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Enthusiasm surrounds season's final home game

Army game exciting, nostalgic for seniors

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Clad in green jerseys, Notre Dame's 28 seniors joined the rest of the Fighting Irish to topple Army 41-9 in their — and their senior fans' — last home game of the season Saturday.

The game was bittersweet for some, including those 28 seniors and their graduating classmates in the stands, but students said an enthusiasm that doesn't usually characterize lopsided games also rocked the crowd.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Members of the marching band, wearing pirate outfits, enthusiastically shout "are" during the "We-are-ND" cheer Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Pep rally attendance recovers for finale

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The Joyce Center was teeming with thousands of students, visitors and alumni during Friday's pep rally before the Fighting Irish faced Army on Saturday.

But while the masses turned out for Friday's rally — the last of the season, organized by Hall Presidents Council [HPC] — it became apparent this fall that pep rallies hit a low point mid-way through the semester. Given the decades of tradition behind the rallies, students and alumni who have noticed a decline in

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ND near top of graduation ratings

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

If there were a national championship combining academics and athletics, Notre Dame might have a tough time finding room for its trophies.

In the latest NCAA student-athlete graduation ratings, Notre Dame set a gold standard among the 118 Division 1-A football-playing colleges and universities, placing near the top of virtually every reported category.

Though there are no trophies, the rankings, released Nov. 9, serve to measure a school's success in graduating its athletes.

The 16th annual federally mandated NCAA Graduation Rates Report included students

who enrolled between 1996 and 1999. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the percentage of student-athletes who enter a school and graduate within six years. Students who transfer out are considered non-graduates.

Notre Dame graduated 89 percent of its student-athletes, behind only Duke University at 90 percent.

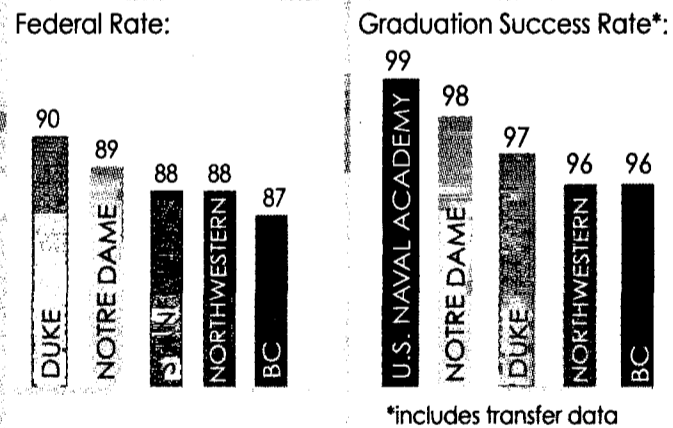
Associate athletic director John Heisler called the rankings a big honor.

"I think it underscores the commitment of the student-athletes and the commitment of the institution to be able to combine athletics and academics at a very high level," he said. "You need to combine those [graduation ratings] with the fact that we're coming off

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2006 NCAA Graduation Rates: All Student Athletes

All data for student-athletes who enrolled between 1996 and 1999 (numbers are percentages)



*includes transfer data

MADELINE NIES/Observer Graphic

CEO gives advice to freshmen

Rolls Royce executive speaks to engineers

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Steven Dwyer, the man responsible for the engines that power America's newest fighter aircraft, the F-35 Lighting II, gave career advice to about 300 freshman engineering students during their Introduction to Engineering course Friday in DeBartolo 101.

Dwyer, the CEO of the Indianapolis division of Rolls Royce, stressed individualism in career planning. But the most important step, he said, has nothing to do with work.

"Family comes first," he said.

Dwyer said no one should ever let someone in the workplace lay out his career for him.

"You are going to hear you have to go overseas, you have to get an MBA, you have to do this, you have to do that ... baloney," he said. "Don't let people run your life; you run your life."

"But make sure that family is the heart of it," he added.

Dwyer said he values engineers that are creative rather than generic and who do not simply go through the motions on the job.

"I can't tell you how many people work at Rolls Royce that are great people, but they'll never get to the next level because all they do is what they think they're supposed to do. They don't create, they don't innovate, they don't break the mold," he said. "For every hun-

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Darfur campaign works to effect change



BRIDGET KEATING/The Observer

Freshman Chris Meister adds his signature to over 1,000 on the 6-by-4 yard flag that hung in the LaFortune atrium as part of the Darfur project.

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

While LaFortune serves daily as the hub of campus, on Friday, the student center played host to an effort toward world peace.

A 6-by-4-yard flag with more than 1,000 signatures and a large "Save Darfur" was hung in the main atrium — one piece of the Darfur Project headed by the Student Senate Social Concerns committee. The prominent location put the global genocide crisis at the forefront of the Notre Dame community.

But that support will go beyond a day's work. Students behind the campaign are making sure the message gets to those who can effect change in Washington, D.C.

This week, the Social Concerns Committee will mail the flag, letters and signatures to Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), Foreign Relations committee chairman. This 30-year

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INSIDE COLUMN

My blessings

With the stresses of upcoming exams, projects, and papers, what is keeping me motivated throughout it all is the simple thought of Thanksgiving break.

Of all the holidays in the year,

Thanksgiving is definitely

Hy Pham

Photographer

one of my favorites, just because it has-n't become as commercialized as the rest. Not being about buying gifts or spending money on costumes, fireworks, or the like, it is a holiday concerned with just spending time with the people you love, eating great food and reflecting on the blessings you have received throughout the year. If you ask me, everyday should be Thanksgiving.

This year, I do have much to be grateful for. Here is my top 10 list of what I am thankful for.

No. 10: Having had another great year of Notre Dame football. Although our chances now for a National Title game are slim, the fact that we have the opportunity to be in a BCS bowl game for the second consecutive year isn't too bad.

No. 9: Living in the best dorm on campus, Morrissey Hall. To be clear, I am being serious, not funny. Despite popular belief, it is actually a cool place to live. Yes, our rooms may be small, but hey, what we lack in size we do make up in spirit and, of course, in total dominance of Interhall sports. Congrats to the Manor baseball, volleyball and football teams for taking home the gold.

No. 8: Being a part of The Observer staff. When you're a photographer here at The Observer, every moment's a Kodak moment.

No. 7: Participating in Navy ROTC. The training and what I have learned through the program have already been priceless. I am extremely grateful for the future opportunity to serve and give back to a country that has indeed given me so much.

No. 6: The honor and privilege of being part of the Notre Dame cross country and track & field teams. As their manager, I really do have the best job on campus. The coaches and athletes are really great people. It's all about trust, responsibility and respect, and in this line of work, you definitely get a lot of it.

No. 5: My amazing physique and rugged, good looks, which are simply irresistible amongst the ladies here and around the world. Pretty much self-explanatory ...

No. 4: The fact that I am here at Notre Dame. Even as a sophomore, it is still unreal to actually be here at place I always dreamed of attending.

No. 3: Who can forget all of my roommates and my friends, both young and old, from here and from the past. Thanks for being there when I needed it the most. You know who you guys are. And for those I make fun of on a daily basis, you guys are my friends too. Just remember, I make fun because I care.

No. 2: My PHAM-ily who never fail to remind me every day that they will always love and support me no matter what. They are the best, and I can't wait to see them.

No. 1: Last, but certainly not least, to be able to know that God is up there always looking out for me and having my back. Thank You.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, a column in the Nov. 16 edition of The Observer said the Notre Dame men's soccer team had advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time. The Irish made it to the Sweet 16 last year, but lost to Clemson. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE HOTTEST ND FOOTBALL PLAYER AND WHY?



Talia Daly
junior
Walsh



Christine Hauernt
junior
LeMans



Calliema Hoefft
junior
McCandless



Kimberly Farah
sophomore
LeMans



Kelsey Hitchcock
freshman
Walsh



Elsa Summerville
sophomore
LeMans

"D.J. Fitzpatrick ... because I miss him."

"Ron Powlus because when I watched him when I was young, he was everything I thought a man should be!"

"Jeff Samardzija, obviously, because of his hair!"

"John Carlson, because I like his curly blonde hair."

"I'd have to say Neil Kennedy, No. 69, because he's got a great personality and is incredibly svelte."

"Brady Quinn ... [sigh] ... because I just do."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team touches down in Notre Dame Stadium prior to the kickoff of Notre Dame's 41-9 victory over Army Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Faculty, staff, students and the general public are all invited to watch Chicago artist Esperanza Gama construct this year's altar for the annual Day of the Dead celebration at the Snite Museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday. The altar will be dedicated to those who died crossing the United States-Mexico border. Admission is free.

A colloquium on "Simplifying the Nuclear Many-Body Problem with the Renormalization Group," featuring Dr. Scott Bogner of Ohio State University, will take place Tuesday between 2 and 3:30 p.m. in room 127 of the Nieuwland Science Hall.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the department of music will honor its patron saint Cecilia on her feast day with a concert of sacred music. Notre Dame faculty and students will perform a program featuring Gregorian chant as well as the works of Henry Purcell and Lou Harrison.

The "Quantam Gravity" colloquium, scheduled to take place Wednesday and feature Dr. Lee Smolin of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Ontario, Canada, has been postponed until Jan. 17, 2007.

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

OFFBEAT

Ohio lottery picks match Ohio State game score

CLEVELAND — Ohio State's 42-39 victory over Michigan also was lucky for players of the Ohio Lottery.

Shortly after Saturday's game ended, the numbers 4-2-3-9 were drawn for the Pick 4 game.

"You know it happens," lottery spokeswoman Marie Kilbane said Sunday.

Lottery spokeswoman Mardele Cohen said 401 \$1 bets were made that picked 4-2-3-9 in order and each bet won \$5,000. The odds of the numbers turning up in that combi-

nation were 10,000 to 1. Cohen said 913 \$1 bets were placed on any combination of the winning numbers and paid \$200 apiece.

Crossbow arrow sails onto soccer field

STOCKPORT, England — A crossbow arrow was fired into a soccer stadium, whistling past one of the players and forcing the amateur game to be called off.

The game between Woodley Sports and Alsager Town in the Unibond first division was abandoned in the 77th minute Saturday after the

referee noticed the bolt embedded in the field. Police were called to Woodley's stadium, and the arrow will be examined.

"We wondered if it was a firework or something that had gone on that no one else had seen," Alsager chairman Graham McGarry told Sky Sports News on Sunday. "He brought the managers together with the object and brought the players together and marched them off, all within two minutes."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 42 LOW 28	HIGH 37 LOW 28	HIGH 46 LOW 32	HIGH 49 LOW 32	HIGH 50 LOW 36	HIGH 47 LOW 34

Atlanta 47 / 29 Boston 47 / 33 Chicago 45 / 31 Denver 65 / 42 Houston 66 / 38 Los Angeles 81 / 54 Minneapolis 44 / 33 New York 48 / 35 Philadelphia 48 / 31 Phoenix 85 / 57 Seattle 50 / 45 St. Louis 51 / 28 Tampa 63 / 44 Washington 47 / 33

Ratings

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— this past school year — the most successful across-the-board season in our history in terms of athletics, and it probably becomes more impressive that our student-athletes have continued to graduate at a very high level.”

Notre Dame ranks second on the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate, with a 98 percent, behind only the United States Naval Academy. The GSR, created two years ago to more accurately reflect actual graduation rates by including transfer data in the calculation, was partially a response to the frequency and ease with which students transfer schools.

Notre Dame graduated 87 percent of all male varsity athletes, tying for first with Stanford and Duke on the federal calculations.

Notre Dame's 94 percent graduation rate of female athletes was second behind Northwestern at 95 percent.

“In all those various categories, we may not be number one, but we're certainly in the conversation in all those different areas,” Heisler said. “I think that shows that the people that are making the decisions to come here are committed to getting their degree and you've also got an institution that's committed to supporting that mission.”

Heisler said the fact that the NCAA rankings are based on students graduating within six years has almost no implica-

tions for the Irish.

“That's probably more reflective of the collegiate culture as a whole ... the vast majority of our students are finishing in four years,” he said, noting that in recent years, all of Notre Dame's fifth-year football players had graduated before that fifth year.

The national graduation average in football is 55 percent, according to the GSR report. At Notre Dame, the number is 84 percent, which ranks sixth.

In the GSR standings, Notre Dame football's rates finished third at 95 percent behind the Naval Academy and Boston College.

“Whatever you want to say about what [head football coach] Charlie Weis has done on the field, these last two semesters were the first time that the football program has ever been over a 3.0 in terms of a team GPA,” Heisler said. “Being a student and being an athlete — those things don't have to be exclusive from each other, and I think that's the culture that's been created over a long period of time here.”

Part of the success, but also part of the challenge, Heisler said, “is trying to find people who have [great] abilities on the field, who also have those same high objectives when it comes to what they're doing in the classroom.”

“You're dealing with some very high profile student-athletes in all of these different sports,” he said.

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“It was more exciting than you expected for an Army game,” sophomore Joe Gagnon said.

While the Irish were the heavy favorite, students said the fact that this was the last home game of the season motivated the crowd.

Senior Jack Calcutt said the game was undoubtedly special, and the mood among students was different than usual.

“One of the things I noticed was that a lot of people had their cameras out,” he said. “There was a ton more pictures taken this weekend.”

Not only did more seniors bring their cameras, but many also found ways to bring marshmallows into the stadium, despite the fact that students are prohibited from doing so.

The senior class marshmallow fight was clearly larger than usual, Calcutt said.

“I'm not an expert on this, but I hear from the experts that it was good that we really waited until the last game,” Calcutt said, noting that ushers were then less prepared for the incident.

Other students said they were motivated seeing the

team run onto the field in green jerseys, which are traditionally reserved for important games in which Notre Dame is the underdog. The choice to wear green this weekend, Gagnon said, was more about honoring the seniors in this special game.

That extra motivation kept student worries to a minimum after Army quickly earned three points and ended the first quarter ahead 3-0.

“We didn't look great [at first] ... it took awhile to hit our stride,” Gagnon said.

Army's lead didn't last long, as Darius Walker scored Notre Dame's first touchdown early in

the second quarter. The crowd's excitement after the first touchdown didn't seem to die out during the remainder of the game, students said.

“It was a little more intense [than usual] — the seniors definitely deserved it,” sophomore Thomas Rehagen said.

The entire game was much more “electric,” freshman Sarah Carruthers said.

For sophomore Kelly Horder, “everything seemed much more important.”

The game also became important as it broke a 20-year losing streak associated with the green jerseys.

Carruthers said students “freaked out” when they saw the jerseys — some worrying about the bad luck associated with the green, others just excited to see the Irish in a different color than usual.

Students also cited the post-game events, noticeably longer than usual, as a highlight of the game.

“I really liked when everybody started chanting ‘Brady’ — not just for him, but for all the seniors,” Horder said.

The “Beat SC” chant also roared through the student section in the final moments of the game and during post-game activities, as the Irish prepare to meet rival USC next weekend.

“It was pretty fun — it kind of turned into a pep rally for USC,” sophomore Andy Kocab said.

For Calcutt, this weekend's game was his last home football game as a student. However, he said he hopes to return regularly to Notre Dame Stadium.

“This is not the experience I'm going to miss the most,” he said, since he will be able to experience home football games in the future. “Granted, I won't be in the student section anymore.”

Nevertheless, it was a special game for him and his classmates, he said.

“It was a great experience to have — to be with really close friends for this one last game.”

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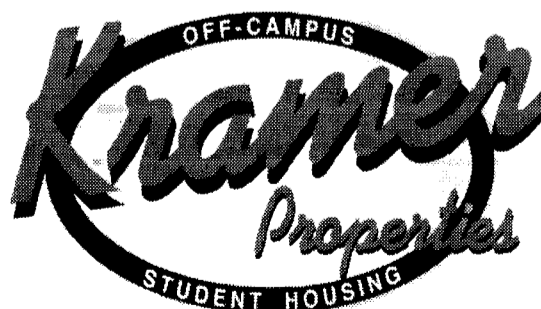
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Lecture

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dred of those [people], I'm looking for two to do something really special that hasn't been done before. That's who you want to be."

Dwyer said female employees have a tendency to be more reluctant at taking promotions, and he said they should abandon that tendency if they want to compete in the workforce.

"Don't do that," he said. "For God sakes, we're just making breakthroughs in aerospace now and women are coming through."

Dwyer also warned engineers to not fret about failure.

"If you are talented, you will remember every failure in your career," he said. "Be proud of what you do well ... it's a matter of not using your enthusiasm for your next opportunity."

Dwyer said the balance sheet dictates business. In order to succeed in business, he said, one simply has to make money without losing it.

"I can fabricate profit, I can fabricate profit any time you want. [But] I can't fabricate cash," he said. "If you learn how a balance sheet works, you learn how

to get what you want in the company, in the industry, and for yourself."

Dwyer said opportunities can arise at any time and that one should be attentive and alert for them. He said students should learn how to listen, write, speak and work informally.

"Your opportunities for your career will happen in the hallway, they won't happen in the board room," he said.

"Somebody will walk up and say, 'Do you think you could do this for me?' If you say, 'Excuse me, you're out.'"

After discussing career advice, Dwyer talked about ethics — something he said was "100 percent all the time."

"Ethics doesn't [just] mean you don't lie," he said. "Ethics means you tell the truth at all the times and deliver good news with the bad news."

Dwyer said the best leaders do things the way they are comfortable doing them. Otherwise, he said, they will eventually burn out.

There are five key qualities, Dwyer said, that a leader must have — honesty, passion, compassion, teamwork and humor.

Dwyer said leaders should act fast in their decisions unless speed would compromise someone's safety.

"Everyone in our industry is brilliant; everyone gets to the right answer. But the person that gets there first wins," he said.

Dwyer also discussed how Rolls Royce engines from Indianapolis power a large portion of modern aircraft, including the Global Hawk unmanned aerial reconnaissance drone, the V-22 Osprey tilt rotor helicopter

hybrid and the E-2C Hawkeye early warning aircraft.

Rolls Royce has contributed to civil aviation, military aircraft, ships and energy, Dwyer said. He also said his company is the second largest manufacturer in Indiana, and that it has won the prestigious Collier Award an unprecedented five times since 1987.

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Pep Rally

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attendance have tried to analyze the problem and find a solution.

"The pep rallies are supposed to be something that you look forward to," said Breen-Phillips president Grace Myers, "so it was unfortunate that participation dropped at one point."

Alumni president Jonathan Floyd said he thought rallies were too heavily weighted toward adults.

"I talked to alumni who went here back in the 70s, and they felt that in the past pep rallies were for students," he said. "But now, they're really toned down and more for the parents. It seems to me that there are more adults there than students, so I don't see a huge incentive to go."

Since the HPC took the reigns of coordinating pep rallies more than 10 years ago, speakers (including former Heisman Trophy winners), music and inter-dorm competitions, such as push-up contests, have been added to the festivities.

But some students said the changes that HPC has implemented haven't really been enough to make them more interesting. Senior Patrick Wolohan feels like they're too focused on recognizing the football players.

"They need to make it more about the students and less about the players," he said.

Other students said the pep rallies are just simply too homogeneous in style.

"They need to be more spontaneous," said senior Steve Tortorello, O'Neill president. "We need to have passionate, surprising and interactive speakers, like

Digger [Phelps] and Dickie Vitale], come more often. Maybe even Darius Walker rapping about the Bowie-knife incident."

Carroll president Eric Shaw acknowledged an attendance drop and said the HPC is still working hard to improve pep rally attendance for next year.

"It sometimes may be difficult to round up student attendance for a pep rally before a game versus Army when Notre Dame is expected to win," he said, "but if people really want to go, they will go. About 20 of 100 Carroll residents went, which isn't bad, but I think overall the participation on Friday was stronger than in the past weeks."

Some students and alumni have suggested the events return to the Stepan Center, since the building's small size seemed to encourage more participants to arrive earlier and get more pumped for the pep rallies back in the 1970s.

But there are "no plans" to move rallies back to Stepan, said Bryan Lowery, HPC co-chair.

"Even though the JACC will be renovated and we haven't formulated any plans because of renovations, what we want is for the support to remain constant," he said.

The wait time also does seem to frustrate some students, since they have to arrive over an hour early in order to accommodate non-student attendees. But Katie Cordelli, the other HPC co-chair, said the HPC has no qualms about attendance levels.

"We've been very pleased with the turnout and support for our football team," Cordelli said. "It's been a much longer season with seven home games this year, so the players and the coaches are so pleased with the constant sup-

port they've received from the student body."

The music at Friday's rally did seem to rile up some of the female audience members, a group of which sang passionately to Kelly Clarkson, Bon Jovi and Madonna. The male attendees, however, didn't feel quite the same way.

"They need to play more rap or hip-hop music," freshman Michael Lewis said. "I want to hear some of Beyonce Knowles' 'Lose My Breath,' because the music they play now makes me lose my mind."

Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students also joined the rally, adding to the event's community focus.

"The pep rallies are fantastic, and we're glad to represent Saint Mary's College here," said cheerleader Anna Konger.

Friday was especially important for Konger, who, as a senior, was attending the final pep rally of her college career. Other seniors, like Garret Jost, were excited to visit the Joyce Center to cheer the Irish on one last time.

"[This memory] will last for the rest of my life," he said. "I have to be here."

So did sophomore Connor Nowalk. Despite the struggle to encourage more of his friends to attend the pep rally with him, Nowalk said his loyalty to the Irish is unwavering.

"I only get three years here," said Nowalk, a transfer student, "and I already feel like I missed out on so much by not being here one year. I want to soak up as much as I can. I wouldn't miss it for the world."

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Darfur

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senator has worked to promote peace, as shown in his Nunn-Lugar program which "deactivated more than 6,800 nuclear warheads that were once aimed at the United States," according to his official Web site.

"Lugar was a natural choice as head of Foreign Relations and being from Indiana," said Chris Meister, a freshman on the Social Concerns committee who brought the issue to the committee agen-

da. Encouraged by similar movements, the committee chose to send the massive symbol to the U.S. Senate.

"The size and striking green color of peace, solidarity and justice," Meister said, "is for sheer physical presence — as it is bigger than most dorm rooms. It will make an impact and let Congress know that Notre Dame demands action against this crisis."

According to literature provided to students signing the flag, the United States has given the label "genocide" to the slaughter of nearly 400,000 men, women and

children since 2003, but the United Nations has not. The Janjaweed militia, the literature said, devastates villages removing all forms and sources of life including killing its residents and destroying homes, food, crops and livestock.

"It is a vitally important project to make Notre Dame aware of this ongoing tragedy," said Sheena Plamoottill, who chairs the Social Concerns committee. "The strong response shows that we have made progress that we can build upon."

The committee spent time collecting signatures at dining halls and in LaFortune. Meister said.

"Giving money is nice to do and appreciated," he said, "but signing this flag and becoming educated makes more of an impact on and educate each student."

Moving beyond this campus, the committee would like to see attention brought to this issue in the media, Congress and the United Nations.

"If Americans saw the images and realized the atrocities being committed today, they would be shocked and disturbed," Meister said. "A governmental body not acknowledging this is condoning it."

Educational events last week — in addition to the flag hanging — included Thursday night's Dillon Hall Green Milkshake Mass, in honor of promoting peace in Darfur. The committee encourages students who were not able to sign to contact their representatives through darfur.a-bar.com and savedarfur.org.

"At Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for," Meister said. "What about the people of Darfur? They are thankful not to be killed. This needs to change immediately."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Board denies nuclear help to Iran

VIENNA, Austria — A Western push to deny Iran technical help in building a plutonium-producing reactor has gathered enough support to be approved by the 35-nation board of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, diplomats said Sunday.

Still, differences both within the Western camp and more broadly among different factions on the International Atomic Energy Agency on how harshly to punish Iran for its nuclear defiance persisted on the eve of the opening meeting Monday, said the diplomats.

Normally, the United States takes the lead in demanding tough action against Tehran for defying U.N. Security Council demands that it freeze uranium enrichment, a possible pathway to nuclear arms.

But with council agreement on sanctions mired down because of Russian and Chinese efforts to block tough punishment, diplomats said the Americans have taken a back seat to France at the upcoming Vienna meeting in calling for harsher penalties.

Hezbollah calls for mass protests

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hezbollah's leader urged his followers to prepare for mass demonstrations to topple the government if it ignores the militant group's demand to form a national unity coalition.

In a speech broadcast Sunday, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah railed against President Bush's administration, calling Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice a "bloodsucker" and claiming the current Lebanese government is a puppet of Washington.

He did not set a date for the protests, which he said should be nonviolent. But he told supporters and political allies to get ready to take to Beirut's streets for days or even weeks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rangel proposes draft reinstatement

WASHINGTON — Americans would have to sign up for a new military draft after turning 18 under a bill the incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says he will introduce next year.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Sunday he sees his idea as a way to deter politicians from launching wars.

"There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way," Rangel said.

Virus-stricken ship docks in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE — A thorough scrubbing of the Carnival Liberty began Sunday as the ship docked after a virus sickened nearly 700 passengers on a trans-Atlantic cruise.

Fourteen guests and five crew remained ill and in isolation when the ship arrived at Port Everglades, according to a statement released by Carnival Cruise Lines, a brand of Carnival Corp. Some passengers were escorted off the ship by crew wearing blue gloves.

Preliminary tests identified the source of the outbreak as the highly contagious norovirus, which had struck several guests just before they boarded the cruise Nov. 3 in Rome, Carnival officials said.

LOCAL NEWS

Mother volatile weeks before deaths

ELKHART, Ind. — Angelica Alvarez had recently lost her job, been hospitalized and was struggling with emotional issues in the weeks before police say she killed her four children in the basement of the family's Elkhart home, according to friends and acquaintances.

Court documents that would shed light on the case have been sealed, but information provided by people who know the 27-year-old paints a picture of a troubled woman.

Alvarez is being held on preliminary charges of murder in the asphyxiation deaths of her four children, whose bodies were found Tuesday.

VIETNAM

Russia, U.S. sign key trade deal

Agreement marks last major obstacle in Moscow's 13-year journey to join WTO

Associated Press

HANOI — Russia and the United States signed a key trade agreement Sunday, removing the last major obstacle in Moscow's 13-year journey to join the World Trade Organization.

