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ND ratios differ from national gender gap

Females comprise 44 percent of University student body but 57 percent and rising of college students nationwide

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

More than 57 percent of college students nationwide are female — a number that is expected to grow in the coming years — but despite yearly increases in the proportion of women at the University, the current 56 to 44 percent male-female ratio starkly contrasts the U.S. trend.

Women comprise 57.6 percent of college students nationwide, according to an Oct. 20 USA Today article. The 43 to 57 percent male-female ratio grossly diverges from 1960s and 1970s statistics — 30 years ago women constituted 45 percent of university students in the United States.

The current gap shows no signs of narrowing. The U.S. Department of Education estimated that in less than ten years, women will earn 60 percent

of bachelor's degrees and more than half of graduate degrees nationwide.

Gender and enrollment at ND

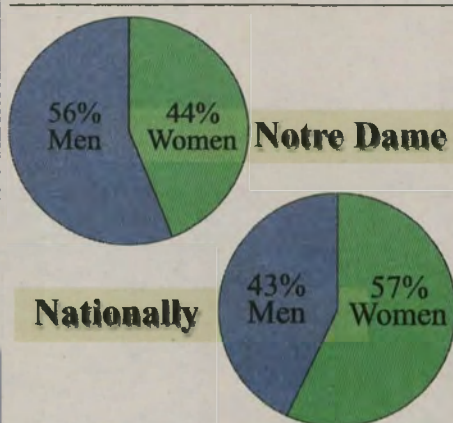
The Office of Institutional Research said, this semester 56 percent of Notre Dame students — graduate and undergraduate — were male and 44 percent were female, a 13 percent shift in the favor of men from national enrollment averages.

Sociology professor Mark Gunty, who teaches a course on the sociology of masculinity, said in his understanding, Notre Dame's ratio is based on the space available in residence halls and is not a function of the applicant pool per se.

"The [ratio] at ND is artificial, just as it is at most private, residential-based colleges and universities, especially those of a more selective nature,"

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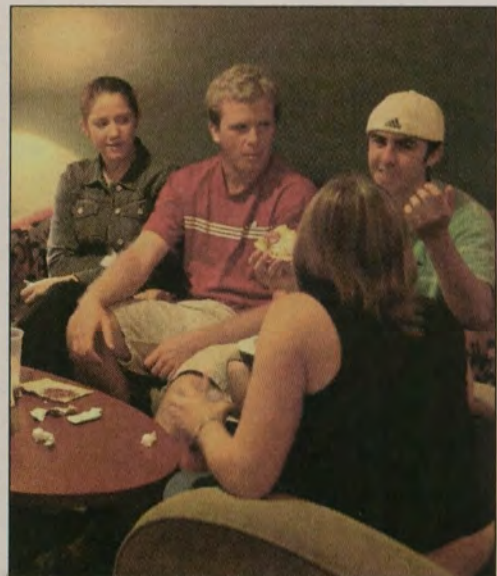
ENROLLMENT BY GENDER FOR 2005



Source: University of Notre Dame Office of Institutional Research, USA Today

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Notre Dame enrolls a lower percentage of female students than the national average. Right, male and female students socialize in Reckers.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Panel focused on pregnancy care

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

While pro-life and pro-choice advocates are polarized on many issues concerning abortion, they agreed on one point Monday in LaFortune Ballroom at the Notre Dame Common Ground Project — society does not do enough to protect and provide for pregnant women.

This was the focus of the forum where professors and students came together to discuss, understand and find common concerns in the abortion debate, particularly how to help pregnant women socially, financially and medically.

The project was organized by Notre Dame senior Kaitlyn Redfield and sponsored by the Feminist

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ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Members of the Common Ground Project discuss how care for pregnant women is insufficient in LaFortune Ballroom Tuesday.

OIT to initiate wireless authentication soon

By ALICIA CONLEY
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) will soon require students, faculty and staff who want to access Nomad, the University's wireless Internet network, to provide their Notre Dame user name and password in order to log on.

"It's one of a series of steps that we're taking to help secure Notre Dame computer resources better. It helps to ensure that only authorized Notre Dame users are accessing our network," Katie Rose, project leader at OIT, said Tuesday.

Without wireless authentication, Rose said it is very easy for an

unauthorized person to access the University network.

The problem with this is "they're using resources the University has designated for faculty, staff and students. This can cause excessive traffic that can impact authorized users," she said.

In spite of having extensively prepared for the Notre Dame community to start using this service, the OIT discovered a problem with the system a few days after it began on Oct. 19.

OIT quickly shut down the service, and on Oct. 24, OIT posted the following message to its Web site: "The requirement to authenticate to connect to the Nomad wireless

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SMC athletes assist with football parking

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Notre Dame football players may not be the only ones exhausted at the end of game days. Tailgates, hours of standing and post-game celebrations often leave the fans drained of energy; but for some Saint Mary's athletes, it is the long hours spent supervising football parking for the 80,000 fans that leaves them exhausted.

Each athletic team at Saint Mary's dedicates their time on one game-day morning per season directing traffic into the Saint Mary's lots. The athletic teams have been supervising

pre-game parking for at least 15 years, if not longer, said Lynn Kachmarik, Saint Mary's athletic director.

The effort of SMC student-athletes helps finance the teams' expenses and provides a unique bonding opportunity, Kachmarik said.

To remain consistent with other parking options in the area, Saint Mary's charges \$15 per car and raises between \$4,000 and \$10,000 per weekend, Kachmarik said. The money from each weekend goes into a general fund until the end of the football season, when each team is given an appropri-

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Hesburgh featured in film

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

The exceptional life of University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, which includes extensive public service as well as storied leadership of Notre Dame, has been captured in a documentary to air this weekend on the Hallmark Channel.

"God, Country, Notre Dame" features interviews with three former U.S. presidents, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian, as well as Notre Dame officials, Holy Cross priests and current students.

The film affirms Hesburgh's faith as the source of his seemingly endless energy and commitment to

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Photo Courtesy of Dan Pitre

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh prepares for a scene in the documentary film "God, Country, Notre Dame."

INSIDE COLUMN

‘Tis the season to be offended

The days of “The Shirt” debates seem to be over. So it’s time to move on to bigger and better things to be mad about.

‘Tis the season to be offended. My theory is that many of us are still grieving over the loss to USC and need suitable punching bags to take our aggression out on.

Peter Ninneman
News Wire Editor

One campus issue right now is the seemingly troubled relations between South Bend residents and Notre Dame students. Two students were quoted saying some less-than-nice things about South Bend residents, and the city itself, that have created somewhat of a stir. OK, so two students don’t think highly of South Bend residents, in particular those of economic standing less than that of the average Notre Dame student; does that mean that the majority of the student body feels the same way?

We’re talking about the same student body that spends huge amounts of time working in not only the South Bend community, but also with the people of Appalachia and urban Chicago, among other places of dire need. The perception of snobbish, elitist students is one that doesn’t seem to mesh with reality. I’m not saying everyone is fantastically unprejudiced and perfectly moral, but I hardly think that it is fair to say a large fraction of students are just downright awful bigots.

Also in the campus scandal mill is a joke/insight about race relations made at a student stand-up comedy event last Thursday. Several students walked away from the event with a sour taste in their mouth, feeling that the joke was intolerant and that those who laughed at the joke were just as bad. Some feel this is telling of the campus climate — that it proves a good portion of our student body is insensitive and intolerant.

Alright, someone made social commentary about race relations at Notre Dame in the context of the recent passing of Rosa Parks — does that make the student body intolerant and racist? I certainly think not. This isn’t even considering whether or not the joke, and by extension its author, was racist.

I’d bet my life that if you surveyed every single student, not one would say that they disagreed with Rosa Parks’ actions. So apparently we have another clash between perception and reality.

It’s going to be alright, people. People will say things you don’t agree with or just flat out don’t like. Heck, this is college. Cool down a little and you’ll see that not everyone is out to offend you. Once the smoke settles, you’ll see that you were making a big deal out of something that never should have been an issue.

Besides, there are bigger debates to be had, like on Supreme Court nominations and foreign conflicts.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU NOMINATE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND WHY?



Andy Makielski
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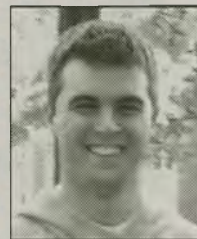
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Katie Rose Hackney
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“Jeff Mikrut, because Creston thinks he’s always right.”

“Arnold Schwarzenegger, because he’s not a girly man.”

“Myself, because I’m a minority.”

“Mike Folger, because he’s so Kobe.”

“Kobe because that would be Kobe.”

“Charlie Weis, because he’s straight nasty.”



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

The first class steppers, a Notre Dame dance group dedicated to step, practice Monday. The group performs annually at Notre Dame’s Black Images and also have appeared at Notre Dame’s Women’s Basketball Game, the BCAF Fashion Show, Acoustic Cafe and Latin Expressions.

OFFBEAT

Man kills buck with bare hands in bedroom

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — It looked like a crime scene, but no charges will be filed after Wayne Goldsberry killed a buck with his bare hands in his daughter’s bedroom.

The engagement lasted an exhausting 40 minutes, but Goldsberry finally subdued the five-point whitetail deer that crashed through a bedroom window at his daughter’s home Friday. When it was over, blood splattered the walls and the deer lay on the bedroom floor, its neck broken.

Goldsberry was at his

daughter’s home when he heard glass breaking. He went back to check on the noise and found the deer.

“I was standing about like this peeking around the corner when the deer came out of the bedroom,” said Goldsberry, demonstrating while peering around his kitchen wall. The deer ran down the hall and into the master bedroom — “jumping back and forth across the bed.”

Burglar makes pizza, flees with \$3,000

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — A pizza parlor burglar paused to make a pizza

before fleeing with \$3,000.

A security camera showed the intruder playing pizza chef after breaking into Sonny’s Pizza and Pasta through a bathroom window early Monday, said Lt. Ted Boyne of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.

The burglar put on an employee’s shirt after entering the pizza parlor about 2 a.m., then he made a pizza, spreading sauce, cheese and pepperoni over the dough and placing it in the oven, the lieutenant said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF







Muslim authors Chahdortt Djavann and Irshad Manji will give a lecture entitled “Removing the Veil: Two Muslim Women’s Re-examination of Islam” at 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The joint lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a question and answer session, reception and book signing.

The Department of Sociology and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts will sponsor speaker Pamela J. Smock from the University of Michigan Thursday as part of The Provost’s Distinguished Women’s Lecturer Series. The lecture will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in G-20 Flanner Hall and will focus on “Living Together Unmarried in the United States: Demographic Perspectives and Implications for Family Policy.”

Ana Garcia Rodicio, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled “Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda” at 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

“Open Doors to the Physics Labs” will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Nieuwland Science Hall. Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 in room 118 on “God’s Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgewood Kilns to the Uncertainty Principle.”

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

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Lecturers discuss ‘who counts in the United States’

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A professor, a nun, an author and a development program director came together Tuesday to discuss “Who Counts in the United States?” — the second lecture on the 2005-06 first year theme at Saint Mary’s Carroll Auditorium.

This first year theme, which is chosen every spring by a group of professors and the Center for Academic Innovation, is intended to create a sense of intellectual community, particularly among first year students.

Tuesday’s lecture to about 90 attendees expanded on the ideas presented by Faith Adiele and Margo Anderson

in the first lecture of the series on Sept. 27.

“The question of who counts in the Americas begs the question ‘who doesn’t count?’” said Maurice Guevera, professor of English at the University of Wisconsin.

Guevera was joined by Sr. Maria Riley, an Adrian Dominican nun; Betsy Hartman, the director of the Population and Development Program at Hampshire College; and Brenda Cardenas, author of From the Tongues of Brick and Stone.

Guevera focused on the con-

centration of power in the U.S. government, which, he said, is replicated throughout the generations. While there are rules in place that allow anybody to make his or her way into political power and become a senator, congressman or even school board president, that will most likely not happen, he said.

Guevera cited the Bush and Kennedy families as examples in which many members of the same class are involved in politics.

“These same people always rule, so how can we expect a lower class person to count in

our government,” he said.

Riley spoke about her work with Catholic social teachings and how “free trade” negatively affects the poorer countries involved in trade agreements.

She cited the new Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which was passed this summer and includes Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic.

“Free trade favors the economically powerful countries in this world,” she said.

While free trade is widely thought to help poorer countries, Riley said it actually

hurts the financially struggling people.

She also said the flood of American imports saturate the economy, overwhelming local and small industries in countries and making them more dependent on exporting their quickly depleting natural resources.

Hartman focused on the role of rich consumers and young workers, who, she said, count in the U.S.

She specified that “young workers” counted because of the growing trend of companies laying off older men and women.

Hartman also spoke on the scare tactics used by people in favor of population control, like white supremacist groups. She said population has almost become a National Security Crisis because groups have subtly implanted in everyone’s mind that there are “too many young men prone to violence in the Middle East.”

Cardenas, who spoke last, was most focused on Latino Americans in the United States. She lived in a barrio on the Southwest side of Chicago for a few years and said she saw firsthand how the immigrants in America stay connected to their country of origin by constantly traveling back and forth, “not caring if it was legal or illegal,” she said.

Cardenas said there is a bit of cultural syncretism because people are assimilating into American culture but do not want to give up their culture from home.

Cardenas recalled when she taught at Wright College in Chicago, which, at the time, had a 48 percent Latino population, but only offered one Latino Studies course.

“If that’s not saying something about who counts, I don’t know what does,” she said.

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Gender

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Gunty said. "At places with co-ed housing, the mix can be more variable, of course, so the single-sex housing arrangement here contributes to the very stable ratio of men to women over the years."

But Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said Notre Dame's enrollment reflects its applicant pool which has been "consistently" more male than female since the University began enrolling women in 1972.

"While the number of women applicants has definitely increased over the past 33 years, in recent years the percentage of women applicants has remained steady at 47 percent," Saracino said.

Although the percentage of women has risen steadily over the past three decades, the rate of increase is less than national averages and men continue to outnumber women on campus.

Percentages of women enrolled at the University climbed steadily throughout the mid-1970s and saw even more significant change in the 1980s, but for the last five years the proportion of women has stagnated at 44 percent.

Saracino said although there has been no research conducted to explain why Notre Dame has not experienced a further rise in female enrollment, the University is "carefully" monitoring trends in gender ratios — among other characteristics — present in the applicant pool each year.

"We really don't know why Notre Dame's experience is truly different," Saracino said. "We only know that it clearly is unique. It is conceivable that we could begin to reflect what other colleges are experiencing."

Sociological implications

The recent trend has caused many researchers to look into the potential sociological implications of the decreasing number of men enrolled post-secondary education.

In the USA Today article, writer Michael Gurian said some colleges attract fewer men because those institutions are more directed at female academic endeavors. Colleges must garner more male applicants by emphasizing such "male" interests as sports, he said.

Gunty was unsure as to whether Notre Dame's culture of athletics encounters an anti-liberal arts bias among men,

but maintained that vestiges of pre-1972 campus life continue to be present.

"Notre Dame's traditions and culture are very strong, some of which date back to its all-male roots," Gunty said.

The USA Today article said the national gender gap is largest at liberal arts colleges.

"We have a broad mix of majors here, and I doubt that our program offerings have much impact on the gender mix of the student body," Gunty said.

Despite the diversity of curricula offered at the University, Gunty said it is "clear" that some majors are more attractive to males than females.

Although many areas of study have equitable proportions of male and

female students, records from the Office of Institutional Research corroborate Gunty's claim. Of all computer engineering majors, females account for three percent, while 92 percent of all students who major in art history are women.

The enrollment of men in post-secondary schools may also reflect sociological trends in the way men perceive education and academic achievement.

Gunty said senior survey results indicate that women at Notre Dame do study more than men; however, the extent to which academic performance is regarded as a benefit or detriment to one's masculinity is mixed.

"At various ages, males might look at academic success in either a positive or negative light," Gunty said. "One type of masculinity clearly associates intellect and expertise as good

for male gender identity, and for other types, intellect is de-emphasized in favor of physical strength."

Much depends on the subculture of a man's networks, Gunty said.

"Overall, the status of boys with regard to education and schooling is a hodgepodge," he said. "Boys seem to reap benefits unavailable to girls, but they are also troubled by conventional schooling practices more than girls."

Gunty also said the structural economic incentives are not the same for both sexes.

"Males without a college education can expect higher paying jobs than females with a college education," he said.

Confronting the issue

As when faced with other forms of disparity in its student populations — in race, religion or socioeconomic background — colleges are looking to solutions that foster diversity in a fair manner.

A 2003 Supreme Court decision rejected the University of Michigan formula that awarded bonus admissions points to

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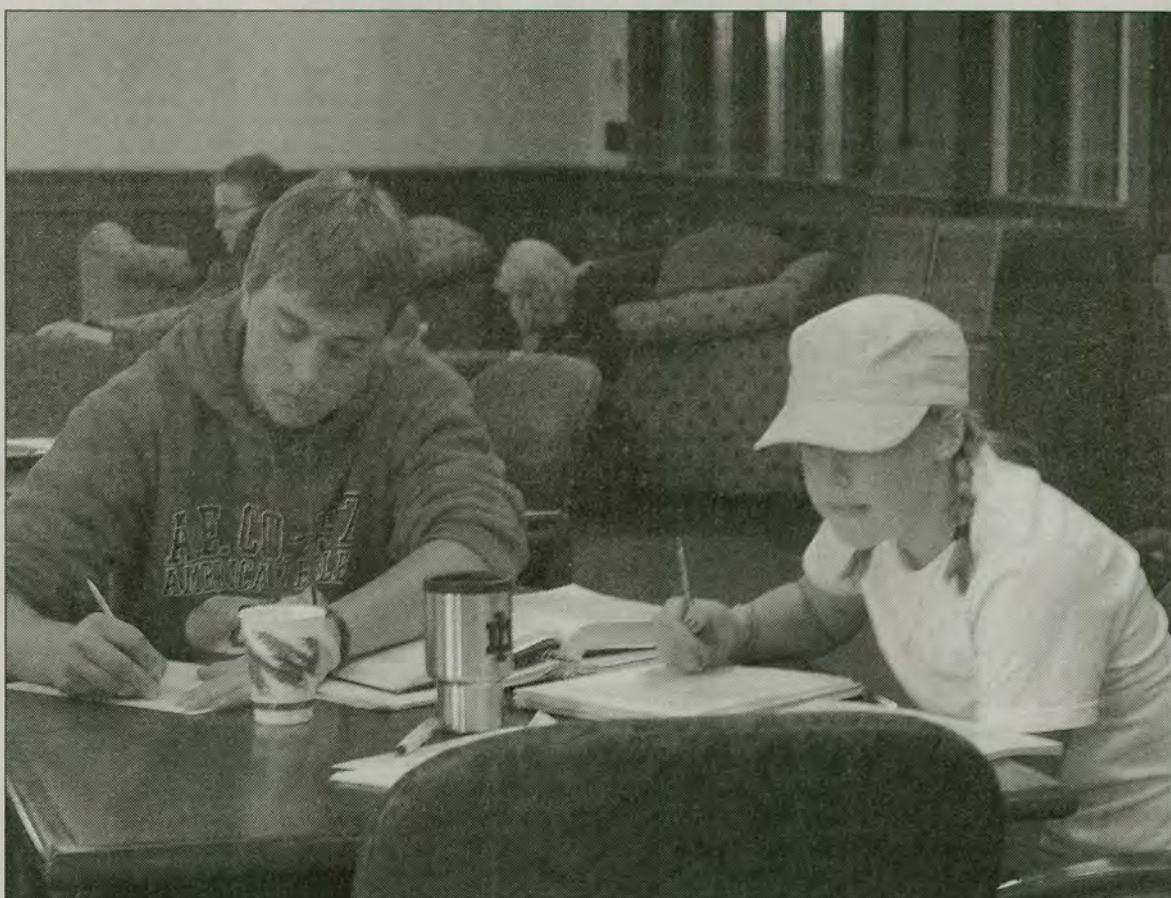
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director of admissions

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Freshmen Benjamin Whiting and Jennifer Heenan study in the Coleman Morse lounge Tuesday. Women are a minority of the Notre Dame student body, unlike at many other universities.

minorities in order to increase the college's racial diversity. Similarly, in 2000, a federal judge said the University of Georgia must stop awarding extra points to minorities — as well as males.

The USA Today article said a 2005 study in the admissions method of 13 liberal arts colleges found that "gender was not a significant determinant" in the admissions process.

Saracino said he personally does not support a system in which colleges grant men preferential treatment in admissions decisions.

"It is a form of discrimination," he said. "Acting 'affirmatively,' however, in which we

identify and target under-represented groups with special recruitment activities, is something which could be implemented should we deem it necessary."

Gunty said he doubts college admissions policies will have much impact on the gender makeup at colleges and universities.

"The issues affecting a person's choice to attend college start way back in childhood and carry on throughout all levels of schooling, and many of those issues have gender overtones and undertones," he said.

The progress of women is another factor that has contributed to the trend.

