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'From Hell' is heaven sent

Movie critic Jude Seymour writes that the new Johnny Depp film "From Hell" is a great addition to the Halloween season.

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STUDENT SENATE

Committees discuss ongoing projects for year



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Dressed in Halloween costumes Wednesday, senators discussed their committee work and projects that will continue throughout the year.

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

With most senators in costume for Halloween, the Student Senate discussed several of its ongoing projects at its weekly meeting Wednesday night.

The Senate's committee on residence life wanted clocks added to classrooms in O'Shaughnessy Hall, according to committee co-chair Aldo Tesi, the senator from Stanford Hall. However, in a meeting with director of space management Joseph Schellinger, the committee learned that the University does not intend to put clocks in the building.

"They've tried having clocks in O'Shaughnessy in the past, and people were stealing them," Tesi told the senate.

However, Schellinger is considering added amenities such as pencil

sharpeners and three-hole punchers to different locations around campus, according to Tesi.

The Senate's University affairs committee met with another administrator, counseling center director Patrick Utz, said Zahm senator Mark Roland, one of the committee's co-chairs. In that meeting, senators and Utz discussed ways the Senate and the counseling center can work together to improve services.

"He was more than receptive," Roland said of Utz.

In other Senate news:

The Senate will hold its a round-table discussion tonight in both dining halls beginning at 5:30, announced Alumni senator Matt LaFratta. The topic of discussion will be dining hall issues, LaFratta added.

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Notre Dame plans benefit basketball game

Special to The Observer

University officials have announced that at the Nov. 28 Notre Dame-Army men's basketball game, a prostate cancer awareness group will use the event to bring attention to the disease.

At 7:30 p.m. at the game in the Joyce Center, representatives of the Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education Program will teach more about this type of cancer.

The event is organized by men's basketball team and coaches and the Management 231 class in the Mendoza College of Business. The class, a service learning course, is taught by faculty member Chuck Lennon.

At the event, representatives of Irishhealth, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Memorial Hospital, the Northern Indiana Cancer Research Consortium and local physicians will be available on the Joyce Center concourse before the game to answer questions and distribute information.

Men more than 50 years old may qualify for a free clinical trial program, Project Select, being conducted nationally. The project is sponsored by the United States Cancer Institute.

According to organizers the event has two key goals:

- ♦ to encourage men over 50 to have a regular prostate specific antigen test at their annual physical exam
- ♦ to promote awareness of prostate cancer and to encourage more open discussion of the disease.

The management class will wear special shirts to promote the event on the Monday and Wednesday prior to the game. The Notre Dame and Army basketball teams will wear special shirts during pre-game activities.

On Oct. 19, sports analyst Dick Vitale appeared in the management class to shoot a prostate awareness commercial.

NEW YORK ON THEIR MINDS



AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

Several members of the Notre Dame community attended the "Notre Dame Loves New York" forum Wednesday to talk about their feelings after having seen the attacked city for the first time last week's fall break.

INSIDE COLUMN

Irish fans are the best

This week I was reminded about how much I love Notre Dame football and its fans. Sure, we're in the middle of a season with more downs than ups, but I'd rather be "Gold and Blue through and through" than any other kind of college football fan.

My friends and I traveled up to Boston for the "Catholic Super Bowl" (or so it was called by the Boston College fans) to see our Irish take on the Eagles of Boston College. We had been lucky enough to get tickets and thought that we could sit in the BC student section without any trouble, like many of our friends who visit do here at Notre Dame. However, the assumption we made was proven wrong during halftime.

Bob Woods

Business Manager

The BC students had been yelling, cheering and booing like any group of fans would do during a game, when a Notre Dame student in the section took off his jacket and exposed his ND sweatshirt that he was wearing underneath.

The group of students around him began taunting, which is expected, but then they began physically pushing him and throwing food at him. I saw half-eaten pizza, full bottles of water and even a full tray of nachos being thrown or dumped on this Irish fan, all the while the BC fans are yelling obscenities and threats at him as well.

As I saw this unfold I was reminded of the Michigan State weekend earlier this year. I was at a "pre-game festivity" that was right next to a group of State fans. They had Spartan helmets, flags, and were cheering the "Go Green White" fight song of MSU the whole time; they were true State fans.

As the game approached, everyone began packing up, and a few of my friends and I talked to the obvious leader of this group of Spartan fans. He was a nice guy, shook all our hands and thanked us for being the "best group of home fans every time MSU plays Notre Dame." Apparently, Purdue fans had thrown food at them, and other schools had tried to start a fight with them.

