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ND community eyes Congressional races

Negative campaigning, Iraq spark voter activity

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Dodging the mud flying between candidates, voters nationwide head to the polls today to potentially return majority power to the Democrats in Congress.

Notre Dame students, meanwhile, are anticipating the results from their home states — as well as from the local contest in Indiana's Second Congressional District between incumbent Chris Chocola and two-time Notre Dame alum Joe Donnelly.

Nearly everyone agrees there's one issue looming highest in voters' minds: the war in Iraq.

"It's pretty obvious that it's Iraq, and the general discomfort of many Americans with the continual stream of bad news they get about the war, that seems to be an overriding issue as we go into [today].



At left, Rep. Chris Chocola speaks Oct. 31 at the Century Center in South Bend. At right, Democratic candidate Joe Donnelly speaks in LaFortune Oct. 1. Donnelly and Chocola are in a tight race for Indiana's 2nd Congressional district.

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ND alums vying for 3 of 9 Indiana districts

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

In anticipation of today's midterm elections, political advertisements have flooded the media airwaves in recent weeks — and included in the blitz are the re-election campaign efforts of six Notre Dame alumni and four Saint Mary's College alumnae.

When polls close today, Indiana could potentially be represented in three of its nine Congressional districts by Notre Dame graduates. Democrats Peter Visclosky and Joe Donnelly are competing for the right to represent the constituents of the 1st and 2nd districts, respectively.

Donnelly, who was defeated by incumbent opponent Chris Chocola

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Police eject 28 at football game, make one arrest

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Police ejected 28 people, arrested one person and brought another to the hospital during Saturday's football game against North Carolina for intoxication or alcohol-related violations.

Despite the noticeable increase in the amount of marshmallows thrown in the student section at halftime, Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Phil Johnson did not have any information.

When asked about reports of students being injured or sent to the hospital, Johnson said he did "not have any

information about it."

"We've tried to check students as they come in to try to look for marshmallows, but you know, students find ways to get them in," said Bob Zerr, Director of Risk Management and Safety, who said he knew of one student who was injured by marshmallows at the football game.

Zerr said he had no responsibility in checking students for marshmallows, but that Risk Management works in conjunction with NDSP. He said his office did not receive any phone calls about the marshmallow-throwing

Outside the stadium, police made six custodial arrests,

five for public intoxication and one for liquor law violation, false informing, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. All offenders that were arrested were transported to St. Joseph County jail, Johnson said.

Twenty-two additional arrest tickets were issued outside the stadium for violations of liquor laws, some for minors in consumption. Two tickets were issued to juveniles for violations of liquor laws, Johnson said.

In addition, one person was issued a "trespass warning after he disregarded officers' requests to stop drinking alcohol during the game in

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Students throw marshmallows during the Syracuse game last season. Similar objects thrown during Saturday's game may have caused injury.

Food Services looks at Fair Trade

Coffee initiative probably not feasible this year, student senator says

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
and MARY KATE MALONE
News Writers

A Student Senate resolution calling for Notre Dame Food Services to serve only Fair Trade coffee will probably not be realized this year, Senate Social Concerns committee chair Sheena Plamoottil said Monday.

Plamoottil and student body president Lizzi Shappell met with Director of Food Services David Prentkowski last week to discuss the feasibility of a Senate resolution that calls for all non-franchised Notre Dame Food Services locations to serve only Fair Trade coffee. At that meeting,

Plamoottil sensed that "it's not feasible" for Food Services to pursue such a far-reaching initiative.

"I don't think [only serving Fair Trade coffee is] going to happen this year. ... [Food Services] made us aware of several initiatives that they had already begun before [the resolution] had come to the table," Plamoottil said.

Fair Trade pricing ensures that farmers are paid \$1.26 per pound of coffee beans, which is enough to support a family, according to an Oct. 5 Observer article. Fair Trade coffee eliminates the middle men — like millers, exporters and importers — and allows farmers to sell their beans directly to the roast-

er.

Prentkowski said in an e-mail Monday that Food Services has already established a committee to address social responsibility issues. The Food Service Social Responsibility Committee's mission is "to continuously evaluate and monitor the industry and to recommend and advise the department regarding actions and practices related to social responsibility issues."

The committee is specifically addressing coffee from the perspective of social accountability, Prentkowski said, explaining that there are many methods of assuring a socially responsible

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New committee will study papal encyclical

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

In an effort to encourage discussion and reflection in the Notre Dame community on the message of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, "God is Love" University President Father John Jenkins has established a new committee made up of students, faculty and staff.

The committee's first meeting will be next week, said committee chair and history professor Sabine MacCormack, and the objectives and goals of the committee are "very much at the moment in the making."

Jenkins asked MacCormack to chair the committee earlier this semester. MacCormack said she knew Jenkins "had been thinking about how [the Notre Dame community] can reflect on what is, after all, a very important document."

"I hope the committee will get together at our first meeting, get to know each other, and that people will have had time to think about some ideas concerning the Pontificate's document," MacCormack said.

To encourage discussion and reflection on Pope Benedict's "God is Love" Encyclical, MacCormack

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INSIDE COLUMN

Absent absentee ballot

Yesterday, I received a letter from Linda Stender, a Congressional candidate from New Jersey, thanking me for requesting an absentee ballot for this year's general election.

Well, here it is: Election Day.

Jen Metz

And, sadly, my absentee ballot is ... absent.

News Wire Editor

The county clerk system of, what I have considered until this moment the best state in the union, has failed me. I requested my ballot about a month ago, and they did not deliver. I will not be able to vote for Stender, or "Stender the Spender," according to the opposing campaign's advertisements, today.

Granted, I haven't been following the New Jersey races as closely as I should have.

I don't quite know what Congressman Mike Ferguson's people are accusing Stender of spending. The pamphlet that came with her letter tells me she will stand up to the Bush Administration.

So, I think that means Ferguson likes Bush. Do I like Bush?

I'm not the most politically-minded individual. Living out here in Indiana has very much removed me from the extremely accusatory and most likely untrue campaign commercials that interrupt more important things. Like the already too short episodes of *The Office* or my afternoon relaxation sessions spent cooking with the Barefoot Contessa.

Yet, I still feel like I'm missing out on something important.

I know voting is one of the essential rights that most Americans often take for granted.

But that's really not what's bothering me. I feel as if I'm letting people down. Stender's secretary's computer addressed that letter to me personally.

Actually, after reading it again, I realize I wouldn't have voted for her anyway. But now poor Ferguson, who isn't accused of doing anything that rhymes with his name, won't get my vote.

I'm not trying to turn this into the lecture about how a single vote can make a difference, but what if mine would have?

Now that this right, that's only been mine for a short eight months, is being denied due to an ineffectual filing system or too slow mail, I can't help but question why some of the millions of Americans who have the power to vote don't.

I know the elections are being pushed on us from all directions — on T.V., on posters, even on Facebook — but I think you should rock it today and share your opinions, even if they're as indifferent as mine, just because you can.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL DORM ROOM PET AND WHY?



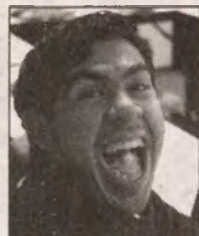
Cassidy Russell
sophomore
Lyons

"A mummy."



Kehau Meyer
sophomore
Walsh

"A big snake that you could accidentally lose all the time."



Paul Aleman
sophomore
Morrissey

"A marmot."



Cathy Davis
sophomore
Lyons

"A shark riding on an elephant's back just trampling and eating everything in its path."



Faustin Weber
sophomore
Keough

"Manbearpig so that finally someone will take me serial."



Christina Sensabaugh
sophomore
Howard

"A wombat. It's small, furry and cuddly."



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Panelists from around the world speak at a panel discussion as part of "Strategic Peace Building: The State of the Art," which took place Nov. 5-7 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

IN BRIEF

The French film "Ma Vie en Rose" will be shown in 116 DeBartolo today at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Gender Studies Program's "Body and Soul — Gender, Religion and Identity" film series.

A lecture on "Diary of a Country Priest," written by Georges Bernanos, will be given by philosophy professor Ralph McInerney tonight at 8 in 155 DeBartolo.

Thomas Reardon, professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University, will give the lecture "The Supermarket Revolution in Developing Countries: Development Implications" Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Acoustic Africa will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event will be a showcase of African acoustic music featuring three African performers: Habib Koité, Vusi Mahlasela and Dobet Gnahoré. Tickets are \$36 for the general public, \$30 for faculty/staff/seniors and \$15 for students.

The lecture "Midterm Election Day Analysis: What Happened & What Now?" will be given at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Center for Social Concerns classroom. Faculty will be presenting and members of campus political parties will be present to respond.

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

OFFBEAT

60 million Chinese are considered obese

BEIJING — Rising affluence has made about 60 million Chinese — equal to the population of France — obese, state media said on Monday.

Xinhua News Agency quoted Pan Beilei, a deputy director with the government-affiliated State Food and Nutrition Consultant Committee, as saying that worsening diets had led to health problems, including obesity.

"An increasing number of Chinese are eating more fat and junk food

but less grains and vegetables, leading to a high number of cases of high blood pressure and diabetes," Pan was quoted as telling a conference on food consumption and health in Beijing.

Pan said a widening wealth gap meant that the increase in the number of obese people came as 24 million people in China still live in abject poverty and suffer malnutrition.

Imelda Marcos to launch gems collection

MANILA, Philippines — Imelda Marcos — notorious for her extensive shoe

collection and eye-popping jewels accrued under her husband's dictatorship — is launching a jewelry collection using castoffs from her wardrobe and, she claims, flea market finds.

Marcos, known for her shopping trips to ritzy shops in New York while the country wallowed in poverty, says she made the pieces from her old accessories and clothes, mixed with newly bought stones and other materials.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Dining Hall will stay open longer

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

In response to athletes' complaints about the Noble Family Dining Hall's 7 p.m. closing time, Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) announced Monday that the dining hall has extended its dinner hours by 30 minutes.

"Starting tonight the dining hall will be open until 7:30 p.m. [Monday through Thursday]," said student services commissioner Kelly Maus.

Though the posted hours for dinner were 4:30 to 7 p.m., some of the food stations had stopped serving food before 7 p.m. and would often take the food away. That left athletes, who didn't arrive at the dining hall until 6:45, with limited food options.

Now, there will be one food station open after 7 p.m. and that station will rotate throughout the week. In addition, the salad bar, the deli bar and the cereal station will be open for the extra half-hour.

"Barry [Bowles, head of campus food service provider Sodexo] talked with [College athletic director] Lynn Kachmarik about athletes' concerns on [dining hall] closing time," Maus said.

Members also discussed the upcoming "12 Days of Christmas" event, sponsored by the senior board.

"Last week BOG committed to providing five Christmas trees to represent the five main boards [on campus]," student body president Susan McIllduff said. "Those trees would [be donated] to needy families."

BOG is also working with Sodexo to create a to-go mug as a fundraiser for the "12 Days" event. The mug could be used as a "to-go" cup in the dining halls.

Notes:

◆ College President Carol Ann Mooney will attend the Nov. 20 BOG meeting to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Saint Mary's.

◆ Health and Wellness Commissioner Heidi Goepfinger announced that the Save Kids to Save Lives campaign is "going really well." The event ends Friday, and any Yoplait yogurt lids can be turned in to the front desk of residence halls until then.

◆ The freshman board has reserved the Vander Vennet theater Thursday for a First-year "Grey's Anatomy" viewing.

◆ The Nov. 11 bus trip to Chicago has been canceled. Instead, there will be two buses available for the Dec. 2 trip because of an expected increase in demand for spots on that date, McIllduff said.

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Election

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" said political science professor Peri Arnold.

Mike McKenna, who coordinated a Notre Dame "Rock the Vote" campaign that registered about 350 voters and delivered absentee ballots to 300 more, thinks such discontent runs the political gamut.

"So many Americans, whether Democrat, Republican, Independent or Libertarian, are unsatisfied with the current situation in Iraq," he said. "And the fact is that in recent months, the death toll is higher than when we first went to Iraq — it's increasing."

Likening an election campaign to a wrestling match, Arnold said Democrats and Republicans define issues in their own ways.

"Republicans would have it that this is a very good economy. They would like that story to be the one voters pay attention to," he said. "Democrats would like to respond and say middle-class incomes haven't grown significantly, in terms of real income."

"In some sense," he said, "you can think of it as a battle over whose definition gets more attention from voters."

Despite the many issues — from Iraq to the economy to immigration — American Studies professor Jack Colwell says the election comes down to

President George W. Bush.

"Voters are determining the direction of the country," said Colwell, who writes a political column for the South Bend Tribune. "Should Bush have a Congress that would support him, or a Democratic House?"

Freshman Kristofer Trujillo is one of the voters who has that determining power, but he's not voting this year — obtaining an Illinois absentee ballot requires in-person registration, which he didn't have the opportunity to do. There's another aspect of the election that's bothering him: the rampant negative campaigning.

