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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders mull changes in student government

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives moved closer to changing the structure of the Student Union during their meeting Monday, as student leaders heard three proposals to reorganize student government.

Members held informal roundtable discussions for the last two Sundays to discuss the details of the proposals, which have been in the planning stages for several weeks.

"We need to have some kind of framework to look at," student body president Pat Hallahan said.

The plan that generated the most support would split most student government organizations into three councils: programming, policy and residential. The Student Union would still be headed by the student body president, but an additional vice-presidency would be added.

One vice president would chair the programming council, which would facilitate coordination and communication among the Club Coordination Council, the Student Union Board and the class councils. SUB itself would be restructured to include representatives from each residence hall on campus.

The other vice president would chair the policy council, composed of representatives from the Office of the Student Body President and the Student Senate. The residential council would include the presidents of all 27 residence halls, in addition to off-campus presidents. Under the proposal, the South Bend area would be divided into several off-campus regions, each led by a regional president.

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'The Shirt' organizers look for new president

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

"The Shirt" for the 2003 football season is displayed for sale at the bookstore.

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

As the 2003 football season draws to a close, Student Activities and "The Shirt" organizers are beginning their search for a new project president and are continuing a contest for original and creative designs that began earlier this month.

Dave Brenner, president of the 2003 "The Shirt" project, was very pleased with this year's support of the shirt.

"It was fantastic. It was awesome to see the strong support from the students because the project is for them," Brenner said.

Brenner, a Dillon junior, is looking for a president to replace him next year. Student Activities and Brenner are interviewing a dozen applicants, the highest number of applicants in the project's history.

"There will be a strong president and hopefully a great shirt design when this contest is finished. ... When you have those two elements, it's easy to produce a good shirt and have a successful season," Brenner said.

The new president of the shirt will begin his or her term after the Thanksgiving holiday.

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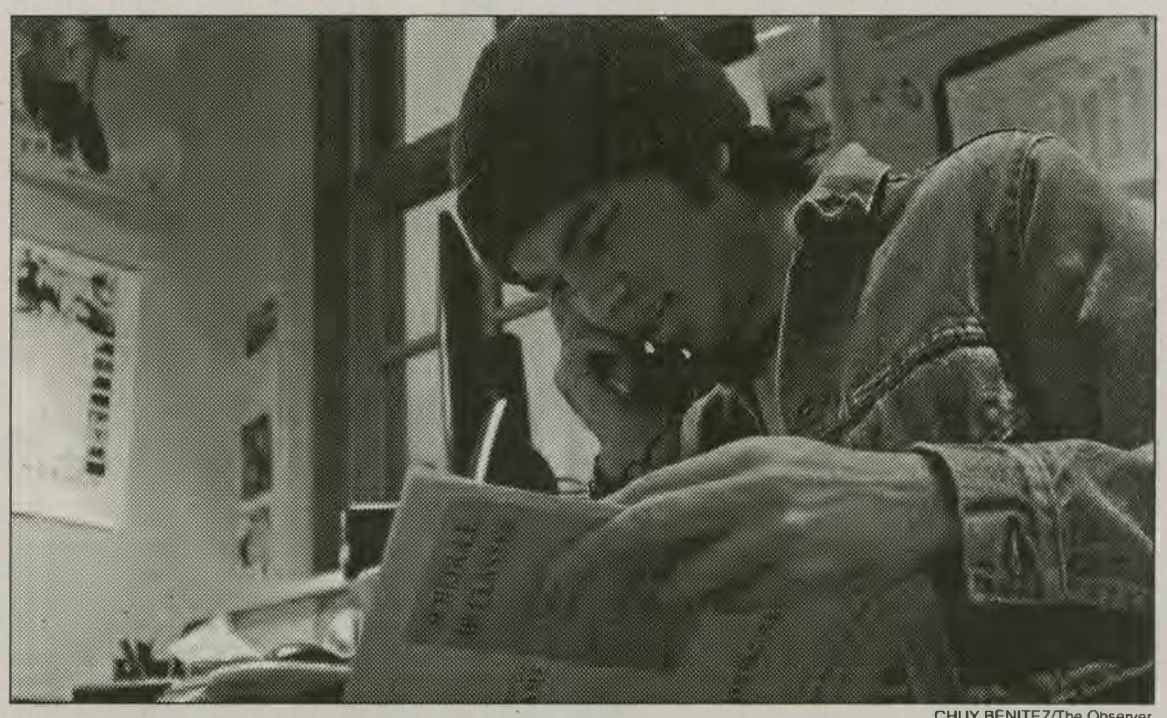
Registration causes concerns

English classes limited for spring semester



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Dan McSwain, a junior English major, calls the English department after he was unable to register for classes that he needed next semseter.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

While students across campus struggle to compile schedules and balance classes for spring semester, sophomore English majors looking to get a head start on their electives are discovering that they may have to wait until next year.

Due to the combination of increased upperclassman demand for courses and an unusually high faculty departure rate for spring 2004, most 400-level and select 300-level English courses previously available to sophomores were closed before sophomore registration began, said English department chair Stephen Fredman.

"The practice of holding separate slots for sophomores is actually a very recent development," Fredman said. "There has been an excess of openings in the last few years, but the figures fluctuate year to year and semester to semester. ... There is nothing that would allow you to anticipate [the increased interest]."

Fredman also attributed the narrow availability of higher-level courses to the departure of 17 faculty members next semester. "We have lots of faculty who will be absent next semester for a variety of reasons," he said, citing leaves of absence, fellowships, retirement and career changes as reasons for the shortage.

Matthew Benedict, undergraduate advisor for the English department, agreed that the faculty circumstances for next semester are

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Malloy discusses teaching, research

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

Notre Dame faculty and University President Father Edward Malloy met Monday to discuss the balance between teaching and research expectations for faculty at Notre Dame.

About 60 professors met in McKenna Hall to participate in the discussion, sponsored by the Kaneb Institute and titled "The Balance Between Research and Teaching at Notre Dame."

As part of the debate, Malloy talked about his own teaching experiences and changes in Notre Dame's academic character under former President Father Theodore Hesburgh and himself.

Malloy teaches an English seminar to first-year undergraduates while also serving as a theology professor. His opening remarks principally focused strategies individual professors could use to balance research, classroom teaching and service, the primary areas considered in the tenure process.

"There is a special emphasis on the relationship between teaching and research," Malloy said.

In his time as University President, Malloy has significantly reduced faculty teaching loads in order to make the University more competitive with its peer institutions. As a result, research expectations for faculty have increased, but Notre Dame still attempts to place a premium on quality undergraduate teaching.

"At different points in a professor's career, he or she may be able to do more in one area or the other, and the University should provide its support to that."

John Gaski
marketing professor

Workshop participants said Notre Dame used a "unitary faculty" system, meaning that no faculty members are devoted solely to teaching or research.

Marketing professor John Gaski questioned the wisdom of a strictly unitary faculty. He said some professors might be well-suited to both research and teaching, but others would be better suited to specialize in one area.

According to Gaski, the University should allow professors to determine their own balance of research and teaching when they are initially hired.

"It needn't even be permanent," he said. "People change, their needs change. At different points in a professor's career, he or she may be able to do more in one area or the other, and the University should provide its support to that."

Engineering professor Steven Skaar said he supported the idea of the unitary faculty but pointed out that, in such a system, just as professors are expected to stay current in their own fields of study with journal articles and conferences, they

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Inside Column

The rest of the story

Matt Mooney

Sports Wire Editor

On Sunday afternoon, the Siegfried Ramblers had every reason to play for themselves. The championship game victory over Dillon marked the Ramblers' third straight stadium appearance and second straight championship. By interhall football standards, that is a dynasty. And everyone knows most players involved in a dynasty begin asking for outrageously selfish perks like parietal exemptions and catered press box lunches. But yesterday afternoon, these men of Siegfried were not just playing for themselves. They were also playing for their Owner.

Raymond Siegfried II attended Notre Dame from 1961 to 1965. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and in 1969 founded a small business with his father called The Nordam Group. Since then, The Nordam Group has done slightly well, now grossing over $1 billion a year.

Yeah, slightly well. Ray and his wife Milann also have five children, many of whom followed in his footsteps to Our Lady's University. Yet despite all his individual success, Ray still remains intimately affiliated with the University, sitting on the Board of Trustees and donating generous sums of money. One such donation resulted in the construction of a dorm just north of the library. You don't need to play 20 Questions to figure out which one.

Sunday afternoon, the Ray Siegfried Ramblers played in the House that Rockne built with the sleeves of their maroon jerseys adorned with the initials RHS. You see, last year Ray was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. For the uninformed, you can't cure this disease with flu shots in the library. You can't cure it with anything. ALS gradually kills off the nerve cells that control muscle function. During this process, the victim's mind remains sharp as a tack, only able to watch as one limb after another becomes useless and limp. The disease is terminal.

For the past two years, Ray has been a fixture on the Rambler sidelines, and the players affectionately dubbed him "The Owner." And this owner treats his players like kings. When the Ramblers clinched a Stadium berth in 2001 and 2002, Ray picked up the check after taking the entire team out to dinner. With the gratitude of escaping North Dining Hall, it's no wonder the team has only lost two games in the last three years.

However, Ray began to make fewer sideline appearances. In about a year's time, ALS had forced him from walking the sidelines to breathing out of a tube. There was no dinner trip this year, but Ray's inspiring email to the team was just as motivational, though less tasty.

It was all they would need. With "Ray" written on his taped wrists, cornerback John Lira helped the Siegfried team follow through with its mission for the season — to Repeat for Ray. With all due respect to the Gipper, this one was for the Owner.

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Corrections

The Nov. 14 Scene article "Chamber Orchestra and Chorale open season' incorrectly mentioned "the seal of the Brothers of the Holy Cross." The sentence should have stated "the seal of the University of Notre Dame."

Question of the Day: *Do you think professors should put more emphasis on research?*

Matt Burke
junior
Siegfried

"No, because I won't see any direct benefit that I would get from the research."

James Lieto
sophomore
Siegfried

"If the research involves finding a way to give out more basketball tickets — yes."

Brendan Hughes
senior
off-campus

"They should start research on creating a campus monorail."

Susan Longabaker
senior
McGlinn

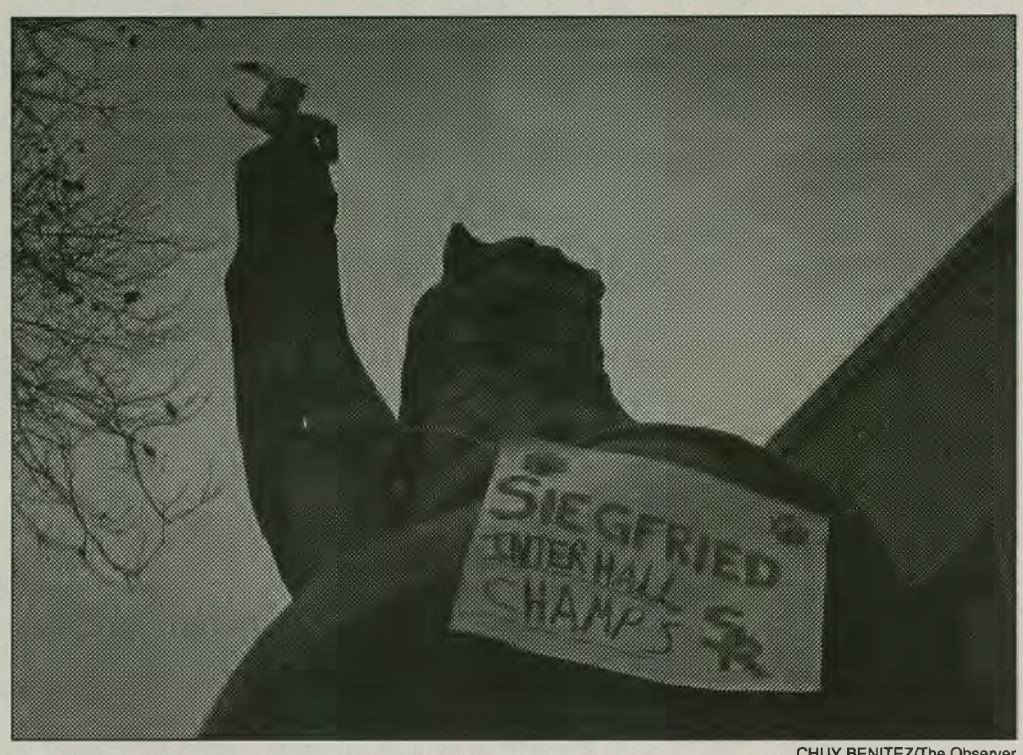
"Research is important but not the at the expense of teaching."

Jason Laws
freshman
Fisher

"If they start studying sleep deprivation research, I'd be the first to volunteer."

Pepe Rodrulguez
junior
off-campus

"I don't see how it would help, harm or make any difference at all."



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Residents of Siegfried Hall celebrate their 13-0 victory over Dillon Hall Sunday in the men's interhall football championship by hanging a poster on "We're No. 1" Moses.

Offbeat

Britney tells BBC she's a role model

LONDON — Britney Spears insists she is a role model for young girls despite recent revealing magazine covers and her new album with sexually explicit lyrics, the British Broadcasting Corp. said Sunday.

In a radio interview to be broadcast Monday, the 21-year-old pop star said parents should not be worried if their children want to copy her.

"I probably have more older fans than the younger ones, but I think the reason why everyone talks about the younger fans so much is because the parents are concerned," Spears was quoted as saying. "And in the end they shouldn't be concerned because they should trust their kids and believe in their kids."

Students compete for pillow fight record

CORVALLIS, Oregon — Knocking the stuffing out of each other may also set a record if Oregon State University students are recognized for what they hope was the largest pillow fight in history.

Unofficially, 766 people showed up at Oregon State on Friday to take part in the jumbo pillow fight in hopes of topping the Guinness Book of Records mark set by 645 people who staged a mass pillow brawl in Garnett, Kan., last June.

"It's awesome to see part of OSU's community come down and do this," said Lige Armstrong, a 21-year-old liberal studies major from Hawaii who organized the event as part of a class project.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

New York Times columnist **David Brooks** will speak about **"Extremism and the Defense of Politics: The Landscape for 2004"** today from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

Attend the **Irish Inquisition** in the South Dining Hall Oak Room, taking place tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.

Steve Odland, the CEO of AutoZone, will present a lecture on **"The Foundation of Corporate Governance"** as part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series, today from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The **Canadian-Inuit international film "Atanrjuat"** will be showing today from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre.

Come play **Indoor Soccer** from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. today at Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

The Tennessee Williams play **"The Glass Menagerie"** opens Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Information desk.

Film, Television and Theatre **professor Jill Godmillow** will present "My Life as a Cat" as part of the **Last Lecture Series**, today from 8 to 9 p.m. in Siegfried Hall.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	60	41	47	53	60	55
LOW	38	38	38	43	45	40

Atlanta 70 / 52 **Boston** 50 / 45 **Chicago** 56 / 41 **Denver** 53 / 34 **Houston** 74 / 46 **Los Angeles** 77 / 53 **Minneapolis** 45 / 31
New York 54 / 51 **Philadelphia** 58 / 54 **Phoenix** 70 / 51 **Seattle** 52 / 46 **St. Louis** 56 / 40 **Tampa** 84 / 69 **Washington** 60 / 52

SMC students travel to Washington conference

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Sixteen of Professor Claude Renshaw's students went to Washington D.C. last Wednesday for a five-day trip highlighted by the Annual Tax Conference and sponsored by the Tax Foundation.

"The conference gave the students the opportunity to see how taxes work," Renshaw said. "It allowed them to see what we have learned in class put into action."

The conference focused on presentations from representatives in various branches of the government, and included Treasury Secretary John Snow.

"It was really exciting to see the students getting into it," Renshaw said. "I think they got a lot out of it, and it was a reinforcement of applications I had talked about in class."

Saint Mary's students has been invited previously to this conference, but this trip marked the first time they were able to attend.

Through funding from the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Saint Mary's Board of Governance, the Tax Foundation and independent fundraisers, the trip cost each student less than $200.

"When I estimated the original budget, it was supposed to be hundreds of dollars to attend," Renshaw said. "But this was a really energetic group. They wrote up grants for BOG and CWIL themselves and set up the fundraisers on their own. I think that really said something about this group."

In addition to attending the conference, the group also took tours of the U.S. Treasury building, the Capitol building and the White House and met with Saint Mary's alumnae who live in Washington, D.C.

"It was great to meet with the alumnae," said junior Michelle Cooper. "It was nice to be able to discuss with them what they are now doing with their Saint Mary's degrees."

During free time, the students, along with Renshaw and his wife, Mary, went on a walking tour of the monuments and attended a play.

To fundraise, students put up signs around campus to rent themselves out as accountants.

"For $10 professors or students could rent a student to do odd jobs like balance checkbooks or do yard work," junior Tricia Michalak said. "The fundraiser helped out in addition to the grants we had already received."

Overall, the students said the conference was beneficial to their futures.

"I was able to learn more about politics, tax policy and procedures," junior Risa Zander said. "Tax policies affect our lives more than we think, and now I feel like I know quite a bit more."

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University receives science grant

Special to The Observer

The National Science Foundation has awarded $10 million to Notre Dame, Michigan State University and the University of Chicago to establish a Physics Frontier Center for Nuclear Astrophysics.

