of first place.

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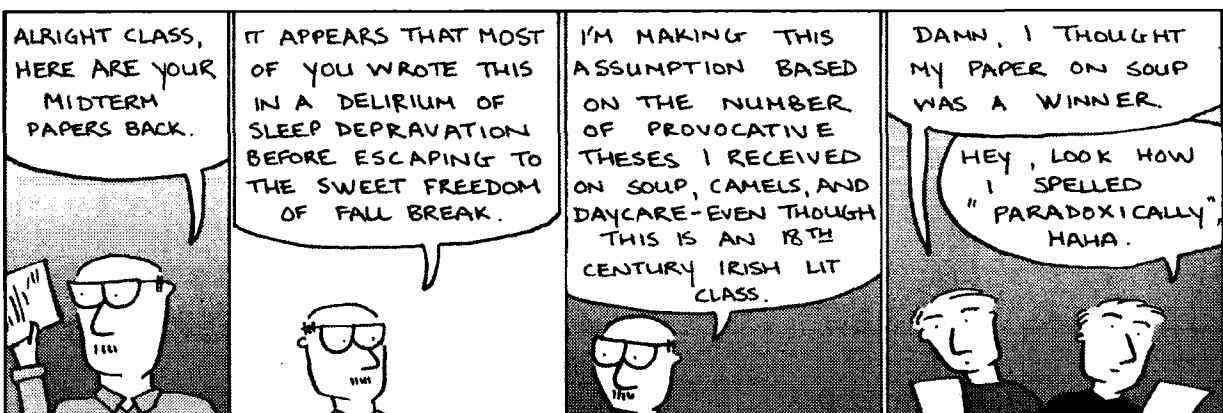
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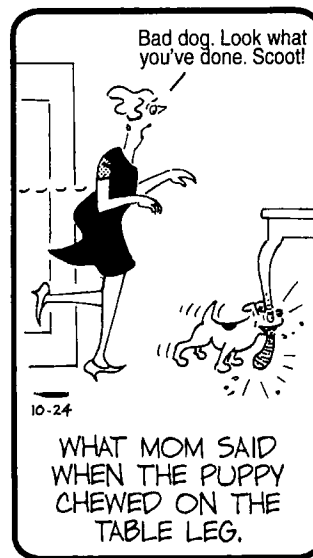
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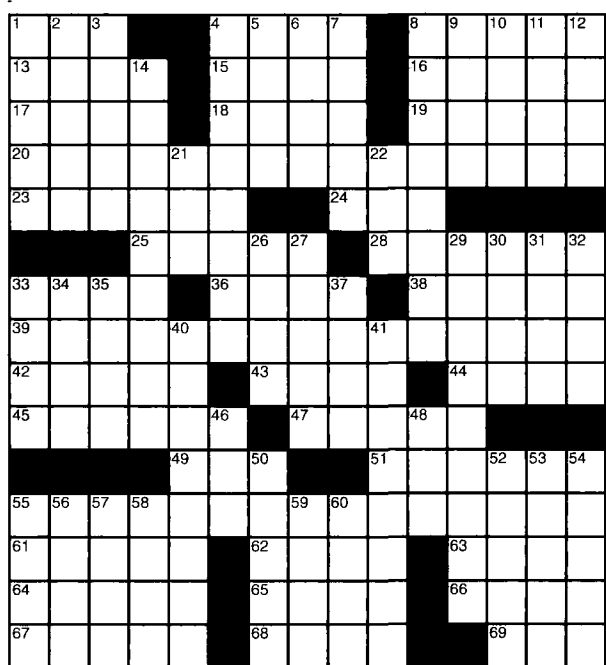
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 - 16 Trashy sort
 - 17 Lowland
 - 18 First-rate
 - 19 With 67-Across, a whisker cutter
 - 20 Dollar amount indicated on 55-Across
 - 23 Sunshine State city
 - 24 "That hurts!"
 - 25 Gathers leaves
 - 28 Mailing label words
 - 33 "Stop yelling ___!"
 - 36 Jazzy Fitzgerald
 - 38 Lend ___ (listen)
 - 39 Niceties following 29-Downs
 - 42 Instant
 - 43 Opposite of "ja"
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 - 51 Gives the gas
 - 55 Forms filled out for potential employers
 - 61 Smell
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 - 63 Island of Napoleon's exile
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 - 65 Yards rushed, e.g.
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 - 2 Separately
 - 3 Minty drink
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 - 6 Sea eagle
 - 7 Full of dandelions, say
 - 8 Summer headwear
 - 9 ___ Sea, which is really a lake
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 - 11 Love god
 - 12 Surprisingly lively
 - 14 Letter often accompanying 55-Across
 - 21 Flight board abbr.
 - 22 Call for help
 - 26 North Carolina's ___ University
 - 27 Swings around
 - 29 Helpful step for an employment seeker
 - 30 Preceders of cues, alphabetically
 - 31 Blackens
 - 66 "Hold it!"
 - 67 See 19-Across
 - 68 Nozzle site
 - 69 Hwys.