The deal, inked on the sidelines of a gathering of Pacific Rim economies, is a powerful vote of confidence in Russia — the largest economy still outside the 149-member WTO — and signals its integration into the global trading system.

It also marks a bright spot in the two countries' relations that have been marred by disagreements over Iran's controversial nuclear program and Washington's fears of a roll back of democratic freedoms under Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I am very pleased to be here today to have the opportunity to celebrate this very important milestone as Russia moves one important step closer to becoming a member of the WTO," said U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab.

"Russia belongs as a full-fledged member of the WTO," she said. "We look forward to continuing these efforts to improve the economic and commercial ties between our two nations."

Russia's Trade and Economic Development Minister German Gref called the deal a "historic step — the last step — that signifies the return of Russia to the market principles of the world economy."

As part of the deal, Gref said that Russia had pledged to cut import tariffs on a range of goods — including aircraft, computer technology, agriculture and machinery.

Speaking after the signing ceremony Gref defended those concessions. "I think we found the necessary balance. On all posi-



U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands Sunday in Hanoi after formalizing Russia's upcoming entry into the WTO.

tions that were sensitive for us we found a compromise."

The two countries also managed to overcome the high-profile question of Russia's shaky record on protecting intellectual property rights. Pirated films, music and software in Russia cost U.S. companies nearly \$1.8 billion in 2005.

Schwab said that while talks with Russia on the piracy question would continue at the stage of multilateral negotiations, she expressed satisfaction with Russia's progress: "We believe that the bilateral agreement is very good."

Before it can join the WTO, Russia must consolidate the bilateral agreements it has forged with 57 countries. Gref said he expected that process to be completed by the middle of next year.

After that, the WTO needs to vote to approve its membership. But some questions remain.

Georgia and Moldova have threatened to block Russia's bid because Moscow has blocked key exports from those nations.

"Without Georgia's consent, Russia will not join this organization. And Georgia has not given its consent so far," Deputy

Economic Development Minister Vakhtang Lezhava said on Georgian television.

Gref warned Georgia against "influencing trade issues through political means."

"Hopefully in the near future we will come to an agreement with Georgia," he was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Membership in the WTO would mean Russia, a big oil and gas exporter, would receive the same favorable tariff rates for its products as other members. Also, Russia and other member countries would have to follow WTO rules in trade disputes.

SUDAN

Military offensive targets Darfur

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — A large force of Sudanese soldiers backed by allied Janjaweed militiamen is sweeping through North Darfur, killing civilians and looting and burning villages in violation of a cease-fire agreement, international observers and rebels said Sunday.

At least four civilians were killed near the northern town of Birmaza on Sunday, said Youssouf Mussabal, a rebel leader in the area. Some 200 pro-government Janjaweed fighters riding camels had moved into the zone, backed by mobile army units and the Sudanese air

force, he added.

"The Janjaweed are still in the town. We're worried for the population," Mussabal told The Associated Press by telephone from North Darfur.

Another rebel field commander from a separate faction said seven villages were looted and burned to the ground around Birmaza on Sunday. Jar al-Naby said the renewed government offensive began earlier this week, and that two civilians were killed in Friday raids.

Hundreds of heads of cattle have also been rounded and brought back to the Sudanese army head-

quarters in the North Darfur town of Mellit, he said by phone from Darfur.

A senior U.N. official in North Darfur said Sunday international observers were receiving daily reports of raids and casualties throughout this vast area of semi-desert pastureland north of the regional capital of El Fasher.

"The campaign is ongoing, and we are being given very limited access to investigate or treat casualties," the official said on the phone from North Darfur. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Nintendo Wii sells out across country

Sony faces newest console competitor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nintendo Co.'s entry into the game console wars, the Wii, went on sale Sunday, and quickly sold out in many stores despite stocks that far surpassed those of the rival PlayStation 3, which went on sale two days earlier.

"There were enough people in line to snap up almost all the units of the Nintendo Wii that we had in stock, so it was an instant sell-out," said Circuit City spokesman Jim Babb. There were a few overnight campers, but most had lined up in the early morning.

Spot checks at New York stores turned up only one, the Toys R Us in Times Square, with

Wii in stock. The store hosted a midnight launch event that drew a crowd of more than a thousand people for the sale of the very first Wii.

The first buyer, Isaiah Triforce Johnson, had been waiting outside the store for more than a week. He wore a Nintendo Power Glove, a wearable controller that came out in 1989, while shaking hands with Nintendo of America president Reggie Fils-Aime. Johnson said he had legally changed his name to include a reference to Nintendo's "Zelda" series of games.

The launch apparently went smoothly, a contrast to the PlayStation 3 release, which forced police to disperse rowdy crowds at some stores around the country.

Sony had about 400,000 PlayStation 3s in North American stores on Friday.

Nintendo has said it would have "five to ten" times as many Wiis available at launch, and will have shipped 4 million units by the end of the year.

The Wii costs \$250, including one game, half of what the cheaper PlayStation 3 model costs. The most common PlayStation 3 model costs \$600, with no included game.

On the eBay auction site, Wiis were selling Sunday for twice the store price, indicating that supplies are still tight. The PlayStation 3, meanwhile, was selling for around \$1,500, already down about \$1,000 from Friday.

"The people we saw today were much more likely to take these games home and play them and love them rather than flip them on eBay," Babb said. Circuit City expects more Wiis in stock soon, but Babb could not say

exactly when.

Launching right after the much-vaunted and technically sophisticated PlayStation 3 is a brave move for Nintendo, which lost the top spot in the market to Sony Corp. in the mid-90s. More recently, Microsoft Corp. has waded into the market as well.

The Wii takes a different tack than the competition, forgoing the high-definition graphics that Sony has spent billions to develop for the PlayStation 3.

Instead, Nintendo aims to draw gamers and non-gamers alike with intuitive game play. The Wii comes with a motion-sensitive controller that the gamer waves around in the air, using it as a tennis racket, golf club, steering wheel, gun or sword depending on the game.

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Proposed tower would be tallest

Belkin wants 75-story building in Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON — A Boston businessman's proposal to build a 1,000-foot, 75-story glass-and-steel building that would tower over all others is a bold move in a city that favors colonial era church steeples over skyscrapers.

Steve Belkin's proposed tower would top the city's current tallest building by more than 200 feet and 15 stories, reflecting a resurgence in the downtown commercial real estate market, observers say.

"I think it's going to make a lot of our other buildings look very boring, quite honestly," said Frank Nelson, a Boston-based executive director with the commercial real estate services firm Cushman & Wakefield. "We need it."

The design by renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano emerged last week in response to Mayor Thomas Menino's call in February for private development proposals to replace an aging city-owned parking garage in the heart of the Financial District.

Officials in Boston and other U.S. cities typically seek to rein in developers' wishes to build high above neighboring office

buildings, but the sky was the limit for Menino. He encouraged a bold architectural statement to surpass the John Hancock Tower, which for three decades has stood as New England's tallest building at 60 stories and 792 feet.

The Hancock anchors Boston's Back Bay section along with the 42-year-old, 52-story Prudential Tower.

In the nearby Financial District — home to the likes of Fidelity Investments and State Street Corp. — most tall buildings top out at around 40 stories. The last time a new Boston building of more than 40 stories went up was in 1987, with the completion of the 46-story One International Place.

In a city that has managed to save historic structures such as King's Chapel and the Old Statehouse from overshadowing high-rises, reluctance to build high runs deep. A state law restricts new buildings that would cast a shadow on Boston Common, and past proposals to build 50 stories or higher in the Financial District have failed to secure city approvals.

"We are an old city that is not that tall, so we take a look at each project and make sure it is appropriate," said Susan Elsbree, a spokeswoman for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the city agency that

will review Belkin's proposal.

So when Menino called for a project taller than any the city had seen before, the mayor and others hoped several developers would respond by last Monday's design-submission deadline, leading to a competitive selection process.

But in the end, there was just the proposal from Belkin, the founder of credit card and travel companies, and part owner of two Atlanta pro sports teams, the Hawks and Thrashers.

However, real estate officials say Menino's failure to bring in more than one development proposal is not an indication that the downtown commercial real estate market has failed to break out of a five-year slump.

They say the office building market is starting to catch up with recent booming residential growth in high-rise downtown condominiums. They cite the Boston office market's vacancy rate of 8.2 percent in this year's third quarter — the lowest in more than four years, according to the commercial real estate firm CB Richard Ellis.

Observers say Belkin was the only developer to come forward because he has an edge over rivals to make the most of the hemmed-in Winthrop Square development site, where the skyscraper would replace the parking garage on Federal Street.

Cranberries not just for juice now

Associated Press

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Long a jellied side dish at Thanksgiving, cranberries are increasingly bringing their tart taste and health benefits to products beyond Cosmopolitan cocktails and juice drinks.

The red berries are turning up in everything from confections and wines to soaps and salsas, with many cranberry growers hawking an array of products at their own stores or over the Internet.

The Joseph J. White Inc. cranberry farm in New Jersey, the No. 3 cranberry producing state, has even started using them for agritourism. It gives

bus rides around flooded bogs during the October harvest to teach visitors all about cranberry lore. Growers in Wisconsin, the No. 1 producer, and in No. 2 Massachusetts have done so for years.

Cranberry sales — fresh, frozen, in juices and dried for snacks or ingredients in cereals and other products — are approaching \$1.5 billion a year in this country, said Ken Romanzi, chief operating officer of Ocean Spray, a huge cooperative owned by about 650 North American cranberry growers and some grapefruit farmers.

The boom of the berry is due to proven health benefits that have fueled marketing cam-

paigns and consumer popularity, fast-expanding markets overseas, particularly Japan and western Europe, and a big bust in the U.S. industry in 2000. That year, cranberry prices collapsed amid a surplus driven by farmers expanding their bogs and speculators jumping in after cranberry prices rose rapidly in the late 1990s.

"It certainly caused people to find new uses for cranberries," said Joe Darlington, a fifth-generation cranberry farmer who runs the 350-acre White farm in Shamong Township, N.J. with his wife. "It's what led us to open (our) store and start the tours."

Cranberry processors such as Ocean Spray had already branched out to juice blends a couple of decades earlier, after a prior industry bust.

In the past several years, farmers and processors, primarily small operations, have introduced cranberry mustard and chutney, gourmet cranberry sauces, dried cranberries in trail mixes, cranberry-flavored ice cream, hand lotions and cosmetics made from cranberry seed oil, and even cranberry beer, said Tom Lochner, executive director of the cranberry growers association in Wisconsin.

Cranberries, native only to North America, also are grown in Oregon, Washington State and British Columbia and Quebec in Canada.

"People realized cranberries can be used in a lot of different ways," said Lochner, noting there are more than 700 cranberry products on the market.

Fine restaurants also have been increasingly using cranberries in salads, desserts, sauces and stuffing, and the cranberry industry has been circulating recipes featuring the berries.

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Up: 1,532 Same: 156 Down: 1,707 Composite Volume: 2,728,648,050

AMEX	1,996.66	-0.11
NASDAQ	2,445.86	-3.20
NYSE	8,897.17	+2.69
S&P 500	1,401.20	+1.44
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,091.73	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,192.00	-62.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	0.00	0.00	44.30
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.03	-0.23	22.10
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.55	+0.03	5.47
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.24	-0.07	29.40

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.03	-0.048	4.607
13-WEEK BILL	-0.20	-0.010	4.945
30-YEAR BOND	-0.89	-0.042	4.691
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.41	-0.066	4.603

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.45	55.81
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.80	622.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.63	92.63

Exchange Rates	
YEN	117.9200
EURO	0.7786
POUND	0.5269
CANADIAN \$	1.1458

IN BRIEF

Toyota to assemble pickups in Texas

HOUSTON — Toyota Motor Corp.'s latest effort in the U.S. automotive industry is considered its most important, and what a place for it: deep in the heart of Texas, where American pickups have crowded backroads and highways for decades.

Japan's top automaker is set to begin building its revamped, full-size Tundra pickup Friday at a 2.2 million-square-foot plant in San Antonio, a move aimed at grabbing a larger share of a lucrative market long dominated by Chevrolet's Silverado, Ford's F-150 and Dodge's Ram.

The trucks also are made at Toyota's Princeton, Ind., plant.

On a broader scale, the \$850 million investment affirms Toyota's aggressive plans to grow its business as the company poises itself to unseat General Motors Corp. as the world's No. 1 automaker.

Analysts say it also emphasizes the company's confidence to take on the industry leaders at any level of the business. Toyota already has distinguished itself in North America with its bread-and-butter Camry sedan, always one of the best-selling cars annually, and its luxury Lexus brand, which has topped J.D. Power and Associates' vehicle-dependability study for the past dozen years.

AK Steel union dispute unresolved

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — AK Steel and the union representing hourly production and maintenance workers at the Middletown Works remain far apart, a company spokesman said after negotiators met for the first time in nearly a month.

The company locked out about 2,500 workers when their contract expired Feb. 28 and has continued to operate the mill with about 1,800 replacement workers and salaried personnel.

The union's bargaining unit has shrunk to 1,829 since the lockout because of retirements and resignations, the company said.

The International Association of Machinists, which represents workers, presented the union's counterproposal to the company's latest offer during an hour-long session Thursday.

The union said it sent just two negotiators to the meeting, rather than the customary dozen, to streamline talks.

California limits ocean fishing

Sweeping conservation effort protects fragile ecosystem, hurts local fishermen

Associated Press

MONTEREY, Calif. — Flying over California's rugged Central Coast, Mike Sutton pointed to kelp forests and rocky reefs just below the water's surface that will soon be off-limits to fishing under one of the nation's most ambitious plans to protect marine life.

"We're trying to make sure our oceans are protected as our land," said Sutton, a marine expert at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Despite intense opposition from many fishermen, California wildlife regulators are creating the nation's most extensive network of "marine protected areas" — stretches of ocean where fishing will be banned or severely restricted.

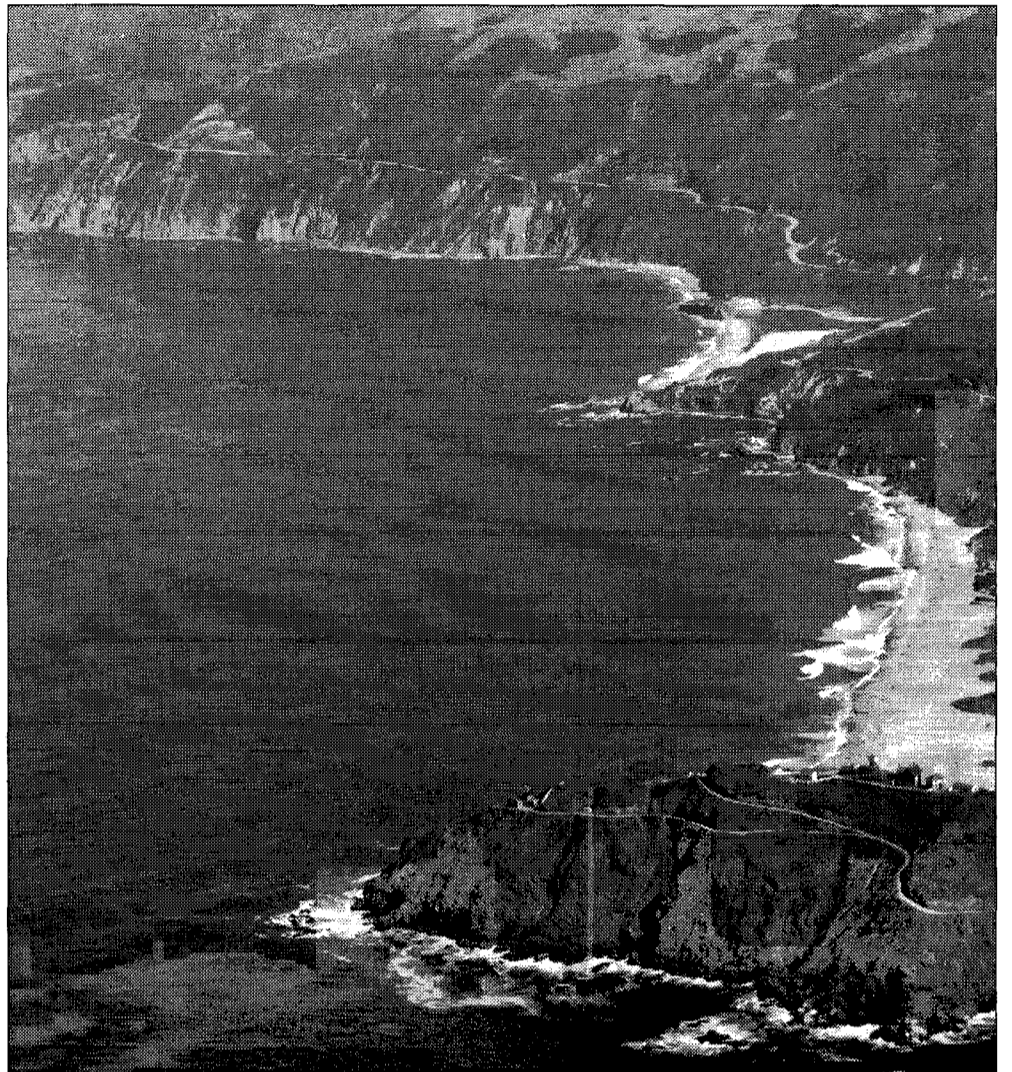
The first chain of refuges, covering some 200 square miles and stretching from Santa Barbara to Half Moon Bay, just south of San Francisco, is due to take effect early next year. The state plans similar protected zones along the more intensely fished coasts of northern and southern California.

Conservationists say such networks are a new approach to saving the oceans from overfishing. They believe California's plan could serve as a model for other states and countries.

"It's the beginning of a historic shift in how we restore, protect and manage our oceans," said Warner Chabot, vice president of the Ocean Conservancy. "We're doing something that's as historic for the oceans as what Teddy Roosevelt did 100 years ago when he created national parks and forests."

However, the planned restricted areas overlap with some of California's most productive fishing grounds, and commercial and recreational fishermen question whether they're even necessary given the existing array of state and federal regulations.

"We're duplicating conser-



Despite intense opposition, California wildlife regulators are creating extensive "marine protected areas," including one covering the Point Sur State Marine Reserve in Big Sur.

vation efforts unnecessarily," said Vern Goehring, manager of the California Fisheries Coalition. "There are significant actions already under way to prevent overfishing in California."

Fishermen say the no-fishing zones will put more pressure on areas outside the reserves and could lead to increased seafood imports from countries with fewer marine protections.

At Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf, longtime trollers and crabbers say the new restrictions will cripple their industry, hurt fishing communities and leave Californians with less fresh, local seafood.

"We're being regulated out of business," said Mike

Rivets, a 70-year-old fisherman for salmon, crab and tuna.

But scientists say more must be done to protect marine life.

A report in this month's issue of the journal Science warns that nearly a third of the world's seafood species have collapsed — meaning their catch has declined by 90 percent or more — and all populations of fished species could collapse by 2048 if current fishing and pollution trends continue.

"We've mismanaged the oceans from abundance into scarcity," said Karen Garrison, an ocean expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "We can't protect our oceans without setting aside safe havens

where fish can grow big and the whole food web can thrive."

The protected areas will include marine reserves where all fishing will be banned, as well as marine parks and conservation areas that will allow some forms of sport fishing.

All the restricted zones are designed to harbor rockfish, abalone, shellfish and other species that stay in one area, rather than migratory fish such as salmon and tuna. Sea otters and other marine mammals are expected to benefit from the increased food supply.

Governments worldwide have been creating marine sanctuaries with various levels of restrictions for the past 40 years.

Stocks end lower on housing lull

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a robust week on a quieter note Friday after the Commerce Department reported that housing construction fell to its lowest level in more than six years. The Dow Jones industrials rose moderately, managing a fourth straight record high close.

The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index pulled back slightly, following a string of five straight advances for the major indexes. For the week, the major indexes rose, though Friday's move higher was somewhat tepid as declining issues outnumbered advancers on the New York Stock Exchange by about six to

five.

Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank, contends that much of the week's optimism came from lower-than-expected inflation readings. Investors sensed that inflation, the overriding concern of the Federal Reserve, could dissipate and perhaps allow the central bank to eventually lower short-term interest rates.

"It gives the Fed a lot more flexibility. And elbow room is good when it comes to trying to navigate the economy," Ablin said.

The Dow rose 36.74, or 0.30 percent, to 12,342.56. That was also the Dow's new trading high. The index, made up of 30 blue chip stocks, has closed at record levels 18 times

since the beginning of October.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.44, or 0.10 percent, to 1,401.20, marking the first time the S&P closed above 1,400 in more than six years. The Nasdaq composite index was down 3.20, or 0.13 percent, at 2,445.86.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year treasury note falling to 4.61 percent from 4.67 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.93 percent, while the S&P gained 1.47 percent and the Nasdaq added 2.35 percent, as concerns about inflation eased.

VIETNAM

North Korea worries leaders

Pacific Rim officials gather to discuss country's nuclear program

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — They would not put it in writing, but the Pacific Rim's often-divergent leaders joined together Sunday to say they worry about North Korea's nuclear weapons program and to urge the reclusive country to resume disarmament negotiations.

The verbal statement capped five days of diplomatic discussions in the aftermath of the North's first nuclear test on Oct. 9, which raised concerns about proliferation in the region. But the method of delivery provided a curious culmination to the issue that overshadowed the economic topics that are the core of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's mission.

Even some of the participants were unsure why the statement was not issued in written form, just orally at the end of the two-day leaders' summit and by Vietnam's president at a news conference after reporters asked him about it.

"We are seeking an explanation for that," Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said. "We don't understand why it wasn't included since it was a joint statement and it was unanimous."

David McCormick, an official with the U.S. National Security Council, denied that getting only an oral statement from the summit represented a setback, and said the White House was pleased with the toughness of the wording.

"The statement was very firm in the need for full implementation" of U.N. resolutions on North Korea,

McCormick said. "What was important was that the members of APEC came together on a common statement."

The statement urged North Korea to take concrete steps to live up to earlier commitments to stop developing atomic bombs.

"We express our strong concern over the July 4-5 missile launches and Oct. 9 nuclear test conducted by [North Korea], which poses a clear threat to our shared interest of peace and security and our shared goal of achieving a nuclear weapons-free Korean peninsula," it said.

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David McCormick
official
U.S. National Security Council

Meanwhile, North Korea's Minju Joson newspaper on Sunday accused South Korea of building up arms in order to attack the country.

"The South Korean military is openly clamoring that the development and introduction of new weapons are to target the North," the paper said, according to the country's official Korean Central News Agency. "Confrontation with fellow countrymen is a suicidal act of digging their own graves. War knows no mercy."

Pyeongyang accused South Korea of conspiring with the United States to attack the isolated and impoverished state, an accusation made frequently by the North and routinely denied by the U.S.

It appeared that some APEC members, worried about how security and political issues have increasingly impinged on the group's economic focus, felt that the U.N. and other forums are more appropriate for a written statement.

And while North Korea is not an APEC member, some

countries are sensitive to the issue of interfering in other nations' affairs.

APEC provided a chance for the U.S., China, Japan, Russia and South Korea to try to work out a unified strategy as they prepare to resume nuclear negotiations with the North a year after it walked out. The talks could resume as early as next month.

President Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao met Sunday and agreed that "North Korea should get the message that possessing a nuclear bomb will not have the support of the international community, but rather will meet opposition," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao.

While virtually everyone agrees that North Korea's nuclear weapon and missile tests could lead down a dangerous path to further proliferation, differences remain on the best strategy for dealing with the North, which has used brinkmanship to gain aid and security guarantees.

"I don't think North Korea would want to give up something they regard as something precious to them, something that gives them a certain pride and position," Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

"These are realities that we cannot deny, but if we can give them hope of something else they can get ... maybe it could pave a way to come up with a solution, but it's going to be very difficult."

It appeared that the U.S. did manage to get one North Korea-related addition in the summit's final written declaration which appeared to endorse the financial sanctions that Washington imposed on the North over alleged currency counterfeiting and money laundering. The sanctions sparked North Korea's boycott of the six-party talks.

ENGLAND

Former spy poisoned; police investigate case

Associated Press

LONDON — A former Russian spy poisoned in Britain and now hospitalized under guard may have been targeted for his criticism of former colleagues and his investigation into the killing of a prominent anti-Kremlin journalist, friends and fellow dissidents said Sunday.

Col. Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB agent, said earlier this week that he fell ill on Nov. 1 following a meal with a contact who claimed to have details about the slaying of Anna Politkovskaya, the Russian journalist gunned down last month in Moscow.

A doctor treating Litvinenko told the British Broadcasting Corp. that tests showed he was the victim of poisoning by thallium — a toxic metal found in rat poison. He is under armed guard at University College Hospital in London.

"He's got a prospect of recovering, he has a prospect of dying," said Dr. John Henry, a clinical toxicologist who treated Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko in 2004 after he was poisoned during his presidential election campaign. Henry said thallium can cause damage to the nervous system and organ failure, and that just one gram can be lethal.

In an interview with the Sunday Times before his condition worsened, Litvinenko described how he had lunch with an Italian contact who claimed to have had information on Politkovskaya's killing, which has not been solved. British news outlets identified the contact as Mario Scaramella, an Italian academic who helped investigate KGB activity in Italy during the Cold War.

"They probably thought I would be dead from heart failure by the third day," Litvinenko is quoted as saying in the Sunday Times. "I do feel very bad. I've never felt like this before — like my life is hanging

on the ropes."

Police have opened an investigation into the poisoning, said a spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with force policy.

Glenn Edwards, operations manager at Itsu restaurant where the lunch took place, told The Associated Press that detectives had arrived at the restaurant on Saturday asking for close circuit television footage.

Litvinenko left Russia for Britain six years ago and has become an outspoken critic of the Kremlin. In a 2003 book, "The FSB Blows Up Russia," he accused his country's secret service agency of staging apartment-house bombings in 1999 that killed more than 300 people in Russia and sparked the second war in Chechnya.

