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Exec Cab, Senators make progress on resolution

By MEGHANNE DOWNES News Editor

Members of the Executive Cabinet and Student Senate made progress toward reaching a compromise regarding a proposal to create a collaborative body composed of all seven branches of student government that would consolidate and redirect power within the student government infrastructure.

Sunday, the Student Senate voted 14-9 in favor of the resolution, introduced by Student body president Pat Hallahan, but the resolution failed because two-thirds were needed for passage. Hallahan invited senators to Monday's Executive Cabinet meeting with the hope that Executive Cabinet could explain its desire to create this body and address Senate

concerns.

The original proposal called Council Representatives to be empowered with deliberating issues related to the Collaboration Fund and Constitution of the Student Union - powers currently held by the Student Senate. The Council, which intends to be an expanded form of the current Executive Cabinet, would consist of the vice president, four class

presidents, four senators, the Hall President's Council chair, the Student Union Board manager, the Coordination Council president, the Student Union Treasurer, the Judicial Council President, the offcampus president and the chief of staff for the Office of the Student Body President.

Hallahan will present a report to the University's Board of Trustees Thursday

that addresses multiple issues that student government is facing and the outcome of Sunday's meeting did not affect his overall report.

Keefer, President's Council Chair and Executive Cabinet member, said there was a need to have a body that represents every branch of student government in order to discuss and

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Spade show cost about \$100K

By TERESA FRALISH Assistant News Editor

Future programming for Student Union Board events will not significantly be affected by low turnout at the Oct. 4 David Spade event, said Charlie **Ebersol Student Union Board** president.

Ebersol said the budget for the performance allowed a cushion for overall loss, and that the final cost was within the range specified in SUB's yearly budget even though the final budget for the Spade show was not approved by the Financial Management Board.

The total cost for the event was approximately \$100,000, Ebersol said. That figure accounted for a variety of fees, including the rental cost for the Joyce Center, which totaled about \$15-20,000. The remaining expenditures included the speaker's fee for Spade, production costs, technical rider and miscellaneous

Ebersol said SUB spent roughly \$15,000 to \$20,000 of its \$234,000 annual budget to cover

the money lost by the concert. SUB intended for the Spade concert to be one of the more costly events for the year and budgeted appropriately

"We knew the event would be expensive. This only affects one section [of SUB's budget],' Ebersol said.

Total ticket sales for the Spade show were no more than 1,400, a figure well below what SUB had planned for, Ebersol said. And some people who bought tickets didn't even attend the show, he added.

Ebersol said couldn't say for sure where the rest of the money to pay for the Spade show, which could be as much as \$50,000, would come from because of the uncertainty regarding SUB's final budget for the year. What department that money will be drawn from won't be clear until the fiscal year ends in June, he added. However, the money SUB spent to cover the cost of the event came from a fund the organization uses to defray programming costs.

"They will just have to always

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TIM KACMAR/The Observe

Comedian David Spade performs on Oct. 2 at the Joyce Center. According to Student Union Board President Charile Ebersol, the total cost of the event was about \$100,000.

Cheney's visit was a success

By BETH ERICKSON

In his fundraising appearance at the Joyce Center last Thursday, Vice President Dick Cheney raised more than \$200,000 for Congressman Chris Chocola's 2004 re-election cam-

The success of Cheney's recent visit increased Chocola's campaign fund substantially, advancing his total past the \$500,000

More than a year before the election, Cheney's assistance has armed freshman Chocola to defend his highly contested seat and the Republican majority in

The event was surprisingly lucrative for a fundraiser held during a non-election year. A non-election year appearance

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Vatican may prohibit female altar service



A female altar server carries a candle in the Basilica. A new Vatican proposal may eliminate female altar servers.

By AMANDA MICHAELS News Writer

Only nine years after the Vatican gave women permission to serve beside their male counterparts at the altar, a new proposal threatens to force them back into the crowd.

On Sept. 23, the Italian Catholic monthly, "Jesus," released advanced text of an article featuring excerpts from a draft document, or directive, written by the Vatican congregations for Divine Worship and the Sacraments and for the Doctrine of the Faith. Distributed on June 5, the document was an expansion on the papal encyclical published in April that cut down on abuses during Mass, specifically during Communion.

According to reports, in addition to banning applause and dancing at Mass - both of which often occur at papal services - the document specified that the use of female altar servers should be avoided "unless there is a just pastoral cause," and that "priests should never feel obliged to seek girls for this function."

However, both the Catholic News Service, the media extension of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the National Catholic Reporter (NCR) stated that the directive was almost immediately sent back for revi-

"On June 29, the cardinals in charge of the two offices working on the document had a meeting and rejected it," said John Allen, Rome correspondent for the NCR.

"The final version is expected by Christmas, and at least for now it says nothing on altar girls."

Though the news of the proposal's rejection is cause for much relief among female acolytes, the mere suggestion of restricting their use has stirred up controversy all over the United States and Western Europe, where the practice has become commonplace.

Since 1994, the USCCB has held that each individual bishop has the power to decide whether or not females within their diocese should be altar servers - a verdict based on the interpretation of 1983 Canon Law 230.2, said Sheila Garcia, USCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth. To this date, very few dioceses across the country have pre-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Confession

I'm about to make a confession that could be considered scandalous, shocking or even blasphemous — at least on this campus. It's not something I've told many people, though that is obviously about to change, **Amanda Michaels**

and believe me, my views have changed since then. With that said, here it goes.

Production Editor

I wasn't thrilled to be coming to Notre Dame.

That's right. I got my letter on the day my family went out to get our Christmas tree last year, and in a moment that was made even more anti-climactic by the visible 'congratulations!' in the address window, I was accepted. I smiled, my mom cried, we bought a tree. I fulfilled the expectations set for me by my friends, family and teachers, and was off to one of the finest academic institutions in the country. I gave wary smiles to Notre Dame fanatics and half-heartedly affirmed how excited I was, and how much I loved it. About 9,000 seniors across the country would kill to be in my position as a future Domer, but that didn't seem to matter. I still wasn't ecstatic

For a while, I blamed it on the fact that Notre Dame had never been my ultimate college goal. I was no legacy. I never wore a Notre Dame cheerleading outfit as a toddler and didn't write essays in elementary school about why Rudy was my hero. I worked and studied and joined every activity under the sun in high school because I was obsessive and wanted to be the best, not because I thought they would improve my chances of getting in here.

It's not until now, after two months at the most perfect university I could have chosen for myself, that I realize that it was that unfocused, break-neck pace

that was the problem.

In high school, my goals had been so far up in the heights of Olympus that I never saw them. On the 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. days I spent running from school to the newspaper to the theatre to the marching band, I was like a mouse in a maze, frantically trying to get to my reward but always seeming to turn the wrong way.

So when graduation rolled by, after the glow from my five minutes of fame faded, I was left with nothing but a piece of paper and three months to think about what it meant. Was this really the fruit of my labor? A university shrouded in tradition, but still more tangible than any of my previous dreams had been - was it right for me? Was I reaching down? Reaching

Was it all worth it?

I see now that it was. I'm no big believer in destiny or kismet or Fate or what have you, but I can safely say that every hour spent suffering through Chemical Biology or sleeping on a cramped bus after a band competition helped bring me here today. I am so content and happy here, in part because I have chosen a different approach to college than I did to high school, but also because I know that I belong here, no matter what my doubts once were.

So now, with clear conscience, I can go back home for fall break and reply honestly to anyone who asks, "Yes, I love it at Notre Dame, and no, I wouldn't change my decision for anything."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU USE FINDIT?



Cristina Fuji Senior Off-campus



Hope Feher Junior Lewis



Matt Searle Junior Off-campus



Paul McDonald Senior

Off-campus



Sarah Lathroe Senior Off-campus



Paul Critser Junior Off-campus

"Not really, I have a Mac." "No, I use Loseit."

"My brain doesn't work right now."

"I thought it didn't work anymore."

"Why isn't it working anymore."

"I'll exercise my 5th amendment right."



A Notre Dame student shows off his skateboarding skills Monday afternoon in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall. Students on both campuses took advantage of the unusually warm fall weather to jog, blke and skateboard.

OFFBEAT

Agency is selling land on the moon

MELBOURNE, Australia - Now here's a gift that's really out of this world. A new real estate agency, Lunar Realty, based in the southern Australian city of Melbourne, opens its doors Tuesday selling one-acre blocks on the moon for 59 Australian dollars (US \$40) and 10-acre "lifestyle" blocks for A\$298 (US

Businessman Paul Jackson, 33, announced Monday he had bought the Australian rights to sell the land from Nevada-based entrepreneur Dennis Hope.

Hope has been cashing in since 1980 on what he said was an apparent loophole in the 1967 United Nations Outer Space Treaty that barred nations from laying claim to the moon but said nothing about individuals.

Hope registered a claim for the moon and planets with the United States, the Soviet government and the United Nations and, operating as Lunar Embassy, has been selling plots of extraterrestrial real estate ever since.

Court dismisses claim by barefoot man

CINCINNATI — A federal

appeals court has dismissed a lawsuit by a man who sued the Columbus Metropolitan Library after he was asked to leave because he was barefoot.

Robert Neinast said he regularly goes barefoot, and his constitutional right to get information had been infringed by the policy that he could not use the library without wearing shoes.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed, reaffirming a lower court ruling.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge John Noonan Jr. will give the Erasmus lecture entitled "Out Difficulties Comes **Development"** today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Court Room of the Law School. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

Robert Frederick, manager of corporate responsibility at Ford Motor Company, will give a lec-"Corporate on Responsibility at Ford" as part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics. The lecture will take place tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Student Union Board is presenting "Step Afrika! USA," a U.S. based percussive dance ensemble based in Washington, D.C. The company highlights the African-American fraternity and sorority art form of stepping and its links to dance traditions around the world. This group performs tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. in Washington Hall. There is no admission charge.

The campus' best comedians come together in the Campus Comedy Contest for a night of laughter to compete for the championship of campus comedy. The competition will be held tomorrow night from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

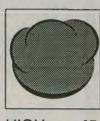
Come to Alumni to hear a faith-filled speech followed by mass in the chapel at the Alumni Hall Night of Faith from 9 to 11 p.m. Wednesday in the Alumni Hall Chapel.

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

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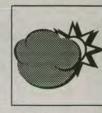


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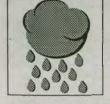


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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Officers update list serve policy

By MEGAN O'NEIL News Writer

Officers approved an updated version of the Student Government Association's official policy on mass emailing at Monday's Board of Governance meeting. The amendments came amid widespread abuse of campus list serves at Saint Mary's.

The revised edition restricts the use of class and residence hall list serves to the five main student boards at the College. Individual students are instead encouraged to utilize alternative sources of campus-wide communication.

BOG had received several complaints from students about mass emailing. Individuals had reportedly been using the two main list serves on campus for personal reasons such as travel arrangements over fall break. The Student Handbook, explained Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, does not include any guidelines for mass emailing. It was necessary, therefore, for BOG to reinforce its stance on the issue.

"We need a policy that we can stand behind," Jablonski-Diehl said. "At least for the time being, we are responsible for enforcing the policy."

One such alternative outlet for communication to which stu-

dents are directed by the policy is the Saint Mary's Virtual Village. Virtual Village can be accessed from any computer on campus. It provides a forum in which the student body can do everything from exchange football tickets to sell textbooks. Students can also hang hard copies of notices and requests at designated locations on campus.

In one of the most significant changes to the existing policy, Board members voted to add a disclaimer to its reference to Virtual Village and bulletin boards. It states that, while the College provides sites for communication between students, the students themselves are responsible for all postings and subsequent transactions. SGA cannot insure any exchange between individuals.

While board members easily approved the revision of the policy, debate ensued on the proper way to distribute and implement it. Several board members favored giving students a grace period in which to learn about the rules.

"We need some sort of informal warning," said Elections Commissioner Nicole Haeberle. "We are dealing largely with first year students who simply don't know."

Others argued that the repercussions for violating the policy, which will include an incident report drafted by the judiciary board, should be implemented immediately.

After a lengthy discussion, officers decided to provide a hard copy of the updated policy to each student, as well as contacted violators by email through the conclusion of this week. Following fall break, violators will be cited and referred to the judiciary board.

In other BOG news:

♦ BOG voted unanimously to recognize Flipside as a Saint Mary's club. Flipside had previously retained the status of an official club, but was placed on probation and then disbanded last year after failing to follow proper SGA procedure. As a Saint Mary's club, Flipside will receive an annual allowance under the BOG budget.

◆ Disney's summer hit "The Pirates of the Caribbean" will be shown tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. The movie is being sponsored by Student Activities Board as a midterm study break. Admission is free.

♦ Saint Mary's is celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Week. RHA is sponsoring several events. Students are encouraged to check their emails for dates and times and to wear their pink cancer awareness ribbons through Friday.

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Leaves of absence for study abroad limited

By AMANDA MICHAELS News Writer

Students dissatisfied with Notre Dame's study abroad offerings who are pursuing alternatives may find themselves campus-bound if they are not careful.

In a decision passed down by the Office of the Provost, the number of leaves of absence that the College of Arts and Letters grants to those going outside the University to study abroad has been reduced from 40 to 16.

Ava Preacher, assistant dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters, cited budgetary concerns as a cause for the reduction.

"A student who applies for one of these alternative programs does not pay Notre Dame tuition," Preacher said. "So we'd like to have fewer students going abroad through other schools, unless they have an overriding academic need to do so. The University has always had the ability to say that a study abroad program was not more appropriate than its own."

Those traveling to countries in Africa or East Asia, where Notre Dame's International Studies programs fall short, will be given priority for leave grants. Preacher also added that, in the past, all 40 leaves of absence were not used, so their

further limitation was practical.

Though the decision is said to affect each college, Douglass Hemphill, assistant professional specialist in the Office of the Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said he was not aware of any such reduction.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have not been given any kind of quota or limit or number," said Hemphill. "The focus is on filling Notre Dame's [study abroad] programs."

Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate dean of the College of Science, said that their limit is seven leaves of absence and has been so for years.

"With our programs, we know what the numbers [of participants] are and can plan accordingly. If we had no way of limiting those going outside of Notre Dame for study abroad, we would have no handle on what was [happening] on campus," said Cannon.

Because of the rarity of alternative study abroad participants within the School of Architecture and the College of Engineering, the limit for each school has not been tested.

For those who are affected by the cutbacks, Preacher suggested investigating summer courses or some of the undersubscribed programs within Notre Dame.

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Sites Seeking Volunteers

A companion and helper is needed for a woman who is physically and slightly mentally handicapped. Contact Rose Anne at 287-3891 or 277-4341.

The Dujarie House, located on Holy Cross College's campus, is looking for a volunteer to assist a retired religious member 1 or 2 hours a week. Contact Steve Kastner (skastner@hcc-nd.edu) at 287-1838.

Roundtable Discussion with Fr. Chacour on Oct. 31

Father Elias Chacour was born to Palestinian Christian parents in Upper Galilee in 1939 and has been working for peace in the Holy Land all his life

He founded the Mar Elias Educational Institutions (in Iblilin, Galilee, Israel) as a means of fostering dialogue, education, and reconciliation. He has written two books on the subject, "Blood Brothers" (1984) and "We Belong to the Land" (1990). He has been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize (1986, 1989, 1994), and was honored with the World Methodist Peace Award and the Niwano Peace Prize.

When: Friday, October, 31, 4-5 pm.

Location: To Be Determined.

To learn more, got to: www.twelvedaystojerusalem.org/ chacour/chacour.html

Tutors, Mentors Needed for Children

Monroe Primary Center is looking for tutors for grades 1-4 on Mondays-Thursdays from 2:30-3:45pm. Contact Mark Tulchinsky at 231-5831.

Marquette Primary Center is looking for tutors for their LEAP and LEAP PLUS programs that run Monday-Thursday from 2:30-3:30pm. Contact Iris Thomas at 283-8395.

Washington High School needs tutors for a new tutoring program for at risk students. Time slots are available throughout the day, Monday-Friday and after school from 3-5pm. Contact Linda Hopkins at 289-2532 or Rick Tomaszewski at 280-4033.

A 16-year-old boy needs a male mentor to hang out with 1 or 2 times a month. Contact Diana Cotton at 234-5914.

Individual Tutoring

A 14-year-old boy with cerebral palsy needs a mentor. The commitment is 1 or 2 times a month. Contact Sandy Krowsky at 237-7863.

An after school enrichment program is looking for tutors

for children grades 1-4, Mondays-Thursdays from 3-5pm. Contact Martha Allen-Shabazz at 288-8418 or 234-9071 after 3pm.

One Time Opportunities

St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to help staff the kitchen and serve lunch to the impoverished on South Bend's west side on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10:30 am-12: 30 pm. Contact 234-6334.

Seminars and Programs

Take the Urban Plunge

Immerse yourself in the realities of urban poverty. The Urban Plunge is a one-credit experiential learning course scheduled for a 48-hour period during winter break.

Information Session Held at the CSC: Tuesday, October 28, 7:30-8:30 pm

Hispanic Leadership Intern Program

This is an eight-week immersion into the Latino community of metropolitan Chicago. Intern with one of five community agencies.

Application deadline is November 19. Contact Colleen Knight Santoni (knight.28@nd.edu) with questions.

CHICAGO: City of Hope?! (January 6-11, 2004) Come experience the gospel in action on the streets of Chicago! Meet with community organizers, labor organizers, and faith-based organizations who are working to make social change in Chicago's neighborhoods.

Applications available online at the CSC or the Robinson Community Learning Center.

Application deadline: October 13th, 10pm Contact Jay Caponigro (caponigro.2@nd.edu) for more information. 631-9423.

International Summer Service Learning Program
Learn more about the Center's eight week service-learning program in 12 developing countries.
October 15, 28, & 29 6:30, at the CSC

Applications available at the CSC or online at the CSC web site. Applications due Nov. 1.

Cheney

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need only raise half the funds of an election year event to be considered successful, Chocola told The South Bend Tribune.

Prior to the election of 2002, Cheney visited the Joyce Center in a similar capacity and raised \$250,000 for Chocola's first congressional race.

President Bush visited South

Bend two months before the 2002 congressional election and generated \$650,000 for Chocola and the Indiana Republican Party, propelling Chocola to victory.

The Second Congressional District race is one of the most significant and expensive congressional battles in the country. Candidate spending surpassed \$3.2 million in 2002.

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vented women from serving.

Though the language of the draft document was only marginally more restrictive than current standards, many fear its appearance signals a possible shift toward conservatism within the Vatican.

'There are apparently still many chauvinists in the Vatican who think that males are inherently superior to females in the eyes of God," said Father Richard McBrien, professor of theology and Crowley-O'Brien Chairman of Theology at Notre Dame. "[But the reversal of Vatican II] has already been established in many other ways over the past 25 years. This latest matter is merely a speck on the window pane in comparison with many other examples of reversals.

Traditionalists have often argued that allowing women to be altar servers brings them one step too close to priesthood, and that the position should be used only to encourage boys to consider a vocation in the Church—a tradition that the directive reportedly aimed at reviving. However, this presented a problem for the Vatican because, as

Garcia pointed out, Pope John Paul II has presided over Masses where women were servers.

Kelly Hager, coordinator of servers at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and an altar server herself said, "I do not serve because I want to be a priest. I serve because it's a personal choice to participate in liturgy in a way that I feel called to participate. I hardly think that any woman gets involved with the sole intent to try to become a priest."

"Women will eventually be ordained as deaconesses, and then as priests," McBrien said, countering the directive's goals. "But those changes won't come about simply because girls are allowed to serve at the altar. There are far more powerful forces at work in the Church and in society at large that will bring about these changes sometime in the new century."

Though concern on campus over the implications of this directive is high, especially among females, Father Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica, said that, in terms of pastoral application, the proposal would not have changed practices at the Basilica, and that female altar servers will always be needed.

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break even [on future events]," said Erin Byrne, advisor for the Student Union Board and student programs coordinator.

According to LaFortune operations manager Matt Biergans, Student Activities printed 3,072 tickets and sold about 1,200 \$20 student tickets at the Information Desk. Additional tickets were also sold Oct. 4 at the door of the Joyce Center.

Ebersol attributed the low

attendance to the short time frame SUB had to publicize the

"We had so little time to program it," he said.

Because Oct. 4 was the first football bye week, SUB planned to host a major event for that weekend. Initially, programmers planned to include a Top 40 opening band for the Spade performance, a proposal that was dropped from the budget shortly before the event took place, said Ebersol.

The final contract for Spade's performance was signed Sept. 27, and was not approved by the Financial Management Board.

Initially, SUB submitted a budget, which was approved by the FMB, for the Spade event that included an opening act. Because the final contract was signed just before Spade came to Notre Dame, the FMB did not review the final budget, said Ebersol.

Don Norton, president of the FMB, declined to comment on whether FMB would review the final budget although the event had already occurred, or if the budget would be available to students, as the Student Union Constitution mandates.

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Seth O'Donnell

Club Coordination

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approve issues, including those related to the budget and constitution, instead of the Student Senate approving issues related to and having a check on bodies other than itself.

Seth O'Donnell, Club Coordination Council president and Executive Cabinet member, said, "We want to synthesize all the bylaws into one source."

Senators raised concern that this would detract from the Senate's duties and said that the Student Senate typically approves all resolutions from other student government bodies.

Tai Romero, the Student Union Board programmer and an Executive Cabinet member, said the changes would be beneficial for the effectiveness of student government and would not detract from the Student Senate's power. She pointed out that most of their time is spent researching issues and that they would have four votes on the

Council.

Since Hallahan introduced the resolution before the Senate Wednesday, several senators said they were in

solidated body but were concerned that the Executive Cabinet did not consult them when they decided to redistribute power within the Student Government and create Council. Others

favor of a con-

questioned why there was an urgent need to pass this resolution.

Hallahan said senators were given the opportunity to participate on the three committees – constitution, budget and collaboration – that worked together to compose the resolution. He said these senators were informed at a Student Senate meeting and individually when Executive Cabinet first began discussing the topic in September.

Lewis senator Claire Berezowitz, who is the chair of the Senate's oversight committee, said following the Executive Cabinet meeting, "I was never asked by Pat. I approached Jeremy [Lao, student union vice president]

because the [budget] was something over-sight was working on, and he said there was already a committee in Executive Cabinet working on it."

She said Lao told her he would put her on the email list for the

committee. However, the one e-mail she did receive regarding an upcoming meeting gave tentative meeting details that were never later confirmed.

The meeting adjourned with several senators acknowledging that many of their concerns had been addressed and Hallahan seemed hopeful that his resolution, in a revised format, would be discussed at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

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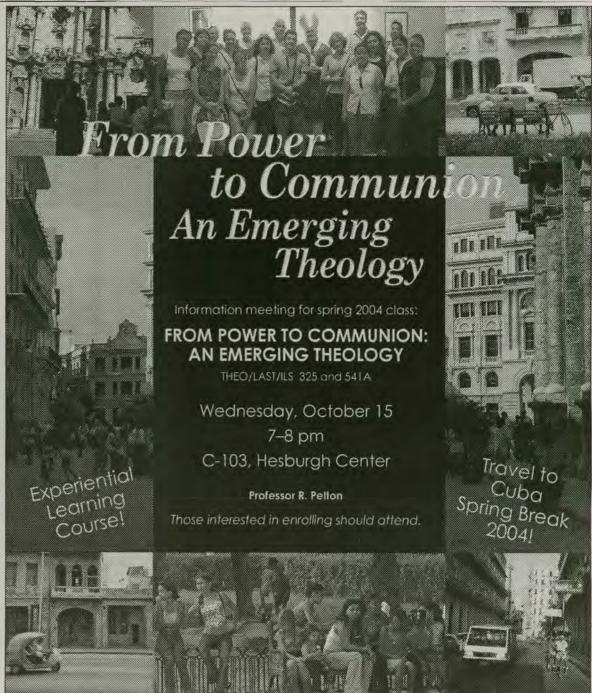


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel destroys illegal border tunnels

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Dozens of Israeli tanks entered the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border before dawn Tuesday, the second large-scale invasion there this week, witnesses said.

Israeli military sources confirmed that an operation was underway. They said it was a continuation of a three-day mission that began Friday, aimed at clearing away tunnels used by Palestinians to smuggle weapons from Egypt.

Witnesses said two columns of armored vehicles entered the camp from two directions, heading for a different section of the camp. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

In the first operation, eight Palestinians, including two children, were killed by Israeli gunfire in fierce exchanges. Palestinians said about 100 buildings were destroyed, leaving hundreds of families homeless.

The Israeli military said that about 30 buildings were knocked down, and three tunnels were found and blown up. However, the military said, about 10 tunnels were still in operation.

NATIONAL NEWS

Big Sur deaths believed suicides

SALINAS, Calif. — Authorities said Monday they were investigating as suicides the deaths of two young women found at an oceanside resort with plastic garbage bags over their heads.

Jacqueline Toves, 26, and Abigail Tapia, 27, left behind notes addressed to their families, said Monterey County Sheriff Mike Kanalakis.

Authorities were awaiting toxicology reports to determine the exact cause of the deaths.

The women had lived together in Long Beach and were found dead in a cabin Friday at the Gorda Springs Inn in the rugged Big Sur region.

Penn. escapee turns himself in

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — An escaped prison inmate charged with two murders and suspected of others surrendered to police at his home Monday night after three days on the run, a state police spokesman said.

Hugo Selenski, who escaped Friday night from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility by climbing down a 60-foot rope of knotted bedsheets, was taken into custody at 8:45 p.m., said Trooper Tom Kelly, spokesman for state police in Wyoming, Pa.

Selenski, 30, was taken to the Wyoming station for processing on escape charges.

Selenski and cellmate Scott Bolton climbed down a rope assembled from 12 prison-issue sheets. Bolton fell and was captured on a rooftop, critically injured.

Selenski is charged with killing two people whose remains were exhumed from the yard of his home outside Wilkes-Barre. He also is a suspect in the deaths of three others whose bodies were also recovered from his property.

LOCAL NEWS

Disposal of nerve agent halted

NEWPORT, Ind. — A subcontractor hired to dispose of 300,000 gallons of a chemical created by the destruction of the deadly VX nerve agent has been ordered to end its work on the project.

In a brief statement released Monday, the main contractor for the VX destruction project said it had directed Perma-Fix of Dayton, Ohio "to stop work on the subcontract" to dispose of the chemical hydrolysate.

Parsons Engineering's statement also said Perma-Fix's Dayton site had been "eliminated as an alternative" for disposing of the hydrolysate.

FRANCE

Muslim students' scarves spark debate

Associated Press

PARIS — A century ago, France pulled down the crucifixes hanging in its classrooms in a triumphant climax to its fight to separate the state from the powerful Roman Catholic Church.

Today, battle lines are being drawn over another religious emblem, the Islamic head scarf, which some French see as a threat to their nation's core values and unity.

A bitter debate over whether the head-covering can be worn in public schools, or by civil servants, has festered for nearly 15 years and deepened as France's Muslim sons and daughters come of age.

Some see it as a flag of Islamic militancy, or a sign of submission to men. Others see it as the start of a spiral into unknown territory that could transform France's definition of itself.

France has a Muslim population of 5 million — almost 8 percent of its total population — which is becoming increasingly assertive. France is becoming concerned for its hardwon secular underpinnings, a cornerstone of its constitution.

So deep are these concerns that President Jacques Chirac established a commission in July to study just where secularism stands in a country with the largest Muslim population in Europe.

"It is indeed the question of our national cohesion that is being posed," Chirac said in July. "We cannot remain passive."

Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin has threatened that if necessary he'll pass a law to impose secularism. "I'm not afraid of Islam," he said last spring.



Agence France Presse

Alma Levy (left) and her sister Lila study at home. The two were expelled from their suburban Paris school for wearing the traditional Islamic headscarf.

The issue isn't just the humble head scarf. Both Chirac and the prime minister have voiced disapproval over other Muslim demands that they see as challenging basic tenets of what it is to be French: sexually segregated classrooms, a school calendar that respects Muslim holy days, and the refusal to take oral exams with professors of the opposite sex.

But it is the scarf that has captured center stage.

The level of debate racheted up with the expulsion this month of two sisters from the Henry Wallon high school in Aubervilliers, a Paris suburb, for refusing to remove their scarves.

"They were chased out of school like dogs," said Laurent Levy, father of Lila, 18, and Alma, 16. He claimed fear of Islam is "eating away at French society."

Teachers said the school

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Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy backed the expulsion, and Francois Hollande, leader of the opposition Socialist Party, agreed, saying: "The law must be applied. We're in a secular country."

Each year, there are about 150 complaints involving head scarves, according to Hanifa Cherifi, the Education Ministry's mediator who intervenes in crisis situations. Unresolved cases lead to expulsion — fewer than 50 last year, Cherifi said.

Even among Muslims there is disagreement over whether their religion mandates the scarf that in most cases covers hair, ears and sometimes forehead and shoulders. But hundreds of girls defy the unwritten code forbidding scarves in public schools.

While many schools tolerate them, they have led to conflicts, teachers' strikes and court cases.

There are large Muslim communities in neighboring countries, from Britain to Belgium. Incidents involving scarves are usually settled quietly on the local level, but in September, Germany's highest court failed to resolve the case of a Muslim woman who was denied a state teaching job unless she doffed her scarf.

The court asked Germany's 16 states to draft laws on scarves in state institutions, and four of them quickly announced they would seek to legislate a ban.

"The head scarf, after all, is not just folklore and a mere symbol (but) a demonstration of an expression of faith," said Hesse state minister for schools, Karin Wolff.

Navy to limit peacetime sonar use

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The Navy has agreed to limit its peacetime use of a new sonar system designed to detect enemy submarines, but which may also harm marine mammals and fish, an environmentalist group said.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, which sued the military on the issue, and the Navy reached a settlement last week in which the Navy agreed to use the new system only in specific areas along the eastern seaboard of Asia, according to documents provided by the environmental

The agreement must be approved by a federal magistrate to become permanent, but if implemented the deal would greatly restrict the Navy's original plan for the sonar system, which once was slated to be tested in most of the world's oceans. The Navy has not received final word of the agreement, but would comply, said Lt. Cmdr. Cappy Surette.

"Whatever the final decision is, the Navy will uphold the law," Surette said from the Pentagon.

Environmentalists say sonar systems endanger marine mammals and fish, especially whales. They point to a different system the Navy used in 2000, when at least 16 whales and two dolphins beached themselves on islands in the Bahamas. Eight whales died and scientists found hemorrhaging around their brains and ear bones, which could have been caused by exposure to loud noise.

"Oceans are an acoustic environment, and the species that live there have an acute acoustic sense," Frederick O'Regan, president of the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said in a conference call Monday. "If we interfere with these critical behaviors, we may be affecting not just individual animals, but entire populations."

Last year the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups sued the Navy over the new system, seeking to restrict its use.

U.S. Magistrate Elizabeth Laporte later issued a preliminary injunction restricting use of the system, and in a separate ruling ordered the environmentalists and the Navy to negotiate a final settlement.

The new deal, which is the result of those negotiations, largely mirrors the restrictions imposed by Laporte's injunction.

Since the injunction, the Navy has used the sonar system in restricted areas without harm to marine life, Surette said. It is designed to detect enemy diesel submarines at great distances.

Kucinich announces White House bid

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Democrat Dennis Kucinich, the liberal four-term congressman who has been steadfast in his opposition to the Iraq war, formally kicked off his presidential bid Monday with a harsh critique of U.S. foreign

"America cannot put its foot on the accelerator of war and advocate peace," the Ohio lawmaker, who favors a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, told several hundred cheering supporters in the chambers of the Cleveland City Council.

His candidacy a long shot at best — Kucinich trails many of his rivals in fund raising and public opinion polls — the White House hopeful used the announcement speech to stress his anti-war stance, his opposition to international trade pacts and his support for a single-payer, universal health care plan.

"Freedom bids us to free ourselves from the shackles of violence," he said. "When peace becomes innermost, it then becomes outermost in our communities and our

nation."

Kucinich said that if elected president, he would look for nonviolent ways to solve the world's problems, including the Israeli-Palestinian tensions in the Middle East. The

self-described urban populist also said he would order a study of reparations for blacks whose ancestors were slaves.

The Democratic candidate called for cutting the Pentagon budget by about 15 percent, arguing that it would free up billions of dollars without undermining national security. "It would instead enhance the economic security of our nation," he said.

Kucinich, who has been campaigning for months, made the announcement in his native Cleveland, the first stop of a multistate tour that will include Michigan, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Iowa.

The kickoff speech at City Hall served as a reminder of Kucinich's political triumphs and bitter disappointments. Elected in 1977, the 31-year-old "boy mayor" guided a city that two years later became the first since the Depression to go into default.

Kucinich faced death threats, and was forced to wear a bulletproof vest when he threw out the first ball at a Cleveland Indians game.

He barely survived a recall election but lost his bid for re-election by a landslide. Then, in the 1990s, he made a political comeback, winning a state Senate seat and eventually capturing a U.S. House seat in 1996.

Nepalese star trades fame for security

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For millions of Nepalese worldwide, Prem Raja Mahat's rich, mellow voice is an instant portal to an idyllic picture of life and love beneath the vistas of the highest mountain range in the world.

The Nepalese music superstar is currently crafting his 47th album — while working as a restaurant manager in Baltimore, where he makes about three times what he did as his country's version of Bruce Springsteen.

Mahat abandoned fame and his homeland seven years ago to protect his wife and four schoolaged children from an insurgency that has killed more than 7,000 people. Guerrillas inspired by the late Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong have fought since 1996 to replace Nepal's constitutional monarchy with a communist state. The government calls them terrorists

"I miss Nepal, because they love me there. I miss being famous," Mahat said recently, sipping a frothy yogurt lassi and watching the early dinner crowd stroll past the Mughal Garden restaurant, where he earns about \$3,000 a month.

"But in my country there is fighting and death and poverty. That is why I left," he said. "Every parent in the world ... wants to do well for their children. I am no different."

There are approximately 50,000 Nepalese in the United States, according to Krishna

Aryal, first secretary at the Embassy of Nepal in Washington.

Forty percent of Nepal's 23 million people live in grinding poverty, and tourism to Katmandu, the country's culturally rich capital, and Mt. Everest, which straddles the Nepal-China border, has dropped because of the violence. The Himalayan kingdom lies between China and India.

Todd Lewis, a professor of religion at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., who has lived in Nepal periodically over the past 23 years, said Nepalese from all parts of society have left the country in search of better lives.

"Having talent, even recording, doesn't necessarily get you anywhere financially in Nepal," Lewis said. "Even a modest, middle-class life here running a restaurant would still be vastly more lucrative than staying in Nepal and living off of one of the poorest communities in the world."

Mahat, 42, is one of the most famous people to have left Nepal. While fans at home feel the loss, Nepalese in the United States revel in the handful of concerts he gives every year.

When Mahat takes the stage, he usually carries a sarangi, a small stringed instrument that's played upright, like a miniature cello. He wears a high topi, the national cap of Nepal, and a brightly colored vest. His hit love song from 2002, "Hiunchulima Hiun," or "Snow in the Snowcapped Mountains," runs

more than 20 minutes.

"We call him the 'King of Folk Songs," said Ram Kharel, who hosts an American public access television show on Nepalese news and culture. "At every Nepalese event in America, even if he's not there, people sing his songs. He is that popular."

Mahat originally came to the United States to visit friends. He decided to stay when he realized the opportunities his children would have here. Mahat plans to return once the violence subsides and his children are grown. In the meantime, he visits Nepal every year or so to record the songs he writes before his shift at the restaurant

The important thing, he said, is that his children understand what he has given up — and why.

why.

"They thank me for bringing them here and giving them this opportunity," he said, flashing a wide, album-cover smile. "They understand my sacrifice, that I am giving up my name and good job — for them."

For people who grew up idolizing Mahat, seeing their hero toiling in an everyday job can be

jarring.

"We are a little sad because he is so famous in Nepal. It would be great for him to be singing rather than working in a restaurant," said Roshanee Shrestha, who recently watched him bus tables and greet guests. She first heard Mahat's voice as a little girl, curled up in her home in the shadow of the snowcapped Himalayas.

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AK Steel talks "critical" for success

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — AK Steel Corp.'s talks with its unions about ways to make the company more competitive are critical to the steelmaker's future, a company spokesman and analyst said Monday.

Pension and retiree health care expenses account for \$40 of each ton of steel that AK Steel sells, putting the company at a disadvantage compared to newer companies with lower costs, industry analyst Charles Bradford said

Hot-rolled steel, for example, currently sells for about \$290 a ton on the spot market, Bradford said. AK Steel supplies that steel to auto, construction and appliance markets.

"They absolutely have to do something," said Bradford, of Bradford Research/Soleil Securities in New York City. "The question is, what can they do to offset a \$40-per-ton penalty?"

McCoy said the company has begun talks with its unions, including the United Steelworkers and the Armco Employees Independent Federation, which represents hourly workers at the company's Middletown Works mill. All sides have agreed to keep the details private, he said.

Microsoft to release security update

WASHINGTON — Stung by criticism over lax software security, Microsoft Corp. disclosed plans Thursday to update its flagship Windows operating systems early in 2004 to make consumers less vulnerable to hackers.

Microsoft said the changes, announced by chief executive Steve Ballmer during a trade conference in New Orleans, will be offered free in the next "service pack" update to users of Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 software.

The announcement was aimed at calming Microsoft customers increasingly irritated by the ease with which hackers and others have broken into Windows computers. Adequately protecting an average personal computer can take far more time than many customers are willing to spend.

BOLIVIA

Natural gas deal sparks protests

16 dead after martial law declared; president alleges foreign involvement

Associated Press

LA PAZ — Thousands took to the streets in the capital, chanting anti-government slogans despite an announcement Monday by Bolivia's president that he will shelve controversial plans for natural gas exports.

The plans to sell gas to the United States and Mexico had already provoked massive protests in which at least 16 people have been killed.

But President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada's decision to abandon the project was followed by criticism from his own vice president, demands that he resign, large demonstrations and a public transportation strike that virtually paralyzed La Paz on Monday.

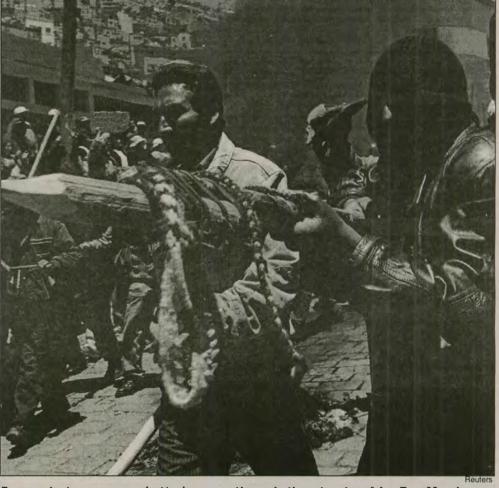
"I cannot continue to support the situation we are living," Vice President Carlos Mesa said, urging the president to change his policies. However, Mesa said he will not resign.

Development Minister Jorge Torres, however, did step down citing "insurmountable differences" with the president.

The embattled president addressed the nation on radio and television after meeting with top advisers and military leaders, amid indications that his three-year old government was weakening.

Sanchez de Lozada vowed "to defeat the sedition and restore order," and called the massive protests, "a plot encouraged from abroad aimed at destroying Bolivia and staining our democracy with blood." He did not elaborate.

As the president spoke, marches and sporadic clashes continued in La Paz. Witnesses said demonstrators threw rocks at the residence of former



Demonstrators carry a battering ram through the streets of La Paz Monday as they protest a plan to sell Bolivia's natural gas to the United States.

President Jaime Paz Zamora, a close associate to Sanchez de Lozada. No one was injured and Paz was not at the house at the time. The presidential palace, meanwhile, was under heavy military guard.

But for the most part, Monday's marches appeared peaceful. Radio stations were urging soldiers and police to use restraint.

"Do not shoot. Let's stop the killing among Bolivians," the announcers repeated.

Protesters were reportedly blocking roads in several areas in the country.

demonstrators threw rocks at the residence of former During weekend protests in El Alto, a city of 750,000

people next to La Paz, soldiers killed at least five demonstrators, according to witnesses. The government had earlier reported 11 deaths, bringing the total in that city to at least 16. The government declared martial law, sending soldiers with automatic weapons to patrol the streets.

Residents and human rights groups say the number of victims is probably close to 20.

The government had estimated that revenues from the gas exports would bring about \$1.5 billion a year to Bolivia, South America's poorest nation.

But union leaders and the nation's poor Indian

majority, which has frequently led protests against government attempts to privatize the country's state industries, argue the economic benefits won't reach them.

The president told an early morning news conference that he will promote a national dialogue on the gas exports.

"There will be no gas exports to new markets," Sanchez de Lozada said.

He said the dialogue, in which his government will gather opinions from all sectors in the country, should last until the end of the year.

Protest leaders said shelving the project won't stop the demonstrations.

W.Va. grocery union members strike

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Grocery workers at Kroger stores in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky voted to strike at midnight Monday — just days after Kroger clerks walked out in Southern California.

More than 2,000 members of the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 400 approved a strike—rejecting the company's contract offer, union officials said.

A Kroger spokesman said the company planned to close all 44 stores in the three states at midnight Monday; only its pharmacies will stay open.