Known as JINA, the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics, the center is a collaborative effort of the three universities. Michael Wiescher, a Notre Dame nuclear astrophysicist and last year's winner of the prestigious Bethe Prize of the American Physical Society, will serve as JINA's first director.

According to Wiescher, the five-year NSF grant is intended to foster an interdisciplinary approach to nuclear astrophysics that seeks to coordinate efforts between the astrophysics and nuclear physics communities, as well as those between experimentalists, theorists and observers. The $10-million grant to JINA comes at a time when new generations of particle accelerators are being built or proposed that will recreate stellar nuclear processes in the laboratory and new earth- and space-based telescopes are leading to astronomical observations that trace past and present nucleosynthesis processes in the cosmos.

The scientific goal of JINA is to study the broad range of nuclear processes in the universe that control stellar evolution, trigger supernova events, and lead to thermonuclear explosions observed as novae, X-ray and Y-ray bursts. Research at JINA also will involve investigators from the University of California at Santa Cruz, the University of California-Santa Barbara and the University of Arizona to address the broad range of computational problems in realistic modeling of nucleosynthesis in stars and stellar explosions.

"Simulating nuclear processes within supernovae and in the outer atmospheres of accreting neutron stars is complex and formidable," Wiescher said. "We will need the computational techniques presently being developed at the University of Chicago and Notre Dame to design models that will enable us to simulate realistically the nucleosynthesis in stars and stellar explosions such as supernovae."

JINA researchers also will focus on exotic nuclear explosions that occur on the surfaces of compact stellar objects, such as white dwarfs or even neutron stars, that collect matter from a nearby binary companion star.

"We now have observatories in orbit that obtain detailed measurements of X-ray emission from such compact objects, but we lack the knowledge of the underlying exotic nuclear physics necessary to effectively use these observations as unique laboratories for the study of the behavior of matter under extreme conditions," said Hendrik Schatz, a nuclear astrophysicist at Michigan State and head of one of JINA's main research components.

The University of Chicago's James Truran, a JINA co-investigator, will lead these theoretical efforts to provide a better understanding of the astronomical environments - massive stars, supernovae explosions, X-ray bursts and novae, in which the nuclear processes are understood to operate.

"Multidimensional computer simulations of astrophysical explosions are now providing more realistic estimates of the extreme conditions of temperature and density under which heavy elements are formed in stars and supernovae," Truran said.

The experimental simulation of nuclear processes at stellar conditions will be performed at accelerator facilities at Notre Dame, Michigan State and the Argonne National Laboratory.

It requires new experimental techniques for accelerating radioactive isotopes for measuring processes that in nature take place only at the extreme conditions of supernovae explosions, or performing experiments thousands of feet underground to reduce the background noise of cosmic bombardment.

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Happenings

November 18, 2003 centerforsocialconerns.nd.edu

Volunteers & Tutors Needed

Elderly

Crafters are needed to do arts and crafts with Alzheimer patients at the Cardinal Nursing Center which is across from Lafayette Square. Contact Linda Dehayes at 287-6501.

Tutors/Mentors

A male mentor for a 13 year old boy is needed. It would only require a few hours one or two times a month. Contact Debra Stump at 269-687-9754 (local call).

A woman who wants to take the GED is in need of tutors in math and spelling. She is available before 10:30am and after 7:45pm any day of the week at her house. Contact Cassandra Robinson at 251-0325 or 232-8808 between 11am-7pm (press zero and ask for the kitchen).

One Time Opportunities

Students to help run Catholic prayer services at the South Bend Juvenile Correction Facility are needed. The services would be on Saturday mornings. Contact Fr. Tom McNally at 631-7431.

Movers are needed to help a woman move her mother's furniture. She is available from Nov 22-Nov 30. Contact Denise LaPointe at work 1-800-621-0144 ext 3094 or pinkshadowdancer@yahoo.com.

People to rake leaves are needed to help an elderly man with a large yard. He has the rakes and bags, and leaves could be raked either on a Wednesday or Friday. Contact Alex LaBanco at 256-9806.

Learn More about the Haiti Experiential Seminar

An information session will be held to discuss the Haiti Experiencial Seminar.

Tuesday, November 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

118 DeBartolo Hall

Open to undergraduates from all disciplines, this seminar involves a small group of students working with the local population on the technical aspects of hand-pumps and drinking-water wells. The seminar goes well beyond the technical, however, by delving into the social, political and religious aspects of life in Haiti.

You will travel to Haiti for approximately 7-10 days over spring break and will work directly with the Haitien population in repairing wells, guiding advanced training, and discussing new options for expansion of this program into new areas of Haiti.

All expenses are paid through a generous gift of a local family.

For more information, nd.edu/~silliman/Development/haiti/student.html

Email: Dr. Stephen Silliman at silliman.1@nd.edu

THEO 273 Vocation & Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition Course Offered

This three credit course will invite students to consider the meaning of vocation in relation to the social mission of the church.

Beginning with a theological understanding of the significance of vocation and charisms, this course will provide a narrative-based exploration of the vocational journey of prominent figures in the Catholic social tradition.

Using the method of service-learning, this course will invite students to develop an awareness of their social justice commitments in light of their own sense of vocation.

Students are required to be involved in weekly service in the community. To sign up, come to the Center for Social Concerns to fill out the application form. Direct questions to Andrea Smith Shappell at shappell.1@nd.edu.

Events and Programs

Summer Service Project Internship Information Session
An information session will be held on November 20 from 6:30 pm at the Center for Social Concerns. Two students who have participated in the program will tell about their experiences.

This is an eight week summer volunteer program where room and board is provided free of charge. You will receive a $2,000 tuition scholarship and 3 elective credit in Theology.

Community Development Presentations to be Held

Join Patricia Watkins Murphy and James V. Cunningham for two upcoming presentation.

"Organizing for Community Controlled Development: Renewing Civil Society." A conversation with community citizens, leaders, and organizers

Nov. 20 at 6:00 pm (Refreshments Served at the Robinson Community Learning Center, 921 North Eddy Street, South Bend

"Organizing for Economic Development at the Small Community Level."

When: Friday, Nov. 21 at Noon (Refreshments Served)

Where: Center for Social Concerns

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Student body president Pat Hallahan discusses proposed changes to student government at Monday's Council of Representatives meeting.

Council

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The Financial Management Board and the Judicial Council would remain autonomous units, reflecting their greater need for impartiality. CCC president Seth O'Donnell said that the CCC should also be a separate group, citing its duties to allocate student activities funds. "It's important that we keep CCC independent. It has a huge financial responsibility toward the clubs," he said.

The Council of Representatives would be retained, though its membership would change. Both vice presidents would have seats on the Council, along with the head of the residential council and representatives from the class councils, the CCC, the FMB and the Judicial Council.

Sarah Keefer, co-chair of the Hall Presidents Council, said significant changes are necessary to allow for high-quality programming and effective policymaking.

"On the dorm level, there's not a lot of communication between the programming and policy sides," she said.

Not all members were as optimistic about the new proposal, however. Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said the mix of elected and appointed officials might create conflicts. "My main concern is that this is not a truly representative government," Lao said.

In other Council of Representatives news:

◆ Hallahan drew names from a hat to select the Council's ethics committee, which was established last week and will enforce attendance and ethics rules. James Leito, Seth O'Donnell, Sarah Blake, Jason Laws and Sarah Keefer were chosen.

"[It's] something we hope we won't have to use, but it's something we need to have," Hallahan said.

◆ The Council unanimously rejected an appeal for funds from the Asian-American Association. The AAA requested money to help finance this weekend's Asian Allure event. The CCC recommended awarding no funding since the event is expected to be highly profitable.

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English

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exceptional.

"It's just a strange situation with 17 people leaving," he said. "We're fortunate that we have what we have."

Although most 400-level classes were closed after junior and senior registration, Fredman stressed that sophomores were in no danger of missing out on requirements.

He said the English department structures their courses according to a yearly plan that puts all students on track to earn a degree.

"The traditions courses, methods courses and surveys that are intended for sophomores are still completely open," he said. "[The unavailability of electives to sophomores] helps reinforce the design that's already there ... Our department is not rigid, and we don't force the prerequisite situation, but the whole purpose of a traditions course is to tell you what's out there — they are not intended to be roadblocks, but to be stepping stones to get you where you need to be before choosing your electives."

Fredman said sophomores in the major who narrowed their choices to specific electives too quickly were not taking full advantage of the department's diversity.

"The [elective] courses everyone thinks are most popular are the ones that everyone has heard about," he said. "The traditions course exposes you to your own interest and leads you in the direction you care about."

He added that students who stray too far from the yearly track often make fair instruction more difficult for professors.

"It's frustrating for faculty to direct courses meant for sophomores when seniors [who took their electives before the required traditions and methods classes] jump back in," he said. "The students get frustrated, as well, because they're learning material that's not on a level they're excited about."

English professor and Keough Institute director Christopher Fox said he sympathized with students who didn't expect to find certain classes closed so early, but added that the department was still making efforts to accommodate their needs.

"I am very sorry to hear that students are having trouble," Fox said. "But I do think this is a temporary anomaly."

Fox said that some of his colleagues discussed offering classes in future years strictly for sophomores, and that at least one 300-level class is currently available for first year students.

Sophomore English majors expressed mixed reactions to registration difficulties.

"It's not so much about fulfilling the requirements, but about taking classes that I'll actually enjoy," Valerie Ralph said.

Laura MacLean said she was not worried about fitting in the necessary courses because she plans to study abroad but believed the increased competition facing her peers was a result of the growing popularity of the major.

"I think the increased attention being paid to student literacy and the intellectual side of academics has raised the desire to get into English," MacLean said.

English is not the only major at the University that has seen a recent upswing. The Department of Anthropology has quadrupled in the past five years, said professor Karen Richman.

"In a way, you're a victim of your own success," Richman said. "If you become a popular major, your classes will become larger and the quality goes down."

Richman also said that, despite an expanding faculty, most upper-level courses in the Anthropology department were already closed after senior registration.

"We've added 17 people [in recent years]," she said. "We keep hiring more people, but we have just a tremendous demand for classes."

While this demand does not seem likely to die down for either English or anthropology majors, Fredman said he felt confident that registration conditions did not pose a permanent problem for sophomores.

"We have to react to the trends," he said. "But our first responsibility is to save slots for the seniors who need the electives to graduate ... In a way it's better for sophomores to be directed into these first [traditions and methods] courses before wandering into electives."

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JPW Invitations and Ticket Applications were mailed last week to the parents of the entire Class of 2005, and all Seniors who studied abroad last semester.

If your invited guests do not receive an invitation this week,

you can download the ticket application from the JPW website:

www.nd.edu/~jpw

or stop by the Student Activities Office at 315 Lafortune to pick up an invitation and application!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italian coalition leader quits post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Italian member of the U.S.-led coalition has resigned, accusing the Bush administration of inefficiency and failing to understand Iraq. In Tikrit, U.S. forces killed six alleged insurgents as they pressed their search Monday for a former Saddam deputy believed to be orchestrating attacks on Americans.

Before quitting, Marco Calamai, a special counselor of the Coalition Provisional Authority in the southern province of Dhi Qar, criticized L. Paul Bremer's administration for its handling of Iraq.

Cops clash with Greek rioters

ATHENS, Greece — Riot squads fired tear gas to disperse groups of protesters throwing gasoline bombs and rocks at police guarding the U.S. Embassy as thousands marched Monday.

Authorities said about 40 people were detained during the rally held to mark the anniversary of a student-led uprising in 1973.

Clashes also broke out in the northern port city of Thessaloniki, where police used tear gas against protesters hurling gasoline bombs.

Investigators probe Turkey blasts

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A brief, blurry image of a pickup driver's face, taken before a security camera went dead. A bit of flesh stuck to a steering wheel. Apparent connections between Turks and underground Islamic groups.

Investigators scrutinized these and other clues Monday to determine if al-Qaida was behind the near-simultaneous suicide truck bombings at two Istanbul synagogues Saturday that killed 22 worshippers and passers-by and wounded more than 300.

NATIONAL NEWS

AARP endorses GOP drug bill

WASHINGTON — Republicans consulted the politically potent AARP at key moments in negotiations over a Medicare prescription drug bill — and the group responded Monday with the endorsement the GOP and President Bush wanted to counter Democratic critics.

There are 35 million reasons why the AARP is a player in the maneuvering — the number of its members age 50 and above.

AARP chief executive William Novelli told The Associated Press in an interview that his organization would "pull out all the stops" to get the bill passed, including a three-day television campaign timed for the run-up to expected action on the legislation in the House and Senate at the end of the week.

Britney gets star on Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES — Part of Hollywood Boulevard is now "In the Zone" of Britney Spears.

The pop star received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Monday before nearly 2,000 screaming fans.

The event took place one day after her corset-jiggling appearance on the American Music Awards and a day before her latest album, "In the Zone," was set to arrive in stores.

LOCAL NEWS

Student dies in freak bus mishap

INDIANAPOLIS — A 16-year-old student died Monday when he was apparently struck by a low-hanging tree limb as he stuck his head out a school bus window, police said.

The student, whose name was not immediately released by police, died about 7 a.m. while on the bus headed to Perry Meridian High School.

Marion County sheriff's Lt. Phil Burton said the teen apparently was sticking his head out the window of the bus when he was struck by a tree limb while traveling on the city's south side.

D.C. sniper convicted of murder

Muhammad found guilty after six hours of deliberation, could face execution

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — In a verdict that could cost him his life, a stone-faced John Allen Muhammad was convicted Monday of using a high-powered rifle, a beat-up car and a teenage sidekick to murder people at random and terrorize the Washington area during last year's sniper attacks.

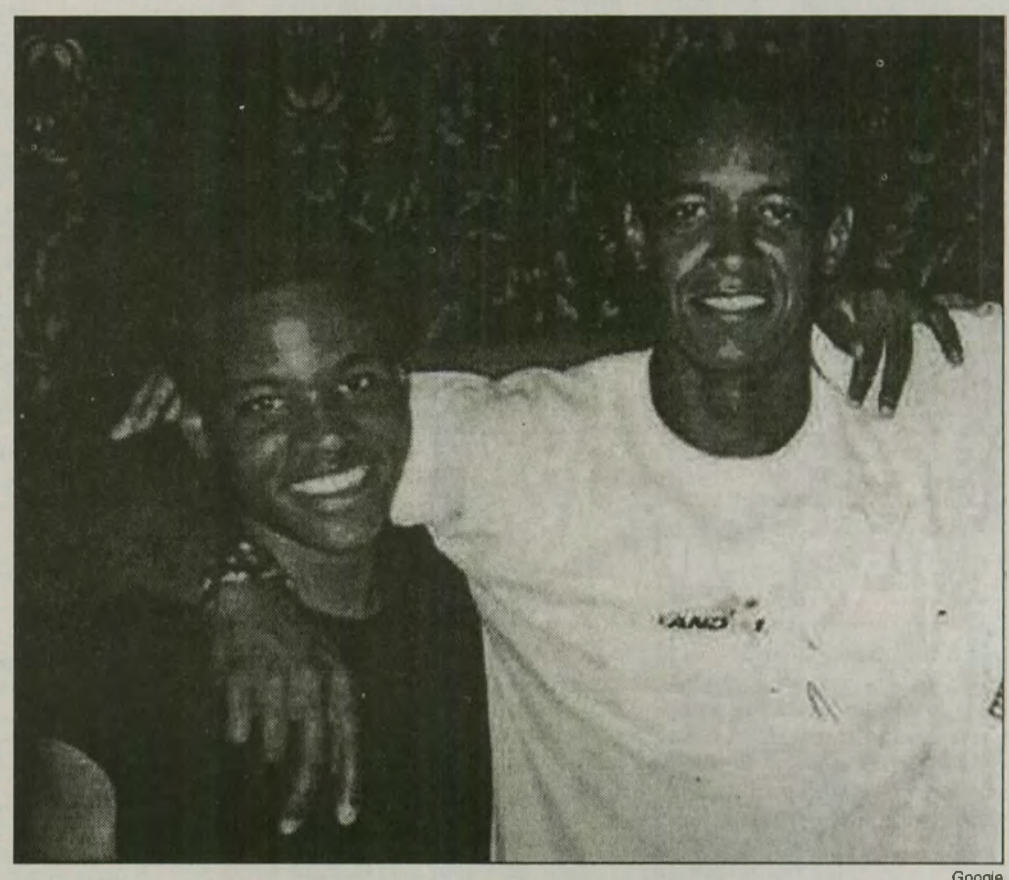
The jury immediately began hearing evidence on whether the 42-year-old Army veteran should get the death penalty or life in prison. The penalty phase is expected to last several days.

"We reserve the death penalty for the worst of the worst," prosecutor Richard Conway told the jurors. "Folks, he still sits right in front of you without a shred of remorse."

Muhammad stood impassively as the verdict was read, looking straight ahead with the same enigmatic look he had throughout the trial. Two jurors held hands, and two others wept. Family members of victims held hands and wiped away tears.

The jury deliberated for 6 1/2 hours over two days before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One accused him of taking part in multiple murders, the other — the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law — alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the population. Muhammad is the first person tried under the Virginia law.

Muhammad was found guilty of killing Dean Harold Meyers, a Vietnam veteran who was cut down by a single bullet that hit him in the head on Oct. 9, 2002, as he filled his tank at a Manassas gas station. He was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and use of a firearm in a felony.



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Convicted D.C.-area sniper John Allen Muhammad, right, poses with his alleged accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo. Muhammad may face the death penalty for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a Virginia gas station in 2002.

