

Summer movie wrap-up

Looking for a good movie? Scene reviews this summer's hottest blockbusters, from the Runaway Bride to the Blair Witch Project.
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Generations campaign surpasses \$767 million goal

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame's Generations campus, the most ambitious fund-raising effort in Catholic higher education, met its initial goal of \$767 million this summer, surpassing its loftiest goals 18 months early.

"Generations: A campaign for the Notre Dame student" officially began in May 1997, intent on reaching \$767 million by Dec. 31, 2000. At press time, the campaign directors boasted \$805 million in gifts and pledges, most of which came from alumni donations.

"If you ... add up the results of every previous campaign, it amounts to \$740 million," said William Sexton, vice president for University Relations. "[The Generations campaign] exceeds all six campaigns in the past combined."

Divying up the dollars

Undergraduate scholarships have benefited the most from the campaign, said Daniel Reagan, assistant vice president for University Relations.

"We have a goal of \$178 million that we're trying raise for under-

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William Sexton
vice president for University relations

graduate scholarship. We've raised just under \$140 million," Reagan said. "[Scholarships is] the largest component and the single largest area where money has been raised."

Although the projected goal has been surpassed, the Generations campaign is far from over, Sexton said, because many donations have been earmarked for specific purposes by their donors.

Several areas remain "underfunded," said Reagan, who also serves as executive director of Development.

The campaign's aim for the next 14 months will be to raise money for financial aid, graduate programs, endowed chairs, a science teaching facility, an engineering research facility, the Hesburgh Library and the Kresge Law Library.

New priorities also emerged since the campaign began, Sexton noted.

Long-term planning

Among new funding prospects is the Coleman-Morse Building, which will house Campus Ministry and the First Year of Studies. Money was set aside for a new Campus Ministry office, but plans for the building were not introduced until after the campaign began, Sexton said.

Academic institutes and collegiate needs have been addressed.

"This spans a broad spectrum of needs within the colleges. We're in the area of \$40 to \$60 million that we're trying to raise for various academic needs," Reagan said. The Irish Studies department is one such example.

Other areas of the University will benefit from the Generations campaign, according to Scott Malpass, vice president for Finance and chief investment officer for the University.

The campaign's residual effects will help keep student costs down, he explained.

"It's wonderful from a financial standpoint ... how well we've done

Generations funds allocations

(In millions)

Undergraduate scholarships	\$178
Forty-five endowed senior professorships	90
Fifty-five endowed assistant professorships	55
Main Building renovation	40
New science teaching facility	40
Graduate fellowships	40
Doctoral program in Business Administration	40
Hesburgh Library system	29
Doctoral program in Arts & Letters	20
London facilities	20
Environmental Science/Engineering Building	17
New residence halls	14
Institute for research in business	12
Merit scholarships	12
Law scholarships	12
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BOOKSTORE BARGAINS



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Stanford junior Patrick Adams signs away \$565.31 for books Wednesday night at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Bookstore lines are expected to swell this weekend with students purchasing books and fans on campus for the football game.

TECHNOLOGY

Telescope consortium broadens Irish horizons

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer

By joining an international consortium to build a Large Binocular Telescope (LBT), Notre Dame hopes to strengthen its nationally respected astrophysics program as well as benefit undergraduate and faculty recruiting.

"This is a new era in telescope building," said Terrence Rettig, associate physics professor who spearheaded the University's effort to join the consortium.

The telescope, used to search for other planetary systems, will be the world's largest optical/infrared telescope on a single mount. With its twin 8.4 meter mirrors atop Mt. Graham in Arizona, it will be the premier observatory for imagining planetary disks around nearby stars, Rettig explained.

The telescope, to be completed in 2002, will also enable study of the origin and evolution of stars, galaxies and the universe, Rettig added.

"It will be a remarkable technological achievement capable of images that no other telescope can obtain," said Jeffrey Kantor, vice president

and associate provost, in a statement announcing the agreement.

As a part of the consortium, Notre Dame will have immediate access to other telescopes operated by the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory. Astronomy students and those conducting undergraduate research will benefit from LBT data, according to Bruce Bunker, chair of the physics department.

"Being a member of this LBT consortium will give undergraduates opportunities that they never had before," said Rettig.

Membership in the consortium is expected to significantly impact faculty recruitment. Harvard professor Peter Garnavich will begin studying at Notre Dame in January.

"Already, it has made a big difference," said Bunker. "[Garnavich] was definitely attracted because of the LBT."

Notre Dame's participation also is expected to foster academic cooperation; current consortium members include Ohio State, University of Arizona, Arcetri Astrophysical Institute and a German consortium of research institutes.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Chocolate is as chocolate does

First of all, I have to state that this isn't a "choice." It's genetic. Inborn. Do you think if I had a choice about this, I would choose to go against societal norms? To face constant ridicule? Don't you think I would rather be normal?

Well, here it is. I'm coming out of the closet:

I. Do. Not. Like. Chocolate. I don't like chocolate. At all. In any form. What's more, I never have.

I can hear you all gasping in horror and disbelief. I'm used to that. If I said I'd bumped off a family member, I might get some understanding. If I'd run over a priest, I might get some sympathy. But when I explain I don't like chocolate, people react as if I'd just calmly announced I were an ax murderer.

They recoil, gasp and demand, "What's WRONG with you?"

It's not normal in this country to dislike chocolate. My own mother frequently forgets that in 21 years, I have never eaten chocolate and she often tries to serve it to me (of course, I've never eaten broccoli willingly in 21 years, but she still serves me that too).

Good friends of many years, who I'm sure I've told time and time again that I will not eat it, constantly offer me chocolate. It can make things awkward at parties where someone has a homemade cake and really wants me to try it — and I look and discover it's chocolate. I try to choke down a bite or two with a smile, before rushing to find something to drink. Everybody brings M&Ms or chocolate-chocolate chip cookies to section meetings, makes hot chocolate on cold winter nights, and serves chocolate chippie pancakes as a breakfast treat. I'm left with whatever non-chocolate munchables I can rustle up.

The worst part about being anti-chocolate is that everyone is convinced that he or she can "turn" you. John assures, "Oh you'll like THIS kind." Mary cajoles, "Just try a little. EVERYONE likes chocolate."

Everyone but me.

It doesn't stop with friends. Waitresses, flight attendants and miscellaneous passers-by who overhear the conversation are all amazed when I refuse chocolate. "Oh, on a diet?" they sympathetically ask.

No no no no! No diet. I just don't like chocolate. "Oh, you have such self-control," they sigh enviously. What, like it's noble to not eat a food that makes you gag?

Someday we non-chocolate-eaters — all three of us — are going to rise up in revolution, protesting years of forgoing desert because the only offering is chocolate cake. We'll get even for the years of shocked stares and disgusted looks.

Until then, all you chocolate-lovers should try to celebrate the diversity of your non-chocolate eating friends. Don't ridicule us for being different. Don't insist that "normal" people like chocolate. And show your support for our alternative life-style: serve a non-chocolate dessert at your next party.

But above all, please, please, please do not bake me a chocolate cake for my birthday. And if you do, don't expect me to eat it.

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Big East welcomes Virginia Tech

MORGANTOWN, W.V.

The Big East Conference has found its 14th member and to nobody's surprise, Virginia Tech is the selection.

Conference Presidents Committee chairman Rev. Philip Smith made the announcement Tuesday.

For the Big East, this marks the first full-member expansion since 1994, when Notre Dame, Rutgers and West Virginia joined the conference.

"We are very much excited for the opportunity to join the Big East as a full-time member," Virginia Tech Athletic Director Jim Weaver said. "It's something this institution has held as a goal for months."

Virginia Tech, winner of the conference's football championship twice this decade, was a charter

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Jim Weaver
Virginia Tech Athletic Director

member of the original Big East Football Conference, which formed in 1991.

The Big East Conference conducts 20 championships in 16 men's and women's collegiate athletics and Virginia Tech maintains varsity athletic programs in 15 Big East sports.

Weaver said Virginia Tech's full-time membership brings "brand name identity in all of [our]

marketing."

"Right now," Weaver added, "we talk about the Big East from Labor Day to Christmas, and the Atlantic 10 from New Year's to Memorial Day. In between, we talk about what conference we are going to."

The original Big East Conference was founded in May 1979, and included Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Syracuse. Villanova joined in 1980 and Pittsburgh signed on in 1982.

The conference gained national acclaim during the mid- and late-1980s, when it became a power in Division I basketball and routinely advanced members to the Final Four and national championship games.

Colorado may lose documents

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

The University of Colorado at Boulder may lose a significant portion of its world-renowned human-rights repository. The preeminent archive program is not fiscally and philosophically compatible with the goals of the university's so-called "Total Learning Environment" initiative, sources familiar with the situation told the Colorado Daily on Tuesday. CU Boulder's human-rights repository — currently the largest academic collection of non-governmental human-rights materials in the world — contains documents donated by the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, the Soviet Jewry Rescue Movement, and the El Salvador Archive Project. The repository is also home to documents bestowed by Physicians for Human Rights, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the U.S. Department of State, which endowed files pertaining to atrocities by Iraqi secret police forces during the Persian Gulf War.

Accused Arizona athletes will play

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Arizona head football coach Dick Tomey Tuesday said the 14 football players accused of stealing money from a CatCard employee will not be suspended and can play in Saturday's season opener against Penn State. After delaying the release of the football players' names on the basis that the investigation could be compromised, University of Arizona police Tuesday identified the mainly freshman players under investigation. Included in the group are four athletes listed as second-string players on the Wildcats' roster. All are new to the University of Arizona program. Freshman wide receiver Bobby Wade, junior defensive end Austin Uku, sophomore strong safety Zaharius Johnson and sophomore cornerback Anthony Banks are among the investigative leads on the list. But police are stressing that the players have not been charged with any crime. "These men are investigative leads," said Sgt. Michael Smith, a UAPD spokesman. "They haven't been charged with anything."

NOTABLE QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I know how this situation damages my ability to carry out my responsibilities, and that is why I think it best that I resign."

Roger Mullins
former University associate vice president for human resources, responding to two stalking charges

"You lose some of the tradition with this system."

senior Nate Medland
on new ticket system

"We are pleased with our success and secure in our direction ..."

Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's president on college's drop in U.S. News and World Report ranking

"The Class of 2003 is the strongest and most diverse and most interesting class ever admitted to Notre Dame. ... They'll keep us busy."

Dan Saracino
assistant provost for enrollment

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Baltimore	79	68	Memphis	89	70	Sacramento	79	58
Boston	83	63	Milwaukee	80	67	St. Louis	85	79
Chicago	79	64	New York	78	70	Tampa	95	73
Houston	99	73	Philadelphia	79	70	Wash DC	84	68

Intercultural Center opens in LaFortune

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

The new Intercultural Center on the second floor of LaFortune can be credited to the combined efforts of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) and the Office of International Student Affairs.

The 24-hour space, available thanks to funds from Student Affairs, "provides a place where everybody can feel at home — to hang out and chill and meet other folks," said OMSA director Iris Outlaw.

"The doors are almost always going to be open for study space or meeting space," said Kevin Huie, assistant director of OMSA.

The renovation, which took place during summer months, was intended to provide space

to all University students.

"The center is for everyone," Huie said. "There is a misconception that OMSA and International Student Affairs is only for underrepresented students, and it needs to be eliminated."

The center will host cultural awareness services, educational programs and lecture series, Outlaw said. Student interns will work at the front desk, and art exhibits are to be donated by local galleries.

"With the center, not only will the students and the offices have more space to work and live in, but more students and staff will be able to use it," said Huie. "Hopefully, the students who do utilize the center will help initiate more programs. And hopefully the two offices can get more staff."

The Center will host an official grand opening Sept. 24.

Rome program receives \$1 million

♦ Former chair of Architecture makes donation

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame received a gift of more than \$1 million from Frank Montana of Largo, Fla., for the College of Architecture's Rome Studies program.

"This generous gift gives Notre Dame one more reason to be grateful to Frank Montana," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "Few members of the Notre Dame family have had so profound, durable and beneficial an impact on our institution."

Frank Montana, who was chairman of Notre Dame's architecture department for 22 years, founded its Rome Studies program in 1969 and was its director for several years.

A native of Naro, Italy, Montana studied architecture at New York University and the Graduate Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, from which he received a degree in 1939. He taught architecture at Notre Dame from 1939-47, worked for a time in architectural firms in South Bend and Detroit, and returned to the University to chair its architecture department from 1950-72. He directed the Rome Studies program from 1972-75 and again from 1980-86, when he retired from the University.

Campus buildings in whose design Montana was involved include McKenna Hall (1965), the University Club (1968), the Post Office (1967), the old Bookstore (1955), the Center for Social Concerns (built in 1955 as the WNDU television studios) and University Village (1962).

The Rome Studies Program, headquartered on the Via Monterone, has six faculty

members and between 45-50 undergraduate students, who stay in Rome from September to May each academic year. During the second semester, 7-10 graduate students join the Rome Studies Program. They live at the Lunetta Hotel in Piazza Paradiso.