"The proposal doesn't provide enough money to pay for our benefits," union president Jim Lowthers said. "They ought to be providing for the families that helped earn that money."

The union represents about 3,300 workers for the Cincinnati-based chain in 37 stores in West Virginia, five in Ohio and two in Kentucky. Kroger is West Virginia's fourth-largest employer, with about 5,100 employees statewide.

"We ain't asking for all of it, just a fair shake," said Randy Atkins, who works at a Kroger in Charleston.

In Southern California, clerks at Kroger's Ralphs and Pavilions, Safeway Inc.'s Vons, and Albertsons groceries went on strike late Saturday. Replacement workers were hired there. More than 850 supermarkets and about 70,000 union

workers at those stores are affected.

In Missouri, about 10,000 United Food & Commercial Workers members have been on strike at the St. Louis area's three largest chain grocers since last Tuesday. The 96 stores affected by the strike have hired temporary workers and cut back hours. The biggest sticking points are medical costs and pay raises.

Kroger proposed an 8 percent, or \$9 million, increase for workers in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, in what it pays into a health and welfare fund administered by a third party.

An independent actuary determined the fund needs an additional \$29 million, Lowthers said.

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Greeting town and gown

Oxford! Yup, we Domers have finally made it; after all of the planning, reading, shopping and flying, we are here and settled into our housing. How to describe Oxford to Notre Dame students

... that's the question. I'll try to break Oxford down into manageable, organized chunks of information.

A Domer at Oxford

Geoff Johnston

The town

Domers have no relationship like that between the University and the city of Oxford. The University is dispersed throughout the city so that, between every College building, there are well-

traveled roads, bridges and sidewalks.

There are people everywhere.
Europeans by the thousands line the sidewalks, dressed in fur, leather, long coats and boots, scurrying about from store to store, babbling in every human language. Buses rule the streets, careening around turns and making sure that pedestrians know their place in the transportation food chain. Bicycles are ubiquitous and dangerous, scooters putter about, and souped up Vettes with huge exhausts drive by our college window at night, vibrating the whole flat with metallic bass.

The city of Oxford is everywhere; there are merchants by the hundreds hawking their wares from 18th century shops, there are street performers and beggars, there are ambulances screaming with impossible volume down every road. The Town is loud, obnoxious, full of life. There is no parallel to the town at Notre

Social life

But what would Oxford be without its pubs? There are dozens of pubs, each with its own special clientele, some serving primarily students and some serving the city in general. The drinking age in England is 18, so students are everywhere, drinking, eating and laughing.

(Though from what I have seen, the

argument that lowering the drinking age decreases the number of drunk students is false; there are plenty of students here who plan on leaving the pubs on a stretcher.) Pubs are the place to meet students in Oxford; random people will often sidle up to a half-filled table, no matter who else is sitting there.

Well, British food, from what we have seen, is not very good. In fact, it is downright awful. Even in College, the food is bland, without a hint of spice (and I'm from the Midwest, where food is bland to begin with). But there are two bright spots: The many sandwich shops serve healthy, delicious lunches on-the-go, and the many ethnic restaurants around town serve spicy cuisine faithful to the culture.

The gown

The first thing one notices about the University is that it is old — very old. The buildings of beige Ashlar stone dominate certain sections of the city, with no rhyme or reason to their placement. Amidst all of the shopping, yelling and eating, the University is at once invisible and overbearing. Watching over the walkers below, the buildings seem to be waiting, or perhaps meditating, oblivious to the action around them. But the center of undergraduate student life is the particular college where one eats, lives and studies.

New College

Each of the colleges that make up the University is a castle, with fortifications and battlements, guarded from the noise of the outside world by gardens of Day-Glo green grass and imposing, turreted towers. Inside the College walls, one enters a different and infinitely more tranquil world than the one outside. Passing through winding passageways of weathered stone, the sense of silence, of introspection, becomes more evident with each step.

The New College Hall is similar to the one in Harry Potter: The walls lined with oak paneling, the paintings of College fel-

lows watching meal after meal, the High Table standing above all of the benches and chairs.

Completing the Old Schools Quad, the New College Chapel lies like a great ship docked in harbor, battered by age on the outside but immaculate within. Greeting visitors to Chapel stands a slightly larger than life-sized sculpture of Lazarus: His body seems to be slightly decomposed, emaciated beneath a wrap of bandages, but his head, which is much too large for his body, is turned at an impossible angle to face the altar. Behind the altar, there is an enormous wall filled to the very apex with delicate sculptures of saints, bishops and prophets.

There are many gardens to graze in, and there are lively clubs to join and College bars to relax in, away from ctudying

studying. Culture

Here are a few of the invalid, sweeping and unfair generalizations I have made about the British. The British are more reserved and soft-spoken than Americans. When I first heard them converse, it sounded as if they were speaking in hushed, secretive tones about everything. Our manner of speaking, which is more a direct, in-your-face, getto-the-point style, does not suit the British well. Also, the British eat much smaller meals than we Americans do (our portions per meal are probably double the size of theirs), but I haven't been to the local KFC, so I can't report on whether the American restaurants still super-size. They also don't exercise as much, unless you count the miles of walking they do, as few people own cars. There is so much more to say about Oxford, but those thoughts will have to wait for another day.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Martin Luther King, Jr. activist

VIEWPOINT

A dream overdue

In his autobiography, Malcolm X states, "Many whites are even actually unaware of their own racism, until they face some test, and then their racism emerges in one form or another."

From what I have observed as an African American in all-white environments during high school and here I not only agree with Malcolm

Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

agree with Malcolm X, but I also feel his words can be the first step in accepting our individual roles in the continuance of racism and creating a world of equity and justice for all peoples.

One day last semester, I was walking to South Dining Hall, a few yards in front of two white girls. I overheard their conversation about a friend, also white, and his troubles getting into his first choice college. Apparently this young man, with high test scores, good grades, and the usual exemplary extracurriculars was rejected from his dream school. One girl proffered, while her companion agreed, that if he had been a black male, or better yet a black female, his admission would be no problem.

Ask yourself, in our world of supposed tolerance and political correctness, why would this girl make such prejudicial remarks within my—a black female's—earshot? Obviously she felt safe enough to express her opinions at that time because she probably did not know any blacks were around. That girl and many other individuals have candidly denounced blacks in my presence because they misjudged my fair complexion for whiteness. Instances like this illustrate

our society's remaining racial bias and how majority culture manages to hide it from public view.

In our environment, we have created divergent definitions of ethnicity and color. While ethnicitv is subjective, pertaining to how one views her or himself based on ancestral ties and cultural backgrounds, color is a much more complex construction. Judging by skin color or manner, people objectively assign racial qualifiers to others and interact with them according to these stereo-

types. Thus, people believe they can avoid responsibility for harboring racist attitudes as long as they play nice in the company of minorities, and only express their true feelings within their own racial group. Americans think if they stay along the path of political correctness or preface their statements with the phrases like "Don't take this the wrong way..." or "Don't be offended, but .. they will never be called into question. Everyone shies from confrontation, unwilling to accept or speak truths about themselves and their communities. This fear and its application of political correctness, is in my mind one of the biggest impediments we face in our country and at Notre Dame to reaching racial harmony and understanding.

Some may feel the worst of our racial past is behind us, with the Reconstruction Amendments, "Brown v. Board of Education" and affirmative action provid-

ing legal and institutional references to combat inequity. I say, anyone who thinks this is living in a dream world. As the ruling class — politicians and business leaders discards manufacturing jobs, outsources to foreign nations and assists the

wealthy with preferential tax cuts and deregulation, people of color are discarded to the ranks of the working poor, unemployed, incarcerated and impoverished. Blacks and Hispanics are the most frequent victims of environmental injustice, assigned to live and work in polluted urban neighborhoods.

These issues even touch the splendid isolation of our University. According to the website Tolerance.org, there are five known hate organizations within spitting distance of Notre Dame in St. Joseph and Elkhart counties, including

a Ku Klux Klan chapter in our own South Bend. In nearby Gary, public housing developers are building and relocating minority, mostly black, families into units constructed across the street from a known hazardous waste site.

Our purpose as stewards of this country and our local communities is to leave conditions better than when we found them. We inherited a system of injustice which oppresses people of certain ethnicities and a cultural delusion of the "self-made" person. We need to discard these lies and tools of injustice created and perpetuated by the ruling classes and, on every social level, take a contemplative look at racial interactions and ideological constructions.

Individually, I challenge you to examine your own ideas with intellectual honesty to pinpoint your own racial prejudices and then purge them. We all harbor stereotypes, and anyone who claims innocence is either lying or willfully exists in a homogeneous fairy land.

At Notre Dame, we need to not only create forums to debate racial topics, but also patronize them. Let's continue discussion of affirmative action, like at the panel discussion last week, and initiate other instances where we can have constructive dialogue on issues of race and inequality. By coming together authentically, we can, after centuries of struggle, and build a racially harmonious society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too much criticism for Quinn

You know, I'm getting really tired of the constant criticism Brady Quinn receives every weekend. Everyone seems to focus on what he's doing wrong rather than everything he's doing right.

Consider the first few games of the season. He was only put in to make an attempt at cleaning up our senior quarterback's mess (meanwhile gaining some experience).

Take Michigan State, for example. Ty puts him in with five or six minutes left in the game, we need two touchdowns, and Quinn is in a no huddle offense. This is tremendous pressure for even a seasoned quarterback, let alone an 18-year-old freshman with virtually no college football experience. How does Quinn respond? He marches all the way down the field and scores. Yet no one gave him any credit. On the contrary, they just said how he didn't do anything to help get the win.

Fast forward to Purdue, Brady's first start and full game. Their line averaged 26 starts per player versus our four starts per player. The result? Brady gets the tar kicked out of him for the entire game. We had no running game at all, so he's forced to throw 60 times, completing 30 for 300 yards. And he did this while getting hit something like 18 times, 14 of which were knockdowns (I don't remember the exact stats), not to mention he was our leading rusher with almost 50 yards. One hell of a performance in my book and the stats book.

Nevertheless, the reporters and newspapers (including our own) all said the same thing: "Different quarterback, same results." Granted, I was very disappointed in the loss, but I was also really excited about Brady Quinn's performance, as well as the future of our young team.

Now go to last weekend. Jones' running game kicks into high gear, taking a huge load off Quinn's shoulders, we win, and everyone complains that Quinn didn't throw enough and didn't contribute to the win. It just so happens that our team was much more well-rounded than past games, so Quinn didn't have to do everything like he did against Purdue. This is a good thing.

My God, people, just leave the kid alone. He's done an extraordinary job so far. Sure, he makes some rookie mistakes, but we can't expect him to come out of high school playing like Joe "The Comeback Kid" Montana. Besides, all those edges will be smoothed out soon enough. You know all the talk about the "West Coast offense" everyone is so sick of hearing? Well, Brady is the quintessential (no pun intended) West Coast quarterback that Coach Willingham has been waiting for.

Sure, give criticism where criticism is due, but it's equally important to give credit where credit is due. So give the boy some credit.

Dave Welch senior off-campus Oct. 13

No more altar girls?

I was sorry to see the frustration expressed in Anna Nussbaum's Oct. 10 letter. While this issue is open to legitimate debate, I'd like to offer reasons the Church might decide to disallow female altar servers (which, I should add, they haven't yet).

The fact is, boys and girls are different. Girls are natural volunteers; they jump in and help wherever needed. It's hard to find an area of parish ministry that isn't mostly performed by women anymore, and more power to them. The unfortunate fallout is that religion is often viewed as women's domain. All too common is the Mass where the priest is the only prominent male, looking rather cowed by the overwhelming female presence. Hardly the image of an "alter Christus" whose example boys may want to fol-

Having only altar boys provides boys a way to serve that appeals to them. In parishes where girls serve, they often overtake that ministry, while the boys drop out of what becomes yet another girls' club. Giving the boys a chance to be boys at church is an opportunity to learn from the priest and each other about a

faith of heroic sacrifice, a faith worth living and dying for and, yes, a faith even worth getting up earlier on Sunday for.

Historically, altar serving has been a stepping stone in training for the priesthood, and the Church would like to return to that tradition. The results of this were shown by the Arlington, Va. diocese, which has only male altar servers, and is now among the top two U.S. dioceses for priestly vocations.

Finally, I'd like to address a misconception the letter seems to imply. Our culture has misconstrued gender equality to consist of performing the same tasks. This reflects a demeaning, utilitarian view of the human person. Rather, we should understand that while men and women are intrinsically different, and thus serve Christ in different ways, the Church has always proclaimed their equal dignity. Remember that we uphold a woman as the highest created being (just look on top of the

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SCENE SCENE

Movie Review

Charismatic Clooney excels in latest role

By JACK WATKINS Scene Movie Critic

The most amazing thing about Intolerable Cruelty is not how good it is, but how bad it could have been. The film was originally set to star Hugh Grant and Tea Leoni, and Joe Dante was originally slated to direct it. Then Jeremy Irons and Heather Locklear were tabbed. Ron Howard

was briefly in talks to direct.

After going through various other permutations - involving Julia Roberts and Geoffrey Wright, among others — the final product somehow emerged as a Coen Brothers movie starring George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

The Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan, are of course the duo responsible for some of the best films of the last decade, including Fargo and The Big Lebowski, while Clooney and Zeta-Jones hold similar preeminence

among modern sex symbols.

Despite the impressive assembly of talent in this film, the show belongs to Clooney, who has seized the opportunity to complete his makeover as a modern-day Cary Grant. Clooney's Miles Massey is exactly the sort of character Grant played in his comedies - handsome, charismatic, highly energetic and prone to exaggerated facial expressions and physical humor.

Massey is a divorce attorney who becomes engaged in a complex duel with Marilyn Rexroth (Zeta-Jones), a beautiful and ruthless gold digger. Of course, the inevitable hilarity ensues, and the inevitable sparks fly.