The victim's brother Robert said he believes Muhammad deserves the death penalty: "I must say that I can't think of too many more heinous crimes than this one."

Fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, is on trial separately in nearby Chesapeake for the killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin at a Home Depot in Falls Church. He also could get the death penalty. Malvo's attorneys are pursuing an insanity defense, arguing that the young man had been "indoctrinated" by Muhammad.

Prosecutors presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and the District of Columbia that they said were part of a plot to extort $10 million from the government. Prosecutors say that during the sentencing phase, they also plan to present evidence of a killing in Washington state.

The men's trials were moved some 200 miles to southeastern Virginia out of concern that it would be too hard to find an impartial jury close to the nation's capital because the sniper attacks had terrorized so many people.

The verdict came after three weeks of testimony in which a series of victims and other witnesses graphically — and often tearfully — recalled the horror that gripped the Washington area.

William Franklin recalled being splattered with his wife's blood outside a Home Depot. A retiree described seeing a woman slumped over on a bench, blood pouring from her head. The only child shot during the spree testified: "I put my book bag down and I got shot."

Jurors also saw several stomach-turning crime-scene photos, despite protests by the defense that the pictures were gratuitous.

Ten people were killed in the region and three were wounded in the spree, many of them shot as they went about their daily tasks: shopping at a crafts store, buying groceries, mowing the lawn, going to school.

At the height of the killings, the area was so terrified that sports teams were forced to practice indoors, people kept their heads down as they pumped gas, and teachers drew the blinds on their classroom windows.

ENGLAND

Demonstrator climbs palace gate

Associated Press

LONDON — A woman scaled a gate at Buckingham Palace Monday, unfurling an upside-down American flag in protest, while Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic delivered an 85,000-signature petition asking Prime Minister Tony Blair to call off President Bush's visit to Britain this week.

Meanwhile, organizers of a demonstration Thursday against the war in Iraq scored an important victory when police said protesters could pass by the Houses of Parliament and Blair's office. Earlier police had refused to allow the march to go through London's main government district, prompting accusations of pressure from the U.S. and British governments.

The protesters appear to have support from a large section of the British public, feeding on widespread discontent with the war and its aftermath, and low regard for the president.

Police "know how big this demo is going to be and they knew how angry people were going to be if they weren't given this route," said Ghada Razuki of the Stop the War Coalition, the group that organized an anti-war rally in London in February that drew more than 1 million people.

Bush and his wife, Laura, will be staying at Buckingham Palace as the guests of Queen Elizabeth II. On Monday a woman scaled the palace's main gate and unfurled an American flag bearing the message "He's not welcome." The flag was hung upside-down, a symbol of distress.

Officers cordoned off the area and after about two hours the woman climbed down. She was arrested on charges including aggravated trespass. Police did not release the woman's name, but media reports identified her as Lindis Percy, 61, a veteran protester.

Shirt

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The deadlines for any ideas, designs or sketches for next year's shirt are due Nov. 26. The winner of the contest will receive a $200 prize, and the winning design will be revealed in the spring just before the Blue and Gold game.

Brenner is optimistic about the design for The Shirt next year.

"It's my hope to get a large number of designs and have a large set of ideas to choose from. ... The record number of design applicants from last year are what made The Shirt so successful. We hope to see the same kind of response this year," Brenner said.

As for the color of the shirt, it is up to the next president and Student Activities. However, Brenner said that "It's been really good to have a sea of green two years in a row."

Support for The Shirt expanded as "more and more alumni realized that this is the shirt you wear on game day," Brenner said. This season, the project made roughly $400,000, selling more than 126,000 shirts. Half of the profits go to student-run clubs and organizations, while the other half is donated to a charity fund to help students with their medical expenses.

Brenner said the project is a great opportunity for the student body to get involved.

"Any student can have a direct impact on The Shirt ... it's great to see all the interest that people have," he said.

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Malloy

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should be expected to practice teaching methods and attend teaching conferences.

Much of the discussion centered around the costs of hiring faculty for the amount of teaching and research for a large university like Notre Dame. Some said the answer lies in having financial resources to pay teaching assistants for large lecture classes. Other discussion participants proposed the creation of non-tenure-track fellowships so that widely known professors could spend a limited amount of time teaching undergraduates.

All agreed, however, that any professor should be passionate about what he or she does to be successful.

"All the great teachers I've had in my life were passionate [about their subject]," Malloy said. "They were excited about their subject, and they passed that excitement on to me."

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U.S. to provide $2.4 billion to AIDS effort

Associated Press

WASHINTON — House-Senate bargainers agreed Monday to provide $2.4 billion this year to combat AIDS and other deadly diseases in Africa and other poor regions.

The amount is $400 million more than President Bush proposed last February. The administration had defended Bush's request, attacked as inadequate by advocates of an aggressive global fight against AIDS, as all that could be spent effectively now.

"We see the Congress really defying the president on this by going higher, and that is a very positive trend," said David Bryden, spokesman for the Global AIDS Alliance, a Washington-based advocacy group.

Congressional negotiators also agreed to provide $650 million for Bush's so-called Millennium Challenge Account, the president's plan to give foreign aid to countries trying to make democratic, economic and human rights reforms at home.

That is half what Bush requested for one of his top foreign policy priorities. Lawmakers and aides, however, said they would try providing extra money later — perhaps in a massive end-of-session spending measure — to bring the challenge account's total to at least $900 million and perhaps $1 billion.

Even so, the reduction underlines the budget pressures lawmakers face from mounting federal deficits, the weak economy and the cost of tax cuts as they try to complete overdue spending bills for the federal fiscal year that started Oct. 1.

Last spring, Congress enacted a five-year, $15 billion plan for fighting AIDS and other diseases worldwide that Bush had proposed in his State of the Union address in January. That legislation set up the program, but left the provision of money to future bills.

The plan called for spending $3 billion a year for preventing and treating AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in 14 African and Caribbean countries, with the bulk of the funds to be aimed at AIDS. The effort was supposed to prevent 7 million new infections, provide care for 10 million HIV-infected people and AIDS orphans, and provide therapy for 2 million others. It represents a near-tripling of previous U.S. efforts against AIDS.

Lawmakers included $1.65 billion for the global AIDS effort in a $17.2 billion foreign aid bill that House-Senate negotiators tentatively completed late Monday. They hoped to push it through Congress this week.

An additional $754 million for battling AIDS abroad is to be included in a separate $138 billion measure for this year's health, education and labor programs.

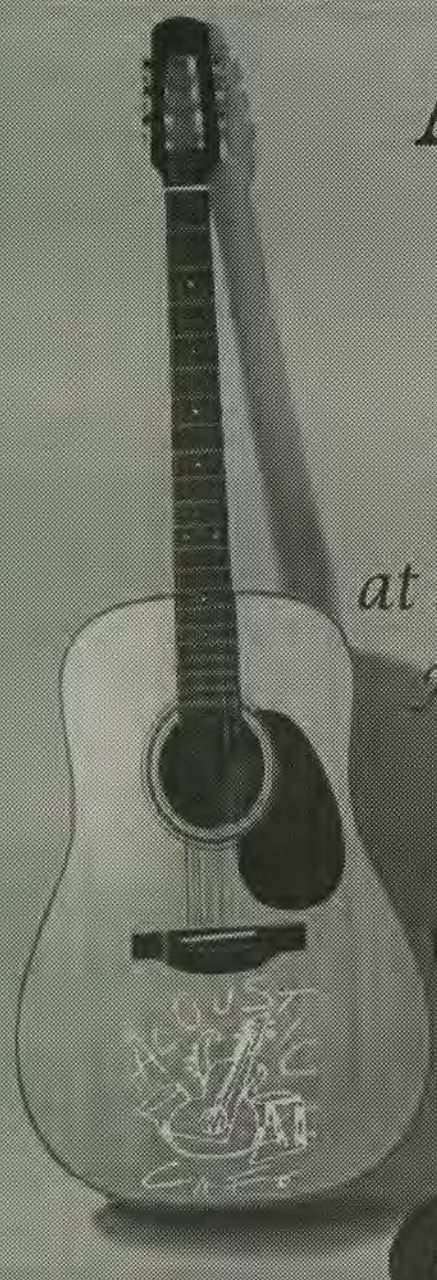
That health-education legislation is likely to be combined with several other unfinished spending measures into an enormous bill financing much of the government. Top lawmakers hope that measure will be passed by Congress just before it adjourns for the year, perhaps by the end of this week.

Bush proposed the Millennium Challenge Account in March 2002 as part of a long-term increase in the foreign assistance program. He called for $1.3 billion for the account for fiscal 2004, which started Oct. 1, rising to $5 billion for 2006.

Funds would go to countries meeting standards for good governance, health care, education and investment climates.

The bill also would block U.S. military and other assistance to Nigeria — but not humanitarian aid — unless it cooperates in the surrender of Charles Taylor, the deposed Liberian president who is wanted for trial on crimes against humanity charges. The administration opposes the sanctions, even though they could be suspended under certain conditions.

The overall bill also has $731 million for combatting drugs in the Andean region of South America, matching Bush's request and about $1.5 million over last year's level.



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Stocks

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AMEX	1,071.48	-1.69
NASDAQ	1,909.61	-20.65
NYSE	5,963.35	-47.38
S&P 500	1,043.63	-6.72
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	9,786.83	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,338.90	-58.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.37	-0.35	25.15
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.74	-0.57	32.23
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.49	-0.02	4.08
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.94	-0.21	22.05
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+1.11	+0.26	23.74
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.47	-0.24	50.37
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.06	-0.45	41.88
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.84	-0.59	31.42
3-MONTH BILL	+0.11	+0.01	9.28
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		-0.51	31.27
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		-6.50	391.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		+0.725	87.65
Exchange Rates			
YEN			109.1
EURO			0.8519
POUND			0.5915
CANADIAN $			1.313

IN BRIEF

Inventories rise in Sept.

WASHINGTON — America's businesses — which have been keeping supplies fairly lean — boosted their stockpiles of unsold goods in September for the first time in six months, a sign that companies may be feeling more confident about the economic recovery's staying power.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that businesses' inventories rose by 0.3 percent in September, a turnaround from the 0.4 percent drop reported in August. September's rise was the first since March, when businesses also increased their supplies at warehouses and backlots by 0.3 percent. Economists were expecting inventories to be flat in September.

In another encouraging sign, the increase in inventories in September came even as businesses' sales rose by a solid 0.6 percent, the biggest gain since July.

Investors flee beleaguered Putnam

BOSTON — Investors continue to pull money out of embattled Putnam Investments, with assets under management declining by $7 billion in the past week and $21 billion overall since market timing allegations surfaced last month, the company said Monday.

Putnam reported $256 billion in assets under management as of Friday. A week earlier, it had $263 billion under management. At the end of October, the company had $277 billion under management. A Putnam spokeswoman did not return a call seeking comment on the fund levels, which were reported in a filing by Marsh & McLennan Cos., Putnam's parent company, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Morgan Stanley settles accusations

NEW YORK — Morgan Stanley agreed to pay a $50 million fine to settle charges that it pushed investors toward certain mutual funds in order to gain millions more in commissions and did not disclose the incentives to clients.

Morgan Stanley is the second major financial company to settle with regulators in a widening mutual fund industry scandal that has stained a growing list of firms and dismayed many investors.

Markets fall on terror worries

Claims by al-Qaida stoke continued selloff in Asian, European, U.S. equities

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New fears of terrorism sent stock markets tumbling around the world Monday and extended Wall Street's selloff into a second week.

U.S. investors reacted to market declines in Japan and Europe following reports that the al-Qaida terrorist network had claimed responsibility for weekend attacks in Turkey and named Japan and other U.S. allies as potential targets. But analysts said some of Wall Street's slide was due to normal profit taking.

The Dow Jones industrials fell more than 130 points before regaining ground late in the session. The declines came despite a better-than-expected report on business inventories and news that several companies were in merger talks, which often gives the market a boost.

"This market is vulnerable to good news, bad news or no news, so certainly the news of terrorist activity over the weekend and new threats from al-Qaida will provoke a reaction," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "But I do not see a serious downside from here; there's too much good going on."

The Dow ended the day down 57.85, or 0.6 percent, at 9,710.83, following a weekly decline of 0.4 percent.

The broader market indexes also fell. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 20.65, or 1.1 percent, at 1,909.61, following a weekly drop of 2.1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 6.72, or 0.6 percent, to close at 1,043.63, after falling 0.3 percent last week.

In Tokyo, government leaders shrugged off the latest terror threats, but the Nikkei Stock Average lurched to a three-month low following the reports about al-Qaida, closing down 3.7 percent.

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The New York Stock Exchange is shown from the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in this file photo. Stocks were down in New York as well as worldwide, on news that al-Qaida is planning attacks on U.S. allies.

European markets followed, with France's CAC-40 losing 2.6 percent, Britain's FTSE 100 falling 1.3 percent and Germany's DAX index declining 3.2 percent.

Some of Britain's market drop could be related to this month's interest rates hikes, said Francois Lemoine, a Paris-based European stock strategist for bank BNP Paribas. But there was little doubt that many investors were nervous about the terrorist threats.

"I don't really see what's driving markets down apart from the fact that there have been a number of attacks over the weekend," Lemoine said, referring to the bombing of two synagogues in Turkey on Saturday. "I hardly find anything else to explain the fall."

Citing consistently good economic news, strong earnings and continued improvement in jobs growth, most analysts expressed hopes for a rally by the end of the year.

A Commerce Department report showed America's businesses boosted their stockpiles of unsold goods in September for the first time in six months, a sign that companies may be feeling more confident about the economic recovery. Economists were expecting inventories to be flat in September.

Financial services companies were under pressure related to the ongoing investigation of mutual fund trading practices. Morgan Stanley, which saw earlier declines, gained 9 cents to close at $55.03 after federal regulators said it had agreed to change some trading practices and pay a $50 million penalty to settle charges.

Several companies were in merger talks Monday, but that did little to raise the major indexes.

Travelers Property Casualty Corp. announced it would combine with The St. Paul Cos. Inc. in a $16.5 billion stock deal that will create the nation's second-largest insurer. St. Paul ended the day up 97 cents at $37.74. Travelers' class A shares were unchanged at $16.03, while class B shares fell 2 cents to $16.04.

Also Monday, auto parts maker ArvinMeritor Inc. said it would increase its hostile takeover bid for rival Dana Corp. Dana said its board will review the offer. ArvinMeritor lost 12 cents to close at $17.94, while Dana dropped $1.41, or 8.5 percent, to close at $15.24.

And Sun Microsystems Inc. announced it was planning a partnership with chip maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc., an alliance that could help the two smaller companies better compete against larger producers such as Intel Corp. Sun lost 2 cents to close at $4.08, while AMD fell 50 cents to $17.36; Intel shed 57 cents to close at $32.23.

Travelers, St. Paul Cos. to merge

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Travelers Property Casualty Corp. is combining with The St. Paul Companies Inc. in a $16 billion stock deal that will create one the nation's biggest business insurers, the companies announced Monday.

The new company will be known as The St. Paul Travelers Companies and is expected to have total assets of $107 billion, the companies said.

Company officials said the deal would create the nation's second largest commercial insurer behind American International Group, providing policies for commercial liability, commercial property and workers' compensation. It should also expand the companies' geographic reach.

The company will have its corporate headquarters in St. Paul, Minn. But the commercial lines of the combined company will be consolidated under the Travelers brand and will be based in Hartford, Conn.

St. Paul's chairman and chief executive, Jay S. Fishman, will be the chief executive of the combined company. Robert I. Lipp, chairman and chief executive of Travelers, will be the company's executive chairman until Jan. 1, 2006, when he is to become chairman and chief executive, the company said.

Travelers spokesman Keith Anderson said no layoffs are planned. The company, based in Hartford, was spun off from New York financial services giant Citigroup last year and employs 5,800 people in the greater Hartford area.

"When we look at our total employment base here in the Hartford area, we see that rising," Anderson said.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Travelers shareholders would receive 0.4334 shares of St. Paul stock for each share of Travelers stock. That was worth about $15.94 at Friday's closing price of $36.77 for St. Paul stock. Travelers A shares closed at $16.03 a share on Friday and its B shares closed at $16.06 a share.

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Breaking the Habit

Whether from the puppets of mass media, the pages of elementary school textbooks or the White House press room, Americans have been and are being fed an outrageous lie: the myth of individualism. This myth takes various forms and assumes many guises, yet all its manifestations converge to one desired result: the sustained power for the ruling classes.

The myth of individualism runs rampant and undetected in popular culture as the seemingly innocuous story of the American dream. In movies, television shows and literature, we find uplifting stories about how some poor wretch rose above his or her circumstances armed only with the tools of industry and persistence.

Take the show "Biography" on A&E. It parades as a serious mini-documentary-show when, actually, it uplifts the exceptional class — CEOs, movie stars and millionaires. Every night, Americans tune in to this and other programs and swallow huge portions of the "rags to riches" abstraction.

Additionally, this myth demonizes the poor and unemployed as lazy handout-grubbers who are not pulling their weight in society. Indoctrinated with lies, the "haves" view the "have-nots" with hardened hearts and disdain, while they continue accumulating wealth and possessions.

Due to this pervading lie, people are also duped into believing class, race and gender issues are negligible. The ruling class gets away with containing people of color in hazardous urban areas filled with pollution, paying women less for their labor, and rewarding themselves with fiscal policies to boost business and its leaders.