Gunty said women have made strides in academic accomplishments, and the options for women to pursue occupations outside the home are much wider than they were in past generations.

"I would not conclude that the gap in male-female college enrollments is simply a sign of female progress in academia," he said. "I know of no one who would argue that the so-called 'chilly climate of higher education' — the female-unfriendly environments at most colleges — has been replaced by a pro-female climate."

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"Undergraduate Research in Arts and Letters: Opportunities for Students"

November 3, 2005

5:00-6:30

Coleman-Morse Lounge

The purpose of this forum will be to provide students with information about two important sources of funding for undergraduate research- the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program and the Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative.

Six undergraduate recipients of these awards will speak about their experience of writing proposals, conducting their research, and seeing their projects to completion.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Teenagers riot in France after deaths

PARIS — Tension mounted Tuesday in the troubled suburbs of Paris, after angry youths torched cars, garbage bins and even a primary school in rioting that highlights the division between France's big cities and their poor satellites, where unemployment soars and disenchantment thrives.

Officials in Paris and the northeastern suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois, where the accidental deaths of two teenagers triggered the riots that began Thursday, worked to prevent a sixth night of violence.

Police said 19 people were detained late Monday and early Tuesday in Clichy-sous-Bois and three other suburbs, and 13 remained jailed. A total of 68 cars were torched in several suburbs, LCI television reported, while police said 21 cars — two of them police vehicles — were set on fire in Clichy-sous-Bois.

Israel allows Gaza border inspectors

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel on Tuesday approved the deployment of European inspectors at the Gaza-Egypt border, a breakthrough after weeks of slow-moving talks and a major step toward giving the Palestinians freedom of movement without Israeli controls for the first time in four decades.

As negotiators tried to resolve remaining disputes over new security arrangements on the frontier, Israel killed two top Palestinian fugitives in a missile attack on their cars, triggering threats of revenge by militants that could further erode the fragile truce between the two sides.

Israel's Security Cabinet agreed to deploy the European inspectors to replace Israeli border personnel, who had controlled Palestinian movement in and out of Gaza since capturing the territory in the 1967 Mideast war.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hispanics attend worst schools

WASHINGTON — Hispanic children are much more likely than white or black students to attend the nation's largest and poorest public high schools, a new analysis shows.

More than half of Hispanic teens, 56 percent, attend schools with enrollments of roughly 1,800 students — schools that rank in the 90th percentile in terms of size. Only 32 percent of black children and 26 percent of white children attend schools that large, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a non-profit research group that studies the Latino population.

Court debates religious freedom

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court debated Tuesday whether to let a small congregation in New Mexico worship with hallucinogenic tea, the first religious freedom dispute under Chief Justice John Roberts.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed skeptical of the Bush administration's claim that the tea can be banned, but she may not be around to vote in the case.

About 130 members of a Brazil-based church have been in a long-running dispute with federal agents who seized their tea in 1999. The hoasca tea, which contains an illegal drug known as DMT, is considered sacred to members of O Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal.

The Bush administration contends the tea is not only illegal but potentially dangerous.

LOCAL NEWS

Governor orders tribute for Parks

INDIANAPOLIS — To honor civil rights icon Rosa Parks on the day of her funeral, Gov. Mitch Daniels has directed that American flags across the state be flown at half-staff on Wednesday.

Parks, who died Oct. 24 at age 92, helped inspire the modern civil rights movement with her 1955 refusal to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., bus.

Former President Clinton is among the dignitaries expected to attend her funeral Wednesday in Detroit.

Bush plans for flu pandemic

President allots \$7.1 billion in strategy to inoculate Americans against illness

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush outlined a \$7.1 billion strategy Tuesday to prepare for a possible worldwide super-flu outbreak, aiming to overhaul the vaccine industry so eventually every American could be inoculated within six months of a pandemic's beginning.

Such a huge change would take years to implement — Bush's goal is 2010 — and his plan drew immediate fire from critics who said it wouldn't provide enough protection in the meantime. States, too, got an unpleasant surprise, ordered to purchase millions of doses of an anti-flu drug with their own money.

The long-awaited strategy also stresses expanded attempts to detect and contain the next super-flu before it reaches the United States, with particular attention to parts of Asia that are influenza incubators — a global focus that flu specialists have insisted the government adopt.

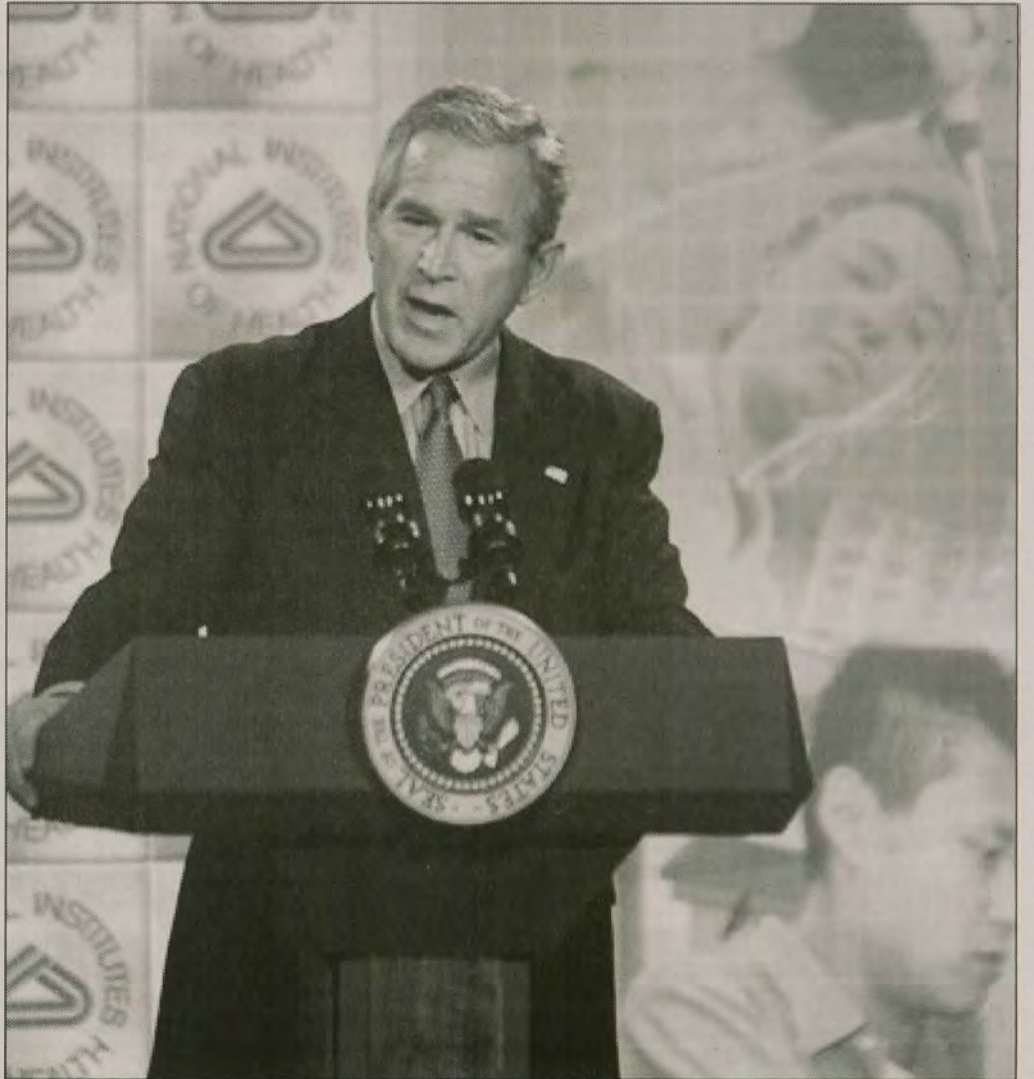
"Early detection is our first line of defense," Bush said in a speech at the National Institutes of Health. He called on other countries to admit when super-flu strains occur within their borders. "No nation can afford to ignore this threat," he said.

At the same time, Bush sought to reassure a public jittery over the spread of bird flu, called H5N1, which has killed at least 62 people in Asia since 2003 and caused the death or destruction of tens of millions of birds.

There is no evidence that a human pandemic, of H5N1 or any other super-strain, is about to start, Bush said repeatedly.

Still, there have been three flu pandemics in the last century and the world is overdue for another. Concern is growing that the bird flu could provide the spark if it one day mutates so that it can spread easily from person to person.

"Our country has been



President George W. Bush discussed his administration's strategy for facing the threat of bird flu on Tuesday at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Bush said he wants to stockpile enough vaccines to protect 20 million Americans.

given fair warning of this danger to our homeland, and time to prepare," Bush said.

Topping Bush's strategy:

- ◆ \$1.2 billion to stockpile enough vaccine against the current H5N1 flu strain to protect 20 million Americans, the estimated number of health workers and other first-responders involved in a pandemic.

- ◆ \$1 billion for the drugs Tamiflu and Relenza, which can treat and, in some cases, prevent flu infection. Enough to treat 44 million people and prevent infection in 6 million others is headed for the federal stockpile. States were told to buy 31 million treatment courses, but Bush is funding only a quarter of the states' anticipated bill.

- ◆ \$2.8 billion to speed production of pandemic vaccines — including better-matched strains — by learning to manufacture them in easier-to-handle cell cultures, instead of today's slow method that relies on millions of chicken eggs.

- ◆ \$251 million for international preparations, including improving early-warning systems to spot human infections with novel flu strains.

- ◆ \$100 million for state preparations, including determining how to deliver stockpiled medicines directly to patients.

- ◆ \$56 million to test poultry and wild birds for H5N1 or other novel flu strains entering the U.S. bird population.

- ◆ A call for Congress to provide liability protection for makers of a pandemic vaccine, which unlike shots against the regular winter flu would be experimental, largely untested.

Bush's announcement came after his administration was battered by criticism over its lethargic response to Hurricane Katrina.

Public health specialists, briefed on the strategy but awaiting details, called it a good start.

"Clearly this is the No. 1 public health issue on the radar screen," said Michael Osterholm of the University of Minnesota, who advises the government on infectious disease threats.

Rumsfeld changes Marines' role

Corps joins U.S. Special Operations Command to combat new terror threats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a historic step designed to bolster the military's ability to fight a global war on terrorism, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday he approved adding Marines to U.S. Special Operations Command, the organization in charge of SEALs, Green Berets and other commando-style forces.

It is the first time since the command was created in April 1987 that the Marine Corps has been included, and Rumsfeld said the change reflects a need for the Pentagon to continue to

adapt to the tactics of an adversary like the al-Qaida terror network that uses unconventional means to counter American firepower.

"It's important that we continue to assess and adapt because of the nature of the enemy that we face," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference. "It's an enemy that believes that we, the free and civilized world, don't have the stamina or the will to sustain a difficult effort over the necessary period of time."

Special operations forces, which train to perform a variety of sometimes-clandestine missions behind enemy lines, have taken on a more prominent role

since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks as the Pentagon adjusts to fighting a shadowy enemy. But the Marine Corps for years has resisted being integrated into the Special Operations Command because its leaders feared diluting their traditional sea-borne missions.

The Marines argued that they already had inherent special operations capabilities, such as reconnaissance teams. Also, the idea of creating an "elite" element within the Marines — as the Army, Navy and Air Force have within their services — ran counter to a service culture that says no Marine is more elite than another.

Parking

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ate percent of the profits.

"The number of shifts a team works is divided by the number of total shifts available, producing the total profit," cross-country coach Jackie Bauters said. "For example, if [members of the cross country team] work one of 12 shifts, we'll get 1/12 of the total profit combined."

The team uses this money to pay the salaries of assistant coaches, fund training trips and buy extra equipment.

"All the time we put into parking seems worth it to me because everything we need is paid for, which relieves stress," said junior Amanda Trevino, a member of the Saint Mary's softball team.

Junior Stefanie Broderick, a member of the SMC basketball

team, also said although parking may be frustrating at times, the monetary reward makes it worthwhile.

"Our team never looks forward to doing the football parking, but we realize that every team has to do it, and it is a major source of fundraising," she said.

Not only do the teams benefit financially, many athletes said the experience provides them with an opportunity to bond. Trevino and Broderick both said they have always worked with at least one other teammate, which has helped prevent boredom.

"At times, parking is a lot of fun," Trevino said. "We get to be loud and jump around in order to get people to come in."

Broderick also said she enjoyed the company of her teammates.

"Having the whole team doing it together is nice — it makes the weather bearable and the time pass more quickly," she said.

A typical morning of parking consists of holding signs on Route 33, collecting money and directing traffic on Saint Mary's campus. The teams usually begin their shift at 6:30 a.m. and continue until half an hour before the game begins or until the lots are full.

Kachmarik said space is never a problem and teams are usually on duty for the full seven to eight-hour shift.

In the past, teams have cut this shift in half to give the athletes a break. This was not, however, an option for the women's basketball team this year.

"This year [the athletic teams] weren't able to do shifts," Broderick said. "The basketball team had to do the entire 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. shift, and it was tiring."

Trevino has also supervised parking and said she knows the frustration of the long hours.

"The experience of directing

traffic can be draining. The morning can go so slowly sometimes," she said.

But Trevino said the monotony of parking is alleviated by the variety of people who come to campus.

"The people who come to park are generally respectful and appreciate what we do. You get to see a lot of different people who talk to us about the team," she said.

The student athletes must also brave the elements and continue their shift no matter the weather. At the start of the football season, teams often must supervise parking in the intense heat. As the season progresses, however, the athletes must bundle up for the cold — and sometimes snowy — conditions.

The cross-country team will be supervising the parking for the first time in mid-November.

"We're working a cold week-

end, so [the athletes] are a little worried about freezing," said Bauters.

To make the weather easier to endure, the athletic department provides water, juice and hot cocoa. Trevino said while beverages are always on hand, access to food is limited unless the athletes bring their own.

Bauters said she will work alongside her athletes during their shift, just as many coaches do, to show support for the team. This involvement helps build team morale and gives the athletes an opportunity to bond with their coaches in a different setting, Bauters said.

"What [parking] really does is bring our individual teams and the athletic department as a whole together in a common cause," Broderick said.

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equality, peace and higher education.

"He has been asked to resolve the greatest social issues of our times ... He was president of the University of Notre Dame for 35 years, has kept his door open to its students for 61 years and has received 150 honorary degrees from universities all over the world," the film said. "Yet when asked to give an account of himself, he chose but one word: priest."

The comprehensive documentary features Hesburgh's own commentary, photos from his young life and at Notre Dame, as well as footage from historical moments in which he participated.

More intimate and lesser-known sides of Hesburgh are also shown, including his love of flying and his friendship with former University Executive Vice President Father Edmund "Ned" Joyce.

A highlight of the film is the inclusion of interviews with Joyce, who suffered a fatal stroke on May 2, 2004 at Holy Cross House on campus.

Near the end of his life, Joyce lay dying in the company of lifelong

friend and longtime colleague Hesburgh, who administered last rites to the ailing priest.

Hesburgh was pleased with the film and said it was one of four documentaries on his life.

"I think it was extremely well done, and I think they didn't spare anything. They took shots of Jerusalem ... they took shots of Washington, D.C.," Hesburgh said. "And then they have shots of campus, which is probably the best of all."

"You get a sense watching it that it's very professional. They covered all the points," he said. "It will be good for Notre Dame, I hope."

The network premiere culmi-

nates a five-year project by Family Theater Productions, a Catholic media ministry in Hollywood founded in 1947 and sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Father Willy Raymond, executive producer and a former Holy Cross Seminary student at Notre Dame, said Family Theater sought to put together a thorough look at Hesburgh's inspirational leadership that could be widely viewed.

"I really hope that [viewers] will take away a couple of messages, but one especially, in the words of Father Ted, is that every single person can make a difference in this world," Raymond said.

Hesburgh's invocation of the

Holy Spirit in times of confusion or discouragement also provides a powerful witness to viewers and the Notre Dame community, Raymond said.

"I hope that the generation of students who are at the University now know what a towering figure Father Ted was and is," he said.

"God, Country, Notre Dame" will air at 12 p.m. Sunday.

The DVD includes an introduction by Raymond and an informal conversation between Hesburgh and students. It is available at the Hammes Bookstore.

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network has been temporarily rescinded while OIT engineers work with a software vendor to correct performance-related issues."

"There are a variety of applications on a person's computer that try to connect to the network," Rose said. "Some are generating so much traffic trying to talk to the server, hitting the authentication

service so frequently and so hard, that the server couldn't handle it."

Rose said an error arose that OIT had not found after nine months of testing.

"We obviously couldn't keep it in place while people were denied access, so we rolled it back," Rose said.

Rose said she did not know when the patch from Roving Planet, the company that provides the "software and architecture service" to fix the problem would be put in place, and she did not know when the authentication

service would start again.

OIT has been setting up the authentication service for over a year, she said.

"We've been running it in a pilot mode since January of this year. We've done a lot of testing and work to ensure that we could provide anyone an easy way to access the network while still requiring them to authenticate."

When the program begins again, there will be two ways for students to sign into the service. One way is to "open up a Web browser and sign in with a user

name and password," Rose said. The other way is for students to "set up a connection to connect in the background," she said, so students don't have to put their user name and password in every time.

Rose said this connection is called an 802.1x and is "a standard that is used for authenticating network connections. It is a little more involved to set up, but ends up being a little more user friendly."

OIT needed to gain approval from the University administration to set up the authentication sys-

tem, Rose said.

"Our [Chief Information Officer] and Chief Technology Officer work with a variety of officials in the University to keep them up to date on a variety of projects that we're working on," she said.

Several other universities around the country also have wireless authentication. Among these are Baylor University, the University of Iowa and Texas Tech.

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Voice, the Department of Sociology, the Program in Gender Studies, the Hesburgh Program in Public Service and the Gender Relations Center in an attempt to foster respectful dialogue between pro-life and pro-choice advocates.

"At this institution, we grapple with many important questions," Redfield said. "Our goal is to honor the humanity on both sides of the debate, to understand each other, to understand the scope of this issue."

The event featured a faculty panel of Kathleen Cummings, associate director of the Cushman Center for the Study of American Catholicism; Teresa Phelps, professor at the Notre Dame Law School and fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and Todd Whitmore, associate professor of Theology and director of the Program in Catholic Social Teaching.

"This is one of the very, very few times I have heard anything like this at Notre Dame ... Both the pro-life and pro-choice positions define both life and choice

in narrow ways," said Phelps. "Instead of trying to preserve or overturn Roe vs. Wade, we should all work to reduce the number of abortions. Many times in the debate, either the fetus or the woman has the rights, and this either/or dichotomy is ill-described."

All three panelists focused on what society should do in order to better care for pregnant women.

Cummings told a story from her early years of teaching when one of her students had an abortion because she had too little support and resources. Cummings said her student may not have felt so helpless if the institution had been like the "Dream Campus," a vision by Feminists for Life, a group containing both pro-life and pro-choice advocates.

"The goal of the Dream Campus is to reduce the number of abortions by providing parents with resources," said Cummings. "On the Dream Campus, there would be pregnancy and parenting resource centers, family housing, scholarship funds for parents, cry rooms in the library, and an accommodating class schedule."

Whitmore spoke of the Nurturing Network, a nonprofit

program started in 1986 that also helps pregnant women and new mothers with medical costs. In addition to financial support, pregnant women need to be socially accepted, Whitmore said.

"Catholic women who have abortions are seven percent more likely than other women to say they are having the abortion because they are afraid of retribution from others finding out they had sex," said Whitmore. "This raises questions about whether a punitive attitude toward sex raises the number of abortions. Fear of retribution from having sex outside marriage drives women to commit an even greater sin."

Phelps said that besides financial and health issues, at the heart of the abortion debate is morality.

"We say we value babies, but as a society, we don't demonstrate that," Phelps said. "We make it so difficult for women who are pregnant. We should not tolerate society's not taking care of women."

"Is 'common ground' possible? Frankly, it's all we've got," said Phelps.

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IN BRIEF

SEPTA employees to remain on strike

PHILADELPHIA — Resolute, angry transit workers vowed Tuesday to remain on strike for weeks or even months if they don't get an acceptable contract, a grim prospect for hundreds of thousands of riders forced to find other ways to get around.

City buses, subways and trolleys were idle for a second day as employees of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority walked picket lines and settled in for what some predicted would be an extended work stoppage.

Contract talks between SEPTA and the Transport Workers Union were to resume Tuesday night. Talks had stopped Sunday night, and about 5,300 union members walked off the job for the first time since 1998.

Union and SEPTA representatives huddled separately with a mediator.

"I'm lonelier than the Maytag repairman. We're sitting at the hotel, waiting for the union negotiators," said SEPTA spokesman Richard Maloney.

SEPTA said union leaders rejected a contract offer that would have required employees to pay 5 percent of their health insurance premiums. Veteran workers currently pay nothing. SEPTA's offer also included a 9 percent pay increase over three years.

Dollar rises on strong economic news

SAN FRANCISCO — Knight Ridder Inc.'s largest shareholder wants the nation's second-biggest newspaper publisher to seek a buyer, contending there are few other options left for a company that has been rapidly losing favor with investors as more advertising shifts to the Internet.