The Coen Brothers did not exactly write the script — they got on board the project and rewrote it to their tastes. It is likely that the basic plot of a romance between the rivals played by Clooney and Zeta-Jones was in the original script, but I find it impossible to believe that the farcical supporting characters are anything but Coen inventions.

Included here are a man with a strange obsession with trains, a strange concierge named Heinz, the

"Intolerable Cruelty"

Director: Joel Coen and Ethan Coen

Writers: Robert Ramsey, Matthew Stone,

Starring: George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-

Jones, Geoffrey Rush and Billy Bob Thornton

John Romano, Joel Coen and Ethan Coen

Baron Krauss von Espy, a senior law partner who seems to have no functioning vital organs, and an asthmatic assassin n a m e d Wheezy Joe. Such characallow

Clooney to play the straight man in some scenes, while being the cut-up with Zeta-Jones.

The Coen Brothers, always students of film history, have also filled this movie with various homages to past works. Most obvious, probably, is the continued parallelism between Clooney and Grant. Far more surprising were two sequences near the beginning of the film, which closely



Miles Massey (George Clooney), a smooth divorce attorney, trys to fight his attraction to Marylin Rexroth (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a ruthless gold digger.

"The Rundown"

Writers: R.J. Stewart and James Vanderbilt

Starring: The Rock, Seann William Scott,

Christopher Walken and Rosario Dawson

Director: Peter Berg

resembled scenes from David Lynch's Mulholland Drive. Lynch and Joel Coen tied for the Best Director award at Cannes in 2001 for Mulholland Drive and The Man Who Wasn't There, respectively, so it is likely that Coen wanted to tip his hat at Lynch.

Ultimately, the movie excels

because of its star's performance seeing a man get bitten by a poodle is not funny, but seeing George Clooney bitten by a poodle is hilarious, because he makes it funny.

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Movie Review

'The Rundown' trips over its own ambitions

By ANNIE ROHRS Scene Movie Critic

Director Peter Berg's The Rundown presents poor acting and poor scripting in this combination action/comedy film that, in trying to be both, doesn't do either genre justice.

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson plays Beck, a tough guy from Los Angeles

who is working off debts to his wealthy boss by doing his dirty work. His dream is to own his own restaurant, but before he can attain that, Beck has to do one final job. He must travel to the Brazilian jungles to retrieve his boss' son, Travis, played by Sean William Scott. Travis is seeking a treasure that would make him rich and has gotten himself into some trouble he can't get out of on his own.

Beck (The Rock), a hired tough guy from Los Angeles, confronts his prey, Travis (Sean William Scott), in the heart of a Brazilian jungle.

It proves to be no easy task for Beck, as he is foiled at all angles - by Travis, who has no desire to return home, by the forces of nature, by Mariana (Rosario Dawson), who's after the treasure for her own reasons, and by Hatcher (Christopher Walken), a slave-driver who owns a gold mine and employs everyone in town. Once Hatcher discovers that Travis knows how to find this treasure, which is worth a huge fortune, he scott can't seem to break out of He

won't let Beck take Travis without a fight.

The plot has potential as an action movie, but fails to pan out. There are some strong fight scenes and interesting twists in the

form of jungle rebels, sex-crazed monkeys and hallucinogenic fruit. However, they can't save the movie from its foundering one-liners and misplaced humor. The movie is badly written, with the dialogue switching between extremely serious and extremely flippant. This clash, meant to add comic relief, is only distracting. The dialogue is unrealistic and the attempt to mix in humor with hard physical action falls short.

The acting in the movie leaves much to be desired, as well. Johnson's Beck is stoic, unemotional and very one-

sided, much like a machine. He is never daunted by any enemy, regardless of number, size or weapon. He single-handedly beats up the entire defensive line of an NFL team and fends off multiple attackers wielding guns, knives and whips, for the most part with no weapon of his own. Scott's Travis is a constant reminder of the sarcastic, wise-ass Stifler from the American Pie movies, a role that

> adds much of the comedy to the film; however it just doesn't fit into the conflict smoothly. Stifler's jokes and attitude are very out of place in a wild jungle in which he is running for his life while desper-

ately seeking a mysterious hidden treasure and fighting off Hatcher and his hit men.

While the entire movie is oppressively flawed, the ending is the biggest letdown. All of the issues are resolved with almost ridiculous ease after so much conflict and struggle, and the conclusion ultimately leaves the audience wondering what the point was.

By trying too hard to be both, The Rundown fails to successfully take off as either an action or comedy film.

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SCENE SCENE

MOVIE REVIEW

Tarantino hits his stride with 'Kill Bill'

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

Scene Movie Critic

Kill Bill: Volume 1 has Quentin Tarantino's dirty little fingerprints all over it — the movie plays like a vanity piece. But not that that's bad, because if there's a director that deserves a vanity piece, it's Tarantino. Kill Bill is the fourth full-length feature he's directed, but he has already established himself as one of the great directors of American cinema. And Kill Bill proves to be a tour de force of of the character's back stories, which

his genius — his self-referential, tongue-in-cheek genius — but genius nonetheless.

The film is about a woman known as The Bride (Uma Thurman) who wakes up from being in a coma for four years after she was savagely beaten and left for dead at

the altar by a shadowy underworld kingpin named Bill (David Carradine) and his four-person team of ruthless the Deadly Assassination Squad. The Bride, or Black Mamba, a codename by which she was once known, sets out for revenge on her former lover and his dirty-dealing henchwomen and

isn't too concerned with plot; it's a simple revenge story told in a very stylized way. Revenge is the only motivation in the film. At first it seems odd to watch a film with no motivation, but therein lies one of Tarantino's annoyingly brilliant flourishes: By removing the reason for a story, he can focus on the telling of it.

Kill Bill is a samurai movie. Well, it's a samurai movie seen through American eyes. Tarantino uses a lot of kitsch and cliché in the film, including an extended anime sequence for one

"Kill Bill: Volume 1"

WWW.

Director: Quentin Tarantino

Thurman

Writers: Quentin Tarantino and Uma

Starring: Uma Thurman, David Carradine,

Lucy Liu, Daryl Hannah and Vivica A. Fox

seems slightly insensitive at first; by the end, however, it's apparent that Tarantino isn't trying to make a samurai film, but give us a new interpretation of one.

Li Tarantino's

other features — Reservoir Dogs, Pulp Fiction and Jackie Brown - Kill Bill is extremely violent. It has been called the most violent movie ever made, which is a debatable claim, but it is certainly one of the most artfully vio-

Where Tarantino really shows off his genius is in the beautifully constructed fight scenes with their preci-But nevermind the plot. Kill Bill sion choreography, artful cinematog-



Uma Thurman and Lucy Liu settle their differences over a sword duel in director Quentin Tarantino's fourth feature effort, a stylized samural revenge film.

raphy and earth-shaking sound editing. The fighters move with a Matrix/Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon superhuman grace, but unlike the slew of Matrix wannabes, Kill Bill manages to retain the drama of the fights without the physical laws of nature. The Bride, though a fierce warrior, does get hurt and leaves open the question whether she will live through the second volume of the film, which will be released in theatres next February.

Tarantino has really hit his stride with Kill Bill, and he knows it. Every second of the film is dripping with Tarantino's cocky, self-righteous and damned artistic personality. Kill Bill is a terrific film that quite perfectly demonstrates that Tarantino is truly a master of his craft.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Preppy kids rock in latest film

By KATIE WAGNER Scene Movie Critic

School of Rock is a slightly aboveaverage comedy. It is entertaining for people of all ages, but leading actor Jack Black's overly dramatic acting weakens the film. The child actors and the music are this movie's high points.

The movie begins with struggling heavy metal guitarist Dewey Finn (Black) getting kicked out of his band due to his on-stage antics. This shatters his lifelong dream of winning the battle of the bands. To make things worse, Finn's roommate's overbearing girlfriend demands that the jobless and broke Finn pay his long overdue rent. Finn almost gives up on his musical aspirations until he discovers a ploy to both pay his rent and continue playing rock.

He takes a role as a long-term substitute at a prestigious private elementary school, impersonating his friend and roommate Ned Schneebly (Mike White). Despite his students'

obsession with academics and a lack of rock'n roll background, Finn is determined to convince them that rock is the most important thing in the world. Thanks to his passion, sense of humor and musical entertaining ability, Black transforms these children into a group of rock musicians. The students initially challenge Finn's lack of schooling, but eventually they all appreciate and share his intense love of rock

The diverse personalities of each

"School of Rock"

Starring: Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike

Hassan, Kevin Clark and Rebecca Brown

White, Sarah Silverman, Joey Gaydos, Maryam

Director: Richard Linklater

Writer: Mike White

fifth grade student make this movie very similar to a true classroom of nineyear-olds. Each child's uniqueness of character brings a lot of humor to the film. Many of the students have incredible musical talent,

which makes the movie very entertaining.

Another strong point of the movie was the humor brought by the uptight private school principal's (Joan Cusak) surprising obsession with Stevie Nix. Black's acting was one of this film's weaknesses. He was funny, but not as funny as he was in Shallow Hal.

Also on the downside, the speed with which Finn was able to change the opinions of the children about him was not realistic. Finn was too

goofy to be taken seriously. His passion for rock was so over the top that he could have been diagnosed as insane even though he was being

However, that no child or other character accused him of being ridiculous for his passion almost makes his intensely emotional behavior seem commendable.

The overall message of this film that you should always follow your dreams - was satisfying. The underlying message — there are

other measures success beyond earning good grades in school - was convincing and thought-provok-

ing.
The one hour and 48 minutes of this PG-13 film. ran very quickly. The movie left little room for yawning. The

school scenes were interesting and very animated, thanks to the child actors. The rock'n roll shows pictured were quite colorful and excit-

This film is certainly worth seeing, especially if you are a fan of classic heavy metal music, as long as you don't mind hearing a few cheesy lines and seeing a comedic performance by Jack Black that is less than his best.

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Dewey Finn (Jack Black) tries to pass on his love and knowledge of rock'n roll music to the kids in his fifth grade class at a prestigious, preppy school.

MLB

Wakefield confuses Yankees, leads Red Sox to win

Associated Press

BOSTON - No fists, just knucklers.

Tim Wakefield and the Boston Red Sox won this duel with a baffling pitch that floated and fluttered past the New York Yankees in a 3-2 win Monday night that knotted the AL championship series at two games apiece.

Todd Walker and Trot Nixon hit solo homers for Boston's struggling offense, and pinch-hitter Jason Varitek had a key RBI grounder in the seventh, speeding to first to just avoid an inning-ending double play.

Most significantly, there were no more fights between the old foes

"I think it was kind of good to let everybody calm down," Nixon said. "I think we all disrespected the game the other night.'

After a one-day break caused by a rainout, there was none of the brawling that marred Game 3 on Saturday. Relying on baseball's most mysterious pitch, Wakefield beat Mike Mussina for the second time in the series, which now must return to Yankee Stadium later this week.

"Being rained out yesterday got everybody cooled down,' Wakefield said.

Until the ninth, New York's only run came home on Derek Jeter's fifth-inning double that hit third base. But after Scott Williamson struck out Nick Johnson leading off the ninth, pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra closed New York within a run with a homer, ending a streak of 19 1-3 shutout innings for Boston's much-maligned bullpen.

Williamson, who had relieved Mike Timlin to start the inning, then struck out David Dellucci and Alfonso Soriano to earn the save

"It was nice to have a nice

clean game for baseball fans," Varitek said.

The series continues at Fenway Park on Tuesday, originally a travel day. David Wells pitches for New York against Derek Lowe in Game 5.

After Sunday's rainout, fans had a festive time on the warm autumn night, booing Yankees catcher Jorge Posada, who screamed Saturday at Pedro Martinez after the Boston pitcher hit Karim Garcia with a pitch. Posada went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts, leaving seven runners

They also chanted "We want Nelson," a reference to New York reliever Jeff Nelson, involved in Saturday's ninth-inning bullpen scuffle. Nelson entered to boos in the eighth just after Felix Heredia hit Walker in the shoulder. There was no hint of trouble on this one - Walker went directly to first base and said he wasn't upset.

Still, there was at least one dispute - but even then, it was resolved quickly and civilly.

After Nelson's first pitch, Boston manager Grady Little came out to talk to the umpires, who then checked the pitcher's belt and glove. But they didn't find anything against the rules.

"We had some indication that we saw a little something out there," Little said. "We didn't

Nelson didn't mind, saying it probably was in retaliation for New York asking umpires to check Timlin in the opener.

"His ball moves a lot, my ball moves a lot. It didn't bother me," Nelson said.

There was extra security in the Yankees bullpen following the Game 3 fight that involved a member of Boston's grounds crew. There was a police officer stationed there from the start of the game Monday and no grounds crew personnel.

But the focus in this one was on the starters.

Wakefield improved to 4-0 in LCS play - he went 2-0 for Pittsburgh in 1992 against Atlanta. His eight strikeouts matched his season high, and he allowed just five hits.

"I think it had a little more depth tonight," Wakefield said. "It was moving quite a bit in New York, but it didn't have as much depth as it did today."

While the Yankees had runners in four of the first five innings, Wakefield pitched out of trouble, holding New York to 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position and leaving the bases loaded in the fifth, when Posada ended the inning with a flyout. Wakefield then struck out the side in the sixth and retired the side in the seventh on four pitches.

"He's very unpredictable," Posada said. "It's a pitch that he never knows what it's going to do. The catcher doesn't know what it's going to do.

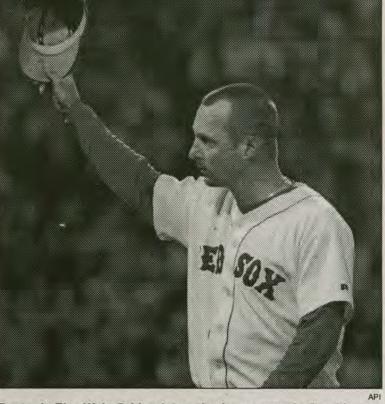
While Boston's staff has been led by Martinez in recent years, Wakefield has taken the lead

against New York.
"Outstanding," Martinez said. "He's our ace right now."