"It turns you off from trying to care about the issues when all you hear is a person explaining why another's bad rather than formulating a plan for themselves, and explaining what they can provide for the community," he said.

But the experts concur that negative advertising is a necessary evil. "It's negative ads that have impact and bring about change," Colwell said.

"That's why they're used nationwide." While negative ads can occasionally sour voters from going to the polls at all, Arnold said, they carry information that can occasionally prove seriously detrimental to candidates like Harold Ford, Tennessee's Democratic candidate for Congress. A recent ad questioning Ford's morals depicted an attractive white woman asking Ford to "Call me."

"It's very nasty, but it's doing something: it's reminding voters in a southern state that this Democratic nominee is black. That works in favor of white Republicans," Arnold said. "Harold Ford had been running a very good race, what had been a very tight race. After that [ad] he's fallen about 12 points behind. I don't think it's just the ad, but it's part of the effect that's led to his falling behind."

As Notre Dame College Republicans Vice President Josh Kempf knows, those are the ads that stick.

On behalf of Chocola, Kempf and other College Republicans have been canvassing and working at a phone bank where threatening posters of potential Senate Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi and motivational Bush quotes line the walls. When Chocola calls undecided voters, he asks them to recall negative ads they've seen, Kempf said. Then he asks them to recall positive ones — and they seldom can, Kempf said.

"Chocola says, 'See? That's what you notice. That's what you remember,'" Kempf said. "I don't think anybody likes them, but that's a fact."

Helen Adeosun, Notre Dame College Democrats co-president, said the College Democrats have been active in canvassing and phoning for Donnelly's campaign, especially since the National College Democrats identified the 2006 election as momentous.

"In more than a decade, there's never been a greater sweeping change than the one that could take place [today]," she said.

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"Voters are determining the direction of the country."

Jack Colwell
American Studies professor

Echo Information Session
at Legends Restaurant
Wednesday, November 8
8:00-10:00pm

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{free food and drinks}

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Tomorrow Night

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in the election two years ago, is a double alumnus of Notre Dame. He completed his undergraduate education in 1977 and his law degree in 1981. His race against Chocola for a seat in the House has garnered national media attention as one of the key districts that will determine which party has control of the House. On Nov. 3, the Associated Press reported that of 400 likely voters, 50 percent said they favored Donnelly while 47 percent favored Chocola.

Visclosky is a Notre Dame Law School graduate and has represented the 1st district since 1984.

Republican candidate Mark Souder is running for his third term re-election in the 3rd district. Souder — who received his MBA from Notre Dame in 1974 — also served as a representative of the 4th district from 1995 until 2002.

Other Republican candidates from Notre Dame seeking re-election are Michael Ferguson, Peter King and Dan Lungren.

Ferguson completed his undergraduate work at Notre Dame, earning his bachelor's degree in political science. He has served as the representative for New Jersey's 7th district since 2000.

King is a 1968 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School, and is a current member of the University's Law Association board of directors. He represents the 3rd district of New York and is seeking to enter into his ninth term of office.

On the opposite coast, Lungren — who graduated with honors in English in 1968 — is running for re-election in the 3rd district of California. Lungren has also formerly held the positions of Representative for California's 34th district and served as the state's Attorney General.

All of the four former Saint Mary's students up for re-election have made history as females in their political careers.

"I'm impressed, but not surprised, that four women who were educated at [Saint Mary's] are United States lawmakers," said College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald. "That's what this College does so well, it educates women to develop their talents and make a difference in the world."

Eddie Bernice Johnson received her nursing certificate from the College in 1955 and is one of two nurses in the United States House of Representatives. Johnson currently represents the 30th district of Texas — a position she has held since 1992 — and is the first female and first African American Representative for the Dallas area.

Fellow Democratic representative Donna Christensen is the first female physician in the history of Congress. Christensen graduated from the College in 1966.

A representative of the Virgin Islands since 1996, Christensen is the first woman to represent an offshore territory and is the first female delegate from the Islands.

Republican Anne Meagher Northup — currently up for re-election as representative for Kentucky's 3rd district — is a 1970 graduate with degrees in economics and business. When

she was elected for the first time in 1996, Northup became the first female to serve in Congress for Kentucky since 1926, according to a 2004 Observer article.

The fourth former Saint Mary's student in the election is the current representative for Guam, Democrat Madeleine Zeien Bordallo. When she was first elected in 2002, Bordallo became the first woman to represent Guam in the House. According to McDonald, Bordallo studied in the nursing program at the College before it became a degree program.

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Arrests

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the parking lot," Johnson said.

Three other no trespass warnings were issued for "re-selling tickets on campus."

NDSP was assisted outside the stadium by Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Police.

"Police and security staff patrol parking lots to help promote a family friendly day environment and to enforce Indiana laws regarding alcohol," Johnson

said. "This is not an undercover operation."

Johnson did not specify whether preliminary breath tests (PBTs) were used or if police officers were in uniform or plain-clothed.

The patrols will continue for the next home football game on Nov. 18, Johnson said.

"The last game of the home season is coming up. We are particularly concerned about seniors who will be celebrating the last home game of their undergraduate years," Johnson said. "We hope the final game is a great experience — one seniors remember forever for the fun times

shared with classmates throughout the football seasons."

Johnson said unruly or unlawful behavior can be reported to NDSP.

"Keep in mind that laws regarding the use of alcohol will be enforced and you are responsible for your conduct," he said. "Law enforcement officers will arrest underage drinkers on campus and at tailgate parties."

Mary Kate Malone contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italian court convicts Egyptian man

MILAN, Italy — An Egyptian man who is one of the chief suspects in the 2004 Madrid train bombings was sentenced to 10 years in jail by an Italian court on Monday.

The court in Milan convicted Rabei Osman Sayed Ahmed, 35, and a co-defendant, Yahia Ragheh, 23, of subversive association aimed at international terrorism, a charge introduced in Italy after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The younger man was sentenced to five years.

Prosecutor Maurizio Romanelli had sought a 14-year sentence for Ahmed, who was accused of having ties with the terror cell that carried out the March 11, 2004 bombings on the Madrid commuter rail system that killed 191 people and of trying to indoctrinate the younger man with a radical form of Islam after arriving in Italy in December 2003.

Romanelli identified Ragheh as a would-be suicide bomber, and demanded a seven-year sentence.

Kyrgyz president makes concessions

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — The Kyrgyz president gave in Monday to opposition demands to fire key law enforcement officials but refused calls to resign even as thousands protested and police resuming his headquarters switched over to the demonstrators' side.

Early Tuesday, opposition lawmakers held an extraordinary Parliament session and voted on a new draft constitution that would trim President Kurmbanbek Bakiyev's powers. But it was unclear what legal weight their move would carry since only a minority of 39 lawmakers was present.

There was no mention of an impeachment motion, which opposition legislators had earlier said they would demand at the session.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge orders hearing on jurors

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A federal judge on Monday scheduled a hearing to determine if jurors who convicted former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman and former HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy of corruption improperly considered information from the Internet or other outside sources.

U.S. District Judge Mark Fuller said in an order that he decided to call the Nov. 17 hearing based on a juror's testimony last week that members of the panel violated his instructions while deliberating.

The two defendants were convicted in June on bribery and conspiracy charges. Prosecutors said Scrushy arranged \$500,000 in contributions to Siegelman's campaign for a statewide lottery in exchange for being appointed by Siegelman to a seat on an influential hospital regulatory board.

Crew works to contain 300-acre fire

RIALTO, Calif. — A wind-driven wildfire scorched more than 300 acres of brush on Monday, torched an industrial yard and forced the evacuation of two schools, officials said.

The blaze 60 miles east of Los Angeles had threatened 100 homes earlier in the day, but firefighters corralled the fire enough to call off firefighting aircraft within several hours, fire officials said.

LOCAL NEWS

Tight races make Tuesday significant

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana voters will decide tightly contested races Tuesday, with control of the Indiana House and three of the nation's most closely watched congressional districts at stake.

Election officials and political analysts expect those contests to contribute to a higher turnout than the last midterm in 2002, when 38 percent of registered voters cast ballots in Indiana. About 30,000 people will man the state's 5,500 precincts, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

It will be the first general election in which most voters must show a photo ID issued by the state or federal government to cast ballots.

IRAQ

Draft law would reinstate jobs

Shiite-dominated government offers major concession to Saddam's party

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A day after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the Shiite-dominated government offered a major concession Monday to his Sunni backers that could see thousands of members of the ousted dictator's Baath party reinstated in their jobs.

With a tight curfew holding down violence after Saddam's guilty verdict and death sentence, the government reached out to disaffected Sunnis in hopes of enticing them away from the insurgency, which has killed tens of thousands of Iraqis and is responsible for the vast majority of U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, two in a helicopter crash north of Baghdad and three in fighting west of the capital. The deaths raised to 18 the number of U.S. forces killed in the first six days of November.

Relentless sectarian killings also persisted despite the extraordinary security precautions. Fifty-nine bodies were discovered Sunday and Monday across Iraq, police said. But with no surge in violence, authorities were gradually lifting the restrictions in Baghdad and two restive Sunni provinces: Pedestrians were allowed back on the capital's streets late Monday afternoon, and the international airport was to reopen Tuesday morning.

Around the country, jubilant Shiites celebrated the verdict while Sunnis held defiant counter-demonstrations.

Iraq's appeals court is expected to rule on an appeal by Saddam's lawyers by the middle of



An Iraqi soldier enforces a second day of a curfew in Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City Monday following the sentencing of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein on Sunday.

January, the chief prosecutor said Monday, setting in motion a possible execution by mid-February. If the ruling is upheld, The Associated Press has learned that Iraq's three-man presidential council is pledged to allow Saddam's hanging to take place. The execution must be carried out within 30 days of the appeals court's decision.

Sunday's verdict and Monday's opening to the Sunnis were seen as a welcome break for the United States, which had recently called for the

Iraqi government to stop purging members of Saddam's Baath party from their jobs. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, however, has balked at U.S. requests to set up an amnesty for insurgents.

Al-Maliki has been engaged in a public feud with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad since last month, when the prime minister disputed the envoy's announcement that he had agreed to a timeline for progress in quelling violence and encouraging Sunnis to join the political process.

On Monday, there were indications Khalilzad was preparing to leave his post.

National Intelligence Director John Negroponte, during a visit to Baghdad on Friday, told al-Maliki that Khalilzad would leave about the first of the year and be replaced by Ryan Crocker, a senior career diplomat who is now ambassador to Pakistan, according to two top aides to the Iraqi leader. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

Officials scrub USS Intrepid exit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a send-off of grand proportions: A police band sounded patriotic tunes, politicians pontificated, helicopters and escort vessels hovered.

From a pier, hundreds gathered to watch the USS Intrepid, a floating, mothballed aircraft carrier-turned-museum, be towed down the Hudson River to a New Jersey dry dock for a two-year, \$60 million renovation.

"The people doing this have moved a thousand ships bigger than the Intrepid," Intrepid President Bill White said, confident the mission would be a success. "A ship that survived five kamikaze attacks is going to make it

five miles down river."

But the toots of salute were soon followed by a big jolt that signaled the beginning of the end for Monday's journey of the USS Intrepid.

Five powerful tugboats strained like the Little Engine That Could to budge the behemoth, which lurched and inched backward out of its berth. Its propellers got stuck in the mud. About an hour and only 15 feet later, the mud-churned Hudson resembled a frothy latte. The bountiful tide was subsiding.

Intrepid officials whipped out their cell phones and Blackberries. Amid an air of tremendous letdown, the mission was scrubbed.

"We had the sun, the moon and the

stars in alignment, and it was just a very disappointing day for us," White said.

Officials weren't sure when or even whether they would try to move the Intrepid again or whether they might try instead to refurbish the ship in its Manhattan berth, White said. The next high tide is Dec. 6, but it will be about a foot lower than Monday's, he said.

Jeffrey McAllister, the lead tugboat pilot, said his firm's six tugs did everything they could, pulling the aircraft carrier with a combined 30,000-horsepower force.

"We had a lot of horsepower. The tide was right. The weather was right. But Mother Nature was against us," McAllister said.

Jenkins

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said the committee might establish a "student essay prize" and publish the winning essay in a campus publication.

Senior Patrick Knapp, who is a member of the committee, said he has already started to reflect on the Encyclical's practical applications.

The most interesting aspect of "God is Love," Knapp said, is its "renewed exploration of Catholic political and social activism."

"It essentially says that social justice is the duty of the laity to carry out in the political sphere, but efforts should be made in the spirit of love and charity; there can be no social justice without love," he said.

Knapp said the Encyclical serves "as a sort of polite admonishment towards liberation theology, a school of thought that holds that we are called to arms, literally, to fight for social justice in the name of Christ. A crusade, if you will."