From a young age, elitist historical biases indoctrinate Americans into false individualistic ideology. Not only are certain events and communities completely absent from history books, but writers distort and manipulate the past in order to perpetuate individualist themes. Important historical movements are whittled down to the experience of one or two people and diverse groups are presented as static and monolithic. Take any mainstream presentation of African-American or Asian-American history. If their triumphs and struggles receive any attention, it is minimal and showcases homogeneous images.

Remember when George W. Bush and company marketed the Iraq war to us? It seemed as though, aside from the ambiguous evildoers lurking everywhere, Saddam Hussein was the only person in Iraq. This slimming down of an entire country to one target seems to make bombing it not so bad.

Politicians love the myth of individualism. Their rhetoric continually plays off the American dream fabrication to keep the working poor and financially destitute ignorant of the systemic causes ruining their lives, uses isolating language to make war sound benign and objectifies entire communities — global and local — to create and sustain blind support for the current U.S. regime.

The worst consequence of this myth is that it discourages and marginalizes the use of collective action to effect social change. The media and education sources hide and spin the injustices of our world; thus, appropriate outrage is absent.

People feel their only power exists in an isolated vacuum and refuse to collaborate or organize with like-minded folks enduring the same challenges.

Unions and worker groups have become suspect in the current American imagination. Plus, people who exercise their most important rights by protesting injustice created by the ruling classes get classified as traitors.

Basically, the masses feel organizing is dead and useless.

Yet we could not be more wrong. How do you suppose the wealthy and powerful maintain and increase their spheres of influence? By organizing. Remember the 2000 election when Bush relied on his friends and family to steal the presidency through the courts? Or how companies concentrate power over the media in the hands of the few?

I don't even need to mention the trade agreements NAFTA and FTAA, elite organizing at its finest. FTAA — Free Trade Area of the Americas — allows deregulation, environmental endangerment and loss of laborer rights to expand from three to 34 countries in the Western Hemisphere. Parading as a positive global initiative, the policy will increase economic disparities and make investors and business owners in participating nations richer. That's right; the ruling classes tell us that organizing will not improve our society — when it will — while they perversely use collective tactics to keep each other in power.

Look to the past or the present — organizing is the key. Individual action will not allow for change on a mass scale. See a problem, join or start a movement to raise awareness. Stop looking for another Gandhi or Dr. King. Beyond being advocates of justice and non-violence, these men — like most effective leaders — were master coalition-builders and organizers. Let's reclaim our traditions of mobilizing for change from the elite and rededicate organizing to the pursuit of equity.

Kamaria Porter, a sophomore history major, says, "What's cooler than cool, ice-cold Keifer?" Keep your head up, kid. Kamaria Porter's column appears every other Tuesday. Contact her at kporter@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support cross country teams

Big East Champions. Great Lakes Regional Champions. These are some of the accomplishments of the Notre Dame women's cross country team so far this year, as we go into the NCAA Championship meet next Monday. Where's the support? Where's the coverage for one of the highest-ranked teams on campus?

On Oct. 31, the Irish women won the Big East Championship meet for only the second time in the program's history, and the men finished second for the combined highest placing of the two teams ever. The following Monday, there was a two-page foldout on how badly the football team lost to Florida State, but only a small article on the Irish cross country teams, lost somewhere in the sports section.

Why not show some support to the Irish teams that are representing this University like champions? Winning the Big East is a huge deal, as evidenced by yesterday's front-page coverage of the men's and women's soccer teams in their tournaments for the title.

This past Saturday, Nov. 15, the women's cross country team won the Great Lakes Regional meet, again for only the second time in the program's history. We secured an automatic bid to the NCAA championship, one of only 31 out of the 214 Division I teams in the country to proceed to this level. Again, there was not even a picture in the paper. Interhall football was on the front page.

I'm sorry, but that's bull. Show some support, let the campus know, so they can be proud of their nationally ranked team.

Kerry Meagher
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Nov. 17

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Abraham Lincoln
U.S. President

Life at Oxford different but comparable

Geoff Johnston

A Domer at Oxford

Walking through the darkness of the University Parks, a curtained moon glooming over the path, an Oxford student and I were discussing what impact college will have on our lives. He was saying that the individual makes the college experience, and I was arguing that the college itself plays a larger role in one's education.

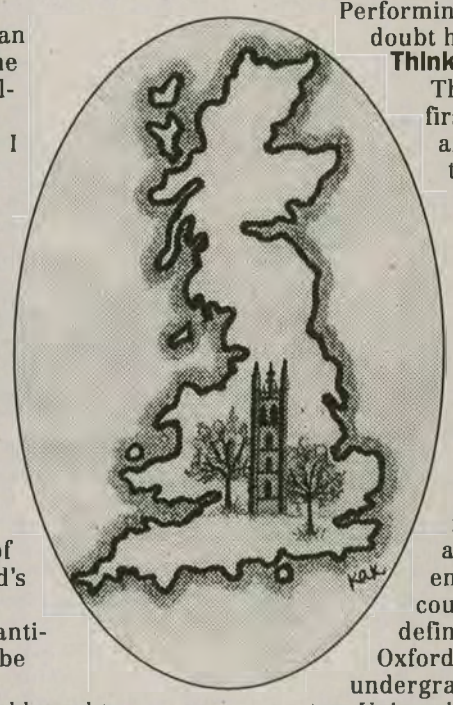
No doubt both factors influence one's experience, so I wondered, "What would life have been like had I gone to Oxford, instead of Notre Dame?" Though I have been here only a month, allow me to shed some light on the question.

Dorms; It's Gotta Be the Dorms:

The most noticeable difference between the two Universities is the residential atmosphere. Here, each student is allotted a single — no freshman "closet" triples or elaborate loft schemes. Also, students are more dispersed, about 20 to a house, throughout the college campus. The benefits of this set-up are obvious: more living space, more privacy, one's own bathroom and shower.

However, I believe that Notre Dame has something special in its dorm traditions. Even though the rooms are cramped, and the halls smell, and the parietals are, well, parietals, I would never have met my future friends without being thrown together by random assignment, or luck, or grace. Life at Notre Dame revolves around the dorms: We party together, we study together, we eat, sleep and live together. Here at Oxford, life feels more insular, more isolated; even being a part of the football (soccer) team and a singer in the lay college choir does not begin to compare with the community fostered under the Dome.

Ars Gratia Artis:



One of the perks of an Oxford education is the availability of high culture. Two weeks ago, the other Domers and I trekked to Stratford-upon-Avon to witness a performance of Richard III by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The performance was polished and professional, the sets and lighting were clever, the setting was original (late 19th century) and the actors convincingly displayed a wide range of emotion, from Richard's morbid lust to Margaret's frenzied ranting. We will definitely be returning.

Also, New College is blessed to host one of the world's premier boy choirs, the aptly named New College Choir. Being the choral music junkie that I am, I attended their recent performance of Durufle's setting of the Requiem Mass. Listening to their pleas for mercy in Latin, the counter-tenors and boys reaching as high as any soprano while the basses growled underneath was a moving and powerful experience. I felt as if I, too, had lost a loved one, and were begging for the release of her soul. There are concerts and plays performed throughout Oxford every day; the lack of the arts at Notre Dame is certainly one of its most glaring deficiencies (though the new Performing Arts center will no doubt help).

Think, McFly, Think:

This is probably the first column in which I am actually qualified to make a subjective judgment about Oxford's academics. My verdict? Academics here at Oxford are comparable to those at Notre Dame (no better, no worse). I must be careful the tutorial system is not as well suited to mathematics as it is for, say, philosophy, and since I have been enrolled only in math courses, I shouldn't definitively judge the Oxford system. However, for undergraduate science, the two Universities are equivalent. For arts and letters, I believe that the work load here is slightly harder, but that the graders are slightly more lenient. (Though I will be able to give a better account once I start Jurisprudence next term.)

Keepin' the Faith:

I chose to attend Notre Dame for many reasons; one of the most important for me was a vibrant faith life. At Oxford, by and large, faith is not as central to students' lives. I read a recent article in the school newspaper explaining why, explaining how younger people have no need for faith, how we are more skeptical, etc. But there is also a greater faith diversity here than back at home.

One example: A New College student and I were chatting after Hall, when the topic of faith came up. He happened to be a devout Anglican, and asked me why Catholics prayed the Hail Mary. So I recited the prayer to him in Latin (he's a Classics major) and we went over the prayer line by line, all under the watchful gaze of the Virgin Mary, whose statue happened to be hanging over the quad. (New College was founded Catholic.) Wouldn't happen at Notre Dame, or at least, such a situation is more unlikely. I enjoy the diversity of opinions here; part of the study abroad experience is being exposed to people from different ideological backgrounds.

So, how different would life be had I attended Oxford? A lot. But the experience wouldn't be better or worse than that at Notre Dame, merely different. So Domers, enjoy what is great about Notre Dame. Enjoy its unique balance of academics, athletics, residence life and faith. I'll be here enjoying what's great about Oxford: its tutorials, its tradition, its sophistication. That, and the free drinks after football games.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marshmallow policy excessively harsh

I am writing in regard to the enforcement of the marshmallow-throwing policy within the Stadium. During the BYU game, many students brought bags of marshmallows into the Stadium, which has been obviously against the Stadium rules since the beginning of the season, and a few of these smugglers were ejected from the game — fine.

Other students were ejected, and in some situations escorted out in handcuffs (obviously necessary), for throwing these same marshmallows. Yes, throwing things, even the delectably flavorful products from Jet-Puff, can be very dangerous — point taken. However, for the BYU game it seems that the policy abruptly became more serious, now calling for the ejection of any person seen in possession of even a single marshmallow.

Unfortunately, just before half-time I was in possession of one of these fluffy treats for a few seconds too long after being pelted by one and removing it from my jacket. Before I knew it, I was being given an ultimatum by Mr. Roberto Escobedo (usher #1000) and his section 29 platoon: Either leave on your own, or be dragged out by police.

First of all, when did possession of a single marshmallow become an offense punishable by ejection from the game (not to mention the last home game that I will ever attend as a student)? Secondly, why is it appropriate for ushers to treat cooperative marshmallow-toting students like hardened criminals? When did the policy change from punishing throwers of marshmallows to punishing those who are eating them or picking them off of their clothes?

Yes, the season is over, but this issue goes beyond marshmallows at football games. How can Cappy Gagnon and his battalion of Stadium ushers claim that they are looking out for the best interests of student attendees if their policies are so vague and sporadically enforced?

Mr. Gagnon, make your policies clear and enforce them accordingly.

Mr. Escobedo, if you stop treating students like convicted felons, then that respect will be reciprocated and all of our lives will be a lot less frustrating.

Justin Brandon
senior
Dillon Hall
Nov. 15

EDITORAL CARTOON

DVD REVIEW

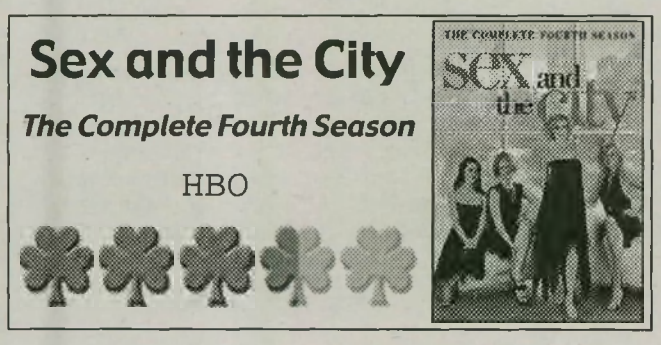
HBO delivers simplistic DVD set

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

Love it or hate it, *Sex and the City* is an undeniably popular and culturally influential show. Look at any trend in fashion, and you can trace its roots to *Sex and the City*, and the same is invariably true of trends in all forms of recreation. To put it in no vague terms, the show is a product-placement paradise. The show's appeal has been somewhat narrowed due to the fact that it is on HBO and not network television, but with its release on DVD, the show will continue to grow in popularity and reach an even broader audience. The newly-released Season Four will be the focus of this article, but Seasons One through Three are also available to be purchased on DVD.

Sex and the City follows four single women through the relationship rat race in New York City, each with a very different personality but none immune to bad dates or emotional ups-and-downs. Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker), a shoe-obsessed sex columnist, anchors the show's action, but the show gives equal time to her three best friends — Charlotte, Miranda and Samantha — as well. Charlotte (Kristin Davis) is an art gallery manager who is a misty-eyed romantic at heart; Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) is a lawyer who tries to reconcile her need for independence with the dependency called for in relationships; Samantha (Kim Cattrall) is a man-eating sensualist who eschews the idea of marriage and embraces a very liberal view of sex.

In the fourth season, the four women encounter imposing and challenging issues, but, as is the show's trademark, they are handled with the utmost comic grace and emotional sensitivity. Carrie must come to terms with attempting to move in with her boyfriend, Aidan, while still holding onto her independence, while Charlotte must grapple with getting back together with her husband and coming to terms with how much having a baby means to her. Samantha, the steadfast single, falls in love and wrestles with what love can do to a person. Miranda deals with losing her mother, and she must cope with getting unexpectedly pregnant and raising a child as a single parent while maintaining a career.



The DVD set is composed of three discs, each with six episodes. The set is very simple and easy to navigate, but simplicity is also one of the weaker points of the set. Aside from three episodes on the third disc with director commentary and a list of episodes and awards, the set has no extras. There is a link to the HBO website, and it has some extras but nothing out of the ordinary, though the trivia game is fun. There is no "play all" feature, so one has to press play to watch each individual episode. A description pops up when "play" is hit, so "play" has to be hit once more, which gets a bit maddening after a few episodes. Another annoyance is the fact that the opening credits cannot be skipped.

The discs are played in Dolby 2.0 sound, and the dialogue-heavy episodes benefit from the clear audio quality. The color on all of the discs is bright and clear — a definite benefit for watching the vibrant and extravagant wardrobe of the show's women.

Photo courtesy of www.shoppingsavvy.com

Charlotte (Kristin Davis), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Samantha (Kim Cattrall) form the quartet in HBO's hit show.

Overall, the DVD adds little to *Sex and the City*, and it really leaves viewers wanting more. It's great to be able to watch the show without subscribing to HBO, but it would add to the viewing experience if some extras, such as interviews with writers or cast members, were included. The DVD adds so little to the show that, if you've seen the show already, there's nothing to be gained by actually buying the season on DVD. The show has such a massive following and such a huge impact on popular culture that it really is too bad that nothing is added to this season's DVD release.

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Tony Award-winning play returns home

Special to the Observer

Ireland gave us *Riverdance*. England produced *Stomp*. Now come the Americans with *Blast!* Following triumphant successes in London, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Washington D.C. and on Broadway, *Blast!* is coming back home to Indiana Nov. 18-23, 2003 at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

Born on athletic fields across the nation, *Blast!* is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. A unique experience, *Blast!* explodes the genre with the artistry of the theatre. *Blast!* is musical spectacle; it is music in motion. *Blast!* evolved from the drum corps Star of Indiana, which was founded in 1984 in Bloomington, Ind., by businessman Bill Cook to benefit young people in music education.

The artistic director, James Mason, is a lifelong veteran of drum and bugle corps and other musical activities. In its initial year, Star of Indiana became the first rookie corps ever to place among the top ten corps at the prestigious Drum Corps International World Championships.

Star of Indiana improved each year until it became the World Champion in 1991. Competing against other organizations from the United States, Japan, Canada and Europe, Star's performances revolutionized the world of drum corps, bringing an evermore sophisticated sense of musicianship, exciting showmanship and dynamic choreography to this wonderful genre.

"Blast! is filled with color, spectacle, youthful energy and the sound of great bass and percussion playing."

Kevin Glickman
Lansing State Journal

Since 1993, this group has evolved into a theatrical show which brings the power, passion and precision of outdoor pageantry to the stage in a musical performance now known as *Blast!*

Blast! is comprised of 54 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique explosion of music and theatre. The cast ranges in size from 18 to 31 members and collectively play 64 different instruments featuring classical, blues, jazz, rock-n-roll and techno-pop musical styles.

Kevin Glickman of the Lansing State Journal claims, "*Blast!* is filled with color, spectacle, youthful energy and the sound of great brass and percussion playing. Visually, the show is stunning."

Blast! is a family show suited for all age groups. Single tickets are available at the Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office at (574) 235-9190. Excellent student discounts are still available.

Group tickets for 20 or more people can be purchased by calling Group Sales at Broadway Theatre League at (574) 234-4044.

Call now to reserve your seat for the best show in town because *Blast!* is here for one week only.

For further information on *Blast!*, please visit their official website at www.BlastThe Show.com.

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The brass performers from the Tony Award-winning cast of Blast! play a number of musical styles, including classical, blues, jazz, rock-n-roll and techno-pop.

DVD REVIEW

Pixar reels in the big fish

By AMANDA SUSKO
Scene Movie Critic

Heartfelt sorrow, uncontrollable laughter, genuine surprise and utter joy. The quest to find the adorable clownfish Nemo guarantees to invoke a rollercoaster ride of emotions in viewers of all ages.