Private Capital Management L.P., which owns a 19 percent stake in Knight Ridder, made the demand Tuesday in a letter addressed to the company's board.

"In light of limited revenue growth across the newspaper industry and the difficulties the company has faced in realizing fair value...for its shareholders, we believe the board should now pursue the competitive sale of the company," wrote Bruce Sherman, PCM's chief executive officer.

Senate to question oil industry

Congress calls on oil companies to use \$96 billion profits to alleviate energy costs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top executives of three major oil companies will be asked by senators next week why some of their industry's estimated \$96 billion in record profits this year shouldn't be used to help people having trouble paying their energy bills.

Lee Raymond, chairman of Exxon Mobil Corp., Jim Mulva, chief executive of ConocoPhillips, and John Hofmeister, president of the U.S. unit of Royal Dutch Shell PLC, will be among the industry executives to be questioned at a Senate hearing, according to congressional and industry officials.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because a final list of witnesses has yet to be completed. The three companies together earned more than \$22 billion during the July-September quarter this year when crude oil prices soared briefly to \$70 a barrel and motorists were paying well over \$3 gallon at the pump after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the Gulf Coast.

Spokesmen for Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell would not confirm Tuesday that their executives had been called to testify. ConocoPhillips did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

There is growing distress among both Republicans and Democrats in Congress about the huge profits reported by oil companies last week.

On Tuesday, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Finance Committee, said oil companies "should do their part" and donate some of their third-quarter earnings to low-income families and senior citizens having trouble paying energy bills, including high heating bills this winter. Grassley cited industry analysts as estimating that the 29 major oil and gas companies are expected to earn



Oil pumps at Midway Sunset Oil field, west of Taft, Calif., continue to work as the major oil companies face criticism from Congress for their immense profits.

\$96 billion this year.

"You have a responsibility to help less fortunate Americans cope with the high cost of heating fuels," Grassley, whose committee deals with tax legislation, wrote in a letter to the chief of the American Petroleum Institute, the industry's lobbying arm. He also said companies should invest more of their profits in exploration and production and refining capacity to increase supplies.

Earlier in the day, Sens. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Chris Dodd, D-Conn., renewed their call for passage of a windfall profits tax on oil companies. They hoped to put such a proposal — a 50 percent tax on the

sale of oil over \$40 a barrel — into a tax bill later this month, they said. The revenue would be given to consumers in form of an income tax rebate.

These huge profits "come as a windfall, falling into the laps of the big oil companies with little or no additional effort or expense," argued Dorgan.

The Bush administration also has discussed internally a possible proposal to link funding of the federal low-income energy assistance program to oil industry profits. But Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said he remains opposed to a windfall profits tax, arguing it was a failure in the 1980s and would be coun-

terproductive.

Advocates for low-income energy assistance said that because of soaring fuel costs, as much as \$5.2 billion may be needed to help poorer families pay winter heating bills. Congress provided about \$2 billion for the program last fiscal year.

In an interview last week, John Felmy, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute, which represents the major oil companies, said the industry in the coming years plans to invest \$86 billion in marketing, refinery expansions, oil exploration and production. "We are an industry already doing a lot. ... We're already investing vast amounts," Felmy said.

Japan expected to end U.S. beef ban

Associated Press

TOKYO — The risk of mad cow infection in U.S. beef is nearly as low as Japanese beef if proper precautions are taken, a government panel ruled Monday, a decision expected to lead to an easing of an import ban that has caused tensions with Washington.

The panel on mad cow disease forwarded their report to the appropriate ministries for a month of hearings before rendering a decision on the ban, which was imposed in December 2003 after the discovery of the first U.S. case of the bovine illness.

"Based on the assumption that all

precautions are taken as requested, we consider the difference in risk between U.S. and Japanese beef to be extremely small," panel chairman Yasuhiro Yoshikawa said, reading the report to his colleagues.

Media reports say the decision will lead to the resumption of imports of beef products from U.S. cows younger than 21 months old as early as the end of this year. No case of mad cow has ever been discovered in animals of that age.

Before the ban, Japan was the most lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef, and an increasingly impatient Washington has pushed hard for a resumption of the trade.

Last week, 21 U.S. senators introduced legislation that would force President Bush to impose tariffs on Japan if it does not lift the ban.

After lengthy negotiations, the U.S. and Japanese governments this year agreed that Tokyo would allow the import of U.S. beef from the younger cows. The Japanese side, however, said approval was needed by the Food Safety Commission.

Still, Japanese consumers remain wary of American beef, with recent polls showing that nearly 70 percent opposed lifting the ban.

Further delays in overturning the ban could cause more tensions with the United States ahead of a Nov. 15-16 visit by Bush.

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Panel calls for major changes to tax law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring the income tax system “has become a running joke,” a presidential panel on Tuesday recommended rewriting the nation’s tax laws by eliminating virtually every deduction and credit and replacing them with simpler benefits for more taxpayers.

Treasury Secretary John Snow said he would study the report, issued by the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, and hoped to present formal recommendations to President Bush later this year.

“These are bold recommendations,” Snow said. “These are recommendations that will challenge orthodoxy in a lot of ways on tax policy.”

The nine members of the commission said key recommendations would be unpopular.

“Many stand waiting to defend their breaks, deductions and loopholes, and to defeat our efforts,” the group said in a letter to Snow.

Marginal tax rates would be lower for individuals and businesses under two alternative tax systems endorsed by the panel.

Both would eliminate most deductions and credits in an effort to simplify tremendously complicated calculations. The second of the two tax systems aims to reduce taxes on savings and investments made by businesses and families.

In place of current tax breaks, the panel would create a few tax credits and three savings accounts that they said would encourage homeownership, charitable giving and saving while also supporting lower income workers and their families.

The panel sharply criticized lawmakers’ tendency to use the tax code to promote their policy agendas, noting there had been 15,000 changes in tax laws since the last major rewrite in 1986.

Snow and the panel’s members urged lawmakers and taxpayers to look at the package as a whole, not to concentrate solely on benefits lost.

Very quickly, however, the panel heard criticism of their decisions to limit or scrap deductions for mortgage interest, health insurance premiums and state and local taxes.

“Unfortunately, President Bush’s tax panel is a Trojan horse, using so-called simplification to cut taxes for the wealthy while increasing taxes

for middle-class families,” said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said the recommendations didn’t go far enough. “We need comprehensive reform that will make America the best place in the world to invest and do business,” he said.

“It’s hard to see how they overcome some of the intrusions onto really pretty sacred territory,” said Clint Stretch, director of tax policy for Deloitte Tax.

Mark Weinberger, a former Treasury Department official who is now Americas Vice Chairman at Ernst & Young, said successful tax reform requires taxpayers to look at the benefits of any new tax system, not just the costs.

“Tax reform is all about trade-offs. It’s all about winners and losers,” he said. “I think tax reform is absolutely going to happen, the question is just when.”

Specifically, the panel said the mortgage interest deduction should be replaced with a credit worth 15 percent of mortgage interest paid, to spread the benefit to more homeowners of modest incomes. The panel also recommended lowering the \$1 million limit on mortgages eligible for the tax break to the average regional price of housing, ranging from \$227,000 to \$412,000.

Tax breaks for mortgages on second homes and home equity loans would be eliminated.

In another major change, taxpayers could purchase health insurance using untaxed money up to about \$5,000 for an individual and \$11,500 for a family, a change that caps currently unlimited breaks but would create a new tax break for those who do not get health insurance through work.

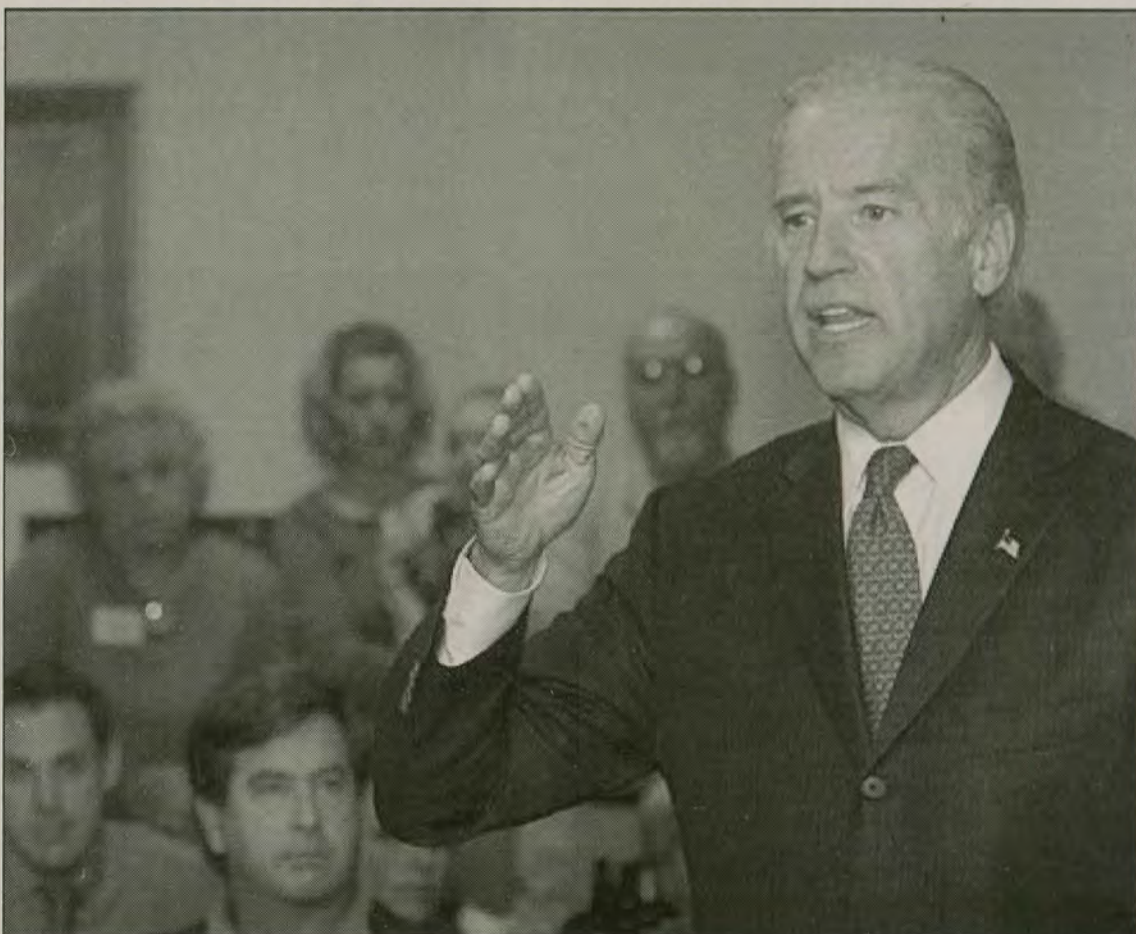
Both proposed tax systems would abolish the alternative minimum tax, a levy originally drafted to prevent wealthy individuals from escaping taxation but increasingly reaching into the middle class.

Under one plan, individuals would pay no tax on dividends paid by U.S. companies and exclude 75 percent of their capital gains from taxation. Under the second plan, all investment income would be taxed at 15 percent.

Using a Treasury Department model that’s contested by some lawmakers, the panel said both tax alternatives would spur economic growth and increase capital accumulation.

Democrats question intelligence

Republicans agree to review committee investigation on Iraq



U.S. Senator Joe Biden (D-Del.) talks about the Bush administration during a stop in Manchester, N.H., Tuesday. Biden and other Democrats demanded a review of pre-war intelligence.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a day of political drama, Democrats forced the Republican-controlled Senate into an unusual closed session Tuesday, questioning intelligence that President Bush used in the run-up to the war in Iraq and accusing Republicans of ignoring the issue.

“They have repeatedly chosen to protect the Republican administration rather than get to the bottom of what happened and why,” Democratic leader Harry Reid said.

The afternoon halt in Senate business let Democrats steer the spotlight to the war in Iraq, an issue on which the president is doing badly in public opinion polls.

Taken by surprise, Republicans derided the move as a political stunt but agreed two hours later to a bipartisan review of the Senate Intelligence Committee’s investigation into prewar intelligence.

“The United States Senate has been hijacked by the Democratic leadership,” said Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee. The Republican leader also said President Bush’s decision to nominate Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court had “set the Democrats back on their heels. ... This may just be a reaction to that.”

Democrats sought assurances that Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas would complete the second phase of an investigation of the administration’s prewar intelligence. A six-member task force — three members from each party — was appointed to review the Intelligence

Committee’s work and report to their respective leaders by Nov. 14.

Roberts’ committee produced a 511-page report in 2004 on flaws in an Iraq intelligence estimate assembled by the country’s top analysts in October 2002, and he promised a second phase would look at issues that couldn’t be finished in the first year of work.

The committee worked on the second phase of the review, Roberts said, but it has not finished. He blamed Democrats for the delays and said his staff had informed Democratic counterparts on Monday that the committee hoped to complete the second phase next week.

“Now we have this ... stunt 24 hours after their staff was informed that we were moving to closure next week,” a clearly angry Roberts told reporters. “If that’s not politics, I’m not standing here.”

In mid-afternoon Tuesday, Reid demanded the Senate go into closed session. The public was ordered out of the chamber, the lights were dimmed, and the doors were closed. No vote is required in such circumstances.

Reid’s move refocused attention on the continuing controversy over prewar intelligence. Despite administration claims, no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq, and some Democrats have accused the White House of twisting the intelligence to exaggerate the threat posed by Iraq.

Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief of staff, I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby, was indicted last Friday

in an investigation that touched on the war — the leak of the identity of a CIA official married to a critic of the administration’s Iraq policy.

“The Libby indictment provides a window into what this is really all about, how this administration manufactured and manipulated intelligence in order to sell the war in Iraq and attempted to destroy those who dared to challenge its actions,” Reid said before invoking Senate rules that led to the closed session.

Libby resigned from his White House post after being indicted on charges of obstruction of justice, making false statements and perjury.

Democrats contend that the unmasking of CIA officer Valerie Plame was retribution for her husband, Joseph Wilson’s publicly challenging the Bush administration’s contention that Iraq was seeking to purchase uranium from Africa. That claim was part of the White House’s justification for going to war.

As Reid spoke, Frist met in the back of the chamber with a half-dozen senior GOP senators, including Roberts, who bore the brunt of Reid’s criticism. Reid claimed that Republicans have repeatedly rebuffed Democratic pleas for a thorough investigation.

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., a former majority leader, said a closed session was appropriate for such overarching matters as impeachment and chemical weapons — the two topics that last sent the senators into such sessions.

In addition, Lott said, Reid’s move violated the Senate’s tradition of courtesy and consent. But there was nothing in Senate rules enabling Republicans to thwart Reid’s effort.

The Senate had been considering a budget bill when it went into closed session.

“The United States Senate has been hijacked by the Democratic leadership.”

Bill Frist
Majority Leader

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Pat Roberts
Intelligence Committee Chairman

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Seeing Parks as a hero

"You may go on and do so." With those words, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old African American seamstress, lit a fire that sought to consume the racist environment of Montgomery, Ala.

Last week we lost a national treasure. Rosa Parks is a popular and powerful symbol of courage and non-violent action. Her refusal to move to the back of the bus put a face on the shameful segregation policies of the American South. Now with her gone, the pundits have gone to work trying to derive some greater lesson from her life. True, Parks was an active member in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and served as her chapter's secretary. True, Parks had attended a training prior to her arrest that fortified her for taking direct non-violent action. True, she was a part of a community organizing for civil rights, and perhaps without that preparedness, Parks' actions would not have been the springboard for the protests and mobilizations to follow. Yet, holding her up as a hero is neither inappropriate nor misplaced.

Rosa Parks was a leader. Her action was courageous. In those times, blacks were treated as children and whites understood themselves as smarter, superior and more powerful. The word of a bus driver to a seamstress was as good as law. So on that bus and in the news reports, Rosa Parks refusing to move from her seat and submitting to arrest was a heroic and gutsy move.

Rosa Parks was a part of a growing movement, but certainly not an automaton. People hold that within collective action, people stop thinking and acting for themselves. On the contrary, people within community

organizations should be given strength of support to act individually on their anger and stand for themselves. There is no "I" in "team," but there is a pretty central one in "win." We need leaders to show us the way, guide us by example and show us what is possible. Rosa Parks suffered the daily stab of discrimination and dehumanization from Jim Crow as much as anyone else in the movement. A black life was worth nothing to society. Rosa Parks had her own personal reasons apart from the movement not to move to the back of the bus, so we should not diminish her action as bold.

Dreamers of the next social movement say we should not hold Parks up as a hero, but look at the other black leaders who mobilized around her civil disobedience. The fact is that all those people are men, and even in the Civil Rights Movement, a man's voice was worth more than those of women like Parks. It is a shame no one remembers anyone from the civil rights movement outside of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., but I do not think that putting them in the rank and file will do any better. We shall be worse off if we forget Parks now that her living witness has expired.

While we can have memorials and holidays to presidents, military leaders and unnamed soldiers, we should have at least one to American female courage and fortitude. We should take the time and space to remember the strength of African Americans during the civil rights movement —

even if channeled through the life of one woman. We should uplift the life of Rosa Parks so our children and our children's children can always remember — even if imperfectly — that she stood up for her dignity by stayed seated and changed the course of history. I feel it is in order to start — or join — a campaign to have a national holiday to Rosa Parks and even perhaps a memorial statue in Washington, D.C.

Maybe money and energy could be better spent fighting for a cause here or in Africa. A holiday probably will not change the world. However, there will always be time for fighting; injustices unfortunately do not go away easily. People of courage, like Rosa Parks, will leave us. If we do

not seize this opportunity to honor her and lobby for a national and

remaining remembrance of Rosa

Parks, we let the

failings of

memory and

disregard for

the past wipe

her from our

minds. For

us at Notre

Dame, it

could be

another day

we have to go

to class while

other students

get to frolic. Yet I

have a feeling that

many could take that

day, reflect on a courageous African American

woman and maybe even, with the

light of her legacy, take up our own

radical, non-violent actions for a

cause of freedom and justice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Comedy a useful tool

I saw the "Jockular" comic that Kimberly Baker was so offended by in her Nov. 1 Letter to the Editor; yes, I am a woman, and I very much do not want to be reduced to an "instrument for the pleasure of [sex] organs." However, I found the "Jockular" comic funny anyway. Why? Because as any Notre Dame student who has attended a Halloween party on or off campus knows, it's not too far from the truth. Comedy helps us to realize how ridiculous we really can be sometimes. That's part of what makes things funny and also part of its value in society. If The Observer printed an article about how 60 percent of Notre Dame girls plan to dress as a slutty something-or-other for Halloween, it wouldn't be nearly as striking as a comic taking that fact to the extreme and pointing out just how ridiculous it is to be a slutty blender, or yes, even a slutty Helen Keller. Similarly, Ashley Williams seemed to miss that point in her Oct. 31 letter. Comedy can sometimes be one of the most

effective tools to persuade people that things they don't even think about — where they sit in the dining hall, what they dress up as for Halloween — can actually impact society in a negative way. It allows one to make a point without the potential ugliness of saying directly, "Your Halloween costume is slutty, and as such, degrades all women." If Baker wants to berate someone for the objectification of women and, apparently, the destruction of humanity, she should have walked around on Halloween and personally reprimanded every girl in a French maid's outfit — although that would make her a lot less popular than the people who just decided to hand out candy.

Elizabeth Deak

junior

Farley Hall

Nov. 1

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All the president is, is a glorified public relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway."

Harry S. Truman
former U.S. president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ordinance goes too far

Off-campus policies unfair

Whoever said South Bend residents are "uneducated, low-aspiring and low-achieving" obviously made a dumb comment. But as both a student at Notre Dame and as a South Bend resident, I disagree with the mood of the opinion letters that appeared in Monday's *The Observer* and hope they will change over time. Notre Dame students who choose to live off-campus are too often portrayed as deviant villains who just want to go crazy and have ridiculous parties. Well, these are my observations from living off-campus this year, which I think can explain where some of the off-campus students are coming from in their complaints about the new city ordinances. So far, my house and the two houses of friends next to me have had two run-ins with the police. We have received a notice of abatement and pretty much cannot have a party again unless we want a supposed felony. This is what I know of our current neighborhood relations:

1) We are on good relations with our neighbors, talk to them every once in awhile, even had a barbecue with a few of them. A few days ago I was asked, "Aren't you gonna have people over this weekend?" A few neighborhood kids have sometimes played football or basketball with us as well.

2) When I talked to police, I was told that no one within a one- or two-block radius has ever specifically complained about one of our parties.

The point I am trying to get across is that the students that I live with are respectable kids trying to assimilate into the South Bend community. One party at our house was admittedly too big, but even when we had 15-20 people at our house, all inside, three police cars came by and stayed parked outside our houses for a decent amount of time.