Wakefield threw 11 of 20 pitches for balls in the first. After Soriano walked leading off and Jeter singled, Jason Giambi hit a scorcher to first that was caught by Kevin Millar, who doubled up Jeter. After a walk to Bernie Williams, Posada took a called third strike.

"I got lucky enough that Kevin Millar was standing on the right spot," Wakefield said.

Boston's offense, which led the major leagues during the regular season, has not scored more than five runs in any postseason game. But the Red Sox made due



Boston's Tim Wakefield salutes the home crowd after his performance Monday night. The Red Sox won 3-2.

with Walker's homer leading off the fourth, Nixon's starting the fifth and Varitek's RBI in the sev-

Walker's homer was his fifth of the season, a record for Boston players.

"I'm more focused now than I've ever been in my life because you're battling every at-bat, and more specifically, every pitch," Walker said.

Varitek — just 2-for-36 against Mussina — didn't hit the ball as far, but his run made the difference. With one out in the seventh and the bases loaded following an intentional walk to Bill Mueller, he grounded to Jeter, who made a nice pickup at shortstop. Jeter threw to Soriano for the force, but Varitek just legged

"I thought that was the most important play of the game," Little said.

Mussina has allowed five homers in the two starts against Boston, is 0-3 in this year's playoffs and is winless in his last six postseason starts. He looked frustrated after the game.

"I can only control 60 feet, 6 inches," he said, staring down. 'That's it. I'm doing my job the best I can. Other stuff has to be attended to by other people, not

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NFL News

Dillon returns to practice Monday

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bengals running back Corey Dillon returned to practice Monday after missing Cincinnati's last game with a strained groin.

Dillon has been limited to one complete game this season. He hyperextended a knee in a pileup in Oakland in the second week of the season and strained his groin a week later.

He started against Cleveland on Sept. 28, but had to leave the game because he couldn't cut. Coach Marvin Lewis then rested him during a loss at Buffalo, and Dillon didn't work out last week as the team was off.

Lewis said it was too early to tell whether Dillon will be available to play Sunday against Baltimore.

"Everything looked fine," Lewis said. "Everybody worked today. It was good to have Corey out there."

Dillon took handoffs, caught passes and ran some agility drills during the brief time that practice was open to the media.

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"He did some things," backup
Rudi Johnson said. "He didn't do
everything, but what he did
looked good."

Dillon declined to talk to reporters after practice.

McNabb fights through injury

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb will remain the Eagles' starting quarterback despite a sprained right thumb that has limited his effectiveness.

"He's working through the pain of that and should be fine," coach Andy Reid said Monday.

McNabb struggled Sunday in a loss to Dallas, often overthrowing his targets. He was 11-for-26 for 126 yards, his lowest total in a mediocre season.

McNabb, who was hurt Sept. 29 against Buffalo, played with wrapping around his thumb that extended to his wrist.

"It's not an injury he can't play with," Reid said.

Culpepper back as starter

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper will return to the starting lineup this weekend when the Vikings host Denver.

Culpepper missed the Vikings' previous two games after breaking three small bones — and partially fracturing a fourth — in his lower back Sept. 21 at Detroit.

Gus Frerotte started in Culpepper's place in Minnesota's wins over San Francisco and Atlanta. Culpepper, who returned to practice Monday, got an extra week of rest because the Vikings were idle this past weekend.

"He's good to go," coach Mike Tice said Monday. "He jumps right back in. He's the No. 1. Gus is back to being No. 2."

Brunell to have surgery

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell had surgery Monday on his left elbow and will be out at least a few weeks.

The surgery was done to alleviate swelling on his throwing elbow. Coach Jack Del Rio said Monday it would be at least two or three weeks before Brunell could throw again.

Brunell was injured Sept. 21 when he slid on the artificial turf in Indianapolis. An abrasion on

the elbow needed five stitches.

Byron Leftwich started his third straight game in Brunell's place Sunday against Miami. Leftwich was backed up by David Garrard, and Del Rio said he didn't plan a roster move to acquire a third quarterback.

Pennington could return soon

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Jets coach Herman Edwards said Monday there is a "50-50" chance quarterback Chad Pennington will start against the Philadelphia Eagles on Oct. 26.

Pennington, out since the preseason with a broken and dislocated left wrist, will begin doing team drills this week at practice wearing a red, noncontact jersey. Edwards said there is no chance Pennington will start Sunday against Houston.

Edwards said he will make that decision later this week, and also is trying to decide whether to make Pennington the backup before he starts a game. As of Monday, Pennington has not been cleared to play.

Gold out for season

DENVER — Denver linebacker Ian Gold will miss the rest of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Gold was injured in the first quarter of Denver's 17-14 win Sunday against Pittsburgh while covering a punt. Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Gold will have surgery after the swelling goes down, probably in a week or two.

"It's really tough," Shanahan said Monday. "Any time you lose not only a great player, but a great leader and a great person, it's always tough."

A hard hitter and one of the fastest linebackers in the league, Gold went to the Pro Bowl in 2001, his second season, and replaced Bill Romanowski as a starter at outside linebacker last year.

Gold was second on the team in tackles with 166 last season and he entered Sunday's game with 39, second to Al Wilson's 48. He also has two interceptions this year, including one for a 12-yard touchdown in the opener against Cincinnati.

"It's about as tough as it gets," defensive end Trevor Pryce said. "It's always tough when you lose somebody who plays hard and leaves everything on the line."

Moulds could return this week

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.— Buffalo receiver Eric Moulds could return to practice this week after missing the Bills' 30-3 loss to the New York Jets because of a strained groin.

Moulds didn't practice all last week but said Monday that he feels "a lot better."

Coach Gregg Williams was cautious about Moulds' return.

"We would hope that he would be able to get back out there sometime next week," he said.

Moulds, Buffalo's leading receiver, was hurt when he fell awkwardly after making a catch that helped set up the Bills' winning drive in a 22-16 victory over Cincinnati on Oct. 5.

The Bills sorely missed him last weekend when they managed only 193 total yards. Backups Bobby Shaw and Josh Reed combined for 100 yards receiving.

NCAA Women's Cross Country

	team	points
1	BYU	388
2	Stanford	372
3	Arizona State	352
4	Michigan State	341
5	NOTRE DAME	330
6	NC State	326
7	Colorade	320
8	Georgetown	289
9	North Carolina	277
10	Columbia	274
11	Providence	260
12	UCLA	242
13	Villanova	232
14	Baylor	224
15	Northern Arizona	220
16	Wake Forest	198
17	Wisconsin	186
18	Penn State	165
18	Arkansas	158
20	Colorado State	142
21	Missouri	131
22	Michigan	123
23	Princeton	80
24	Nebraska	65
25	Marquette	61

NCAA Men's Cross Country

	team	points
1	Stanford	487
2	Wisconsin	466
3	Northern Arizona	44B
4	BYU .	423
5	Colorado	413
6	Central Michigan	387
7	Oregon	374
8	Colorado State	338
9	Arkansas	335
10	lona	324
11	Ohio State	314
12	Michigan	269
13	Arizona State	268
14	Georgetown	249
15	Virginia	225
16	NOTRE DAME	223
17	Geogla	209
18	Providence	196
19	Villanova	192
20	Arizona	173
21	Protland	137
22	NC State	133
23	William & Mary	120
24	Indiana	101
25	Cal Poly	90

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WASHINGTON STATE (5-1) at STANFORD (2-2)
Illinois at MICHIGAN (5-2)
MICHIGAN STATE (6-1) at Minnesota
PURDUE (5-1) at Wisconsin
PITTSBURGH (3-2) at Rutgers
BOSTON COLLEGE (4-2) at SYRACUSE (3-2)
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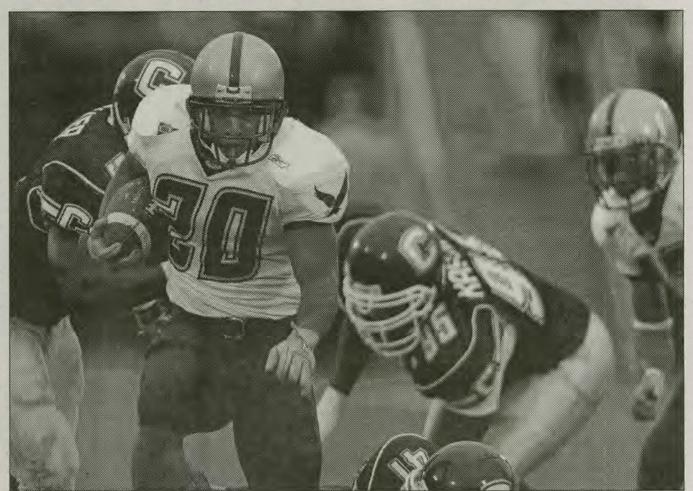
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Icon Sports

Boston College runs the ball playing against the University of Connecticut this past September. Big East officials are suing Boston College and Atlantic Coast Conference officials a conference change agreement.

Angry Big East sues Boston College

Suit also filed against four ACC officials

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Officials from four Big East football schools approved a lawsuit Monday against Boston College, its athletic director and four Atlantic Coast Conference officials, state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said.

The suit, to be filed Tuesday in Vernon Superior Court, alleges that the ACC and Boston College conspired to weaken the Big East. Boston College announced Sunday that it would follow the University of Miami and Virginia Tech,

which are leaving the Big East to join the ACC.

"We just got off a conference call," Blumenthal said early Monday evening. "All the presidents have authorized this lawsuit."

The suit names Boston College athletic director Gene DeFilippo, ACC Commissioner John Swofford, ACC President Carolyn Callahan, ACC Vice President Donn Ward and ACC Treasurer Cecil Huey, Blumenthal said.

Connecticut, Rutgers, Pittsburgh and West Virginia already are suing Miami. A judge last week threw out a case against the ACC on jurisdictional grounds.

"I suspect the same will happen to those of us who, by virtue of our rotation, happen to be officers," Ward said. "And I suspect the people of Connecticut want their attorney general to chase far more important issues."

The case against the ACC was thrown out because attorneys could not prove the conference did enough business in Connecticut to warrant a state suit. By suing the conference directors as individuals, Big East

schools hope they can get around the jurisdiction issue.

"We are not required to show they are transacting business," Blumenthal said. "If they have violated the law and have damaged Connecticut or its citizens, they can be sued."

Messages seeking comment were left at the homes and offices of the other school and conference officials. Hugh Keefe, an attorney who represented the ACC, did not return

Miami and Virginia Tech join the ACC next year.

IN BRIEF

Three Redskin players out with injuries

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins tight end Robert Royal has a broken bone in his right hip and will miss at least six weeks.

Running back Trung Canidate and cornerback Fred Smoot also could miss next week's game at Buffalo. Canidate has a severe ankle sprain, while Smoot sprained his shoulder in Sunday's 35-13 loss to Tampa Bay.

Royal was injured trying to block Simeon Rice. Rice got past Royal, knocked the ball away from quarterback Patrick Ramsey and recovered the fumble to end Washington's opening drive. It was the first of Rice's four sacks in the game.

"It was kind of a fluke injury," coach Steve Spurrier said Monday. "He got all twisted around somehow."

Spurrier said Royal could go on injured reserve for the second straight year. Royal was out last season whilerehabilitating a sprained ankle.

Army coach Todd Berry fired over losing record

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army coach Todd Berry was fired Monday after compiling a 5-35 record over four years.

"The Corp of Cadets and the fans of Army football deserve a competitive program that is representative of this great institution," said Lt. Gen. William Lennox Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

Army (0-6) has just one win in its last 17 games and a school-record 12 losses in a row. The Black Knights are averaging 63.8 yards rushing per game to rank last in the nation and are the only team averaging under two yards per carry.

South Florida, playing its inaugural Conference USA game last month, shut out Army 28-0 at Michie Stadium, marking the first time the Black Knights had been blanked at home since 1981.

John Mumford, who served as the team's defensive line coach the past

four seasons, was named interim

OSU linebacker Reynolds suspended for choking

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State linebacker Robert Reynolds was suspended one game Monday for jamming his fingers into the throat of Wisconsin quarterback Jim Sorgi and choking him.

Reynolds will miss the eighthranked Buckeyes' homecoming game Saturday against No. 9 Iowa at Ohio Stadium, coach Jim Tressel said.

Sorgi said he had difficulty talking and breathing after the injury in the third quarter of Wisconsin's 17-10 win Saturday night. He said he couldn't bark out the signals loud enough to be heard by the other players, keeping him from going back into the

Reynolds issued a statement Sunday night through Ohio State, saying that he had apologized to Sorgi and Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish hope to rebound against Vikings

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

A trip across the state border might be just what Notre Dame needs to rebound from a disappointing conference loss last weekend

The Irish (7-2-3, 3-2-1 in the Big East) travel to Ohio to face the Vikings of Cleveland State in a non-conference matchup tonight. Notre Dame's last game was a disappointing 5-2 loss at home to Big East-opponent and No. 25 Rutgers.

Despite his team's defeat, Irish coach Bobby Clark is keeping a positive outlook on things

"Realistically, you're going to lose a few games each year," he said. "I've always said that winning is a habit and losing is a habit. You just don't want to get in the habit of losing."

The Irish can take some positives out of the loss to the Scarlet Knights. Freshman Ian Etherington, who has provided solid play all year, finally got rewarded for his hard work with the first goal of his Irish career. Senior captain Greg Martin had the other tally for the Irish.

Notre Dame came into the Rutgers game ranked fifth in the nation but figures to fall a little when the new polls come out. Just the same, however, the Irish are on the national

radar, and it's important for the team to bounce back right away.

"The nice thing is that we don't have to wait too long to show that we're still a very good team," Clark said. "If we had to wait a week or so to play again, that would be kind of annoying.

"That's one of the positives of our situation, and I think the boys are looking forward to this game."