Boris Berezovsky, the Russian dissident and tycoon who was at Litvinenko's bedside on Friday, told The Associated Press he suspects Russia's intelligence services of the poisoning.

"It's not complicated to say who fights against him," Berezovsky said in a telephone interview. "He's [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's enemy, he started to criticize him and had lots of fears."

Another friend, Alexander Goldfarb, who organized Litvinenko's emigration to Britain, said FSB agents had threatened against him in the past.

"He looks like a ghost," Goldfarb said. "He's a very fit man, he never smoked, he never drank, he would run five miles a day, but now he has lost all his hair, he has inflammation in the throat, so he cannot swallow."

Russian authorities did not immediately comment on the allegations.

Litvinenko joined the KGB in 1988 and rose to the rank of colonel in its successor, the Federal Security Service, known as the FSB. He began specializing in terrorism and organized crime in 1991, and was transferred to the FSB's most secretive department on criminal organizations in 1997.

He fled Russia and claimed asylum in Britain in November 2000, two years after publicly accusing his FSB superiors of ordering him to kill Berezovsky, at the time a powerful Kremlin insider. Berezovsky said Sunday that Litvinenko fell out with his superiors after he exposed corruption within FSB ranks.

Before he left Russia, Litvinenko was jailed for nine months awaiting trial on charges of abusing his office; he was acquitted.

Kremlin critics claim poisoning — which is extremely hard to prove — is a common Soviet-era practice that seems to have reappeared since Putin, an ex-KGB officer, became president.

"It is not a secret that poisoning has become some kind of a trademark of a secret war in Russia," Alexander Golts, political commentator with the Russian news Web site Ezhenedelny Zhurnal, told the Associated Press. "I will not take the risk of accusing the government ... but certain groups have quite overtly been eliminating people they disliked through poisoning."

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McCain calls for more troops

Senator says increased number of soldiers needed to ensure victory in Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Without additional troops to ensure victory in Iraq, the U.S. could find itself more vulnerable to terrorist attacks at home, Sen. John McCain said Sunday.

Newly empowered Democrats pressed their case for a phased withdrawal of American forces. They hoped a blue-ribbon advisory panel would propose a way ahead for Iraq, while making clear the U.S. military mission shouldn't last indefinitely.

McCain, a front-running GOP presidential hopeful for 2008, said the U.S. must send an overwhelming number of troops to stabilize Iraq or face more attacks — in the region and possibly on American soil.

"I believe the consequences of failure are catastrophic," said McCain, R-Ariz. "It will spread to the region. You will see Iran more

emboldened. Eventually, you could see Iran pose a greater threat to the state of Israel."

With about 141,000 U.S. troops in Iraq more than 3 1/2 years into the war, the American military has strained to provide enough forces while allowing for adequate rest and retraining between deployments.

But McCain, who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war after his Navy plane was shot down in 1967, recalled the Vietnam War's lessons. "We left Vietnam. It was over. We just had to heal the wounds of war," he said. "We leave this place, chaos in the region, and they'll follow us home. So there's a great deal more at stake here in this conflict, in my view, a lot more."

McCain said he based his judgment partly on the writings of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the al-Qaida leader in Iraq who was killed in a U.S. air raid, and of Osama bin Laden.

"The consequences of failure are so severe that I will exhaust

every possibility to try to fix this situation. Because it's not the end when American troops leave. The battleground shifts, and we'll be fighting them again," McCain said. "You read Zarqawi, and you read bin Laden. ... It's not just Iraq that they're interested in. It's the region, and then us."

Sen. Joseph Biden, the incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he hoped a special commission considering options for the way ahead in Iraq would assert that U.S. troop commitments are not open-ended; propose a clear political road map for Iraq; and recommend engaging Iraq's neighbors in political solution.

"We are past the point of adding more troops. We are past the point of vague policy prescriptions. It is not an answer just to stay. Nor is it an answer _ though it may become a necessity _ just to go with no concern for what follows," Biden, D-Del., wrote in Sunday's Washington Post.

"The fundamental question we must answer is whether, as we begin to leave Iraq, there are still concrete steps we can take to avoid leaving chaos behind," said Biden, who plans to run for president in 2008.

Democrats poised to take control of the House and Senate are pressing for a substantial reduction of U.S. troops in Iraq and a timetable for their withdrawal, as a way of forcing the Iraq government to rely more on itself.

"We must tell the Iraqis that we would begin, starting in four to six months, a phased reduction of our troops," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "Because if you don't do that, they're going to continue to have the false assumption that we are there in some kind of an open-ended way. And it is that assumption on their part that

takes them off the hook."

Incoming House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., agreed. "As a practical matter, there are no troops to increase with," he said. "Our objective was to remove Saddam Hussein and create an environment in which a democracy could be established. That has been done."

But Hoyer said Democrats would continue funding the existing troop levels, for the time being.

"That's not an option, of not supporting our troops in the field and making sure they're as safe as we can make them," he said. "Very frankly, their lack of numbers exposes them on a daily basis to danger and death, unfortunately. But clearly, we're going to have discussions going forward as to how we change this policy and change it in the short term, not the long term."

Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East, told the Senate Armed Services Committee last week that believes troop levels should remain steady for now. He said it was possible to add 20,000 troops for a short time, but it would be unrealistic to raise troop levels as proposed by McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Abizaid said the American military in Iraq is stretched too thin already, and sending over a bigger, more permanent presence would undercut efforts to force Iraqis to take on more responsibility.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said he thinks U.S. generals have been put "in a very, very difficult position."

"What I don't have confidence in is the policy. And General Abizaid is giving us a diagnosis that is based on the current policy. But that policy has to change, and it can change," said Kerry, who is considering a White House bid in 2008.

Kerry spoke on "Fox News Sunday," while McCain and Hoyer appeared on ABC's "This Week." Levin spoke on CNN's "Late Edition." Rangel and Graham appeared on "Face the Nation" on CBS.

Rhodes Scholarships granted to 32 students

Associated Press

BOSTON — Parvinder Thiara had just finished his freshman year at Harvard University when his grandfather in India died of infectious diarrhea. The death affected him profoundly.

"Then I found that 2.2 million people — 1.8 million of them are children — die each year from infectious water-borne diseases," said Thiara, a chemistry major.

Thiara's work to improve and protect the world's water supplies — and prevent death's like his grandfather's — helped him become one of the 32 men and women across the United States selected as Rhodes Scholars for 2007. The students, announced Sunday by the scholarship fund, will enter Oxford University in England next October.

Thiara, 21, of Rochelle, Ill., is the co-founder of an organization dedicated to improving water sanitation technologies, particularly in impoverished regions.

"We're trying to develop natural products that can be grown and easily processed," said Thiara, who plans to study theoretical chemistry and water science policy and management at Oxford. "We're just trying to develop the means to make it effective on a rural, local scale."

The scholars were selected from 896 applicants endorsed by 340 colleges and universities, and will join scholars selected from 13 other jurisdictions around the world. Approximately 85 are selected each year. The scholarships provide two or three years of study, with the total value averaging about \$45,000 per year.

Rhodes Scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes.

Many of the recipients have

already spent time overseas.

Whitney Haring-Smith spent the summer working for a U.N.-funded disarmament program in Afghanistan and also spent time with the U.N.'s refugee agency in Sri Lanka.

"It was really good to see the nitty-gritty of international relations," said Haring-Smith, 21, a Providence, R.I. native and senior at Yale University.

He called the Rhodes Scholarship "an opportunity to engage some very important questions about where and how we shape policy."

Zachary Manfredi, a senior at Atlanta's Emory University, interned in the democracy program of The Carter Center, working on civil society building programs and election monitoring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire and Haiti.

"As a Rhodes Scholar I'll get to work on important political causes and also to keep asking important philosophic questions. It's a synthesis of my two greatest loves, justice and knowledge," said Manfredi, 21, of Rochester, Mich.

At Emory, Manfredi has maintained a 3.99 grade point average while pursuing a triple major in philosophy, international relations and comparative literature, and a minor in French.

Kevin Shenderov, 19, a biochemistry major at New York University, has already been involved in conducting cancer research and was an organizer of a world health conference that dealt with problems affecting health services in the developing world. Like his older brother, Eugene, also a Rhodes Scholar, Shenderov plans to study for a doctorate in immunology at Oxford.

"I want to be able to help create a more effective cancer vaccine," he said Sunday.

The Shenderov family immigrated from Ukraine in 1990; both brothers had health problems when they were younger as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

Interview divides network

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Several Fox affiliates have chosen not to broadcast "If I Did It," the two-part special where O.J. Simpson talks in hypothetical terms about his role in the 1994 killing of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Lin Broadcasting and Pappas Broadcasting, which own a combined nine Fox affiliates, have said they won't air it. Fox has scheduled the Simpson interview for Nov. 27 and 29.

The television special precedes the Nov. 30 publication of a book where Simpson talks about how he would have committed the murders "if he were the one responsible."

"After careful consideration regarding the nature of the show, as well as the feedback we received from the viewers of northeast Wisconsin, we determined that this programming

was not serving the local public interest," wrote Jay Zollar, general manager of WLUK-TV in Green Bay.

WLUK is a Lin-owned station, along with other Fox affiliates in Mobile, Ala.; Toledo, Ohio; Albuquerque, N.M.; and Providence, R.I.

The Pappas stations said they were uninterested in helping Simpson profit from the project. Pappas owns Fox stations in Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.; Fresno, Calif.; and Dakota Dunes, S.D.

There are about 200 Fox affiliates across the country.

Scott Grogan, Fox spokesman, said Sunday the network had no comment about the decision by its affiliates.

Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder in a case that became its own television drama. The former football star and announcer was later found liable for the deaths in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the

Goldman family.

Judith Regan, publisher of "If I Did It," said she considered the book to be Simpson's confession.

The television special will air on two of the final three nights of the November sweeps, when ratings are watched closely to set local advertising rates. It has been a particularly tough fall for Fox, which has seen none of its new shows catch on and is waiting for the January bows of "American Idol" and "24."

The show is expected to draw high ratings among the curious, but there's some question about how much Fox can take advantage of it given an expected reluctance of advertisers to be associated with it.

The Fox stations in most of the nation's biggest cities, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, are owned by Fox, so they would abide by the network's decision on what to air.

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Disloyal fathers

I love it when this campus puts on its Bible Blinders. Like a toddler covering his eyes in a game of hide-and-seek and assuming that he has disappeared, Notre Dame is legendary for its ability to hold up a Bible to its virginal eyes and assume that life truly is as St. Paul demanded when he condemned "fornication, drunkenness," and every other form of first century hedonism.

With last week's immensely successful run of "Loyal Daughters" — a play dealing with sexual assault that playwright Emily Weisbecker based on actual interviews with Notre Dame students — those Bible Blinders were put back on, and a barrage of hostile Letters to the Editor quoting St. Paul inevitably followed.

In an interview with The Observer, history professor Gail Bederman reflected on this absurdly hypocritical situation. "There is a cultural problem here," she said. "Student Activities must assume nobody is having sex, so they can't negotiate uncomfortable positions on what constitutes consensual and nonconsensual sex. ... They can't draw lines other than thumbs up or thumbs down, do it or just don't do anything."

As a result, the legal implications of drunken consent and other tricky issues related to sexual assault are never even mentioned by this University in its effort to assume St. Paulian purity. As Bederman notes, other universities "are able to talk about issues, the gray areas. Because they do and can assume students are going to have extramarital sex, even promiscuous extramarital sex, they can talk about shades of gray. ... You can talk about this

question of when something is consent and when something isn't consent."

I don't care what percentage of Notre Dame is Catholic or what the sacred mission and ideals of this University are; if rape and sexual assault are common occurrences because of the campus-wide "culture of silence" related to sex, then University policy needs to change. It is a disturbing hypocrisy that the punishment for rape on this campus is identical to the punishment for consensual premarital sex.

No matter how many Bibles we hold in front of Mary's virgin eyes atop the Golden Dome, sex will continue to exist on the ground below it. Sure, it may not happen as often as at more socially liberal public universities, but contrary to popular belief, not all Catholics decide to remain abstinent until marriage. Some would call this a blatant hypocrisy — for a sexually active unwed person to still believe in Jesus and in the majority of Church doctrine — yet it is an obvious reality for an era in which people expect to be able to freely choose what time of day to watch primetime television through TiVo, what condiments to put on their Whoppers and what aspects of organized religion to follow.

Health and safety must supersede Church law and resulting University policy. If, as "Loyal Daughters" boldly reveals, Notre Dame students are being harmed and ignored because of these Bible Blinders, the University must recognize the existence of sex on campus and create more resources that allow students to learn about these issues, as other colleges do. Along those same lines, the recent renewal of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops policy condemning contraception displays a shameful ignorance toward the reality of HIV/AIDS, a disease that could be dramatically hampered by increased condom use. Instead, the Vatican's efforts to fight AIDS with abstinence may constitute the most dangerous example of Bible

Blinders in history as millions continue to die under these policies in places like Africa.

I just wonder how the University would react if there was a gonorrhoea outbreak on campus. Would the STD simply be brushed aside and ignored, kind of like campus gay and lesbian groups and the football team's defensive backs? Or would every infected student be expelled until they accepted the teachings of St. Paul and returned to abstinent purity?

Simply put, "Loyal Daughters" should be treated as a seminal moment in the history of a co-educational Notre Dame. A student has boldly and smartly taken the core message of "The Vagina Monologues" and essentially watered it down — by baptizing it in St. Mary's Lake, if you will — and revealed a dark truth about this campus through art. Instead of protesting the funding of this important project by certain University groups, the campus should look into the mirror for a moment and address the real questions that it raises.

Would Jesus have ignored the problems related to sex going on amongst His people even if He disapproved of the practice? I like to think that He would have seen the bigger picture and the well-being of His followers as tantamount to the admonishment of a taboo activity like premarital sex.

Notre Dame must do the same. Some college students are not going to stop having sex — no matter how angry "fornication" makes St. Paul — so the University might as well bite the Biblical bullet and do the Christian thing: love thy neighbor and protect her.

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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Deeper discussion of sexuality needed

The work of an artist reads the sign of the times. Emily Weisbecker (writer and producer), Madison Liddy (director) and the company of actors in "Loyal Daughters" have done just that. The dialogues center stage the tragic battery of soul, heart and body by sexual assault; they bring to life ways in which students struggle with sexuality. Breaking our community silence on these matters is exhausting work.

As a new member of the community, I came to see "Loyal Daughters" because I was curious about the intellectual and cultural environment in which I now teach and write. A writer's courage in baring the soul of a community is precious. So is the

community's response to what is written and staged. The audience Thursday night was lively and I examined my own response to the dialogues with theirs.

Much of what I saw in "Loyal Daughters" was disturbing. And rightly so. Raw sexual violence is hard to see and hear. I balanced the need to shock against the erotic spectacle much in evidence in the play. However, I could not get myself to give a pass to the treatment of religious experience. The student considering priesthood was at best very, very odd. And if the young man of "faith" who forgoes his partner for her sexual past was supposed to be a man of faith, spare me, O Lord! Even the Mother of God

was mocked. Perhaps the woman at the Grotto was serious in her prayer; the snickering and general hoo-ha by the audience during the dialogue convinced me otherwise. So did the content of her words.

Despite much that was moving and honest about women's experience as represented on the stage, I expected as we got past the hour mark that perhaps we'd see some example of women helping women. Were there no stories in the interview material about women helping friends to heal worthy of the stage? Were there no stories in which women talk deeply about sexuality? Is goodness in the community of women a bore?

Last, but not least, must we in serving up collective pain make the community of women at Saint Mary's the butt of a sexist joke?

Let's probe the reasons why we can't or don't portray women's friendships as a source of healing. Let's discuss why we can't or don't stage the deep experiences of religion (what it takes to be good, what it takes to pray) as part of sexuality or as responsive to the needs of persons (mostly women) who have been assaulted. Otherwise, we writers risk making more silence: women's silence.

Eva Hooker, CSC
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Nov. 19

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"History is the sum total of the things that could have been avoided."

Konrad Adenauer
German politician

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is easy to be brave from a safe distance."

Aesop
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Loyal Daughters' sparks feedback

Victim is never 'asking for it'

I'd like the opportunity to refute the claims made by Jonathan Kaltenbach in his Letter to the Editor ("Consent' is no justification," Nov. 17). Kaltenbach gives a grossly oversimplified theory as to why rape and sexual assault occur: premarital sex engorges wild desire and rape or assault is the inevitable result. This ideology blames the victims themselves for creating the opportunity for rape or assault ("playing with fire") and then suffering the consequences of their sinful behavior ("getting burned"). This alludes to the antiquated (or so I thought) and infuriating notion that a victim of rape or sex was "asking for it."

Kaltenbach's lofty claim of offering the "real solution" rests on his faulty definition of rape or assault as the result of desire gone wild. If we accept this theory, simply abstaining from premarital relations and keeping the flame from the brushfire of sexual excess will miraculously purge our society of rape and assault. Following this logic, how can Kaltenbach explain

the fact that rape and assault occur within the covenant of marriage?

Also, if we accept his argument, why aren't men and women being assaulted in equal numbers? Is it just the man who is sexually excessive when he engages in premarital sex with a woman? To put it another way, why aren't the women that engage in premarital sex acts raping men at the same rates that men rape women?

The key point is that we need to look at what rape is and why it really happens. We can start by acknowledging that rape or assault occurs in a wide variety of contexts and circumstances, contrary to what Kaltenbach would lead us to believe. Yet there is a common underlying ideology that allows rape to happen: a culture of domination and a complete lack of respect for the human dignity of others. A person who commits rape is not simply a nymphomaniacal hedonist. The act of rape shows a clear and dangerous disregard for the dignity of each person acted out via aggres-

sive domination. The harmful ideologies and perceptions in the perpetrator's mind are not magically erased by slipping a wedding band on his or her finger.

Hope for a solution then lies in a long-fought battle to change these societal perceptions. If we establish a truly loving and respectful Christian fellowship in which domination is not tolerated, then rape and assault would not be feasible. Kaltenbach claims our Christian duty lies in sexual restraint and chastity. This may reduce but will not eradicate the occurrence of rape and assault. Perhaps we would better serve the issue by pursuing our Christian duty to support the victims, not to presume they are sexually promiscuous and tell them "I told you so." Most importantly, it is our Christian duty to work toward a society in which we respect the dignity of each person.

Cara Burditt
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 Nov. 17

Interpretation important

Peter Holland chides Margot O'Brien in his Letter to the Editor for "her inability to understand what a play is" ("Loyal Daughters' promotes thought and awareness," Nov. 17). But in the very next sentence he admits that "[s]ome plays tell you what to think." Given this admission, how can O'Brien be ignorant of what a play is even if she interprets "Loyal Daughters" as a play that tells you what to think? As Holland's argument makes clear in the course of the letter, his disagreement with O'Brien is not about who better knows what a play is but rather how to interpret the play.

How does Holland interpret the play? Certainly not as one that tells you what to think. According to Holland, many great plays, including "Loyal Daughters," "force us to be aware of our ethical response but they do not prescribe what that response must be." But we do not get to the end of Holland's letter before we read that his interpretation of "Loyal Daughters" includes a "moral demand" that "asks what we can do, as members of a community, to prevent the kind of violence that men and women alongside whom we study, work, and live have experienced." This is a strange interpretation to make for someone who has just celebrated the way in which great plays do not tell us what we ought to think. And it would be stranger still if one were to leave a viewing of "Loyal Daughters" thinking to oneself, "Ought I be opposed to violence against women?"

Phillip Reed
 graduate student
 off campus
 Nov. 17

Catholic identity valued

I would like to write in response to the Letter to the Editor that appeared on Nov. 15, titled "Attracting Diverse Students to Notre Dame." There are a couple of good points the author makes as the article does recognize that the Catholic identity of Notre Dame is important and that diversity is also important. However, the article goes on to argue that Notre Dame should try to market its values as not specifically Catholic in order to attract people of other faiths.

The first problem with the argument is that the author declares Catholic values are not Catholic, but secular. What he probably meant to say was that people of many different faiths can relate to Catholic values because they are so universal, but calling the values secular is not the way to explain this. Catholic values are definitely not secular.

The second problem with the argument is that the author claims for Notre Dame to be more diverse, we need more diversity of religion, or we need to be less Catholic. Just because the majority of the students are Catholic does not mean the thinking that goes on here is not diverse. Notre Dame is certainly interested in attracting a diverse group of students, but diversity doesn't solely refer to diversity of religion. Students of all different faiths choose to come here knowing the Catholic presence is strong.

Over the years, it is one of the only Catholic schools in the country that has held on to its truly Catholic identity. When someone brings up Marquette or Georgetown, the name doesn't mean Catholic the way Notre Dame does, and Notre Dame is proud of that. To purposefully attract students of other religions would deny words in Notre Dame's own mission statement: "The Catholic identity of the University depends upon, and is nurtured by, the continuing presence of a predominant number of Catholic intellectuals."

The final problem in the argument comes when the author concludes by saying that Notre Dame needs to attract students of other faiths in order to "compete with other prestigious universities." Isn't Notre Dame, as Catholic as it is now, as prestigious as other universities? The good thing about Catholic values is that they are universal, so if Notre Dame remains as Catholic as it is, that will not get in the way of finding the diversity the author of the article and I both want. Notre Dame can achieve diversity and prestige without reversing its long tradition of Catholic identity.

Lindsay Gilbertson
 freshman
 McGlinn
 Nov. 18

Respect Notre Dame first

While I was happy to honor the memory of former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler at Saturday's football game, I thought it was an inappropriate gesture one week after the death of a Notre Dame student, which was not in any way recognized. I can certainly understand not wanting to cause a painful moment for the senior class during its last home game, but having an extended moment of silence for a person unrelated to the Notre Dame community made the lack of any mention of Caitlin Brann very noticeable. The athletic department needs to be more careful in the future about such announcements.

Anne Sutherland
 senior
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 Nov. 18

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DPAC REVIEW

Curtis and Lemmon play for laughs in classic

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

With its smart acting, amusing plotline and witty script, "Some Like It Hot" has been praised as the best American comedic film of all time, and "Nobody's perfect" is arguably the most famous last line in 1950s cinema. This type of statement might seem like overly lofty praise for the average comedy, but for this 1959 classic starring Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, no level of praise is enough.

Taking its cues from screwball comedy and a humorous premise, "Some Like It Hot" tells the story of two down-on-their-luck-musicians, Jerry and Joe (Lemmon and Curtis, respectively), who are at the depths of unemployment.

The film takes place in the 1920s, with Prohibition serving as the setting for the crazy extravagance of the times and of the lead characters' disguises and antics. The speakeasies of Chicago lore are where Joe and Jerry are normally employed, but the Saint Valentine's Day massacre forces the two to change plans after they witness the crime.

Fleeing from a vengeful group of Chicago mobsters, the two slyly answer an advertisement to play with a women's band in Florida. In order to fit

in with the usual suspects, Jerry and Joe become "Daphne" and "Josephine," successfully maintaining a week of cross-dressing while engaging in all sorts of hijinks.

The film also features the iconic Marilyn Monroe as Sugar Kane Kowalczyk, one of the pair's fellow musicians and the object of Joe's — or rather "Josephine's" — affections, creating more than a few complications for the man in drag.

In addition, Jerry finds himself in more than a small mess when a daffy old millionaire, Osgood Fielding III (Joe E. Brown) takes quite a liking to "Daphne," wooing the unwilling Jerry into a whirlwind engagement.

Much of the film's comedic strength lies in the sheer ridiculousness of its situations. A scene in which the entirety of Sweet Sue's band crams into an overnight bed on the train to Miami is funny due to both the humorous dialogue and the fact that more than 10 people are fitting into a space the size of a roomy coffin, champagne and cheese in tow as they try to have a party. Meanwhile Joe and Jerry attempt to contain themselves as Sugar Kane mingles in her nightgown.

The way that Joe and Jerry escape multiple times within an inch of their lives from Spats Columbo, Little Bonaparte and their cronies — scenarios that often involve elevators, stairs



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Tony Curtis, left, and Jack Lemmon dress in drag to hide from the mob in "Some Like It Hot." The American Film Institute declared the movie the funniest in all time.

and everything in between — is also humorous because it's so well done and over the top.

Lemmon and Curtis create a dynamic comedic team, with the two alternating between the positions of foil and straight man. The nature of their roles — the majority of their performances are done in drag — lends to a fun comedic rapport and slapstick-type sense of humor between them. While Lemmon's Jerry worries about Joe's plan to join the girl's band, Curtis in turn is reluctant to keep up their facades once he starts to develop strong feelings for Monroe's gorgeous Sugar Kane.

The jazz soundtrack of the film, often supplied by the performances of the band in various sequences, is classy and energetic, adding to the overall feel of the movie.

The film, shown Sunday afternoon as part of the PAC Classic 100 series of films in the Browning Cinema, has been regarded by multiple critics and movie countdowns as among the best of American comedic films. With its strength of casting, situational comedy and overall sense of screwball fun, it isn't difficult to see why "Some Like It Hot" may, in fact, be perfect.

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CD REVIEW

Journey delivers solid performance in live recording

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Sometimes music just sounds better live and in concert. For the band Journey, this is definitely the case, as evidenced in its CD release of "Captured." The 1970s and 80s rock band is at its best in this album, which features songs recorded live during its worldwide 1980 "Departure" tour.

The Journey band, which people so affectionately remember and love, reached such levels of success thanks to the addition of lead vocalist Steve Perry in 1977. Perry's unique and often imitated voice, with its broad range and timber capable of reaching impossibly high notes, became the band's signature in such songs as "Don't Stop Believin'" and "Any Way You Want It."

Thanks to his abounding energy and distinctive hair, Perry also had a captivating stage presence in Journey's concerts, which made the band a popular commodity all around the world. The fame that followed the concerts led Journey to

release "Captured" in 1981, its first live album.

The CD opens with the song "Where Were You," a high-energy tune that sets the tone for the rest of the disc. Popular Journey songs like "Line of Fire" and "Lights/Stay Awhile" are present here and much better than the studio versions.