We had cheered for our Irish just as loud as they cheered, and we respected their right to cheer on their own team.

Incidents like these prove me to more and more that coming to Notre Dame was the best choice I could have made. Many schools taunt other schools and talk about what's wrong with the other team; we simply talk about our own team and cheer them on.

My personal thought is that we at Notre Dame know that talking about what is wrong with others is the first sign of feeling inferior to them, and we are better than that. We respect other teams for what they are and have confidence in our team's ability and winning tradition.

So, no matter what the outcome of the rest of this season's games, cheer on our Irish and be proud of the fact that we go to the best football school in the nation. Go Irish!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The Observer published the incorrect date for the Baltimore Consort. The event is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., not Nov. 5. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday

◆ **Lecture:** "What's happened with Vicente Fox's Government?"
Sergio Aguayo, Hesburgh Center, 4:15 p.m.

Friday

◆ **Booksigning:** "Food Men Love," Margie LaPanja, Hammes Bookstore, 2-4 p.m.
◆ **Pep Rally:** Joyce Center Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

◆ **Recipe Tasting:** "Nutbread and Nostalgia," Junior League of South Bend, Hammes Bookstore 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday

◆ **Concert:** "Peter & the Wolf," South Bend Symphony Orchestra, O'Laughlin Auditorium

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Washington State murder suspect disappears

PULLMAN, Wash. Frederick David Russell, a 22-year-old Washington State University criminal justice student facing six felony charges, is still missing.

Russell was supposed to stand trial Monday morning for the deaths of three WSU students on State route 270 between Pullman and Moscow on June 4. He is facing three counts of vehicular manslaughter and three counts of vehicular homicide, and possibly could be looking at an additional felony charge, said Washington State Patrol Detective Ron Snowden.

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Washington state patrol detective

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A felony bench warrant for Russell was issued Friday afternoon after he failed to appear for a hearing in Whitman County Superior Court. The warrant was issued by Superior Court Judge David Frazier and

orders law enforcement agencies nationwide to hold Russell without bail.

At a hearing Tuesday morning, Frazier forfeited the bail posted for Russell last summer.

"Judge Frazier forfeited Russell's \$5,000 this morning at a hearing," said Jim Kaufman, prosecuting attorney for Whitman County. "His father, Greg Russell, is out the \$5,000 cash he posted in June to secure his son's appearance [at the hearing and trial], and since he did not appear, the \$5,000 has been forfeited."

Locating the whereabouts of Russell is a top priority for the Washington State Patrol.

"It's all I'm doing," Snowden said. "Right now it's a matter of getting the word out."

NORTHWESTERN U.

Law alumni stop donating

EVANSTON, ILL.

Five Northwestern University alumni told NU's office of annual giving on Tuesday they will stop donating to the university because of Law School professor Bernadine Dohrn's past involvement with a violent Vietnam-era protest group.

The five alums followed in the footsteps of New York attorney Sean O'Shea, who demanded the return of his \$1,000 contribution to the Law School after reading a July 16 New Yorker article about the Weatherman radical activist group. The article mentioned Dohrn, director of the Law School's Children and Family Justice Center.

O'Shea said Dohrn and her husband, fellow Weatherman member Bill Ayers, were quoted in the story in an "unapologetic fashion" as they refused to repent their past actions.