The students' course load is four courses per semester, ranging from design studio, drawing and watercolor classes to architectural theory, and architectural history. The content of their courses emphasizes the school's focus on classical architecture — the design of contemporary buildings in a classical manner following the precedents of Vitruvius, Palladio and Vignola.

Montana's gift is a component of the University's \$767 million "Generations" campaign. Announced in 1997, "Generations" is the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of Catholic higher education.

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CONSTRUCTION

SMC unveils new campus additions

♦ New technology includes computer cluster added in Cushwa-Leighton Library

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's showcased numerous physical and technological campus improvements for the start of the semester.

The most significant improvement was the addition of a 24-hour computer cluster in Cushwa-Leighton Library and 10 technologically-equipped classrooms in Regina Hall and Madeleva Hall.

The computer cluster, which features new Macintosh and personal computers, is the result of a year and a half long project designed to advance the use of technology on campus.

"Across the board, we are doing new things with technology," Joel Cooper, director of information technology said. "The diversified facilities represent a commitment to technology at Saint Mary's."

Additionally, 10 classrooms are now equipped with either one computer per student or audio, video and computer enhancements.

On the physical front, the most significant project was the addition to the facilities building. The addition will allow for more office space, said John DeLee, director of facilities.

Air conditioning was also added to several points around campus, including Havican Hall and Stapleton Lounge. An auxiliary chiller was added to the library to assist with temperature control.

Roofing was replaced on both Haggar College Center and McCandless Hall, and the Holy Cross Hall re-roofing process is nearing completion.

The science parking lot was paved, and limestone on the front of O'Laughlin Auditorium and Haggar was also replaced. Haggar also has new railings.

Lighting, painting and air conditioning were added to the Moreau Center for the Arts.

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Campaign

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with that in terms of what it will mean for keeping costs down," Malpass said. "The more endowment we have for students and faculty, the less the costs will have to be on the operating budget of the University."

Meeting the deadline

While some programs still lack donations, Sexton is optimistic that every area chosen to receive funding will have its share before the campaign's December 2000 end-date.

"We expect to finish all the priorities before the deadline," he said.

Reagan pointed to the campaign's clear goals, the nation's strong economy and

support from the Development office for Generation's success.

The project, an offshoot of the Colloquy for the Year 2000, aims to improve those areas of the University identified by the recent report on campus needs.

Sexton expects the pattern to continue.

"In the spring of 2003, we'll commence another colloquy-like discussion," he said. The University then will set priorities and begin another fund-raising campaign.

The most recent campaign was nearly a decade ago, and like the current campaign, met its goal of \$300 million far earlier than expected. In the end, it raised \$463 million, approximately half of what the Generations campaign is expected to earn.

Lens

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"This will allow us to collaborate with a bunch of institutions that we haven't had the opportunity to work with before," said Rettig. "That's

what we look forward to."

Notre Dame spent \$1.6 million to join the consortium, with \$800,000 in matching funds from the Research Corporation, a private institution that supports academic research, according to Bunker.

SPAIN

Hijacker surrenders to Spanish authorities

Associated Press

BARCELONA

The hijacker of a Moroccan airliner surrendered at Barcelona's airport before dawn Thursday, ending a seven-hour ordeal that began in skies over North Africa.

The 88 passengers and crew aboard the Royal Air Maroc Boeing 737-400 filed out the back of the plane into two waiting buses. No one was injured.

Police checked to see whether other hijackers were trying to hide among the

departing passengers but it became clear there was just one suspect, Interior Ministry spokesman Eduardo Planells.

He turned himself in after negotiations, conducted in French, with police in the control tower.

The suspect's identity and motive were not immediately disclosed, although the ministry said he seems to have acted for personal rather than political reasons.

"It seems to be an immigration issue. He wanted to go to Germany," Planells said.

The plane was hijacked late Wednesday after taking off.

FBI investigates suspicious beating

Associated Press

MARTIN, S.D.

A white man was beaten, kicked in the head and left for dead with a rope around his neck on an Indian reservation. Three Indians were arrested.

The FBI and federal prosecutors said it was too early to label the assault a hate crime, though they're not ruling it out. Relatives of the victim and one of the suspects blamed alcohol, not race.

Brad Young, 21, lay in critical condition Wednesday. He was found early Saturday, about seven hours after he was beaten on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Louis Means and Byron Bissonette, both 18, pleaded innocent Wednesday to federal charges of assault resulting

in serious bodily injury. The charges are federal because the crime happened on the reservation.

A 17-year-old juvenile was also taken into custody.

Local newspapers and TV reported that Sheriff Russel Waterbury said the crime was racially motivated.

However, he told a radio station he had been misunderstood.

"I've got a lot of calls on that, and that was my opinion, to do something that horrible to somebody else," he told KWSN on Wednesday. "I didn't mean the actual hate crime, so I don't know where they come up with where I was quoted as saying that. But that was my opinion."

Waterbury did not return calls Wednesday to The Associated Press.

According to Waterbury, Young had been pulled around a field by the rope around his neck, and was severely cut and barely recognizable because he had been kicked in the face by people wearing steel-toe boots.

The sheriff said the three suspects had been partying with Young the night of the attack and Young had bought them alcohol.

Young's mother, Carol Bucholz of Lexington, Neb., said her son's left ear was almost torn off and his right ear badly damaged. She said that he suffered head injuries but that there was no sign of brain damage.

"They dragged him all over that field and left him to die," said Lila York, Young's cousin. "It's out of hatredness. Why else would anybody do that?"

THE NETHERLANDS

Police arrest Serb war criminals

Associated Press

THE HAGUE

Acting on a tip from the U.N. war crimes tribunal, Austrian police arrested the top Bosnian Serb military commander Wednesday as he visited Vienna — unaware that he had been secretly indicted for crimes against humanity.

The arrest of Gen. Momir Talic, the Bosnian Serbs' military chief of staff, sparked an immediate outcry from Serbs,

who called his capture a deliberate setup designed to entrap one of their most "honorable" leaders.

U.S. diplomats warned American citizens to avoid traveling in the Serb-held part of Bosnia for fear of retribution.

Talic, 57, will be the highest-ranking Serb official ever to stand trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague. The U.N. court secretly indicted him in March along

with former Bosnian Serb Deputy Prime Minister Radislav Brdjanin for allegedly planning and leading a bloody 1992 purge of more than 100,000 Muslims and Croats from northwest Bosnia during the Bosnian war.

The indictment — which was kept secret to help authorities arrest Talic — charges him and Brdjanin with organizing and carrying out a plan to expel non-Serbs.

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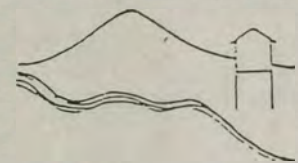
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Arabs protest Burger King

CAIRO, Egypt

Arab foreign ministers will discuss action against fast food chain Burger King, which has angered some in the Middle East by opening a branch in a West Bank Jewish settlement. A coalition of American Muslims called last week for a worldwide boycott against Burger King for opening a restaurant in Maale Adumim, a settlement of 25,000 Jews just east of Jerusalem. Burger King said it is taking the boycott threat seriously. The company has restaurants in Malaysia, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and other nations where Muslims and Arabs make up the majority of customers.

Man admits to creating computer virus

FREEHOLD, N.J.

The man charged with creating the Melissa computer virus that clogged e-mail systems around the world admitted he created the bug, a prosecutor alleges in court papers. David Smith, a former computer programmer, was arrested in April. A brief filed in state Superior Court by Supervising Deputy Attorney General Christopher Bubb says Smith waived his Miranda rights and spoke to investigators when police arrived at his apartment. "Smith admitted, among other things, to writing the 'Melissa' macro virus, illegally accessing America Online for the purpose of posting the virus onto cyberspace, and destroying the personal computers he used to post 'Melissa,'" Bubb wrote.

Third man commits suicide at casino

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

A German tourist jumped to his death off a 10-story casino parking garage Wednesday in the third such suicide in Atlantic City in eight days. The man, whose name was not immediately released, resisted the pleas of a security guard who tried to talk him down from the ledge of the Resorts Atlantic City garage. He plummeted about 100 feet. On Aug. 17, a gambler who had lost \$87,000 jumped to his death off a Trump Plaza roof. On Monday, a dealer at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino committed suicide by leaping off the casino's parking garage. It wasn't clear if the most recent victim had been gambling. He left no suicide note. Some experts blame casino gambling for higher suicide rates. In 1997, a University of California-San Diego sociology professor issued a report linking gambling to suicides.

MIAMI



AFP Photo

Sky Chef caterers service an American Airlines jet while baggage is unloaded Wednesday at Miami International Airport. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) arrested more than 50 persons, mostly American Airlines baggage handlers and Sky Chef employees, on drug charges during early morning raids Wednesday.

DEA holds workers in drug probe

Associated Press

MIAMI

Dozens of American Airlines ramp workers and contract employees were arrested and charged Wednesday in a drug ring that investigators said smuggled cocaine and marijuana into the United States in food carts, garbage bags and carry-on luggage.

The bust is believed to be the biggest set of drug arrests involving a U.S. airline.

The arrests resulted from two sting operations, one of which was prompted in part when a pilot

complained last year that his coffee tasted weak. Investigators discovered 15 pounds of heroin in coffee packs aboard an American plane.

The drugs were put aboard American Airlines planes in Colombia and Central America, flown to Miami, and then went on to Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and Cleveland, investigators said. The defendants also allegedly smuggled guns and explosives that undercover agents had given them.

At least 50 people were indicted on drug charges, including 30 American baggage handlers and

ground crew workers at Miami International Airport, where American is the largest carrier. It is also the biggest U.S. airline serving Latin America.

Separately, eight people — including seven American employees — were indicted in New York in a similar case.

Also, officials in Colombia identified American as the airline used by 10 Colombians charged over the weekend with smuggling more than a half-ton of heroin to Miami.

"Greed is the bottom line. They did it all for a price," said Ed Halley, a

spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

In the Miami and New York cases, no one in management was arrested, and no American pilots or flight attendants were indicted.

American said it has cooperated with investigators and blamed the problem on a "small group of employees."

"This is a company with zero tolerance for illegal drugs," said Larry Wansley, American's managing director of corporate security.

Many of the defendants face life in prison if convicted.

Thai monk surrenders to police

Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand

A renegade Thai monk accused of illegally amassing a personal fortune from donations gave himself up Wednesday after riot police surrounded his sprawling temple complex.

After months of legal wrangling, Phra Dhammachayo and a top aide finally left his sanctuary on the outskirts of Bangkok.

In addition to the police, 10,000 followers had blockaded the monk's complex — where thousands

regularly gather for meditation sessions — since a warrant for his arrest was issued Monday.

Dhammachayo, 55, and his aide were free hours later Wednesday after posting \$105,000 bail, and he insisted he was innocent of the charges of corruption and embezzlement.

Earlier, Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai had appealed for Dhammachayo to turn himself in peacefully amid fears that his arrest could spark angry protests from his supporters.

The Dhammakaya temple and its abbot have

become a thorn in the side of the Thai government and highlighted a crisis in the dominant religion in this nation of 61 million people.

Dhammachayo has a huge following, attracting as many as 100,000 people to his temple for mass meditation where they claim to have seen crystal balls floating in the sky.

Dhammachayo's temple, which has branches in 10 countries, has been accused of relentlessly demanding donations from followers and using the money to buy land and stocks for Dhammachayo.

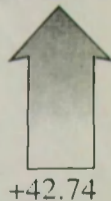
Police estimate that \$110 million has passed through Dhammachayo's accounts.

His alleged fortune reflects a wider trend by Thais over the last decade to give huge donations — including cash, property and luxury cars — to popular monks to ensure either success in the business world or better lives in the future.

The rampant materialism runs counter to the teachings of Buddhism, which stresses that meditation and the shedding of material wealth are the way to achieve enlightenment.

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VENEZUELA

Chavez strives to root out corruption

Associated Press

CARACAS — Venezuela's Congress and the Supreme Court are in their death throes. The constitution is headed for history's trash bin. Traditional political parties have retreated into oblivion.

Such is the fate of victims of President Hugo Chavez's "social revolution" in Venezuela.

With little or no resistance, Chavez, a former coup leader who swept to power with promises to lift the poor and crush the corrupt, is achieving what long eluded revolutionaries from Mexico to Argentina: a wholesale, spectacular break from the past.

It's probably still too early to tell if Chavez's exploits will be good or bad for Venezuela. But life here will definitely never be the same.

Chavez, a former paratrooper who staged a failed coup attempt in 1992, says a major shake-up of Venezuela's institutions is necessary to root out some of the world's worst political corruption. Well over half the country's 23 million people live in poverty even though the country sits on more petroleum than any nation outside the Middle East.

But critics say Chavez's moves concentrate power in his own hands, eliminate democratic checks and balances and work against his goal of reducing corruption.

Chavez has raised Venezuelans' hopes like few leaders before him, despite an acute economic recession and the loss of some 500,000 jobs since he took office in February.

The president has been criticized for giving the army a bigger role in society, appointing fellow coup plotters to top government posts. But his use of soldiers to fix roads, build schools and tend to the sick has been well received, and his approval rating is over 70 percent.