Pope Benedict presented his Encyclical on Christmas Day 2005, drawing heavily from the First Letter of John. He cited 1 John 4:16: "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." In the introduction to "God is Love," Pope Benedict wrote that he wished "to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others."

Jenkins' message in the opening mass of the 2006-2007 school year echoed the challenge presented in Pope Benedict's encyclical.

Jenkins asked members of the Notre Dame community to reflect on whether they will use education, which he described as the greatest power in the world, "for ourselves or for others."

He prayed that the Holy Spirit would enable the Notre Dame community to "go forth in this academic year to discover, understand and express the truth, and to serve others in love — particularly those in greatest need."

Jenkins announced the members of his new committee last week. They include committee professors Lawrence Sullivan, Larry Cunningham and Virgilio Elzoreo, history professor John McGreevy, political science professor John Roos, civil engineering and geological sciences professor Stephen Silliman, and philosophy professor Gretchen Reydams-Schils.

Also included will be film, television and theater professor Susan Ohmer, Law School professor Paolo Carozza, Dean of the First Year of Studies Hugh Page, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business Carolyn Woo, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Ann Firth, Associate Vice President of News and Information Don Wycliff, student senators Danny Smith and Pat Knapp, student body president Lizzi Shappell, student Madeleine Ryland, Director of the Center for Social Concerns Father Bill Lies, preprofessional studies professor Father James Foster, Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner and Senior Executive Assistant in the Office of the President Father Jim McDonald.

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Coffee

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way of coffee growing and processing without needing to only serve Fair Trade coffee.

The University has had Fair Trade coffee available at select locations on campus for more than five years. The Huddlemart, Reckers and the Jordan Hall of Science serve Fair Trade coffee exclusively, and in 2003 Fair Trade was added to several campus venues like Waddick's in O'Shaughnessy Hall and the Café Commons in the Mendoza College of Business, among others.

But that's not good enough for Plamoottil and Amnesty International officials — who helped draft the Senate resolution.

"This is something we thought was very important to the student body and we wanted to help facilitate some progress on the situation," Plamoottil said.

But Prentkowski believes advances can be made without selling Fair Trade coffee exclusively. He believes Food Services must strike a balance between the interests of the people it serves and its commitment to social responsibility. North and South dining halls, for example, offer Fair Trade coffee beside flavored coffees, which are not Fair Trade-certified.

"The flavored coffees are extremely popular at this time," Prentkowski said, "at the same time, our procurement staff is searching for socially responsible alternatives."

Units that do not currently offer a socially responsible alternative will do so by the start of the next semester, he said.

Prentkowski explained that although the campus franchise operations are under University control, franchisers determine the menus and would thus not be required to make Fair Trade coffee

available.

At least 50 percent of the coffee offered through Food Services is Fair Trade-certified, and it is up to the student, Prentkowski said, to choose whether or not to purchase Fair Trade coffee.

In hopes of convincing more students to choose Fair Trade coffee, Amnesty International and the Student Senate are directing their efforts towards educating the Notre Dame community about the issue.

Amnesty International had been raising awareness about the issue through a series of posters. The club has also been in contact with Catholic Relief Services and the United Students for Fair Trade in hopes of "getting involved in a broader sense and seeing if we want to have events that are more publicized throughout the country," said Amnesty International secretary Gary Nijak.

Plamoottil believes changing the minds of Notre Dame students can be as simple as disseminating information.

"I wouldn't say students are uninterested," she said, noting that students she's spoken with have been receptive of the goals of the project.

The problem lies in the lack of awareness, she said.

"Not many [students] are aware of exactly what [Fair Trade] is," Plamoottil said.

A little more money for a cup of Fair Trade coffee, Nijak said, can go a long way.

"You have the ability to pay a few more cents," he said. "It's about making a choice to do the right thing ... that's been a huge focus of our campaign — the fact that through your simple purchase every single day you can make a choice to live a moral life."

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| Same: | 810 | |
| Down: | | |
| Composite Volume | 2,513,438,400 | |

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| NASDAQ | 2,365.95 | +35.16 |
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| 10-YEAR NOTE | -0.13 | -0.006 | 4.70% |
| 13-WEEK BILL | -0.30 | -0.015 | 4.94% |
| 30-YEAR BOND | -0.33 | -0.016 | 4.79% |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -0.09 | -0.004 | 4.68% |

| Commodities | | |
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| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl) | +0.88 | 60.00 |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz) | -1.30 | 627.90 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb) | -0.93 | 90.50 |

| Exchange Rates | |
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| YEN | 118.1054 |
| EURO | 0.7841 |
| POUND | 0.5261 |
| CANADIAN \$ | 1.1291 |

Mergers drive market higher

News revives belief among investors that stocks are generally not overvalued

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Merger news drove Wall Street higher Monday as private-equity buyout offers for companies including Four Seasons Hotels Inc. and OSI Restaurant Partners Inc. revived the belief among investors that stocks are not generally overvalued. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 100 points.

The rise in stocks came a day ahead of the U.S. midterm elections, which many polls forecast will result in gains for the Democrats. The prospect of a shift in power didn't seem to unnerve investors.

"I think what you're seeing on the tape is a reflection of the amount of money that has been raised in the private equity pools and that money is starting to go to work," said John O'Donoghue, co-head of equities at Cowen & Co.

He also said investors are growing more confident that the elections will bring gridlock in Washington, a prospect Wall Street finds pleasing because it is seen as reducing risks to business interests.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow gained rose 105.74, or 0.88 percent, to 12,091.78. The Dow moved back above the benchmark 12,000 level after closing below that Friday. The Dow hadn't closed below that level since it first finished above 12,000 for the first time on Oct. 19.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 13.98, or 1.02 percent, at 1,378.28, and the Nasdaq composite index advanced 33.01, or 1.42 percent, to 2,363.80.

Bonds were little changed, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note flat at 4.71 percent from late Friday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Investors shrugged off a moderate rise in crude prices. Last week, an increase in oil prompted by concern about attacks on



A meeting room is seen in the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco Monday. Investors have joined forces with the hotel chain's CEO in a plan to take the company private.

facilities in Nigeria helped push stocks lower. While those fears receded after violence proved to be less widespread than expected, an OPEC official said Monday that further production could be needed this year. Light, sweet crude was up 81 cents \$59.95 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Stocks rose sharply in October as investors sensed that corporate profits would hold up as the economy cooled. That notion lost backers last week, however, as negative economic data stirred fears the economy was cooling too quickly. Stocks ended lower last week, with the Dow down for six straight sessions for the first time since June 2005.

Investors showed little

reaction to comments from Chicago Federal Reserve President Michael H. Moskow about inflation, a normally sensitive subject for Wall Street. Moskow was quoted in prepared remarks as saying that the risk of inflation remaining too high outweighs the risk that economic growth will slow too much.

While Moskow is a nonvoting member of the Fed's Open Market Committee, which sets policy on short-term interest rates, investors are hoping that the economy will slow adequately to ease inflation concerns and prompt the central bank to lower interest rates. The Fed left rates unchanged at its last three meetings after 17 straight increases over two

years. O'Donoghue believes investors will be examining valuations of stocks to see whether they are too low because the latest buyout offers carry hefty premiums for some companies.

Interest in private equity deals has increased as costs public companies face for regulatory compliance has increased, in large part due to legislation aimed at curbing high-profile scandals seen in recent years such as the one that eventually felled Enron Corp. In addition, many private equity firms see opportunity in taking a company private, improving operations and reaping the windfall if a company is again taken public.

IN BRIEF

PayPal offers incentives for holidays

NEW YORK — PayPal, the payment-service company owned by online auction site eBay Inc., said Monday it will launch an incentive program, allowing customers who subscribe to the service to receive cash rebates of up to \$20 on several thousand merchants' sites in North America.

In a release, PayPal said that the cash rebate programs, valued at \$100 million, will be available to consumers from Nov. 23 through May 15. Free shipping promotions will be available beginning Nov. 23.

Some of the merchants' sites in addition to eBay that will offer PayPal customers cash rebate offers are cooking.com, starbucks.com, walgreens.com and buy.com, according to Amanda Pires, a PayPal spokeswoman.

In the third quarter, PayPal contributed \$350 million to eBay's top line, up 41 percent from a year ago, and claimed a total of 123 million users. The payment system faces competition from Google Inc.'s Google Checkout, an online wallet and payment system that launched in June.

Wal-Mart price cuts hurt competitors

NEW YORK — A simple jar of baby food might not say much about the state of the economy, except when Wal-Mart is involved.

The world's biggest retailer has slashed in half its price for some of its Gerber baby food, a bold move that no doubt is being welcomed by many parents with toddlers. It's also symptomatic of what's shaping up as a bruising brawl likely to break out among retailers nationwide as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. tries to reignite sales growth at its stores.

In a roundabout way, Wal-Marts woes also could turn out to be good news for the economy. As it aggressively cuts prices and rivals are forced to follow, inflationary pressures could weaken.

That would be a welcome sign to the Federal Reserve. Its policymakers raised interest rates 17 times over the last two years, attempting to control inflation by slowing the economy. They left rates unchanged at the last three meetings, hoping they'd done enough.

With oil and gasoline prices sharply retreating in recent months, a Wal-Mart-induced price-war could further deflate costs in categories like toys, electronics and food.

Production cuts mean higher prices

Associated Press

DETROIT — As the nation's Big Three automakers remake themselves into smaller, leaner companies, the rental car business is suffering collateral damage.

All three have cut production this year to bring supply in line with lower demand for their products, and further cuts are inevitable next year. They're also trying to wean themselves of rebates and other incentives to bring sales prices closer to the sticker.

That means fewer cars available for low-profit bulk sales to rental companies, and some industry analysts and rental company officials say that already has led to price increases at

the airport service counter.

"I think they're going to have increased costs, which they will have to try to pass on," said Michael Millman, an analyst who follows the car rental business for Soleil Securities in suburban New York City.

General Motors Corp., the nation's largest automaker, said last week its sales to rental car companies and other fleet buyers in October were down by 10,000 vehicles compared to the same month last year. Company officials have predicted a reduction of 80,000 to 90,000 for the full calendar year, with the decline continuing into next year.

Ford Motor Co. won't give specific fleet sales numbers until later in the

year, but said they are up 9 percent in 2006 mainly to the phase-out of the Taurus model, which in its final year of production was sold primarily to rental companies. Ford expects fleet sales to drop next year without 175,000 Taurus models on the market.

DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group also won't give out fleet numbers but said it had reduced them in October in line with a strategy to focus more on retail sales.

At Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc., President and Chief Executive Gary Paxton said the company has finished negotiations on its 2007 purchases and likely will need per-day rental price increases of 7 percent next year to cover increased costs.

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A time for choosing

In 1964, when conservative Republicanism was at its nadir, Ronald Reagan gave a speech in support of Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater entitled, "A Time for Choosing." In that speech, Reagan said, "This is the issue of this election: Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capitol can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves." Those words sparked Ronald Reagan's political career and a revived conservative movement which helped him win the White House.

Today the people of Indiana's Second District face that same issue in this election. At the time this column was written, recent polls placed Democrat Joe Donnelly and Republican Chris Chocola in a statistical dead heat, and today voters must decide whether the candidate they elect will create a government which works for the intellectual elite or the people of Indiana.

Throughout his campaign, Donnelly has asserted that he is a pro-life moderate who would be an independent voice for Indiana. In fact, on his campaign website's section on life issues, Donnelly claims, "In keeping with my personal faith and family values, I have consistently opposed abortion and will continue to do so in Congress ... I will always vote according to my faith and my conscience on life issues." I would like to think that Joe Donnelly is an honorable and honest man, so I will take him at his word.

Unfortunately, this forces Donnelly to choose between his conscience and his party. Nancy Pelosi, the current Democratic House Minority Leader,

would likely be the Speaker of the House in the event of a Democratic takeover. Nancy Pelosi's voting record, like those of most of the House Democratic leadership, has awarded her with a perfect 100 score from NARAL Pro-Choice America, and a stark zero from National Right to Life. In order for Joe Donnelly to "always vote according to [his] faith and [his] conscience on life issues," he would have to vote against his party for Speaker, which is so serious that it is akin to changing from one party to another.

If elected, Joe Donnelly would be forced to vote against his most cherished beliefs to install Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives who don't trust Hoosier values, but pursue the agenda of that small intellectual elite identified by Ronald Reagan. Joe Donnelly's Democratic House leadership would appoint Rep. Dennis Kucinich as chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on National Security. If you haven't heard, Dennis Kucinich once said that "we cannot justify giving the Attorney General the ability to designate domestic terror groups," and argued that the removal of the terrorist regime in Afghanistan was unjustified.