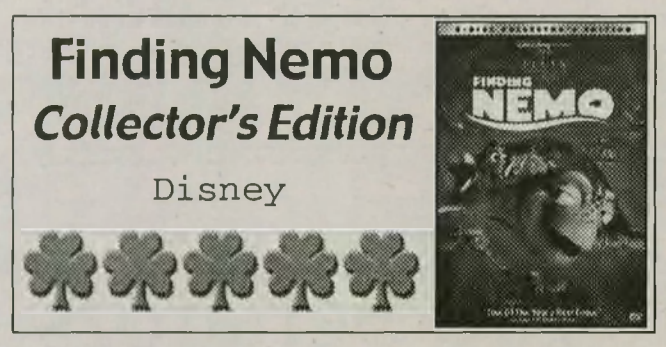
Within the opening minutes, Pixar's spectacular underwater animation assures yet another blockbuster hit for Disney. Moreover, it is virtually impossible not to fall in love with the energetic and determined Nemo, hindered by his impaired tiny fin.

As if the high-quality animation and delightful main character are not enough, the marine life voices further intensify *Finding Nemo*'s appeal. Nine-year-old Alexander Gould effortlessly portrays the boyish voice of Nemo himself. Albert Brooks articulates Marlin, Nemo's overprotective and worrisome father, with ease. A hilarious addition to the cast is Ellen DeGeneres, who flawlessly depicts the extremely forgetful Dory, a blue tang.

Additional sea creatures include an intimidating great white shark named Bruce (Barry Humphries), Nigel the helpful pelican (Geoffrey Rush), the surfer turtle Crush (Andrew Stanton), the battle-scared Gill (Willem Dafoe), and Bloat the blowfish (Brad Garrett). Overall, Disney's animation team hand-selected a brilliant cast who generated authentic life within the characters of *Finding Nemo*.

Quirky comments and hilarious scenes abound in this Disney/Pixar creation. Topping my list of favorites include two unforgettable moments involving three looming sharks and a mirage of sea turtles.

Just as it seems imminent that Marlin and Dory are doomed to become the next shark snack, the great white Bruce surprisingly welcomes the pair into a type of hidden fortress. There, a spin on an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting ensues. Bruce approaches the stand and proudly confesses, "It has been three weeks since my last fish." Within this scene, the shark threesome repeats the following mantra: "Fish are friends, not food." A frightening incident soon follows in which Marlin and Dory escape from the blood-hungry Bruce and continue towards their destination of Sydney to find Nemo.



After escaping from the sharks and bounding through a swarm of jellyfish, Marlin and Dory find themselves riding the East Atlantic Current with a multitude of laid-back sea turtles. Marlin is quickly greeted by one sea turtle, in particular, who tranquilly proclaims, "Dude, Mr. Turtle is my father; the name's Crush." In this scene, the sea turtles, young and old alike, add surfer humor with repeated phrases such as "sweet," "totally rocked," "righteous" and "coo coo ca choo."

Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Crush, a mellow sea turtle, guides Marlin, an overprotective clown fish, and Dory, a forgetful blue tang, along their journey to find Marlin's lost son, Nemo.

The box office tallies further indicate the success of *Finding Nemo*. To date, the film remains unsurpassable as the top movie released in 2003. During its debut weekend in May, *Finding Nemo* grossed over $70 million. If that is not impressive enough, its worldwide box office total currently amounts to close to half a billion dollars.

And wait ... there's more. Among the top movies of 2003, *Finding Nemo* rises above such smash hits as *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Matrix Reloaded*, *Bruce Almighty* and *X2* to round out the top five.

The DVD bonus features make *Finding Nemo* a must-see spectacle. These features include a documentary on the making of the movie, virtual commentary, design galleries and virtual aquariums. Particularly, the documentary piece is quite fascinating. This section provides behind-the-scene footage about the collaborative process among writers, editors, directors, designers, sculptors and animators to create the final version of *Finding Nemo*.

The enjoyable characters, remarkable animation and astronomical box office totals are promises that viewers of any age will fall in love with *Finding Nemo*. All in all, I highly recommend Disney's uplifting tale of fish life in the crystal blue ocean depths.

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'Nemo' surfaces, sells 8 million copies

Associated Press

Finding Nemo is the catch of the day at video stores.

The animated tale sold a record 8 million DVD and VHS copies in its first day Tuesday, breaking the previous high of 7 million set last year by *Spider-Man*, according to *Finding Nemo* partners Disney and Pixar Animation.

"The studio shipped 25 million copies but already has ordered more, figuring some stores might run out as early as this weekend," said Bob Chapek, president of Disney home entertainment.

"We saw stores yesterday almost going through their inventory on day one alone," Chapek said.

DVDs accounted for about 90 percent of sales. Total sales for *Finding Nemo* could rival the 32 million VHS copies that Disney's *The Lion King* sold in its initial video release in the 1990s, Chapek said.

The numbers will be a key to whether Pixar decides to renew its distribution contract with the Walt Disney Co.'s Buena Vista Home Entertainment, which comes to term in 2005.

The five movies Pixar has produced for Disney since the mid-'90s — *Toy Story*, *Toy Story 2*, *A Bug's Life*, *Monsters, Inc.* and *Nemo* — have combined to gross about $1.2 billion at the domestic box office alone.

As their deal nears expiration, Pixar has had discussions with several other major studios. While Jobs has refused to comment on the negotiations with BVHE, industry sources say that home video results for *Nemo* could sway the decision regarding a renewal with Disney.

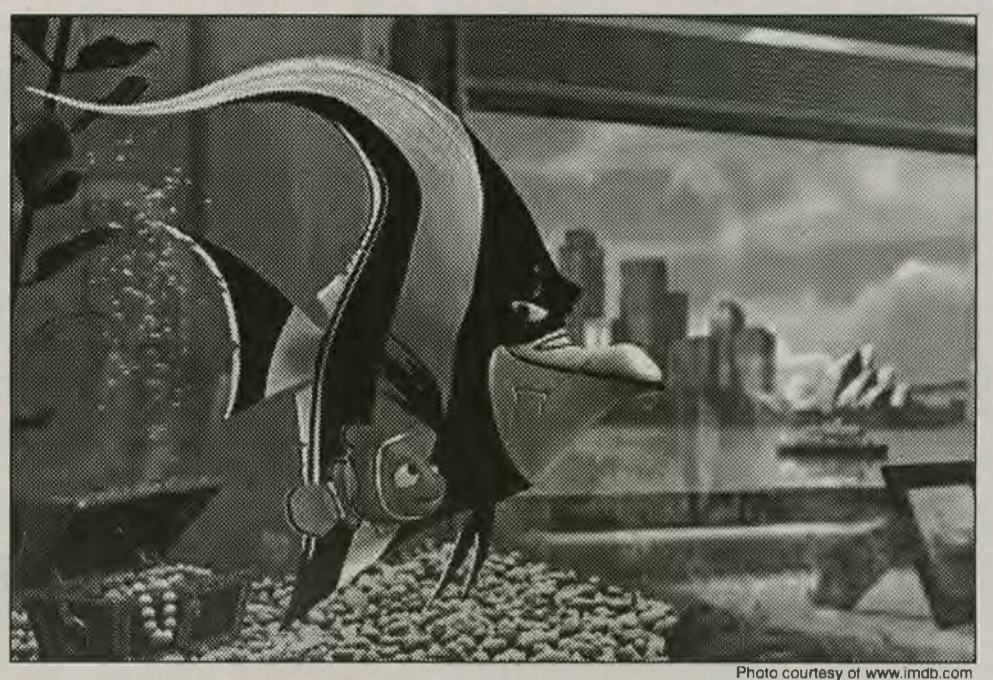
BVHE is under a great deal of pressure to have *Nemo* become the best-selling DVD of all time, meaning that the two-disc collector's edition would have to top the likes of DreamWorks' *Shrek*, Warner Home Video's *Harry Potter* films and New Line Home Entertainment's *Lord of the Rings* series.

"*Finding Nemo* has generated a great deal of interest, and the volume of bonus material on the second disc, I believe, will make this the best-selling title of the year on DVD," BVHE president Robert Chapek said.

Pixar's partnership with Disney has always attracted top talent to its projects, such as Tom Hanks in *Toy Story*, John Goodman and Billy Crystal in *Monsters, Inc.* and now Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres in *Nemo*.

"I don't know anything about the politics between Disney and Pixar or DVD and VHS," Brooks said. "All I know is what I've always known: It's always about the movie. It's all whether the movie is good or not. And in this case, I believe that the creators did an exceptional job from beginning to end, and the extras on the DVD are actually special. They made a real effort to give the viewer more.

"I have never been much for putting together a whole lot of extra material on a DVD," he said. "I look at a movie as kind of a magic trick, and so I never liked revealing how everything was done. I used to say that you take everything from the cutting room floor and throw it together as 'extras' and then you've got a DVD. But these guys really made a special effort to bring something more to the DVD, the Jean-Michael Cousteau documentary about the Great Barrier Reef, for example, is a whole work in and of itself."



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Gill, a battle-scarred angel fish, takes Nemo under his wing while they try to find freedom together. The 'Nemo' DVD sold 8 million copies on its first day.

Nemo writer-director Andrew Stanton, who has played major roles in all five Disney-Pixar titles, said he wanted to create a narrative using the main characters voiced by Brooks and DeGeneres to guide viewers through the bonus materials and, especially, the Cousteau short film.

"I wanted to make viewing the extras on the DVD an extension of viewing the movie itself," Stanton said.

NBA

Nowitzki leads 3rd quarter rally in Mavs' win

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki overcame a slow start to energize a third-quarter rally, and Steve Nash had his first career triple-double to lead the Dallas Mavericks past the Portland Trail Blazers 105-98.

Nowitzki, who made his first two shots and then went more than 27 minutes without scoring again, had 20 points and eight rebounds. Nash had 14 points, 12 assists and a career-high 10 rebounds, the final one coming in the closing seconds and drawing a loud roar from fans.

Rasheed Wallace scored 31 points and eight rebounds, and Zach Randolph had 26 points, 19 rebounds and six assists, but it wasn't enough to keep Portland from falling to 0-4 on the road.

The first meeting between the Mavericks and Blazers since their seesaw playoff series last spring rekindled some of the same emotions and drama, even if both teams have changed front-line players since then.

Dallas won the first three games of the postseason, then lost the next three. In jeopardy of becoming the first team to lose a seven-game series after being up 3-0, the Mavs won Game 7 and went on to reach the Western Conference finals.

This time, Dallas was in control early, then Portland opened the second half by hitting six of seven shots to go ahead 67-53 midway through the third. Nowitzki was on the bench, having missed six straight shots since making his first two and looking out of sync.

Three straight 3-pointers — two by Nash, one by Michael Finley — got the Mavs and the crowd going. Then Nowitzki returned, giving Dallas its five best scorers on the court together, and he scored right away.

The Mavs' all-offense lineup tied the game at 71 and finished the quarter up by three. The Blazers got a 3-pointer from Matt Carroll and a three-point play from Wallace to go up by three, but Dallas answered with an 8-0 run to go ahead for good. Nowitzki ended that spurt with a jumper and two free throws.

Knicks 89, Celtics 86

Michael Doleac scored the Knicks' final four points and grabbed eight of his nine rebounds while playing the entire fourth quarter, helping New York defeat the Boston Celtics 89-86.

Doleac, subbing for starting center Dikembe Mutombo, made up for his two turnovers and a missed open jumper earlier in the fourth by hitting the Knicks' final shot from the field with 1:55 left.

Doleac's two free throws with 5.4 seconds remaining provided the final margin. Paul Pierce missed an off-balance 3-pointer on Boston's last possession.

The win was only the third of the season for the Knicks, who got 26 points from Allan Houston and 21 from Keith Van Horn — 13 in the third quarter when the Knicks made up most of a big deficit.

Kurt Thomas added 12 points and 17 rebounds, and Howard Eisley had nine assists. New York snapped its eight-game losing streak to the Celtics.

Vin Baker led Boston with 20 points, and Pierce and Eric Williams added 17 each.

After trailing by as many as 17 in the first half, the Knicks came back and finally took their first lead since the first quarter, 85-84, on a 3-pointer and a turnaround by Houston with 3:46 left.

After a timeout, the Celtics went for a quick 3-pointer off the inbounds pass but Pierce's attempt rolled around and out.

Boston had to foul twice to send the Knicks to the line, and there were only 5.4 seconds remaining when Doleac went to the line and calmly sank both shots.

Wizards 106, Hawks 97

Jarvis Hayes keyed a fourth-quarter run with a go-ahead 3-pointer and the Washington Wizards snapped a four-game losing streak with a 106-97 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Larry Hughes led the Wizards with 26 points, and Gilbert Arenas added 23. Washington outscored the Hawks 30-19 down the stretch, started by the 3 from Hayes.

Hayes, who played for two years at Georgia, rebounded from a shaky start to finish with 16 points. He has started every game in place of Jerry Stackhouse, who's out indefinitely after having knee surgery before the season.

Jason Terry had 25 for Atlanta, which lost for the third time in four games, including two in a row at home. Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 20.

A jumper by Jacque Vaughn gave the Hawks their last lead at 78-76 midway through the fourth quarter, but they went on a three-minute dry spell.

After Jared Jeffries made a free throw to cut the margin to one, Hayes nailed a jumper from behind the arc, giving the Wizards the lead for good.

Arenas later boosted the lead to eight with a layup, and he was fouled on the play. He missed the free throw, but Etan Thomas grabbed the carom and laid it in for a 10-point advantage.

Hayes had a rough time in the first quarter, finishing 1-for-8. He got his shot blocked by Theo Ratliff just 38 seconds in — one of six blocks for Ratliff — and also made one turnover.

Rockets 74, 76ers 66

Cuttino Mobley scored 19 points, and Yao Ming and Jim Jackson each added 12 to lead the Houston Rockets to a 74-66 win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Rockets, who won for the seventh time in nine games, took a lead late in the first quarter and never trailed again. They led by as many as 15 in the fourth.

The Rockets shot only 33 percent, but the Sixers were even worse at 32 percent. Houston went 9-for-28 from 3-point range, while the Sixers missed all nine attempts.

Both teams were awful in the third quarter, when the Sixers went 2-for-18 from the floor and Houston 5-for-24.

The fans who come out from the crowd to shoot during those silly timeout promotions were more on target than anyone paid to play.

Allen Iverson scored 15 points and Marc Jackson had 12 for the Sixers, who had their lowest point total of the season.

Last season, Houston limited Iverson to 9.5 points per game, his lowest total against any opponent. Iverson didn't fare any better this time, with a 4-for-19 effort for his lowest point total of the season.

Iverson went nearly 19 minutes between baskets, including an 0-for-4 effort in the third quarter. He grabbed a loose ball rebound and sank a fadeaway jumper to make it 62-53, followed by a basket by Willie Green, as the Sixers cut it to seven midway through the fourth.

NHL

Sabres get back-to-back goals to nip Senators

Associated Press

OTTAWA — J.P. Dumont and James Patrick scored 14 seconds apart early in the third and Martin Biron made 23 saves in the Buffalo Sabres' 2-1 victory over Ottawa.

Dumont scored from the slot 1:52 into the third to break a scoreless tie, and Patrick added his third of the season at 2:06.

Ottawa defenseman Wade Redden scored for the third straight game, pulling the Senators within one with a power-play goal at 4:10. Ottawa's last eight goals have come with the man advantage, including a team-record five Thursday night against Columbus.

Buffalo ended a three-game winless streak with the victory. The Sabres have won just twice in their last seven games (2-2-2-1).

The Senators, who fell to 0-6 in one-goal games, lost their second in a row. Ottawa is 2-5-2 since collecting 11 of 14 points while winning five of its first seven games.

Biron came up with a big stop on former teammate Vaclav Varada's chance early in the second, and made a pad save moments later on Daniel Alfredsson's shot from the edge of the crease.

Sabres center Daniel Briere set up Dumont's goal early in the third. Briere moved from behind the net and passed from the right side of the net to Dumont, who beat Senators backup Martin Prusek through the legs for his fourth of the season.

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NFL

Owens shines in 49ers' Monday night victory

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — His catches were beautiful. His blocking was gritty. Terrell Owens thrived in the spotlight again — and he even kept his pens in his socks.

Owens had a 61-yard touchdown catch among his eight receptions for 155 yards, and Tim Rattay went 21-of-27 for 254 yards in the 49ers' 30-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday night.

Helped by two downfield blocks by Owens, Kevan Barlow rushed for a 78-yard score in the third quarter to break open San Francisco's fourth straight home victory.

Fullback Fred Beasley also caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Rattay, who added more spice to the 49ers' quarterback controversy with a second straight near-flawless performance in place of injured Pro Bowler Jeff Garcia. Former Steelers kicker Todd Peterson also made three field goals.

In the teams' first meeting since a rain-soaked game at Candlestick in 1999, San Francisco (5-5) dominated the matchup of defending division champions who have struggled so far this season.

Tommy Maddox was 25-of-44 for 327 yards for Pittsburgh (3-7), which lost its sixth in seven games thanks to key defensive errors and Antwaan Randle El's fumble on a kickoff return, which allowed San Francisco to score two touchdowns in 14 seconds.

Drug claims upset Raiders

Associated Press

Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan has heard the reports of steroid use by four of his players, and he acknowledges it's hurt the team's mood.

But until there's proof one of his guys used such banned drugs, he's standing by them.

"No one's been proven guilty at this point so we'll just see how this turns out," the coach said Monday at the team's practice facility in Alameda, Calif., responding to repeated questions from the media. "They've been indicted but no one's been found guilty yet."

Callahan said he knew nothing about any Raiders testing positive for the newly discovered steroid THG or facing subsequent suspensions.

His comments came a day after CBS reported that defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, center Barret Robbins, linebacker Bill Romanowski and defensive tackle Chris Cooper tested positive for THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, and could each face four-game suspensions.