A song entitled "Dixie Highway" — never recorded in studio — gives an interesting, rarely heard perspective on Journey's body of work. It is from this point that the album takes a bluesy feel, which unfortunately does not work as well on other songs. Aside from the well-liked song "Walks Like a Lady," the middle of the disc drags on account of the blues sound.

However, the end of the CD rebounds with the immensely popular Journey songs "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'," "Wheel in the Sky" and "Any Way You Want It" to close out. Performed live, these classics return a true Journey feel to the album and end it on a good note.

The songs on "Captured" are not taken from one single concert, but rather selected from various shows on the tour. This is not a problem, however, as it sounds just like a full concert, with no major changes in sound or vocals.

The sound quality, in fact, is excellent and comparable to live albums recorded today. The mix of band and crowd is near-



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Journey's live album "Captured" is sluggish in the middle but picks up in the end. The band gained popularity once lead singer Steve Perry, second from right, joined in 1977.

perfect, and Perry's voice comes through crystal clear.

Perry interacts well with audiences, and the crowd enthusiasm can be clearly heard in the recording. At times, Perry even lets the audience do the singing for him, a common move that made him so beloved among fans.

It is the crowd that makes this CD worthwhile and better than many of Journey's studio-released CDs. Perry and the band feed off the energy of the masses, and the spirit with which they perform makes the show enjoyable and entertaining.

The reissued album also comes with a lengthy insert full of pictures and memo-

rabilia from the "Departure" tour. Perry features prominently in nearly every picture, and any image of his long hair and wacky outfits is always good entertainment. Also interesting are images of Japanese album covers from the band's tour in the Far East.

While not without its flaws, "Captured" stands as one of Journey's better CD releases. The atmosphere of a live concert adds a level of uniqueness and excitement that cannot be had with studio-recorded songs, creating an album that any fan of Journey or classic rock can enjoy.

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Journey
Captured [Live]
Sony

Recommended tracks: 'Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin', 'Wheel in the Sky' and 'Any Way You Want It'

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Notre Dame 41, Army 9

Going out on top

Irish cruise past Army in Brady Quinn's last game at Notre Dame Stadium



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn leads Notre Dame Stadium in chants of 'Beat SC' from the student section after his final home game. Quinn was 22-of-30 for 218 yards and three touchdowns in Notre Dame's 41-9 win over Army. The Irish face Southern California Saturday in Los Angeles.

By KYLE CASSILY
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Brady Quinn jumped into the student section wearing his green jersey and led the crowd in a chant of "Beat SC" after leading Notre Dame to a 41-9 win over Army Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Quinn completed 22-of-30 passes for 218 yards with three touchdowns and an interception in his final home game.

"[Notre Dame] is really special," Quinn said. "It's just somewhere I will always be able to come back to and have very fond memories and know that it's changed my life in a very good way."

Quinn found fellow seniors Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight for his touchdowns. Samardzija caught the first Quinn TD toss halfway through the second quarter, and McKnight grabbed one late in the second and early in the third to help the Irish breeze by the Black Knights on

Senior Day.

"I did my best today to take it all in," Quinn said. "Today was a special moment when I looked up in the stands and everyone is still there. Eighty-thousand Notre Dame fans are up anticipating the final lap around the field. It makes me realize how special this place is."

But it wasn't smooth sailing early for Notre Dame. The Irish reversed a 3-0, first-quarter Army lead with three touchdowns in the second period to go up 20-3 at the half.

Irish running back Darius Walker broke a 10-yard run up the middle into the end zone to put the Irish back on top of the Black Knights, 7-3, 50 seconds into the second period. It was Walker's fourth carry of the six-play, 50-yard drive during which he picked up 33 yards on the ground and another 15 yards in the air from a Quinn pass.

But that Irish scoring drive was almost derailed before it began. Notre Dame freshman George West fumbled the kickoff return,

but Irish defensive back Kyle McCarthy was there to recover the loose ball.

"I went and told [the offense], you have to be patient fellas. We're not going to score in big chunks here," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We are going to nickel and dime them because that's what they have been dictating for you to do."

The Irish came out in a no-huddle offense on their opening drive, but Quinn threw his first interception in 227 attempts when a pass intended for Samardzija up the middle was intercepted by Army free safety Jordan Murray and returned for 22 yards. The Black Knights, however, could not mount a drive and turned the ball over on downs at the Notre Dame 30-yard line.

The Irish added two touchdowns in the third quarter on a Walker rush and McKnight's second score to open up a 34-3 lead.

On the first possession after half, the Irish drove quickly up field, earning a first down on

their first five plays, then a touchdown on the sixth. The drive was capped by a 5-yard Walker run to the right side. Walker fumbled at the 1, but sophomore receiver David Grimes recovered in the end zone for the touchdown.

Notre Dame's next drive began after Irish cornerback Mike Richardson picked off Army quarterback Carson Williams on a pass intended for Corey Anderson at the Army 41-yard line. One play scrambling for a 14-yard gain on third-and-eight, Quinn found McKnight for a 24-yard score through the air with 9:46 remaining in the third quarter was set up the play before by a 14-yard rush by Quinn after he was forced from the pocket.

"They have a great program, and in Quinn, they have a premier football player," Black Knights coach Bobby Ross said. "And the wide-outs, all three of them today, I think they had a heck of a day against us."

A 27-yard field goal by Austin Miller gave Army its initial 3-0

lead in the first quarter. The Black Knights drove 47 yards in seven plays, including a 23-yard run by running back Wesley McMahan on a sweep to the right sideline that pushed the Black Knights to the Irish 15-yard line. Running back Tony Moore then rushed seven yards to the 9-yard line to set up the Miller kick.

Army added a touchdown as time expired with a 12-yard pass from second-half quarterback David Pevoto to Tim Dunn to set the final at 41-9.

Walker scored his second touchdown of the game and the last touchdown for the Irish with a 7-yard run with 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"It's always important to get in there and establish the run, so we can dictate the game," Walker said. "We felt like we controlled it the whole time. We could take 20-play drives or whatever it need be to get into the end zone."

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player of the game

Brady Quinn

Notre Dame's senior quarterback completed 22-of-30 passes for 218 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for 35 yards.

stat of the game

6.8

Average yards per rush for Notre Dame. The Irish finished with 221 yards on the ground, including a season-high 162 by Darius Walker.

play of the game

Rhema McKnight's 24-yard TD catch

McKnight caught the ball on the sideline, spun outside and stayed inbounds for his second score.

quote of the game

"Brady is kind of shy. It was cool to see him get crazy like that. Sometimes he just needs some help with that."

Jeff Samardzija
Irish wide receiver

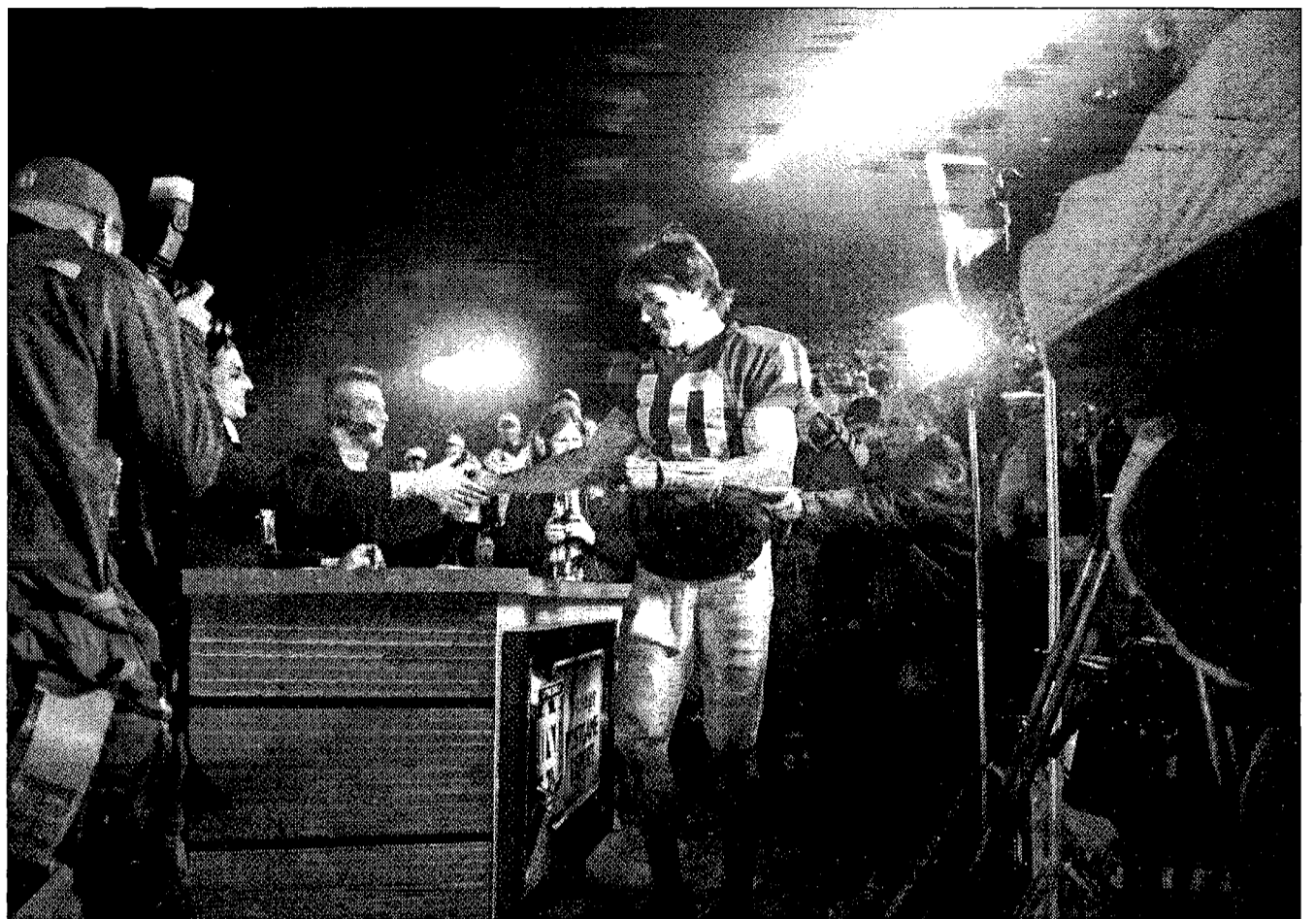
report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn made one bad decision and paid for it. Otherwise, the senior was outstanding, as usual. He controlled the game and patiently waited for open receivers.
- A** **running backs:** Walker hit holes hard and was effective both up the middle and to on the sides. He averaged 6.8 yards per carry and picked up the occasional Army blitzes.
- A** **receivers:** Samardzija and McKnight each scored in the final home game for the two. Grimes had five catches and a crucial fumble recovery in the end zone for another Irish score.
- A** **offensive line:** Quinn was sacked only once, and Weis called the 3-yard loss a "coverage sack." The running backs had big holes, and early penalties faded quickly.
- A** **defensive line:** Landri had perhaps the best game of his career. He was in the backfield all day, with 4.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and a blocked field goal. Abiamiri, Frome and Laws also played well on Senior Day.
- B+** **linebackers:** Brockington had eight tackles as he continued to play well. Crum added six tackles of his own, including a sack. But Travis Thomas finished the game without a tackle.
- B** **defensive backs:** Richardson's two interceptions were a reflection of his consistent play this year. Lambert was solid, and Ndukwe and Zbikowski each had just three tackles thanks to the play of the Irish corners.
- C-** **special teams:** Samardzija didn't get his hand out of the way on Gioia's missed kick, Renkes' diving tackle prevented an Army kickoff return touchdown and West's fumble nearly cost Notre Dame. Landri's block and Price's punt were the only positives.
- B** **coaching:** Army's defense was different from what Weis expected, and it took Notre Dame just two series to adjust. The Irish defense was stout, but the coaches should have gotten the reserve seniors in the game earlier.
- 3.41** **overall:** Notre Dame's sluggish start faded fast, and the Irish clicked on all cylinders until the game was well in hand.

adding up the numbers

- Consecutive passes Irish quarterback Brady Quinn threw until a first-quarter interception Saturday. The streak was a school record. **226**
- Home wins for Notre Dame in the last four seasons. The senior class went 6-6 at Notre Dame Stadium in 2003-04 and 10-3 thereafter. **16**
- Victories for Irish coach Charlie Weis in his first two seasons. The win total is the largest of any Notre Dame coach after two seasons. **19**
- Points Notre Dame scored in the first quarter. The Black Knights held the Irish scoreless in the opening period for the first time since Michigan State blanked Notre Dame in the first quarter on Sept. 23. **0**
- Yards rushing for Irish tailback Darius Walker over his past two games. Walker had a season-high 162 yards on the ground Saturday. **315**
- Career passing touchdowns for Quinn. His three tossing scores moved him to 10th on the all-time NCAA list, past Byron Leftwich and Peyton Manning. **90**
- Seasons in which Notre Dame has won 10 or more games. The Irish captured their 10th victory of the 2006 season Saturday, marking the program's first double-digit win season since 2002. **14**
- Average yards per carry for Irish senior tailback John Lyons, who rushed twice for 14 yards. **7.0**

Roller coaster ride ends elsewhere



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn shakes hands with NBC's John Walters Saturday on the set of the network's post-game show in Notre Dame Stadium. Quinn's excitement would be tempered with Michigan's close loss to Ohio State.

From the time Brady Quinn led Notre Dame Stadium in chants of "Beat SC" from the third row of the junior student section to the time the senior quarterback met with the press, the winds behind Irish sails deflated, and the national championship picture became much clearer — Notre Dame would not be in the title game.



Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

Michigan had just scored its final touchdown and two-point conversion when Quinn stepped up to the podium, his eyes glancing up every few seconds to see the game on the television in the back corner of the room.

What he saw was Notre Dame's national title hopes fall in a game it could not control, less than an hour after he was on top of the world — and NBC's television set — in celebration with fans who thought a solid win over the Trojans would launch the Irish to the Jan. 8 BCS championship game.

Before Quinn, Derek Landri spoke as Ohio State held an 11-point lead.

"I'm on the roller coaster still, and I don't plan on getting off until January 8," he said. "[The USC] game is going to be like the Michigan-Ohio State game this week. And the winner is probably, most likely, going to the national championship."

Even Charlie Weis couldn't escape it. He said he had no intention of running two thirds of the plays Notre Dame practiced before the Army game — they were designed for USC. He even admitted to having studied every Trojan offensive and defensive play this year.

On Sunday, Weis said the reason for his advance scout work was the minimized prep time at home before the Irish leave for Los Angeles Thursday afternoon. But Weis has told white lies about USC before — remember the strong implications, but never out-right statements, that Notre Dame wouldn't wear green jerseys last October?

"This past week was a really tough week because now you're forced to do all your work exactly the same for Army and then tack on USC on top of it," Weis said. "That's what last week

was. The last week was probably the hardest workweek I've had this year for that reason."

But Weis knew the Irish needed some help even before they would take on the Trojans.

"Fire away," Weis said as usual to begin his post-game press conferences before pausing. "By the way, it's 35-24 at the end of the third quarter."



But after seeing Notre Dame's worst-case scenario come true — a close win by the Buckeyes — Weis knew his chances at a national title were pretty much gone.

"Well, I'm trying to be practical here," he said Sunday. "I think that — you know, Ohio State is obviously going to the game. We obviously lost to Michigan at home. I'm well aware of that fact. I think that our best chance, without going being a politician, our best chance is to go out to USC and beat USC and let the chips fall where they may."

Let the chips fall where they may. That's an expression usually reserved for a deserving team that's trying to fight its way into the championship game.

Unfortunately for the Irish seniors like Quinn — probably the program's greatest quarterback — Notre Dame is no such team. The Irish don't deserve to make the title game. They lost by 26 to Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium.

In the mathematical dictatorship of college football today, a team that loses by 26 at home has no rightful claim to primacy. All the chips fell the way Notre Dame needed last week. But this week was a different story. The chips

fell in a way that will prevent the Irish from making an appearance in the BCS title game. And in the current system — which Notre Dame was a part of forming — that's only fair.

The six power conferences and the Irish got together to form the

BCS from the Bowl Alliance to ensure that No. 1 plays No. 2 in the biggest bowl of them all. And Notre Dame should not be No. 2, even if it beats USC.

For Notre Dame's purposes, let's just forget the arguments about Florida and Arkansas, West Virginia and anybody else for a second.

Michigan walloped the Irish at home and lost to an undefeated team by just three points. A rematch is unappealing? So what? The rules these teams established say appeal shouldn't be considered in national title games. There would be no more No. 1 versus No. 5 matchups like in 1977, and UM should be ahead of ND.

Notre Dame and the SEC schools helped create this system. They agreed to the by-laws and have the power to change them. If the Irish don't like the result, they have only themselves to blame — both for making the monster and losing during the regular season.



Notre Dame could beat Ohio State, but that's not the point. The Irish forfeited their right to a spot in the title game on Sept. 16. Indeed, the normally phenomenal Quinn was responsible for two Michigan touchdowns on his own — a fumble and an interception returned for scores.

At this point in the season, Notre Dame is a much better team than it was in September. With Darius Walker having the best five-game stretch of his career, the offense is far more consistent and balanced than it was in Week 3.

The defense has come a long way, too. The Irish average six tackles for loss — which, compared to USC's six, Michigan's 7.2 and Ohio State's 7.2 is pretty good.

But the goal of the BCS is to reward teams that get the job done every week. Teams that have loads of talent but lose to better-coached or better-prepared teams shouldn't get a shot to win the title just because they're talented, the BCS rationale goes.

The only team deserving of any shot at No. 1 is Michigan. The Wolverines lost by three on the road to an undefeated team. USC didn't show up against Oregon State and failed in its comeback. Florida lost to a vastly over-rated Auburn, Arkansas got demolished by USC and the Big East is a league of mediocre parity.

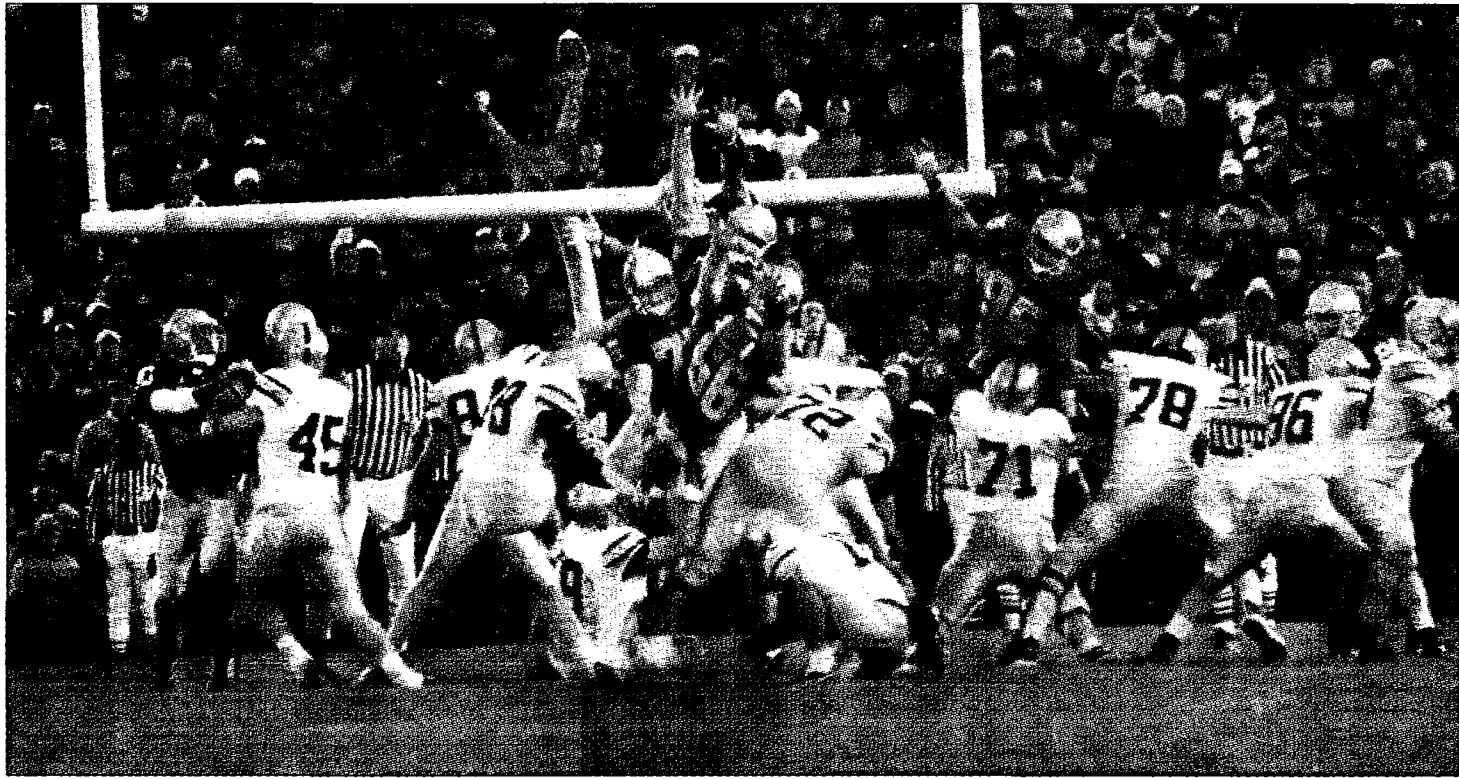
If appeal is the name of the game, then Notre Dame should be in the thick of the "Who faces OSU?" conversation. But it's not. And the Irish are out.

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Seniors make mark 'on a mission'

Weis says play of Landri, Richardson indicative of their progress through season



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Irish defensive tackle Derek Landri blocks Army kicker Austin Miller's 39-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter. Having stuffed three extra point attempts in Notre Dame's first 10 games, the play marked Landri's fourth blocked kick of the season.

By KEN FOWLER
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Derek Landri did it again. Notre Dame's 6-foot-3, 277-pound defensive tackle blocked another field goal Saturday — this time, a 39-yard attempt by Army kicker Austin Miller with 2:55 left in the third quarter. It was Landri's fourth blocked kick of the season.

"It's a good thing," Landri said. "It's one of those things where it's another chance to keep points off the board."

But it did more than that. The block came just four plays after Notre Dame failed to convert on fourth down with a yard and a half to go from its own 22.

Even though Irish coach Charlie Weis said it was a "dumb" decision to send the offense out on fourth down, he was happy with the result.

"It turned out great because we got stoned, I could be miserable, and the defense held them and we blocked the kick," Weis said. "There's a lot of good things that happened with that bad one. ... We block a kick, okay, and that now is a teaching tool where I can say

to the defense or to the special teams, 'That's the way to cover for your dumb head coach.'"

But Landri's play all day Saturday hid almost every Irish defensive coaching weakness that may have existed. And for his part, Landri said the defensive line's usual "confidence and swagger" showed up Saturday, along with sound preparation.

"We knew what they were going to bring and how they played," he said. "What we saw on film was what we got."

The senior from Concord, Calif., had seven tackles on the day, including 4.5 for losses and two sacks.

But Landri's play, Weis said, went beyond those stats.

"When I watched [the tape], it seemed like every time I turned around he was in the backfield," Weis said. "It wasn't just the two sacks. I mean, there's tackles for losses. I mean, he was in the backfield all day. He was playing on a mission."

Landri, however, wasn't the only defender playing on a mission on Senior Day.

Irish cornerback Mike Richardson, much maligned early in his Irish career, continued his solid play in 2006 with two interceptions.

On the first, Richardson picked off a pass from Black Knights starter Carson Williams to the left sideline four minutes into the second half. Williams didn't reach the receiver, and Richardson made his first interception of the season.

"We were working on that type of route in practice all week. I was able to come up and undercut the up-and-out route," Richardson said.

He made his second interception off backup Army quarterback David Pevoto less than two minutes into the fourth quarter.

"Mike has been pretty solid most of the year," Weis said. "He's probably been one of the most steady players we have. I think it was really good for him with those two interceptions, and I think that he's been — out of all the players on defense, I'd have to say he's been probably one of the steadiest from the start to the end."

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Charlie Jr. convinces dad on kelly green

Walker becomes fifth Irish running back ever with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons

By KYLE CASSILY
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The Irish walked out of the tunnel Saturday clad in their green uniforms — a move precipitated by Charlie Weis, Jr. — and broke the four-game curse the jerseys had.

Charlie Jr. told his father Thursday night that the team should wear the green jerseys against Army and Weis was easily able to overcome his hesitation to use them only against top-ranked teams.

"He goes, 'Well, Dad, you tell me how special this senior class is. It just doesn't seem right that they don't get an opportunity to be honored as seniors going out,'" Weis said. "I thought for a 13-year old kid to make a statement like that, I thought it made a lot of sense."

Weis brought up the ideas to captains Brady Quinn, Tom Zbikowski and Travis Thomas, who at first were skeptical. But Weis said he only had to call Quinn 'a wimp' and they were

on board.

It is the first time that the Irish have won while wearing the jerseys since a 37-3 victory over USC in 1985 when the team played the first half in blue and came out after half-time in green. The Irish have lost four times in the green uniforms since that game, including losses to No. 1 USC in 2005, Boston College in 2002, Georgia Tech in the 1999 Gator Bowl and Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl.

Running away

Irish tailback Darius Walker became only the fifth player in school history to eclipse the 1,000-yard rushing mark in back-to-back seasons. He set the mark with his 13-yard run up the middle on the fist offensive play of the second half.

Walker joined the ranks of Autry Denson, Allen Pinkett, Vagas Ferguson and Julius Jones with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. Walker ran for a season-high 162 yards against the Black Knights, his second-

most yards in a game behind his 186-yard performance last season against Stanford.

Walker also moved into fourth place all-time in career rushing yards, gaining 3,065 and passing Jones.

No prima donna

After Quinn jumped into the stands to lead the stadium in chants of 'Beat SC,' Weis said he thought Quinn had been watching his brother-in-law — Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk — and Green Bay's famous Lambeau Leap.