Dohrn and Ayers could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

U. PENNSYLVANIA

Class meets in secrecy

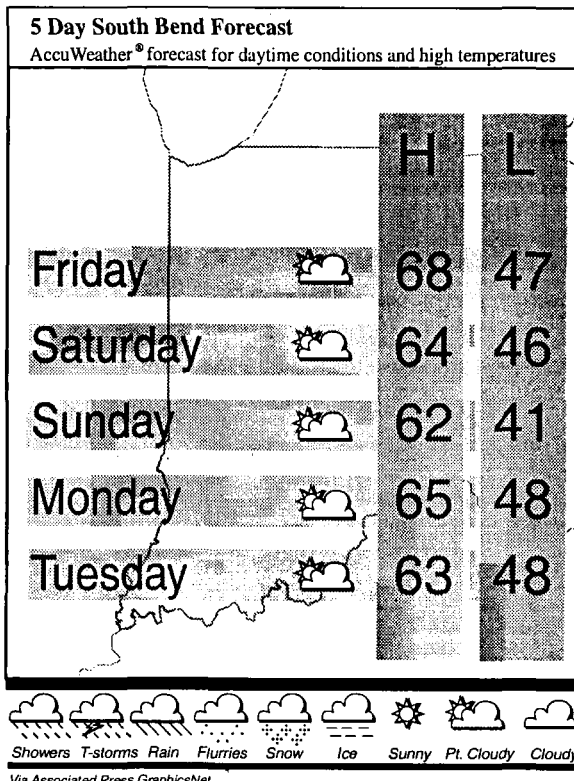
PHILADELPHIA

After several weeks of secrecy surrounding the location and content of James M. Wilson's preceptorial on human gene therapy at University of Pennsylvania, the 15 students registered for the noncredit class were escorted Tuesday night from a meeting place in Williams Hall to a previously undisclosed location in the Wistar Institute on 36th Street.

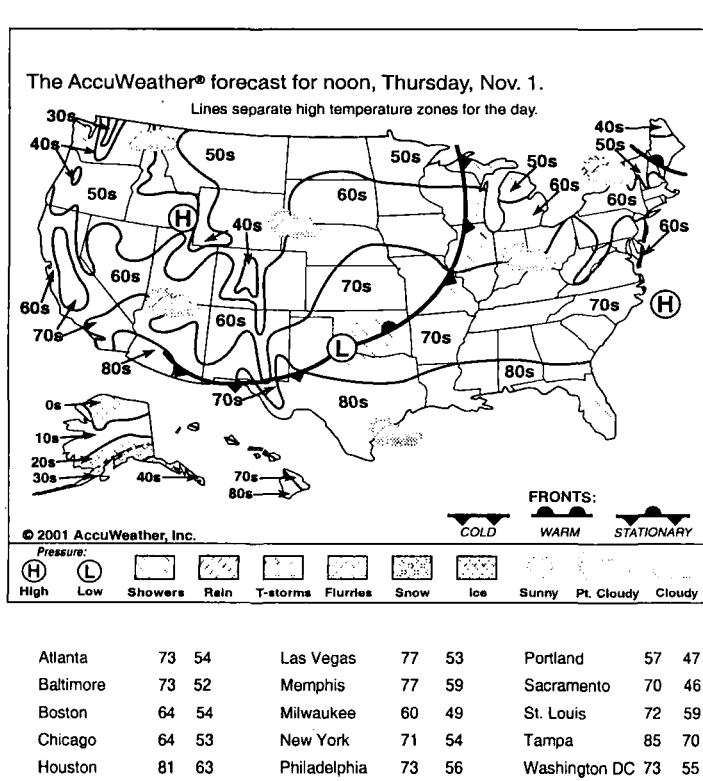
After consulting with Wilson, the preceptorial committee has taken several steps over the past few weeks to prevent The Daily Pennsylvanian from obtaining information about the class. In addition to refusing the DP admission to the class — and even the Wistar building — preceptorial board member Aaron Short requested students not speak to reporters afterward.

Wilson, once a shining star in the breakthrough field of gene therapy, garnered national media attention and criticism following the 1999 death of Jesse Gelsinger, an 18-year-old patient who died in a study headed by Wilson.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



House to vote on aviation measure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House leaders scrambled for votes Wednesday as a tight vote neared on the role of the federal government in ensuring the safety of the nation's airways.

The House is to decide Thursday between two aviation security bills: a mostly Democratic-backed bill that would make all airport screeners public employees and a mostly Republican-backed measure that would put the government in charge of screeners but leave screening duties largely in the hands of private workers.

The outcome was too close to call.

Seven weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks and with the holiday travel season approaching, lawmakers agreed on the urgency of passing a security bill and restoring the nation's confidence in the safety of air travel.

"The biggest thing that is interrupting our economy is fear, especially fear of getting onto airplanes," said Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

President Bush, who is actively lobbying for the House Republican bill, and congressional leaders pledged Wednesday to work through their differences and take quick action. "We're going to get

this done," said Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi.

The Democrats are behind a bill that is identical to legislation the Senate passed 100-0 on Oct. 11. Besides making airport screening a federal operations similar to customs or immigration work, it puts the Justice Department in charge of aviation security and takes steps to fortify cockpit doors, assign more air marshals to flights, expand anti-hijacking training for crews and inspect all carry-on and checked bags.

If the House accepts that bill, it would go directly to Bush. The White House has indicated he will sign it despite his reservations over the federal screener issue.