Gone are the days when two traditional parties — the center-right Copei and the center-left Democratic Action — controlled everything from horse racing to TV broadcasting to hiring at the government steel company.

And many pillars of Venezuela's old political world do not wish to retire quietly into the night. "We are not museum pieces," protested former President Luis Herrera Campins of Copei.

But it appears they have little choice.

A constitutional assembly — conceived by Chavez and dominated by his supporters — is usurping the functions of both Congress and the courts, neither of which appear willing or able to do much about it.

Cecilia Sosa, the president of the Supreme Court, resigned Tuesday to protest a court ruling supporting the assembly's decision to give itself vast new powers to fire judges and overhaul the judicial system.

"The court simply committed suicide to avoid being assassinated. But the result is the same. It is dead," Sosa declared.

On Wednesday, the assembly — whose original purpose was to draft a new constitution, Venezuela's 26th — discussed its next assault on Venezuela's establishment: a takeover of most of Congress's duties.

Chavez's leftist Patriotic Pole coalition, which won more than 90 percent of the assembly's 131 seats in elections last month, has touted its decision not to dissolve Congress and the courts as an example of its magnanimity.

The truth is, there was little need to dissolve them formally because they are already largely defunct. Bowing to Chavez forces, the opposition-controlled legislature recessed last month, though its leaders announced Wednesday they will meet Friday to discuss the threats to Congress's existence.

Henrique Capriles Radonsky, the 27-year-old president of the lower house of Congress, said he has been keeping a "low profile" to avoid "heating up the spirits" of the powerful constitutional assembly.

A new Congress and Supreme Court are expected to emerge from the constitutional assembly, probably some time early next year.

But some worry Chavez will find ways to stack the institutions with his followers, and that there will be little room for opposition voices in the new Venezuela.

ISRAEL

Negotiator delays Washington trip

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

The top Palestinian negotiator delayed a trip to Washington Wednesday amid reports that the Israelis and Palestinians are close to a compromise on reviving a U.S.-brokered peace accord.

Saeb Erekat said he would continue talks Thursday with Israeli negotiator Gilead Sher on two major deadlocked issues: the release of Palestinians jailed for anti-Israel attacks; and a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank outlined in the accords brokered by President Clinton at Wye River, Md. last October.

"We were unable to bridge any of the gaps," Erekat told The Associated Press after six hours of discussion Wednesday. "Tomorrow we hope to be in a position to finalize these two issues."

Erekat had been scheduled to brief Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on the peace talks Thursday, but canceled his flight to continue negotiations. State Dept. spokesman James Foley said Erekat was now expected in Washington Thursday night and would brief Albright on Friday.

Erekat said he believed a solution to the talk's impasse would only come once Prime Minister Ehud Barak made a "political decision" to compromise.

In a statement issued late Wednesday night, Barak's

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office said that if an agreement on a timetable was not reached soon, Israel would implement the Wye accords as it saw fit.

Barak's hard-line predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, froze Wye a month after he signed the accord. Barak, promising in his campaign to revive the peace process, trounced Netanyahu in May elections.

Initial Palestinian expectations that Barak would immediately implement the program have all but dissipated.

The Palestinians say Wye mandates the release of 650 Palestinians jailed for anti-Israel attacks; Israel says only 500 are eligible for release, and it refuses to let go Palestinians involved in killing Israelis.

Both sides agree on the dimensions of the Israeli withdrawal outlined in Wye — 11 percent — but Barak wants to stretch it into next year, while the Palestinians want an immediate withdrawal.

Palestinian negotiators, speaking on condition of anonymity, said talks were still deadlocked on prisoners,

but were close to a breakthrough on the withdrawal timetable. They said the withdrawal may be completed by January.

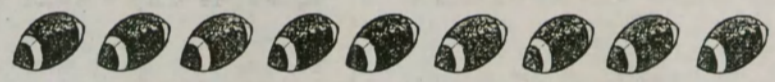
Israeli army radio and the Maariv newspaper reported Wednesday that an agreement would be achieved "within a few days" and that a "festive signing ceremony" would likely take place in Egypt and the Nile River Valley.

In another sign of optimism, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Wednesday that overall peace talks with Israel could be wrapped up in the relatively near future.

The original peace framework was set May 4, 1999 as the date for signing a peace treaty. When that date was missed, Arafat agreed to delay declaration of an independent Palestinian state by one year.

Negotiations on a final peace treaty have not begun, but asked if it is realistic to expect the peace treaty talks to be concluded by next May, Arafat replied, "More realistic than anything else."

Israel radio reported Wednesday that Palestinian police have arrested 12 members of militant Islamic groups opposed to the peace process. The arrests of the Islamic Jihad and Hamas militants Tuesday night in the Bethlehem area, bring the number of Islamic militants detained by the Palestinian Authority in recent days to 50, according to radio announcements.



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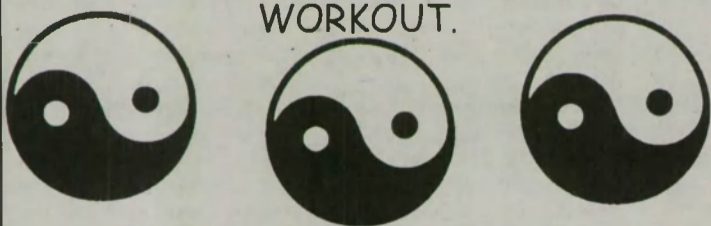
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FBI admits using tear gas at Waco, denies starting fatal fire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The FBI, reversing a 6-year-old course, admitted Wednesday night its agents may have fired some potentially flammable tear gas canisters on the final day of the 1993 standoff with the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas.

"We continue to believe that law enforcement did not start the fire," said FBI spokesman John Collingwood. "But we regret previous answers to Congress and to the public (about possible use of inflammatory devices) ultimately may prove to be inaccurate."

Although some questions still remain unanswered, Collingwood said, "all available indications are that those

rounds were not directed at the main, wooden compound" in which cult leader David Koresh and many of his followers died during a fire that broke out about noon during the FBI's final assault April 19, 1993.

"The rounds did not land near the wooden compound, and they were discharged several hours before the fire started," Collingwood said.

Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis J. Freeh ordered an inquiry into the circumstances under which military-type tear gas canisters were fired. Freeh assigned 40 FBI agents to the review and ordered everyone at the Waco scene re-interviewed.

Collingwood said the inquiry could be completed in weeks.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans promised new congressional inquiries.

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FBI spokesman**

"If federal officials have been lying about these elements of the siege, their testimony on other matters should also be examined," said Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who called for hearings by House Government Reform Committee.

That panel's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said, "I am deeply concerned by these inconsistencies.... I intend for the committee to get to the bottom of this."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who chairs a subcommittee that oversees the FBI, said, "This is a serious development in terms of further erosion of the FBI's credibility."

Answers prepared by the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team to questions submitted recently by lawyers for Waco families and survivors suing the government "suggest pyrotechnic devices may have been used in the early morning of April 19, 1993," Collingwood said.

"The FBI may have used a very limited number of military-type CS gas canisters on the morning of April 19 in an attempt to penetrate the roof of an underground bunker 30 to 40 yards away from the main Branch Davidian compound," he said.

"Unlike the civilian tear gas that was used by the FBI in far greater quantities that day, the military canisters may have contained a substance that is designed to disperse the gas using a pyrotechnic mixture," Collingwood said.

Officials said two military tear gas canisters, labeled pyrotechnic because of their ability to cause a spark, were fired just after 6 a.m. on April 19, six hours before the fire began. The canisters were fired not at the wood main structure but at a concrete bunker some yards away. They bounced off its roof and landed in an open field, according to these officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The canisters were tried because other, nonpyrotechnic tear gas canisters had not penetrated the bunker, which was linked to the main building by tunnels, the officials said. The FBI wanted to clear out anyone hiding in the bunker.

The tear gas canisters inserted in the wooden, main building by FBI tanks during the final assault later that day were not flammable because of concern about causing a fire, these officials said.

For six years, the FBI and top Justice Department officials have categorically insisted no incendiary devices were used by the FBI on April 19, when it mounted the assault that ended the 51-day siege by federal agents trying to serve a warrant for Koresh's arrest on firearms and explosives charges.

For two days, since a former assistant deputy FBI director, Danny Coulson, acknowledged for the first time to The Dallas Morning News that the two canisters were fired, FBI officials struggled to issue a public statement.

Several draft versions were

reviewed inside the FBI and by Justice Department officials, who privately expressed anger that the FBI had allowed Attorney General Janet Reno and other officials to issue public denials. Some said the incident would harm the credibility of federal law enforcement even if the devices had no role in the fire.

Two officials suggested the information about the military canisters might not have been relayed to top FBI and Justice officials earlier because the original questions about Waco concerned the fire in the wooden main building and the canisters were fired long before the fire broke out. They also were fired almost 180 degrees away from the building that burned.

Coulson, founding commander of the FBI's hostage rescue team, also told the Dallas newspaper the incendiary canisters were fired hours before the blaze began and played no role in starting it.

The issue of whether the FBI used pyrotechnic devices has been a major focus of an inquiry by the Texas Rangers and a key allegation in a pending wrongful-death lawsuit against the government by surviving Davidians and families of those who died.

The federal government consistently has disputed accusations that the FBI started the fire.

Independent investigators concluded the fire began simultaneously in three separate places.

FBI bugs recorded Davidians discussing spreading fuel and planning a fire hours before the compound burned. Arson investigators also found evidence that gasoline, charcoal lighter fluid and camp stove fuel had been poured inside the compound.



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Do You Know What I Did Last Summer?

You know you've made it when there are people waiting in their cars outside your house. Not ordinary fans I mean, and not quite a stalker, but the kind of people in-between who don't want to go through your garbage so much as they want to see you carry it out. These are the people who know you've got some special skill or talent, and want to see how you apply it to the most ordinary every day task.

Paul Camarata

*Like a China
in a Bull Shop*

By this definition then, at least, Andrew A. Rooney is a success. You probably know him better by the name Andy, the guy with bushy eyebrows whose segment has been the nightcap on the granddaddy of network news magazines for longer than anyone can remember. But his surname or eyebrows aren't really important, and neither is my definition. Either, way he's made it. Fighting boredom like Andy might grapple with a quandary, I made the half an hour trip from my home in I-won't-say-where to what I had been told was his in None-of-Your-Business. (I could leak it I suppose, but discretion is the greatest form of prowling, and I would hate to encourage this type of behavior.)

I knew how to get to Andy's, but had no real business being there — let alone a plan for when I arrived. I parked my car along his rural road, halfway in a ditch and 300 yards down a sloping driveway from the summer place. It was a Thursday afternoon in mid-July, and the sun was oppressive, stifling activity everywhere in the area.

That's one clichéd way of saying it was hot out. Andy's house faced the road, which meant I had to keep my head turned 90 degrees to get a look at it. I started to fear a crick in my neck and wedged my right hand between the head rest to massage in the sweat. Then I decided that the pain was just the price of being a fan; no physical peril is too great an obstacle to spotting this sage of sarcastic scribbery. Andy had given me countless small chunks of his "60 Minutes" over the years, and a little patience here was the least I could do to repay him.

I thought for a while of getting out and climbing the small hill to Andy's front door.

Fear did a little to dissuade me, but not quite as much as speechlessness or disinterest. And the heat; it was hot out there — and a long way up that driveway.

I really didn't have much to say to Andy anyway, next to "Hello" and "Nice column you turn out." By the time the

both of us got to the door and shared only that pleasantry, I'm sure we would both have wished only that we hadn't bothered.

There was probably a lot Andy could tell me — and not just because he is so many times published, renowned and had met the likes of Hemingway. Andy is one of those people — old some might call it — who have been smelling the fresh newsprint of history for the better part of a century. They carried fish home in the headlines I can only read about and study. I thought of some things I might be able to tell him, how the Mets were faring recently or about the bad door handles on my Volkswagen, but I decided he probably wouldn't be interested. I've never been present at a World War, but I bet it gives you a more profound perspective on things than you can get watching ESPN with three friends and a couple of beers.

I stayed about an hour at Andy's place with no sign of anyone, much less the successful and well-traveled author.

If he did come outside, say, to water the flowers, maybe Andy would walk down the driveway and greet me himself.

Probably not though; more likely he would see for himself how hot it was and return inside for some lemonade. I would if I were him.

I thought about Andy as I sat there; his unique style and the volumes of his work.

He had been asking, "Did you ever wonder this?" or "What's up with that?" long before anyone had heard of Seinfeld or Dennis Miller.

Some might say Andy's success stemmed purely from the type of pungent cynicism that was usually reserved for grizzled old men. He's getting on in years, that's true, but I can't speak for his grizzledness having never spotted him that Thursday.

Andy Rooney has made it though, there's no question about that. Yet I insisted on remaining parked outside his summer home, halfway in a ditch, just to reconfirm what everyone already knows.

Did you ever wonder what that makes me?

Paul Camarata is a sophomore majoring in English and American studies.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it."