"For a guy that's of his stature, [Quinn] could very easily, very easily act like a prima donna, and he doesn't have one ounce of that in his body," Weis said. "I think he wanted to share that moment with the fans, especially the student body at the end. He's a really special person."

Alma Mater

Weis and the Irish continued their tradition of honoring the service academies by joining

Army on its side of the field for the playing of the United States Military Academy's 'Alma Mater.'

The Irish began the tradition last season at home against Navy, and have now done it this season for all three service academies. The Black Knights then joined the Irish in front of the student section for the playing of 'Notre Dame Our Mother.'

As Army walked off the field, Weis stood to one side of the team and shook hands with every Black Knights player that passed in front of him, thanking them and congratulating them on their play.

Coin toss

The Irish lost the coin toss and the Black Knights chose to receive the ball — the first time this season that Notre Dame has not had the opening possession of the game. The Irish chose to defend the south end of Notre Dame Stadium.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Army	3	0	0	6	9
Notre Dame	0	20	14	7	40

First quarter
Army 3, Notre Dame 0
Austin Miller 27-yard field goal with 1:46 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 47 yards, 3:07 elapsed

Second quarter
Notre Dame 7, Army 3
Darius Walker 10-yard run with 14:10 remaining. (Carl Gioia kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards, 3:36 elapsed
Notre Dame 13, Army 3
Jeff Samardzija 16-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 8:15 remaining. (Gioia kick failed)
Drive: 9 plays, 78 yards, 3:43 elapsed
Notre Dame 20, Army 3
Rhema McKnight 8-yard reception from Quinn with 1:01 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 9 plays, 69 yards, 3:07 elapsed

Third quarter
Notre Dame 27, Army 3
David Grimes fumble recovery with 13:09 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 78 yards, 1:51 elapsed
Notre Dame 34, Army 3
McKnight 24-yard reception from Quinn with 9:46 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 40 yards, 1:12 elapsed

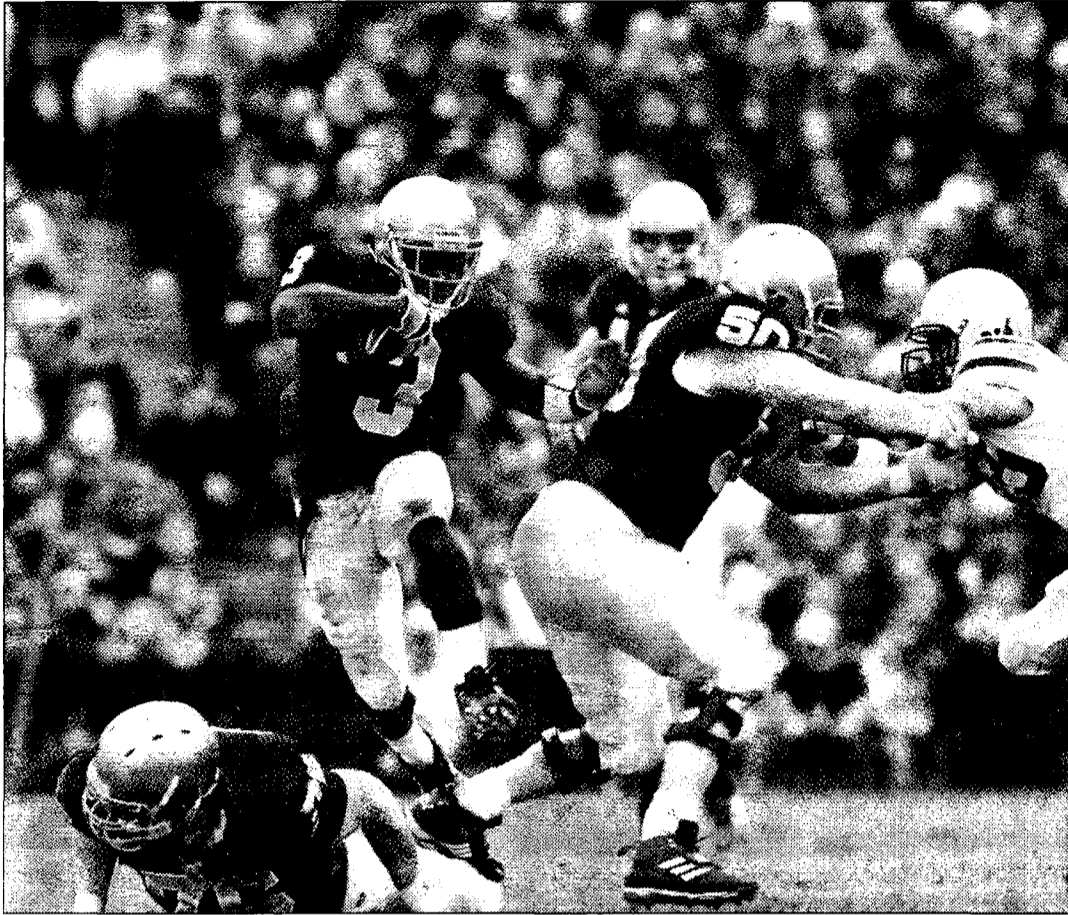
Fourth quarter
Notre Dame 41, Army 3
Walker 7-yard run with 11:00 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 42 yards, 2:21 elapsed
Notre Dame 41, Army 9
Tim Dunn 12-yard reception from David Pevoto with no time remaining. (no kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 33 yards, 0:36 elapsed

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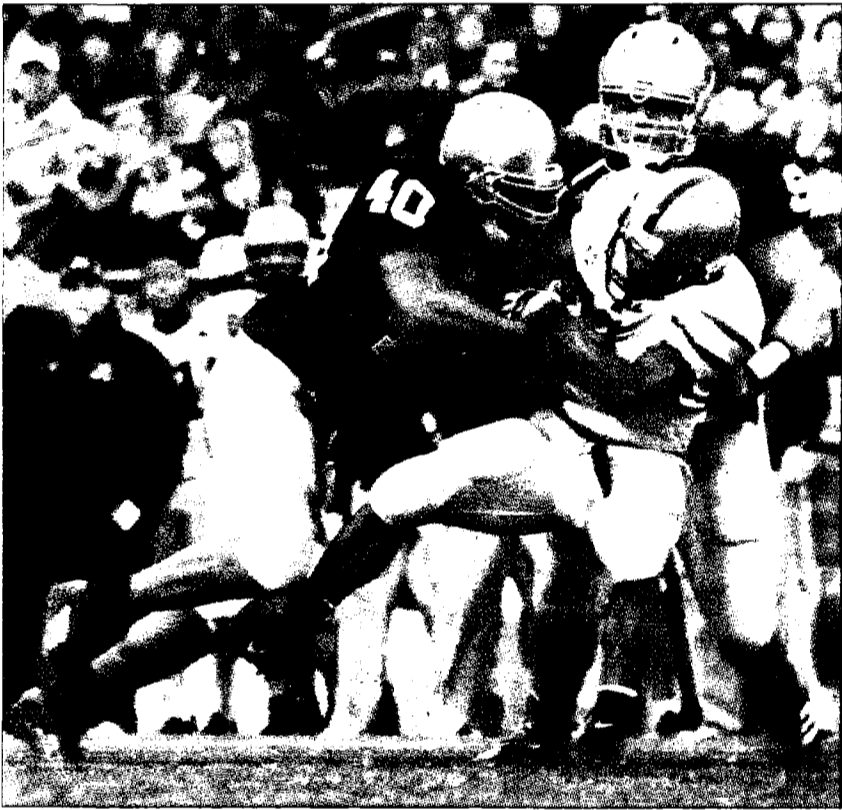
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ARMY	150		
rushing yards			
ND	221		
ARMY	58		
passing yards			
ND	218		
ARMY	92		
return yards			
ND	57		
ARMY	179		
time of possession			
ND	31:49		
ARMY	28:11		
ARMY			
36-58	rushes-yards	35-221	
8-21-2	comp-att-int	22-30-1	
4-172	punts-yards	1-55	
4-1	fumbles-lost	2-1	
4-35	penalties-yards	9-77	
12	first downs	26	
1-3	sacks-yards	3-20	
1-2	field goals-att	0-0	
passing			
Pevoto	7-13-1	Quinn	22-30-1
rushing			
McMahad	11-41	Walker	24-162
Viti	11-28	Quinn	5-35
Moore	9-24	Lyons	2-14
receiving			
Trimble	3-33	Samardzija	9-87
Dunn	2-33	Grimes	5-56
Moore	1-16	Walker	5-25
Anderson	1-5	McKnight	3-50
tackles			
Shrode	11	Brockington	8
Murray	8	Landri	7
Laird	6	Laws	7
Grevious	6	Crum	6
Craig	5	Bruton	5
Wright	3	Frome	5
Scruggs	3	Borseti	3
Thompson	3	Ndukwe	3
punting			
Tolson	43.0	Price	55.0

Dressed for success

Notre Dame came out in green uniforms to honor the senior class and stay motivated a week before facing USC in Los Angeles. The Irish started sluggish but turned things around fast in the second quarter. Darius Walker had his best game of the season, but the star of the afternoon was Brady Quinn. The senior standout didn't have his best game — just the last solid performance in a long line of good days at the home office for Quinn. And the crowd made sure he felt appreciated with chants of "Bra-dy Quinn. Bra-dy Quinn."



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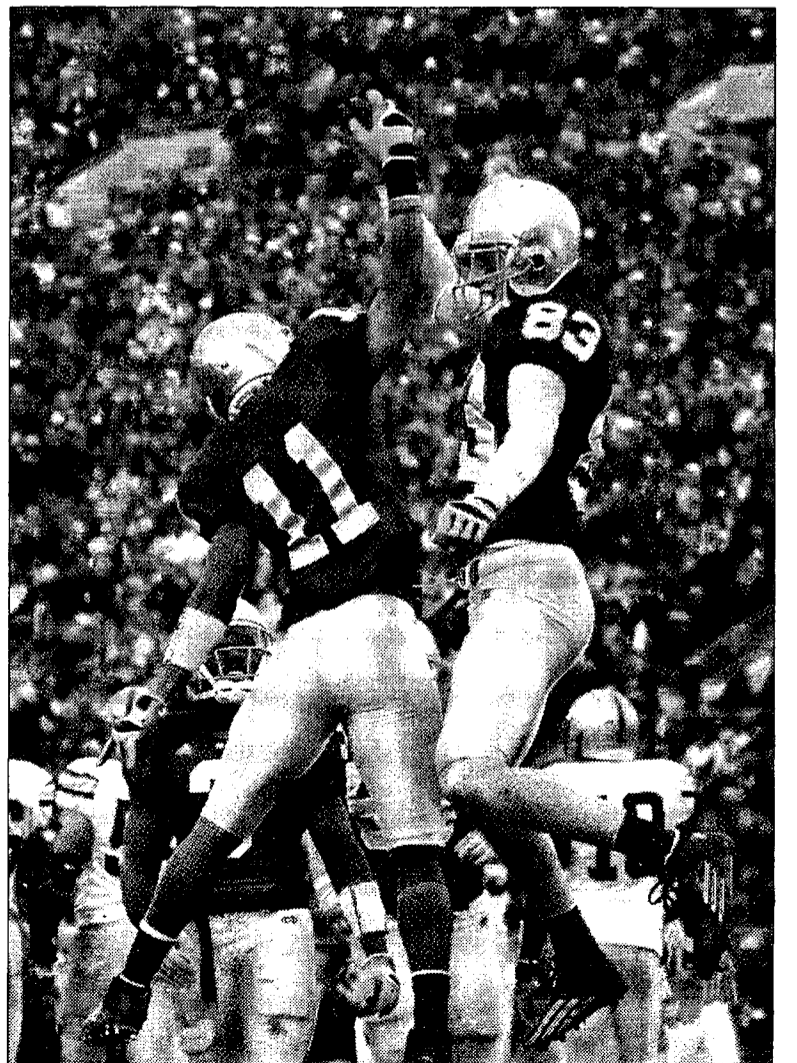
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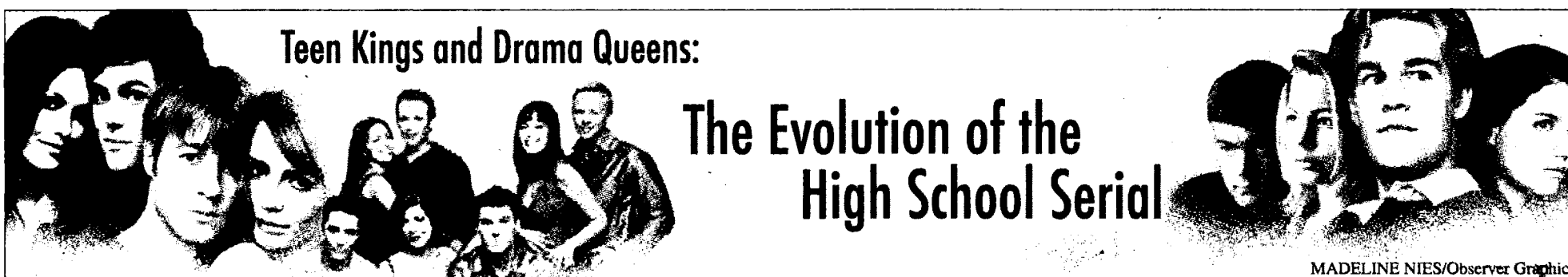


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Top, Irish tailback Darius Walker leaps over right guard Bob Morton while picking up a block from left guard Dan Santucci. Middle right, Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija catches a touchdown pass in front of Army defensive back Jordan Murray. Bottom right, Samardzija celebrates his touchdown catch with receiver David Grimes. Bottom left, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn scrambles past Army linebacker Cason Shrode. Middle left, Notre Dame's Maurice Crum (40) and Trevor Laws tackle Army's Wesley McMahan.



Teen Kings and Drama Queens:

The Evolution of the High School Serial

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TEEN DRAMA FEATURE

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The primetime teenage drama is a staple in today's television fare, with networks like the former WB even specializing in it. This wasn't always the case, however, since the teen drama is a relatively young creature.

Early shows created for teenagers tended to be series like "Saved by the Bell," which, while they dealt with teen issues, weren't always taken seriously and were incredibly lighthearted, even when dealing with serious topics. They were also typically half-hour shows that aired in the afternoon or on Saturday mornings.

One of the first teen dramas to reach moderate success was the Canadian "Degrassi High," which aired on PBS during the late '80s and early '90s.

Its current incarnation is the popular "Degrassi: The Next Generation" which airs on The-N and is credited for using actual teenage actors to play the characters.

In the 1990s the teen drama truly came into being as recognized today in Aaron Spelling's "Beverly Hills, 90210." The show dealt with issues that teens faced in a realistic and serious manner. The show became instantly popular with young audiences and launched its actors, such as Luke Perry and Jason Priestley, to teen idol status. The show had an incredibly long 10-year run from

1990-2000.

After the success of "90210" came a slew of shows furthering the stability of the teen drama as its own legitimate genre. 1994 was a great year for the teen drama, bringing to the screen both ABC's "My So-Called Life" and FOX's "Party of Five." Although the show was critically acclaimed, ABC made the mistake of pitting "My So-Called Life" against a new NBC show, "Friends." "Friends" dominated the ratings, and "Life" was cancelled after only a season, but not before launching the careers of Claire Danes and Jared Leto.

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"Party of Five" saw a great deal more success, lasting for six acclaimed seasons, although it was more of a drama featuring teens, as opposed to being a teen drama in the vein of "90210."

With the rising success of the teen drama, a new network was created in 1995 — The WB — that specifically catered to the genre. Within three years of the network's launch, shows such as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Felicity" and "Dawson's Creek" premiered and met with both critical and popular success. The sophistication of the shows — in writing, acting and content — helped to make the teen drama as legitimate a genre as the typical network drama.

The WB continued to grow and add excellent shows to its repertoire, such as "Everwood" and "Gilmore Girls." Although series on the WB were meet-



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"My So-Called Life" starring Claire Danes, left, and Jared Leto was a short-lived but critically acclaimed teen drama, much like "Freaks and Geeks" five years later.

ing with high levels of success, shows airing on the major networks didn't do as well. NBC's 1999 critically acclaimed "Freaks and Geeks" barely lasted an entire season due to its poor ratings.

It wasn't until 2003 that the teen drama would find its face again on one of the major networks. FOX, the same network who delivered "90210," revamped the genre with "The O.C." Much like "90210" a decade earlier, "The O.C." initially followed a core group of Californian darlings through their exploits and dramas in high school. Now in its fourth season, the

characters have entered their first year of college, and the focus of the narrative has shifted from its initial beginnings.

Although it is a comparatively recent creation, the teen drama has had several outstanding series that easily legitimize it as a genre. The teen drama, when done well, has the ability not only to entertain young and older audiences alike but also to tackle the serious issues faced by teenagers of any generation.

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DVD REVIEW

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The genre of the teen drama gained prominence in the television world with Aaron Spelling's creation "Beverly Hills, 90210." From 1990 to 2000, FOX's "90210" changed the face of television dramas centered on and aimed for a teenage audience. The magic of the show's early years can now be recaptured through the release of the first season on DVD.

"Beverly Hills, 90210" follows the Walsh twins, Brandon (Jason Priestley) and Brenda (Shannen Doherty), who move from Minneapolis, Minn. to Beverly Hills, Calif. and the adjustments they make while making new friends and dealing with the universal struggles of high school life. They quickly become friends with numerous California natives who teach the newcomers the ways of Beverly Hills. The guys include often mysterious and slightly rebellious hotel heir Dylan McKay (Luke Perry), athletic and charming son of a television star Steve

Sanders (Ian Ziering) and young and slightly nerdy David Silver (Brian Austin Green). The female counterparts include the always attractive and frequently troubled Kelly Taylor (Jennie Garth), highly opinionated newspaper editor Andrea Zuckerman (Gabrielle Carteris) and Donna Martin (Tori Spelling), who has a barely-supporting role in the first season.

Throughout the season the kids deal with the typical problems that plague most high school students — sex, drugs, alcohol abuse, cheating and relationships. The moral backbone of the series is present in Brandon and Brenda's parents, Jim (James Eckhouse) and Cindy (Carol Potter), who serve as parent figures for all of the kids, since most of the Beverly Hills parents, stereotypically, let their children run rampant.

One of the reasons that "90210" was as successful as it was for an early teen drama was because of its well developed and, for the most part, realistic characters. The core characters — Brandon, Brenda, Kelly, Andrea and Dylan — are all thoroughly developed throughout the course of the first season.

However, the reason that the show took a comparatively long time to reach DVD status is because of the dated music. Music copyrights for television shows have a time limit, and once that time has been exceeded, the copy-



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Late producer Aaron Spelling's smash hit "Beverly Hills, 90210" portrays teenage issues still relevant today. The first season is finally on DVD after producers worked out music rights.

rights must be renewed. Many of the shows from the early 90s and before have lost the rights to the music, so the production companies either have to regain the rights to the music or put new music in the show. "90210" decided to go with new music, which, at times, is quite apparent as some of the music doesn't flow with the show as well as it should.

The DVD set comes with all 21 episodes of the first season, including the original pilot episode. The final disc includes several special features including a "Beginnings" feature with co-creator Darren Star, who also has

commentary on numerous episodes. There is a behind-the-scenes featurette as well as a recap of the whole first season.

"Beverly Hills 90210" was a landmark show when it first aired, and it still plays a role in the teen culture of today given its influence on shows that are now airing. Serving as the first outstanding blueprint for the teen drama genre, "90210" is just as relevant and entertaining as when it first aired and is a great addition to any collection.

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Beverly Hills, 90210

The Complete First Season

Paramount Home Video



NFL

Cowboys deal Indianapolis its first defeat

Steelers, Chiefs, Bears all escape victorious

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Indianapolis Colts are perfect no more. And as flawed as the Dallas Cowboys are, they're starting to look like contenders again.

Tony Romo managed an efficient game in his first career start at home, Marion Barber III ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns and the Cowboys handed Peyton Manning and the Colts their first loss of the season 21-14 Sunday.

A week after becoming the first team to start 9-0 in consecutive seasons, Indianapolis fell shy in its bid to match last year's 13-0 run, much less the perfect season by the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

The Colts had escaped close calls all season — like two one-point wins over bad teams at home and five other wins by less than a touchdown — but couldn't overcome four turnovers, their most in a regular season game since Nov. 25, 2001.

For the Cowboys, this easily goes down as their most impressive win in coach Bill Parcells' four seasons.

Dallas (6-4) is two games over .500 for the first time all season. With four of the remaining six games at home and with the rest of the division ailing, the Cowboys are in prime position to make a run at the division title.

It's a stunning turnaround considering how badly they looked in their last home game, a lopsided loss to the New York Giants.

But a halftime quarterback change that game, from Drew Bledsoe to Romo, has transformed the club. The Cowboys have won two in a row and three of four.

Steelers 24, Browns 20

With a flick of his wrist, Ben Roethlisberger saved the Pittsburgh Steelers from a season-crushing loss.

Roethlisberger shoveled a 4-yard touchdown pass to Willie Parker with 32 seconds left, rallying the Steelers to a win over the Cleveland Browns, who were minutes away from kicking the defending Super Bowl champions into the AFC North basement.

Roethlisberger intercepted three times in the first half, threw for 272 yards — 224 in the fourth quarter — as the

Steelers (4-6) avoided a defeat that would have made it almost impossible to get into the playoffs.

But Big Ben made all the big plays, none as important as his flip to Parker. Roethlisberger had to shake off rookie Kamerion Wimbley before completing the TD pass, making him 18-for-29 in the final 15 minutes.

The Browns (3-7) spent all week talking about getting revenge for their 41-0 loss to Pittsburgh on last Christmas Eve, and for most of the day it looked like they would get it.

But Cleveland's defense couldn't stop Roethlisberger when it mattered most, and the Browns dropped their sixth straight game to their bitter rivals, who have won 12 of the last 13 between the teams.

After Roethlisberger hooked up with Parker, the Browns drove to Pittsburgh's 22. With three seconds left, Charlie Frye threw a jump ball to the back of the end zone that Braylon Edwards nearly grabbed in a crowd.

But when the ball fell to the ground, several of the Steelers dropped to their knees in relief. Edwards, Kellen Winslow and other Cleveland players consoled each other after another tough loss.

Chiefs 17, Raiders 13

Trent Green looked and felt just like new. He was at his best when Kansas City needed him most.

After passing for barely 50 yards in his return from a 10-week layoff, the two-time Pro Bowl quarterback coolly threw for 50 yards in one game-winning fourth-quarter drive. Hitting three of five in the final minutes, Green set up Larry Johnson's 1-yard go-ahead touchdown run and rallied the sluggish Chiefs past injury-riddled Oakland.

"The majority of games in this league come down to the fourth quarter, and finding ways to get that done," said Green, who couldn't even drive the first couple of weeks after suffering a severe concussion on Sept. 10.

"I just feel proud I was able to contribute to that part of it and make some throws when we needed."

The Raiders held a 13-10 lead when the Chiefs (6-4) took the ball on their 20 with 4:53 to play. He hit 3-of-5, including passes of 10 and 16 yards to Samie Parker and a beauty of a 24-yard gainer to Eddie Kennison.

Johnson, with 1:32 to play, squeezed into the end zone, capping a two-touchdown, 159-

yard rushing game on his 27th birthday.

Bears 10, Jets 0

Mark Bradley turned and caught the short pass from Rex Grossman, and then realized Drew Coleman was the only thing standing between him and the end zone.

"Every receiver loves a one-on-one situation," the Chicago Bears' second-year standout said. "It's just you and the DB on the island, and may the best man win."

On this play, it was no contest. Coleman slipped and Bradley turned the completion into a 57-yard touchdown 10 seconds into the final quarter, and the Bears beat the Jets on Sunday.

"He threw the ball based on where the corner was," Bradley said. "I turned up inside and there was a lot of daylight. The safeties came down and rolled back to the strong side. That's why it was wide open."

The Jets blitzed on the play in an attempt to fluster Grossman, but it backfired.

"It made a good move," Coleman said of Bradley. "It hurt, but we were still in the game."

Well, not really. Chicago (9-1) notched its second shutout this season — the Bears blanked the Packers at Green Bay on Sept. 10. The Bears, coming off a 38-20 victory over the New York Giants, also became the first road team since the 1999 Washington Redskins to win two straight at the Meadowlands.

"New York has been good to us," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "Coming here, a tough place to play, and getting two wins is big."

Next up is another tough road matchup against New England.