It might be interesting to note that not everyone in my hometown of South Bend has the best interests of Notre Dame students in mind either. Not everyone off-campus enjoys getting their cars broken into or constantly being confronted to give money for a car that has broken down eight nights in a row. Notre Dame neighbors of mine thought their house was broken into after they went to bed and their alarm

sounded. The police responded pretty non-chalantly. After the residents gave the police a description of the person that only 15 minutes earlier had suspiciously stopped at their door and given his name, the police acknowledged the identity of the suspicious man and told the female residents that he was harmless, but to call if anything else happened.

I realize that these are isolated cases and that we ultimately chose to live off-campus with South Bend residents and are clearly responsible for that decision. In the case of the Turtle Creek evictions, however, I think that it is terrible that people were evicted without warning. In apartments that are 99 percent students, where many underage students go to party, it seems hard to believe that one party should lead to immediate eviction. This is especially true when there has been no precedent of this action in the past. A notice of abatement does not fine the property owners, in this case, Turtle Creek. Therefore, eviction without a second occurrence seems pretty ruthless to me, especially considering Turtle Creek exists in its current form only because of Notre Dame students.

Finally, I think it is important for Notre Dame to consider the current plight of the student. More and more students are going to live off-campus, not only because of the rules found in each dorm, but also because of Notre Dame's burgeoning student population. If off-campus locations are going to continue to become more stringent in regard to social activities, more and more off-campus problems/issues are going to occur in the future. Notre Dame either needs more centralized off-campus housing or they need to work with South Bend to create student apartments that allow a reasonable amount of social activity. It is short-sighted and naive to think that college students are not going to drink, especially those who are 21 and living off-campus. Until this simple fact is realized, no solutions can be seriously proposed.

Quinn Eide
senior
off-campus
Oct. 31

Are we ND?

I especially enjoy the football game cheer in which the cheerleaders direct the entire stadium to echo "We Are ND" around the bowl because it reminds me of the drive to my first home game. As we were driving down the interstate, I couldn't help but notice all the signs and flags hanging off of cars, vans and RVs, and written on many of them was that cheer. The cheer reflects the unity of this amazing institution, and over my past three years here, that unity has shown itself time and time again.

Since freshman year, I have been invited to New York City, the Jersey shore, Miami, San Diego, Philadelphia and Chicago, and each time I was able to stay in an ND alum or student's house, absolutely free of charge, without meeting the alum or parents of the student beforehand. I love how at home football games, there is always some tailgate of some friend to go to, and every ounce of food and drink is theirs to share. I love how when I graduate from this school, the simple fact that an ND class ring is on my finger could get me places others might better deserve. As students, we are privileged to attend Notre Dame, and it is our duty to continue that unity which has been built up over the past 100 years.

With that said, it sickens me that the unity this school thrives off of, the unity that makes Notre Dame separate from any other school, is being destroyed by the "they had it coming" and "it's not my problem" mentality found around campus after the eviction news. After reading my daily dose of *Viewpoint*, I became more angry by the desertion response than the simple fact that we are being targeted by the city. I agree with upholding the law, but this ordinance takes that role too far. There is no unity in telling fellow students they had it coming; there is no unity in forgetting this whole incident happened. Those six evicted students are more likely to feel a part of this school and more likely to contribute to its unity if we as a student body do not accept their over-punishment. Indifference toward and desertion of our fellow students is the best way to destroy the unity we have, so don't let it happen.

Steven Maher
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Oct. 31

Making us think

I wonder if Ashley Williams, the non-Catholic, minority, liberal-minded female who was outraged by the events surrounding her Halloween weekend [Oct. 31 Letter to the Editor], would laugh at a man falling on a banana peel. Would it matter if it were a white man or a black man? If we cannot control the bad things around us, the human condition forces us to laugh at them. To quote "Sullivan's Travels," a 1941 film, from a time when few people were laughing, "There's a lot to be said for making people laugh. Did you know that that's all some people have? It isn't much, but it's better than nothing in this cockeyed caravan."

A hurricane has no motivations and no targets. To impute such on an act of God is to try to understand the ineffable. I'm sure the students involved had no intention of mocking the grave losses people suffered or the lives lost forever. Would you have been as upset if they had parodied the less recent tsunami or the Kashmiri earthquake? I think an earthquake would be a hard costume to achieve, myself.

As regards Williams' critique of the student stand-up show, I can only say as a former performer on the Legends Stage that I not only find the joke she mentions funny, but highly topical to the Notre Dame crowd. How many people have noted this self-segregation of the dining halls and wondered why it exists? How many people, conservative and liberal alike, have wondered if it is a sign of something wrong?

By parodying the things we think are wrong in life, we are doing the work of comedy: Pointing out the silly stereotypes and habits of humanity to help wash them away. May we all be as bold as that comedian, to point out what each of us sees or saw every mealtime and bring it front and center. Those students, Williams, were laughing at their own condition, knowing the awkwardness of a segregation they did not create and probably would not keep. Let yourself laugh along with them. Laughter is the best way to change a person's heart.

Jared Rizzi
alumnus
class of 2005
Nov. 1

EDITORIAL CARTOON



MOVIE REVIEWS

Subpar 'Saw' sequel fails to deliver scares

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Critic

The obligatory sequel to one of the biggest horror sleeper hits since "The Blair Witch Project," the gory, stomach-turning spectacle "Saw II" is fun as a shallow, macabre Halloween treat, but fails to deliver enough creativity (and, strangely enough, violence) to stand up to its rather noteworthy predecessor.

The reins handed over to first-time director Darren Lynn Bousman, "Saw II" goes through all the requisite motions to deliver an entertaining but creatively disappointing second meeting with the Jigsaw Killer. Shocking in its depictions of human mutilation and depravity, the original "Saw" was filmed on a bare-bones (no pun intended) budget and drew noteworthy and admirable comparisons to another low-budget horror masterpiece, George Romero's "Night of the Living Dead," as well as the more recent "Blair Witch."

This sequel gets the Hollywood gloss, but the originality present in its predecessor stretches too thin here. In addition, the film is crippled by several huge horror-film clichés that mar the overall quality of the film.

Nevertheless, "Saw II" delivers several

truly nauseating moments that, by themselves, deserve recognition. In particular, the film exploits psychological fears of needles to great (and gruesome) effect — in short, "Saw II" is not a film for the squeamish or faint of heart.

However, interestingly enough, the biggest problem with the film is how restrained it is with regards to the violence displayed onscreen. In a film such as this, where violence is pushed to the forefront of the experience, it is strange and anticlimactic to see that several of the deaths are left off-screen, and when a killing does take place front and center, the result is largely unimaginative, given horror-film standards. Simply put, "Saw II" does not deliver on its promise of the gore that was so shocking in the original. It isn't depraved enough.

Part of this may be due to the decision to concentrate on the tension between the now-captured Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) and the detective he places at the center of his sadistic games, Detective Eric Mason

(Donnie Wahlberg). Seven people, including Mason's son, are trapped in Jigsaw's custom-made house of horrors (which includes the disgusting bathroom/torture chamber of the first film), into which is pumping a deadly nerve agent that threatens to have the home's



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Kerry (Dina Meyer), left, and Detective Mason (Donnie Wahlberg), right, investigate a series of gruesome murders in Darren Bousman's horror film "Saw II."

occupants bleeding out of every orifice on their bodies within two short hours.

Scary, but not as scary as the more visceral torture devices present in "Saw." So, even though Jigsaw is in the custody of the police, he holds the trump card. Scenes of violence ensue within the house, inter-cut with the bloated and overly-faux philosophical ramblings of Jigsaw on his past, his present and why he kills so sadistically. Unfortunately, the audience never really cares, given the heavy-handed and illogical way said information is presented.

People die, tremendous amounts of blood are shed, and yet, by the film's

quizzical and convoluted finish, the question that begs to be asked is this — why so uninspired? Are nerve gas and knife fights, guns and baseball bats the best the creators of "Saw" could come up with for their sequel?

Not smart enough to be "Silence of the Lambs," nor grizzly enough to be "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "Saw II" aims too high and fails in its most important goal — delivering scares. Make sure you pay the matinee price or just rent the original.

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Saw II



Director: Darren Lynn Bousman
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Starring: Donnie Wahlberg, Shawnee Smith, Tobin Bell and Glenn Plummer

Great acting carries witty, charming 'Prime'

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

Thank Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher for turning society on to the whole "older woman, younger man" thing.

In Ben Younger's "Prime," Uma Thurman plays the part of Rafi, a 37 year-old divorcee whose biological clock is tick-tick-ticking. Having recently left a nine-year marriage, she is more desperate than ever for the fulfillment she believes can only come from the newness of a baby. Justifiably eager to move on with her life, Rafi falls quickly for the attention of David, the younger guy, played by hunky newcomer Brian Greenberg. David, just about as cute as can be, proves to really be just a boy, as he is nearly 14 years her junior.

Despite the age difference, the two seemingly hit it off with a sort of lust — maybe even love at first sight — kind of thing. Nonetheless, Rafi questions whether or not she is ready for romance, especially given David's age and slight immaturity. Desperate for guidance, she confides everything to her zany psychiatrist Dr. Lisa Mertzger (played by always-outstanding Meryl Streep). Lisa urges Rafi to go ahead and have some fun with David, as it is probably no more than a harmless fling.

The film's previews have already given away the twist. Steep's character soon discovers that Rafi's new sexually-invigorating companion happens to

be her son. Yet aside from being her good little Jewish boy, David also happens to be a free spirited artist with eyes wide open. His romantically rebellious streak finds him caught up in a deep infatuation with Rafi, which quickly transgresses into a whirlwind relationship that is both exciting and suspenseful for the viewer. Thurman gets most of the credit for this though, as there is something genuinely intriguing about her middle-aged character.

Where Thurman provides the perfect dramatic performance, Streep adds the priceless humor. Caught between a relationship with her patient and her only son, Lisa faces a strenuously sentimental and ethical burden. The thought of her son finding love in a non-Jewish woman turns out to be the most traumatic thing that could happen in her life.

Lisa is seemingly liberal in most things outside her family. As Streep fidgets, pouts and stammers her way through the gushy details of Rafi's sex life, she brings an

amazing comedic performance to this protective motherly turmoil.

Outside of the expected lovey-dovey type scenes, there is just enough comedy from other supporting characters to keep the movie interesting. For instance, what would a young girl living in New York City be without her stereotypical gay friends? Rafi's closest friends, a couple of trendy homosexual guys, are more like her family, as she depends on them for advice and



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Lisa Mertzger (Meryl Streep), left, and recently divorced Rafi (Uma Thurman), right, realize they have more in common than they thought in the movie "Prime."

approval of her young lover.

On David's side is probably the most hilarious character in the movie. Morris, played by Jon Abrahams, is a complete buffoon, as he gets his kicks by throwing cream pies in the faces of women who will not give him a second date.

Finally, there are David's bickering grandparents/"roommates" who are just so cute they can't be anything but loveable.

All in all, the plot is less predictable

than it seems. The ways in which things play out are less conventional than other traditional romantic comedies — it has a little bit of an edge. Most of the actors step up to playing characters that are refreshingly life-like. For those looking for light hearted laughter and quirky romance, or for fans of Thurman and Streep, "Prime" will likely not disappoint.

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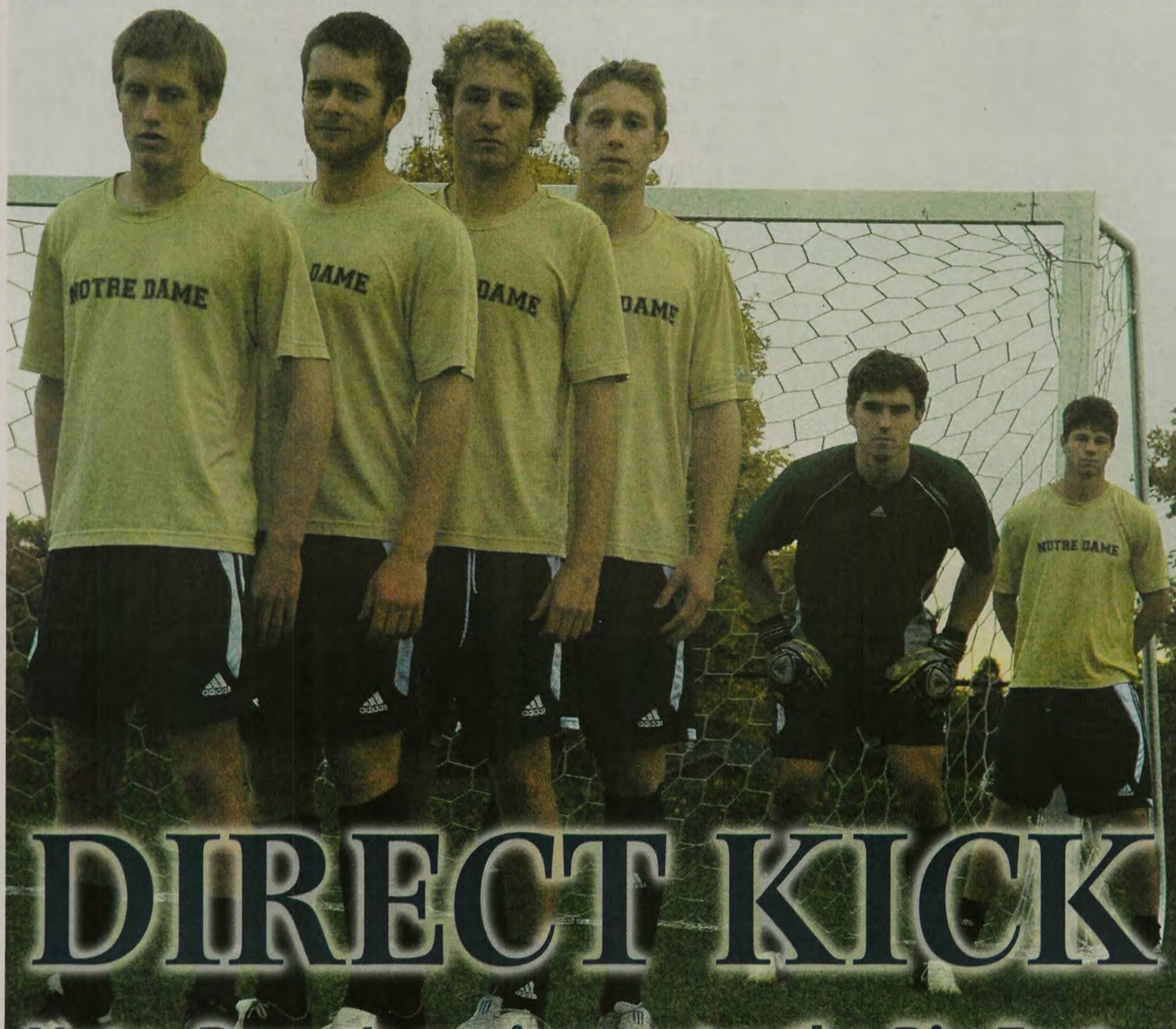


Director: Ben Younger
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Notre Dame's seniors enter the Big East Tournament with one goal — to keep the season alive.

Pictured above, from left to right: John Stephens, Tony Megna, Jon Mark Thompson, Ben Crouse, Justin Michaud and Dale Rellas

Up-and-down season still valuable for Irish

The Irish could never quite put this season on cruise control.

There was always another roadblock in the way, another detour or bottleneck. It was never a smooth ride for the 2005 Notre Dame team.

But that doesn't matter now.

The regular season is over, and the Irish head into the Big East Tournament with a new appreciation of what they're playing for.

Although the archives say this was a not-too-flashy 10-6-2 season, the final numbers don't reflect the challenges the team faced and the hardships it overcame to enter the conference tournament with this kind of confidence.

After losing what coach Bobby Clark described as "three of the best players ever to play in this program" — goalie Chris Sawyer and defenders Kevin Goldthwaite and Jack Stewart — Notre Dame could never hit its full stride. They rebounded from losses quickly with decisive wins but dropped several close games and struggled to find the net too often.

But the games the Irish lost mean less than the players and leaders they found within themselves.

"Our class, there maybe were some more question marks about how the team was going to go,"

Irish captain John Stephens said. "We lost some pretty strong personalities, so it's been a learning process kind of for everyone."

Sawyer was a two-time all-Big East pick while Goldthwaite and Stewart were MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalists.

In a way, losing the "stars" gave the players more of an equal footing on the team.

"I think it's given a lot of guys

kind of an ownership stake in how the team's going to do and that led to maybe some rough times but hopefully that will pay off down the line," Stephens said. "Even some of the younger guys are taking more of a leadership role than they have in the past, and it hasn't been as dominated by the top guys, by the seniors."

The season reflects a senior class forced to fill some impossibly big cleats and underclassmen who were thrust into the spotlight — shouldering a heavy load for the Irish.

This season didn't look fancy. But it could pay dividends next year and in the future. Clark has taken the differences between last year's Irish and this year's edition in stride.

"Last year's team was a team where pretty much everybody came back," he said. "And next year's team will be a team where pretty well everybody comes

back."

In 2006, this year's underclassmen will be seasoned veterans. They'll appreciate a season where they couldn't take making the NCAAAs for granted.

They also learned how to play with everyone on the roster, freshman to senior, dealing with injuries and off-the-field problems.

"Everyone's had a stake in [the season]," Stephens said. "And hopefully it will pay off."

But the season isn't over. And although the regular season won't be remembered as a dominating performance in one of the nation's toughest conferences, history could still be made.

"They're still in a very similar position where we've been previous years and maybe they can even take it further than previous years," Clark said. "That's still in their hands ..."

This is an opportunity for this team to take it to places this team has never been. It's still all to play for."

There might have been construction holdups along the way. But Notre Dame isn't getting in an exit lane without a fight.

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Irish midfielders Ryan Miller, left, and Alex Yoshinaga charge up the field during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Indiana Oct. 26.

2005 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

THE TOP SIX TEAMS IN EACH EIGHT-TEAM DIVISION ADVANCED TO THE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT.

RED DIVISION

1. South Florida (vs. winner Rutgers/West Virginia)

The Bulls captured the Red Division crown in their first year in the Big East. Freshman forward Jordan Seabrook leads the team with 27 points.

2. St. John's (vs. winner Syracuse/ Notre Dame)

The Red Storm struggled in their past two contests, falling to Villanova 1-0 and tying Rutgers 0-0. But St. John's outshot its opponents 54-22 in the last four games.

3. Cincinnati (vs. Providence)

Bearcats forward Kenny Anaba has scored at least one goal in eight of their last 11 games. Eight Cincinnati players have tallied goals this season.

4. Villanova (vs. Georgetown)

The Wildcats' Jason Friel was recently named Big East goalie of the week for consecutive shutouts of St. John's and Syracuse.

5. Rutgers (vs. West Virginia)

The Scarlet Knights have not lost in their last six games. They have outscored opponents 21-9 in the past nine contests, going 6-2-1 over that stretch.

6. Syracuse (vs. Notre Dame)

The Orange are 2-3 against nationally-ranked teams this season, but all three defeats have come by just one goal each.

* First Round opponents listed in parentheses



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1990- BOSTON COLLEGE	2001- ST. JOHN'S
1991- SETON HALL	2002- BOSTON COLLEGE
1992- ST. JOHN'S	2003- NOTRE DAME
2004- CONNECTICUT	

1. Connecticut (vs. winner Georgetown/ Villanova)

Ranked No. 5 nationally by Soccer America, the Huskies look to defend their 2004 Big East tournament championship.

2. Seton Hall (vs. winner Providence/ Cincinnati)

The Pirates beat Connecticut 1-0 on Oct. 22. They could face the Huskies in this year's tournament title game.

3. Notre Dame (vs. Syracuse)

The Irish trounced Seton Hall 4-0 in their last regular season game. They need to place well in order to earn a NCAA berth.

4. West Virginia (vs. Rutgers)

West Virginia is making its second-consecutive tournament appearance. Mountaineers goalie Nick Noble has given up only 15 goals in 19 games.

5. Georgetown (vs. Villanova)

The Hoyas have appeared in the conference tournament in 13 of the last 14 seasons, losing 1-0 in overtime to Seton Hall in the 2004 semifinals.

6. Providence (vs. Cincinnati)

The Friars have more ties (seven) than wins (five). Providence played at Cincinnati on Sept. 18, with the game ending in a 1-1 tie.

Silently supportive

Notre Dame's six seniors do not boast incredible stats, but they have set examples as hardworking leaders

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Justin Michaud has had a huge influence on this year's Notre Dame men's soccer team. His impact, however, has come mostly off the field.

Michaud entered the season battling junior Chris Cahill for the starting goalkeeper spot. After splitting time in the two exhibition games, Cahill got the nod in the regular season opener against Southern Methodist and has remained in net for the Irish ever since.

Michaud did not resent Cahill for winning the starting position, however. On the contrary, the senior, in his third year as the team's backup goalie, did everything he could to help his teammate succeed.

"You'd think with goalkeepers fighting for the one spot, you wouldn't be good friends. But in general we've always been good friends," Michaud said. "I was good friends with [former Irish all-American keeper Chris] Sawyer before. I helped him out, and it's been the same with Cahill. I like him. I want him to do well when he's in there."