"I haven't had any confirmation on that from the league office. Normally when a player does get suspended, the day that they get suspended is the day that I'm informed. So at this point I haven't heard from the league yet," Callahan said.

NFL officials again Monday refused to comment on the report. However, they noted that if players test positive, additional samples would still have to be tested and any suspensions would be subject to appeals that could delay punishment for at least several weeks.

Such suspensions would mark the first time THG has been linked directly to any sport outside track and field, which already has had at least five athletes test positive for the steroid.

The NFL isn't the only pro league taking a fresh look at steroid use since THG was first detected this summer. Baseball, which will begin punishing players for steroid use next season, recently added THG to its list of banned substances.

None of Oakland's players was available Monday. The Raiders got their first Monday off of the season, following a 28-18 win over the Minnesota Vikings, and reporters were barred from the locker room.

Callahan said the day off was purely a reward for the victory, and not related to the steroid reports. He acknowledged the reports of steroid use and possible suspensions had hurt the mood of the team.

"I don't think it's affected us positively," he said. "We're all hurt by the reports that are out."

Stubblefield, Cooper, running back Tyrone Wheatley and fullback Chris Hetherington appeared last week before a federal grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab — Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO.

Those four Raiders became the first non-track and field athletes to appear. Dozens of other athletes have been subpoenaed to testify, ranging from baseball's Barry Bonds to boxer Shane Mosley.

An attorney for BALCO founder Victor Conte has said his client is a target of the grand jury probe, which is believed to be looking into tax and drug issues.

Conte has been accused by a U.S. Anti-Doping Agency official of supplying athletes with THG, but has denied that.

On Monday, an attorney for Greg Anderson, a personal trainer for Bonds and other professional athletes, confirmed his client also is a target of the grand jury probe. Attorney Bill Rapoport said he does not know the nature of the accusations against Anderson.

Internal Revenue Service agents and other law enforcement officials raided Anderson's home on Sept. 5, two days after a raid on BALCO. Rapoport said items were taken from Anderson's home but he wouldn't elaborate.

Rapoport said Anderson's only connection to Conte is as a customer, purchasing vitamins to give or sell to the athletes he trained.

Bonds is scheduled to appear Dec. 4 before the grand jury. His attorney, Mike Rains, has said he has been told Bonds is not a target of the probe.

Kasten resigns as Atlanta's president

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Stan Kasten left his job Monday as president of Atlanta's Braves, Hawks and Thrashers amid the decision by corporate owner Time Warner to sell the teams.

Kasten said he might offer to return to management of the Hawks and Thrashers once a pending deal was approved. He said he decided to leave now because of major changes going on within the teams' organizations, including likely payroll cuts by the Braves.

"It was the whole package of things all at once. I just felt this was a real convenient time for me to make this move," he said.

A group led by Boston businessman Steve Belkin reached a deal in September to purchase the Hawks, Thrashers and Philips Arena for $250 million. The deal is expected to be approved within the next month.

Meanwhile, the sale of the Braves has been put on the backburner by Time Warner.

Belkin said he welcomed Kasten's availability.

"Clearly he would be a serious candidate because of his experience and knowledge. This frees us up to at least talk about it," Belkin said Monday.

Kasten, 51, was perhaps the most powerful figure in Atlanta sports, the man who oversaw three of the city's four major sports teams.

It all grew out of a chance meeting with former Braves owner Ted Turner at a baseball game in St. Louis in 1976.

Shortly after his graduation from law school, Kasten was appointed legal counsel of the Braves and Hawks. One year later, he was named assistant general manager of the Hawks.

In 1979, Kasten became the youngest general manager in NBA history at 27.

Additional duties came in 1986 when Turner named Kasten as president of the Braves and Hawks.

Kasten surrendered the GM position with the Hawks in 1990, hiring Pete Babcock. But he became involved with the company's third sports team in 1999, taking over as president of the Thrashers when Harvey Schiller left.

By that time, Turner was losing his grip on the teams. His role lessened when TBS merged with Time Warner, and he was forced out altogether after a merger with AOL.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies overcome 1st half deficit in win

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut needed 20 minutes to start looking like the No. 1 team in the country.

The Huskies rallied from a three-point halftime deficit to beat Yale 70-60 Monday night in the opening round of the Preseason NIT.

It was better than the last time Connecticut was a preseason No. 1. The Huskies opened the 1999-00 season with a 70-68 loss to Iowa in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

The undermanned Bulldogs used a patient offense to spread the floor and keep the Huskies from getting out on the break.

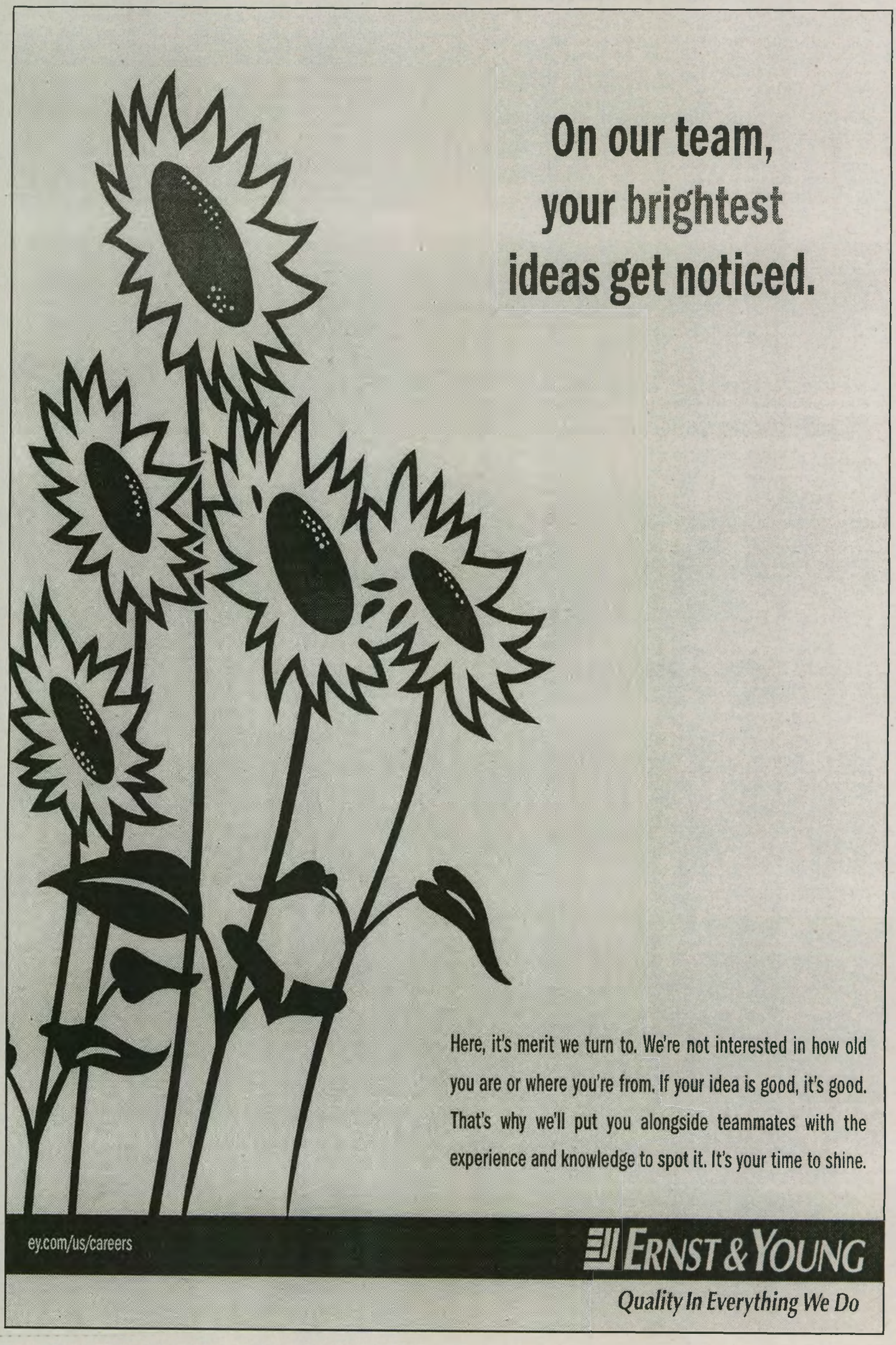
That changed in the second half as the Huskies used a 14-2 run to take a 48-37 lead and they went on to lead by as many as 17 before struggling at the free-throw line over the final 4 1/2 minutes.

Emeka Okafor, the AP's preseason player of the year, had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead Connecticut, which will host the winner of the first-round game between Vermont and Nevada in the second round on Wednesday night.

Denham Brown had 15 points and Ben Gordon added 13 and six assists for the Huskies, who took the lead for good at 36-35 with 17:13 left on a fast-break dunk by freshman Josh Boone. In addition to getting on the break, Connecticut turned up the pressure defense as well.

Yale, which was playing a No. 1 team for the first time in school history, committed just three turnovers in taking the 31-28 halftime lead. They committed six turnovers in the opening five minutes of the second half and the Huskies were turning most of those into easy baskets.

Dominick Martin and Edwin Draughn each had 14 points for Yale, which lost its 12th straight season opener.



NCAA BASKETBALL

Seniors eager to leave their mark at Purdue

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — It was a long, intense offseason for the Purdue Boilermakers.

Exhaustive conditioning drills. Pressure-packed scrimmages. Gut-busting weight training.

Through it all, there was one constant — seniors Shereka Wright, Erika Valek, Lindsey Hicks and Beth Jones.

Junior Hannah Anderson knows why.

"Everyday we come down the tunnel [at Mackey Arena], look up and see that 1999 national championship banner," she said. "That's what our seniors have been working for. That's why coach brought them in."

The four seniors comprise one of the most successful classes in school history. In three years, they have amassed an 85-19 record, two Big Ten titles and three NCAA tournament appearances, including a runner-up finish in 2000-01. This year, they've carried Purdue to a No. 5 ranking.

Alas, none of them were here in 1999, the last and only time the Boilermakers won the national title.

They came to West Lafayette as a highly touted recruiting class. Oh, how time flies.

Now, those seniors are down to their last chance.

"It's weird looking at it because it feels like I was just a freshman," Wright said. "Now you're in that position where you're leading a team back where you need to be, and where you want to be. It's exciting, but it's also scary because you realize you don't get another chance."

The seniors say a national title would be the perfect punctuation to a stellar four years. They also know that if they don't make it back to the Final Four, many of their achievements will be forgotten.

"You are remembered by how you leave," Hicks said. "That's very true. That's how people will remember us. That's our ultimate goal: to go to the Final Four."

Coach Kristy Curry says the sense of urgency has emboldened her seniors.

"I see great leadership," Curry said. "I'm trying to get my senior class to be more verbal and not to be just action leaders. I like what they stand for. They're trying to make sure that they excel at everything they're doing."

They all excelled Sunday against No. 7 Kansas State in the Women's Tip-Off Classic at Mackey Arena.

In a 79-69 win, Wright and Valek each scored 16 points, Jones was 4-of-4 from 3-point range and Hicks had eight points and six rebounds.

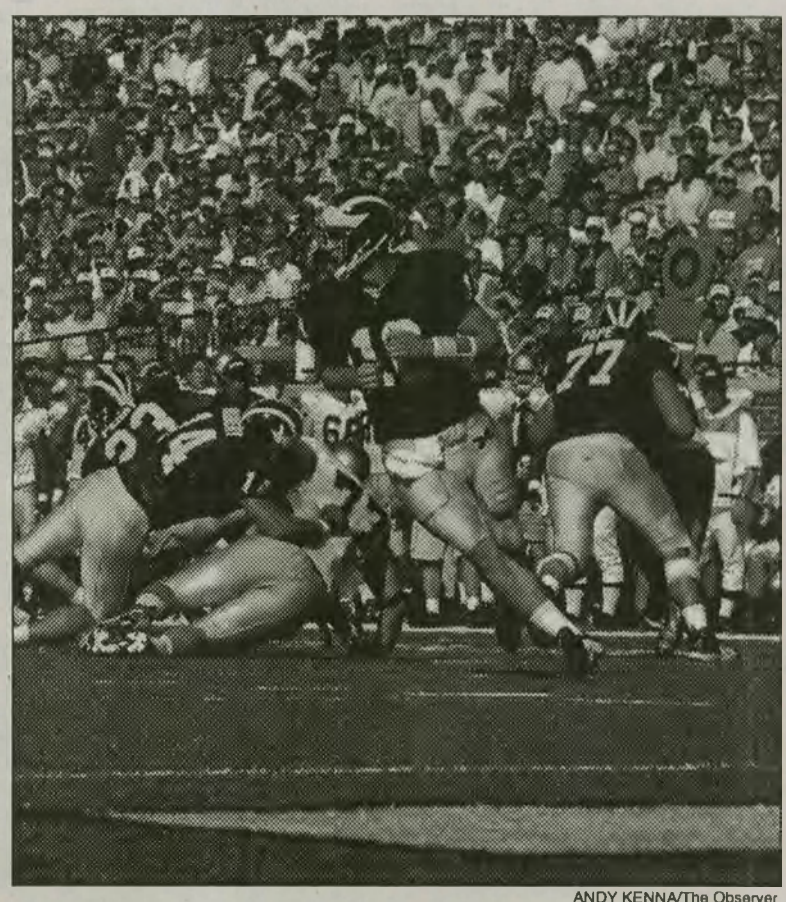
And it's not just the seniors who are feeling the pressure. The younger players are determined to make sure they send their teammates out on a high note.

"They came in as the No. 1 recruiting class and we want to send them out as the No. 1 class," sophomore Carol Duncan said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Big game important to Navarre

Associated Press



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Michigan quarterback John Navarre hands the ball off in a game against Notre Dame Sept. 13.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — John Navarre's name is secure in Michigan's record book.

His legacy in Wolverines lore is not.

Navarre holds a slew of Michigan passing records, but those accomplishments are marred by an 0-2 record against Ohio State.

Some believe the senior has to lead the fifth-ranked Wolverines to a win against the No. 4 Buckeyes to be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks to wear a winged helmet.

"You have to block that out because that's just part of the hype," Navarre said Monday. "You can't focus on that when you're preparing for this game.

"But obviously, how you do against Ohio State is a big part of any career here."

Navarre has one last chance to succeed in this rivalry when the Wolverines (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten) host Ohio State (10-1, 6-1) on Saturday. The outright Big Ten title and an automatic Bowl Championship Series bid are at stake.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr doesn't think one game should define the career of any player.

"What defines you is your character," Carr said.

However, teammate Grant Bowman, who grew up in Columbus, Ohio, understands why Navarre's legacy hinges on the outcome of the Ohio State game.

"It's probably unfair, but there's a lot of things in life that are unfair," Bowman said. "In big games like this, the opportunities are bigger and the chance for loss [is] bigger. That's what you've got to love about it as a competitor. If you don't love that, you probably shouldn't be in the game."

Navarre, a candidate for two national quarterback awards, is finishing his much-maligned career with a flourish.

The native of Cudahy, Wis., has thrown a Big Ten-best 21 touchdown passes, with only eight interceptions.

He needs 218 yards to become the first Michigan quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards in a season, and he's two TDs short of Elvis Grbac's career mark of 71. He has completed 67.9 percent of his fourth-quarter passes for eight TDs and only one interception.

But those numbers will pale in comparison to Navarre's record against Ohio State if the Wolverines don't win Saturday, especially because of his two previous performances in the series.

In a 14-9 loss last season, he was 23-of-46 for 247 yards with two turnovers. He fumbled with 2:02 left, then threw a game-ending interception just short of the end zone.

"You want to focus on those plays, and not repeat them," he said.

Navarre threw for 206 yards with two touchdowns, four interceptions and a fumble in a 26-20 loss two years ago.