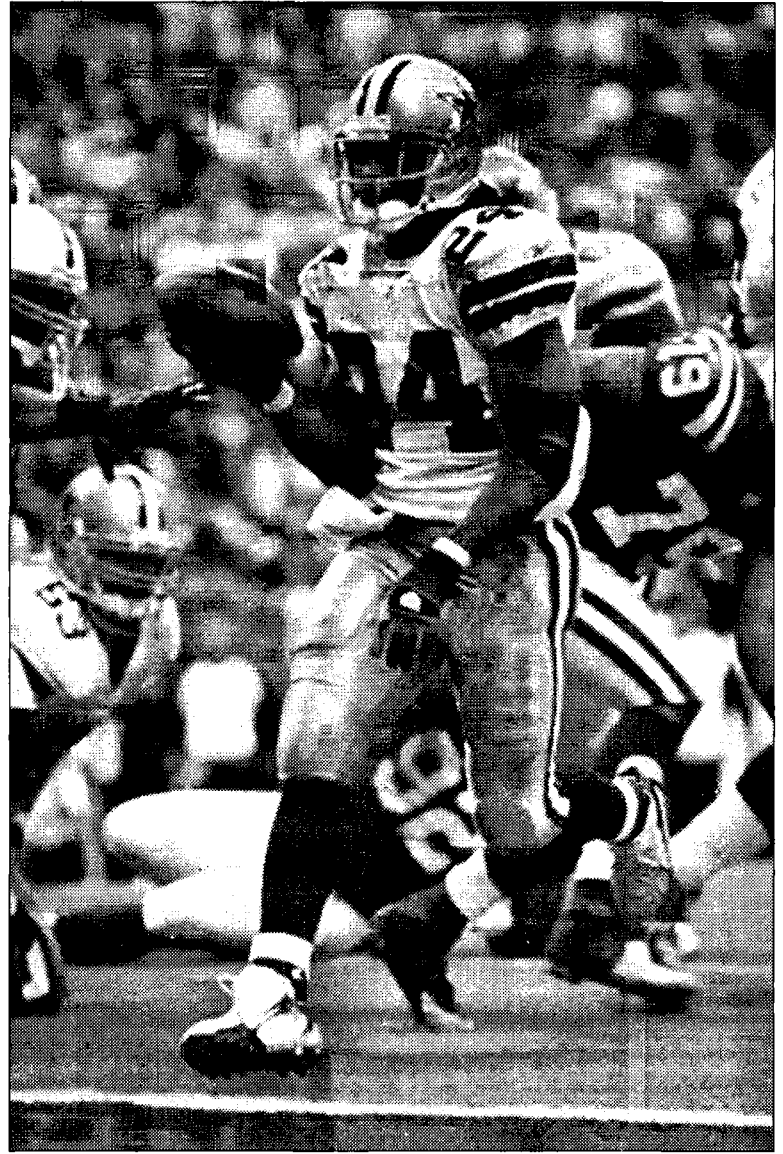
Bengals 31, Saints 16

If anyone doubted how seriously Chad Johnson takes his role on the Cincinnati Bengals, consider this: He was too hurt to zone his trademark end zone celebrations.

He retained the will to score game-breaking touchdowns.

For a second Sunday in a row, Johnson and quarterback Carson Palmer quarterbacked an opposing defense, connecting for 190 yards and three touchdowns. This time, however, it resulted in a victory over the New Orleans Saints that halted a three-game losing skid and renewed hope of a playoff run in the Bengals' locker room.

"I'm trying to be as consistent as possible, trying to make sure I do all I can to make sure we come up out of this hole and



Dallas running back Marion Barber crosses the goal line during the Cowboys' 21-14 victory over the Colts Sunday.

make this run," said Johnson, who limped into the end zone at the end of a 60-yard touchdown reception that gave the Bengals a 17-10 lead in the fourth quarter.

"It was a necessary victory. A must win."

Johnson said his right hamstring was hurting, but returned on the next series and caught a 48-yard pass, followed by a 4-yard TD catch on a quick slant as the Bengals (5-5) pulled away.

"I knew Chad was going to come back in the game," Palmer said. "He had been playing so well. He's a tough guy."

Titans 31, Eagles 13

Donovan McNabb's season is over early — again.

The Philadelphia Eagles lost their star quarterback for the rest of the year with a torn knee ligament in a loss to the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

McNabb will have surgery to repair the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and is

expected to be sidelined from eight months to one year. It's the third time in five years McNabb has gone down with six or more games remaining in the regular season.

"It's an unfortunate thing," said Jeff Garcia, who replaced McNabb.

"Donovan is a competitor, a leader and he was having a great season."

"He'll be missed."

McNabb was injured on the second play of the second quarter on a seemingly harmless play.

He was rolling to his right near the Tennessee sideline and was bumped out of bounds by Kyle Vanden Bosch after throwing an incomplete pass. He grabbed his right knee and was immediately tended to by trainers before being carted off the field.

"If he was running to the sideline trying to get out of bounds, I don't take that shot, but he reared up and tried to throw it and I was trying to get a hand in his face," Vanden Bosch said.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	points	prev.
1	Ohio State (65)	1625	1
2	Michigan	1502	2
3	USC	1493	4
4	Florida	1451	3
5	Arkansas	1365	5
6	NOTRE DAME	1307	6
7	West Virginia	1144	8
8	Louisville	1078	10
9	LSU	1075	9
10	Wisconsin	1049	12
11	Texas	1028	11
12	Boise State	878	13
13	Oklahoma	856	16
14	Auburn	822	15
15	Rutgers	736	7
16	Georgia Tech	667	18
17	Virginia Tech	583	19
18	Boston College	516	20
19	Tennessee	404	22
20	Wake Forest	355	14
21	Brigham Young	325	23
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23	Nebraska	258	24
24	Clemson	122	25
25	Hawaii	89	NR

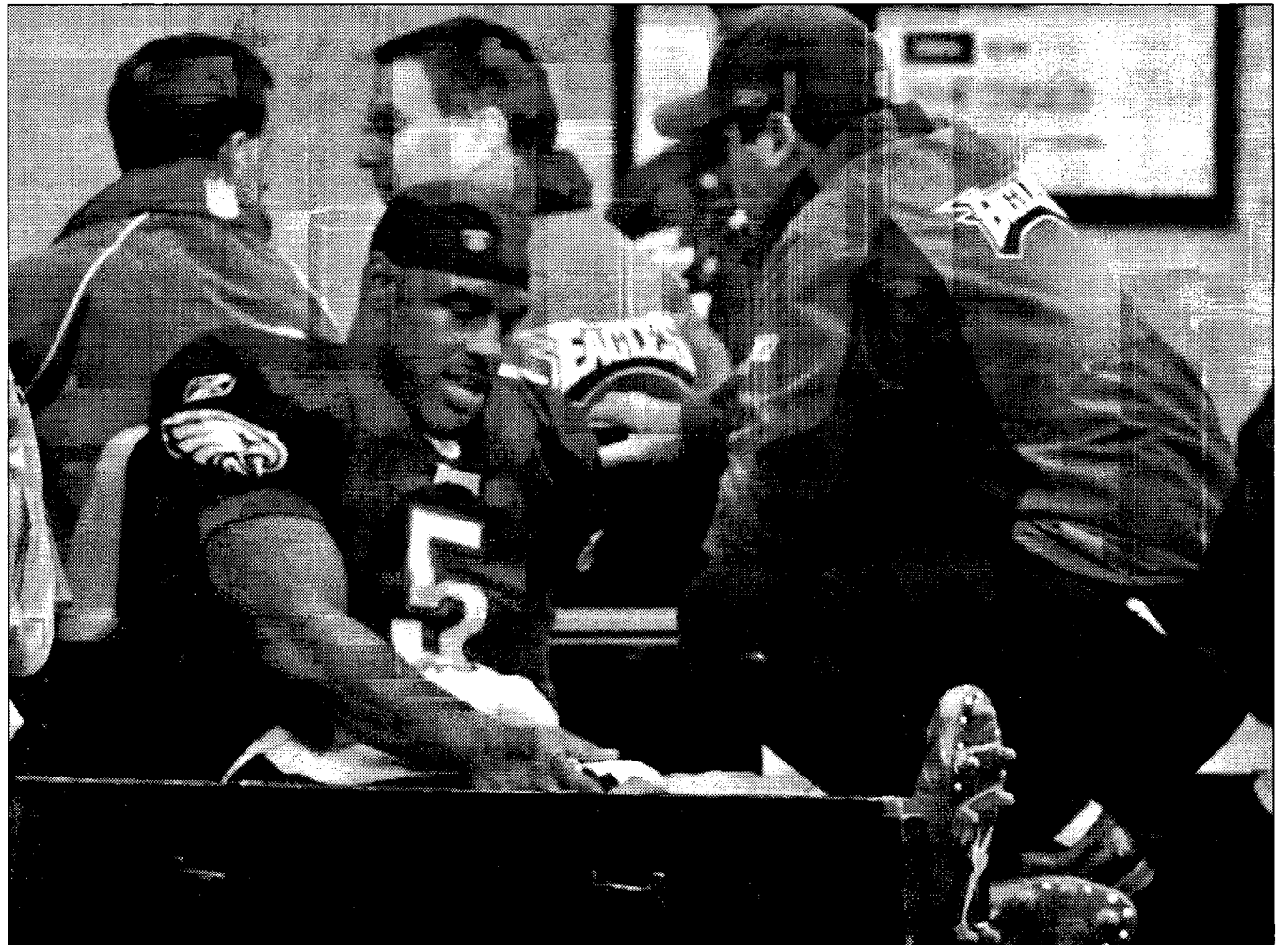
NCAA Football Coaches Top 25

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2	USC	1444	4
3	Michigan	1428	2
4	Florida	1407	3
5	Arkansas	1302	6
6	NOTRE DAME	1285	5
7	West Virginia	1151	7
8	LSU	1081	9
9	Wisconsin	1053	10
10	Texas	994	11
11	Louisville	944	12
12	Boise State	862	13
13	Auburn	825	15
14	Oklahoma	795	16
15	Georgia Tech	655	18
16	Rutgers	641	8
17	Virginia Tech	561	19
18	Boston College	540	20
19	Nebraska	353	22
20	Wake Forest	343	14
21	Tennessee	326	23
22	California	265	17
23	Brigham Young	256	24
24	Clemson	174	25
25	Hawaii	97	NR

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	team	BCS avg	prev.
1	Ohio State	1.000	1
2	Michigan	.9263	2
3	USC	.9188	3
4	Florida	.8938	4
5	Notre Dame	.8198	5
6	Arkansas	.8065	7
7	West Virginia	.7168	8
8	Wisconsin	.6803	9
9	Louisville	.6770	10
10	LSU	.6431	11
11	Boise State	.5640	12
12	Auburn	.5341	14
13	Texas	.5328	13
14	Rutgers	.4809	6
15	Oklahoma	.4225	17
16	Georgia Tech	.3906	18
17	Virginia Tech	.3581	21
18	Boston College	.3260	20
19	California	.2726	15
20	Tennessee	.2579	22

NFL



Donovan McNabb is carted off the field during the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Tennessee Titans. The Titans went on to defeat Jeff Garcia, McNabb's replacement, and the Eagles 31-16.

McNabb injures knee, out for season

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb tore a ligament in his right knee and will miss the rest of the season, the third time in five years the Eagles will finish a campaign without their hard-luck quarterback.

McNabb was rolling to his right and was bumped out of bounds after throwing an incomplete pass Sunday when he grabbed his leg in pain early in the second quarter of Philadelphia's 31-13 loss to the Titans.

He was immediately tended to by trainers, carted off the field and later taken to a hospital. The Eagles said

McNabb, a five-time Pro Bowl selection in the midst of a possible career year, tore his anterior cruciate ligament.

"That's normally an eight-month-to-a-year injury," Eagles coach Andy Reid said, "so he's done for the year."

That puts McNabb's timetable for recovery anywhere between July and the middle of next season.

"He's got some hard work ahead of him," Reid said. "He'll get after it."

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer suffered a torn ACL in the playoffs last season and made it back in time for the

start of the regular season. But a key to McNabb's success as a quarterback has been his outstanding mobility, picking up first downs with his feet or buying time for his receivers.

McNabb came into the game tied with Peyton Manning for the league lead with 18 touchdown passes and was second in the league with 2,569 yards passing.

Titans defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch, who bumped McNabb out of bounds on the play, said he was trying to get a hand in the quarterback's face as he was trying to get off the pass.

"I really feel bad for him," Vanden Bosch said. "You know I never play with the intent to get anybody hurt and I've been through two ACL injuries myself and you know my thoughts and prayers go out to him."

McNabb was replaced in the lineup by Jeff Garcia, who finished the game 26-for-48 for 189 yards and threw a touchdown pass to L.J. Smith.

"You never think he's not going to get up and come back on the field," Garcia said. "He's a great player and he was having a great year. And he is a leader on this team and he will be missed in many ways."

IN BRIEF

Alouettes capture Grey Cup on six field goals

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Paul McCallum kicked a Grey Cup record-tying six field goals, and the British Columbia Lions defeated the Montreal Alouettes 25-14 to win the Canadian Football League championship on Sunday night.

Ian Smart scored a touchdown for the Lions, who had the best regular-season record and won their fifth Grey Cup. It is their first title since beating Montreal in 2000.

"I can't even describe it, it just feels so good," said Lions receiver Geroy Simon, the CFL's most outstanding player. "They did a great job of covering me, but we knew our big guys were going to step up and make some plays."

Lions quarterback Dave Dickenson was chosen as the game's outstanding player after going 18-for-129 yards for 184 yards. He also ran for 53.

Cubs sign Soriano to monster deal

CHICAGO — Memo to the National League. The Chicago Cubs mean business. The team without a World Series title since 1908 has tackled the offseason with a fury and is on the verge of landing Alfonso Soriano, one of the game's top offensive players.

Soriano has agreed to an eight-year contract worth about \$136 million, a major league official told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The deal is contingent on Soriano passing a physical, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced. General manager Jim Hendry declined comment Sunday. But earlier he made it clear that the Cubs, who finished 66-96 last season for last place in the NL, were going to be major players in the market.

"We won 66 ballgames. We darn sure better be aggressive," Hendry said.

Duncan leads San Antonio over Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tim Duncan scored a season-high 35 points and grabbed 14 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs improved their franchise-best road start to 5-0 with a 108-99 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night.

The first meeting between the teams since the Spurs beat the Kings in the sixth game of their first-round playoff series in May was a physical game that featured three players leave for the locker room to get stitches.

Brent Barry scored 11 points off the bench before going down with 22.2 seconds left in the second quarter following a hard collision with Ronnie Price. Both players were helped off the court and needed stitches — nine for Barry to close a 2-inch gash on the left side of his forehead and seven for Price on his chin. Both returned, with Barry sporting a giant bandage held on by a headband.

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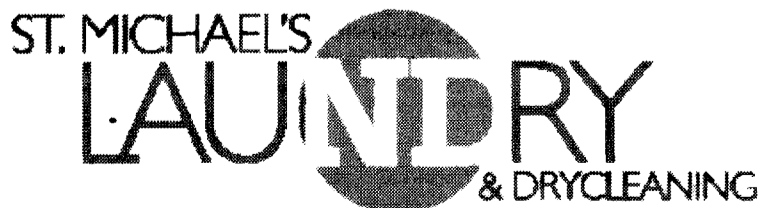
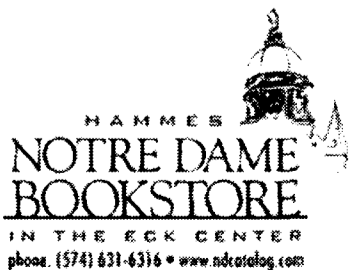
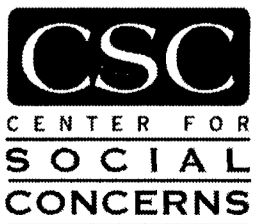
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Michigan uses fierce effort to honor late coach

Despite loss to OSU, team plays well for Bo Schembechler

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bo knows. Even in defeat, there was no better way this Michigan squad could have honored Bo Schembechler's memory and proved it learned his lessons

than the way it fought back time after time against Ohio State.

The stubbornness the Wolverines displayed by run, run, running themselves back into the game in the second half; the way they didn't quit until the clock made them; the fierceness they showed skeptics who said a rematch in the national title game wouldn't be the best outcome to this mad-cap season — those were all things that the old man would

have loved.

For all that, Lloyd Carr wanted to be sure everyone knew that his mentor's death a day earlier had nothing to do with the outcome of The Game.

"I want to be clear," Carr began his postgame news conference, choking back tears after the Buckeyes claimed a 42-39 win over the Wolverines for an automatic berth in the national title game. "It would not be fair to Bo.

"I'm a little mad at him

because he didn't stay around for this game. But it wouldn't be fair to use that in any way, and we don't. And all I could say about him," Carr paused, his voice cracking one more time, "is I loved that man."

Everybody who ever looked in on this most storied of rivalries feels that way.

Schembechler and his mentor, Ohio State legend Woody Hayes, turned it into the best game on the college football calendar most every year, something

even the kids who were born after both coaches were gone from the sideline knew. Just before kickoff, one of them hoisted a sign that read, "Bo and Woody in Heaven: Play Nice."

Back on the slippery turf of Ohio Stadium, though, their successors played it any way but that. What was supposed to be a tractor pull between two of the country's toughest defenses played out like the 24 Hours of Daytona instead — an endurance race in which the Buckeyes zoomed out ahead with one big play after another, yet still struggled to get Michigan out of its rearview mirror.

Not surprisingly, Schembechler anticipated just the opposite when he talked to the team Thursday.

"He just said if we want to win, we've got to come out and win the line of scrimmage," running back Mike Hart recalled.

"That's Bo — offensive and defensive lines win games."

But while he didn't get the specifics right during his talk, Schembechler's example — even in death — stole the Wolverines for what was to come.

"It's sad to see him go," said quarterback Chad Henne, who like Hart posted very respectable numbers in his third consecutive loss to the Buckeyes.

But the first thing Henne thought about when the news of Schembechler's death just a few minutes before noon Friday was this: "You've got to take advantage of every opportunity you've got, because he was there one day, and then he's gone the next.

"We dearly miss him," he added. "We tried to fight for him today."

None of the Wolverines, though, missed him more than Carr.

Schembechler hired him in 1980 to coach his secondary and taught him the Michigan way of doing things. That involved everything from bringing in music students to tutor the players on singing "The Victors" to teaching his lineman blocking schemes that were every bit as intricate as a ball-room waltz.

Trying to honor those lessons, Carr steeled himself from the bitter end of Saturday's classic. He asked his kids not to use Bo as motivation — or even worse, an excuse.

He asked only that each of them "coach and play in a way that would honor him."

And good as his word, Carr refused to lobby his colleagues, anybody else who votes in the polls, or even the public for a rematch.

Afterward, he conceded that telling his kids of Schembechler's death "was hard and it was emotional, yet all of us have challenges and you've got to move on.

"You've got to deal," he said, "with whatever comes your way."

Carr did that as capably as he could, wiping a tear when he climbed on the bus Friday afternoon in Ann Arbor and then going about his business the last 24 hours with a resolve that would have made Schembechler proud.

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SMC SWIMMING

Deeper Albion team beats Belles

MIAA foe deals Saint Mary's its fourth loss in five competitions

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Despite four individual victories on Friday, the Belles lost to Albion College 180-102, dropping their record to 1-4.

Saint Mary's coach Ryan Dombkowski had an idea of how the meet would play out going into the contest.

"Because swimming is a sport where only one stat matters [time], you can have a pretty good idea about your chances heading into the meet," he said.

Freshmen Lindsey Nelis, Kayla Ferguson and Sara Niemann and sophomore Melissa Gerbeth each took home individual wins for the Belles. Nelis won the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 2:05.25. Ferguson finished first in the 100-yard backstroke for the second straight meet, winning in 1:05.61. Niemann touched the wall at 2:21.01 to take the 200-yard backstroke.

Gerbeth won the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 18:27.54 seconds, defeating Albion's talented senior freestyle swimmer Rachel Doherty in the process. She was pleased with the way she swam.

"It was a close race through the 600-yard mark, but then it came down to who had more endurance to maintain their speed," she said. "Beating Doherty in the 1,650 has given me more confidence that I can beat other tough

swimmers."

These four young swimmers, who have won the majority of events for Saint Mary's this season, have shown remarkable versatility thus far. Throughout the last three meets, they have combined to win eight different events.

Although the score doesn't show it, the meet was surprisingly close. Besides the four wins, six individuals and two relay teams came in second, among them freshmen Jennifer Lebiecz, junior Kelly Tighe, Gerbeth and Nelis. Five of those events were lost by a combined total of 9.04 seconds, and the 200-yard freestyle relay team — made up of Niemann, Nelis, Gerbeth and Tighe — lost by just 0.29 seconds.

"Luckily we are going to swim against these girls again at the MIAA conference meet in February," Gerbeth said. "Knowing that, I think we will all practice a little harder so we beat them in February."

Gerbeth finished second in the 500-yard freestyle, but was able to set an individual best time of 5:26.85 seconds — 1.39 seconds faster than her previous best.

Albion also scored 17 points in the three-meter diving competition. Saint Mary's has no divers, and so no Belles competed.

The Belles have a week off before their next meet, the DePauw Invitational on Dec. 1 and 2. DePauw has a record of 4-1 and finished third this weekend in the Wabash Invitational.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Harangody leads Irish in blowout

By CHRIS KHOREY
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It was the Luke Harangody show Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

The freshman forward scored 18 points in 17 minutes in a 74-50 win for Notre Dame (3-1) over The Citadel (1-4).

"He's a special young man," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Harangody. "He has a great feel for the game and great hands."

Harangody started the game on the bench, but sparked an Irish run when he entered with just under 16 to play in the first half. The 6-foot-8, 250 pound freshman — taller and heavier than any player on the Bulldogs roster — proceeded to score nine of Notre Dame's next 14 points as the Irish opened up a commanding 23-5 lead.

Junior forward Rob Kurz said Harangody's energy contributed to Notre Dame's run.

"He's an offensive force off the bench," Kurz said. "He does a great job down low, getting good position and finishing."

Harangody then headed for the bench and Notre Dame's scoring slowed down. The Bulldogs were able to trade baskets for next few minutes. Kurz said he was frustrated with the inconsistency, whether or not it had to do with Harangody's presence.

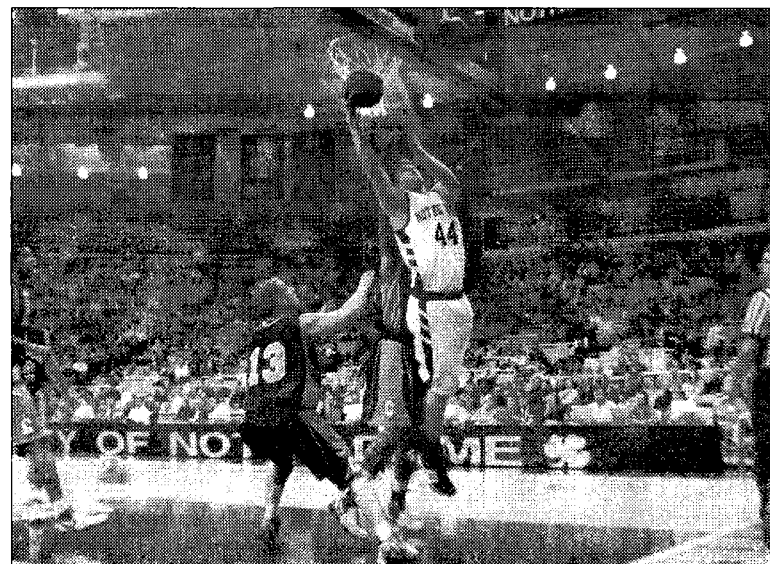
"Good teams have to be consistent all the time," he said.

Harangody came back into the game with 3:47 left in the half and the Irish up 30-12. Notre Dame scored the last 10 points of the half, including five by the freshman.

At the break, Harangody had personally outscored The Citadel 16-12, though he credited that statistic to team defense rather than his own play.

"I think it had a lot to do with playing great defense," he said. "We played amazing defense in the first half.

Not to be outdone by



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Irish freshman forward Luke Harangody drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 74-50 win over The Citadel Sunday.

Harangody, fellow forwards Kurz, Luke Zeller, and Zach Hillesland combined for 22 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists for the game with Hillesland adding a block.

Brey said the production inside forced the Bulldogs to abandon the zone defense they had employed heavily in their previous games against Iowa and Michigan State.

"I thought we did a really good job of getting the ball inside against their zone early," Brey said. "In fact, we may have done a better job getting the ball inside the zone than we did against man [defense] today."

The Irish became more lackadaisical in the second half, cruising to a 24-point victory but getting outscored 38-34 after the break.

"We've got to put our foot on the pedal," senior captain Colin Falls said. "The defensive end kind of looked sloppy. It shouldn't be hard to keep the interest up. We're playing college basketball. We're going to have to bring it for 40 minutes for the rest of our games."

Part of the reason for the turn-

around after halftime was an adjustment by Bulldogs coach Ed Conroy to use more full court press, which the Irish struggled against at times. Conroy also told his team to be more physical after the break. "We told our guys that when you are outsized, you have to strike the first blow," he said.

While the strategy worked for the most part, it resulted in two intentional fouls called against the Bulldogs — one by guard Vytautas Valiulis after a steal by Irish guard Russell Carter and another during a fast break by Harangody when the Irish forward was slammed into the base off the basket by Citadel forward Demetrius Nelson.

Harangody lay on the ground for a minute after the play, but was not injured.

Eleven players saw action for the Irish Sunday, with Brey rotating nine for most of the game and inserting freshmen Joe Harden and Jonathan Peoples late in the game.

Notre Dame will next be in action Nov. 27 against Lehigh at the Joyce Center.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hold on to win after squandering early lead

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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After letting Western Michigan climb back from a 10-point deficit, Notre Dame pulled ahead 53-51 after two free throws from center Mellisa D'Amico with 14 minutes to play in the game — a lead they would not relinquish in its 87-67 win Sunday.

The Irish would go on to shut down the Broncos offense, allowing no field goals in the next seven minutes while scoring 18 of the next 22 points.

Guard Breonna Gray set the tone for the Irish run with a three pointer at 13:38 after a kickout from junior point guard Tulyah Gaines set up an open look at the basket.

The Broncos tried to climb back in the game with back-to-back buckets by Sara Vest and Nicole Watkins, but freshman guard Ashley Barlow nailed a three from the left-side of the arch at the baseline. Barlow had found her sweet spot with her first three, as she sank another shot from the same spot beyond the arch to put the lead back to 16 points.

"I was just wide open, so I figured I'd shoot them," said Barlow, who finished the game 3-of-4 from three-point range. "Nobody was coming at me so I just worked on taking my time and getting the shot. We worked on that before the game."

One main reason for the big win for Notre Dame was its ability to contain Broncos guard Carrie Moore. Moore was able to put up 18 points on the Irish on 5-of-11 shooting, but this was still a far cry from her average of 32.3 points per game — including a 41-point performance Friday night against Detroit.

"I was really pleased with our defense on Moore," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's a big east caliber player, just an outstanding offensive talent and I think we did a great job on her and kind of wore her down a little bit."

In charge of guarding Moore was Gray — McGraw's go-to player for guarding top scorers.