Cleveland State (6-7) comes into tonight's game on its own downward swing. The Vikings are currently mired in a fourgame losing streak, including two consecutive shutouts. Their last game was a 2-0 loss at home to Marshall Thursday.

By far, the offensive leader for the Vikings is Stephen Ademolu. The junior forward from Windsor, Ont., leads the team with 23 points (10 goals and three assists). Forward Spencer Lappin is second on the team with 14 points (five goals and four assists).

In goal, the Vikings rotate the trio of freshman Josh Cain and juniors Scott Deitz and Amir Kettani. Kettani has the most starts, with nine, but Cain has a better goals-against average (Cain has a 1.94 GAA to Kettani's 2.11).

The Vikings have roughly matched their opponents goalfor-goal this season, scoring 24 goals while giving up 27. They IRISH

CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Notre Dame's Justin Detter keeps the ball away from an Akron defender in a game earlier this season. The Irish travel to play Cleveland State in hopes of rebounding after losing to Rutgers 5-2 at home last weekend. The Irish are ranked No. 5 in the nation.

have been out shot 185-142 in 13 games this year.

Despite the fact the Vikings are a non-conference opponent, Clark does not believe his team will lighten up on its intensity.

"I think we'll be very solid Tuesday night," he said. "Anytime you're coming off a loss, you have to regroup. We've got to win all the games we can.

"There will only be one league champion, and we have to be very conscious of at-large bids [for the postseason NCAA tournament] and get as good a record as possible."

The Cleveland State game is

the first in a four-game road trip in which the Irish will play three Big East matches. After facing the Vikings, the Irish will travel to Storrs, Conn. to meet Connecticut Saturday night.

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SMC SOCCER

Winless Adrian gives Belles unexpected test

Saint Mary's gains eighth win of season

By JOE HETTLER Sports Editor

It wasn't the kind of game Saint Mary's expected from lowly Adrian.

The Belles played solid defense and recorded their fifth shutout of the year in a 2-0 win Saturday, but they couldn't dominate Adrian (0-12, 0-8 in the MIAA) the way they did when the teams first met last month. Saint Mary's won that game 7-0.

"We played a strong game defensively but could not develop our rhythm within our attack," Belles coach Peter Haring said. "We had some good opportunities but were a tad slow to the ball while going to goal."

The Belles also lost two players for their next game against rival Hope — one to a red card and another to injury.

Sophomore defender Shannon Culbertson received a red card in the 72nd minute on a hard tackle of an Adrian player. The card will keep Culbertson out of the team's Saturday game against Hope.

Senior striker Wendy Irvin injured her ankle during the beginning of the second half and could not return. She is listed as out for next week, as

Saint Mary's got on the scoreboard when freshman

Colleen Courtney fired a long chip shot from 35 yards out over the goalkeeper's head for an unassisted score in the 35th minute. It was the first goal of Courtney's collegiate

Fellow freshman Carolyn Logan added the Belles second goal in the 68th minute, when she stole an Adrian pass and raced down the field to put the ball past the goaltender for another unassisted score -Logan's fifth goal of the sea-

The win puts the Belles at 8-2-2 on the season and into sole possession of second place in the MIAA standings, two points behind leader Hope. The Flying Dutch are 7-1 in conference play, compared to the Belles 5-1-2 mark. The Belles will have a chance to knock down Hope this weekend, but they will do so without two of their play-

"We have a big match against Hope next Saturday, and I will have to go to the drawing board and devise a plan to solve the key losses that we took [Saturday]," Haring said. "This coming week will be a test of this team's mental strength and their ability to come together to continue with our success thus far.'

The game is at home and starts at 10 a.m.

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Champs

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have struggled in athletics for much of the last few years. But the golf team's success, along with the success of several other sports, is beginning to put the College on the map.

"Saint Mary's is near the pinnacle of academics; it's always ranked high in the Midwest. And so the next logical step to increase its value in the country was athletics," Hamilton

The Belles will now take some time off and begin team practice again in February. The team plans to travel to

Pinehurst on spring break to face some of the best teams in the nation. Until then, Hamilton said the team will work out individually and prepare to take aim at the Division III national title next year.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles bounce back with wins

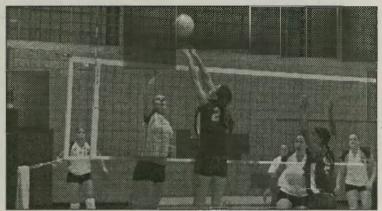
By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

The Belles got a pair of much-needed wins this weekend on the road at the Tri-

State University Triangular. Saint Mary's (14-10, 2-7 in MIAA) defeated host school Tri-State University Saturday with a score of 36-34, 30-24, 30-27. The Belles later knocked off University of Michigan - Dearborn by the score of 30-28, 30-24, 29-31, 30-18 to win the Tri-State Triangular.

"During the whole day, I was happy with how our players maintained their poise," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "The officiating was not some of the best we've ever seen, but we were able to control the things we had to control to win.'

One of the factors contributing to the Belles' tournament victory was a newfound offensive production by the middle attack. Middle hitter Elise Rupright led the team with 12 kills against Tri-State, and middle hitter Shelly Bender contributed 10 kills to the win



Lauren Temple hits a shot during a game earlier this season. The Belles won two road matches this weekend.

The team continued to get its usual production from outside hitter Kristen Playko, as well, with the freshman collecting 18 kills and 19 digs against UMD and 11 kills and 15 digs against Tri-State. Classmate Ann Cusack had a solid day at the defensive specialist position, collecting 42 total digs in the two matches.

The Belles came into the Triangular on a three-game losing streak, including two conference losses. The wins Saturday came at a time when the team needed a momentum

of change.

"It was a real good boost for us to win this thing," Schroeder-Biek said. "I think we really played good team volleyball. The team really talked a lot better.

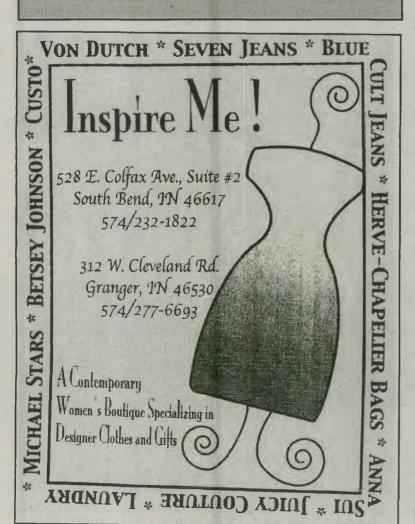
"We need that kind of communication going into the home stretch. We're too good of a team to be where we are in the conference standings right now."

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo team finishes 2nd at Northwestern

Special to The Observer

The men's water polo club traveled to Northwestern this weekend for its final tune-up before the Conference Championships held at Notre Dame Oct. 25-26. Playing in their third tournament in as many weeks, the Irish made full use of their deep bench to succeed over the weekend.

In their first game of the weekend, the Irish faced a stiff challenge from No. 7 Indiana. The solid play of goalies Scott Tagwerker and Devlin McCormick frustrated the Hoosier shooters all game long, while John Penilla's four goals led the Irish to an impressive 12-8 upset victory. Following the big win, the strong play of the Irish continued against a solid Iowa squad. Despite poor shooting which plagued the team during the entire game, the Irish pulled out a close 9-7 victory thanks to a dominating defense effort by senior Jay

In their third game of the day, the Irish overpowered Miami thanks to impressive play from the underclassmen of the team. Sophomore Ryan Downey and freshmen George Heidkamp and John Kelly each netted goals as the Irish came away with an easy 10-3 win. The game left the Irish undefeated in pool play, qualifying them for the championship game on Sunday against No. 5 Michigan State. Unfortunately, the Irish could not solve the steady Michigan State defense and struggled offensively all

game long. Despite another strong defensive effort from McCormick and Tagwerker, the Irish were overpowered in a 9-3 loss.

The strong second-place showing should provide the Irish with momentum heading into the Conference Championships, at Rolfs Aquatics, Oct. 24-26, where the team will attempt to qualify for Nationals hosted by Texas A&M.

Women's Ice Hockey

The women's ice hockey club traveled out of the CCWHA this weekend to face a powerful Robert Morris College squad in Chicago. In Friday's action, the Irish had a tough game and fell 10-1, with the only Irish goal coming with 3 minutes, 40 seconds remaining in the first period. Lizzy Coghill scored with assists from Annemarie Kennedy and Emmy Venechuk.

On Saturday, the Irish fell in a very tight rematch, 2-1. Two starters returned to the line-up — center Megan Mattia and defenseman Tori Blainey. The Irish fell behind early in the first period but knotted the score at one on a power play goal by sophomore Jacky Kehler on a pass from Blainey. Despite some amazing saves by Anne Wenger in goal, Robert Morris scored late in the third period to ice the game.

Women's Fleld Hockey

The women's field hockey club continued its successful fall campaign with a 7-0 victory over the University of Chicago Saturday at Riehle Fields. Freshmen accounted for all the Irish scoring as Mary Davis and Kaitlin Moran scored three goals each, with Rebecca Mosca completing the scoring. Molly Fox, Alisa Finelli and Katie Butler all recorded assists for the Irish.

Last week, the Irish opened fall play in Columbus, Ohio. The Irish tied Indiana 1-1 in the day's first action. Davis scored for Notre Dame, with an assist from Butler.

The Irish next squared off with host Ohio State and dominated the Buckeyes 3-0. Fox fired home the first goal, and Moran then scored a pair of goals

The final game was a rematch with Indiana to determine the tournament champion. Like the first encounter, this match also ended in a 1-1 tie. Butler scored the Irish goal, assisted by Rebecca Mosca.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Equestrian club claimed Reserve High Point honors at both Saturday's and Sunday's shows at St. Mary's of the Woods College in Terra Haute, Ind

Scoring points in the following events were: intermediate jump A, Julia Burke, 2nd; intermediate jump B, Liz Bell 2nd, Chelsea Brown 5th; novice jump A, Lauren Ball, 2nd, novice jump B, Andrea Oliverio, 1st; open flat B, Kelsey Ostberg, 1st, Claire Freeman, 3rd; intermediate flat A, Bell, 6th; intermediate

flat B, Julia Burke, 3rd, Brown, 6th; novice flat A, Ball 2nd, Catherine Linn, 6th, novice flat b, Oliverio, 2nd; advanced walk-trot-canter, Kristen LaSota, 1st and Lauren Croall, 6th. The Irish finished with 32 points, finishing second to Purdue.

On Sunday, Katie Baron, Freem and Ostberg finished 1st, 3rd and 4th in open fences; Brown, 6th in intermediate fences, and Oliverio and Ball 1st and 6th in novice fences. In the flat competition, Freeman and Baron finished 4th and 6th in open, Burke and Brown 2nd and 4th in intermediate and Oliverio, Ball and Katy Ryan, 1st, 4th and 6th in novice. In walk-trotcantor, LaSota took 3rd, with Croall and Marta Ascadi earning 4th in separate classes.

Ultimate Frisbee

The men's and women's ultimate frisbee squads competed at St. Olaf's Annual exit 69 Tournament at the National Sports Complex in Blaine, Minn. last weekend. The men's field of 29 teams was highlighted by the presence of three national powers — Colorado, Carleton and the reigning national champions, Wisconsin.

The Irish entered Pool Play ranked fourth in their pool, and proceeded to sweep St. Olaf, 13-8, Northwestern, 13-7 and a stunning 13-10 win over Carleton. The Irish then defeated Steven's Point 13-11 in the Prequarters, the University of Chicago 13-5 in the quarterfinals and Madison X in the semifinals 13-10. In the finals, the Irish fell to the other Wisconsin squad, Madison Y, by a final count of 13-5.

Stanford Hall junior Matthew Sullivan was dominant on defense dominance as he tallied 15 defensive stops over the weekend. Off-campus seniors Sean O'Neill, Tom Bemiller and David Hoffman spearheaded the offense, which peaked in the semifinals as Notre Dame only turned the disc over once on offensive points for a score.

The women's squad also had a fine showing as it placed third in the event. The Irish opened with wins over St. Ben's, 13-2 and Macalester, 10-7, before dropping a game to Train Wreck, 13-5. In the quarterfinals, the Irish defeated the Madison club, Hufflepuff, 10-7, before dropping the semifinals to powerhouse Carleton, 13-1.

Senior co-captain Naomi Cordell and classmate Katie Twidwell sparked the team on offense and defense. Saint Mary's sophomore Amanda Schramm was outstanding in making the transition to the handler position. Freshman Rachel Meeks caught several scores in her first outing.

"The team stepped up the level of intensity and pulled out some close matches," co-captain Jill Daugherty said. "We are starting to gel offensively and gain a lot of confidence"

Sailing

Twenty sailors from the Notre Dame sailing club competed in three regattas last weekend in a flurry of activity. Seth O'Donnell, Katie Bush, Dave Harmon, Liz Shelleby, Kate Kennedy and Kathy Monticello competed in Indianapolis in IUPUI's Last Call Regatta. Kennedy and Monticello placed second in the B division, while O'Donnell and Bush sailed very well in the A division.

Katie Roney, Meghann Finerghty, Erin Elser, Ralph Pantony, Katie Brandes, Dan Ryan and Mike Stephens sailed in the Cary-Price Memorial Intersectional hosted by the University of Michigan. Saturday was cold and windy with some very exciting racing. Stephens and Elser raced in the A division, with Roney and Finerghty in the B division. As racing conditions changed through the day, Brandes crewed in the A division with Ryan and Roney later sailing in the B's. Pantony skippered with Finerghty as crew on Sunday in the B division. The Irish placed seventh overall with Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan claiming the top three spots for the Big 10, followed by Cornell, Ohio, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Miami (Ohio).

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first controlled by St. Ed's with Sorin only having one possession the entire first half. St. Ed's put together a few long drives only to come up empty in the red zone.

Sorin's game winning touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Colin O'Keefe to wide receiver Tom Doar.