The Democratic House leadership Joe Donnelly would put in power would place John Dingell in the chairman's seat of the House Energy Committee. Rep. Dingell voted four times to raise the tax on gasoline. Gas taxes are arguably regressive, but the wallets of lower-income Americans are apparently unimportant compared to the theories of a small, intellectual elite. On key issues as energy, abortion, national security and others Joe Donnelly's Democratic leadership just doesn't trust the American people to govern themselves.

I have never met Joe Donnelly, and as such I give him the benefit of the doubt that he is an honest man with

good intentions. Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is that Joe Donnelly would vote for Democratic House leaders who care more for the machinations of a small intellectual elite than the needs of everyday workers.

As Ronald Reagan so eloquently said, this is a time for choosing. Fortunately we do have a choice who would continue Reagan's legacy and trust the people to govern themselves. Chris Chocola has a track record of independence, unblemished ethics and leadership (particularly in the area of spending discipline) in the House of Representatives which is consistent with the Indiana values he holds so dearly.

In contrast to Chris' Democratic predecessor Tim Roemer, who lived in Washington and rarely returned home, Representative Chocola returns here every weekend on the red-eye flight and spends his time helping seniors sign up for Medicare prescription drug benefits, building support for job development and listening to the concerns of the people he serves. The difference is clear.

Regardless of the outcome, today will be a historic day in American politics. If we choose Joe Donnelly, our country will lose one of its brightest and most committed leaders, and our Congress will likely serve the interests of a small, intellectual elite. If we choose Chris Chocola, we can keep Reagan's legacy alive through at least one seat in Congress and build a renewed majority which believes in our capacity for self-government. It's your choice.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Beauty is not caused. It is."

Emily Dickinson
poet

Vote Libertarian

"The American political system is like a gigantic Mexican Christmas fiesta. Each political party is a huge piñata — a paper donkey, for example. The donkey is filled with full employment, low interest rates, affordable housing, comprehensive medical benefits, a balanced budget and other goodies. The American voter is blindfolded and given a stick. The voter then swings the stick wildly in every direction, trying to hit a political candidate on the head and knock some sense into the silly fool."

These lines ring as true today as they did fifteen years ago when PJ O'Rourke published his classic, "Parliament of Whores."

Election time always brings out the worst in the candidates. While there isn't necessarily anything wrong with negative ads that attack the opposition candidate's voting record or policies, this is seldom the type of ad used. After taking a few actions of the opposing candidate out of context, the commercial not-so-subtly implies that not only does the other guy cheat on his payroll taxes and hate his constituents, he probably also eats babies and kills puppies for a living. These types of ad hominem attacks are cheap

Mark Poyar

Guest Columnist

attempts to distract from the real issues in an election, yet character assassination is usually the only strategy used. In the minds of the two major parties, there is no right or wrong. There is only power.

While each party would have you believe that their party represents a clear alternative to the other fiscally, the difference is largely one of rhetoric, not of principle. Neither has a problem with taking your money and giving it to someone else to whom it does not belong; the only debate is over who should be the recipient of this confiscated wealth. Whether your wealth goes to pay people not to work through welfare, to pay old people because they are old through Social Security or Medicare or to pay corporations because they are well connected through no-bid contracts, it really doesn't make too much of a difference; Both parties either view the citizen as a sheep to be fleeced or a constituent to lavish the money of others upon. Each views the citizen as a thing to be regulated and controlled.

If you actually believe that the Republicans represent an alternative to the tax and spend Democrats, consider the fact that between the years 2001 and 2006, federal spending has increased from \$1.657 trillion to \$2.488 trillion, all years of Republican control of both the

House of Representatives and the Presidency. The Republicans have been in full control of both the Executive and Legislative branches since 2002, yet the self-proclaimed "party of small government" has been responsible for this unprecedented increase in federal government spending, unrivaled in the last 50 years except for the "great spender" — Lyndon B. Johnson. Clearly, the Republicans are no alternative.

Similarly, while each party would have you believe that their party represents a clear alternative to the other on social issues, the difference is again largely one of rhetoric, not of principle. Neither actually believes that a person owns himself — if he owns himself, he has the right to do what he pleases with his own body and property, as long as he doesn't infringe on the right of others to do the same. No one's rights have been violated when a person decides he wants to play poker with his own money online. It is his property and he has the right to use it as he pleases. No one's rights have been violated when a person decides that he wants to use drugs in his own home. He owns himself and therefore has the right to put whatever he wants in his own body, even if it hurts him. No one's rights have been violated when a person decides he doesn't want to live any more.

Since he owns himself, he has the right to die if he wants. No one's rights have been violated when a person says something offensive on a college campus. Victimless crimes are not crimes, yet internet gambling is illegal (except for a few exceptions), the Drug War persists, euthanasia is illegal in most states and speech codes are prevalent. Again, the citizen is viewed as a thing to be regulated and controlled.

This election, vote for the only party that wants you to keep what you earn. Vote for the only party that believes that it is none of the government's business what you do as long as you don't hurt others. Vote for the party that believes the Constitution means what it says. Vote for one of the only parties that has consistently stood against the war. Do as PJ O'Rourke would: knock some sense into the silly fools. This election, vote for the party of peace, freedom and free markets: vote Libertarian.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irish spirit strong among graduate students

I was disappointed and offended to learn the view that undergraduates seem to have of graduate students at Notre Dame. The following statement could not be more unfounded: "The sense of identity that undergraduates derive from their place at the university is for the most part absent in graduate students who have stronger ties to their own colleges."

I attended a public undergraduate university and dreamt of one day being able to have the college experience I had missed. I sacrificed to make that happen, cried the day I found out I got into Notre Dame and have taken on almost \$100,000 worth of loans to see my dream through. I pray at the grotto, attend mass in the basilica, and lived on campus last year. I purchased Father Hesburgh's book and got him to sign it for me. I have the "Here Come the Irish" video linked to my e-mail signature, and my eyes get watery every time I hear the Alma Mater. I played on the MBA Late-night Olympics team, which won last year, and I took photos on the sidelines as my classmates won the flag football championship in the stadium last year (many of them claimed it was the greatest moment of their lives). I am one of the MBA students who took an RV to the Georgia Tech game, rented a bus to attend the MSU game and woke up at 3 a.m. to watch the UCLA game online from a hotel room in China.

I am not concerned with our right to purchase tickets to away games — as you can see, I've gone through the trouble of finding tickets on my own. My point is that I am just as Irish as anyone and no one can ever take that away from me. No one has a right to define what someone else's experience at Notre Dame is (or isn't). Like most undergrads, I love Notre Dame with all my heart, am proud to be a student here, have made some of the greatest friends in the world here, will always cheer for the Irish and give back to this community that has given me some of the best memories of my life.

Most of the people I spend time with are MBA students and they have as much school spirit as anyone. They are outstanding people who possess the types of values that should characterize all Notre Dame students. We might not be fortunate enough to experience everything that Notre Dame offers its undergrads during their four years here, but we go out of our way to take in as much of Notre Dame as possible. And if you ask me, we appreciate it even more because of what we have sacrificed to be here and because we appreciate how great we have it here versus at other schools.

I hope the letters we have sent will change the perspective that undergrads have of us. However, even if they don't, no one can take from us the right to call ourselves Irish or the wonderful experience we are getting as Notre Dame students.

Carolyn Torres
 grad student
 off campus
 Nov. 6

A woman's view on Plan B

I would like to add a female voice to the discussion concerning Plan B. In Andrew Rosatostates' Letter to the Editor ("Plan B destroys embryo in some cases," Nov. 3), he writes, "Taking Plan B causes the destruction of a human embryo in those cases where it prevents its implantation." The use of the word "destruction" is a bit strong. If Plan B were a pill full of microscopic men with machetes and machine guns being transported directly to the uterus with the sole purpose of mutilating a fertilized egg, then "destruction" might be appropriate. But from my understanding, that is not the case.

Emergency contraceptives are to be used in case of an emergency (what a concept). Condoms fail. The pill fails. Furthermore, aren't those also ways of preventing pregnancy? Plan B is the second choice to preventing pregnancies when previous efforts break or when your mother-in-law manipulates your birth control pill a la *Desperate Housewives*.

The distributors of Plan B do not deny the possibility of preventing the implantation of an embryo in the uterus, therefore neither will I. They do, however, confess that there is no evidence proving that Plan B will harm the fetus

(nor the woman, but she's usually not the issue in these arguments) during early pregnancy. You see, friends, an embryo is not a pregnancy until it is implanted in the uterus. An abortifacient is something that terminates a pregnancy, not something that prevents an embryo from attaching to the uterus. So, riddle me this: Doesn't every embryo have the same possibility of not implanting, with or without the super dose of hormones?

Pregnancy is such a fickle thing; sometimes it lasts nine months, sometimes it doesn't. When attacking Plan B, please keep in mind that the Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturers of Plan B are required to state that it may prevent implantation. There is no indisputable video evidence for either side, thus the call on the field must stand. This is the same FDA that has to warn you that your Viagra may cause blindness. But, then again, what do I know? I'm just a woman and it's just my body.

Shawn Ahmed
 grad student
 off campus
 Nov. 3

Vary the stadium wave

There are two very different views on the wave's place in Notre Dame Stadium. One is that it belongs in the same place as "thunder sticks," and that place is nowhere near any sporting event (but that's a whole different issue). The other view is that it is harmless and fun. I happen to fall somewhere in between these views, but I want to bring up a few rules that I feel are necessary for good "waving."

The first rule is that the game needs to be out of hand. This will be defined as a lead of over twenty points late in the third quarter. This means that the wave is not allowed late in the first half when we're trying to score more points (like this past week's game). The second rule is that we have to make the wave unique. We're talking about Notre Dame here. There are currently scientists working around the clock to find a way for us to "light up the

universe." No ordinary wave will do.

I suggest two wave variations to get us started. The first is to split the wave into two parts. This has been done before; it's when the student section sends the wave back in the opposite direction so that two waves cross each other. The second is to do the slow motion wave. To my knowledge this has never been done before. During this variation, the student section will slow the wave down by standing up slowly and waiting a longer amount of time before starting their own individual wave.

There is, of course, one more alternative to consider: sit (or stand) on your seat and watch the bloody football game.

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'BIG LOVE' BIG ISSUES

FTT Department tackle

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'BIG LOVE' REVIEW

Questions of love and gender politics have been central aspects of the human condition from the time of the ancient Greeks until the modern era. These questions also lie at the core of Charles L. Mee's play "Big Love," the first main-stage production of the film, television and theater (FTT) department's 2006-2007 season.

Based on Aeschylus's "The Suppliant Women," which is considered the earliest surviving play in Western drama, "Big Love" takes the ancient plot of its source material and updates it as an examination of modern gender politics, creating a theatrical hybrid of vaudeville and tragicomedy.

The play opens in turmoil, with 50 Greek brides flee by boat to an Italian in order to escape their forced marriages to their 50 cousins. The 50 sisters are represented by three: Lydia (Sarah Loveland), Thyona (Megan O'Donoghue) and Olympia (Tashi Thomas). After convincing the villa's owner Piero (Luke Cieslewicz), his nephew Giuliano (Conor Woods) and grandmother Bella (Meg Robenalt) to allow them to stay, their plans are abruptly thwarted by the arrival of the 50 grooms, led by Constantine (Drew McElligott), Nikos (Matt Goodrich) and Oed (Mike Anderson). The two opposing sides find their strongest voices in the extreme positions of Thyona and Constantine.

Plans are hatched, emotions explode and an engaging dialogue on the inequalities of the human experience is present throughout the play. Mee blends the age-old battle of the sexes found in Aeschylus's original text with various contemporary American themes, such as domestic abuse, date rape and gender inequality. Much of the play is taken up in an exhaustive and exhausting demonstration of just how deeply gender animosities can grow and how horrifying the consequences can be when a balance is not found.

Directed by FTT faculty member Siiri Scott, "Big Love" has been an exciting,

yet difficult production for all involved. The performances are being held in the Philbin Studio Theater at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, as opposed to the Decio Mainstage. Senior Ashley Kelly, the production's stage manager, emphasized the flexibility and creativity that the Philbin grants any production. It allows for "limitless things in the space ... that wouldn't be possible in the Decio," Kelly said.

Kelly also noted the challenge that the space presents for the actors.

"I think its more challenging for an actor," Kelly said. "Because you get extremely close to the audience, whereas in the Decio you can't even see them."

The smaller space also places more emphasis on the staging area itself. The set design is simple and attractive, highlighted by the lighting design of Notre Dame professor Richard Dreyer. The technical difficulties of the play, mainly attributed to the transitions between the varying tempos, are solved through the expert use of music and light throughout the play.

Sophomore crew member Caitlin Madden emphasized the use of the music and light in order to help the audience members follow along with the story.

"You've got a whole bunch of different things trying to happen at once and in order to have the audience sit there and respond to these different emotions, you have to make sure that they can feel it," Madden said.