"I take pride in my defense and I'm willing to do anything to get the win for our team," Gray said. "Coming out and shutting down

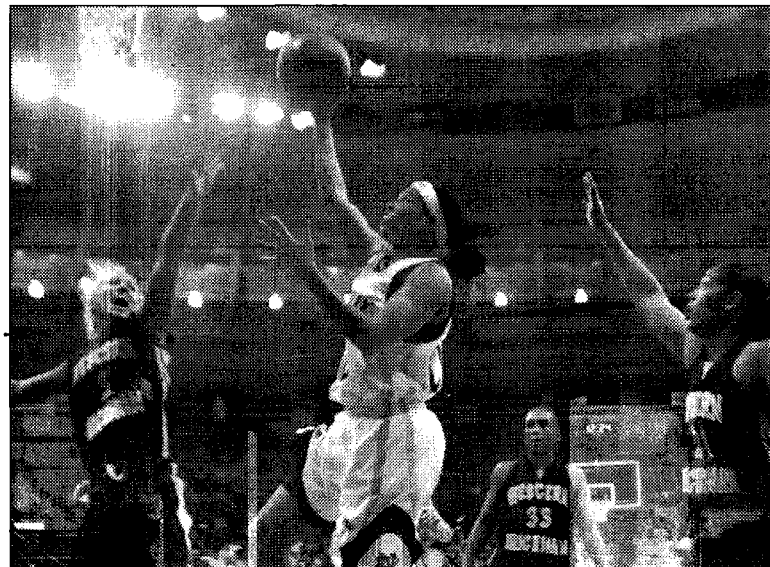
their best player — that's my job to do in order to get a win for us."

The Irish were without freshman center Erica Williamson as a strong post player off the bench, forcing starters D'Amico and forward Crystal Erwin to step up and dominate in the post. Erwin and D'Amico answered the call for the Irish, putting up 14 and 16 points each while dominating in the paint against the shorter Broncos players.

"I thought that [Mellisa D'Amico] played a great game overall — start to finish," McGraw said. "She was a big presence in the lane offensively and defensively."

Joining Erwin and D'Amico for the Irish as double-digit scorers were Gray (10), guard Charel Allen (12) and Barlow (17).

The Irish were also able to work the ball against the Western Michigan defense, setting up their offense effectively enough to register 27 assists on 31 made field goals — their highest assist total since Nov. 12, 2004, against Illinois State in the Preseason WNIT. Leading Notre Dame in assists was Gaines, who dished out a career-best nine in the win.



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Irish guard Ashley Barlow goes to the hoop during Notre Dame's 87-67 victory over Western Michigan Sunday.

The 20-point win came on the heels of a 75-49 drubbing at the hands of Penn State Thursday. For McGraw, this win and the practices leading up to it were important in building the character of her team.

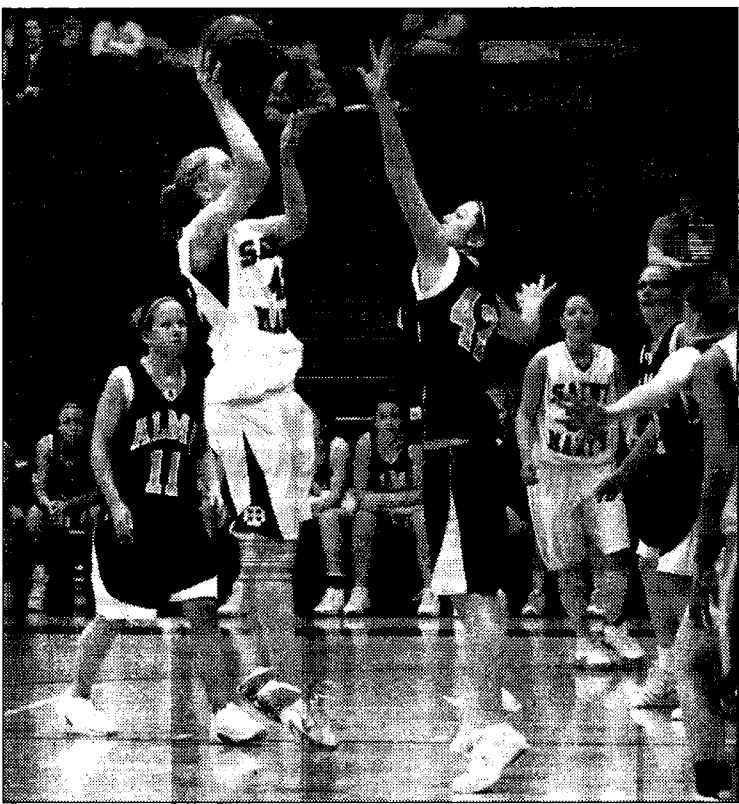
"We had a really good practice the day after and that's really for

me the indicator after a loss," she said. "We had two good days of practice, we knew what we had to do, we knew what we did wrong and we're working to fix it."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles lose in first two contests



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Sophomore forward Erin Newsom takes a shot during the Belles' 57-55 victory over Alma Jan. 25.

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

It was a rough start for the Belles.

Saint Mary's kicked off its 2006-07 season with a 68-48 loss to No. 5 Wheaton Friday and then lost in overtime Saturday to Wisconsin-Whitewater in the Lee Pfund Classic.

Thunder 68, Belles 48

Saint Mary's fell behind early against Wheaton, and the Thunder were content trading baskets with the Belles after staking a 20-point lead at the half.

Facing a stout Wheaton defense, Saint Mary's was just 5-of-22 from the floor in the first half, and the troubles began early.

Sophomore center Nicole Beier made a layup 21 seconds into the contest to give the Belles a quick 2-0 lead. That would be their only lead of the game and only field goal in the first 14:20 of the contest.

The Thunder had four players score 10 points or more, and Saint Mary's committed too many turnovers to hang with the nationally ranked team. Wheaton lead 32-3 before Saint Mary's sunk its second shot from the floor.

The Belles started hitting their shots from then on, but only a 14-5 run to end the first half kept Saint Mary's within 20 points of Wheaton.

But the Belles didn't quit. After falling behind by 24 halfway through the second period, junior guard Alison Kessler and sophomore forward Erin Newsom led Saint Mary's back, cutting the Thunder lead to 59-48 with 2:48 remaining. But it was too little, too late. Wheaton ended the game on a 9-0 run for its final 68-48 advantage.

Kessler finished with 17 points, converting 4-of-17 field goal attempts (3-of-5 3-pointers) and 6-of-8 from the line for the career 85 percent

charity stripe shooter. Newsom added 11 points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes off the bench.

Thunder All-American candidate center Jill Trenz lead Wheaton with 14 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. She was 6-of-11 from the floor and 2-of-2 from the free throw line.

Warhawks 70, Belles 67 (OT)

Kessler led all scorers with 22 points and nailed a jumper as time expired to send the consolation game into overtime, but neither Kessler nor Belles senior Bridget Lipke could hit a 3-pointer in the final five seconds as Wisconsin-Whitewater pulled out a back-and-forth game that saw 13 ties.

Neither the Belles nor the Warhawks could take a commanding lead in the contest, and both teams caught fire in the second half. Wisconsin-Whitewater made 52 percent of its shots in the second period, and Saint Mary's shot 52.6 percent for the half.

Warhawks junior center Lindsey Buechner scored 13 points and added 7 rebounds in just 21 minutes off the bench to lead Wisconsin-Whitewater. Before fouling out in the extra session, Buechner hit a jumper to put the Warhawks up 60-58 with five seconds left in regulation.

Kessler and Lipke were the stars of the game for Saint Mary's, making seven and six shots, respectively, of their 18 attempts each. The Belles got the ball back with 14 seconds remaining in overtime, but couldn't hit the final shot.

Lipke played 43 of the total 45 minutes and scored 15 for Saint Mary's.

The Observer could not contact Belles coach Jennifer Henly for comment Sunday.

Saint Mary's will take on Anderson at 7 p.m. Monday at the Angela Athletic Complex.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish take Minnesota Invitational

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The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team successfully defended its title in the Minnesota Invitational this weekend, knocking off three opponents ranked ahead of them on their way to victory.

"This is one of the most prestigious events of the fall season, and we're excited to win it," said senior Julia Quinn. "We are excited to go to the U.S. Open in a couple of weeks."

The No. 20 Irish scored 889 points, besting No. 5 Tennessee (805 points), No. 16 Minnesota, and No. 9 Wisconsin. (643 points each)

"It was a really big deal for us to win this meet," freshman Vivian Healey said. "Our team did really well overall."

Through one day of competition, the Irish trailed the Badgers 254-245.

Sophomore Casey Wagner scored the lone victory for Notre Dame on day one with a 4:49.89 performance in the 500-yard freestyle, her best time of the season in that event. Senior Katie Carroll, who has already set two NCAA

"B" qualifying times this season, finished second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:01.40.

Freshmen Ashlee Edgell and Megan Farrell placed third and seventh respectively in the same event. Senior Rebecca Grove placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle with a 23.84 second performance.

"We practiced very hard for this meet and we've been training hard," Healey said. "We would even practice

before each day of this meet."

Notre Dame captured the lead on day two of the meet, taking a 598-572 lead over the Badgers.

Carroll continued her consistent swimming on day two with second place finished in the 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley.

The Irish also had scoring efforts from their 200-yard medley relay teams. Johnson, Quinn, senior Jessica Stephens, and sophomore Christa Riggins placed second while Healey,

freshman Stacey Nedrud, senior Rebecca Grove, and senior Ann Grove placed fifth.

In their individual events, the swimmers did not claim any titles, but put up strong showings across the board to propel Notre Dame into the lead. Johnson and Barton placed third in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly respectively. Freshman Ashlee Edgell had a third place finish of her own in the 400-yard IM.

The Irish clinched the title on day three with the help of sophomore Claire Hutchinson's victory in the one-mile swim. Healey made the U.S. Open cut with her fourth place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, while the divers turned in solid performances. Freshman Natalie Stitt finished eighth in the one-meter dive, while fellow freshman Tiffany Robak placed twelfth. Junior Tara Hyer came in tenth in the three-meter dive.

"This was my first time in something like this and it was a great experience," Healey said. "We're in a great position for the rest of the season."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish await NCAA Championships

Team prepares to take on field in Terra Haute, Ind.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After a year of preparation, the moment the Irish have been preparing for all year has finally arrived.

Notre Dame will compete in its final race of the season today — the NCAA Championships at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course in Terra Haute, Ind.

Notre Dame reached the Championship race Nov. 11 after finishing second in the Great Lakes NCAA Regional race, behind only No. 1 Wisconsin. But making the race was not Notre Dame's only goal — the Irish also want to succeed.

"If we run a really solid race, we should definitely be in the top ten in the country, which is our goal," Irish freshman Brock Hagerman said. "It's been what we've been working for all year. Anything better than top ten is just gravy."

For Hagerman, this race is especially important because it is his first at the national level, along with fellow Irish freshman Jake Walker. "[The NCAA Championship] is definitely the biggest, most competitive race I've ever been in," Hagerman said. "It was definitely a goal coming in here — one, make the varsity team and two, help get the team to nationals."

In the week between the

But Hagerman said he knows the focus today belongs on the team's accomplishments at Terra Haute, not on his individual achievements.

"We have [senior] Kurt [Benninger] and [sophomore Patrick] Smyth up there leading the team, but then we have

a pack of five guys and we're just going to try to run together and keep that pack rolling," Hagerman said. "We want to get our three, four and five up around the top hundred, which would give us great position to run with the top ten in the country."

Running with Hagerman in that five-man pack will be Walker, juniors Brett Adams and Jake Watson and senior Todd Ptacek. But Notre Dame's top two runners, Benninger and Smyth, will again lead the Irish. Along with Watson, Benninger and Smyth were named Watson to the all-Big East squad with their top-15 finish in the conference championship Oct. 27. The duo also came across the line seventh and third in the Great Lakes Regional to help get the Irish into the NCAA Championship.

"Kurt and Patrick are real special in the fact that they don't only lead us in every race but every practice they're out there working," Hagerman said. "They definitely lead by example. Their consistency is going to pay off tomorrow."

In the week between the

Regional and National races, the Irish have stayed focused and ready for the final race.

"We're just getting our reps and getting recovered [in practice]," Hagerman said. "All the work's been done before this week. We're ready to go — it's just a matter of going out and doing it."

Although the entire men's team will make the trip to Terra Haute today, only Sunni Olding will run for the Irish women. The junior received that honor because of her fifth place finish at the Regional championship.

"I'm always proud to represent Notre Dame and my teammates who work so hard every race. This is just another chance to do that," Olding said.

Unlike most of the runners in today's race who have teammates to run with in packs, Olding will be on her own because Notre Dame did not receive an at-large invitation to the NCAA Championship. Despite being the only Irish representative on the course, Olding's mindset going into the NCAA Championship is the same as any other runner's.

"You want to finish with a low score and race as fast as I can," she said, "and now I want to finish as fast as I can, so my strategy isn't really that different."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Seniors' season coming to end

Brittany Bock was shivering. The Notre Dame sophomore forward sat in the tiny press tent on a frigid November evening answering reporters' questions about her two goals in a 3-0 Irish win over Colorado in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

It was flattering, but these weren't the people she wanted to talk to.

Then the people she was waiting to see — one of them, anyway — poked his head into the tent.

"Grandpa!" Bock exclaimed, throwing her arms around the man in the big blue coat and bringing the formalities of the post-game press conference to an abrupt end.



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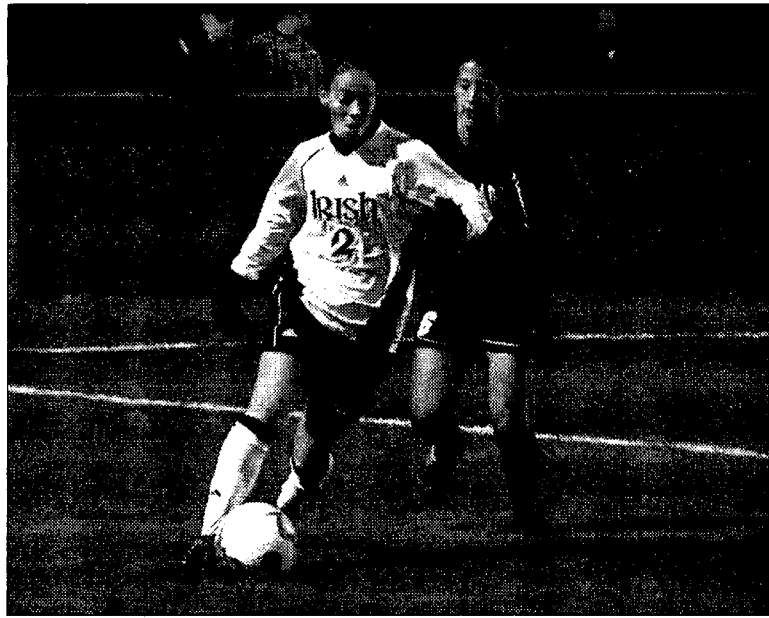
Katie Griffin was crying. The Buffaloes senior had just played her final game, falling 3-0 to the nation's No. 1 team on the road. She too was freezing, but she wasn't worried about that. Her season — the best in Colorado history — and career were over. She tried to put a positive spin on it.

"If you had to lose to somebody you might as well go out to the No. 1 team in the nation," Griffin said. "We worked our butts off. You win some, you lose some, but overall I thought we all played good as a team."

Her face told a different story, and as she hugged equally emotional freshman teammate Nikki Marshall, it was like Griffin was handing over the future of a program on the rise.



Women's soccer isn't a revenue sport. It doesn't draw huge crowds or even rate a section of the marching band. But to the players and those who support them, it means everything.



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish forward Kerri Hanks dribbles against Colorado during Notre Dame's 3-0 win Friday. Hanks had a goal and an assist.

Right now, the Irish program is the best in the nation. It is 23-0-1 this season and will host the national quarterfinals next Friday against Penn State in the last home game of the seniors' career. And while most Notre Dame students will be home celebrating Thanksgiving, the Irish know they can count on their most die-hard fans — their families — to be in attendance.

There will be no victory lap for the women's soccer seniors like the football seniors got Saturday. They will just high five and hug and say goodbye to Alumni Field next Friday as they (most likely) start to focus on a national semifinal game.

At times, Randy Waldrum's squad resembles a Little League team. It's a close-knit group with heavily involved parents and grandparents always waiting outside the gate for the players after the game — and who sometimes venture inside the press tent. The team even goes out to Chili's together after victories.

And while Waldrum is constantly pushing for bigger crowds and more student fans — and he occasionally gets them, like last Friday's contingent that earned complaints from the Colorado coaching staff for its rowdiness —

this Irish squad is playing for itself and its teammates.

Many are world class athletes who have represented their country in competition and many were on the team that won the national championship just two years ago, but none of that matters now.

What matters to the Notre Dame players — especially to the seniors — is not to be the ones with tears in their eyes, realizing the season (and for some of them, their soccer careers) is over.

They want to be the ones who get to keep playing soccer with their best friends, making their families proud, until they can hoist that national championship trophy.

And even then, even with the ESPN cameras rolling and their dormmates back home glued to the TV, the most important thing will be finding their parents and grandparents and giving them a hug.

And then finding out where the nearest Chili's is.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame falls in Big East final

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In a rematch of last year's Big East Championship, Notre Dame was unable to upset two-seed Louisville and secure itself an NCAA Tournament berth in the 30-26, 30-25, 24-30, 17-30, 12-15 loss in Cincinnati Sunday.

Earlier in the tournament, the Irish toppled impressive opponents who had dominated Notre Dame earlier in the season. Every team that Notre Dame played in the Big East tournament had won 3-0 in the regular season.

"When you look at the three teams we played, during only one game against them did we have our regular starting line up with Adrianna coming out in the first game against St. Johns," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "That was a pretty major reason why they were able to beat us."

By the time Notre Dame got to meet these teams again, the team was healed up, finely tuned, and ready to take on the best in the conference.

Notre Dame 3, Cincinnati 2

Notre Dame won their first five-game match all season to advance past Cincinnati in the 30-28, 25-30, 28-30, 30-26, 15-9 upset. Having lost in fifth-game heartbreakers early in the season to Missouri and Northern Iowa, the Irish displayed great progress as they were able to win the last two games of the match and send the Bearcats home winless.

Sophomore Mallorie Croal and Junior Adrianna Stasiuk were offensive forces, with Croal notching 25 kills and Stasiuk registering 23. Stasiuk also had 26 digs, second only to senior libero Danielle Herndon's 34.

The Cincinnati offense was led by Jessie Nevitt's 20 kills at a hitting percentage of .306. Jaime Frey had 37 digs.

Taking a timeout late in the fourth game, Notre Dame found themselves down 17-24 in a must-win situation. Kills from Croal and freshman Christina Kaelin helped the Irish to a 13-2 run. Consecutive blocks from freshman Kim Kristoff and a service ace from Croal sealed the game for Notre Dame.

In the fifth game, Notre Dame maintained their momentum and came out to a 10-3 lead early. A Stasiuk kill put the final nail in the coffin for Cincinnati and put Notre Dame into the semifinals to face 24th ranked St. Johns.

Notre Dame 3, St. John's 1

Illye was not enough for St. Johns to trample over Notre Dame for a second time this season as they came up short in the Irish's 30-23, 30-28, 28-30, 30-20 win. Led by Croal's 16 kills at a hitting percentage of .361, Notre Dame played well to give St. Johns its sec-

ond loss this season. Freshman Serenity Phillips was an important facet of the Notre Dame victory with 14 kills and 8 blocks. Herndon led in digs with 24.

After a Stasiuk service error lost Notre Dame game three, the Irish went into their fourth game still up 2-1. A kill from Croal convinced St. Johns to take a time out and try to regroup, but Notre Dame went on a 8-4 run to widen their lead to 20-10. Notre Dame held on to this lead until a kill from sophomore Justine Stremick won the game and match.

Louisville 3, Notre Dame 2

Notre Dame could not manage to pull off another five-game victory this weekend in the 30-26, 30-25, 24-30, 17-30, 12-15 loss to Louisville. Kaelin led the losing effort with 18 wins, hitting at .222. Herndon fueled the defensive game with 23 digs.

"We were mainly concerned with their outside hitters." Coach Brown explained of Louisville, "They get a majority of the sets. We made good adjustments, which is the key to have good success." The Irish still had trouble containing Louisville freshman Tatyana Kolesnikova who scored 21 digs and had three service aces in the match. Notre Dame took charge at the start of the championship match, taking both of the first two games.

Then the Irish hit a wall as the Cardinals were able to put together an 8-2 run to lead in the third match 22-14. Notre Dame battled back with a 5-3 run, but could not prevent the kill from Stephanie Marsh which sealed game three for Louisville.

Louisville opened up game four with a lot of momentum coming into a 5-1 lead early. A kill from Croal kicked off a Notre Dame 5-1 run to tie the game back up. Kolesnikova led a 9-1 Louisville run that gave the Cardinals the 20-11 lead they needed to win the game. A service ace from Kolesnikova ended the fourth game in dominant fashion to leave both teams tied at 2 games apiece, with only fifteen points left to determine the Championship.

Louisville established another 5-1 lead in the fifth game, but this time it took the Irish much more effort to work back to a 10-10 tie. After a Louisville timeout, back to back kills from Jana Matiasovska allowed the Cardinals to creep ahead and win the Big East title with a final kill from Kristie Wetterer.

"I'm really, really proud of the team" Brown said. "We battled all the way to the end and were really playing better volleyball than we were two weeks ago, even last week."

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SHAKE AND BAKE



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both goals (22) and points (49), tallied the only goal of the match off a beautiful feed from central defender Dale Rellas with just over three minutes to go in the second overtime.

The play started when Rellas won the ball 30 yards from the Maryland goal. He proceeded to thread a pass in between two Terrapin defenders to an onrushing Lapira. Lapira then hammered a low shot past Maryland goalie Chris Seitz off the far post and into the goal.

The tally was Lapira's fourth career goal in the NCAA Tournament, including Notre Dame's only goal against Illinois-Chicago in its 1-0 second round victory Wednesday and against both Western Illinois and Indiana in last year's NCAA Tournament. With his goal Saturday night, Lapira set a new program record for career goals in the NCAA Tournament, a mark previously held by Justin Detter at three goals.

"[Lapira] has scored enough goals that we've come to expect this kind of performance out of him," Clark said. "He's a goal scorer, and if he gets half a chance, he's usually going to put them away."

Just two minutes prior to Lapira's golden goal, the Irish were inches away from another frustrating exit from the final 16. Terrapin midfielder Stephen King beat Irish keeper Andrew

Quinn — replacing starter Chris Cahill, who was injured in the 35th minute — but King's shot rebounded back off the post.

Quinn, who hadn't seen serious minutes since Sept. 8 against South Florida, came off the bench to make four saves. After the match, Clark praised the effort of his sophomore goalie.

"Quinn has been such a positive person all season," Clark said. "What we did early in the season — giving both Quinn and Cahill game action — really worked out well because it let the team get used to Quinn and let him get some experience."

Maryland had most of its good chances before Cahill was injured when it controlled the run of play. Just over two minutes into the match, King sent a blast towards the Notre Dame goal that Cahill was forced to deflect over the crossbar. Later in the half, Terrapin midfielder Maurice Edu sent a shot towards the left corner of the goal, but Cahill was there again to make one of his three saves on the night.

The Irish responded later in the first half when an unmarked Nate Norman received a cross near the left side of the box, but his shot was stopped by Seitz who had seven saves on the evening.

"It took a little while for us to settle," Clark said. "The first 20 minutes were the toughest for us, but as the game went on we were the better side."

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team dominated the Spartans physically out of the gates at the Joyce Center Friday. Christian Hanson and freshman Christiaan Minella led the way by abusing the undersized Michigan State players. Minella, who made his second career start Friday night, has added a new component to the team with his 217-pound frame.

"We had to come out and really hit them to take them out of the game early," Minella said. "We just wanted to go out and hit everybody."

After a scoreless first period, Jason Paige got things going seven minutes into the second period with his fourth goal of the year.

Minella started the play with a perfect pass through a Spartan defender's legs to defenseman Noah Babin. Babin fired a shot from the point and Paige rushed the net to pound in the loose puck.

"[Jeff Lerg] is a small kid and we knew if we could get traffic there would be rebounds and we just had to capitalize when we got them," Paige said.

The senior center scored his



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Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan, right, fights Spartans forward Jim McKenzie for the puck during Notre Dame's 4-1 win Friday.

second rebound goal at 9:25 in the second period. Lerg stopped Wes O'Neill's initial shot but sophomore Justin White grabbed the rebound and dished off to Paige to put the Irish up 2-0.

Notre Dame put the game away just 14 seconds later when White deflected a shot from Dan VeNard for the third goal of the night.

"I felt confident with our team going into this game, but they still have to learn to believe that they can win games like this," Jackson said. "They haven't

experienced a lot of that."

The teams traded goals in the final period with junior Brock Sheahan scoring his first career goal for the Irish. Bryan Lerg ruined the shutout by sneaking a shot under Brown's arm that trickled into the net with 13 minutes remaining in the game.

Notre Dame will return to the road next weekend as it travels to Nebraska-Omaha for a two game series with the Mavericks.

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Bock

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from 25 yards out that sailed by Buffalo's keeper Kirstin Radlinski. Irish coach Randy Waldrum watched in admiration as he stood on the sidelines.

"I thought Brittany tonight had a great game for us," Waldrum said, "and I think the first goal she scored was world class."

But the Irish didn't stand by idly after Bock's first goal, kicking their intensity up a notch for the rest of the match and outshooting the Buffalos 26-5.

In the 34th minute, Bock used her head to place a Kerri Hanks corner in the right corner of the net to take a 2-0 lead — marking the 245th straight game Notre Dame has won after reaching that point. Bock's header was the 11th she's knocked in for a goal out of her 23 career

scores.

"I'm very aggressive up in the air so any chance I can get to get my head on it I do," Bock said. "I always feel the ball is going come right to me and I'm going to find the goal. That's my mentality."