If the House Republican bill wins out, the issue goes to a House-Senate conference. House GOP leaders said they were confident they could quickly reach a compromise. While the two bills differ on the issue of screeners and the House bill keeps oversight of security within a new Transportation Department agency, they share many common objectives.

But unlike in the Senate, where Lott and other conservatives voted for the final bill despite reservations over federal screeners, the two parties remained deeply divided on the eve of the vote.

"There's a broad consensus that the current airline security system must be replaced," said Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the House's 3rd-

ranked Republican. But he said tough new standards "will turn out to be toothless" if the president isn't given the flexibility to choose the most effective security techniques and must adopt a new federal work force instead.

Democrats, in turn, said Republicans were succumbing to the lobbying efforts of the aviation security industry, which now supplies the 28,000 airport screeners through contracts with the airlines. They argue that private screeners are poorly paid and poorly trained and that screening should be performed by law enforcement officers.

Gephardt said DeLay and other opponents of their bill were determined to "get this bill into a conference that never ends."

President Bush is personally lobbying undecided lawmakers from both parties and the Justice Department this week released a letter stating that it was opposed to moving control of air security from the Transportation Department to Justice.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, the only Democrat in the Bush cabinet, was on Capitol Hill again Wednesday pushing the Republican approach. On Tuesday, Mineta said an "unacceptable" number of security breaches continue to occur at airports and he ordered immediate steps to tighten security.

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Dick Gephardt
U.S. Rep, D-Mo.



Lott

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. intensifies Kabul air strikes

Associated Press

BAGRAM

Thundering blasts, plumes of smoke and screaming warplanes over Taliban front lines north of Kabul on Wednesday testified to an intensifying U.S. air campaign to help the opposition oust Afghanistan's hardline Islamic militia.

In some of the heaviest bombing of the front lines yet, U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions north of the capital. Children and adults gaped at the skies, where U.S. planes — including B-52 bombers — roared throughout the day and into the night.

The northern-based opposition alliance has repeatedly called for more intense and frequent U.S. air raids against the front lines, where it claims the Taliban have fortified their positions.

It's not clear if the latest raids will satisfy the opposition, which is betting on breaking the Taliban front lines to advance on the capital and other key areas, such as the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Both U.S. and alliance officials say they're stepping up their coordination in the fight against the Taliban, which is under U.S. attack as punishment for harboring Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida terror network, accused of carrying out the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that a "very modest" contingent of U.S. soldiers was in northern Afghanistan advising the opposition, coordinating resupply and helping direct U.S. airstrikes on Taliban targets. A Pentagon spokesman, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, said Wednesday that B-52 bombers were in use against Taliban lines in the north and elsewhere.

On Wednesday, the sound of Taliban anti-aircraft fire echoed across the Shomali plain north of Kabul as American jets streaked across the sky. At one edge of the plain, in the foothills of the Safi Mountains, clouds of dust rose. Northern alliance soldiers said Taliban forces were moving their tanks in the area.

Australia

"the land down under"

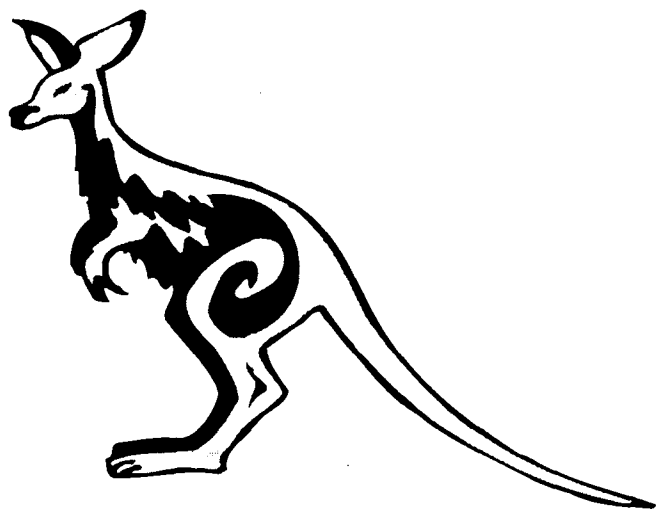
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Nation celebrates Halloween

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Roman Rheingans, a 12-year-old boy disguised in a black prince's robe and plastic crown, was the voice of reason this Halloween on Dixie Avenue.