Mary Little

On the Dignity of Women

In the beginning, God created them male and female in His own image and likeness. When God chose to come into the world, He chose a woman. A woman was chosen to be an essential part of the history of salvation. Therefore, women's importance, dignity and vocation cannot be minimized. This is, I am afraid, precisely what has been done in the pages of The Observer.

Gabriel Martinez

Like Arrows in the Hand of a Warrior

In her letter to the editor last semester, Judy Amorosa tried to right ancient wrongs, but she did so unjustly and therefore only succeeded in producing more wrongs. She tried to show us the magnitude of woman's contribution of life, but she overdid it by minimizing the biological role of men in procreation. Later, she asserted men have responsibilities towards children: yet men have great responsibilities because their role is not incidental, but as essential as women's. Nonetheless, as Pope John Paul the Great says in the Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem* (MD), women bear the larger load. The pope goes so far as to say that "in their shared parenthood [the man] owes a special debt to the woman," affecting the very definition of equal rights (par. 18).

Women are not mere receptacles, just as men are not mere tools. Referring to Mary as a spiritual vessel and a vessel of honor is an admittedly imprecise way of noting Christ lived inside her. For Mary did much more than provide living space — in bearing God, she gave Him His humanity.

Mary's proclamation of herself as the handmaid of the Lord is a parallel to Christ being the servant of the Lord of whom Isaiah spoke. Mary's station is full of dignity. It is not offensive to women to say that the woman is a handmaid, since Mary is imitating God Himself in being a servant (MD par. 5).

The Incarnation of God in Mary is not a myth, as Ms. Amorosa implies. Mary is the model of a woman of the New Covenant. Her dignity is enormous, as she is united to God in a way no other human being ever has or ever will be; this kind of union can only happen between a mother and her child (MD par. 4). This bond is so beautiful and powerful that it cannot be broken. A mother's bond with her child is sacred, and this sanctity not granted or taken away by the courts but inscribed in nature by nature's God.

Power implies responsibility, not rights. A few nations have the power to blow up this planet with atomic bombs. They also have the power to save this planet by better distribution and management of resources. A woman has, indeed, the power to kill the child who lives in her body and the power to introduce her to the world. However, just as there is no right to choose to blow up the world, there is no right to choose to kill a fetus. Fortunately, might is not right; this is bad news for abortionists and for wife-beaters. "For whenever man is responsible for offending a woman's personal dignity and vocation, he acts contrary to his own personal dignity and vocation" (MD par. 10), which is one of total self-giving.

And yes, fetuses — who have not committed any crimes — are innocent.

After the Fall, the woman was told the consequences of her sin: "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (Gen. 3:16). This statement makes reference to what a true marriage is: a communion of equals who have different vocations and roles and who can find personal fulfillment only in complete and mutual gift of self. Therefore, women "cannot become the 'object' of 'domination' and male 'possession,'" and neither can she let herself be ruled by her instincts and passions. Genesis 3:16 describes precisely this concupiscence, this inclination to sin. Yet the rightful woman's rebellion against objectification cannot imply a loss of "the richness of the femininity which she received on the day of creation," a richness so great that the first words of man upon seeing her are of "admiration and enchantment." Only by embracing her share in the image and likeness of God, as it was bestowed on her, can woman rid herself

of the "inheritance of sin" implied in Gen. 3:16, and attain fulfillment in the giving of herself (MD par. 10, 18).

The pope goes on to note that the Genesis story of creation implies men and women are human beings to an equal degree and woman is a person just as man is. The language of the second story is less precise and more metaphorical, but in expressing the truth of creation the author notes that "the woman is immediately recognized by man as 'flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones,'" with equal dignity (MD par. 6; Gen. 2: 23).

Men and women were created to be, not only together, but more importantly "one for the other," in communion. This union is the image of the Holy Trinity, for women and men are designed to help each other in a mutual gift of self (MD par. 7). Precisely because man and woman are God's image and likeness, one can speak of God attributing masculine and feminine qualities to Him so as to understand better the mystery of the divine. Yet the pope warns that our Deity is spiritual and therefore is neither masculine nor feminine. God chose to be called Father, but His is a spiritual fatherhood, free of bodily connotations (par. 8).

When we proclaim woman's vocation and dignity, we imitate God. In the Old Testament, God spoke to both women and men, although He chose men to establish the Old Covenant. But when the new and everlasting Covenant was established, He started with a woman, Mary. For in Christ "there is no male nor female" (Gal. 3:28). And then she sings that the Lord has done great things for her, the pope says, because the Incarnation has meant "the discovery of all the richness and personal resources of femininity, all the eternal originality of the 'woman,' just as God wanted her to be, a person [loved by God] for her own sake, who discovers herself 'by means of a sincere gift of self'" (MD, par. 11).

Christ was an advocate of the dignity of woman in more than one way. A very significant way He did this was by proclaiming women's rights on the question of divorce. Women could no longer be cast aside when found unattractive or useless, but ought to be valued just as men, for "in the beginning" marriage had been established forever (MD par. 12; Mt 19:6). He referred to women with terms that had been previously reserved to men, like "Daughter of Abraham," distancing himself from the discrimination of his day (par. 13).

Commenting on the episode of the woman caught in adultery, the pope says: "Jesus seems to say to the accusers: is not this woman, for all her sin, above all a confirmation of your own transgressions, of your 'male' injustice, your misdeeds?" (par. 14). Are not the adulterer and the adulteress equally sinners? I am reminded of a saying of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz that I will paraphrase: in prostitution, who is the biggest sinner? The one who sins for pay or the one who pays to sin?

We take for granted what Jesus means for women. Jesus talks with women often, communicates profound mysteries to them and receives deep expressions of faith from them. We take for granted that He spoke with the Samaritan at the well, forgetting that it was unusual for an important rabbi to speak with a woman (MD par. 15; John 4:27). Christ valued women, their great dignity and their special vocation.

Women, do not lay aside your dignity. Do not abdicate it to abusive men or abusive ideologies. For you were born in the dawn of time, and yours is the inheritance promised to us. Live your vocation, where you are called, as women. Live fully, giving fully of yourselves.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Why learn a foreign language?

In most of the world outside the U.S., an average economically affluent citizen will be fluent in two or three languages. Yes, you say, people in other countries may need to know English or German in order to survive in today's business world. Because you do know how to speak and write in English, you don't think you have this problem. By speaking only English, you may not have an actual problem, but you will be at a disadvantage.

Being reasonably fluent in a language other than English opens many doors. It offers you access to information in other languages: archives, news, literature, as well as personal contacts. These are important, no matter what field you're headed into. Being able to speak and write in a language other than English offers flexibility — not only because you will be a more valuable asset to your company, but also in terms of your own personal development. Speaking in another language allows you to think differently and approach problems with a different frame of mind; this lateral thinking helps keep you on your toes.

Seeing above the heads of fellow colleagues who have only been exposed to one way of life may allow you see what they do not see and to predict a problem before it actually happens. One major setback to American businesspeople in the modern world of global competition is precisely the lack of a "larger view" — a world view with the ability to put oneself in the position of a German, for example, and to be able to reason as a German would. By learning a foreign language, you acquire not only the ability to communicate, but in the process of learning, you also absorb many elements of the other culture's mentality, values and ways of reasoning. This, in a world that very often seems to make no sense to most people, can be priceless in itself.

If you do decide to "think differently" and dedicate the time and energy to learning another language, do not feel discouraged if you have an accent or do not understand every word that is spoken to you. The important thing is to try to speak the bit you do know as clearly and correctly as possible. (Do not keep silent the entire time because you are afraid of making a mistake!) When an international guest makes an honest attempt at speaking the native language of the place she or he is visiting, it comes through as a sign of deference that will flatter even the citizens of Paris, changing the typical "haughty-Frenchman-stereotype" 180 degrees.

But one can also venture beyond the popular Spanish and French. For example, why not dedicate your time to learning Arabic, Russian, Portuguese or Chinese — all four of which are among the most spoken languages in the world — while you are here at Notre Dame? Other language courses offered at Notre Dame include Italian, Irish, German and Japanese — all of which could come in handy. Even Ancient Greek or Latin, also offered at Notre Dame, open the doors to a wealth of literature and written history.

If you are learning a foreign language and would like to practice it more often, there are many clubs on campus which gather weekly or bi-weekly to chat. Ask your professor or the respective language department for information about clubs nearest your interests. There are also numerous abroad opportunities for the open-minded. The cost of a semester abroad is usually the same as a semester at Notre Dame, but the experience is incomparable. Such an experience will enhance the following semesters you do spend on campus in ways which you cannot imagine, allowing you to see and take advantage of opportunities you otherwise wouldn't have known existed.

So if you are confronting your foreign language requirement as if it were a prison sentence, as a friend and colleague, I advise you to look at it as an opportunity which you cannot afford to let go to waste. It is much more difficult to find the time to learn a foreign language after college. If you're in doubt about how to fill that undecided class, why not dedicate it to a language? You will get as much out of it as you put into it, as it is with most things in life.

I guarantee it.

Tonio Buonassisi
Junior
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One Scary Summer

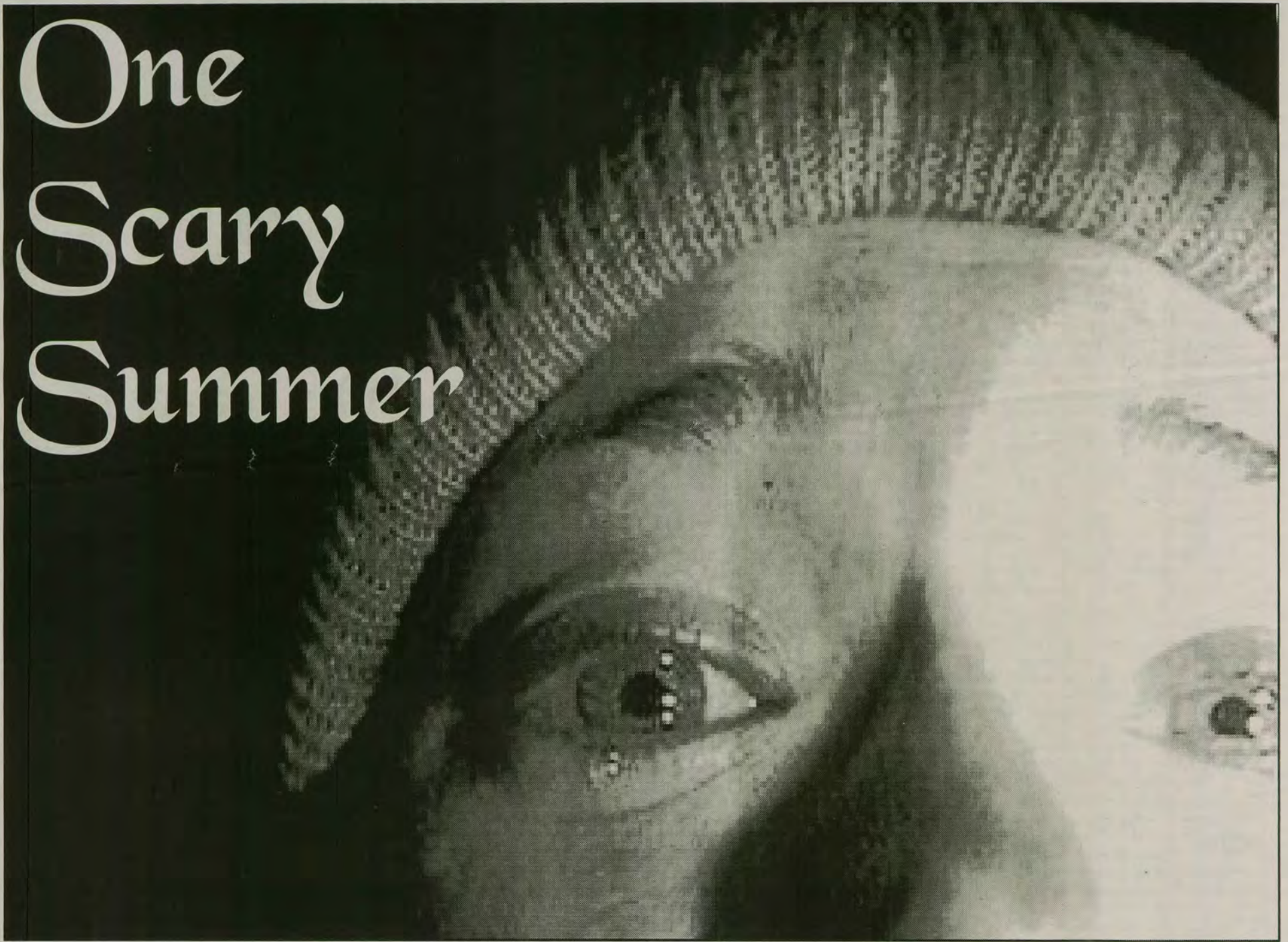


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Heather Donahue stars as student film director Heather in the independent blockbuster, "The Blair Witch Project." Or does she?

Summer box office starts with forceful bang, creeps into frightful territory with a witch, a kid who sees dead people and another dose of Julia Roberts

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

OK, so how many different records were broken at the summer box office of 1999?