The Irish kept their lead thanks to strong defensive play by the backline. Senior defender Christie Shaner returned to the field after missing both of last weekend's contests, providing an aggressive presence in her 26 minutes — an attitude the Irish defense missed in Notre Dame's second round 1-0 victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee a week earlier.

After the game, Shaner said she had been held out the last two weeks after contracting meningitis, which forced her to stay away from the team and at the hospital for three and a half days. She said she didn't know if she was going to be able to play until Friday.

"It felt good to get my legs back from under me," Shaner

said. "Even though I haven't been practicing, [I] wanted to get a few minutes in at a time and try to get healthy this next week because I'd like to be on the field as long as I can."

Her backliners probably didn't catch her virus, but her attitude was contagious. Notre Dame limited Colorado freshman forward phenom Nikki Marshall — who entered the game with 17 goals — to just one shot. Central defender freshman Haley Ford took the ball off Buffalo strikers' feet, helping to fortify a defensive unit already missing Big East Defensive Player of the Year Carrie Dew, who tore her ACL three weeks ago.

In the second half, Hanks followed her assist with her national-best 22nd goal in the 89th minute, curving a direct kick into the upper corner of the net from 25 yards out for her fourth goal of the NCAA Tournament after a hat trick in the 7-1 opening win over Oakland (Mich.).

After Notre Dame squeaked by Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Friday's game went a long way to rebuild Irish momentum as they prepare this week for their final home game of the year Friday against Penn State at 7:30 at Alumni Field. A win will vault the Irish back to the Final Four.

"We talked about our outside backs dealing with the wide players, and I thought we did a good job with that," Waldrum said. "I think [midfielders] Jill [Krivacek], [Jen Buczkowski] and Amanda Cinalli were determined they weren't going to have another performance like that. And I thought all three were very good for us settling the ball and calming things down."

Waldrum also said he was "extremely pleased" with Notre Dame's intensity coming into the game.

"I [said] during the week I'd be shocked if we didn't come out and play well, and I felt the girls came out with a really good focus," he said.

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biggest plays in the second half. Morrissey senior Chris Calderone intercepted a pass from O'Neill quarterback Chris Stroh on the Mob's opening drive to give Morrissey the ball at its own 21-yard line. Led by the rushing of Bencomo and Pieh, the Manorites pounded the ball down to the O'Neill 15-yard line.

As time expired in the third quarter, Morrissey took a 14-7 lead on a McBrayer touchdown pass to sophomore Carl Anderson, who was wide open on the right side of the end zone when cornerback Alex Klupchak fell down in coverage at the 1-yard line.

Both teams started the game off slowly on offense, and the game was scoreless well into the second quarter. The Mob broke through first with an eight-play, 65-yard scoring drive that ran close to eight minutes off the clock in the second quarter.

O'Neill's offense was led by fullback Mike Mattingly and running back Braden Turner, who

combined to gain all 65 yards on the drive. With two-and-a-half minutes remaining in the first half, Mattingly put the Mob up 7-0 by sprinting into the right corner of the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown run.

But O'Neill was not able to bask in its glory for long. The Manorites were determined to score before halftime, and McBrayer came out of the gate firing. He completed his first two passes of the drive to receiver Daniel Reimer for a combined 49 yards and moved the Manorites to the Mob 16-yard line. On the drive's third play, McBrayer lobbed a pass to Klein in the left corner of the end zone that was caught for a touchdown to tie the score with 1:43 left on the clock.

"We were surprised by their offense coming out and scoring right after we took the lead. Our offense had controlled the ball and our defense had been getting stops, so we didn't expect it," O'Neill captain Pat Conley said of the Morrissey touchdown.

Conley insisted the game-tying touchdown was not a letdown for his team, but the ensuing

Mob possession turned the game in Morrissey's favor. After O'Neill marched down the field to the Manorite one-yard line, Mattingly was stopped at the line of scrimmage on a third-down run with four seconds left in the half. Although the Mob tried to get a final play off, they had no timeouts remaining and time expired with the score tied at 7.

"That stop at the end of the half was a huge momentum builder for us," Klein said. "It really helped our confidence going into halftime because it showed us we could make big plays."

O'Neill threatened again on its first possession after Morrissey took the lead. That Mob drive lasted 15 plays, leading O'Neill to the Manorite 7-yard line. But Manorite Phil Yuhas picked off Stroh's pass into the endzone on fourth-down with 2:10 remaining.

While Morrissey gave the Mob the ball back with 20 seconds still left, Andersen batted down Stroh's pass into the end zone as time expired, making the Manorites the champions.

"It's an amazing feeling to finally win. I didn't really realize how close we were until that clock ticked to zero," Klein said. "But now, it's all sinking in."

Klein credited his team's senior leadership with leading the squad to victory.

"We have a lot of seniors, and we've been so close the past two years," he said. "Our seniors really pulled us through this game."

"It's great to go out on top," he said. "There's no better ending than winning the championship game in Notre Dame Stadium. We won with great guys, with guys we've lived with for four years, with our friends. I'm happy right now."

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down drive, giving Pasquerilla West a 6-0 lead. The following possession began with a Phox first down but came to an abrupt end as the Purple Weasels intercepted the next pass. Pasquerilla West immediately threw a 23-yard touchdown bomb to put them up 12-0.

"The interceptions definitely played a major factor. They got our momentum up and kept us in great field position for the offense," Spring said. "We came out with some big plays on offense which has kind of been one of our fortes the season. We have receivers who can come up with big catches."

The Purple Weasels also used tough defense to stop the Pangborn offense, forcing the Phoxes to punt three times and turn the ball over twice.

"It was unfortunate that [Pasquerilla West] came out and made some plays right off the bat. I think you really have to give credit to them though for making those plays," said Pangborn coach Anthony Bartolacci. "We weren't settled in the first half, but I'm proud that our girls didn't give up. We got more into our groove in the second half but it turned out to be not quite enough."

The Phoxes went into half time down 12-0 but remained calm and tried to comeback. Both teams traded possessions before Pasquerilla West was able to strike again, making it 19-0 with just 8:31 left in the game. It

looked as though the game was out of reach until Pangborn strung together a quick three-play, 55-yard drive to make it 19-7. The ensuing possession resulted in a three-and-out for the Purple Weasels, giving the ball back to the Phoxes with just over two minutes to play. Down two scores, with only 2:10 to play, Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney found Mary Davis in the back of the end-zone for her second touchdown of the day, making it 19-13.

"We knew that Pangborn was a really good team. After making it close late in the game, we just focused hard and finished it out," Spring said.

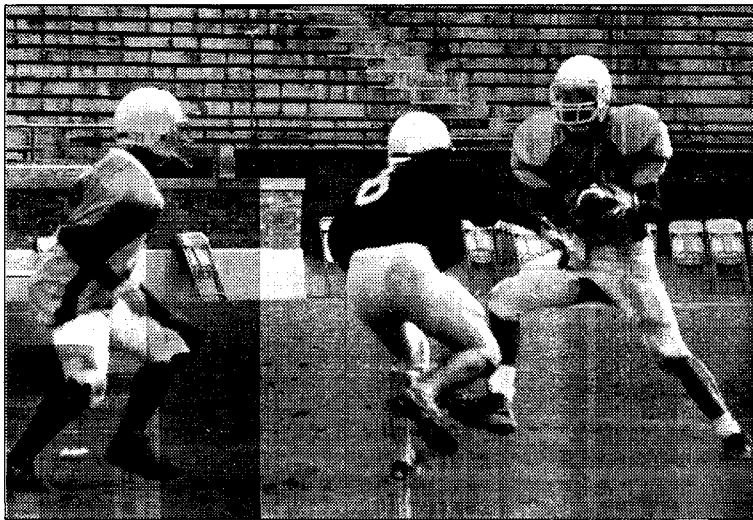
The Phoxes tried to regain possession but were unable to do so as the Purple Weasels ran out the clock in three plays, giving them their second championship in two seasons.

"It felt great after winning last year to be able to make it back to the stadium. That was our goal all year," Spring said. "Our team is pretty heavy on seniors this year and I think this is a great way to end our football experience at Notre Dame."

Pangborn, another senior-heavy team, also is happy with its success this season.

"I'm really proud of the team. They could have quit but didn't. The seniors thought it was great playing in the stadium for the second straight year and would have loved to win but unfortunately that didn't happen this year," Bartolacci said.

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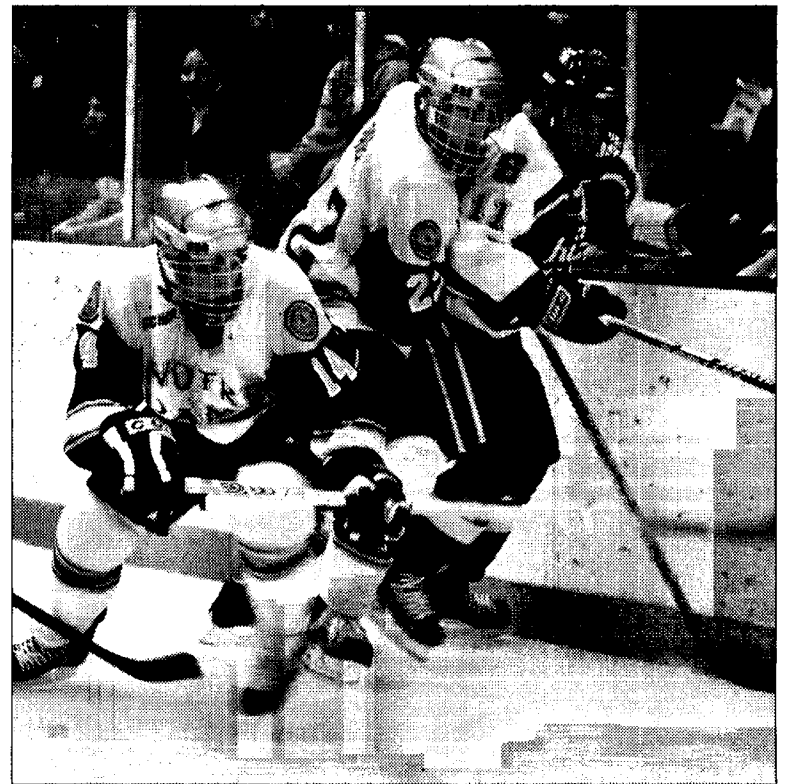


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Mob receiver Nate Forte runs upfield after a catch in O'Neill's 14-7 loss to Morrissey in the Interhall championship game.

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Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan checks Spartan Bryan Lerg into the glass during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over MSU Friday.

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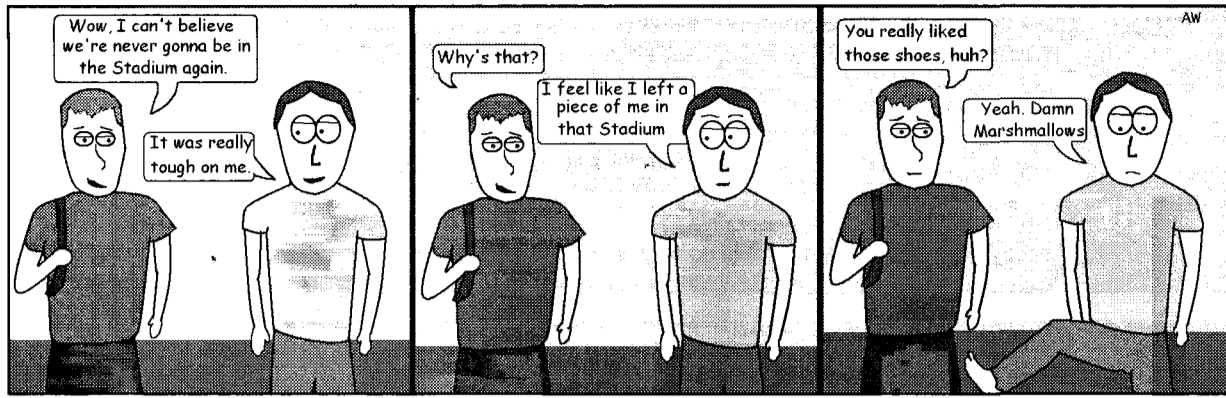
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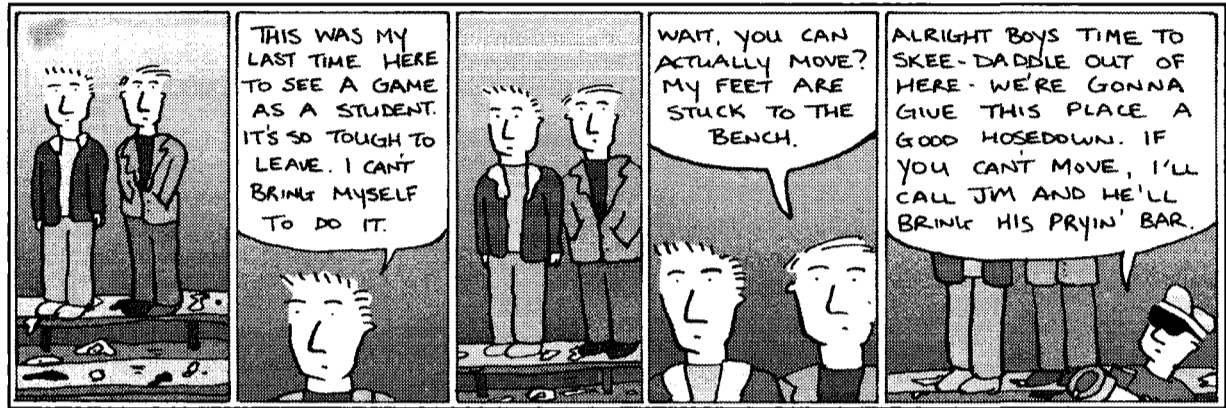
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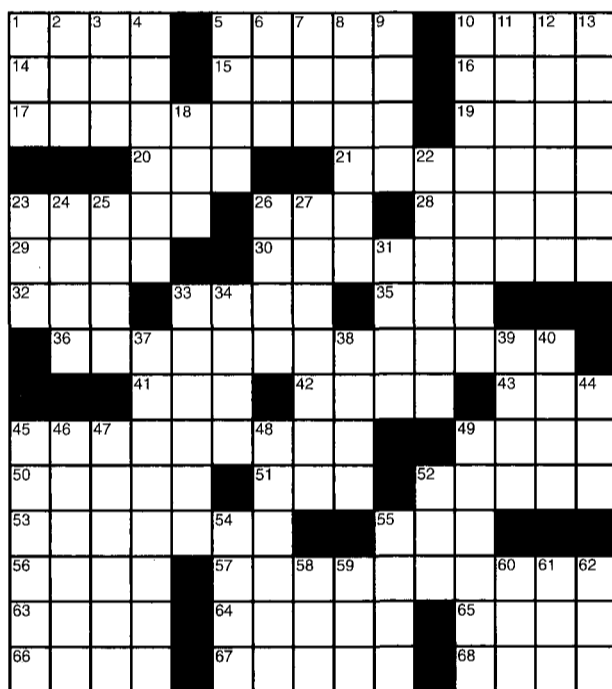
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 - 5 Blessings
 - 10 "How about ___?"
 - 14 Voting group
 - 15 AM/FM device
 - 16 Rabbit moves
 - 17 When one might wear a hat
 - 19 Singer India. ___
 - 20 Binary code digit
 - 21 Presidential advisers
 - 23 Done permanently, as writing
 - 26 The first "T" of TNT
 - 28 Smart ___ (wiseacres)
 - 29 Neighbor of Vietnam
 - 30 Gadget player in "Gidget"
 - 32 "___ Abner"
 - 33 Popular soap
 - 35 Son of, in Arabic names
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 - 42 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
 - 43 Bit of hair cream, say
 - 45 Generic modeling "clay" for tots
 - 49 Bull in a bullfight
 - 50 Airs, in Latin
 - 51 ___ Beta Kappa
 - 52 "A right ___ old elf" (Santa)
 - 53 Three-letter combo
 - 55 Mooer
 - 56 Ascent
 - 57 Stamp on an envelope without enough stamps
 - 63 Verb type: Abbr.

- 64 ___ Park, Colo.
- 65 Late civil rights activist Parks
- 66 "What ___!" ("How cool!")
- 67 Fashion
- 68 Headliner

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- 1 Flow's partner
- 2 Chicken ___ king
- 3 Lawn makeup
- 4 Sounds in an empty hall
- 5 Cheese from France
- 6 Boater's blade
- 7 Like 1, 3, 5, 7 ...
- 8 An essential vitamin
- 9 Kind of bean
- 10 It was once Siam
- 11 Like bulls' heads
- 12 Each Sleeping sickness carrier
- 13 Raggedy ___
- 18 Raggedy ___
- 22 Singer Streisand
- 23 Running a temperature, say
- 24 Hammer's target
- 25 ___ sci (college major, informally)
- 26 Pre-1917 Russian ruler
- 27 North Carolina's capital
- 31 "Vaya con ___" ("Go with God")
- 33 More tired
- 34 Assuming that's true



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- 37 Travelers
- 38 Relating to grades 1-12
- 39 British rocker Billy
- 40 Countess's husband
- 44 "Whew!"
- 45 Homeland, to Horace
- 46 Tempting
- 47 Record label for many rappers
- 48 Highest
- 49 TV transmission sites
- 52 Morning run, perhaps
- 54 "Planet of the ___"
- 55 24 cans of beer
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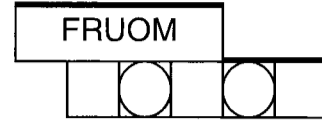


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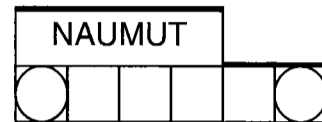
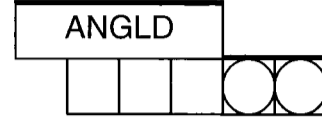
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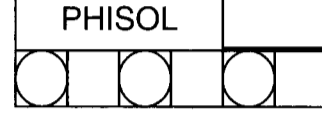
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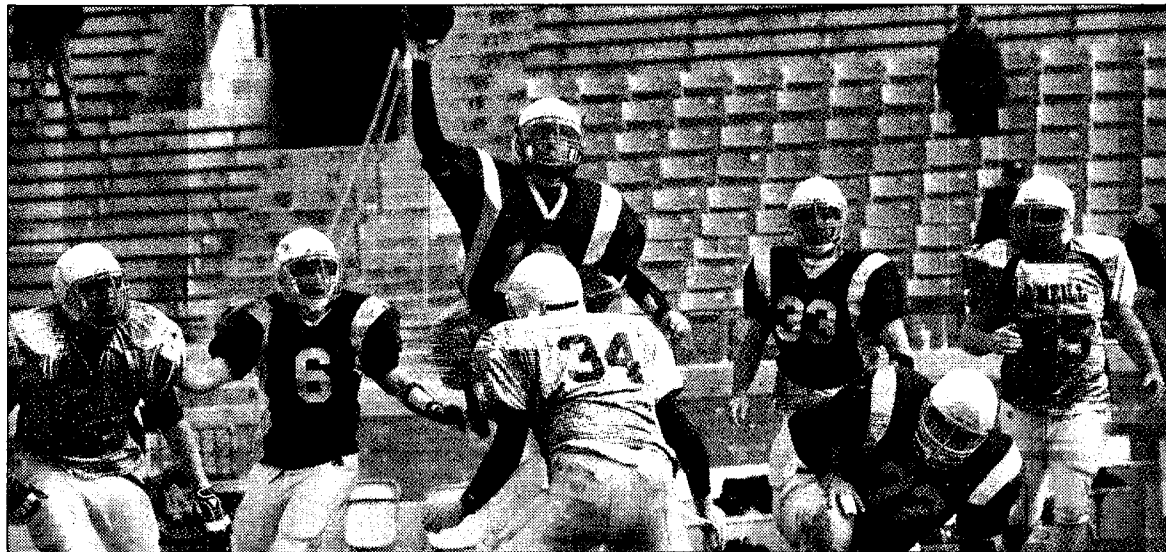
By JOHN TIERNEY
Sports Writer

Although O'Neill gained more yards of total offense than Morrissey did on Sunday, the Manorites defeated the Mob 14-7 to capture their first men's Interhall championship since 1993.

Morrissey was led by the three-pronged rushing attack of Nick Bencomo, Brian Pieh and team captain Steve Klein, who combined to run for 74 yards on 13 carries. Also critical to Morrissey's success was quarterback Joe McBrayer, who completed seven of 10 passes for 120 yards.

The Manorites made their

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Manor quarterback Joe McBrayer throws over the O'Neill defense during Morrissey's 14-7 win over the Mob. McBrayer finished 7-of-10 for 120 yards in the title game.

By MICHAEL BURDELL
Sports Writer

Led by its strong defense and potent offense, Pasquerilla West repeated as Women's Interhall champions this Sunday, defeating Pangborn 19-1.

"We were really pumped for the game. It doesn't take much to get excited when playing in the stadium and we knew our best chance was to come out early and make a statement," Purple Weasels captain Maureen Spring said.

The Purple Weasels used this strong combination to pull ahead early, forcing Pangborn to punt on their first possession that led to a 48-yard touch-

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame splits home-and-home with MSU

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame (9-2-1, 4-2-1 CCHA) and No. 4 Michigan State (6-3-1, 4-3-1 CCHA) traded home victories this weekend to remain in a four-way tie for fourth place in the CCHA.

Michigan State goalie Jeff Lerg got his second shutout of the year at Munn Ice Arena Saturday night as the Spartans avenged

Friday's loss with a 2-0 win. Lerg stopped all 25 Notre Dame shots — including 10 in the third period — to hold Notre Dame scoreless for the first time this season.

"Michigan State was pretty upset getting beat the way they did the night before," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I think that they were a much better team in the first period [on Saturday]."

Junior Bryan Lerg scored Michigan State's first goal on the power play at 3:39 in the second

period. Jim McKenzie threaded a pass through the Irish defense and Lerg fired it in to the back of the net.

That goal was the first power play goal given up by the Notre Dame defense since a 1-1 tie with Ohio State Nov. 4. The Irish penalty-killing unit is currently the best in the country, having given up only five goals in 66 attempts.

"I think our defense has played well and I have to credit coach

[Paul] Pooley for the work he does with the penalty kill — a year ago it was a weakness of ours," Jackson said.

Sophomore Tim Crowder had the Spartans' other goal when he got loose around the top of the circles and snapped off a shot that beat goalie Dave Brown glove side.

East Lansing has not been kind to the Irish in recent history. Since 1992 the team has lost 19-of-22 games played on the road

against Michigan State.

The loss snapped Notre Dame's nine-game unbeaten streak that dated back to an Oct. 20 win over Boston College. During the stretch, the Irish outscored their opponents 36-7, including two shutouts for Brown.

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A bigger, stronger Notre Dame

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

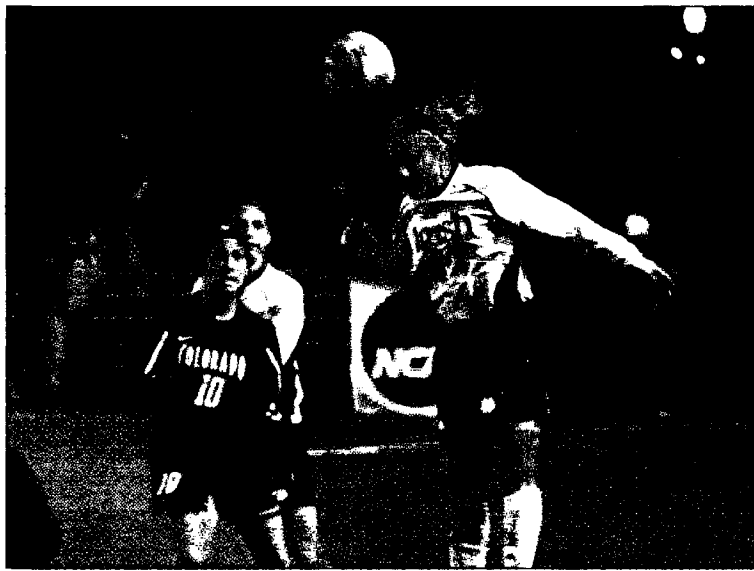
Irish advance to quarters

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Sophomore forward Brittany Bock struck gold with both her foot and her head Friday to lead No. 1 Notre Dame over No. 16 Colorado 3-0 in the N C A A Sweet 16 match at Alumni Field.

After playing evenly with Colorado for the first 15 minutes, Bock took a pass from senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, turned to the goal and fired a rocket

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish midfielder Ashley Jones heads the ball forward in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Colorado Friday in the NCAA Tournament.

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND knocks off No. 5 Terps in College Park

Lapira's OT goal sends team to Elite Eight

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

With its 1-0 win in double overtime against fifth-seeded Maryland Saturday night in College Park, No. 12 Notre Dame knocked the defending champion out of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

That wasn't even the most impressive part.

By defeating Maryland, the Irish booked their first ever trip to the NCAA Tournament quar-

terfinals. After three consecutive losses in the Sweet 16, including a 1-0 loss to Clemson last season and a defeat in penalty kicks to Michigan in 2003, Notre Dame will advance to play No. 4 seed Virginia Friday.

"It certainly was an excellent win," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That's two years in a row that we've knocked the defending champion out at their place. The program is growing with credibility every year."

Junior forward Joseph Lapira once again provided the spark for the Notre Dame offense. Lapira, who leads the nation in

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**SPORTS
AT A GLANCE**

ND VOLLEYBALL

Big East tournament

The Irish advanced to the conference finals before falling to Louisville in five games.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Wisconsin-WV 70 Saint Mary's 67

Allison Kessler scored 22 points in the Belles' overtime loss Saturday.

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ND SWIMMING

The Irish defended their title at the Minnesota Invitational by beating three higher ranked teams this weekend.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 74 The Citadel 50

Irish forward Luke Harangody scores 18 points in 17 minutes in the Notre Dame win.

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ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Notre Dame 87 WMU 67

The Irish had five scorers in double-figures in their third game of 80 or more points this season.

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SMC SWIMMING

Four Belles swimmers took individual events, but the team fell 180-102 to fall to 1-4 on the season.

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