The fifteen cast members all work together to pull off an exciting and energetic storyline. Although many of the members are veterans of the Notre Dame stage, there are also five freshman members, which is unusual for a mainstage show. The lead actresses, Loveland, O'Donoghue and Thomas, do a skillful job of expressing the emotional distress and duress of the three sisters. Likewise, the three lead males, McElligott, Goodrich and Anderson,

serve as ideal balances to all of the points brought up by the women.

The residents of the Italian villa, Cieslewicz, Woods and Robenalt, also do an outstanding job in their roles as outside observers of the central conflict. The cast is rounded out well by Eddie Velazquez, Stephanie Elise Newsome, Ashley Fox, Huyen Nguyen, John Maltese and Joe Vittoria.

Kelly highlighted the struggles of working with such a large cast and crew.

"It's a pretty big cast, we have 15, which is borderline between medium and large. We also have a huge stage management team, comparatively," she said. "We have myself, and then a stage manager and then two ASMs."

"And then we also have a director, an assistant director and a fight choreographer. So [there are] just a lot of people."

Although "Big Love" is inspired by an ancient story, it impressively contains plenty of thoughtful and inspiring themes, bringing light to modern issues regarding gender politics and relationships.

Loveland in particular notes the play's subject matter and its pertinence to young people.

"It talks a lot about gender politics and the role of relationships and of men and men. And we're in that stage of our lives, and so are these characters," Loveland said.

"Big Love" is an excellent production, due to both its outstanding script and the wonderful performances by both cast and crew. It is enjoyable not only as a performance piece, but also a reflection on modernity's approach to men, women and relationships.

"Big Love" will be performed in the Philbin Studio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center beginning today at 7:30 p.m. and continuing until Nov. 17. For further information regarding admission and show times, visit the DPAC website, <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.



Lydia (Sarah Loveland), right, convinces Piero (Luke Cieslewicz) to let his villa shelter the 50 women fleeing from their marriage-minded cousins in "Big Love."



Constantine (Drew McElligott), left, engages ardent feminist Thyona (Megan O'Donoghue)

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LOVE, SUES

es remake of classic



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Q&A WITH 'BIG LOVE' SENIORS

"Big Love," the latest mainstage production presented by the film, television and theater (FTT) department, features several Notre Dame seniors within its large cast. Those actors — Connor Woods, Drew McElligott, Mike Anderson and Sarah Loveland — see the production's message, director and unique staging as essential aspects of this latest production.

Erin McGinn: Why did you decide to get involved with this production of "Big Love?"

Conor Woods: Well, "Big Love" is a really challenging script in terms of it [having] a lot of movement. It's got a lot of monologues and it's not realistic in the sense of a Tennessee Williams play. It has a lot of abstract moments, and it's really an actor's dream. Almost every character has a moment where they tell their philosophy of life and what they think life and love [are] all about. And I really love the message of the play, which is that love trumps all. So, to be in that [production] is really a treat.

Drew McElligott: I really liked the script, and I really liked a lot of the characters in it. It's a really character-driven show, [with] a lot of different people in it. That's something that really attracted me to it. We have a really talented director, Siiri Scott. She was actually a huge draw, not only for me, but also for the majority of the other people in the cast. It was just a great opportunity to work with her in a more professional stance.

Mike Anderson: Well, I knew people that were auditioning, and I had Siiri Scott as a director in many of my classes. I've had experience with her before, and I wanted to be directed by her, which is one of the main reasons why I auditioned.

Sarah Loveland: It's always fun to do the departmental shows, and because it is so physical — that's why I was

drawn to the play initially. And Siiri is a wonderful director.

McGinn: Can you describe your character?

Woods: Yeah, I play an openly gay character [Giuliano], which is always fun. And the character just really helps the three sisters — there are 50 sisters, but only three in the play — and just teaches them to be who they are, and in that sense it is a very socially-conscious play. It has a lot of messages. He's very flamboyant and he is just like, "that's the way I am, and that's the way it's going to be." I really thought that was such a great message, and to get to play someone who is that self-confident is really such a treat.

McElligott: I am the egotistical jack-ass of the play [Constantine], with a soft side, of course. I am kind of the "manly man" — I represent everything macho, basically. About four lines into the show, everyone hates me, and then it's kind of my fight through the rest of the show to kind of turn [the audience] around on me, and convince them that I actually have a point — that the way I am serves a purpose, which is kind of a big challenge.

Anderson: My character is Oed, he's one of the brothers, cousins of the three girls, that they go to find them to marry them. Oed is kind of the sidekick of the brothers — he doesn't say much. He's quiet and he doesn't say anything unless it's important. He's more of the goofball out of the three brothers.

Loveland: I am playing Lydia, [who] is one of the three sisters. She's sort of the wild sister who goes out all night, and is kind of crazy, but then she's sort of eventually tamed by love. Well, not necessarily tamed, but she's the one that actually acknowledges love and goes in that direction.

McGinn: What was it like working on

this production?

Woods: It certainly has been a very challenging production to work on. I think it was a lot harder than we thought it was going to be, but I feel like we're ready for audiences to just absorb the messages that are in it. And I think that we're really excited about that, and for them to see it. And it's really funny too. It has a lot of really funny moments, but a lot of really thoughtful moments as well.

McElligott: This production actually has been very different from a lot of shows. In addition to FTT shows, I've done loads upon loads of student shows — I've done about 15 plays during my time at Notre Dame — and when you do an FTT show, you get to do a lot more technically-speaking. This will be the first time I get to rappel from the rafters, and I learned how to flip myself without hurting myself for this show, which was fun to learn.

Anderson: It's the most physical play that I've ever been in. Just some of the stuff that we do — it's draining. Even though it's a short play, I've had to do a lot of things that I've never done before. This one, it jumps around a lot. It's kind of weird [because] it goes from this reality to this stylized dream stage and back and forth a lot. I think that was different than most of the plays I've done usually, which were more straightforward.

And some of the stuff we're doing is a lot different, like rappelling down from the catwalks, which is pretty cool. A lot of music is involved in this play too, and usually there was not a ton of music in the shows that I've done in the past.

Loveland: Well, I was really excited to get started doing it because it's so physical. The whole time it's just been a bunch of surprises, and everything's been really exciting.

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es in a physical battle of the wills with (e) while the sisters take refuge in Italy.



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Eddie Velazquez, left, and Stephanie Elise Newsome are two of the five freshmen in the cast of 'Big Love,' an uncommon occurrence in first-semester productions.

NHL

Ovechkin helps Capitals come from behind

Washington wins after trailing by three

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin scored twice to help Washington overcome an early three-goal deficit, and Chris Clark netted the winner in overtime, leading the Capitals to a 4-3 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

Ovechkin scored a power-play goal with 24.4 seconds left in regulation to tie it. Ottawa defenseman Chris Phillips was whistled for tripping with 1:03 to play and the visitors clinging to a 3-2 lead.

Clark then scored 1:33 into the extra period off an assist from Alexander Semin, who also assisted on both of Ovechkin's goals. The reigning Calder Trophy winner as the league's top rookie redirected a shot by Semin 7:56 into the second period to cut Washington's deficit to one goal.

Ottawa led 3-0 less than 12 minutes into the game, chasing Washington goalie Olie Kolzig after only five shots.

Dany Heatley and Antoine Vermette also scored and Andrej Meszaros had two assists in that spurt, which prompted Washington coach Glen Hanlon to call timeout and yank Kolzig, replacing him with backup Brent Johnson.

It was Kolzig's shortest outing since March 8, 2003, when he allowed three goals in 10 minutes against Boston.

The Senators have lost four straight to fall to 5-7-1 with 40 goals; at the same point a year ago, Ottawa was 11-2 with 64 goals.

The Senators held a closed-door meeting after their last game, but it didn't help and Ottawa's unbeaten streak at Washington ended after eight games, dating to the 2001-02 season.

Johnson shut down the visitors while he was on the ice, stopping all 21 shots he faced. He helped Washington improve to 1-5 in one-goal games this season.

Ottawa went ahead after 1 1/2 minutes, when the Capitals gave up the puck in their own end, and Jason Spezza set up Alfredsson's goal. At 10:25, Alfredsson passed to Vermette, who skated from left to right in front of the goal before netting a backhand to make it 2-0. The Senators padded the lead at 11:51, when Anton Volchenkov sent the puck around the boards and Kolzig failed to clear it completely, allowing Heatley to come in 1-

on-1 and push a shot between Kolzig and the near post.

But Ottawa goalie Martin Gerber gave up the big lead.

Washington got on the scoreboard with 45.8 seconds left in the first period. On a power play, Jamie Heward's shot from the point deflected into the net off Matt Pettinger, who was credited with his first goal of the season.

Lightning 5, Islanders 1

Childhood friends Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin teamed up for the tiebreaking power-play goal in the second period that sent the Tampa Bay Lightning to a slump-busting victory over the New York Islanders on Monday night.

Perrin added another goal in the third period, and Filip Kuba scored twice as the Lightning scored five goals for the third straight game.

St. Louis stretched his point streak to nine games when he fired in a hard shot off a feed from Perrin that gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead with 7:12 left in the middle period. The pair, who grew up in Laval, Quebec, went on to star together at the University of Vermont but had never combined on an NHL goal.

Vincent Lecavalier got the other assist, giving him points in nine straight games, too. Tampa Bay won for just the second time in six games (2-3-1), with rookie Johan Holmqvist in net for both.

Kuba extended the lead to 3-1 with another power-play goal in the second period and his first tally with the Lightning, who signed the defenseman away from the Minnesota Wild in the offseason. Kuba added another man-advantage goal with 7:05 remaining to give Tampa Bay a three-goal lead.

Perrin made it 5-1 with 4:28 left.

Tampa Bay rode two early-season trends to victory.

The Lightning pulled away in the second period — a frame they have owned through 15 games. With the two goals against New York, they have outscored opponents 25-9 in the second period. Tampa Bay also improved to 7-1-1 when scoring at least three goals this season.

Alexei Zhitnik got the Islanders even at 1 with 55.5 seconds left in the first period, beating Holmqvist with a shot from the left point that fluttered through traffic and ticked off the glove of the goalie before finding the net.

That was the only blemish for Holmqvist, who won consecutive starts in a span of five days. He earned his only other NHL

win Thursday with a 32-save effort at Philadelphia. Perrin sealed the 5-2 victory with an empty-netter, the first of his two NHL goals.

Perrin can count all of his points on one hand — his goal and assist gave him five in his career. In contrast, St. Louis has 151 regular-season goals, 337 points, and an MVP trophy on his resume.

Thrashers 5, Bruins 1

Ilya Kovalchuk scored three power-play goals in similar fashion, Johan Hedberg won his third straight start and the Atlanta Thrashers defeated the Boston Bruins Monday night.

Kovalchuk staked the Thrashers to an early 2-0 lead with his first goal, restored the two-goal lead with 13:40 remaining and turned the game into a rout with a final goal 3 1/2 minutes later that gave him his second hat trick and 11th goal of the season.

His first two goals were from just inside the blue line. Kovalchuk cocked his stick, took passes from his teammates and fired shots with such force that he went down to his right knee for extra leverage.

Kovalchuk's third goal was from a little closer in, but he again took a pass and fired a blistering shot before Bruins goalie Tim Thomas had time to react.

Slava Kozlov and Marian Hossa also scored for the Thrashers, who have bounced back from losing two straight in regulation with a three-game winning streak.

Hedberg has been in the nets for all three wins, taking over after No. 1 goalie Kari Lehtonen had a poor outing against Carolina last week. The backup played so well in road wins over Washington and the New York Islanders that he got another start against the Bruins, leaving Lehtonen on the bench.

Struggling to keep up with the home team, Boston picked up five penalties in the first period. The Thrashers wasted no time capitalizing on their first two power-play chances, both of them with Paul Mara in the penalty box for hooking.

Just 11 seconds after Mara's first penalty, Kozlov worked the give-and-go to perfection with Hossa, who was parked behind the net. When Mara was sent off again, the Thrashers needed all of 20 seconds to find the net. From just inside the blue line, Steve McCarthy sent a cross-ice pass to Kovalchuk, his stick was already swinging back before his teammate let go of the puck.

The Thrashers finished the first period with a commanding



Washington's Chris Clarke, 17, celebrates with teammates after scoring the game-winning goal in the Capitals' 4-3 win Monday.

21-8 lead in shots on goal. Kovalchuk had six of them himself.

Maple Leafs 4, Flyers 1

Nik Antropov, Alexei Ponikarovsky and Tomas Kaberle scored in the third period to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs to a victory over the sagging Philadelphia Flyers on Monday night.

Andrew Raycroft made 40 saves and Bates Battaglia also had a goal for the Maple Leafs, who have won five of six — including a 4-1 win Saturday at Buffalo. That was the Sabres' first loss in regulation this season.