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- 33 Memo heading abbr.
- 34 "Comin' ___ the Rye"
- 35 Common street name
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- 40 Not fall behind
- 41 Theater intermission
- 46 Plunge
- 48 "Is it soup ___?"
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- 52 ___-powered
- 53 Ignored, as a bridge suit
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HOCKEY

Giant killers

Irish jump to No. 11 with victory over BC

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame played the David to Boston College's Goliath — again — and upset the No. 1 Eagles 7-1 Friday in Chestnut Hill, Mass., the third time in three straight games the Irish have knocked off a top-ranked Eagles squad.

"It's a big step for us," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I'm happy with what we did this weekend — it's a sign of where we can be, what we can be."

The Irish (3-1-0) defeated Providence College 6-1 Saturday to sweep their two-game tour of the Hockey East, but lost 3-2 with seconds remaining in overtime Oct. 14

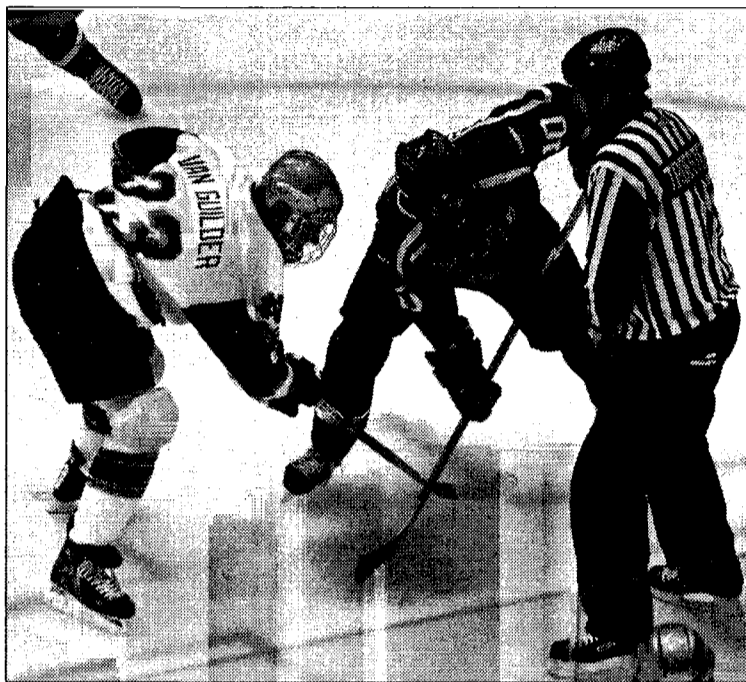
at Minnesota State-Mankato to split that two-game series.

With the Boston College blowout — the ninth time in its history that Notre Dame has beaten a No. 1-ranked team — and the Providence win, the Irish went from unranked to No. 11 in Monday's USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Top 15. It is the highest the team has been ranked since it finished the 2003-04 season at No. 12 after a NCAA Tournament loss to Minnesota.

"Let's be realistic about that," Jackson said. "It's October and there's still 12-15 teams today ahead of us, and that doesn't mean there won't be more tomorrow."