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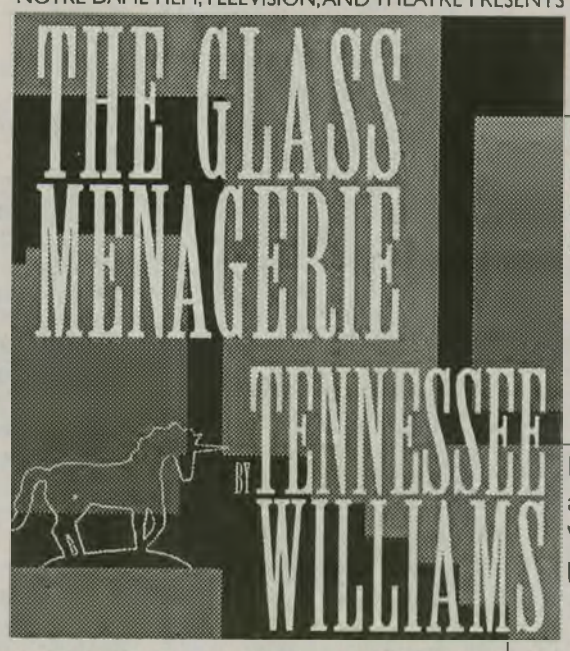

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2	Ohio State	10-1	7.52
3	USC	9-1	7.71
4	LSU	9-1	12.21
5	Texas	9-2	16.35
6	Georgia	9-2	16.73
7	Tennessee	8-2	18.15
8	TCU	10-0	19.27
9	Michigan	9-2	19.73
10	Washington State	9-2	21.03
11	Florida State	9-2	24.25
12	Miami (Fla.)	8-2	24.70
13	Florida	8-3	26.91
14	Miami (Ohio)	9-1	30.53
15	Mississippi	8-2	34.11
16	Purdue	8-3	35.10
17	Virginia Tech	8-2	36.07
18	Iowa	8-3	37.52
19	Kansas State	9-3	45.55
20	Bowling Green	8-2	47.27
21	Oklahoma State	8-3	48.94
22	Nebraska	8-3	50.61
23	Boise State	9-1	50.69
24	Utah	8-2	51.38
25	Pittsburgh	8-3	52.48

NSCAA/adidas Men's Soccer Poll

	team	record	last week
1	UCLA	18-1-1	1
2	Maryland	17-2-1	2
3	NOTRE DAME	15-3-3	5
4	Wake Forest	15-4-0	2
5	Saint Louis	13-3-3	6
6	St. John's	14-5-2	4
7	VCU	16-4-0	8
8	Indiana	12-3-5	11
9	Santa Clara	13-3-3	7
10	North Carolina	12-3-4	8
11	Brown	10-3-3	12
12	Coastal Carolina	17-2-0	18
13	Fairleigh Dickinson	14-4-1	14
14	Florida International	13-4-2	10
15	Southern Methodist	13-6-2	25
16	Hartwick	15-2-1	15
17	Cal State	14-3-2	–
18	Virginia Tech	14-4-2	–
19	Rutgers	10-6-4	–
20	UC Santa Barbara	15-4-1	21
21	Akron	14-4-2	–
22	Davidson	15-5-2	–
23	Yale	10-6-1	22
24	Bradley	11-8-4	19
25	Duquesne	13-3-3	17
26	Alabama Birmingham	10-5-5	24

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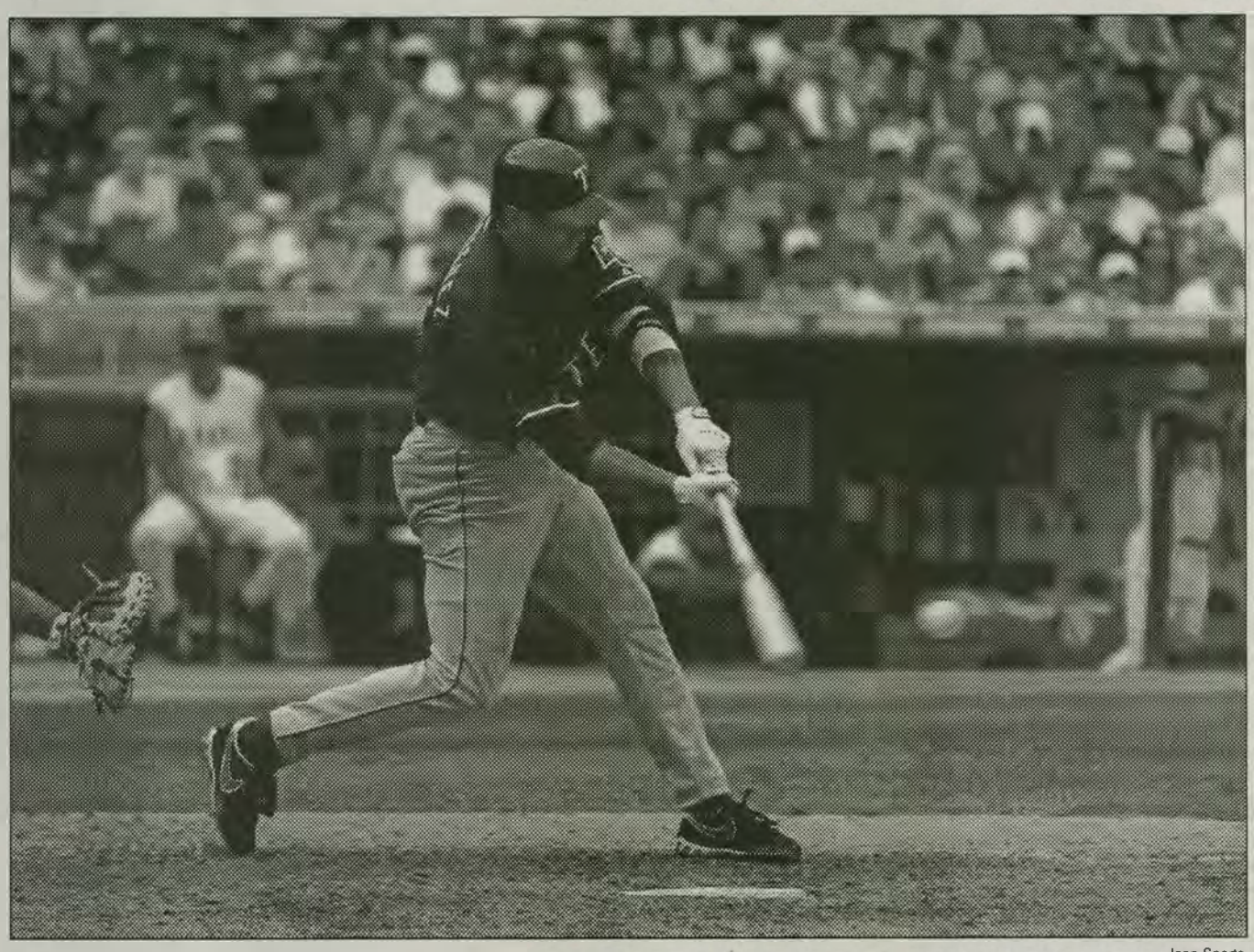

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Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez bats during the Rangers 4-1 loss to Anaheim earlier this fall. Rodriguez, recipient of this year's MVP award, has talked with Ranger management about trading to another team.

Texas' Rodriguez named AL MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez became the second player from a last-place team to win a Most Valuable Player award, then confirmed that the Texas Rangers have talked to him about a possible trade.

"Management has approached me with a situation and some choices, and I'm just going to keep my doors open right now," Rodriguez said Monday from Mexico during a conference call.

Rodriguez received 242 points for the American League award in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado was second with 213 points, followed by New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada with 194.

Showing the split among the writers, 10 players received first-place votes, one short of the record set in the 1947 NL vote and matched in the 1977 AL vote.

Last year, Rodriguez finished second in MVP voting to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada and in 1996 he finished three points behind the Rangers' Juan Gonzalez.

"It means the world to me," Rodriguez said. "I'm so proud. It really is a validation to all the hard work and dedication."

Rodriguez has completed three seasons of a $252 million, 10-year contract, the richest in baseball history. He has been paid $56 million and gets another $1 million on Dec. 1. He also is owed $12 million plus interest in deferred payments from the contract's first three seasons.

Rodriguez said he thought there had been talks about a possible trade with "three of four teams" but didn't elaborate.

"I did not approach management, management approached me," Rodriguez said. "I'm just going to leave the door open."

Texas general manager John Hart said last week he wasn't looking to deal his star.

"We're not having any conversations with any team about Alex Rodriguez," Hart said. "If anybody were to call, of course we'd listen."

While Rodriguez praised Texas owner Tom Hicks, he refused comment several times when asked about his relationship with Hart and manager Buck Showalter.

IN BRIEF

NBA approves plan for realignment

NEW YORK — The NBA's board of governors approved a realignment plan Monday that creates three divisions of five teams each in the Eastern and Western conferences.

The expansion Charlotte Bobcats, the NBA's 30th team, were placed in the Eastern Conference and the New Orleans Hornets were moved to the Western Conference. The Hornets previously played in Charlotte before moving to New Orleans two seasons ago.

Joining the new Charlotte franchise in the Southeast Division of the Eastern Conference will be Atlanta, Miami, Orlando and Washington. The Central Division will have Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indiana and Milwaukee. Atlantic Division teams will be Boston, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Toronto.

New Orleans will play in the Southwest Division of the Western Conference with Dallas, Houston, Memphis and San Antonio. The Northwest Division will have Denver, Minnesota, Portland, Seattle and Utah. The Pacific Division teams are Golden State, the Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix and Sacramento.

Teams will play divisional opponents twice at home and twice on the road. They will play conference opponents outside their division three or four times, and teams from the other conference twice — at home and away.

Divisional winners each earn a playoff berth. The remaining five playoff berths for each conference will be based on regular-season records with no regard to divisional alignment.

Ohio State moves into second place in BCS

Ohio State moved past USC into second place in the BCS standings Monday. Even so, the Buckeyes might need more than a win at Michigan to defend their championship.

The Buckeyes edged ahead of Southern California by 0.19 points following their 16-13 overtime win over Purdue. The Trojans lost ground in the computers and strength of schedule after winning 45-0 at Arizona (2-9).

"That's great, I guess, but it doesn't really mean anything until we go up and play Michigan," Ohio State defensive end Will Smith said.

Oklahoma (10-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which two teams will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Sooners have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.40 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.6 bonus points for beating fifth-place Texas for a 1.8.

Ohio State was second with 7.52 points, followed by USC at 7.71 and LSU at 12.21.

Ranking

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ner of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (15-5-1) and Western Michigan (12-6-2) on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Michigan (13-6), the 12th seed, will host the winner of St. Peter's (17-4-2) and Brown (10-3-3) on the other side of the bracket.

The Irish are riding high coming off their second Big East Championship (and first since 1996) over the weekend, defeating No. 4 St. John's 2-0 in the final game.

The depth and talent in the Big East was shown Monday as well, when the league landed six teams in the NCAA Championship field (Notre Dame, St. John's, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall, Connecticut, Rutgers). Notre Dame is ranked third in the latest release of the NSCAA/adidas top 25, matching its highest in-season ranking from earlier this fall.

CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Irish forward Justin Detter dribbles the ball up the field in a match against Georgetown Sept. 28. The senior recorded two game-winning goals in the Big East Tournament.

In addition to the positive news from the NCAA Championship and national rankings, senior forward Justin Detter was named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week Monday.

Detter scored two game-winning goals during the Big East Championship last weekend and was named the tournament's most outstanding offensive player. His header against Providence in the semifinals proved to be the only scoring in the game. This season, Detter has 11 goals and four assists for a team-high 26 points.

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RecSports

Women boxers to hold Charity Bouts

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's boxing club will hold its Charity Bouts this Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. in Gym 1 of the Joyce Center. Twenty bouts consisting of three 90-second rounds are scheduled for the evening, a culmination of hard and dedicated practice since the beginning of the school year. Entrance to the event will be through Gate 8. Admission is free although donations will be accepted at the gate. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Sports Camp for Girls in Siguatepeque, Honduras, a charity selected through the Center for Social Concerns.

Women's Ice Hockey

Tori Blainey, Becca Fridgy and Saint Mary's Megan Mattia will lead the Irish this weekend in a very challenging schedule. The club will travel to East Lansing, Mich., on Friday to play Michigan State at 10:45 p.m. and again Saturday at 5:30 p.m. before returning home. The Irish will then host Western Michigan Sunday, at 9 a.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink. Mattia and Blainey, with strong support from Jaky Kehler and Lizzy Coghill will try to get the potentially potent offense in gear for these key CCWHA games.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball club will open its season this Saturday at the Rolfs Sports and Recreational Center as it hosts the Notre Dame Golden Dome Annual Invitational. Top players for the Irish include Brian Michalek and Dan Parziale. The squad will square off with defending champion Club Nowak at 9 a.m., play Indiana at 11 a.m., the Notre Dame Alumni at noon and Northwestern at 4 p.m. The semifinals will be played at 6 p.m., with the Finals held an hour later.

Women's Water Polo

Also swinging into action for the first time this season is the women's water polo club. With starting goalie Brigette Alge anchoring the defense and veteran Kim Moore leading the attack, the Irish open their usual tough schedule at the Penn Invitational in Philadelphia.

The season will again feature an extended trip to California to play both intercollegiate varsity and club squads, as well as to compete in tournament play against the top teams from the Midwest and East.

Figure Skating

The Notre Dame figure skating club will compete in its first event of the season this weekend at the Kick-Off Classic in Kalamazoo, Mich. Led by Monica Hritz and Saint Mary's Bridget Purcell, the Irish hope to contend for national honors and another top 10 ranking this year.

Ultimate Frisbee

The Ultimate club will travel to Knoxville, Tenn., this weekend for the Dave Baldwin Invitational. This tournament traditionally draws a large field, including highly-ranked teams from across the country.

Field Hockey

The Notre Dame field hockey invitational with Michigan, Chicago and Michigan State was postponed this weekend and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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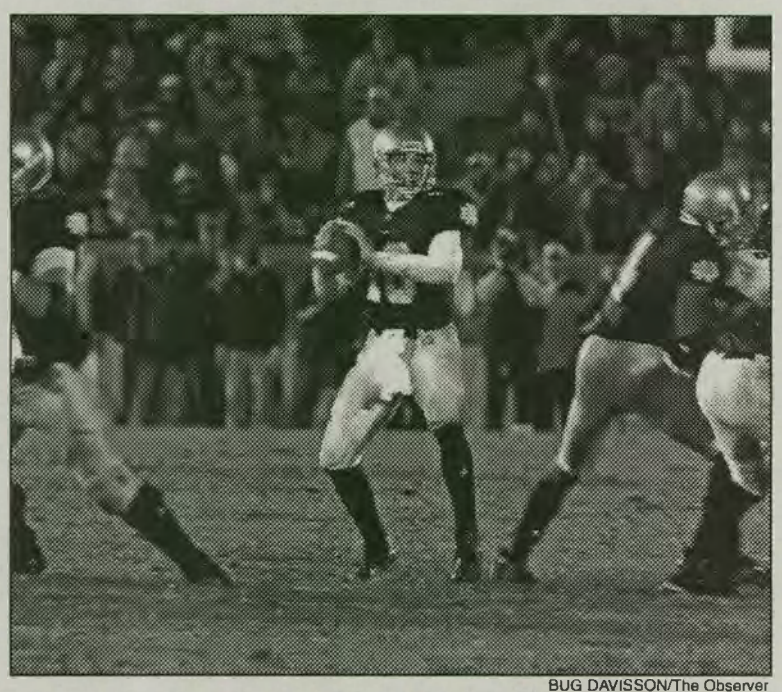

BUG DAVISSON/The Observer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn sits in the pocket against the Cougars. Notre Dame allowed only two sacks Saturday.

Line

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closer," Morton said. "On the field and off the field, you really develop a trust among each other. It's a really good situation."

Quarterback Brady Quinn has seen his sack numbers decrease in the last few games, and he said the line's play has enabled the entire offense to make great strides.

"Anytime I see [the offensive line] come together, and the running game is picking up, it gives me confidence in the passing game," Quinn said.

After a slow start, Jones has seen his numbers improve, and some of that credit should go to the offensive line. Since the USC game, and excluding the Boston College contest, Jones has had solid rushing statistics in every game — averaging 135.5 yards in those four contests. He agrees that line has come together more, and he believes they will improve even more during the rest of the season and into 2004.

"They are going to be outstanding," Jones said. "They are young this year — a lot of them have never played before — but they got a lot of experience this year, and they have done pretty well.

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Belles

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Maureen Palchak took a pair of events, winning both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races. Senior Megan Ramsey also won two races, taking first place in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard freestyle. Other top races for the Belles included sophomore Kelly Nelis, who won the 500-yard freestyle, and freshman Caitlin Fitzpatrick, who won the 100-yard backstroke and took second in the 40-yard individual medley.

"They were ready for us," Petcoff said. "[Albion] did not want to lose three years in a row."

Saint Mary's now faces the challenge of maintaining focus during an extended break as the Belles will not compete until the first weekend of December at the Gene Davis Invitational, where they will be competing against several Division III programs at Lawrence University in Wisconsin.

"We are going to be looking for season-best times across the board," Petcoff said.

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Pearce.

After scoring in the final minute of the first, the Irish came back to score in the first minute of the second as defenseman Brett Lebda took a cross-ice feed from forward Matt Amado and took advantage of a defensive breakdown to slip it past Pearce.

Brown, while still picking up the shutout, may have gotten a little lucky in the second period. Following a turnover in the neutral zone, the Under-18 team came in on a two-on-one, forcing Brown to move to his right to guard the shooter.

The Under-18 team's Jack Johnson received a cross from his teammate and had a wide open net, but hit the post as he tried to slip it in. Brown was able to get back in time to keep Johnson from getting another chance at the puck.

Notre Dame added goals from Tim Wallace and Mike Walsh later in the game to put it away, and outshot the Under-18 team by a count of 39-28.

Notre Dame returns to regular season action next weekend at home when the Irish play host to Lake Superior at the Joyce Center. Game time on Friday is 7:35 p.m.

NOTRE DAME 4, U.S. UNDER-18 TEAM 0 at JOYCE CENTER

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	2	1	4
U.S. UNDER-18	0	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Tom Galvin, 1st, 19:09, (Michael Bartlett, Rob Globke)

ND — Brett Lebda, 2nd, 00:41, (Matt Amado, Globke)

ND — Tim Wallace, 2nd, 9:55, (Lebda)

ND — Matt Walsh, 3rd, 12:25, (Noah Babin, Aaron Gill)

Notre Dame — Saves 28 (Dave Brown 28), Shots 39 (Tom Galvin, T.J. Mathieson, Josh Sciba 5), Penalties 10

U.S. Under-18 — Saves 35 (Jordan Pearce 35), Shots 28 (Matt Auffrey 4), Penalties 9

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Just Having Fun?