It is a difficult question considering every film pretty much broke a record of its own. "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" has the largest opening day box office gross. "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" has the largest weekend opening of a comedy. "Notting Hill" had broken the biggest Julia Roberts opening until "Runaway Bride" opened two months later.

"Big Daddy" was the biggest opening non-sequel comedy, and "The Sixth Sense" was the largest August opening in movie history. Finally, "The Blair Witch Project" is believed to be the most profitable film in history, as its initial \$35,000 cost was heavily overcome by its \$120-million-and-counting box office gross.

Even the box office in general broke a record with nine different No. 1 films in as many weeks, that streak ending with this week's top film, "The Sixth Sense," which is in its third week as the No. 1 film in America.

A monster beginning

This increase in box office activity shows that Americans have an insatiable hunger for movies, or at least for movie popcorn and soda. Following a

trend that has lasted throughout the '90s, the summer movie season began a week early this year, when "The Mummy" had an enormous opening weekend with more than \$40 million.

Coming in the footsteps of "Twister" and "Deep Impact," the success of "The Mummy" was especially more impactful considering that a certain first episode of a certain space saga was opening shortly after it. But America was ready, and it coughed up the dollars to make "The Mummy" 1999's first summer blockbuster.

Then there was a little movie called "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace." Hopelessly hyped as the film with the biggest potential in history, "Episode I" came upon its May 19 opening with so many expectations that pretty much any outcome would be disappointing.

This is why, even though the film had a record-breaking opening day, critics still lambasted it for not making twice as much. This is why the media treated its opening weekend a failure, even though it raked in more than \$70 million. And simply for not kicking "Titanic's" sunken ship out of the top box office spot, "Episode I" will most likely be considered a failure in the wake of its hype.

But the summer that was supposed to be all about Anakin Skywalker and Darth Maul soon became the summer of a second helping of danger ... that is, Austin Powers. Yes, the world continued to turn with 12-year old boys screaming "Yeah, baby, yeah!" around the play-

Box Office Results

Summer 1999

(in millions)

1. The Phantom Menace	\$417.8
2. Austin Powers 2	\$203.1
3. Tarzan	\$165.5
4. Big Daddy	\$158.7
5. The Mummy	\$154.7
6. The Blair Witch Project	\$120.6
7. Notting Hill	\$114.1
8. Runaway Bride	\$113.5
9. Wild Wild West	\$111.6
10. The Sixth Sense	\$107.5

courtesy of Variety

About Mary" ended the previous summer. And still, there has been no Austin Powers backlash, which means the third installment of "Austin Powers" will be just as big a blockbuster as its predecessors.

Julia, Episode I

To quell some of the disgust that "Austin Powers" brought to audiences, particularly in the form of Fat Bastard, fortunately there was a gal named Julia to save the day. In "Notting Hill," Julia Roberts teamed with Hugh Grant in yet another romantic comedy for the date crowd. Roberts played a movie star to Grant's simple bookstore owner. Though Roberts' role will never be considered her furthest stretch, one must remember audiences didn't exactly embrace her "Mary Reilly" or "Michael Collins" roles.

What made "Notting Hill" more than just another romantic comedy was its supporting cast of veteran British comic actors. More than anything it was their banter and comic interplay that resuscitated the film from suffering a romantic heart attack.

At least it was saved until Roberts dealt the following words to her on-screen beau: "I'm just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love me." This line steered the film into a realm of corniness and unbelievability that was only exclamation by an all too happy ending showing Roberts and Grant with child, in the garden where they first fell

ground, and eaters everywhere yelling to their food, "Get in my belly!" in their best Scottish accent.

Most importantly, though, was that "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" took most of the box office attention away from "Star Wars" and refocused the summer on gross-out humor and laughs, just where "There's Something

in love. But that's why people go to the movies, for unbelievability.

Which is exactly the scenario created when Adam Sandler jumped back onto the screen in "Big Daddy." Playing a fellow who adopts a little boy to get a girl, Sandler continued his box office prowess with the midsummer comedy. Showing more heart than in his last blockbuster, "The Waterboy," "Big Daddy" strengthened Sandler's position in the stratosphere of Hollywood's most bankable actors, even though most critics would agree that Sandler can't act worth the elastic in his oldest pair of underwear.

And underwear is exactly the uniform of 1999's installment of the Disney animated classic, "Tarzan." The biggest animated feature since "The Lion King," excluding "A Bug's Life" which was more of a computer-generated feature, "Tarzan" proved that the old Disney formula could be altered for the sake of filmmaking.

Using less of the typical Broadway showtune style, "Tarzan" showcased Phil Collins as its main source of music, and transformed the man of the jungle into a surfer/skater in a loincloth. With these minor adjustments, "Tarzan" quietly rose to the top of 1999's summer class.

At the bottom of the list, surprisingly, was Will Smith and his third Fourth of July flick, "Wild Wild West." Though hyped heavily via Smith's blockbuster music video and costarring the luscious Salma Hayek, "Wild Wild West" failed to generate the huge box office dollars his other two holiday films generated ("Independence Day" and "Men in Black"). Still, the movie made \$111 million at the box office, continuing Smith's reign as a \$100 million dollar man.

Still hoping for that \$100 million payoff is "American Pie," the gross-out comedy whose name evolves not from the classic song but from an entertaining, pastry-loving scene involving the sensual warmth of fresh-baked apple pie.

Employing a virtual no-name cast of teens, "American Pie" strives to create the good ol' days of promilleennial, sexaholic teenagehood, making a classic teen movie at a time when too many unnecessary teen movies make their way into theaters.

Mommy, that's scary

Also becoming an instant classic, at least in terms of movie marketing, was "The Blair Witch Project," which broke down all boundaries of how to make a film, and inspired curiosity in audiences throughout the nation. Initially opening in 27 theaters in 24 markets, "The Blair Witch Project" scared up per-screen averages of about \$60,000 in its first two weeks.

But the dollars are not the only amazing piece of evidence concerning the success of "The Blair Witch Project." Coming from almost nowhere, the clever Internet ad campaign, which created a world in which the "The Blair Witch Project" was truth, allowed for curious net-surfers to spread the word about the mysterious and confusing film.

Things turned immediately to the familiar when Julia came back into the lives of Americans with another — surprise — romantic comedy, "Runaway Bride." This time around, Roberts scores with Richard Gere, in a recoupling of the duo who made "Pretty Woman" an early '90s hit. Though a bit kookier than Roberts' "Notting Hill," "Runaway Bride" fell into a state of corniness more severe than that of the first film.

The final hit of the summer came as a surprise to many, as it starred perennial steroid-case Bruce Willis, a child star and the label "psychological thriller." Once released, though, the film immediately became the must-see of August, and is currently kicking butt at the box office, making about \$70 million in its first 10 days of release, and more than \$105 million in three weeks.

This brings the box office to the present, where the new fall season is about to get underway, and audiences will make records of a whole new crop of films. Until then, the summer box office is open for business.



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

Heather Graham stars as Felicity Shagwell in "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me."



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Eugene Levy (left) and Jason Biggs star in the self-gratifying, gross-out comedy, "American Pie."



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Julia Roberts, queen of the romantic comedy, reteams with Richard Gere in "Runaway Bride."



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment star in "The Sixth Sense."

MOVIE REVIEW



Photo courtesy of Miramax

Omar Epps and L.L. Cool J star as a cop and a drug lord in "In Too Deep."

'Deep' leap into unclarity

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
Associated Press Writer

From its grainy, unfocused opening sequence, it's clear that nothing about "In Too Deep" will be clear.

Not the characters — they fluctuate from flashes of raging sadism to tender charity.

Certainly not the story — it meanders from one violent scene to the next before arriving at its startling climax.

One thing's for sure: "In Too Deep" is an extremely raw, disturbing film that sometimes goes over the top in its brutality.

Omar Epps plays Jeff Cole, a cocky young narcotics officer for the Cincinnati police department. Jeff goes undercover to bring down a drug lord nicknamed God (LL Cool J). No cop has been able to penetrate God's operation, based in the projects, but Jeff is sure he can. After all, he grew up in the projects. Plus, he has boundless faith in his abilities.

In his undercover persona of J. Reid, Jeff gets sucked into God's world. He hangs out with God's deputies, befriends them, becomes one of them. Soon he loses sight of the man he used to be and is torn between answering to his lieutenant (Stanley Tucci) and his new boss.

He also struggles to balance his police work with his other passion, a beautiful, sweet dancer named Myra (Nia Long), with whom he could find true happiness for the first time. Everything in Jeff's world is a contradiction.

God dominates the projects through his drug cartel, yet he drops a ton of cash each year on a Thanksgiving dinner for poor people.

The drug dealers coldly engage in illegal, immoral activity, but many are married with children and they're steadfastly loyal to each other. Several of them attend the baptism of God's infant son, and one serves as the godfather. As he cradles his infant son, God tells his

friends proudly, "He's gonna be something someday."

Despite these intriguing complexities, the story from screenwriters Paul Aaron and Michael Henry Brown never really hooks the viewer.

The harsh treatment of women is especially hard to watch, from the words the male characters use to describe them to the ease with which God beats a woman he thinks has stolen from him. He picks her up by her hair from the sidewalk as she screams

and cries, then sticks a gun in her mouth and forces her to suck it — all in front of his son, who's strapped into a car seat in God's BMW.

Most of the performances are strong, especially Epps' as the man caught in the middle. He shows a wide range of emotions as his two worlds tug at him. He's brazen and rebellious at times, scared and tormented at others.

Tucci, as a stable, soft-spoken voice of reason, again displays his range. He starred this spring as a wily Puck in "William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream," last year as "Winchell," for which he won a Golden Globe and in 1996 as a high-strung Italian restaurant owner in "Big Night."

LL Cool J never truly embodies his character's villainy, though. Even at his cruelest moments, he still comes off as a nice guy — his sweet baby face betrays him.

Pam Grier as a member of the undercover detective team is one of the few strong female characters in the film, and her presence provides an element of peace. But her time on screen is too short.

Michael Rymer's direction often relies on quick pans and extreme close-ups of faces, guns and knives, providing an engrossing tension, enhanced by the thumping base of gangsta rap in nearly every scene.

"In Too Deep" is rated R for strong language, violence and drug use.

"In Too Deep"

Director: Michael Rymer
Starring: Omar Epps, Stanley Tucci, Pam Grier, LL Cool J and Nia Long

MLB

Griffey's homer leads Seattle in 3-2 victory over Detroit

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Ken Griffey Jr. hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning and John Halama pitched eight strong innings to give the Seattle Mariners a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Halama (10-5) gave up two runs and eight hits, with no walks and four strikeouts, to snap a personal three-game losing streak.

In the eighth, Brian Hunter got aboard with a one-out bunt single and Rafael Bournival singled him to third before Griffey delivered the sacrifice fly to deep center.

The Tigers had a runner on second with one out in the ninth, but Jose Mesa struck out the final two batters for his 29th save in 33 chances as the Mariners won their third straight.

Brian Moehler (8-14) gave up three runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings.

The Mariners took a 2-0 lead in the fourth on Alex Rodriguez's RBI double and Edgar Martinez's RBI single.

In the Detroit fifth, Tony Clark hit his 22nd home run and Bobby Higginson, Damion Easley and Gabe Kapler had consecutive singles to tie the score at 2.

Mariners third baseman Russ

Davis started an inning-ending double play in the fourth after Kimera Bartee led off with a triple. After Brad Ausmus struck out, Dean Palmer hit a bouncer back to Davis, who tagged an off-the-base Bartee and then threw out Palmer at first.

Mariners second baseman David Bell became ill in the eighth and was replaced by Bournival.

Yankees 7, Rangers 3

Esteban Loaiza overcame a shaky start to win his seventh straight decision and lead the Texas Rangers over the New York Yankees 7-3 Wednesday night.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his ninth home run in nine games, a solo shot in the sixth inning, as the Rangers overcame a 3-0 deficit to salvage the finale of the three-game series. New York was 6-4 this year against Texas, a possible playoff opponent.

Loaiza (7-1), who hasn't lost since the All-Star break, gave up three runs in his first three innings, but gradually regained his command and needed just 24 pitches to get through the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Loaiza allowed all three runs and eight hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked two.

Hideki Irabu (10-5), who had his career-high eight-game winning streak snapped in his last start, gave up six runs and

10 hits in five-plus innings.

Trailing by three runs, Texas took a 4-3 lead in the third when Mark McLemore, Ivan Rodriguez and Rusty Greer hit consecutive one-out RBI singles and Juan Gonzalez added a sacrifice fly.

Irabu was chased in sixth by Palmeiro's 39th homer and consecutive singles by Todd Zeile and Lee Stevens, who drove in Zeile. Mark McLemore added an RBI single off Jeff Nelson in the eighth.

New York took an early lead for the third consecutive night. Paul O'Neill hit an RBI single and Bernie Williams had a run-scoring double-play grounder to put the Yankees ahead 2-0 in the first, and Tino Martinez hit a solo homer in the third.