Michaud's efforts in this respect have not gone unnoticed by Cahill.

"He's been a good role model for me and for the other keepers," Cahill said. "He brings an

intensity to training every day that we really need to keep us motivated. And he's always offered advice and any help he could to me."

Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark has loved Michaud's professional and unselfish approach to the season.

"He's been a backup, but he's been a terrific backup because he's driven all three of the younger goalkeepers and he's never once hung his head," Clark said. "He's the leader of these goalkeepers."

Michaud's story is an impressive, but not all that uncommon one. In fact, it seems to be part of a common trend among the seniors on the 2005 team.

This senior class is not nearly as heralded or as successful on the field as last season's, which featured three MLS draft picks. Heading into the year, tri-captain John Stephens had played in the most games — 40 — of any Irish senior. Tony Megna, who was tied for the team lead with five tallies in 2004, was the only senior who had scored a goal entering the season.

This year, Stephens is the only senior who has recorded more than two points; the midfielder has logged five with three assists and one goal. Whether or not it is shown in the box scores, though, the 2005 senior class has played a tremendous and vital role throughout the year.

"This season, I think all the seniors — every single one of them — have set a huge example of how to handle themselves on and off the

field," junior tri-captain Greg Dalby said.

Clark agrees with Dalby's assessment. The coach has been extremely impressed with the way the team's six seniors each led the Irish in different ways.

"This is a class that just has a great attitude," Clark said. "They've not always been up in the honors or the awards, but they've just had a fabulous attitude. They've come to practice every day with a smile on their face and they've worked extremely hard."

Elected captain prior to the season, Stephens has never starred for the Irish, but he has contributed all four years due to his heady play and tremendous effort. The midfielder has concentrated this year on trying to influence the way the younger members of the team approach the game.

"Hopefully maybe our work ethic will rub off on some of the younger guys who maybe are more talented than we are," Stephens said.

Rellas has served as captain alongside Stephens. After a stellar freshman campaign in which he

started every game, Rellas' career at Notre Dame has been derailed by a series of injuries. In 2003 and 2004, Rellas played in a total of just five games, and the captain has been sidelined for much of this season.

"It's been very frustrating," Rellas said. "But you

know there's more to being a captain than on the field, so I'm trying to do everything I can to help this team get prepared for the game on and off the field."

Clark praised Rellas' ability to lead effectively without seeing much playing time.

"Dales stuck with it and he still comes with a smile on his face," the coach said. "He has played a part by his attitude and his example."

It is not just the captains who have served as exemplary leaders, but the rest of the seniors as well. Jon Mark Thompson had only played in four games coming into 2005. Nonetheless, junior midfielder Nate Norman pointed to Thompson as a team-oriented player.

"What's been so impressive about Jon Mark is that despite his lack of playing time, he's always done really well in practice and he's always one of the hardest workers on the team," Norman said. "And when he does get his chance, he always does something productive when he gets on the field."

Clark knows that he can sub Thompson into the game at midfield and not worry about a decrease in play, as evidenced by the senior's performance Saturday against Seton Hall.

"He came in on Saturday in the second half and gave us 25 minutes and did a fabulous job," Clark said.

Forward Megna, like many of his



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish senior forward Tony Megna pushes the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Louisville Sept. 23. The six Irish seniors have helped Notre Dame to a 51-18-12 record the past four seasons, including a 2004 Big East regular-season title and a 2003 conference tournament championship.

classmates, has been disappointed this season with his on-the-field production.

After leading the team in goals a year ago with five, the senior has failed to find the back of the net so far this year. Clark calls Megna "an unsung hero," however, because of all the other things he does for the team. Dalby agrees with his coach's evaluation.

"He's not given enough credit. I think for what he does," Dalby said. "He has set an example. Even if your stats aren't high, you can still really contribute to the team."

Clark has a feeling, however, that Megna's goal scoring drought will soon come to an end.

"Tony is still going to get a vital goal or two before the season is

over," Clark predicted. "He's going to pull something out of the hat before it all wraps up."

Last but certainly not least among the seniors is defender Ben Crouse. Crouse saw very little

action in his first two seasons, but gained some experience early in 2004 when star defender Kevin Goldthwaite came down with an injury. Crouse has established himself as a starter in the back four and one of Notre Dame's most reliable players.

"He has just stepped up," Clark said. "Let's be honest, he's been one of our most influential players."

Crouse hopes the young players on the team who do not play early in their careers will learn from his experiences and remain motivat-

"It's been one of the most satisfying classes I've had in all my years of coaching college."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

ed.

"It shows that working hard throughout your four years, you can go out and become what you want," Crouse said. "It shows that anybody can really just work hard and overcome some odds. It's nice to finally play and do what you love."

If the Irish succeed in the Big East Tournament this week and advance to the NCAA Tournament, it might not be because of numerous big plays from seniors on the field. However far the team advances in postseason play, though, the six members of the senior class will have played a huge roll — in their on-the-field contributions, in their attitude off the field and in their mentorship of their teammates.

"It's been one of the most satisfying classes I've had in all my years of coaching college," Clark said.

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Stating their case

The Irish must excel this week if they plan on going to the NCAA tournament



Irish midfielder Ian Etherington, left, celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Louisville Sept. 23. Forward Kurt Martin, center, controls the ball during a 3-0 Notre Dame loss to Indiana Oct. 26. Defender Jack Traynor, right, considers his options before a throw-in during a 1-0 Irish win over Bradley Sept. 28.

TIM SULLIVAN and DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

By KATE GALES
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The Irish have some unfinished business, a little more motivation to win tonight's 7 p.m. home game against Syracuse. If Notre Dame loses at Alumni Field tonight in the first round of the Big East tournament, their NCAA Tournament hopes will be in serious jeopardy.

"I guess it's a new type of pressure, because we've always known we would make the NCAAs either way," senior captain John Stephens said.

The Irish defeated Syracuse 1-0 on Sept. 18 in New York. They have a seven-game winning streak against the Orange, who are seeded sixth in the Big East conference's Red Division. Notre Dame enters the contest the No. 3 seed from the Blue Division.

"If we have the same urgency that we approached Seton Hall with, we'll be fine," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

In their final regular season game after a 3-0 loss to No. 5 Indiana, the Irish upset No. 16 Seton Hall in a lopsided 4-0 victory. Stephens called the game the highlight of the season as forward Joe Lapira tallied two goals and an assist while goalies Chris Cahill and Justin Michaud combined for the shutout.

Clark said the team is approaching this game like

any other. But Notre Dame senses the urgency surrounding the matchup and the need to play well like they did against Seton Hall.

"We've been pretty successful this season to get where we are and we're still in very good shape to make the NCAA tournament," he said.

"We've done a lot of things well this year."

The Irish will put the regular season behind them and start 0-0-0 for the conference tournament and, if all goes well, the NCAA championships.

"Now we have to start putting it together for the [Big East] tournament," Clark said. "I think the big thing now is we're pretty well aware of what this game means and we've got to go for it. You've got to take it as though it might be your last game and you've got to get going."

The team finished the regular season 10-6-2, very much on the borderline of consideration for the NCAA tournament. Clark isn't looking quite that far ahead, however.

"You'd better make sure that it's not our last game — that's our attitude," he said. "I think we had a great attitude last Saturday and we've got to

bring it back again."

The Irish ended the season winning three of their last four games. Aside from Seton Hall, they defeated Providence and Pittsburgh on the road with one-goal margins of victory.

Clark said that the team was outworked against Indiana — something unusual for the Irish, who went 2-1-2 in overtime games this year.

"We can't get outworked [tonight] because there's no excuse for that," Clark said. "This is a fit team but I think for some reason we got outworked a little bit in [the Indiana game]."

Getting mentally and physically ready for tonight's game shouldn't be a problem, according to the fifth-year Irish coach.

"I think we'll be prepared tomorrow," Clark said. "The guys know what's at stake, and I think we'll be fine."

Stephens said the team is eager for the matchup against Syracuse.

"I think we're excited," he said. "Maybe there's a little bit of nerves. For us it could be our last game ever but it doesn't really set in — you keep rolling with practice the way you've always

done and you just kind of expect that things will go your way."

The Irish won the Big East regular season title last year. In 2003, they won the conference tournament then

advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament — farther than any other team in school history — only to lose to Michigan in penalty kicks.

Last season, Notre Dame was seeded fifth in the NCAAs but was eliminated by Ohio State 2-1 in a first round tournament game at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame is looking to either win the conference crown and take the Big East's automatic berth in the NCAA

tournament or win enough games to strengthen its case for the tournament's selection committee to hand the Irish an at-large berth.

Stephens summed up Irish hopes as they enter the Big East tournament in one last attempt to prolong the year.

"It's the post-season," Stephens said. "It's do-or-die."

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by the numbers

Consecutive NCAA tournament appearances by Notre Dame. If the squad fails to make this year's field, it will be the first time since Irish coach Bobby Clark was at Stanford in 1996 that he didn't lead a team to the NCAAs.

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Home losses this Irish senior class has suffered in the last four seasons. Notre Dame dropped three games at Alumni Field this season but was undefeated at home in 2004.

Shots on goal Irish forward Joe Lapira has recorded in 2005. This number leads the team and is 36 more than any other Notre Dame player.

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Irish players — midfielders Ian Etherington and Greg Dalby — named to the preseason all-Big East team. Postseason honors have not yet been released.

Shutouts this season by Huskies goalie Adam Schuerman. The senior now owns the school record with 34 total in his career.

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Big East teams in the NSCAA/Adidas Top 25 — No. 7 Connecticut, No. 16 St. John's and No. 21 Seton Hall.

The last time Syracuse made the Big East Tournament. The Irish face the Orange tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Saves this season by Irish goalie Chris Cahill, compared to 18 goals scored by opponents.



MOVIE REVIEW

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

For some reason, the powers that be at Revolution Studios thought it was a good idea to drop 18 million dollars into the hands of director Rupert Wainwright, giving him free reign on a 21st century remake of "The Fog."

Before the script was even written. "The Fog," a remake of horror kingpin John Carpenter's 1980 version, is a failure on multiple fronts, not the least of which is its paper-thin excuse for a plot.

One hundred years following the mysterious, underhanded founding of Antonio Bay, a sleep, isolated coastal town, vengeful spirits return to wreck havoc on the descendants of the town's first settlers. Inhabiting a supernatural, malicious fog, these spirits plague the characters at inopportune moments throughout the film.

If the plot sounds hokey, it is. There are countless, classic horror films that arise from similarly thin plots. But the

reasons they succeed - and linger around Halloween season - are the genuine thrills, scares and heart-pounding chase scenes that draw the audience into the action. While "The Fog" attempts to play off the genre's rich traditions, it fails on all three of these fronts. The film's apparitions come across more as mild annoyances than palpable threats, easily avoided and lacking any real peril.

The cast of "The Fog," a motley collection of Hollywood's rising young stars, put on a brave face and try their best with the film's lean material. But they don't have nearly the colossal amount of charisma needed to right this sinking ship. Tom Welling and Maggie Grace, who play ill-fated lovers Nick Castle and Elizabeth Williams, have

amassed plenty of experience from starring roles in two popular television dramas, "Smallville" and "Lost" respectively. But their characters are so one-dimensional, it's hard to empathize with their woeful predicament. In fact, one of every three lines Welling spouts off seems to be, "Come on. We need to keep moving," as he herds the survivors of the fog from one town locale to the next.

This doesn't exactly qualify as riveting entertainment.

Selma Blair's ("Hellboy") character, Stevie Wayne, is thrown into the mix as part of a love triangle. But the lack of any real passion, or even empathy, between the characters dashes another of the film's attempts to rise above its cookie-cutter nature. And does it even qualify as a real love triangle if Blair and Grace's characters exchange hardly a dozen words?

Probably not.

While Wainwright and the rest of his crew crank up their artificial fog machines throughout the film's pivotal scenes, the novelty of the billowing effect quickly wears out its welcome. In fact, it seems like the film's budget was geared more towards creating computer-generated fog banks than any other chilling set pieces. None of the hazards pose much of a challenge for the film's intrepid heroes as they run disjointedly from one fright to the next, unfortunately dragging the audience along for the ride.

So far, "The Fog" has taken in over \$25 million in its theatrical tour of mediocrity. And it's likely that semi-strong DVD sales will help drop a tidy sum of money into the pockets of the film's financiers, which is the real travesty of "The Fog." Its success will probably fuel the vicious cycle of Hollywood studios dropping money into unnecessary films. Even before a script is written.

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DVD REVIEW

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John Carpenter was the master of 80s horror. Examples of his dominance are films as "Prince of Darkness" and "The Thing," both masterpieces in their respective genres within the horror industry.

But those horror movies were simply additions to an already strong base in horror. His debut film in the genre, "Halloween," launched a successful series and established Carpenter's throne in the genre. His follow-up film, "The Fog," cemented his role as a horror maestro.

Representing his second collaboration with the still young Jamie Lee Curtis, "The Fog" was a suspenseful tale of revenge from beyond the grave. In the film, a northern California fishing town is visited by a particularly thick, unsettling fog. As the plot unfolds, however, it reveals that the fog is hiding malevolent beings, ghosts from a leper colony the town was built upon over 100 years ago. They were wronged many years ago, and every hundred years they return to take their revenge.

Much of the fright the movie contains is from drawn out suspense. Carpenter uses music and shot composition expertly to create a forbidding, ominous atmosphere.

The prevalence of the aforementioned fog also creates a sense of claustrophobia for the audience, as it can never be sure what is hidden just out of view. The audience will find itself asking, "was that a shadow, or was that a ghost?"

The ghosts in the movie aren't the standard Hollywood version either. These ghosts can be particularly gruesome, as they are more akin to zombies than actual ghosts. Instead of the glowing apparitions that are expected from Hollywood ghosts, the audience receives dripping, leprous moving corpses.

Location helps the atmosphere. All of the settings have an ominous feel to them, even without being covered in fog. The fog-drenched old church, the lighthouse and the coastline itself all lend to a creepy, unsettling atmosphere. They are so effective, they should almost be considered characters within the film unto themselves.

All of the principal actors within the film do a commendable job of conveying the

situation. Jamie Lee Curtis, Janet Leigh and John Houseman, all performed convincingly, a trait that can often be lacking in horror films. It's also interesting to watch Curtis and Leigh act on the same screen, being mother and daughter.

Hal Holbrook does a particularly well-done performance in his role as the frightened priest Father Malone. He realizes too late what is happening to his town, and becomes the proverbial captain of the sinking ship. Carpenter would go on to create a similar role to Father Malone in the "Prince of Darkness."

Of course, by modern standards the movie hasn't stood well the test of time. The dated clothing may be enough to turn some people off, as well as the now cliché special effects and scare techniques. What was once considered shocking has become diluted over the years through repetition, dulling much of the movie's impact.

However, newcomers to the realm of

The Fog

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horror will find plenty to like within the film. The blood is non-existent, something that many people appreciate when watching a movie. The scares are also not too cheap, as they are mostly drawn out through suspense.

Horror film buffs would also do well to watch "The Fog," as it has played an obvious influence on modern horror. It was such an influential movie in its time that over twenty years later, a remake was created.

But there's simply no beating the original when it comes to scares.

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The original 1979 "The Fog," directed by horror-master John Carpenter, is still considered a genre classic. It was Carpenter's follow-up to 1978's "Halloween."



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Rupert Wainwright's remake of Carpenter's "The Fog" was budgeted before a script existed. The new "Fog" fails to live up to the scares of its predecessor.

LEGENDS EVENT

Coen Brothers' 'Fargo' will show at Legends

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

The human condition is often depicted in modern society as tragic and petty. "Fargo" is a masterful portrayal of these very conditions.

The film, released in 1996, is skillfully directed and written by Joel and Ethan Coen, who are known in Hollywood as simply "the Coen Brothers." "Fargo" is considered by many to be the Coen Brothers' best work.

The film is a poignant example of American cinema at its best, combining facets of suspense, drama and a keen insight into human nature to provide a virtual smorgasbord of visual and intellectual stimulation.

Perhaps the opening scene of the movie offers the most insight into the dark direction of the film. The opening strains of the film's score, composed by Carter Burtwell, first provide the viewer with a feeling of the friendliness of the far north reaches of United States.

However, this feeling is sharply contrasted with the stunning visual images of the frozen tundra of North Dakota. As the music progresses, the rural feel gives way to a hauntingly chilling ambiance, foreshadowing the dark events that are sure to ensue.

"Fargo" stars William H. Macy as a financially troubled car salesman Jerry

Lundegaard. Lundegaard is in a spot of financial trouble (the likes of which is never revealed to the viewer) and seeks financial recompense through an elaborate plan to have his wife Jean Lundegaard, played by Kristin Rudrüd, kidnapped and held for ransom. He invokes the help of two low-life criminals, Carl Showalter (played by Steve Buscemi) and Gaear Grimsrud (played by Peter Stormare).

Lundegaard's plan is to have his wife kidnapped and held for \$1,000,000 ransom, giving \$40,000 of which to the kidnappers and keeping the rest for himself. However, as a series of mishaps causes the slaying of three innocent people, Lundegaard sifts deeper and deeper into a mire of murder and deception.

The film's strongest qualities lie in its ability to provide the viewer with a sense of the human condition in a situation of deep desperation and helplessness. Through the adroitly effective acting skills of both Macy and Buscemi, "Fargo" is able to find a sense of humor, albeit a dark one, in the most sinister acts of human character.

Providing a glimpse of the positive side of human existence is the pregnant sheriff Marge Gunderson, played by Frances McDormand.

"There's more to life than a little money, you know," Gunderson says, offering her positively-minded insight into the decrepit state of the desperate man's mind as she speaks to one of the kidnappers.

'Fargo' Brew and View

Venue: Legends

Time: Thursday, following nightly performance

Director: Joel Coen

Starring: William H. Macy, Frances McDormand and Steve Buscemi

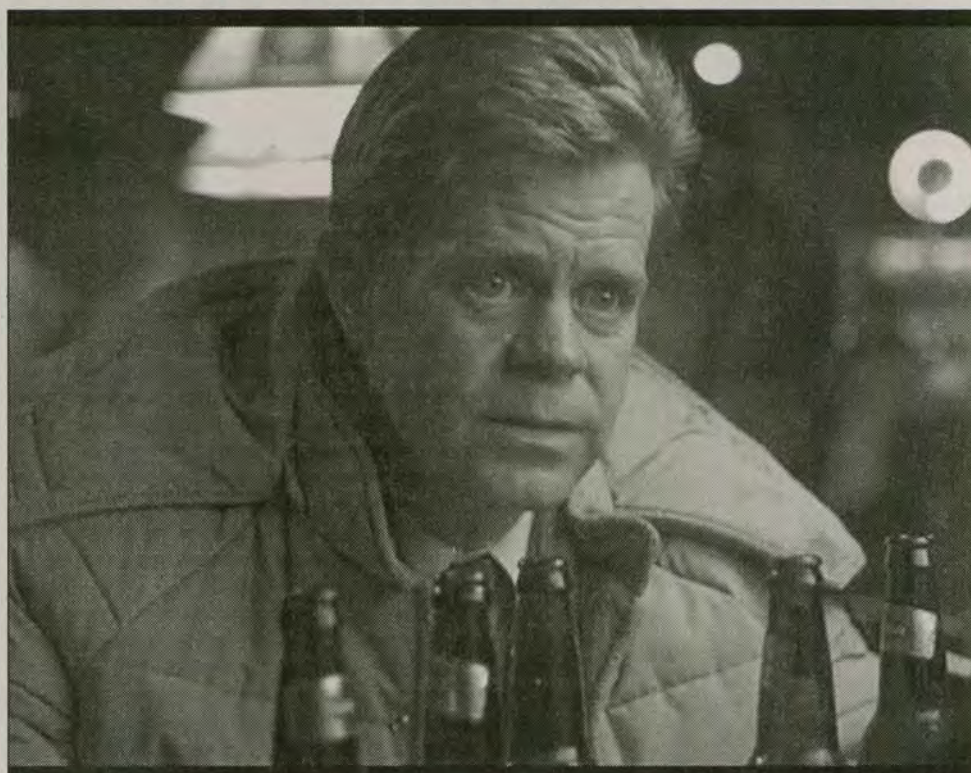


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Jerry Lundegaard (William H. Macy) is a car salesman in over his head in Joel Coen's "Fargo." The film is showing as part of Legend's "Brew and View" series.

Gunderson has found happiness in a fulfilling career and a loving husband, and attempts to soften the mood of the movie as a beacon of virtue in an otherwise dark film.

Furthering Fargo's bid as one of the best movies of the 1990s is the stunning cinematography. The stark white atmosphere of the movie is contrasted piercingly with the dark nature of the film. The cold climate depicted throughout "Fargo" is compared effec-

tively with the cold feelings that permeate several of the main characters' hearts. These subtle nuances are the aspects that elevate "Fargo" from being a good film into being a great film.

"Fargo" will be showing this Thursday at midnight as part of Legend's "Brew and View."