Everyday on this campus, someone is made to feel that he or she doesn't belong. It may not even be obvious to anyone except the person that is hurt. When I walk across South Quad, I don't see anyone with a t-shirt that ways "White Anglo-Saxon Males Rule!" But I do see it in the attitudes of people and in the comments that I hear. "That's so gay," when someone disagrees with what a friend says. And I hear the embarrassment and desire in someone's voice when all her friends are going to shop at the mall, again, because there's nothing better to do on a Tuesday afternoon, when she can't afford a $250 shopping spree at Abercrombie & Fitch just for the heck of it!

C'mon - the guys are just using a common expression, it's not like they really said it to degrade homosexuals. And the girls are just having a good time; it's not their fault that their parents make a ton of money!

And these arguments may be true. The guys might not really hate homosexuals and the salaries of their parents are not in the control of the girls. But everyone is capable of sensitivity to others.

One of the worst things about discrimination on our campus is that the majority of students don't even realize that it is here! It's not aimed at the straight white upper-middle class Catholic population. For every blatantly hurtful action, there are hundreds of everyday actions and comments that make certain groups of students feel unsure about themselves. All of these little things combine to form a subtle yet unwelcoming environment which discourages diversity, respect and acceptance of all on campus.

Today, Tuesday, November 18th at 7 p.m., ADAPT (Advanced Diversity Action & Planning Team), a new group sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, is hosting "Let's talk about it," an interactive event that will push the Notre Dame community to face the problems surrounding the issues of diversity and sensitivity on campus.

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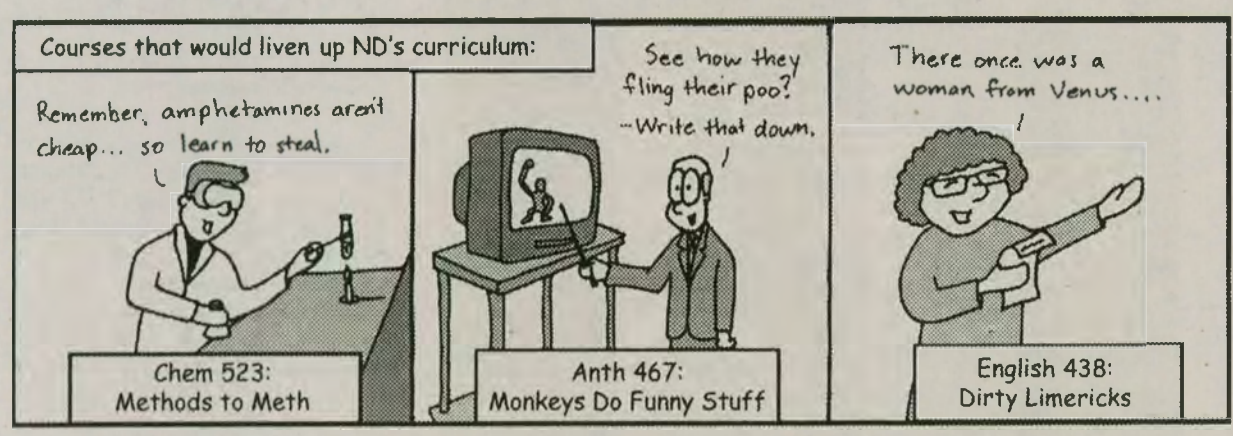

Jumble

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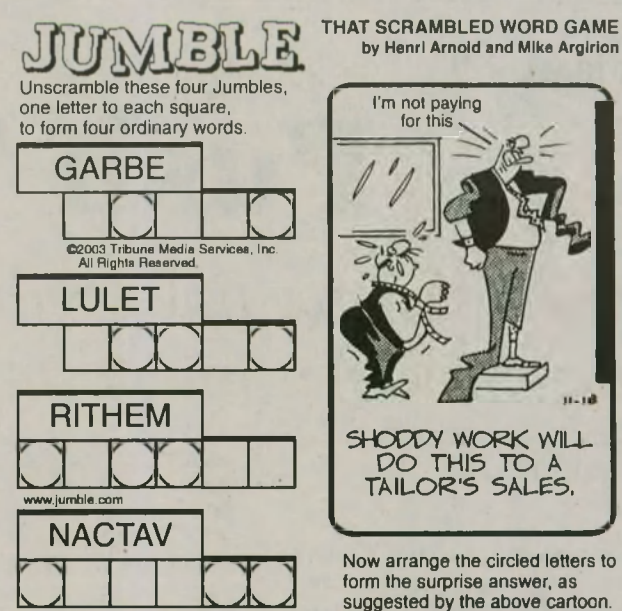

Crossword

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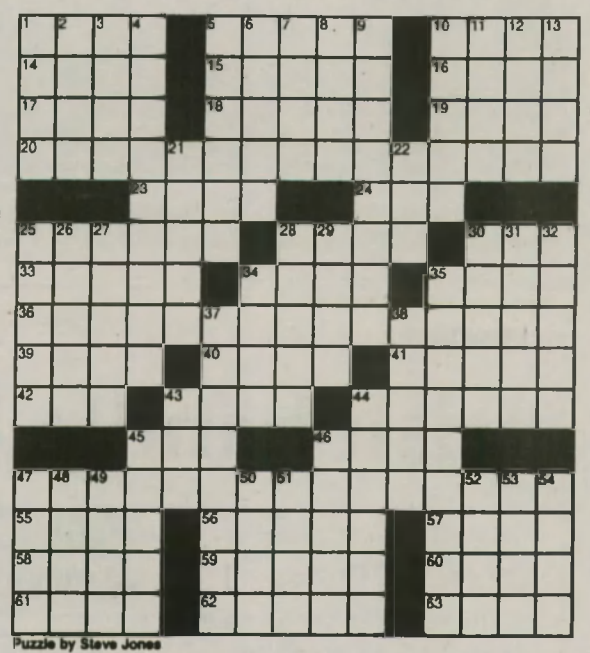
ACROSS

1 Editor's overruling
5 Oddball
10 Antifur org.
14 "St. Elmo's Fire" singer John
15 Admit
16 North Carolina school
17 Pac-10 team
18 Played charades
19 Vessel that's poled
20 Is like a stumped puzzle solver?
23 Golf unit
24 Eyeshadow shade
25 Voluble
28 Morning cupful, slangily
30 Lennon's lady
33 Green beans
34 Disney's "___ & Stitch"
35 Cowboy boot attachment
36 Like a stumped puzzle solver?
39 Cologne scent
40 Parisian hangout
41 Old enough
42 Second letter addendum: Abbr.
43 Compassion
44 "Psycho" figure
45 Headmaster's title
46 Hatchling's sound
47 Where a stumped puzzle solver goes?
55 Feel sympathy (for)
56 Produce hurriedly, with "out"
57 Scott in a noted court case
58 Picnic dish
59 Halt
60 Piedmont province
61 Brewski
62 Less predictable
63 Leave behind

DOWN

1 Starchy veggie
2 Edible shell
3 ___ Stanley Gardner
4 Insults and such from athletes
5 Point-blank
6 Milk for un bebé
7 "___ boy!"
8 City on the Dneiper
9 Undertaking
10 Vantage point
11 Airline launched in 1948
12 Meat substitute
13 Kitty starter
21 "Wrong!"
22 Simile words
25 Jumper cable's end
26 Touch for funds
27 Build up
28 Instant
29 Burn remedy
30 Colleague of Dr. Phil
31 Prod gently
32 Canadian skater Brian



Puzzle by Steve Jones

34 Future J.D.'s hurdle
35 Play down, as an issue
37 Volkswagen named for a desert wind
38 Gentleman caller, e.g.
43 Fruit center
44 Less kind
45 Depicts distortedly
46 Race winnings
47 McCartney's instrument
48 Bill of Rights defender: Abbr.
49 Neighbor of Niger
50 Outbuilding
51 Campus hangout
52 Roughly
53 Butterfly catchers' needs
54 Falco of "The Sopranos"

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Horoscope

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Sharing this birthday: Linda Evans, Elizabeth Perkins, Kevin Nealon, Brenda Vaccaro, Margaret Atwood

Happy Birthday: You'll be empathetic when dealing with others this year, which will bring you loyalty and help in return. You can turn some of your ideas into a tangible commodity. The more you get involved in, the better your chances will be to achieve the success you want. Take a chance and follow your dreams. Your numbers: 6, 19, 22, 25, 34, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You're in the mood to party. Make arrangements to meet friends at your local hangout. You are likely to meet an interesting individual you'll want to get to know a lot better. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to drop all those jobs that have been keeping you busy and take some time out to enjoy friends and lovers. Organize a get-together that will help start off the festive season. ****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This will be an adventure-filled day if you are prepared to cast your fate to the wind. You need to cut loose and have some fun. New relationships may develop. **
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social events will encourage romantic encounters, but deception within relationships is evident. Don't let yourself be taken in by someone who isn't trustworthy. *****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic opportunities will develop through organizational activities. You can make financial gains through group ventures. Time spent with children will be rewarding and insightful. ***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You must channel your energy wisely. Do things that will help you better yourself. Physical activities will lead to greater self-esteem. You can complete hobbies if you put your mind to it. ***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be upset with someone you live with. You may want to take some time to decide how you feel about the relationship you're in and your partner's way of treating you. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Find ways to cut your costs when it comes to gifts, entertainment and the whole festive season. If you use your ingenuity, you can come up with ideas that will impress everyone. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be in trouble if you have been evading issues regarding your personal intentions. It is best to sit down and open up to the one in question. You will have to be precise. **
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional difficulties will surface if you haven't been completely honest with yourself or your partner. Go over some of the past occurrences before making a decision. ****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your personal secrets to yourself. New love interests will unfold if you join groups or clubs. Your high energy will lead you down new and exciting avenues. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take it easy; you need rest and relaxation. Your nerves are frazzled, and it's probably been a long time since your last vacation. Spend some time with your mate.***

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FOOTBALL

Push 'em back

Irish offensive line coming together after rough start

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They took much of the blame when Notre Dame's offense struggled this season, but after Saturday's win over BYU, they deservedly took much of the credit.

The Irish offensive line has battled through injury and inexperience to become a better unit as the season has progressed, and the results have been clear in the last few games.

"The line has really matured throughout the season," tackle Jim Molinaro said. "We've had our tough times, but we're really coming together as a unit."

The group did not allow a sack against Florida State, Boston College and Navy, before giving up two against BYU. They have blocked well for Julius Jones in his two 200-yard rushing performances, as well as the tailback's 161-yard game versus the Cougars.

After losing four players to the NFL draft at the end of the 2002 season, this year's offensive line was a concern from the beginning of spring practice. The only returning starter, guard Sean Milligan, was injured early in the season and hasn't played since the Michigan game Sept. 13. Centers Bobby Morton and Zachary Giles have switched in and out of their position throughout the season, and tackle/guard Dan Stevenson hasn't played in two games because of an injury.

That's left a thin offensive line even thinner. But the Irish have persevered and made great strides in the last several weeks.

"I think anytime you put five guys — in our case nine — into the heat of battle, over a ten or 11-week span, you grow

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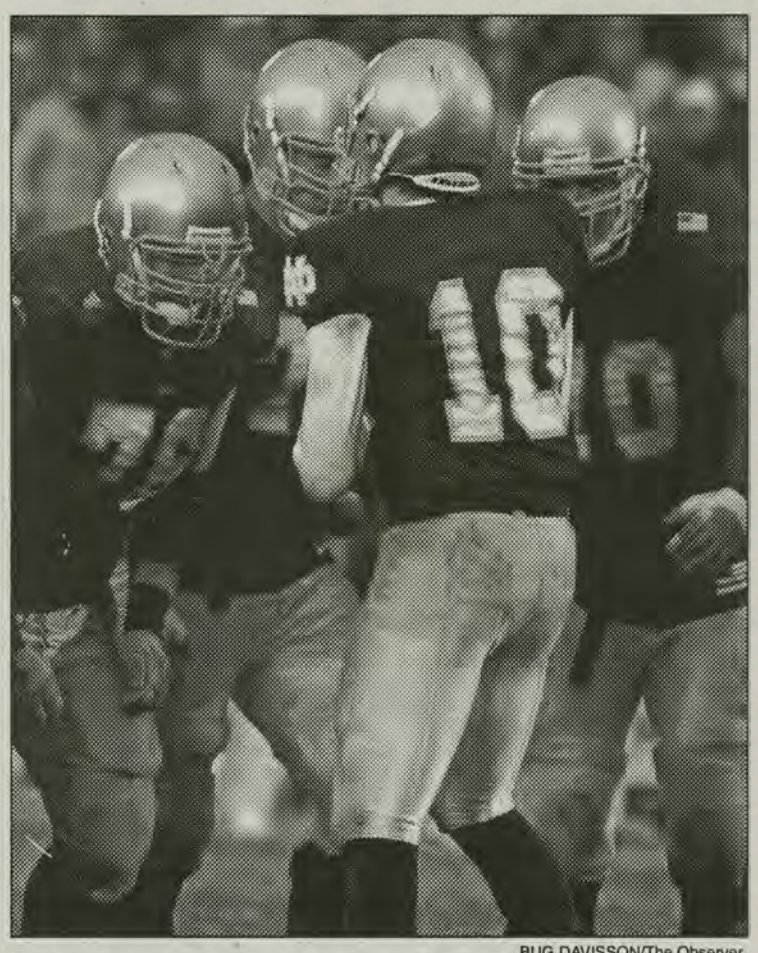

BUG DAVISSON/The Observer
Irish quarterback Brady Quinn huddles with his offensive linemen against BYU in Notre Dame's 33-14 win Saturday.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish grab No. 5 seed in NCAA Tourney

Special to The Observer

Good news continues to roll in for the Notre Dame men's soccer team (15-3-3). The 2003 Big East champions found out where they stand in the NCAA Championship, were ranked third in the nation and landed a team member on the College Soccer News Team of the Week.

The NCAA Men's Soccer Committee announced the field of 48 for the 2003 championship Monday. Notre Dame received the fifth seed in the tournament, the highest in school history, and will have a bye in the first round of action — a first for the program. The Irish were seeded fifth behind No. 1 UCLA, No. 2 Maryland, No. 3 Wake Forest and No. 4 North Carolina.

Notre Dame will face the win-

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SMC SWIMMING

Lack of divers hurts Belles against Albion

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's faced a 29-point deficit before the Belles hit the water during their dual meet against Albion College last Saturday. The Belles needed to overcome the challenge of not having a diving team but came up short as they lost to Albion 128-106.

Despite the loss, Saint Mary's still remained dominant in the swimming events as the Belles claimed first place in six of the nine events, including the 50-, 100-, 200- and 500-yard freestyle events, as well as the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly.

But Albion took full advantage of every moment Saint Mary's did not compete with its best times. After swimming a record-breaking 1 minute, 55.9 second time for the 200-yard medley two weekends ago, Saint Mary's swam a time of 1:57.29. This two-second difference, however, still proved to be detrimental for Saint Mary's as Albion finished four seconds better than their best time this season to edge out the Belles by only .8 seconds with a time of 1:56.45.

> *"We were a little off, and Albion was able to take advantage."*
>
> **Gregg Petcoff**
> **Belles coach**

Saint Mary's also unexpectedly did not do well in the 1,650-yard freestyle, as Albion captured the top three times in the race.

"We were a little off, and Albion was able to take advantage," Saint Mary's coach Gregg Petcoff said.

But despite the team setbacks and a nagging shoulder injury, Saint Mary's senior

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HOCKEY

Irish handle Under-18 team

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Although the jerseys were something new, the stellar goaltending was not.

Sporting a new gold third jersey, Notre Dame used 28 saves from freshman goaltender David Brown and goals from four different players to take care of the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team in an exhibition match Friday by a score of 4-0.

The Under-18 team, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., features the top under-18 prospects in the nation and has helped supply eight current Notre Dame players.

Notwithstanding the fact the results of the exhibition do not count toward their final season record, the Irish still came out hard and aggressive against the younger U.S. team.

"This would have been an off week for us," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said, "but instead it was a chance for us to play a pretty talented team and try out some players in different roles."

Despite the large number of youngsters on the ice for both teams, Poulin said it was senior forward Rob Globke — who assisted on the first goal of the game — who really helped keep the team focused.

"I thought that Rob played outstanding tonight," Poulin said. "He really set the tone for the game and played it simple and smart. I was pleased with the way he set the tempo early."

ANDY KENNA/The Observer
Notre Dame wing Cory McLean moves up the ice in a match against Bowling Green Oct. 17.

The Irish took the early lead with less than a minute left in the first period when Globke sent a crisp pass to forward Michael Bartlett, but Bartlett was unable to handle it. The deflection off Barlett's stick went right to forward Tom Galvin, who put a shot past the Under-18 team netminder Jordan

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NCAA FOOTBALL

Michigan quarterback John Navarre's name is already atop the Wolverine record books, but a win over Ohio State Saturday could make him a legend.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Purdue seniors Shereka Wright, Erika Valek, Lindsey Hicks and Beth Jones hope this is the year they capture the title they were brought to Purdue to win.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut 70, Yale 60

The top-ranked Huskies overcame a three-point halftime deficit to beat the Bulldogs by 10.

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NFL

49ers 30, Steelers 14

Wide receiver Terrell Owens had eight catches for 155 yards in San Francisco's victory over Oakland.

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Raiders coach Bill Callahan is upset that the circulating accusations that four of his players have been using illegal steroids could be hurting the team.

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NBA

Wrapups from Monday's action around the National Basketball Association.

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