Ben Eager scored for the Flyers, who dropped to 3-10-1 — the worst start in the club's 40-year history and the poorest record in the NHL.

Philadelphia has lost four of six since coach Ken Hitchcock was fired and Bobby Clarke resigned as general manager on Oct. 22.

Toronto had many chances in the first period.

The Maple Leafs outshot

Philadelphia 15-7 and had four power plays, but scored just once.

Battaglia gave Toronto an early lead after skating from behind the net, turning and putting a wrist shot past backup goalie Antero Niittymaki at 5:25.

Toronto's Jeff O'Neill had a couple of chances, but failed to elevate the puck on one play in the first and passed up a close shot in the second.

Philadelphia took the play to Toronto in the second, outshooting the Leafs 17-3.

Ben Eager tied the score at 1 at 2:32 after Toronto's defense failed to get back. Eager skated in on a partial breakaway and put a wrist shot past Raycroft.

Ponikarovsky and Tucker hit the post with shots in the third.

But Antropov scored his first goal of the season by putting a rebound past Niittymaki on the power play at 7:18 of the third.

And Ponikarovsky gave Toronto a 3-1 lead with an unassisted goal at 16:06. Kaberle added an empty-netter at 18:47.

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NCAA Hockey

Associated Press Top 20

| team | record | points |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 Maine | 5-0-1 | 510 |
| 2 Minnesota | 8-1-0 | 476 |
| 3 Boston College | 5-2-0 | 433 |
| 4 Miami (Ohio) | 7-3-0 | 385 |
| 5 Michigan State | 4-2-0 | 318 |
| 6 North Dakota | 6-3-1 | 316 |
| 7 Wisconsin | 4-4-2 | 272 |
| 8 Boston University | 2-1-3 | 262 |
| 9 NOTRE DAME | 6-1-1 | 233 |
| 10 Michigan | 5-3-0 | 218 |
| 11 Clarkson | 6-1-1 | 191 |
| 12 Cornell | 4-0-0 | 191 |
| 13 New Hampshire | 4-2-0 | 114 |
| 14 Denver | 4-4-0 | 58 |
| 15 Alaska Anchorage | 3-3-2 | 31 |
| 16 Rensselaer | 5-1-1 | 17 |
| 17 St. Cloud State | 4-2-0 | 16 |
| 18 Northern Michigan | 4-2-0 | 15 |
| 19 Dartmouth | 3-2-1 | 8 |
| 20 Massachusetts | 4-3-0 | 7 |

NFL Standings

AFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| New England | 6-2 | .750 | 187 | 114 |
| NY Jets | 4-4 | .500 | 160 | 193 |
| Buffalo | 3-5 | .375 | 124 | 163 |
| Miami | 2-6 | .250 | 133 | 158 |

AFC North

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Baltimore | 6-2 | .750 | 171 | 111 |
| Cincinnati | 4-4 | .500 | 175 | 168 |
| Pittsburgh | 2-6 | .250 | 133 | 176 |
| Cleveland | 2-6 | .250 | 177 | 171 |

AFC South

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|--------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Indianapolis | 8-0 | 1.000 | 232 | 173 |
| Jacksonville | 5-3 | .625 | 175 | 114 |
| Houston | 2-6 | .250 | 120 | 196 |
| Tennessee | 2-6 | .250 | 131 | 216 |

AFC West

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Denver | 6-2 | .750 | 141 | 98 |
| San Diego | 6-2 | .750 | 248 | 134 |
| Kansas City | 5-3 | .625 | 183 | 169 |
| Oakland | 2-5 | .286 | 92 | 148 |

NFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|--------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| NY Giants | 6-2 | .750 | 194 | 144 |
| Philadelphia | 4-4 | .500 | 223 | 160 |
| Dallas | 4-4 | .500 | 206 | 164 |
| Washington | 3-5 | .375 | 162 | 190 |

NFC North

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-----------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Chicago | 7-1 | .875 | 234 | 100 |
| Minnesota | 4-4 | .500 | 130 | 135 |
| Green Bay | 3-5 | .375 | 162 | 200 |
| Detroit | 2-6 | .250 | 162 | 203 |

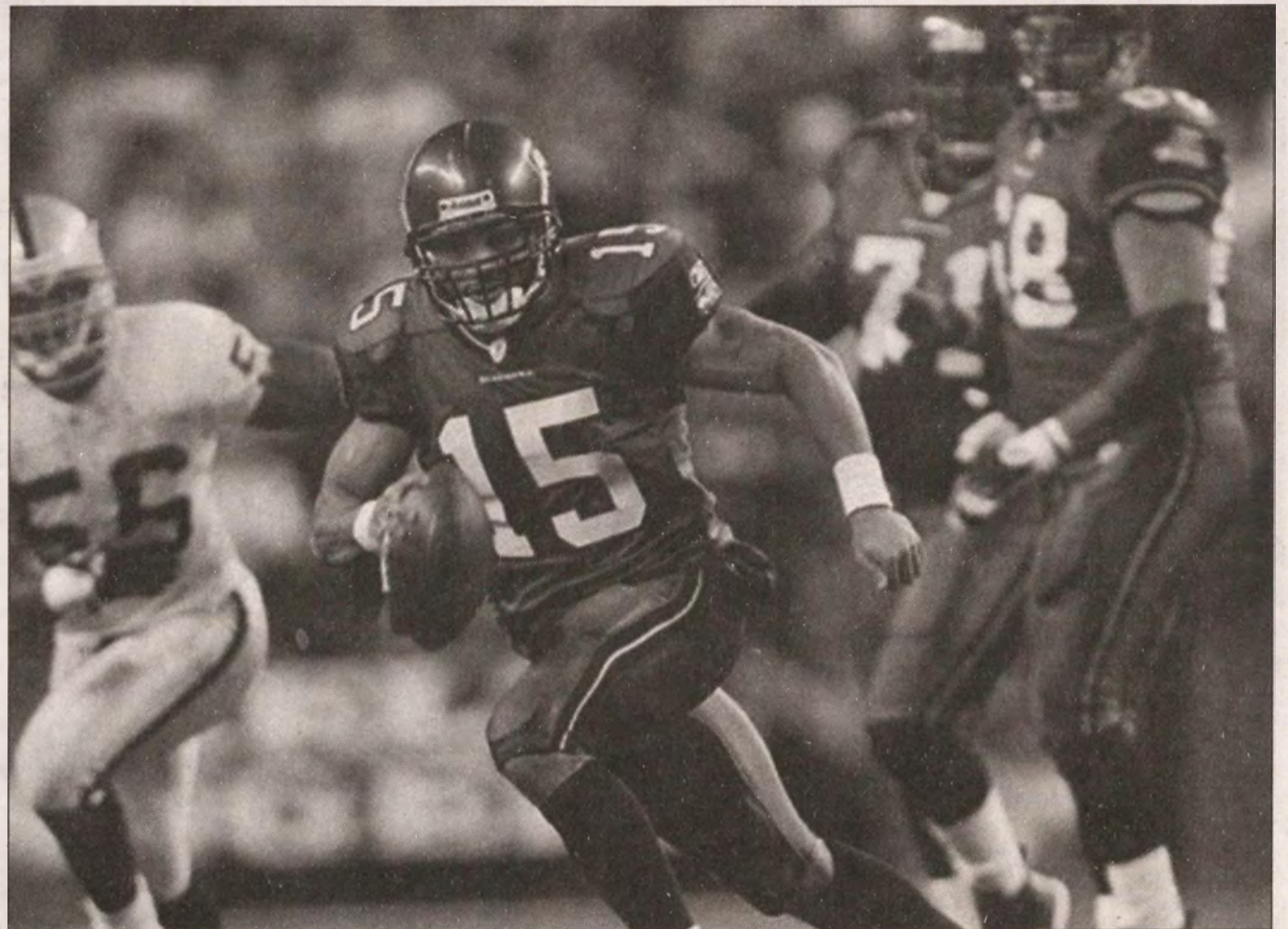
NFC South

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| New Orleans | 6-2 | .750 | 198 | 159 |
| Atlanta | 5-3 | .625 | 167 | 164 |
| Carolina | 4-4 | .500 | 137 | 163 |
| Tampa Bay | 2-6 | .250 | 102 | 173 |

NFC West

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|---------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Seattle | 4-3 | .571 | 149 | 177 |
| St. Louis | 4-4 | .500 | 180 | 197 |
| San Francisco | 3-5 | .375 | 143 | 238 |
| Arizona | 1-7 | .125 | 134 | 196 |

NFL



Seahawks quarterback Seneca Wallace scrambles out of trouble during the first half of Seattle's 16-0 victory over the Oakland Raiders Monday night. Wallace completed 18 of 30 passes for 176 yards and a touchdown.

Injury-riddled Seahawks beat Raiders

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Craig Terrill and the Seattle Seahawks delivered the kind of defensive performance they needed with Shaun Alexander and Matt Hasselbeck on the sideline with injuries.

Facing the Oakland Raiders on a stormy night sure helped the cause.

Terrill had three of Seattle's nine sacks and Seneca Wallace threw a touchdown pass to get his first win as an NFL starter, a 16-0 victory over the Raiders on Monday night.

The Seahawks (5-3) had lost three of four games since Alexander, last year's

league MVP, was sidelined with a broken foot. Hasselbeck, a Pro Bowl quarterback last year, has missed two straight games with a sprained knee ligament, limiting Seattle's big-strike ability.

But backups Wallace and Maurice Morris did enough to make up for those losses on this night. Wallace went 18-of-30 for 176 yards, including a 22-yard TD pass to Deion Branch in the first quarter, against the Raiders (2-6).

Morris ran for a career-high 138 yards on 30 carries as the Seahawks had a season-high 207 yards on the ground.

While the backups

stepped up to help give the defending NFC champion Seahawks a one-game lead over St. Louis in the NFC West, it was the improvement on defense that was most notable.

Seattle had allowed at least 28 points in five successive games for the first time since its first five games in existence in 1976, and held the opposition scoreless in only one of the previous 17 quarters.

But the Seahawks had little trouble shutting down Oakland's last-ranked offense on a wet and windy night that made it difficult for the offenses. The Raiders gained only

185 yards and failed to score an offensive touchdown for the fifth time in eight games this season.

Andrew Walter was 16-of-35 for 166 yards and couldn't get the ball deep to Randy Moss against a defense that had been susceptible to the long pass.

Seattle sacked Walter five times in the first quarter, including on three successive plays — the last two by Terrill. The Seahawks added four more in the game, raising Oakland's NFL worst total to 44 on the season.

The Raiders had won two straight after dropping the first five games of the season.

IN BRIEF

Rangers hire Washington as new manager

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ron Washington has always been a popular coach with players, stressing communication and letting them be themselves.

Now he will get his chance as a manager with the Texas Rangers, who wanted and needed somebody with those characteristics.

"I'm going to be a players' manager. My job is solely to make sure that every player on the Texas Rangers feels like they are part of everything going on here," Washington said Monday night.

"As a manager, I'm no good if the players don't get it done. If the players get it done, I'm great."

When Buck Showalter was fired after an 80-82 season with three years left on his contract, general manager Jon Daniels said the Rangers needed a "different perspective."

Malkin captures player of the month honors

It took less than a month for Evgeni Malkin to garner his first NHL award.

Sure he was the rookie of the month for October, but it only took him one day of November to do something that hadn't been done in nearly a century.

The latest Pittsburgh Penguins phenom has taken the league by storm, capturing player of the month honors despite dressing for only five games.

On Wednesday, Malkin became the first player since the NHL started in 1917 to notch goals in his first six games.

His second goal in that win over Los Angeles was the difference in a 4-3 overtime victory.

"It's still a little bit difficult because I'm not used to playing on the wing. But I think it's going to take a little bit of time," said Malkin.

3-year-old Preakness winner Bernardini retires

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Bernardini has run his last race.

Two days after finishing second in the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic, the 3-year-old colt was retired Monday and will stand at stud at Sheik Mohammed's Darley farm.

Bernardini was the leading Horse of the year contender entering the Classic at Churchill Downs off six straight victories, including the Preakness, the Travers and the Jockey Club Gold Cup.

Sent off as the even-money favorite in the Classic, Bernardini made a bold move around the turn to take the lead but was overtaken in the stretch by Invasor.

Bernardini is owned by Sheik Mohammed, the ruler of Dubai. Darley, one of the world's largest breeding operations, said on its Web site that Bernardini's stud fee is \$100,000.