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TV SPOTLIGHT

The WB's newest hit show 'Related' disappoints

By COURTNEY WILSON
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It's been advertised as a sort of "Sex and the City" for families, but "Related," the WB's attempt to capture an older female audience, lacks most of the elements which made that show so appealing.

"Related" follows the lives of four "closer than close" sisters who depend on each other in just about every aspect of their daily lives. The Sorelli Sisters are a little mixed up, as each battles with some sort of distinguishing obstacle associated with certain conventional stages in a woman's life.

Rose (Lauren Breckenridge), the baby of the group, is a college student who has just switched her major from a tidy "Pre-Med" to "Experimental Theater."

Then there is the "fresh out of college, working to get her career started" character Marjee (Lizzy Caplan, of "Mean Girls"). As an aspiring celebrity-event planner, she is probably the most dynamic character of the group. Marjee has a desire for independence, yet ends up whining for help at just about every turn.

Next, there is Ann (Kiele Sanchez), a therapist who was dumped by her six-year boyfriend right around the time the average woman is looking for a ring.

Finally, there is the eldest sister Ginnie. She is the mother-hen-type sister of the group, who is both newly pregnant and a full-fledged workaholic.

Each sister is so preoccupied with each other's lives that it becomes frustratingly clear that most of their dilemmas are the spawn of some overly demanding desire to be accepted and praised by one another.

Since they are depicted stressing out over nearly everything, the banter between them becomes overwhelmingly exhausting. As a comedy set in trendy New York City, a sort of "Friends"-like humor might be expected — especially since executive producer Marta Kauffman comes directly from the highly successful television favorite.

Additionally, the show's creator, Liz Tucillo, was a writer for female favorite "Sex and the City." So how does a show with such a highly regarded staff fall into a pit of immense disappointment?

The set-up has the potential for an enthusiastic female audience, but whoever is writing the script will have to get on the ball and start exploring less one-dimensional and superficial scenarios.

The four lead actresses are all considerably talented, but they just need a bit more motivation to make things happen. The show is set in the big city of New York, but rarely uses its convenient location to set in motion an exciting plot.

Both "Sex and The City," and fellow WB sitcom "Gilmore Girls" thrive on



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Four fictional sisters anchor the cast of the WB's new hit "Related," which airs on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. The show aspires to be a family-friendly "Sex and the City."

their clever, fast paced and witty humor — all of which are elements missing from the early episodes of "Related."

Given the show's slow start, it has already been moved from its Wednesday night premier to a less competitive Monday-night spot. If the show is to gain a loyal audience, it will

have to implement a bit more creativity.

Watch "Related" on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on the WB and see what all the hype is about. Potential disappointment is forewarned.

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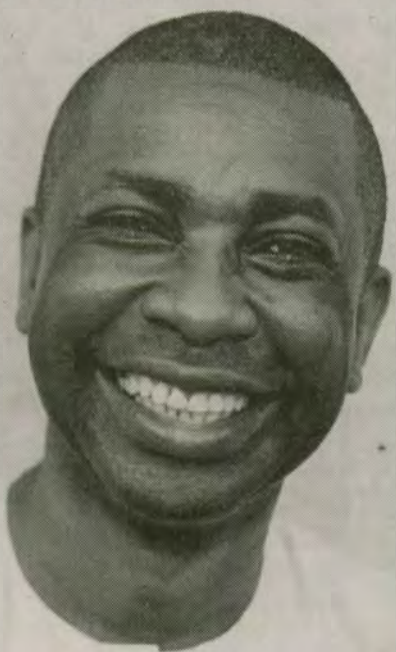
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NHL

Islanders knock off Bruins 4-3 in overtime

Detroit continues its early-season success, downs Chicago 4-1

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Shawn Bates scored with 28.2 seconds left in overtime and the New York Islanders recovered from two blown leads to beat the Boston Bruins Tuesday night.

Bates, a Massachusetts native, took a breakout pass from Jason Blake in front of defenseman Jiri Slegr and came in alone on rookie Hannu Toivonen. His quick shot got through for his second goal of the season.

Joe Thornton tied it for Boston with only 1:01 left in regulation, just after the Bruins pulled Toivonen for an extra attacker. It was the Bruins' fourth overtime loss in six games.

Thornton, who also assisted on Nick Boynton's goal that got Boston even at 2 in the second period, flipped a shot into traffic in front. The puck came back to him and he slid another shot that found its way under goalie Garth Snow's stick.

The late goal enabled the Bruins to earn a point for the sixth straight game.

Defenseman Chris Campoli gave the Islanders a 3-2 lead 4:39 into the third period by beating Toivonen with a 50-foot wrist shot.

Snow, filling in for regular New York goalie Rick DiPietro (bruised knee), made 29 saves in his second game as a starter. Toivonen stopped 19 shots in his third start in place of Andrew Raycroft, out with an injured hamstring.

For the second straight game, the Islanders couldn't protect a third-period lead at home. They dominated the first half of the first period and grabbed a 2-0 advantage on goals by Oleg Kvasha and Janne Niinimaa.

But former Islanders player Dave Scatchard cut the Bruins' deficit in half with 4:39 left in the first period and Boynton tied it 10:06 into the second off a face-off win by Thornton.

Snow kept the Islanders from falling behind in the middle period by stopping 16 shots as Boston controlled play. New York led Buffalo 4-3 in the third period Saturday before yielding three straight goals for the Islanders' third loss in four games.

The Islanders' new top line needed less than a minute to click as Kvasha, now centering Alexei Yashin and Miroslav Satan, scored his first of the season. Kvasha beat Toivonen from

the high slot at 52 seconds.

Niinimaa, who also helped set up Kvasha, netted his first of the season with an assist from Yashin. After rushing into the Boston zone, Yashin stopped and pulled the puck back out toward the blue line as he waited for help. Yashin spotted Niinimaa to his left and fed him a quick pass. The puck left Niinimaa's stick just as quickly, beating a surprised Toivonen to make it 2-0 at 11:56 of the first.

Yashin, a longtime center, was shifted to left wing after playing the position in Russia last season during the lockout. New York coach Steve Stirling made the move to give Yashin less defensive responsibility and get him higher in the Islanders zone so he can break out quicker on offense.

It wasn't the only line combination affected, as Stirling moved other players around partly to get injured forward Mark Parrish back into the lineup. Parrish missed four games because of a hip injury.

Detroit 4, Chicago 1

DETROIT — Chris Osgood made 23 saves after replacing the injured Manny Legace, and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Chicago Blackhawks Tuesday night for their ninth straight win.

Jason Williams had a goal and an assist for the Red Wings (12-1-0) and Kirk Maltby, Brett Lebda, and Brendan Shanahan also scored in the third straight game between the teams. Nicklas Lidstrom had two assists.

Legace left the game with a slight knee sprain with 3:23 remaining in the first period after Chicago's Matthew Barnaby fell on him. Legace, who made eight saves, was expected to undergo precautionary X-rays on Wednesday.

Detroit defenseman Jiri Fischer retaliated against Barnaby and both players got 5-minute fighting penalties.

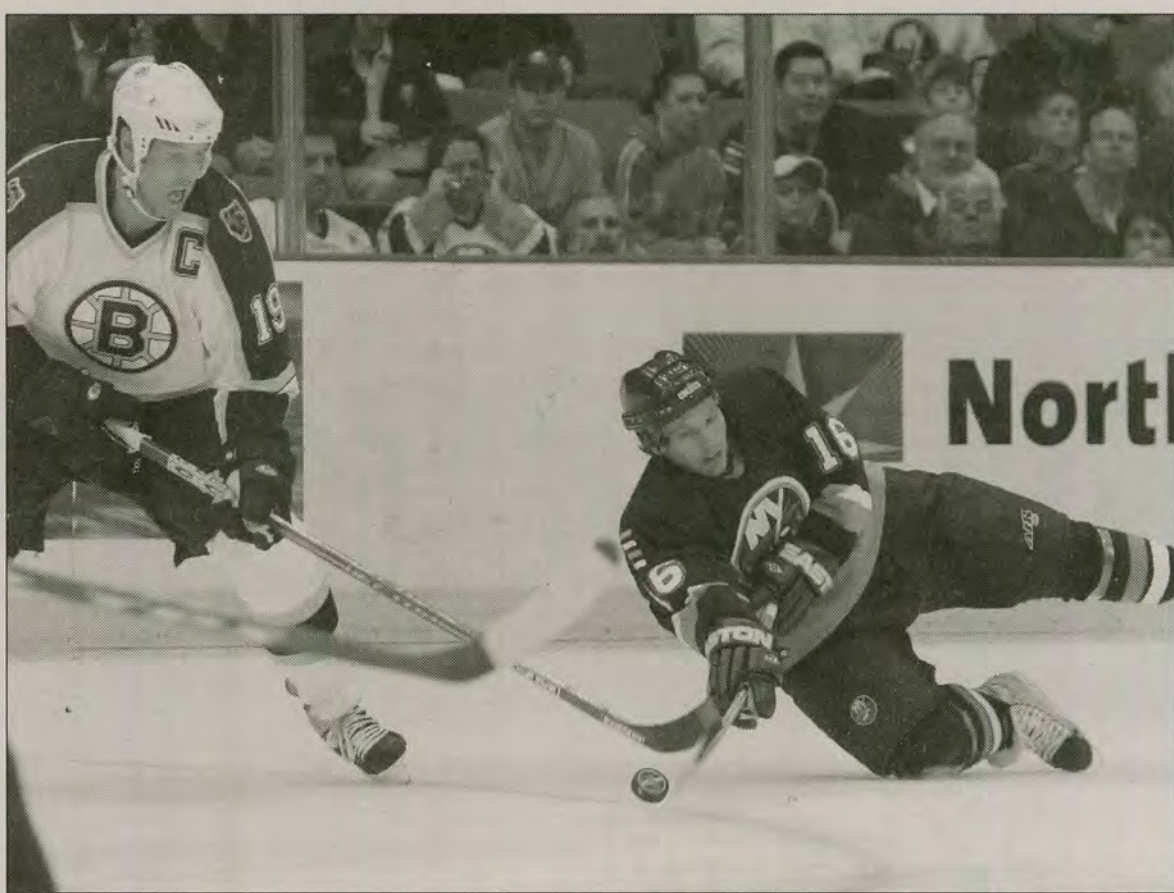
Adrian Aucoin scored the only goal for Chicago (3-9-0), which lost its fourth straight.

Maltby scored the lone goal of the first period when he put in his own rebound with 4:01 remaining.

Lebda had a power-play goal at 7:34 of the second period as his shot from along the goal line deflected in off Nikolai Khabibulin's pads. Shanahan's eight score of the season, with 4:50 left in the period, made it 3-0.

Aucoin's power-play goal, a shot from the point with 1:37 left in the second, got Chicago on the board.

Williams added a power-play



Islanders forward Mike York, right, tries to control the puck while falling to the ice as Bruins center Joe Thornton looks on. New York edged Boston 4-3 on a Shawn Bates overtime goal Tuesday.

goal with 8:20 remaining in the third period.

Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 4

TAMPA, Fla. — Jaroslav Modry scored two of Atlanta's four power-play goals, leading the Thrashers over the Tampa Bay Lightning Tuesday night.

Atlanta converted on all of its man-advantage situations against the NHL's top penalty-killing unit. The Lightning had allowed three goals in 62 short-handed situations.

The Thrashers took their first lead at 4-3 when Marian Hossa skated in from the right wing boards and lifted a shot over goalie John Grahame at 3:03 of the third. Modry gave Atlanta a two-goal lead on a power-play goal with 7:01 left.

The Lightning got within 5-4 on Vinny Prospal's goal at 15:08 of the third, but Atlanta's Ilya Kovalchuk finished the scoring with an empty-netter with 17 seconds left. He also had three assists, giving him eight assists and 12 points during a five-game points streak.

Atlanta got a goal and two assists from Peter Bondra, increasing his career totals to 41 goals and 57 points in 55 games against Tampa Bay.

Brad Richards had two goals for the Lightning.

Atlanta scored two power-play goals in two chances and gave

up a short-handed score as the teams ended the first period tied at 2.

Richards put the Lightning up 1-0 at 4:43. The Thrashers tied on Modry's power-play goal at 11:09.

Richards regained the lead for Tampa Bay with a short-handed score with 2:37 left, before Atlanta tied it again on Bondra's power-play goal 40 seconds later.

The second period started in a similar fashion. Vincent Lecavalier gave Tampa Bay its third lead at 4:37, before the Thrashers got their third power-play goal by Slava Kozlov at 8:59.

Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 3 OT

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sergei Gonchar scored 1:01 into overtime to lift Pittsburgh over the New Jersey Devils Tuesday night for the Penguins' second victory of the season.

Gonchar took the puck in his own end, split the Devils' defense and shoveled a backhand past goalie Scott Clemmensen.

The overtime period was the sixth for the Penguins (2-5-5) this season in 12 games. They had lost all five previous times, four during the overtime period and one on a sudden-death shootout.

Sebastien Caron, who finished with 26 saves, held the Devils to one goal until midway through the third period, then gave up goals to Brian Gionta and Erik

Rasmussen. Rasmussen's goal tied the game with 2:12 left.

The loss was the first after two wins for Clemmensen, who has started the last three games in place of injured Martin Brodeur. He sprained his knee last Wednesday against Tampa Bay and is expected to return in the next game or two.

Maxime Talbot's short-handed goal early in the third period gave Pittsburgh a 3-1 lead. Matt Murley stripped Devils defenseman Vladimir Malakhov just outside the Penguins zone and fed Talbot on a two-on-one.

The Penguins took advantage of a power play in the second period to take the lead after spotting the Devils a 1-0 lead.

With Sergei Brylin off for hooking and Zach Parise serving a minor for the Devils having too many men on the ice, defenseman Ryan Whitney's wrist from the right circle was gloved by Clemmensen and pinned against the near post.

The puck was ruled not to have crossed the goal line, but the Devils' reprieve was short-lived. As soon as Brylin stepped back on the ice, Whitney took a pass from Gonchar in almost the same spot that Clemmensen stopped. Sidney Crosby poked the puck in the air over and behind the goalie, and Mark Recchi reached in and poked it across the line.

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	team	record	avg
1	USC	8-0	.9767
2	Texas	8-0	.9729
3	Virginia Tech	8-0	.9294
4	Alabama	8-0	.8695
5	UCLA	8-0	.7874
6	Miami (FL)	6-1	.7566
7	Penn State	7-1	.6905
8	LSU	6-2	.6875
9	Florida State	7-1	.6277
10	Ohio State	8-1	.5967
11	Georgia	7-1	.5864
12	Wisconsin	8-1	.5630
13	Oregon	7-1	.5458
14	NOTRE DAME	5-2	.4859
15	Texas Tech	7-1	.4496
16	Florida	6-2	.4154
17	West Virginia	6-1	.4076
18	TCU	8-1	.2924
19	Boston College	6-2	.2605
20	Auburn	6-2	.2271
21	Michigan	6-3	.2158
22	Colorado	6-2	.1746
23	California	6-2	.1411
24	Fresno State	6-1	.1022
25	Oklahoma	5-3	.0704

NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OTL	points
NY Rangers	6-4	3	15
Philadelphia	6-3	1	13
New Jersey	6-5	1	13
NY Islanders	6-6	0	12
Pittsburgh	2-5	5	9

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Montreal	9-3	1	19
Ottawa	8-2	0	16
Buffalo	7-4	0	14
Toronto	6-4	2	14
Boston	5-5	4	14

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Carolina	8-2	1	17
Tampa Bay	7-4	2	16
Florida	6-5	2	14
Washington	4-7	0	8
Atlanta	4-8	0	8

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	12-1	0	24
Nashville	8-1	1	17
Columbus	4-8	0	8
Chicago	3-9	0	6
St. Louis	2-7	2	6

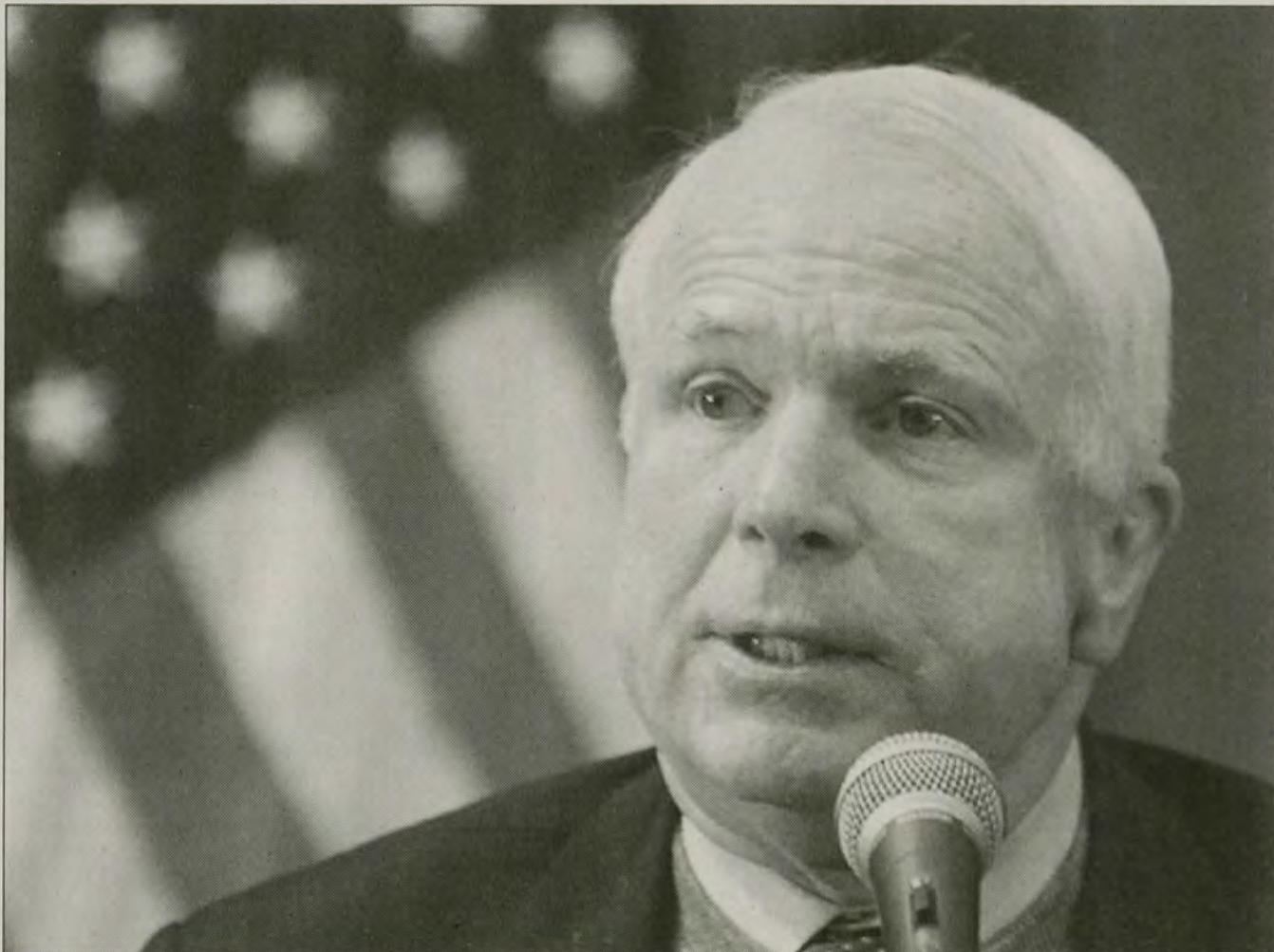
Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Vancouver	8-2	2	18
Minnesota	6-4	2	14
Colorado	6-4	1	13
Edmonton	5-6	1	11
Calgary	4-7	2	10

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Los Angeles	8-4	0	16
Dallas	6-4	1	13
Anaheim	6-5	1	13
San Jose	6-5	1	13
Phoenix	5-8	1	11

DRUG TESTING



Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) speaks at the Convention Center in the Green Zone in Baghdad on Feb. 19. McCain and Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Kent.) are spearheading Congress' steroid legislation.

New steroids legislation in the works

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Aiming to spur baseball and other sports to adopt tougher steroids policies, Sens. Jim Bunning and John McCain are reintroducing legislation that would standardize drug testing and penalties for professional leagues.

The new bill combines two already proposed separately by Bunning, a Kentucky Republican who was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1996, and McCain, an Arizona Republican. Bunning, a former major league pitcher,

said the new legislation would be introduced Tuesday or Wednesday.

"We have heard a lot of talk from professional sports leagues that they would do something to clean up this mess, but so far it has been just that: a lot of talk," Bunning said Tuesday during a conference call with reporters. "Hopefully Congress' action will light a fire under their feet to come to an agreement before we do it for them."

Like the earlier bills from Bunning and McCain, this one is based on the Olympic model, calling for

a two-year suspension for an athlete who fails a steroids test for the first time and a lifetime ban for a second offense. Athletes would be tested at least five times a year, three during the season and two in the offseason. The proposal has a provision urging leagues to erase records achieved with the help of performance-enhancing drugs.