Three Notre Dame players were awarded CCHA honors Monday for their weekend efforts. Senior defenseman Wes O'Neill (two assists, plus-four in

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish center Mark Van Guilder, left, faces off against the Mavericks' Zach Harrison in Notre Dame's 6-1 win Oct. 13.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Squad falls out of first to Hawaii

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell out of first place in the Big East with a 3-0 loss to St. John's at home Sunday in a battle of the league unbeaten.

It was the final match of five games Notre Dame played over fall break. The Irish (13-8, 7-1 Big East) went 2-3, sweeping DePaul and Connecticut but suffering back-to-back losses to No. 16 Hawaii.

Notre Dame lost to the Rainbow Wahine 3-0 and 3-1 on Oct. 16 and 17 in front of a crowd of 6,027 at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu.

"Hawaii is just a great atmosphere to play volleyball, they get a

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MEN'S SOCCER

Offense gears up for battle against DePaul

Team wins 2 of final 3 regular season games

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Playing possibly its toughest three games of the season in a span of eight days, No. 6 Notre Dame more than held its own last week, picking up wins over Providence and No. 14 Connecticut while falling to No. 4 West Virginia.

"We could have won all three games," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We played well at West Virginia, but we didn't follow through with our chances."

The results leave Notre Dame's record at 12-4-2 (8-3-0 Big East) at the conclusion of the regular season.

With its 24 points, Notre Dame locked up the No. 3 seed in the Big East tournament, which begins Wednesday night when the Irish take on DePaul at Alumni Field. Notre Dame defeated the Blue Demons 3-0 in South Bend Sept. 10 in the teams' only meeting this season.

Notre Dame 3, Providence 0

The Irish started the week with a decisive victory over Providence Oct. 14, running their winning streak to a season-high seven games — the program's longest since an eight-game streak in 2003.

The victory left Notre Dame, who entered the game tied with Providence in the conference standings, in sole possession of second place in the Big East's Blue Division one point behind both Connecticut and West Virginia.

With their shutout of the Friars, the Irish held their opponent scoreless for the fifth time in six games and ninth time for the season. Despite the impressive statistics, Clark downplayed the result.

"It was not an easy 3-0 game," Clark said. "Until we scored in the final minute, we felt we were still in a game. It was a good clear win, but it wasn't a blowout."

Junior forward Kurt Martin scored the pivotal goal on a blistering shot with only 26 seconds remaining in the game. It was Martin's first goal on the season. Senior midfielder Nate Norman, who con-

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish prepare for playoffs

Team looks to finish regular season strong

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame is one game away from an unbeaten regular season.

After going 3-0-1 during fall break, the Irish take on Cincinnati tonight on the road in a makeup of Sept. 22's game that was cancelled due to lightning.

No. 1 Notre Dame (16-0-1, 9-0-1 Big East) won three road contests last week, beating Providence 5-0 Oct. 15, Villanova 4-2 Friday and Georgetown 1-0 Sunday. The Irish also tied Connecticut 0-0 Oct. 13.

Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said the week off from classes was a welcome opportunity to rest for the team after midterms.

"The hard part was coming off of midterms exams," Waldrum said. "The week was used to not only train but to catch up academically a little bit."

The Bearcats come into tonight's game 7-8-2 and 3-6-1 in the Big East. They are

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish midfielder Susan Pinnick fights for the ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Pittsburgh Oct. 1 at Alumni Field.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame finishes ahead of five ranked teams in taking fourth at the Pre-National Championships.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Junior Sheeva Parbhu advances to the semifinals of the ITA Midwest Championships.

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SMC GOLF

The Belles take fourth at the MIAA Championships, ending their streak of five straight conference titles.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Sophomore Lisa Maunu recovers from an illness to help the Irish take fifth at the Taylormade Invitational.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Megan Gray becomes the first Belle to win an individual championship at the Manchester Invite.

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FOOTBALL

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Jeff Samardzija's touchdown with 27 seconds left gives the Irish the victory.

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