His classmates worried that terrorists might time another strike in America for the ghoully holiday. So in addition to trick-or-treating in his Atlanta neighborhood, Roman spent the day calming their fears.

"My friends are scared," the boy said, suiting up before he gathered mounds of candy Wednesday night. "They're looking up to the sky, expecting to see some giant jumbo jet coming down to the ground."

It could have been any child, any neighborhood, on a Halloween night played out in the shadow of terrorism. The Sept. 11 attacks and lingering threat of anthrax left the nation struggling to redefine a children's holiday that makes light of fear.

Extra deputies patrolled the streets, and police promised harsh punishment for pranksters. Mothers and fathers combed through bags of candy with extra care. Some parents kept their children home altogether.

"There's a lot of copycat stuff out there," said Glenda Everett of Albany, N.Y., whose 5- and 11-year-old girls gave up the October ritual in favor of a quiet Halloween party. "I don't want to take a chance with my children."

In the Atlanta neighborhood of Inman Park, Roman and his friends trick-or-treated at houses where devilishly grinning jack-o-lanterns glowed in front of solemnly draped American flags.

For the boy, who says Halloween is "only bested by

Christmas" on his list of favorite holidays, the October ritual helped to restore a sense of normalcy.

"It does seem like there's a lot of people who are jittery," he said. "But we should go on with our lives. You might as well be happy, with a smile on your face and a bag of candy."

Down the street, two bulging bowls of sweets awaited at the home of Leigh Anne Godfrey, who said Sept. 11 has helped her appreciate her three children and special occasions like Halloween — and made her more careful.

"We're only going to neighborhoods that we know," she said. "We can always skip a house, and go to one where we feel more comfortable."

The country, forced to reconcile the good-natured scares of a typical Halloween with the still-new fear of post-Sept. 11 life, mixed its celebration with caution.

In Boston, Margarita Lebron chose to take her daughter and grandchildren to a Halloween party instead of trick-or-treating through the neighborhood.

"There's a lot of crazy people out there and you don't know what they're capable of doing, especially when everyone is dressed up and you don't know who they are," she said.

Malls throughout the country asked their customers not to

wear masks, and some banned toy weapons for the day. Off-duty police officers and firefighters from metro Minneapolis gave out candy at the Mall of America.

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Boston mother

Instead of sweets, Kristin Wyzik of Joplin, Mo., handed out homemade cards. They told trick-or-treaters Wyzik had donated the \$10 she would have spent on candy to a relief fund dedicated to children of Sept. 11 attack victims.

Patriotism was a popular theme on a Halloween that looked in many communities like the Fourth of July. At Western, Last-minute Co. in Los Angeles, last-minute shoppers seeking pro-America outfits were turned away.

"Anything we had in our warehouse that was red, white and blue is gone," company president Eddie Marks said. "Anything Uncle Sam is sold out."

Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, who had discouraged trick-or-treating this year, found himself defending his name against parents who accused him of canceling Halloween.

"What we said is that because law enforcement is being so incredibly taxed working every time somebody spills a Pixy Stix and thinks they've got anthrax, that we simply didn't have the law enforcement personnel to go and look at every sack of candy in Arkansas," the governor said.

In rural Taneytown, Md., population 5,200, an unofficial 20-year ban on Halloween festivities was lifted.

"Kids need some old-fashioned fun," said Naomi Lowenthal, the city's recreation director, who led the revival effort and urged parents to give candy to the town's children again. "Especially this year."

School applications bypass post office

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Erin Matthews grew up 15 miles from Princeton University, but decided just last week that it had everything she wanted in a college. Days before the early decision deadline, she hurried to complete the 31-page application.

Not confident about trusting her Ivy League dreams to a postal system beset by anthrax, college counselors hand delivered the application. Others were sent overnight, using private package-delivery companies.

"Had they sent it regular mail, we probably would have all panicked," said Matthews, 17, a senior at The Peddie School in Hightstown. "It's the next four years of your life — and whatever happens after that."

Princeton said it would accept applications even if they arrive weeks late as long as they're postmarked by Nov. 1. Anyone who recently mailed an application has been asked to fax the first four pages to the admissions office.

The stress of applying for college is even more acute in New Jersey, home to a regional mail facility that handled at least three letters contaminated with anthrax. It has been closed for testing and cleanup.

The post office serving Princeton shut down late last week after tests detected an anthrax spore on a mail bin.

"I thought, 'Uh oh. They're really going to get anxious and concerned,'" said Fred

Hargadon, Princeton's dean of admissions. "I mean, they get anxious and concerned about applying to college anyway."