Twins 6, Red Sox 3

Brad Radke pitched 7 1/3 strong innings and Ron Coomer homered as the Minnesota Twins beat the Boston Red Sox 6-3 Wednesday night.

Coomer and Matt Lawton each drove in two runs for Minnesota, which snapped a three-game losing streak.

Damon Buford hit a solo homer in the ninth for Boston, which fell into a tie for the wild card with Oakland. The Athletics lost to Cleveland 12-4.

Radke (10-12), coming off one of the worst starts in his

career, allowed four hits and two runs. Five days earlier, he allowed six runs and walked four in 1 2-3 innings against the Yankees.

Mark Portugal (7-12) lost his fourth straight start, allowing eight hits and six runs in 5 2-3 innings. Portugal, who lost four consecutive decisions earlier in the year, walked two and struck out three.

Minnesota scored two runs in the first inning before making an out.

Jacque Jones led off with an infield single and Denny Hocking reached on first baseman Brian Daubach's fielding error.

Marty Cordova walked to load the bases and Lawton drove in two runs with a bloop single to center.

Coomer hit Portugal's first pitch of the fourth inning 409 feet to left, giving Minnesota a 3-0 lead.

It was Coomer's 15th homer, tying the career-high he set last season.

Boston scored an unearned run in the fifth to make it 3-1. Trot Nixon led off with a single.

One out later, Scott Hatteberg hit a fly ball that went off Jones' glove at the wall in center field.

Jose Offerman then grounded out to drive in Nixon.

Minnesota made it 6-1 in the sixth inning on Coomer's RBI double. Terry Steinbach's

run-scoring triple and Corey Koskie's RBI single.

Daubach hit an RBI single in the eighth to make it 6-2.

Mets 4, Astros 0

Kenny Rogers won his 17th straight home decision and Robin Ventura hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning to carry the New York Mets over the Houston Astros 4-0 Wednesday night.

Rogers (3-0) allowed seven hits in 8 1-3 innings, struck out five and walked two before Dennis Cook finished for his third save.

Rogers' streak dates to June 28, 1997, and is the longest since Frank Viola won 19 straight at Minnesota in 1987-88. Rogers' streak spans three teams — the New York Yankees, Oakland Athletics and Mets.

The Mets, who won for the 11th time in 15 games, remained 1 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East but increased their lead to 3 1/2 games over Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

Houston's NL Central lead over the Reds remained at 1 1/2 games.

Each team had only one runner through four innings as Shane Reynolds (14-10) and Rogers were in complete control.

Both teams put two runners on in the fifth before the Mets broke through with four runs in the sixth.

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LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Toms River team closes in on repeat championship

Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Once again, the team from Toms River, N.J., is two victories from winning the Little League World Series. And this time they're defying even greater odds.

Consider: 7,500 teams worldwide began tournament play this summer and only eight made it to Williamsport.

Then factor in that only two members of last year's title team from Toms River are back in uniform and the chances of repeating are even more remote.

The only numbers that really matter, however, are on the scoreboard. Toms River manager Mike Gaynor says.

"You're not going to win

every game. But when it's meant something and it's counted, we've been able to pull it out." Gaynor said. "And that's why we're here today."

Great pitching and good defense don't hurt either. The team from Phenix City, Ala., Toms River's opponent in the U.S. championship Thursday, saw plenty of both earlier this week when Toms River beat them 6-0.

The other game Thursday features Osaka, Japan versus the all-stars from Puerto Rico for the International pool championship. On Wednesday, Puerto Rico defeated Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany 16-3 in their final preliminary round game.

"Lord have mercy, I wouldn't watch that thing again," Phenix City manager

Tony Rasmus said after being asked if he would review replays of his team's shutout loss to Toms River. "It would give me nightmares."

Toms River seems immune to the pressure that goes with trying to become only the third team in history to repeat as Little League champion. Monterrey, Mexico did it in 1957 and 1958, and Long Beach, Calif., in 1992 and 1993.

After Toms River beat Brownsburg, Ind., 3-1 on Tuesday, star pitcher and outfielder Eric Campesi sounded like he'd rather be planted in front of the video game machines in the players' lounge than on the field.

"I like playing with the Seattle Mariners. I pitch with Jamie Moyer, and I especially

like it because I like Ken Griffey, Jr. He hits those home runs," said Campesi, who along with Gaynor's son, Casey, are the only two returning players from last year's team.

"I don't know what I'll be doing during the off day. Maybe play video games or something," catcher Chris Cunningham said. Toms River had played three games in three days before Wednesday.

"Actually, you'll be practicing," Gaynor quickly snapped back as Campesi laughed.

Not far from the field where Toms River practiced in front of dozens of fans, reporters and photographers, Phenix City took light batting practice with seven parents watching.

Rasmus doesn't mind if the attention is focused on the

"Beasts of the East." He's trying to keep his team from getting too distracted again by loud contingent of Toms River fans.

"I think we got a better chance Thursday. It's got to be easier the second time around," Rasmus said. "Any team's beatable."

Phenix City, which is an average height of 5-foot-3, is one of the smallest teams in the eight-team field but has packed quite a punch with six home runs in the two games since Toms River.

Is Phenix City looking to avenge its last loss?

"Yes, sir," said Rasmus' 12-year-old son, Colby, gave up six runs and eight hits over six innings against Toms River Sunday. "I'm going to pitch my best against them."

NBA

Perdue signs contract with Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Center Will Perdue, a member of three of Chicago's NBA championship teams, signed a contract Wednesday with the Bulls rather than return to league champion San Antonio.

Perdue, who played for the Spurs for four years, flew into Chicago on Wednesday

to sign the contract and then flew back to Texas, Bulls spokesman Tim Hallam said.

"I had an offer from the Bulls since last week, and I couldn't afford to let it sit on the table any longer," Perdue said.

"I tried to wait as long as I could to try to work something out with the Spurs, but it just didn't happen."

Perdue, who came to San Antonio before the 1995-96

season in exchange for Dennis Rodman, was a backup during the Bulls' first three championship seasons.

Also Wednesday, the Bulls signed free agent guard Cory Carr, second-round draft pick Lari Ketner and free agent center-forward Brett Robisch. Terms weren't disclosed.

Carr averaged 4.1 points and 1.2 rebounds in 42 games for the Bulls last season. The 6-foot-10 Ketner averaged 10.8 points, 8.3 rebounds and 2.1 blocked shots as a senior at Massachusetts.

The 6-foot-11, 250-pound Robisch spent last season with Sioux Falls of the CBA.

Spurs' Elliot returns home after transplant

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Sean Elliott, who helped lead the San Antonio Spurs to their first championship, was released from a hospital Wednesday, nine days after having a kidney transplant.

The 10-year veteran forward smiled and waved to a few fans who gathered as he left Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital.

"Go Sean, go," the onlookers cheered.

As he departed, Elliott signed autographs for hospital workers. On Tuesday, he provided a catered lunch for nurses involved in his operation.

Elliott said he is "happy to be going home."

The 31-year-old player had the transplant Aug. 16, receiving a kidney from his brother, Noel, a 32-year-old sales associate in Arizona.

Noel, discharged Friday, pushed his famous brother out of the hospital in a wheelchair Wednesday afternoon.

Sean needed the transplant because of a condition known as focal segmental glomerular sclerosis. The illness prevents the kidneys from properly filtering waste from the blood.

Without the transplant, Elliott was weeks away from having to undergo kidney dialysis.

Another brief surgery was required Saturday to make sure Elliott's new kidney was properly connected and working.

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BOXING

Americans earn spots in finals

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Americans Brian Vilorio and Michael Bennett won their bouts Wednesday afternoon to earn spots in the finals of the World Amateur Boxing Championships.

Vilorio, a light-flyweight, needed only three rounds to defeat Suban Punnon of Thailand and set up a rematch with former world champion Maikro Romero of Cuba. The heavyweight Bennett, in his first international competition, beat Germany's Steffen Kratschmann in the first round.

Bennett will meet two-time Olympic champion Felix Savon of Cuba in the finals.

"I thought I wouldn't get to meet him until the Olympics," Bennett said of Savon. "Now here he is on my turf. How about that? It's time to be a man and step it up."

Bennett was leading 3-1 after the first round of the semifinal bout when Kratschmann was unable to continue because of a sprained right wrist.

"The main thing for me is to focus on what the coaches have been drilling into me," Bennett said. "I'll have to keep my hands up and keep moving. He's (Savon) got a strong right hand."

Vilorio's voice was filled with emotion after realizing his dream.

"I am really excited about this moment, I've been working for it so long," Vilorio said. "I get the Cuban again, that's a dream come true. He beat me the last time. He is a very smart fighter. He knows what to do in the ring. But now I am more mature."

Romero won the world title in 1997 and beat Vilorio in the first round of the 1998 Goodwill Games.

Vilorio was declared the winner after the third round against Punnon because he was ahead

by 15 points, 19-4.

"It was close last night so I just wanted to go through all of my plans the way I wanted to box him," Vilorio said. "He (Punnon) is a difficult fighter. He had a good style."

Two other Americans, featherweight Ricardo Juarez and light-heavyweight Michael Simms Jr., had semifinal matches in the evening session.

Romero defeated Aleksan Nalbandian of Russia 9-2 in his semifinal match and was one of four Cubans who reached the finals in Wednesday's day session.

Savon won when Kevin Evins of Wales retired with 51 seconds left in the bout. His corner threw in the towel to stop the fight.

Lightweight Mario Kindelan beat George Lungu of Romania 9-4 and Juan Hernandez reached the welterweight finals with a 7-5 victory over Leonard Bundu of Italy.

NFL

Vikings QB returns to former hometown

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Randall Cunningham faces his original team for the first time tonight.

And he's doing it as the starter for Minnesota after leaving Philadelphia in 1995 as Rodney Peete's backup.

Cunningham, who spent 11 seasons with the Eagles, sat out in 1996 and returned to the NFL as Brad Johnson's backup a year later. When Johnson got hurt last year, Cunningham produced his best season ever, guiding the Vikings to the NFC championship.

"Smart and mature, that's my approach as the starter," Cunningham said. "I don't overwork myself because I'm 36 years old."

Cunningham may be the starter, but backup Jeff George is turning heads at Winter Park. In two exhibition games, he has completed 15-of-16 passes for three touchdowns and no interceptions, running the offense to near perfection.

George's passer rating is 157.3 — the highest possible rating is 158.3.

But both men insist there's none of the animosity that's usually present between an incumbent quarterback and his ambitious backup.

"He should be starting somewhere in the NFL," Cunningham said.

Yet, Cunningham will do his best to see that doesn't happen in Minnesota.

Cunningham was 11-of-12 for 124 yards against Cleveland last week after a sputtering start against the New York Giants.

He'll play most of the first half against the Eagles, who seem just as excited about the reunion as Cunningham.

"Randall can still move around back there and make things happen," Eagles cornerback Troy Vincent said. "He's still very much of a threat and he has some great weapons to work with. The Vikings are going to look to light up the scoreboard. They have great receivers, a great running game and a big offensive line. We have to play well."

Philadelphia cornerback Al Harris said he's eager to test Cunningham and his tall trio of targets: Cris Carter, Randy Moss and Jake Reed.

"I'm looking forward to playing against them. They have size and can really go up and get the ball," Harris said. "They like to be physical, which is the way I like to play."

New Eagles coach Andy Reid, whose team lost 10-7 to Baltimore and 10-9 to the New York Jets, agrees.

"I like playing a team like the Vikings," Reid said. "They're a team that you like to measure yourself against. That's fine with me."

GOLF

Amateur star stays at Texas

Associated Press

AUSTIN

David Gossett can wait for professional prize money and endorsement contracts.

The U.S. Amateur champion is content going to class, playing college golf and spending his Saturdays watching football games.

The 20-year-old University of Texas sophomore said Wednesday he'll stay in school for another year before entertaining thoughts of turning pro.

"I'm just going to take it one year at a time," Gossett said. "Playing well at the U.S. Amateur has given me a lot of confidence."

"I just want to enjoy my second year at Texas," he said. "I just love the enthusiasm here with the football game Saturday. There's just so many positive people here at Texas."

Gossett won the U.S. Amateur last week with a dominating 9-and-8 final round victory over Korean high school junior Sung Yoon Kim.

He now has goals of winning the NCAA team and individual titles. He also wants to see how he'll play in three professional majors next season.

As the U.S. Amateur champion, Gossett can play in the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open next year if he remains an amateur.

"I just want to enjoy my second year here at Texas. I just love the enthusiasm here with the football game Saturday."

David Gossett
U.S. Amateur champion

Gossett has received congratulations and well wishes from several former Longhorns, including Justin Leonard, the 1992 champion, Ryder Cup captain Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, with whom he has played practice rounds in Austin.

Gossett said he thought of Kite during his semifinal round at the U.S. Amateur against Ohio's Ben Curtis. Sitting on a three-hole lead on No. 15, Gossett had to punch back onto the fairway after his drive found the rough. Curtis then chipped onto the green within 10 feet.

"I had to get up and down from 65 yards. I was thinking how we had practiced wedge shots. I said, 'OK Tom, here we go,' and got it to within three feet."