Three House bills with similar testing minimums and punishments have been proposed, including one sponsored by Tom Davis, the Virginia Republican who chairs the

Government Reform Committee. That panel held the March 17 hearing with Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire and baseball officials.

"If pro sports leagues don't get a handle on this problem on their own, members of Congress will be more than willing to do it for them," Davis spokesman Dave Marin wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "No matter which bill ultimately moves forward, one thing is certain: In the absence of self-initiated progress, legislation becomes a matter of when, not if."

IN BRIEF

Big Ben questionable for Sunday's game vs Packers

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger's right knee injury apparently isn't serious, but Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher isn't ready to say if his quarterback will be ready to play Sunday in Green Bay.

Roethlisberger underwent an MRI exam Tuesday, about 12 hours after the Steelers' 20-19 victory over Baltimore, and was given a preliminary diagnosis of a strained posterior capsule. The injury affects the range of motion of the knee and can be very painful.

"All ligaments are fine, and we'll get a further update as the week goes on," Cowher said Tuesday. "There's nothing serious coming out of the game as we speak. ... Hopefully it's something he can continue to work through, and we'll rest him when we can and see where he is at the end of the week."

The Steelers have a short week of practice before their first trip to

Green Bay (1-6) in 10 years, but it is unlikely Roethlisberger will attempt to practice Wednesday.

American League Gold Gloves announced

NEW YORK — Seattle outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter and Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez won their fifth straight Gold Gloves on Tuesday.

Boston catcher Jason Varitek, Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira and Toronto second baseman Orlando Hudson were first-time winners, while New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and Toronto outfielder Vernon Wells won for the second straight season.

Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers won for the fourth time overall and second in a row.

"Defense usually doesn't make many headlines, but it goes a long way towards winning baseball games," Jeter said in a statement. "There are a number of ways to make an impact during the course

of a game, and playing solid, sound defense is one of them."

Georgia QB practices ahead of schedule

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley was back in practice Tuesday — though only on a limited basis — just three days after a sprained knee kept him out of a loss to Florida.

Shockley, wearing a green non-contact jersey and a brace on his left knee, did not participate in the scrimmage portion of the practice. The senior reported no soreness after working in other drills.

"He looked pretty good. He's a natural born leader and he was leading out there," said backup quarterback Joe Tereshinski, who filled in as the starter in Saturday's 14-10 loss to the Gators.

Tereshinski said he still took most of the snaps with the first-team offense Tuesday, but Shockley is expected to start in No. 11 Georgia's next game against No. 17 Auburn on Nov. 12.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC faces last team to beat Trojans at home

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Only a few years ago, the Los Angeles Coliseum was usually half-empty when Southern California played, or as coach Pete Carroll clarified recently in a defining measure of his personality, half-full.

One of those days was Sept. 29, 2001, when the Trojans entertained Stanford before a crowd of 53,962 in Carroll's first season.

The Cardinal took a 21-0 half-time lead before holding off the Trojans 21-16, dropping USC to 1-3 and further convincing many die-hard fans that Carroll was another bad hire, as Paul Hackett had been before him.

That loss dropped the Trojans to 32-32 since they went 9-2-1 and won the Rose Bowl in the 1995-season.

Fast-forward to the present, and Carroll is the model for college football coaches everywhere, having guided his team to 30 straight victories and a shot at an unprecedented third consecutive national championship.

USC is unbeaten at home

since that loss to Stanford, having won a school-record 24 straight at the Coliseum, where crowds of more than 90,000 are the norm these days.

The Trojans can make it 25 Saturday night when they host Stanford for the second time since the loss four years ago. They beat the Cardinal 44-21 before a crowd of 68,341 in 2003.

"Yeah, I've been reminded," Carroll said with a smile Tuesday when asked if he remembered his team's last loss at home.

With that, he rattled off several details, mentioning Luke Powell, "a little wide receiver who killed us," along with USC's second-half comeback that fell short and Stanford's solid defense and overall experience.

The Trojans would lose again the following week, falling to Washington 27-24 in Seattle to drop to 1-4.

They've lost only five games since then while winning 49.

The Trojans have had several close calls during their winning streak, including last year at Stanford when they rallied from a 28-17 halftime deficit for a

31-28 victory.

"They almost knocked us off," USC offensive tackle Sam Baker recalled. "We know they're a real good team. That was my first game where I thought, 'Whoa! We might lose here.'"

USC (8-0, 5-0) is favored by a whopping 33 points over the Cardinal (4-3, 3-2), who are coming off a 30-27 overtime loss to No. 7 UCLA in a game they led 24-3 with 8 1/2 minutes remaining.

"They really controlled the football game throughout," Carroll said. "Within a dozen plays, the game absolutely flipped. There were a number of ways they could have gotten it done. On the other side, UCLA was really executing in the fourth quarter."

Carroll said that knowing Stanford coach Walt Harris, he expects the Cardinal to respond in a positive way to the tough loss.

"Walt's been coaching too long to let his team not respond," Carroll said.

Carroll and Harris have a long personal history. Carroll was the first player Harris signed to a letter of intent while



USC quarterback Matt Leinart, left, is pursued by Washington State defensive end Matt Mullenix in the Trojans' 55-13 victory Saturday.

a young assistant coach at the University of Pacific, where Carroll played safety in the early 1970s.

"He's done a great job, and on

a personal note, I'm very excited about all the things he's accomplished," Harris said. "He's a great guy and a great coach."

NBA

Autopsy shows Hawks' Collier died from enlarged heart

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ga. — Atlanta Hawks center Jason Collier died from a sudden heart rhythm disturbance caused by an abnormally enlarged heart, an autopsy showed.

The state's chief medical examiner, Dr. Kris Sperry, said Tuesday his testing showed that electrocardiograms administered to Collier in 2003 and this year showed "some indication of electrical abnormalities."

"Looking at them now, and in retrospect in knowing what's going on with his heart, the abnormalities may have been associated with what we found in examining his heart," Sperry said.

He said that he had no evidence that the 28-year-old Collier was informed there was anything wrong with his heart. Collier's wife said he had never been told of a reason for concern, Sperry said.

Collier's father, Jeff, had previously told The Associated Press that his son did not have any diagnosed health problems before his death besides past injuries to his knees. Reached at his Springfield, Ohio, home on Tuesday evening, Jeff Collier said he's disappointed that the state released its conclusions without first notifying him of the findings.

"I'm telling you I don't know anything about this," Collier said.

The 7-foot Collier, who played at Georgia Tech, was with the Hawks for two years after spending three years with the Houston Rockets. He died after

having trouble breathing in his suburban Atlanta home.

Sperry indicated that the family has concerns about the medical tests in 2003 and 2005 and "when we get all the findings back I think the family will have some of those examined in closer detail, based upon the results."

He said tissue and blood samples had been sent to the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School for further tests to determine whether Collier had hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a congenital defect that can lead to an enlarged heart.

Sperry did not say that the Hawks or Rockets were negligent in clearing Collier to play in the NBA.

He said an enlarged heart can be very difficult to detect, especially due to Collier's size.

But he said the player's heart "was above the accepted limits, even for a man of his size."

He said the organ was about one and a half times the size it should have been.

"We have the unfortunate advantage of taking the heart out and weighing it," Sperry said.

Sperry also said that the electrical abnormalities could have been a reason for further testing.

"If it were me, I would have wanted more studies done to clarify what those abnormalities meant in light of the fact Jason was an athlete," he said.

The autopsy was conducted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which performs

all Forsyth County autopsies, GBI spokesman John Bankhead said.

The Hawks left Atlanta on Tuesday for Oakland, where they open their season

Wednesday night against the Golden State Warriors.

The players are wearing black shoulder patches on their uniforms to honor Collier, who was a part-time starter.

He began his college career at Indiana before transferring to Georgia Tech.

The Hawks will leave Collier's uniform in his locker through the season.

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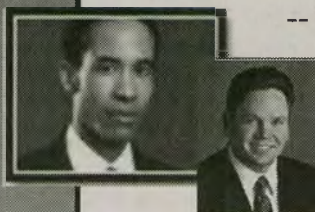
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NBA

Milwaukee edges Philadelphia 117-108 in OT

New Orleans thumps visiting Sacramento

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Redd thought for sure his tying 3-pointer would clang off the back of the rim.

Instead, the ball went through, capped a scrappy comeback and propelled Milwaukee to a fantastic start to the season.

Redd hit the game-tying 3-pointer in regulation and scored 30 points to lead the Bucks to an overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night in the season opener.

"That's a shot that all NBA players love to have, that last second shot," Redd said.

And the Bucks loved that he took it. Redd's 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left tied the game at 102-all, brought the Bucks back from seven points down with three minutes left and helped make Terry Stotts a winner in his Milwaukee coaching debut.

"For a young team, a team that's coming together, to get the first one on the road is a good sign," Stotts said.

T.J. Ford scored 16 points, 14 assists, and nine rebounds in his first game after cervical spine surgery cost him all of last season. Andrew Bogut, the NBA's No. 1 draft pick who was college player of the year at Utah last season, started for the Bucks and added 13 points and nine rebounds.

Allen Iverson scored 35 points and had nine assists, and Chris Webber added 32 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Sixers.

The loss spoiled the return of

Maurice Cheeks in his Philadelphia coaching debut. One of the most popular players in franchise history, Cheeks has a retired No. 10 jersey and a 1983 championship banner hanging in the rafters.

Now, he has his first loss as coach.

"All the emotion is gone now," Cheeks said. "This was not the way I wanted get the season started."

The Bucks totally took over in overtime, scoring all but six points. Redd hit a pair of jumpers and Bogut was a force inside, converting a three-point play for a 113-104 lead.

Stotts placed modest expectations on Bogut.

"He doesn't have to be our offensive force," Stotts said. "We don't need him to feel like he has to score every time he touches the ball."

New Orleans 93 Sacramento 67

OKLAHOMA CITY — They're still officially the team from New Orleans, but judging by the roaring capacity crowd and the startling success of their Oklahoma City debut Tuesday, the Hornets should happy to wear those "OKC" patches for a while.

J.R. Smith scored 19 points and had two electrifying dunks as New Orleans beat the Sacramento Kings on the NBA's opening night, which also marked the first of 35 Hornets home games in Oklahoma City.

The celebration began with a street party outside the Ford Center, then got even more lively inside the sold-out arena as the Hornets, 18-64 last season, beat a Kings team expected to con-

tend.

P.J. Brown scored eight points during a 16-2 run midway through the second quarter that gave the Hornets a 38-27 lead. Smith's two-handed fast-break dunk was the highlight of the run for New Orleans, which wore white jerseys with a hexagonal "OKC" patch on the right shoulder.

Brown finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, Speedy Claxton added 17 and Chris Paul, the team's No. 1 pick in this year's draft, added 13.

Peja Stojakovic scored 18 and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 14 for the Kings, who shot only 31.3 percent.

New Orleans, which was the lowest scoring team in the league last season, built their lead to 20 points in the second quarter as Smith again energized the crowd.

He had seven points during a 12-0 run that put the Hornets up 58-38.

The Hornets were searching for a place to play this season after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. The other six home games will be played in Baton Rouge, La.

A street party before the game offered fans the chance to take part in interactive games, get their face painted in Hornets colors and listen to live bands. New Orleans then got a standing ovation when players ran onto the court for pre-game warmups to the announcement "Here come your Hornets!"

Desmond Mason, a former Oklahoma State star, and Paul got the loudest ovations during introductions, and fans didn't sit down until Brown scored inside for the Hornets' first basket.



Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, left, and Milwaukee's Maurice Williams chase a loose ball in the Bucks' 117-108 win Tuesday.

San Antonio 102, Denver 91

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs celebrated last season's success and started their title defense.

Tony Parker scored 14 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and newcomer Michael Finley added 11 points in the period for the Spurs, who defeated Denver in the opening game for both teams Tuesday night.

Before the game, San Antonio unveiled its third championship banner in the rafters of the SBC Center, and NBA commissioner David Stern was on hand for the team's returning players to receive their diamond-studded title rings.

San Antonio trailed most of the second half until Finley hit a 19-footer to put the Spurs up 79-78 with about nine minutes remaining in the game.

Finley, who finished with 16 points, then hit another jumper followed by a 3-pointer.

The Spurs went 13-for-16 from the field in the fourth quarter.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs and Manu Ginobili added 10 points.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 23 points, while Kenyon Martin added 19. Eduardo Najera scored 14 and Earl Boykins 13.

The Nuggets, who were eliminated in five games by the Spurs last spring in the first round of the playoffs, were without head coach George Karl.

He is serving a two-game suspension for making improper contact with a prospect over the summer. Assistant coach Scott Brooks took Karl's place on the Denver bench.

And for most of the game, they were also without key reserve Nene, who left in the first quarter with a leg injury.

Duncan, who scored eight straight points midway through the first period, stole the ball from Nene under the Nuggets' basket and then made a layup at the other end to give San

Antonio its first lead at 20-19.

Nene hobbled off the floor after the play with what the team described as a sprained right anterior cruciate ligament. He did not return.

Dallas 111, Phoenix 108, 2OT

PHOENIX — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks erased a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns in double-overtime.

The late-starting season-opener Tuesday night ended just after midnight, local time.

Nowitzki sank a pair of long jumpers and Keith Van Horn made a 3-pointer in the second overtime. After Van Horn made one of two free throws with 23.7 seconds to play, Steve Nash missed what would have been a game-tying 3-pointer at the final buzzer.

Nowitzki had 28 points and 15 rebounds and Jason Terry added 23 points for Dallas, including the game-tying layup at the end of the first overtime. Josh Howard added 16 points and 11 rebounds. Van Horn scored 15 and Marquis Daniels 13.

Nash scored 30, the same he average against his former Dallas team in last season's Western Conference semifinals. He added nine assists and eight rebounds, but had six turnovers.

Raja Bell had 18 points in his first game for the Suns. Shawn Marion had 13 points and 16 rebounds, but was just 4-for-12 shooting overall.

Dallas trailed 83-66 with 7 1/2 minutes to play in regulation and 101-96 with 36 seconds left in the first overtime.

Nowitzki sank three 3-pointers in a row in a 21-3 outburst that forced overtime, then Marquis Daniels sank a 3-pointer with 29 seconds to go in the first overtime, setting up Jason Terry's layup at the buzzer that tied it at 101-101 to force the second OT.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Penalites on the line area of focus for Irish



Offensive lineman Dan Santucci provides protection for quarterback Brady Quinn during Notre Dame's 49-23 route of BYU Saturday.

MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wasn't all smiles in the bye week following a 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

Notre Dame coaches spent chunks of practice time last week addressing the amount of penalties along the offensive and defensive lines of scrimmage.

"One of the things I was disappointed in [was] we had some line of scrimmage penalties in previous games, and in practice we continued to have some line of scrimmage penalties," Weis said.

The Irish committed six line of scrimmage penalties against BYU on Oct. 22 — three false starts, two offside penalties, one illegal procedure.

Weis said he and his coaches intentionally changed snap counts to test the discipline and patience of the linemen during the bye week. And what happened when somebody jumped?

"They were penalized appropriately," Weis said.

Coaches also spent the team's second bye week of the season doing much of what was expected — resting injured players, bringing along backups and recruiting.

Vois 'O' no different

With the resignation of Tennessee offensive coordinator Randy Sanders, the Volunteers will begin to split play-calling duties between multiple coaches Saturday.

But Weis clarified Tuesday that Tennessee's changing of the guard on offense does not mean it will be gunning from a completely different playbook.

"There will be no difference ... who's calling the plays," he said. "It's just like if I turn the play calling over to somebody else, it would be the same list of plays. It's just ... the order in which you call them."

"It's not going to change. Game planning is game planning. It's just how you call the plays on

game day, that's all. We won't know that 'till after we have played a game."

Full house

Pep rallies for the remaining three Irish home games will require tickets for non-Notre Dame student fans who wish to attend, the Notre Dame athletic office announced Tuesday.

For Friday night pep rallies that precede games against Tennessee (Saturday), Navy (Nov. 11) and Syracuse (Nov. 18), members of the public will be required to wait in line at 3 p.m. on the day of the rally to pick up tickets at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

There will be a limit of two tickets per person, and the tickets will be free. The athletic office said ticket lines will not be permitted prior to 2 p.m.

Notre Dame students do not need tickets to attend and can enter the Joyce Center beginning at 5:15 p.m. at Gate 11 each Friday. Doors are open to members of the general public who have tickets at 5:45 p.m.

The athletic office cited "demand from Notre Dame students and University needs" as reasoning for the decision, which becomes the next in a series of attempts to address or accommodate fanfare surrounding the 2005 Irish.

Thousands of fans were turned away from the Joyce Center for the Michigan State pep rally, the season's first, and the University reacted by moving the Southern California pep rally to the Stadium for the night of Oct. 14.

Weis' biggest test yet

A reporter asked Weis Tuesday if it's true the coach scored a 1600 on his SAT.

"That's a misnomer," Weis said. "Let's look at it this way. If I said 'yes,' I'm either smart or a liar, okay? If I said 'no,' what do I gain from saying that? Let's leave it ambiguous."

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NFL

Billick concedes division

Despite Ravens' slow start, coach still eyes wild card opportunity

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens put forth a marvelous performance against the Pittsburgh Steelers, backing a fine effort by a depleted defense with an attack that scored more points than in any game this season.

And still the Ravens lost.

Now what?

Coach Brian Billick conceded Tuesday that Baltimore (2-5) has virtually no chance to win the AFC North, but expressed hope his team could derive enough positives from Monday night's 20-19 defeat to mount a charge at a wild-card berth.

"We're going to have to get on a heck of a run. We're cognizant of that," Billick said. "But until someone tells us that mathematically isn't going to happen, that's the hook you have to hold on to. That's where you generate your enthusiasm. Why give up on that hope?"

If the Ravens played earlier this season as they did against Pittsburgh, then reaching the playoffs wouldn't be nearly as imposing a task. Operating without injured starters Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and Anthony Weaver, the Baltimore defense forced two turnovers and held the Steelers to 261 yards.

The offense was efficient, too. The Ravens were averaging an NFL-worst 11.5 points per game before breaking

loose for five scoring drives, 20 first downs and 25 pass completions.

Although Baltimore could have used another touchdown or two instead of getting four field goals from Matt Stover, Dave Zastudil punted only twice.

"There are some things we can definitely build on," Billick said. "We matched our passion and intensity with a certain level of execution that maybe we haven't put together compared to the other games we lost."

The Ravens didn't expect to lose to Tennessee, Detroit and Chicago, but they did. That's why they were a heavy underdog against a Pittsburgh team seeking its 11th straight home victory Monday night.

The Steelers extended their streak with a late field goal, but the Ravens had nothing to be embarrassed about.

"It was painful last night, but there was a sense of accomplishment to the degree that they stepped up to the challenge," Billick said. "You don't give that a lot of credence in pro football because at the end of the day it doesn't add up to much. But I think they felt good about themselves — within that context. And they should."

In other words, a moral victory doesn't mean a thing in the standings, but could go a long way toward fueling the Ravens with the confidence they need for the rest of the season, beginning with Sunday's home game against the division-leading Cincinnati Bengals (6-2).

Billick gave the players Tuesday and Wednesday off,

hoping a 48-hour break will enable them to regroup emotionally and physically from Monday's disappointing loss. If the Ravens are to win, they can't afford any drop-off in the hunger they took with them to Pittsburgh.

"That's why they have the extra time. We have a big game coming back here at home against a division rival. There's a challenge there," Billick said. "Hopefully, we can hold onto (the emotion) and not be worn out from the week before, nor wear ourselves out this week, because we're going to have to have the same level of passion and intensity for Cincinnati."

The Ravens may have a few more players, too. Billick said there's a chance that Weaver (toe), receiver Mark Clayton (ankle) and fullback Ovie Mughelli (ankle) could return Sunday.

But Lewis (thigh) is out for at least two more weeks, and Reed (ankle) and quarterback Kyle Boller (toe) almost certainly won't play.

The Ravens hoped Boller would be healthy enough to reclaim his starting job from Anthony Wright this week, but he felt soreness in his right toe after a week's worth of practice and is not yet ready to run the offense.

"The time frame we were hoping for just isn't happening right now," Billick said.

Wright went 25-for-44 for 252 yards against the Steelers. Since taking over for Boller in the first game of the season, he has thrown for six touchdowns and been intercepted nine times.

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the changes at setter.

"We played well as a team," she said. "We were vocal and unified ... It would have been easy for us to use the adversity as an excuse, but the team didn't. They gave everything they had."

The loss was Saint Mary's third to Alma this season, all in three games.

The Belles knew from previous meetings that they would have to combat a powerful Alma offense with solid, scrappy defense, and they did just that. Anne Cusack, the MIAA leader in digs per game, recorded 22 digs Tuesday. Kaela Hellmann also added 15 digs to solidify the defense.

Schroeder-Biek was thrilled to see her team's intensity at its highest level of the season.

"That's the most everyone on the court has competed all season," she said. "Earlier it was four or five players that brought

intensity and really played to win. Tonight, everyone gave everything they had, they fed off each other and played the best they've played all season."