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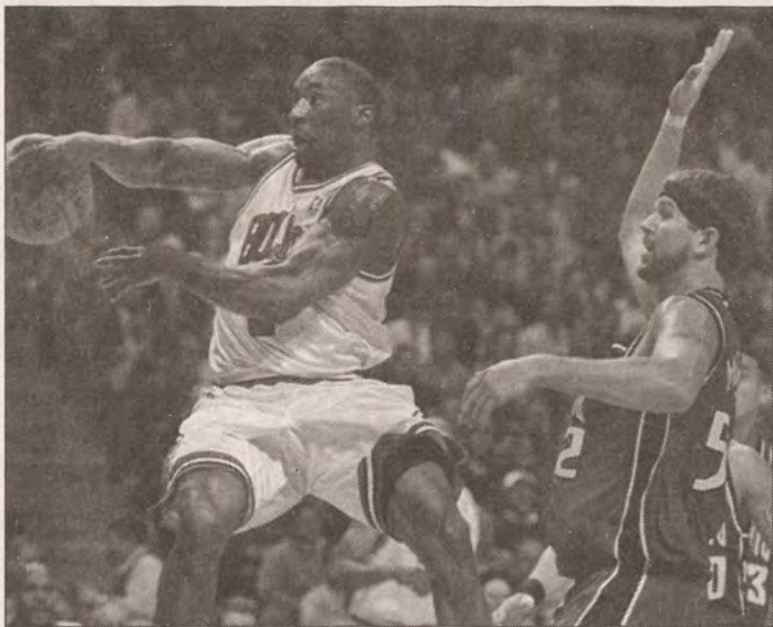
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Miller to miss at least four weeks



Sacramento center Brad Miller, right, defends during the Kings' 89-88 win over the Bulls Nov. 3 in Chicago. AP

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Kings center Brad Miller will miss at least four weeks with an injured left foot, adding the biggest problem yet to Sacramento's early season woes.

The 7-foot Miller, a three-time All-Star, played for the U.S. national team at the world championships in Japan this summer.

He was diagnosed with a torn plantar fascia in his left foot Monday after the injury limited his playing time on the Kings' road trip last week.

The ninth-year pro has averaged 6.0 points in the Kings' first three games, going 8-for-28 from the field. An MRI yielded the result Sacramento feared after Miller was limited to 15 minutes in Saturday's loss at Milwaukee.

Miller declined comment when he showed up in the Kings' locker room 45 minutes before Monday's game with Minnesota, using crutches and wearing an immobilizing boot on his foot.

Forwards Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Kenny Thomas and Maurice Taylor will team up to replace Miller for the Kings. The 6-9 Abdur-Rahim seemed confident in his ability to defend the NBA's tallest players.

"It's not like it's something I haven't done before," Abdur-Rahim said.

"I'll have to use the advantages I might have and just try to keep them off the glass."

Coach Eric Musselman's first season in Sacramento already has been scarred by injuries. Guard Mike Bibby returned from a thumb injury two weeks earlier than expected to play in last week's season opener.

SHARK SPEED



Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija attempts to outrun North Carolina safety Karen Taylor after catching a pass during Notre Dame's 45-26 victory Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

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play we ran, I'd have all the time in the world."

On the ensuing Stanford possession, the Griffins encountered a third and short. They ran twice, once with fullback Rick Loesing and once with tailback Tregg Duerson, and were stuffed both times by the Mob defensive line, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Both defenses held strong until the first play of the fourth quarter, when Mob running back Braden Turner stretched the ball across the goal line for a one-yard touchdown run to stretch the lead to 12.

That score capped another 11-play drive that utilized short timing routes to take advantage of Stanford's loose defensive arrangement.

"The corners were playing off the ball seven to ten yards," Stroh said.

Turner finished with 10 carries for 34 yards and a touchdown, and fullback Mike Mattingly carried 10 times for 47 yards. The offensive line created plenty of holes to allow Turner and Mattingly to wreak havoc and keep drives alive.

Stanford still had a chance to get back in the game, but a dropped pass in the flat was ruled a fumble and O'Neill recovered. The Mob turned the ball over on downs, but left Stanford no time to do anything with the ball.

"The line was opening up holes, and we were taking advantage of it," Mattingly said.

Morrissey 27, Siegfried 10

In the second quarter Sunday, Morrissey quarterback Joe McBrayer unleashed an aerial assault on Siegfried, scoring three touchdowns to put the game out of reach in the Manor's semifinal win.

"The score was not really indicative of how Siegfried played today," Morrissey fullback Steve Klein said. "We've lost twice in the semis in the past four years, and I think that senior leadership was what put us over the top."

Senior leadership may have been one of the contributing factors in the game, but Morrissey's passing game was what put it out of reach. McBrayer connected on 6-of-9 passes for 117 yards in the win.

McBrayer's first touchdown pass went to Carl Anderson, a play that capped a 10-play, 65-yard drive that successfully answered the Ramblers' 35-yard field goal in the first quarter. After forcing a three-and-out on the ensuing series, Morrissey went right back to the passing game. McBrayer hit wide out Dan Reimer over the middle, and the receiver turned it up field for a 41-yard touchdown.

Following another Rambler three-and-out, McBrayer again led an efficient two-minute drill culminating in a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reimer just before half.

"I think it was big to air it out before halftime, because at that point we were able to put our foot on their throat," Klein said. "We've definitely had a stronger passing game this year than in the past."

McBrayer would also convert several key third-down quarterback sneaks throughout the contest, including a 4-yard touchdown in the third quarter to push the score to 27-3.

Morrissey turned to its traditional power-running attack in the second half, behind the three-pronged backfield of Klein (7 carries, 36 yards), Brian Pieh (7 carries, 45 yards), and Nick Bencomo (10 carries, 65 yards).

Siegfried was able to muster a small rally late in the third quarter behind some strong running by fullback Marcus Young, who had 7 carries for 36 yards. The Ramblers quickly answered McBrayer's touchdown dive with a quick 5-play, 65-yard drive that ended with a 14-yard strike from quarterback Max Young to receiver Kevin Kelly.

Young struggled much of the day against a Morrissey line that seemed to get pressure early and often. He did, however manage to complete 7-of-13 passes for 91 yards. But a costly interception to the Manorites' Mike Fletcher on their first second-half possession effectively snuffed out any chance of a rally.

While the Cinderella run ended for the seventh-seeded Ramblers, Morrissey will face off against O'Neill in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday, Nov. 19.

"I can't imagine what it's going to feel like," Klein said. "It's amazing."

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"I was confident that any play we ran, I'd have all the time in the world."

Chris Stroh
Mob quarterback



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Irish midfielder Greg Dalby dribbles during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over DePaul in the first round of the Big East tournament.

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Nov. 15 match is still up in the air. Illinois-Chicago enters its game with Western Illinois with a record of 12-2-5 while Western Illinois is 15-7-0.

The Leathernecks are coming off their third consecutive Mid-Continent Conference title after beating Missouri-Kansas City 2-0 in the title game. The Leathernecks have won five games in a row and seven of their last eight.

Illinois-Chicago fell to Loyola on penalty kicks in the semifinals of the Horizon League Conference tournament, but its resume includes a win over No. 8 Saint Louis, a team that tied Notre

Dame 0-0 on Sept. 1.

"We don't know much about [Illinois-Chicago or Western Illinois] this year," Clark said. "We'll know more after we watch their game, but they'll be good teams. There aren't any bad teams that make the tournament."

If the Irish make it past their second round game, potential matchups with No. 5 seed Maryland or No. 4 Virginia await. Clark, however, will not be judging his opponents by their seeding.

"Seeding is what you've done in the past," Clark said. "It's what you do in the next five games that's important. A lot of things can happen from now on in."

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Weasels

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diately after catching the pass and ran unimpeded down the right sideline into the endzone.

The ensuing Whirlwind drive ended prematurely when Bulfin caught her second pick of the half, this time taking it untouched all the way for a touchdown to extend the lead to 14-0.

Pasquerilla West tacked on a final score with 7:45 left to play in the second half when Davies converted another fourth-down, going back to Spring for a seven-yard touchdown.

Purple Weasel defensive back Caitlin O'Connell clinched the game for Pasquerilla West with one final pick of a Gargula pass, this time with five minutes remaining on the clock.

The Purple Weasel sideline erupted after finishing the shutout against the No. 1 team.

"It feels great to beat Welsh Fam. They're a great opponent and we really needed to execute well to beat them the way we did," Spring said.

Pasquerilla West will play Pangborn in a rematch of last year's championship game. The teams already faced off once this season, with the Phoxes escaping by the slimmest of margins in a 13-12 game.

"We need to execute the way we did today to beat Pangborn," Spring said. "They're a really good team and we're excited to play them."

Pangborn 20, Farley 7

Early in the first half Sunday, Pangborn wide receiver caught a short pass and then ran downfield 35 yards for the touchdown in one of several big plays for the Phoxes in their semifinal win over Farley.

The win puts the Phoxes back into the championship



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Phox junior Katherine Petersen runs upfield during Pangborn's 20-7 win over Farley Sunday to advance to the championship.

game for the second year in a row.

"We are excited about playing in the stadium again this year. We are definitely planning on coming out on top," Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney said.

In its opening drive, Pangborn's offense was met by strong pressure from Farley's defensive line. After the Finest forced the Phoxes to punt, Pangborn's defense took the field and refused to yield. Farley quarterback Brittany Baron's attempts to move the ball down the field were stopped by the Phoxes, setting up a Farley punt.

Farley was determined to keep the game in reach, and on its first possession after the Bescher touchdown answered back with one of their own. Baron threw a short 5-yard pass into the endzone to even the score at 7-7.

The Phoxes responded quickly, adding six more points when Mooney dropped back and found another receiver open in

the endzone. A quarterback sneak stretched the lead back to seven and put the Finest away.

With just seconds remaining in the half, it looked like Farley would be down by a single score, but the Phoxes wanted to insure their lead. On the first play of the drive, Mooney launched a deep pass for the game's final score, putting the Phoxes up 20-7 and sealing the game.

After such a high-powered first half, the two defenses came out strong after the break. Both defensive lines stuffed the opposing team's rushing attack and both secondaries provided excellent pass coverage.

Farley did make one final charge toward the goal line deep in the fourth quarter, but Finest comeback hopes vanished when Baron's pass was intercepted on the 5-yard line.

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Irish machine this season.

"He's one of those guys who doesn't start for us, but even if he doesn't start he's going to be a finisher," Brey said. "I think he's going to finish a lot of games."

The Knights stuck with Notre Dame for the first few minutes and trailed only 12-10 with 15:22 left in the first half. Then the Irish switched to a full court press and went on a 14-0 run over the next five minutes.

"We said we were going to try to get up into their guards, and the first couple times with

the full court, they panicked," Carter said. Carter scored 14 points on 5-of-11 shooting (2-of-4 from 3-point range). The senior guard also added five rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Notre Dame led 50-33 at halftime, but the Knights traded baskets with the Irish for most of the second half. With 3:22 left in the game, the teams had played to a 23-23 tie after the break.

"In the second half we got a little lackadaisical because we were up so many points," Carter said.

The Irish then went on a 12-1 run to end the game, capped by a dunk by freshman guard Joe Harden at the buzzer.

Kurz suffered his injury on

an elbow to the face from freshman forward Luke Harangody in practice. Irish coach Mike Brey said Kurz will return to practice Wednesday and is expected to play Friday in Notre Dame's regular season opener against IPFW wearing a protective mask.

"[Harangody's] gotten two noses and given [sophomore point guard] Kyle McAlarney stiches," Brey said of the physical freshmen. "I think his quota for noses might be about twenty this season, but I told him to get the rest of them in the Big East."

Monday was the second straight game that Zeller has finished with four fouls. Foul trouble kept him out of most of the Rockhurst game, but he

didn't get his fourth foul against Bellarmine until there were only four minutes left in the game.

"I didn't foul out so I'm not worried about it," Zeller said of the foul trouble. "I just need to adjust to how the refs are calling the game. I did a better job of that today than last week."

McAlarney was the third Irish player in double figures, scoring 11 points on 4-for-10 shooting. Freshman Tory Jackson — nine points on 1-of-5 shooting (7-of-10 from the free throw

line) — spelled McAlarney. The Irish as a whole took 30 shots from the charity stripe and made 21, including 16-for-22 in the first half. Bellarmine got to the line only 19 times, making 12.

Fresh off a 17-point outburst in his first collegiate experience against Rockhurst, Harangody added nine points and nine rebounds against the Knights, a bigger and stronger team than the Hawks.

"This team was definitely more physical than Rockhurst, which was good for us, especially our front line," the freshman said.