"Tom made a great adjustment on the play and was able to bring it into the end zone," O'Keefe said.

Sorin's defense was able to

hold on to the lead with an interception by cornerback Chris that Paley clinched game.

The dominating force in the game was St. Ed's running game that looked unstoppable as it pounded away at Sorin's

defense all day. St. Ed's went to its ground game on 24 plays and had two separate 70-yard drives in the first

Each time St. Ed's threatened however, Sorin's defense rallied, forcing an interception to end the first drive and making a goal line stand on the second.

Sorin's offense didn't see much time on the field throughout the game but then again most of the team was playing on both sides of the ball. Call it bad luck or just strange coincidence, but a large group of Sorin's starters weren't at the game.

"We had three of our best players hurt today," O'Keefe said. "We even were missing one guy who got stuck in traffic on the way back from Chicago.'

To make things worse for Sorin, St. Ed's consistent rushing attack looked like it would wear down their undermanned team.

"They ran the ball all over us in the first half but I think they got just as tired as we did," O'Keefe said. "We don't do a whole lot of conditioning during the week but somehow we stayed tough during the second half."

The turning point in the game occurred at the end of the first half when St. Ed's failed to score after getting the ball first and goal at the 3. Sorin's defense held on three plays in a row and time ran out in the half before St. Ed's could get off a final play.

Sorin's victory in their last regular season game puts them at 2-2. St.Ed's record now stands at 1-1-1 with one game left to play. The playoff situation for both teams will be decided by the games on Wednesday.

Zahm 10, Fisher 7

With the right players, in the right place, at the right time, the Zahmbies played a skillful game to a victorious end. Zahm won by a field goal this past Sunday, defeating Fisher 10-7, to put Zahm in possible contention for a playoff spot.

"We had outstanding play from people who know how to play football," Zahm captain Mike Maimone said. "These guys stepped up and gave it everything they had."

The win brings Zahm's record to 2-2 and closes its regular season play but puts the Green Wave back to a trailing 1-2 record with one game left against St. Ed's Wednesday.

Zahm opened with the ball but quickly lost it on a fumble. The defense didn't back down however, holding the Fisher team behind the firstdown line and forced the Green Wave to punt.

Several long drives by quarterback Casey Cullen started Fisher's second quarter more successfully, but Fisher lost the momentum after a thirddown sack.

The Zahm team energy as a whole exploded on its next

ball possession. Most noticeable was the coordination between brothers Mitch Chad Knapke as they took primary responsibility for moving the ball into scor-

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Colin O'Keefe

Sorin captain

ing territory.
"Our defense stepped up, though we couldn't stop all the runs, but most of all, the offense's passing really game came to life," Zahm coach Joe Washington said.

Zahm completed their touchdown drive with a pass to Mike Russell at the 15 and then Chad Knapke in the end

In the third quarter the Green Wave tried to make up the deficit with Andy Pfiester and Cullen running the ball, but the Zahmbie defense blocked a Fisher field goal attempt to end the quarter.

Both teams were pushing at the end, playing fast but also sometimes clumsily. Zahm failed to make a first down against Fisher's aggressive defensive line, but regained the ball shortly after as the result of a Green Wave fumble.

The offense made huge strides down the field, but then opted for the field goal. Kicker Zach Jara sent the ball through successfully for what turned about to be the gamewinner.

With just five minutes left on the clock, a revived Fisher offense then surprised its opponents with a rapid touchdown and extra-point comple-

Zahm scrambled increase its lead but couldn't gain the needed yards. Fisher looked to try for a second touchdown in the last seconds but an interception by Zahm's Luke Dillon sealed the game for a Zahmbie triumph.

"We lacked the intensity ... and once we had it at the end it came about because we had our backs to the wall, but it was too late," Fisher captain Tom Gorman said.

After hopes of matching last season's opening loss turnaround with another three game winning streak, Fisher was surprised and dissatisfied by the outcome of the game.

"We're disappointed we didn't play at the level we should have," Gorman said. "As for next week, we're just looking to play better than we did and have some fun."

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Keenan, Morrissey tie 12-12

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Sports Writer

A closely played game ended anticlimactically Sunday afternoon, as the Keenan Knights tied the Morrissey Manorites 12-12.

'We definitely didn't play as well as we should have," Morrissey quarterback Marty Mooney said. "We came out flat — this was a game we needed to

Keenan appeared to be the superior team in the first quarter, scoring two easy touchdowns. Although the first drive of the game resulted in a punt to Morrissey, Keenan's Mark Munninghoff intercepted the ball for a 35-yard run that put the Knights first and goal on the Manor's 5.

Quarterback Patrick Downey found Reed Langton on the goal line for a touchdown by inches. Morrissey fought back to block the extra-point kick attempt.

Langton would come through for the Knights again on the next Morrissey drive, blocking the punt and running it back for a touchdown. The extra point again fell short, as the Knights faked a kick and Downey's pass to the end zone was high.

The Knights would not be in dangerous scoring territory again. Keenan started the second quarter with the ball on its own 13-yard line, then dropped six yards as the Manor defensive line forced a fumble. The punt on fourth and nine was blocked by Morrissey's Joe Dugan, who ran the ball back for the touchdown.

In the second half, Mooney completed a twenty-yard pass to Dave Purcell for a touchdown.

The extra-point was blocked, leaving the score at 12-12.

Although the Manorites would put together several drives for the rest of the game, they would not be in close scoring range again.

Keenan kept the defensive pressure on, as Brian Long sacked Mooney on his own 48yard line for a loss of eight yards and Langton almost intercepted the next pass.

Langton would later sack Mooney and end Morrissey's offense for the game.

However, Downey was unable to complete the long pass as time

Alumni 27, Keough 0

Thanks to Alumni senior cornerback/wide receiver Cory Harkins three touchdowns and Alumni's dominate defense, Keough (0-3) left the field Sunday defeated and scoreless, losing to Alumni 27-0.

Keough's first possession ended quickly with an interception by Harkins. Alumni senior quarterback Chris Cottingham completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Harkins during Alumni's third possession to put the Dawgs on the board.

After a touchdown pass from Cottingham to Chris Seponski and a field goal, Cottingham launched a 45-yard pass to a wide-open Harkins for another touchdown. Harkins scored Alumni's final touchdown off an interception and a 60-yard run by Harkins.

"I feel I played well and I think our team did great," Harkins said "This was a must win for the playoffs."

This win was especially exciting for Alumni (2-2). The team lost its last two games and was playing without six players due to injuries.

"I think our defense leads the team, but finally our offense did what they had to and stepped it up," Seponski said. "By the end of the game, both sides of the ball were playing up to their poten-

Dillon 42, Stanford 0

Dillon cruised by Stanford Sunday 42-0 behind a potent offensive attack and stringent defense that forced three inter-

The Big Red had six offensive touchdowns, as Stanford was unable to defend against Dillon's dominant running game. The Griffins also struggled to move the football throughout the game.

Dillon's defense stopped Stanford at every turn. Ed Lira grabbed two picks for the Big Red, with Robert McBride adding another interception.

The defense positioned the ball well, providing scoring opportunities on which the offense never failed to capitalize.

Robert McBride, Ray Dennis, Dan Block and Ben Butwin all scored for Dillon, while Kevin McCarthy's had two more touchdowns in the incredible victory.

Stanford seemed more focused on having a good time this season than on winning the league. This Sunday's contest was their last game, and although they lost, the Griffins remained upbeat.

"I think we're definitely the best 0-4 team out there," said tackle Matt Goulet.

scoreless, the Although Stanford players never lost their spirit throughout the game, ardently supporting their team from the sideline.

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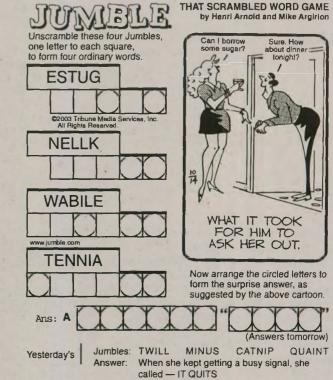
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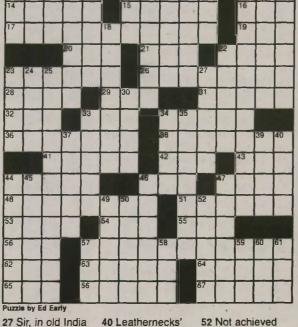
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FOOTBALL

Something to build on

Victory at Pittsbrugh could be just what Irish need to get back on track

By JOE HETTLER Sports Editor

It might have only been one victory, but Saturday's dominating performance on the road against Pittsburgh could be the turning point for the Irish this season.

After barely squeaking out a win over Washington State in its first game, Notre Dame dropped three straight games and fell to a measly 1-3.

But Saturday may have turned the tides.

"This game gave us a great deal of confidence," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said.

The Irish defense completely shut down the Pittsburgh offense, holding them to only 175 total yards and the offense gained 352 yards on the ground — the most by a Notre Dame team since 1999.

"We've just never given up since the first week," offensive lineman Jim Molinaro said. "We've just kept moving forward. We knew we had to keep making progress and really build on what we accomplished [Saturday]."

The bye week may have been the biggest factor in helping Notre Dame make such vast improvements. The week off gave the coaches a chance to move people around, like inserting freshman Ryan Harris into the right tackle spot and moving Dan Stevenson

to right guard. The move paid off as the Irish had a successful rushing attack.

"I think everyone really kept their focus during the bye week," Molinaro said. "It's been really important not to listen to any outside voices. It's going to come. If we keep working hard it will come our way."

Heading into the Pittsburgh game, arguably the weakest part of the team was the running game. But that unit can now build on the record-breaking rushing performance of Julius Jones and the dominating way it played on the final drive, when

the Irish ran off the last nine minutes of the game. That momentum could stay with Notre Dame when it takes on No. 5 USC next weekend at home.

"We had confidence in each other," offensive lineman Bob Morton said, talking about the running backs and offensive lineman. "Sometimes you bicker back and forth. But this

time we just said, 'If there's a hole, hit it, if there's not a hole, make one.'

The Irish must now look ahead to the Trojans, Boston College on the road and then a home game against Florida State. If Notre Dame can find a way to get through that stretch, they will have a good chance of finishing the season on a strong note, with games against Navy, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse to end the year.

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Notre Dame's Julius Jones tries to break several tackles against Pittsburgh Saturday. The Irish want to use their momentum from the win for next week.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Knott destroys Carroll 19-0

"If there's a hole,

hit, if there's not a

hole, make one."

Bob Morton

Irish center

By ANN LOUGHERY, STEVE COYER and RACHEL SCHIROS

Sports Writers

The two teams couldn't have been more different.

The Carroll Vermin (1-2) suffered the most severe loss of their season 19-0 Sunday to the Knott Juggerknotts (2-1-1). Knott captain Drew Donovan described the win as "the best we've played all year." Donovan also believes Sunday's win will propel them to the playoffs after fall break.

Knott scored early in the first quarter after senior Mike Pykosz caught a 20-yard pass from quarterback Ben Gilfillan. Kicker Eric Wooldridge sent the ball through the uprights for the extra point to put the Juggs in the lead 7-0.

"That really got us going,"
Donovan said of the touchdown. "From then on, we really couldn't do anything
wrong."

On the following play, a penalty hindered the Vermin's offensive drive and ended the quarter. Several other penalties throughout the game limited Carroll's opportunities for secring.

scoring.

The Vermin began the second quarter in possession of the ball but soon relinquished it to the Juggs after a fourth down bungled punt attempt. Knott running back John Bisanz gained 15 yards rushing on the next two plays before the Juggs turned the ball over to the Vermin.

Sophomore Alex Fergus soon intercepted a pass from Carroll quarterback Kory Wilmot to regain possession. Pykosz ran for 10 yards to put Knott 20 yards away from the end zone.

After catching a five-yard pass from Gilfillan, Knott wide receiver Mike Peters ran for 10 yards into the end zone. Senior Dustin Beauchamp countered the offensive drive by blocking the Juggs' attempt for the extra point.

Peters was additionally

responsible for another touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Donovan cited Peters as a player that realized his potential during the game.

"We really have to get him on the field as much as possible," Donovan said.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Vermin got their offense going. In the final minutes of the game, Wilmot rushed for 10 yards and passed for 15 to Butz and sophomore Dan Berkhout.

"We abandoned our game plan early and never really got back on track until the fourth quarter," Butz said of the late offensive drive. "We lost as a team today."

Carroll will face Siegfried Wednesday.

Sorin 6, St. Ed's 0

Usually there's strength in numbers but Sorin proved an exception to that saying as its 15 man squad pulled out a 6-0 victory Sunday over St.Ed's.

The pace of the game was at

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SMC GOLF

Belles enjoy second straight MIAA title

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Even after a tough first nine holes, the Saint Mary's golf team didn't lose confidence or the conference title.

The Belles used consistent team play in the final 27 holes to fend off Albion by six strokes. Saint Mary's also won the overall standings for the season with a team average of 341 strokes per match. It was the second straight season the Belles dominated the MIAA conference.

"We knew what we had to do," coach Mark Hamilton said. "We played consistent and we had the most consistent scores. There were no days really low, but no days really high either."

After day one the Belles shot 342, good enough for a seven stroke lead over Albion. Hope, Saint Mary's stiffest competi-

tion all season, struggled to a 363. That high score all but locked up the overall season title for the Belles. So the team focused on putting away Albion on day two of the tournament.

"We weren't so much focused on Hope as we were on Albion," Hamilton said. "But [Hope's] high score did take some of the pressure off."

Stefanie Simmerman, the defending Division III national champion, finished the tournament in fifth — tied with teammate Julie Adams. Both had scores of 165. Simmerman also tied for co-medalist honors for the entire fall season with a 82.8 average. Adams was only one stroke away from tying her teammate, as she ended the fall averaging an impressive 83 strokes per round.

The championship is also positive for the entire Saint Mary's community. The Belles

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The Belles record their fifth shutout of the sea-

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