The Belles finished the season with an 11-19 record, 5-12 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's nearly doubled its win total of six from last season and finished tied for fifth in the conference, two places higher than last season.

Entering the season, Schroeder-Biek set a goal for her team to host an MIAA play-off game by finishing fourth or higher. The Belles fell one place short. Schroeder-Biek deemed the season a success, especially considering Saint Mary's did not have any setting experience on its roster entering the year.

"We were definitely down in the setter position coming in, but we had so much talent we thought we could host for MIAA," she said. "Even though we fell one place short, I'm proud of how we finished up. We need to carry this momentum into next season."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish set for the Billikens

Saint Louis comes to the Joyce Center to face No. 5 Notre Dame

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

They've epitomized and, perhaps, defined the word "team."

They hope to continue their successes tonight at 7 p.m. against St. Louis at the Joyce Center.

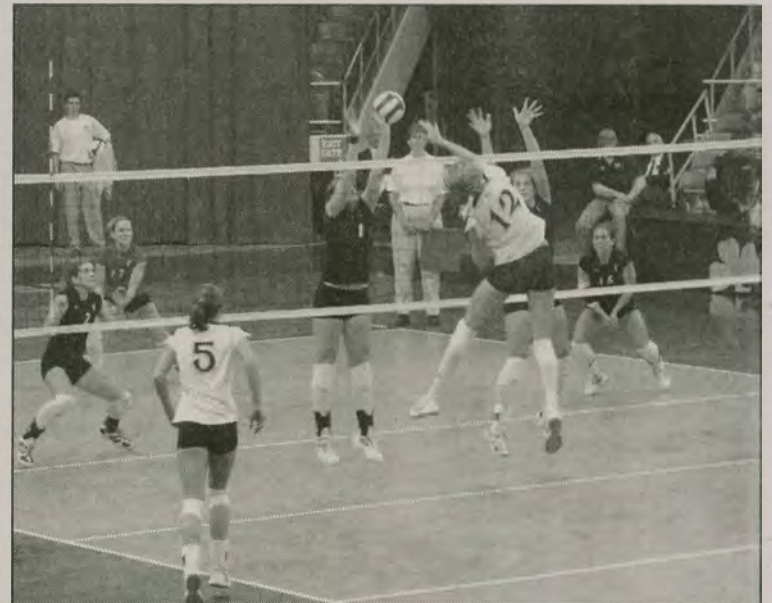
After two big, emotional wins on the weekend, the No. 5 Irish (20-1, 10-0 Big East) take on the Billikens (13-12) tonight in a mid-week non-conference tilt. Staying level-headed after such an emotional high might be the biggest test for Notre Dame, but it knows it cannot take any opponent lightly and cannot play flat-footed.

"[St. Louis is] definitely another team we need to respect," sophomore outside hitter Ellen Heintzman said. "At practice today, we spent a lot of time scouting and talking about how, even though we did have two big wins this weekend, they were just two more wins."

"St. Louis is just as big a team as these past two."

After two complete team efforts in weekend victories over then-No. 6 Louisville and Cincinnati, the Irish are hoping to continue a 13-match winning streak.

Notre Dame has not lost since playing LSU in September, and the Irish have been recognized for their play. With their new No. 5 ranking, the Irish are now the highest ranked team in school-history. The teams ahead of Notre Dame include Nebraska and Washington, who are both undefeated.



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Irish senior Lauren Brewster (12) spikes a return during Notre Dame's victory over Cincinnati Sunday.

Every match, it seems like a new player sparks the Irish team. Heintzman, who didn't play too much prior to the Connecticut match several weeks ago, credited her team's success to, simply put, her team.

"It really is a fun and exciting atmosphere that this whole team has created," she said. "We're just enjoying every minute of playing — everybody is. It just makes it even better."

Team chemistry and confidence are building, and the unselfish teammates have accepted their roles for each match.

"We're all just so confident in each other," Heintzman said. "We'll look at each other on the court and just never doubt our capabilities."

Heintzman was one of several surging players to spark the Irish over the weekend. While she accepts whatever role she's given for the remainder of the season, she said, obviously, she has enjoyed playing, and playing well.

"It's always exciting to get out on the court, especially in such high-emotion games," she said.

St. Louis, a member of the Atlantic-10 Conference, is led by coach Anne Kordes. The Billikens are in their first season in the A-10 Conference.

They beat IPFW in their last match 3-1 as senior All-

American Aida Antanaviciute registered a double-double with 22 kills and 14 digs. Senior libero Erin McClanahan had a career-high 29 digs against IPFW. The Billikens have played well throughout the season but have been hampered by recent injuries to some key players. The Billikens have also played a challenging non-conference schedule. They have already faced tough squads including Kansas State, Kansas, Pacific and Purdue.

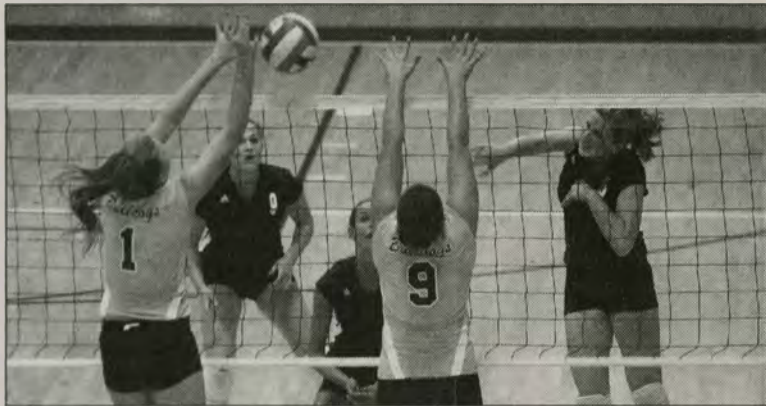
Clearly, the conference matches are important for the Irish. They are leading the Big East and trying to repeat as regular season champs.

But from here on out, every match — even non-conference — is equally important as the Irish are vying for a top seed in the NCAA tournament which begins in early December.

"It was actually brought up today," Heintzman said. "It's always in the back of our minds. It would be a great accomplishment to get a great seed, and it would help us out. But it's not going to make things any easier. We're still going to have to play tough teams."

What will make things easier are more team efforts like the two the Irish gave last weekend.

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Adrian defenders prepare to block a Belles spike on Oct. 11. Alma beat Saint Mary's Tuesday in three sets in the playoffs.

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MEN'S GOLF

Team disqualified for ball rules technicality

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Cole Isban and Scott Gustafson inadvertently played the wrong ball on the first hole Monday and were forced to disqualify themselves from the CordeValle Collegiate.

Notre Dame was unable to place in the tournament because five golfers are needed to complete in the round for a team score to count.

The remaining three players — Mark Baldwin, Mike King, and

Eddie Peckels — finished out the tournament playing for their individual scores.

Through two rounds, Peckels was at even par after shooting a 144 (74-70). King was two-over par at 146 (68-78) and Baldwin was nine-over par at 153 (78-75).

Irish coach Jim Kubinski was not available for comment Tuesday night due to Notre Dame's late arrival in South Bend from California.

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pass was timed to perfection, and Fron was able to knock the ball in without breaking stride, giving the Belles the 1-0 lead.

Lauren Hinton engineered the Belles' second goal on a quick pass through the six-yard box to Thomson near the low post. Thomson was able to tap the ball in with her left foot, a goal Mackenzie described as "off-speed," to pad the Saint Mary's advantage.

"They suddenly stepped it up," Mackenzie said of her two freshmen. "It was really a great overall team effort."

The Belles suffered some

first-half woes after missing several golden opportunities. Lauren Hinton skied a ball high over the Kalamazoo net, and sophomore forward Cat MacMillan pushed a shot wide, but the Belles were confident they would eventually get it together.

"We created really good chances for ourselves, but we

"We created really good chances for ourselves, but we couldn't finish early in the game. We really controlled 85 percent of the game."

Caryn Mackenzie
Belles coach

couldn't finish early in the game," Mackenzie said. "We really controlled 85 percent of the game."

Seniors Shannon Culbertson, Carrie Orr and Maura Schoen played solid in the back and at midfield to end their collegiate careers on top with a win.

Ashley Hinton contributed on the defensive side of the ball as well to keep the Hornets from mounting a strong offensive threat and was helped out by strong play from goaltender Laura Helene

and defender Justine Higgins.

The win gives the Belles 31 points in MIAA play, well out of reach of the fourth-place Hornets, who trail by seven points with only one game left to play.

"It's a great step for our program to take that next step up," Mackenzie said. "We've been hanging around the middle of the pack for awhile. I hope it gives our women the motivation to work harder in the off season, and hopefully it will make our program more attractive to some players coming in."

The Belles are already looking to improve on their fortunes for the 2006 campaign and someday hope to challenge for the coveted MIAA title.

"We have a pretty big task in hand in replacing our three seniors, who have been rock solid in the back all year," Mackenzie said.

"We'll have to build for what players are returning and what players I'm trying to bring in for next year. As a



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Belles captain Carrie Orr, right, battles for the ball against a Hope player Oct. 8. Saint Mary's set a team record this season with win No. 10 Tuesday over Kalamazoo in the season finale.

coaching staff, this is our second year, and I think the continuity that the staff can bring to the program will help us out

next year as well."

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All-America senior Megan Duffy dribbles around an Indianapolis defender Tuesday during Notre Dame's victory over the Greyhounds. Duffy scored 18 points and had seven assists.

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The Indianapolis spurt was led by the hot shooting of junior point guard Mandy Geryak. Geryak scored 14 in the first half and finished the game with 23 points and five assists. Her layup with 9:54 remaining gave the Greyhounds their first lead of the game at 24-22.

"I thought the player of the game was [Geryak]," McGraw said. "I thought she played really well."

Notre Dame bounced back, though, and began to pull away from Indianapolis with a 22-7 run to close out the first half.

Sophomore guard Amanda Tsipis entered the game with 4:10 left in the period and provided an immediate boost for

the Irish. Tsipis had two points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal in the four minutes before intermission to help Notre Dame regain control of the game.

McGraw was thrilled with what she saw out of the reserve guard, who finished the game with four points and three rebounds.

"[She was] a great spark," McGraw said of Tsipis. "She's really worked on her shot all summer. And that's one thing that she feels that is a good role for her, because we don't have a lot of three-point shooters on the team."

"I was really pleased with the way she came off the bench."

The first half ended when Duffy found Courtney LaVere inside, and the senior forward hit a turnaround in the paint as time expired. Notre Dame took a 44-31 lead into the locker room.

In the second half,

Indianapolis was unable to make up any ground. Freshman Chandrica Smith scored six points for the Irish in the second period, while sophomore guard Charel Allen — slowed by a recovering knee — added seven points of her own after the break.

Despite the victory, McGraw came away from the game concerned about certain aspects of the team's play.

"We don't rebound, and we need to be better defensively," McGraw said. "We've got to really address that. We don't have anyone on the team we can really count on to rebound."

Notre Dame will look to improve in these areas in its next exhibition game against Ferris State on Nov. 10 at the Joyce Center.

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gling but also multi-faceted.

Like last season — when quarterbacks Brent Shaeffer and Erik Ainge were splitting snaps leading up to Notre Dame's visit — Ainge and Rick Clausen have shared duties under center this season.

Clausen has completed 59.4 percent of his passes and averages 158.1 yards per game. He has thrown three touchdowns to four interceptions in seven game appearances. Ainge has been even less successful with

two touchdowns, four interceptions and a 64.6 passing yards average in five game appearances.

But Weis said not having a left-handed quarterback in practice has made the game preparation slightly less than ideal.

"Well, with not having a lefty quarterback in practice, that is a little bit of a problem because obviously there's plays designed for a righty quarterback and lefty quarterback that are different than just your regular drop-back passes," the coach said.

Gerald Riggs, Jr., Tennessee's starting running back to begin the season and its primary offensive weapon, is out for the

season with lower leg and ankle injuries. Coupled with Tennessee's low points per game average (16.1), such news and statistics could have a team like Notre Dame licking its chops.

Still, while the Irish average 152 rush yards per game, the Volunteers have not surrendered 100 yards rushing to a single back this season. Their defense only surrenders 16.0 points per game.

And the Volunteers' last two losses have gone down to the wire. Last Saturday, South Carolina kicked a 49-yard field goal with less than three minutes remaining to best Tennessee. And the week before, Tennessee fullback Cory

Anderson fumbled out of the end zone with 5:08 remaining, giving Alabama the ball back for the eventual game-winning field goal.

Weis refuses to believe Tennessee deserves to be 3-4. When a reporter asked why Weis classified Notre Dame's previous 6-6 season as inconsistent, but not Tennessee's current season as so, Weis made his distinction clear.

"Sometimes inconsistency can be different. I thought we were inconsistent, that's why I thought we were 6-6 [last season]," he said. "I think they're 3-4 because they've been unfortunate in critical situations. I don't think that's inconsistent."

"I think no one wants to turn the ball over going into the end zone two weeks in a row. I mean, that's just almost a fluke ... There's a difference between that and being inconsistent. When you go out and lose by 30, it's different than when you lose on one critical play."

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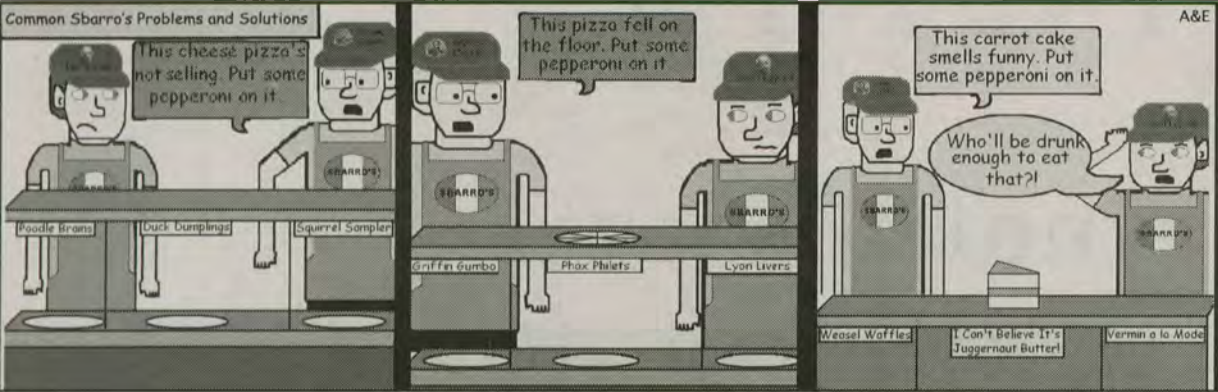


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26 Group in power

29 Alpaca's relative

30 Banded stone

31 "Yikes!"
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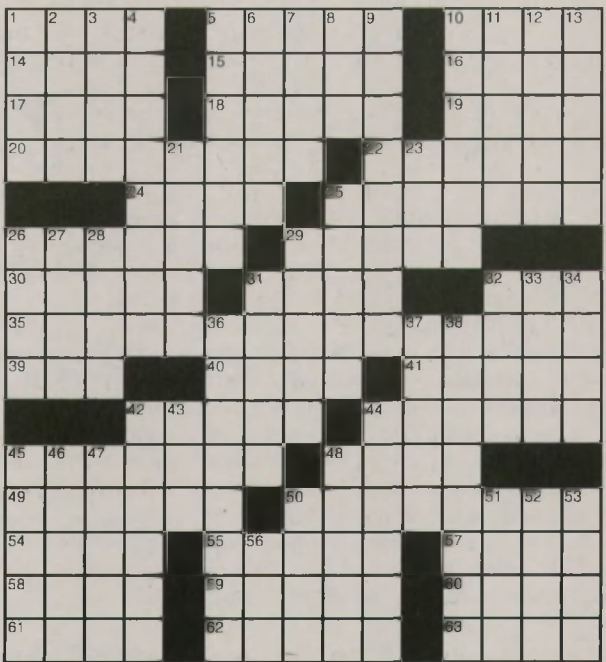
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gone Greyhounds

Irish cruise in first exhibition game as Duffy leads with 18

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Despite some early first-half struggles, the Notre Dame women's basketball team started the preseason off on the right foot Tuesday with an 84-59 exhibition win over the University of Indianapolis at the Joyce Center.

Senior captain Megan Duffy led the way for the Irish, scoring 18 points and dishing out seven assists while turning the ball over just once in 32 minutes. Duffy connected on four of her eight attempts from three-point

range in the game.

Center Melissa D'Amico added 16 points and seven rebounds for Notre Dame, while freshman guard Lindsay Schrader recorded 13 points and seven rebounds in her collegiate debut.

The Irish started the game off strong, jumping out to a 13-3 advantage. Five minutes into the game, though, Indianapolis switched from man-to-man to a zone defense. Notre Dame struggled to score and the Greyhounds capitalized, going on a 21-9 run.

"We were unprepared for the zone," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "That was our biggest problem. They played all man-to-man last year."

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KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore guard Tulyah Gaines drives to the hole Tuesday in Notre Dame's exhibition game against Indianapolis. The Irish won the contest, 84-59.

SMC SOCCER

Belles get elusive tenth win

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Ten wins — the magic number that the Belles set as a goal weeks ago — was accomplished on Tuesday with a resounding 2-0 defeat of Kalamazoo College in the unfriendly confines of Michigan.

The record books are now being pulled from the shelves, and this 2005 edition of Saint Mary's soccer is being penciled in as the greatest Belles soccer team in history.

Prior to this season, the Belles had never reached 10 conference wins in the MIAA, and with those wins comes a guaranteed third-place finish in the conference standings, also a new Saint Mary's mark.

"It's hard to put in words, I just feel good for them," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "I think the fact that they finished third in the conference should work as a great springboard for next year."

Two freshmen were the game-winning catalysts, as Whitney Fron and Mandy Thomson both scored in the second half to propel the Belles over the Hornets.

Fron found the back of the net first on a long drop pass from the right side by midfielder Ashley Hinton. The

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Alba sweeps team in MIAA quarterfinals

Season ends with a hard-fought playoff loss to talented Scots

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

If the goal of a team is to play its best at the end of the season, the Saint Mary's volleyball team achieved its season goal Tuesday.

Despite losing 30-25, 30-25, 30-23 in a season-ending match in the MIAA quarterfinals to Alma, the Belles played with determination and heart, characteristics that marked the team's play all season.

"It was the best we've played against Alma," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "Even their coach said that every one of our players played to win out there tonight."

The Belles entered the match with Kristen Playko and Shelly

Bender playing setter. Neither had set in a match this season, but an injury to regular setter Amanda David and a test conflict for replacement Michelle Turley forced Playko and Bender into the position. Both Playko and Bender had been two of the Belles biggest hitters entering Tuesday's match, ranking first and third, respectively, in kills on the team. The two were forced to bear the burden of passing and hitting Tuesday and did so with suc-

cess.

"They were switching modes immediately," Schroeder-Biek said. "They really adjusted well."

Playko notched 12 kills on a season-high .423 hitting percentage and also added 15 assists. Bender recorded five kills and 11 assists.

Schroeder-Biek was proud of her entire team for responding with energy and drive amidst

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FOOTBALL

Volunteers are setting no 'trap' for the Irish



Observer File Photo

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn searches for an open receiver as Tennessee defensive end Parys Haralson applies the rush during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory in Knoxville on Nov. 6, 2004.

Weis vows team will not take troubled Tennessee lightly this weekend

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The "trap" is to assume a 3-4 team is not as competitive as a 5-2 team. The "trap" is to expect a Notre Dame victory as automatic Saturday.

But Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis made himself absolutely clear at his Tuesday press conference — there's no such thing as a "trap" against Tennessee.

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"This is the scariest 3-4 team that you're ever going to go against, because they're capable of beating everybody every week," Weis said. "And they know it. Our guys know it, too."

Tennessee's defense has given up only three passing touchdowns in seven games. Their four losses have come against teams with a combined record of 26-6. And that includes a loss to undefeated Alabama (8-0), who scored just six points on the Volunteers in a 6-3 decision.

"I know it's going to be a tough challenge, especially from the game we had with them last

year it was down to the wire," Notre Dame running back Darius Walker said. "So it's probably going to be another one of those kinds of games."

Notre Dame beat Tennessee, 17-13, last season. Weis said his plan this week is to hammer home to his players that the Volunteers have the talent, size and will to beat any team in the country. And how will he do it?

"All you have to do is watch the tape," Weis said.

That game tape will show a Volunteer offense that is strug-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL

Saint Louis at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.

The No. 5 Irish will host the Billikens tonight in the Joyce Center.

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MEN'S GOLF

Two Irish golfers played the wrong balls and disqualified themselves in the CordeValle Collegiate.

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NBA

An autopsy revealed Hawks center Jason Collier died of a cardiac abnormality caused by an oversized heart.

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MLB

Derek Jeter and Vernon Wells won their second consecutive American League Gold Glove yesterday.

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Sens. McCain and Bunning introduced new steroids legislation in Congress yesterday to standardize testing.

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NHL

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The Isles topped Boston in the closing seconds of overtime.

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