Notre Dame's regular season opener Friday against IPFW will tip-off at 8 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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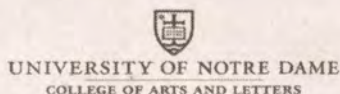
Mike Brey
Irish coach

Undergraduate Research in Arts and Letters: Funding Opportunities for Students

Thursday, November 9, 2006
119 O'Shaughnessy
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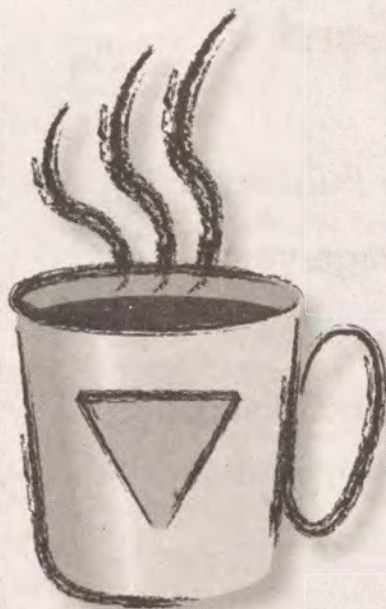
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♦ Irish guard Colin Falls scored just eight points on 2-of-3 shooting in 30 minutes. But Brey was not concerned with his senior's lack of attempts because of the way he played off the ball and how he contributed to the team's performance.

Brey has touted Falls early this season for being one of the smartest players he's coached at Notre Dame given his grasp of the system.

"I looked at the box score and said 'God, Falls only took three shots.' He just kind of flowed and fit in," Brey said. "Teams know about him as our returning guy, but if we can take what the D gives us and not force things, we'll like to have that."

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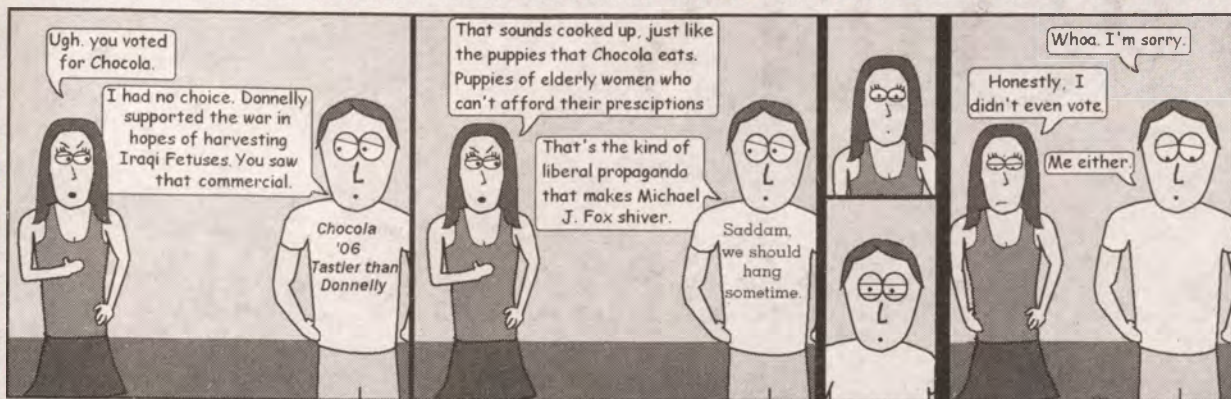
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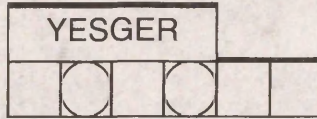
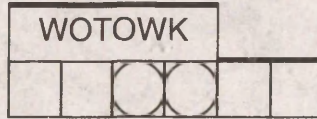
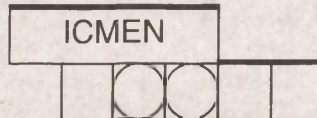
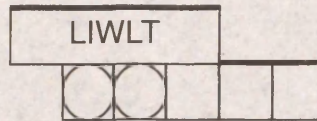
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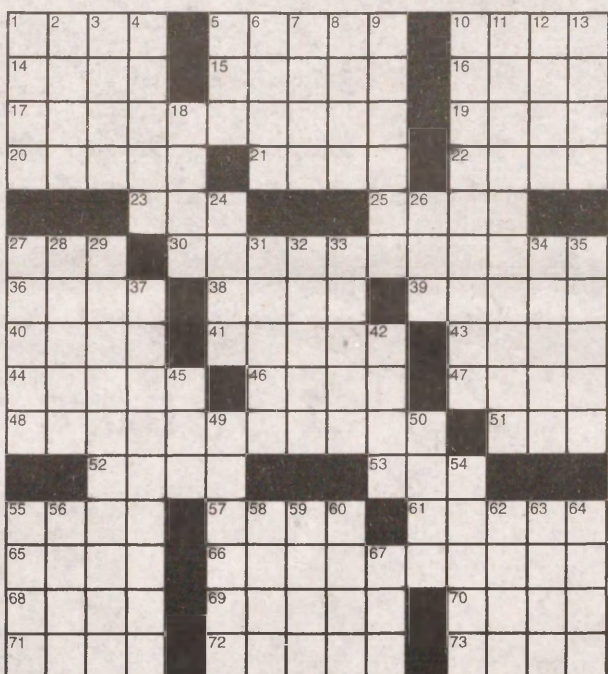
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 - 15 More like a wallflower
 - 16 After that ...
 - 17 The art of masonry, in Boston?
 - 19 Pucker-producing
 - 20 Adams who photographed Yosemite
 - 21 Electronic music pioneer Robert
 - 22 Comprehensive
 - 23 Bar total
 - 25 "My bad!"
 - 27 Recipe amt.
 - 30 Most revered person in the land, in Boston?
 - 36 Computer woe
 - 38 Pendulum paths
 - 39 Hang around
 - 40 La Scala highlight
 - 41 Cubs' homes
 - 43 Fuel that's shoveled
 - 44 Less desirable turkey parts
 - 46 Signature part: Abbr.
 - 47 "Cómo ___?"
 - 48 Saying hi to some food fish, in Boston?
 - 51 D.C. V.I.P.
 - 52 F.B.I. agent
 - 53 Director Craven
 - 55 Skipper's cry
 - 57 Skipper's direction
 - 61 Calculus calculation
 - 65 Eardrum-busting
 - 66 Finishing school for models, in Boston?
- DOWN**
- 1 LOL, spoken
 - 2 Unwrinkle
 - 3 The twist, once, and others
 - 4 Miniature map
 - 5 TV drama with multiple spinoffs
 - 6 "Um, pardon me ..."
 - 7 Spanish boy
 - 8 Like Erté's style
 - 9 Salem's home
 - 10 Sundance Kid's girlfriend
 - 11 "Yuck!"
 - 12 Detective Wolfe of fiction
 - 13 Animated bug movie of 1998
 - 18 Extended family
 - 24 Jezebel's idol
 - 26 Feedbag morsel
 - 27 Country singer's sound
 - 28 More ticked off
 - 29 Earn windfall profits, perhaps
 - 31 Wabash Cannonball, e.g.
 - 32 Cake topper
 - 33 "Hamlet" courtier
 - 68 "Animal House" party attire
 - 69 For crying out loud, e.g.
 - 70 Andy's sidekick, in old radio
 - 71 ___-dokey
 - 72 Most driver's ed students
 - 73 Database command
 - 59 Falco of "The Sopranos"
 - 60 Supply-and-demand subj.
 - 62 Office reminder
 - 63 Assistant with a hunch?
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 - 67 Sounds of meditation



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- 34 Use a soapbox
- 35 Bob who sang "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall"
- 37 Challenge from Dirty Harry
- 42 Tuck away
- 45 B & O stop: Abbr.
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The little bit of work you do today will pay off big-time in the future. By entertaining others you will put yourself in line for a new position. Serious talks will lead to a serious commitment. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything is changing. Keep yourself in the loop so you can take advantage of whatever opportunity opens up. Social events will bring you in contact with someone who can lead you in a prosperous direction. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Watch what you say to whom, especially at an emotional or personal level. You may get into trouble if you name-drop or exaggerate. Stick to basics and don't pretend you know more than you do. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): More is happening than meets the eye. Be prepared to take advantage of a very interesting proposal. Social events will take a surprising turn. Consider what you always wanted to do for a living and discuss how you can make it happen. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mind will be on your future and where you see yourself heading. Research what you must do to reach your objectives. A sudden change in your personal life may confuse you. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a hard time containing the way you feel. A chance meeting with someone from your past will be lead to an interesting option. Facing your past will allow you to move on. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be pulled in two different directions. It will be difficult for you to be logical about personal issues. Stop living a lie. Arguments will not solve your problem. A clean break is what it will take. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting involved in a community event or with neighbors will help you have a better understanding of what can be accomplished. An effort to make your environment better will lead to other possibilities. ****

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INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Headed to the House that Rock built

By BILL BRINK and COLIN REIMER
Sports Writers

Playoff games are won in the trenches, and O'Neill dug its trenches deep.

Both lines manhandled their Griffin opponents during the Mob's 12-0 victory over Stanford on Sunday to advance to Notre Dame Stadium for the Interhall championship game Nov. 19.

O'Neill started strong, putting together an 11-play, 65-yard drive that resulted in a five-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Stroh to receiver Alex Fortunato.

The scoring play was set up by a 34-yard completion from Stroh to receiver Nate Forte, who caught four balls for 94 yards, giving the Mob a first-and-goal on the five-yard line. Stroh praised the offensive line for its protection in the passing game.

"Our offensive line is great," said Stroh, who completed 12-of-16 passes for 147 yards with a touchdown and an interception. "I was confident that any

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GRETCHEN MOORE/The Observer

Mob receiver Nate Forte runs downfield past a Griffins defensive back in O'Neill's 12-0 win over Stanford Sunday. With the victory, O'Neill advanced to the Interhall title game against Morrissey Nov. 19.

By JOHN TIERNEY and KATE DONLIN
Sports Writers

Sometimes, even Whirlwinds get blown away.

Welsh Family's undefeated season was spoiled Sunday in a 21-0 loss to Pasquerilla West in the Interhall semifinals.

Behind two interceptions from defensive back Brigid Bulfin — one of which was returned 23 yards for a touchdown — and two touchdown passes from quarterback Cara Davies, the Purple Weasels were able to shut down the previously potent Whirlwinds.

After a slow start by both teams in the opening 11 minutes, Bulfin intercepted a Jenni Gargula pass on the Purple Weasel 12-yard line. The Pasquerilla West offense did not let her efforts go to waste.

After driving to the Whirlwind 21-yard line, Davies rolled to her right on fourth-and-1 and found receiver Maureen Spring at the 17-yard line. Spring spun away from two defenders imme-

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MEN'S SOCCER

No. 12 Irish ready for postseason play

Irish seeded twelfth in NCAA Tournament

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Twelve seems to be the number of the day for Notre Dame.

The No. 12 Irish were given the 12th seed in the NCAA Tournament when the brackets were announced late Monday afternoon.

By earning one of the 16 available seeds to the 48 teams in the tournament, Notre Dame will receive a first round bye, and it will play the winner of the match between No. 23 Illinois-Chicago and Western Illinois at home Nov. 15. The top four seeds in the tournament went to Duke (16-3-1), Wake Forest (15-3-3), SMU (17-1-4) and Virginia (14-3-1).

The Irish enter the NCAA Tournament with a record of 13-5-2 on the season, but they are coming off a loss in their last game — a 2-1 overtime defeat to Rutgers in the Big East quarterfinals. That game was played on

Oct. 28, meaning Notre Dame will have had almost three weeks without an official game by the time they take the field for its opening game of the NCAA Tournament.

Irish coach Bobby Clark is doing everything he can to make sure his team puts the extra time to good use.

"A break can make you rusty or it can make you sharp," Clark said. "It's up to myself and the staff to make sure that the break makes us sharp."

Senior co-captain Greg Dalby, who was named Big East midfielder of the year, feels that the team has benefited from the time off as it has allowed the Irish to recuperate.

"We took a couple of days off to decompress and just relax after the regular season," Dalby said. "It's very strenuous mentally, physically, and emotionally going through Wednesday-Saturday games almost the whole regular season, so we've just been laying low."

Notre Dame's opponent for its

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Zeller shines in preseason win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame jumped out to a 16-point lead early then coasted to an easy 85-57 win over Bellarmine Monday night at the Joyce Center in its second exhibition contest of the season.

"I think we did pretty well," Irish guard Russell Carter said. "We're moving, we're talking, and we're rebounding — that's a big difference from last year. We're just getting to the ball faster."

With junior forward Rob Kurz out with a broken nose, sophomore forward Luke Zeller stepped up in the post with 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting, nine rebounds and two blocks. Zeller led a balanced Irish attack that had three players in double figures and six players with eight or more points.

"Zeller is just getting more and more confident," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He's found a nice rhythm. We just have to keep working with him and keep him confident."

Sophomore forward Zach Hillesland took Kurz's place in the starting lineup, scoring



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Tory Jackson drives the lane past Bellarmine guard Matt Otte during Notre Dame's 85-57 win Monday.

seven points and tallying five assists, four rebounds, two steals and two blocks in 23 minutes.

"He's a heck of a basketball player," Brey said of Hillesland. "He's really good with the basketball. He can

rebound, pass, make the free throws, and get his hands on stuff."

Brey said Hillesland, who didn't play very much last year, will be a key cog in the

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