It's that kind of cool on the course that prompts questions of when he'll turn pro.

The college all-American experienced the pressures of the professional tour when he shot a first-round 66 in the 1998 FedEx St. Jude Classic. He

played there again this year, but missed the cut.

He also has friends in the professional ranks, including Spanish teenage sensation Sergio Garcia. The two played junior golf together.

One of Gossett's few mistakes last week was dropping the lid of the trophy after winning the U.S. Amateur.

"How about that? In front of the world," Gossett said. "I just called it a bogey and laughed at it. Oh well, nice problem."

Texas golf coach John Fields likes the fact his star player is sticking around.

"He's got a lot of opportunities that he's going to have to look at over the course of the next few years. I know sitting here at the University of Texas, I sure wouldn't want him anywhere else right now," Fields said.

Gossett will play next month in the Walker Cup in Scotland against amateurs from Great Britain and Ireland.

And then it's back to the books instead of the potential big money on the pro tours.

"It's another year to mature and another year to work on my golf game," Gossett said.

"It's also another year of education and maybe a better vocabulary when I answer these questions."

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MLB

Sosa homers, Giants take two from Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Barry Bonds homered three times as the San Francisco Giants swept the Chicago Cubs 11-5 and 6-5 Wednesday despite Sammy Sosa's major league-leading 52nd homer.

Bonds homered twice and drove in four runs in the opener, then added his 25th homer of the season, his eighth in the last 10 games. Marvin Benard and J.T. Snow also homered in the second game as the Giants extended their winning streak to seven.

Chicago has lost 26 of 32 and is 20-50 since June 9.

Sosa connected off Kurk Rueter (12-7) in the sixth inning of the second game, breaking a tie with Mark McGwire. It came in the Cubs' 125th game and kept him well ahead of his pace last year. Sosa hit his 52nd in Chicago's 133rd game last season and finished with 66, four short of McGwire's record.

Gary Gaetti also homered off Rueter, who allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings.

The Cubs loaded the bases in the seventh after Sosa was walked intentionally by Jerry Spradlin, but managed only Glenallen Hill's RBI grounder.

San Francisco, led by Bonds, scored all its runs in the opener with two outs.

"His concentration level is really good right now and he's not swinging at very many bad pitches," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "Our entire offense is going pretty good, really. It's great when that happens, it means we're getting clutch hits."

Russ Ortiz (15-8) allowed four runs and three hits in five innings and has won three straight starts to close in on 20 victories.

"I want to do it," Ortiz said. "But I don't like to think about the future too much. But I do want to give every effort to do that."

In the second game, Benard hit a three-run homer in the second. Bonds, knocked off the plate by a high pitch under his chin from Jon Lieber (8-8), responded on the next pitch with an opposite-field shot to make it 5-0.

Snow, who also homered in the opener, hit his 17th to make it 6-0 in the fifth.

In the opener, Cubs manager Jim Riggleman was ejected by plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt in the seventh for arguing ball and strikes.

San Francisco took a 4-0 lead in the second against Kevin Tapani (6-12) as Ortiz hit a two-out, two-run single. Marvin Benard doubled in a run and Bill Mueller got a run-scoring single when second baseman Mickey Morandini slipped on wet grass while trying to field his grounder.

"Ortiz got that hit, and if we had gotten that out, it's 0-0," Riggleman said. "Instead, it ended up 4-0 and then it just got away from us at that point."

Lance Johnson had an RBI single in the third, but Bonds and Snow homered in the fourth for a 7-1 lead.

Tapani, a 19-game winner a year ago, lost his ninth straight decision since June 24, allowing seven runs and nine hits in four innings.

"[Bonds's] concentration level is really good right now and he's not swinging at very many bad pitches. Our entire offense is going pretty good, really. It's great when that happens, it means we're getting clutch hits."

Dusty Baker
Giants manager

Reliever Steve Rain threw a bases-loaded wild pitch in the fifth, and Bonds' three-run homer made it 11-1.

Chicago got three runs in the fifth when Morandini and Sosa drew consecutive bases-loaded walks from Ortiz and Mark Grace hit a sacrifice fly.

"Everything seemed to be fine for four innings today and then everything seemed to blow up with control problems," Ortiz said. "We put up a lot of runs, so what I did in the last inning didn't matter."

Braves power past Reds

Associated Press

ATLANTA

The Cincinnati Reds came to Atlanta as one of the NL's hottest teams. They aren't anymore.

Andruw Jones hit a three-run homer and Tom Glavine pitched seven strong innings as the Braves continued to dominate the Reds, competing a three-game sweep with a 5-2 victory Wednesday.

Atlanta has a staggering 22-4 record against Cincinnati over the last three seasons, including six straight victories this year. Overall, the Braves have won seven in a row — their longest streak of the season.

The surprising Reds had won nine straight series before they arrived at Turner Field.

Mike Cameron led off the game with his 17th homer, but that was one of the few highlights for the Reds. Glavine (11-9) allowed just five hits — all singles — before Mike Remlinger and John Rucker each pitched a scoreless inning. Rucker earned his 28th save.

After Cameron's homer,

the Braves wasted no time erasing their deficit against former teammate Denny Neagle (3-5). Gerald Williams led off the bottom of the first with a double and Bret Boone reached on an infield single.

Neagle had a chance to get out of the inning when he retired the Braves' two most dangerous hitters. Chipper Jones popped to shortstop and Brian Jordan grounded out, forcing Williams to hold at third.

But Andruw Jones followed with a towering drive that hit the top of the left-field wall and bounced over for his 24th homer. Outfielder Greg Vaughn had time to drift slowly back to the wall and make a leap for the ball, but it landed just beyond his glove.

After the Reds cut the deficit to 3-2 on Dmitri Young's sacrifice fly in the sixth, the Braves added two more runs in their half to

knock out Neagle. Andruw Jones doubled, Jose Hernandez hit a sacrifice fly and Eddie Perez capped the inning with an RBI single.

Neagle surrendered five hits and all five runs in 5 1-3 innings.

He retired 12 of 13 hitters in between the Braves' scoring frames.

The Braves, who have baseball's best record (80-49) despite an epidemic of injuries, began the day with a 1 1/2-game lead over New York in the NL Central. The Mets were playing Wednesday night against Houston, which had a 1 1/2-game lead over the Reds in the Central Division.

For the first time, the Reds went winless in Atlanta during a season series. They scored only 12 runs and 27 hits in their six losses at Turner Field.

The teams will meet again next week in a three-game series at Cinergy Field.

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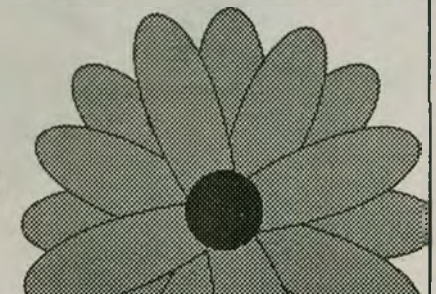
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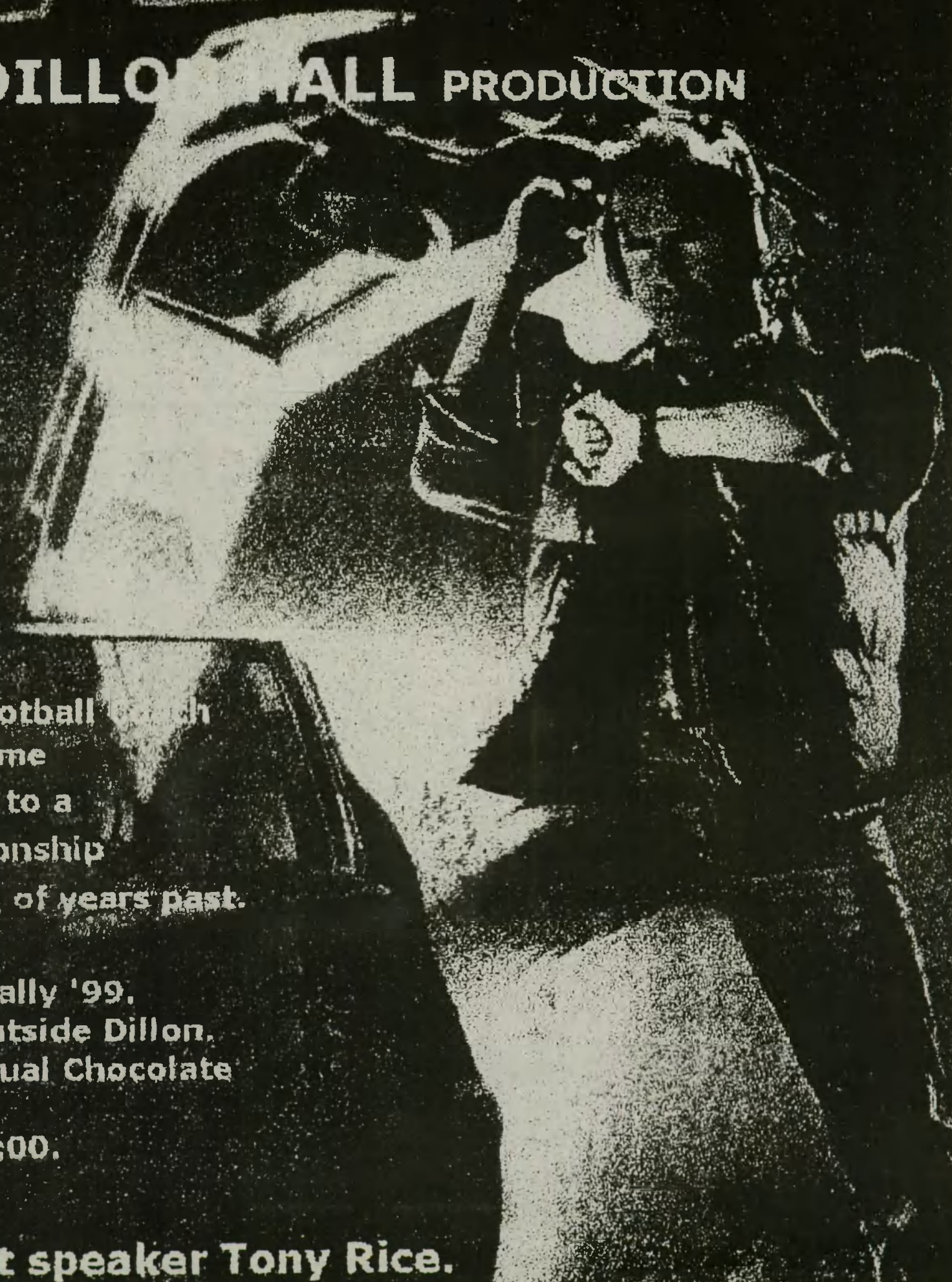
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Tailbacks

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stretches back to his freshman season, where he went 35 for 125 with three touchdowns.

As a sophomore, he started seven games at strong safety, finishing with 58 tackles to tie for fourth on the squad. He recovered a fumble that set up the go-ahead touchdown against Michigan and grabbed two interceptions in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter to clinch a win against Purdue.

"He's such an explosive player that I want to get him honed in at tailback," Davie said about Driver. "I want to get him settled in and hopefully he can be an important player for us."

Losing Driver may not hurt the Irish defense as expected with senior Deveron Harper and sophomore Clifford

Jefferson expected to take the right and left spots, respectively.

While Driver and Fisher likely will fill the top spots, Davie said other players may contribute Saturday to the running game.

"You might see Terrance Howard. You may see Julius Jones," he said. "I think we've got a lot of guys right now that have the potential to play in this game."

Driver nor Fisher is used to sharing a starting position, yet each is willing to alternate if it will keep Irish opponents guessing.

"It's a different situation for me," Fisher said. "But right now, it's just something you have to get used to. You've got two good running backs trying to run the ball and trying to help the team work. I guess it will be an adjustment for both of us. It's just something we have to fight through."

TRACK AND FIELD

Jones injures back at World Championships

Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain
Sprinter Marion Jones, bidding for three gold medals at the World Championships, pulled up with an injury during the semifinals of the 200 meters today and was carried away on a stretcher.

Jones, who won the 100 meters on Sunday, clutched her lower back about halfway through the race and fell to the track in agony.

Jones' husband, shot put champion C.J. Hunter, rushed down from the stands and walked beside the stretcher as it was wheeled to the medical station inside the stadium, where she was being attended to by two doctors.

"It's her back," said Jones' agent, Charlie Wells.

Jennifer Tilden, spokeswoman for USA Track and Field, said Jones suffered back spasms and cramps coming out of the curve and was undergoing treatment. She gave no more details.

Jones was trailing badly as the runners headed into the homestretch. Grimacing in pain, she slowed down, grasped her back and eased to the ground.

Maurice Greene, who won

"I just figured she was beat from being on the track all the time."

**Emmanuel Hudson
Marion Jones' agent**

his 200 semifinal heat today, said, "I wish her the best. I believe she'll come back just as strong as she was before."

Green's agent, Emmanuel Hudson, said Jones may have been overextended.

"I just figured she was just beat from being on the track all the time. She's been in the heat for five days," Hudson said.

Donald Quarrie, the 1976 Olympic 200 champion from Jamaica, said he though Jones was having problems early in the race.

"I could tell she was in trouble before she got it, based on what I saw on the screen," he said.

Jones was the heavy favorite in the event in her try for a 100-200 double. She was also due to run in one of the relays. Her bid for an unprecedented four gold medals evaporated Monday when she settled for the bronze in the long jump.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish move on without Walton

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Head coach Mike Berticelli and the Irish men's soccer team have quite an act to follow as they train for conference play after last year's winning season.

Ranked sixth in the Big East's preseason poll, the Irish have to step up on offensive and defensive to ensure a record that matches 1998's 9-6-3 finish.

The loss of leading goal-scorer Shane Walton leaves a hole in the Irish offense. Walton, who now plays football for the Irish, knocked in 10 goals and amassed 22 points last season.

Returning seniors Ryan Cox and Andrew Aris take over leadership roles up front. Cox, who scored five goals and tallied eight assists last season, is a versatile player with good play-making abilities.

Aris, with five goals and four assists last season, has played both as a forward and a midfielder for Notre Dame. Their contributions to the team's offensive play are key for victorious season.

Defensively, the Irish are without two graduated four-year starters — goalkeeper Greg Velho and stopper Matt Johnson. Senior sweeper Matt McNew, named to the 1998 second team all-Big East, is the only returning defensive starter and Notre Dame's backbone.

The team's greatest stability comes in the midfield, where most of last year's players return for the upcoming season. Third-year players



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Junior Reggie McKnight will provide experience and reliability as he leads the Irish midfield this season.

Connor LaRose, Reggie McKnight and Dustin Pridmore provide experience and reliability necessary for a young team.

But inexperience and youth do not mean lack of talent. Berticelli, entering his 10th season as head coach, adds 11 freshman to the team — one of Notre Dame's most successful recruiting bids in the past decade.

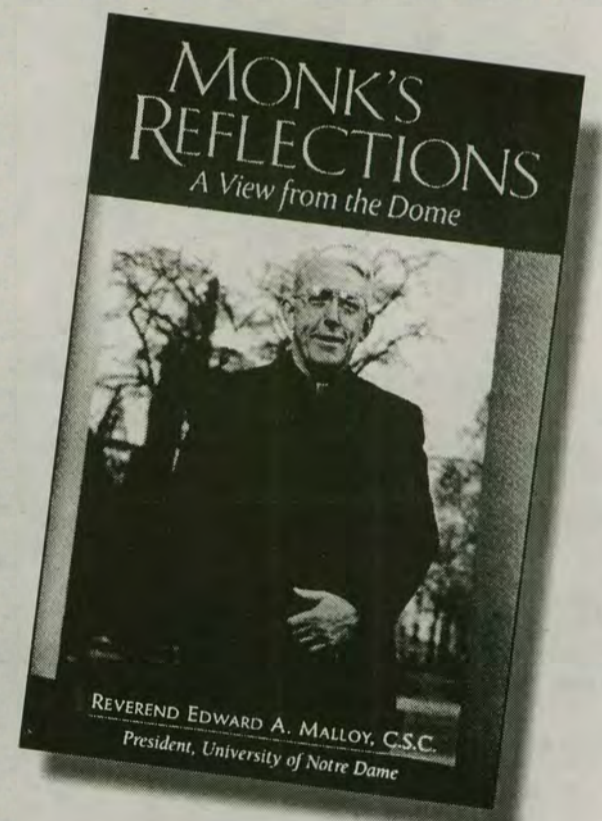
With strength and skill, the incoming athletes are in position to vie for starting spots on the field. Heading this year's recruiting class are defenders Justin Ratcliffe and Andreas Forstner, goal keeper Greg Tait, midfielders Alex

Altman and Paul Rodriguez and forward Erich Braun.

The men's soccer team will face formidable opponents on its quest for Big East and NCAA tournament bids. The Irish will travel to take on conference powerhouses St. Johns, Connecticut and Seton Hall — ranked first, second and fourth, respectively, in the preseason poll. They'll host Rutgers and Georgetown, at the third and fourth spots, respectively.

The Irish open the season on the road at Northwestern next Wednesday before returning to Notre Dame for their home opener against Boston College Sept. 4.

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An early indicator that living with the star lineman was not quite the greatest thing.

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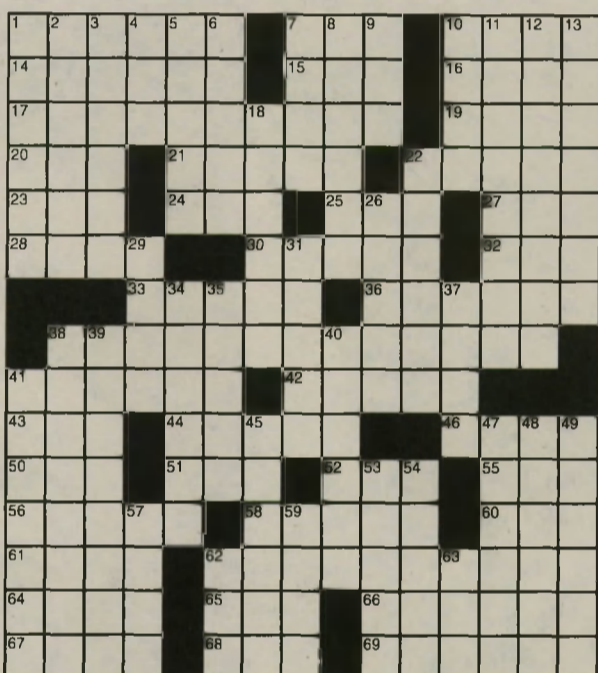


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EUGENIA LAST

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Grand" island
 - 7 Truly
 - 10 Prefix with dextrous
 - 14 Medicinal syrup
 - 15 Bradley et al.
 - 16 Kind of dance
 - 17 Defensive grating in medieval castles
 - 19 Like some champagne
 - 20 Common street name
 - 21 Blow one's top
 - 22 Psychic Edgar
 - 23 Mid-6th-century date
 - 24 Languish
 - 25 Spanish eye
 - 27 Supporter
 - 28 Stewbums
 - 30 Big name in daytime TV
 - 32 It might be hand-drawn
 - 33 What's also in Paris?
 - 36 Nastier
 - 38 Member of a wedding party
 - 41 Wall Street figure
 - 42 Checked out
 - 43 Operated
 - 44 Defiant reply name
 - 46 Discoveries, colloquially
 - 50 M.D.'s specialty
 - 51 Dartmoor mother
 - 52 Oklahoma town
 - 55 Honest one
 - 56 More than able

- DOWN**
- 1 Humans, among others
 - 2 60's-70's project
 - 3 Hardly a socialite
 - 4 Feign
 - 5 Sprays, as an attacker
 - 6 Legend maker
 - 7 Fox's cry
 - 8 Writer's aid
 - 9 Fool
 - 10 Quatrain pattern
 - 11 Atlantic Coast Conference team
 - 12 Martial artist extraordinaire
 - 13 Round amount
 - 18 Dracula portrayer
 - 22 Cling
 - 26 Doorway components
 - 58 Book that might help an 8-Down
 - 60 "Bonanza" ainer
 - 61 Not looking good
 - 62 Stephen King novel
 - 64 Slide projector part
 - 65 "___ way ..."
 - 66 Final words?
 - 67 Canadian oil company
 - 68 Fork over
 - 69 Most considerate



Puzzle by Zack Butler

- 29 Mideast royal name
- 31 ___-nez
- 34 Electronic newsgroup system
- 35 Nagger
- 37 Famous slave
- 38 After-dinner servings
- 39 Revere's signals
- 40 Sale locale
- 41 Part of a spinning wheel
- 45 Shakespearean setting
- 47 Take care of
- 48 Superior
- 49 Whispered words
- 53 Imp
- 54 Bygone computer name
- 57 Chilean money
- 59 Opening words at a ball game?
- 62 Light into
- 63 Yr.'s end

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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- CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Bradford Marsalis, Macaulay Culkin, Chris Burke
- Happy Birthday:** You get to the point and are ready to take on the world this year. The more open and straightforward you are, the more you are likely to accomplish. You can make others stand up and take note; don't be hesitant to let your thoughts be known. You have a lot to offer this year, so share your ideas and enjoy the positive results. Your numbers: 9, 14, 20, 31, 37, 44
- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You'll be in a philosophical mood. Don't hesitate to look into different cultures. Travel will bring you in contact with those who come from foreign backgrounds. Follow your intuition.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be able to make worthwhile financial deals. However, be sure to use other people's money. Look at some real estate up in the cottage country. Sudden trips are imminent.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your heart will lead you down the wrong path if you are tempted by someone who is attached to another. Work on yourself rather than following someone you're attracted to.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Uncertainties regarding your emotional partnership are evident. If you don't let go of the past, you'll never be able to accomplish your personal goals. You have to learn to please yourself.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Travel should be your prime concern. You need to get away with individuals you find stimulating. Your interests will blossom if you are with people who enjoy the same things.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't depend on loved ones. They have problems of their own to sort out. Try to stay on top of your financial difficulties without asking for help.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Listen to the problems facing relatives. Your experience and know-how will help them find solutions without you getting involved. Satisfaction will be your reward.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll have problems with friends, relatives or authority figures if you aren't completely honest with them. Travel and communication will not be in your best interest.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your ability to communicate will open doors that have been closed in the past. However, use discrimination, as some of the contacts you make will give you empty promises.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Get away and forget all your worries. This is not the time to dwell on the past or to have regrets. Follow your heart and don't let anyone put you down. Avoid people who are critical.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take time to do things for yourself. You have been looking after everyone else. It's time to curl up with a book or take a vacation that will leave you feeling pampered and rested.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't expect everything to run smoothly. You need to channel your energy wisely, but be sure to include your mate if you want to avoid discord.

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Getting in Goal

With last season's leading scorer now wearing pads on the football field, the men's soccer team looks to rebuild.
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FOOTBALL

Driver, Fisher provide Irish backfield assault

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

Tailbacks Tony Driver and Tony Fisher need to be ready at the flip of a coin for Saturday's home opener against Kansas.

With the graduation of Autry Denson, Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher, junior Driver and sophomore Fisher are in a close race for the starting job. So close, Irish head coach Bob Davie may reach in his pocket for a quarter — and a decision.

"I think it's too close to call," Davie said in a Tuesday press conference. "We may even flip a coin or do something before the game."

While the decision may not come to coin-flipping, there is no clear cut leader. Davie said he plans to start Fisher, then alternate Driver and Fisher throughout the game.

"We're going to alternate those two, and I would say both of them are starters," Davie said. "They're going to be alternating just about every series."

Driver and Fisher have made cases for themselves last season.

Following Darcey Levy's mid-season ankle sprain, Fisher stepped into the top backup slot behind Denson. Playing in nine regular-season games, he rushed 75 yards in 18 attempts. He also played on special teams.

"I feel I have done a pretty good job so far," Fisher said. "We have guys like Jarious [Jackson] and Bobby [Brown] who helped out a great deal, and I feel that I have been a positive contribution to the team."

Driver's presence on offense

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JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Following the graduation of Autry Denson, sophomore Tony Fisher will try to prove himself at tailback this season. Fisher will share time at the position with junior Tony Driver.

CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman Handley brings experience from Canada

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman cross country runner Jennifer Handley already has more experience in national and international competition than most athletes get in a lifetime.

Handley looks to be the top newcomer on the Notre Dame women's cross country team this fall. Coaches hope their discov-

ery from Barrie, Ontario, Canada, can propel the Irish to contend for the national title.

The women's team did not lose a single runner to graduation last year and returns three top runners — seniors JoAnna Deeter, Patti Rice and Allison Klemmer. Erin Olson, Erin Luby and Bridget O'Brien also return.

With other top prospects Melissa Schmidt, who won the Montana state cross country championship, and Carrie Eaton,

an All-State cross country runner from Ohio, Handley and the Irish should top the Midwest, if not the nation.

"I think [Handley] has a lot of experience at a real high level, which is kind of unusual for a 19-year-old," head coach Tim Connelly said.

Handley's best finishes in the Canadian Junior Nationals were third in the 1,500-meter run and second in the 3,000-meter run. She also has competed in three

Junior World Championships, though she never ran for a high school team.

"There are huge amounts of spectators in track here [the U.S.], and they are so enthusiastic," said Handley. "There is a lot better competition here."

"I think there is a lot more talent in college than in high school, and we're really going to push each other," she added. "I know that we are going to have a good team, and I feel really

comfortable already."

Connelly noted Handley's influence on other runners. "She's a kid that can come in and be an NCAA qualifier and make a real big impact," Connelly said. "She also isn't afraid to run a lot of mileage."

If Handley can make the adjustment to college-level competition in a new country, the Irish cross country squad should have the potential to go to nationals.

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vs. North Carolina
Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.



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Volleyball
vs. Valparaiso
Sept. 1, 7 p.m.



Cross Country
at Valparaiso Invitational
Sept. 11, 10 a.m.