Other colleges still don't know yet how their mail will be affected.

Some American University mail is processed by Washington, D.C.'s contaminated Brentwood facility. The university has received some mail, even though the facility is closed.

"We're unsure whether we're getting all our mail," university spokesman Todd Sedmak said. "We're definitely keeping an eye on it."

Rutgers University will ask guidance counselors to fax transcripts and is encouraging online applications, spokeswoman Sandra Lanman said.

Some schools and parents are concerned about SAT scores. Educational Testing Service, the company that administers the test, is headquartered in Princeton.

The College Board, the exam's New York-based owner, said in a statement that it has received nearly all score reports from October. It expects delays but no major problems.

Some parents from The Peddie School had offered to collect and mail applications in nearby Pennsylvania, but the school settled on using package-delivery companies.

"Then we don't have to worry about somebody else's mail system going down," college counselor Ted de Villafranca said. "And we don't have to worry about our mail getting stuck somewhere locally."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Experts examine Kursk sub:

Investigators trying to determine what triggered the explosions that sank the nuclear submarine Kursk are focusing on dents in its hull, a top Cabinet official said Wednesday as experts pulled out a 65th body from the wrecked vessel.

UK embryo cloning law challenged:

Anti-abortion campaigners launched a High Court battle Wednesday to overturn new regulations that allow the creation of cloned human embryos for medical research. In January, Britain's parliament passed regulations under the 1990 Human Fertilization and Embryology Act to legalize the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research, and, in a global first, permit cloning to create embryos for the research.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Former fugitive Olson pleads guilty:

Former Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive Sara Jane Olson pleaded guilty Wednesday to possessing bombs with intent to murder policemen during the violent era of the revolutionary group in 1975. The surprise plea came in an agreement which does not guarantee Olson a specific sentence. Her lawyers said they expected her to get about five years in prison, but the judge warned she could be sentenced to life behind bars.

Television psychic violates NY law:

The marketers behind television psychic Miss Cleo were accused Wednesday of violating New York's "Do Not Call" telemarketing law more than 100 times in the past seven months. C. Adrienne Rhodes, the executive director of the Consumer Protection Board, said Access Resource Services — also called the Psychic Readers Network (PRN) — may be subject to as much as \$224,000 in fines.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Anthrax found on postal equipment:

Trace amounts of anthrax spores were found on a piece of postal equipment sent to an Indiana postal maintenance facility from a contaminated mail processing center in Washington. Gov. Frank O'Bannon said that one positive test for a few anthrax spores had been found on equipment. "At this level of exposure, anthrax is not a threat to human health in Indiana," he told a news conference. "It did not handle any Indiana mail, so there is absolutely no reason for Hoosiers to be alarmed."

AFGHANISTAN



AFP PHOTO

Following four weeks of intense U.S. air strikes, Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, lies in ruins and the Taliban government offers to negotiate. Two Afghan boys stand in the rubble of a Kabul house following a U.S. air strike.

Taliban is willing to negotiate

Associated Press

KABUL

Four weeks into the U.S.-led air campaign, a senior Taliban official said Wednesday the ruling militia is willing to negotiate an end to the conflict. But he demanded proof of Osama bin Laden's involvement in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"That's the message for Americans," chief Taliban spokesman Amir Khan Muttaqi said.

"We do not want to fight," Muttaqi told The Associated Press. "We will negotiate. But talk to us like a sovereign country. We are not a province of the United

States, to be issued orders to. We have asked for proof of Osama's involvement, but they have refused. Why?"

"All one has to do is watch television to find Osama bin Laden claiming responsibility for the Sept. 11 bombings. There is no question of responsibility. There is no question of the responsibility of the Taliban, and there's no question of what they should do," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The United States has repeatedly said that the demand to surrender bin Laden and his lieutenants in the al-Qaida network is

not negotiable, and waves of bombers have pounded the capital and other cities.

During the interview, Muttaqi, who also is education minister, exuded confidence, arguing in effect that Afghanistan's weakness was its strength. U.S. bombing, he maintained, will not crack the Taliban, which claims no senior figure in its movement was killed in the four-week campaign.

If there were no negotiations, Muttaqi, along with other Taliban leaders, indicated that the war would turn into a conflict on the ground in which the Taliban would prevail — as the Afghans did against the

Soviets in the 1979-1989 war.

Kabul, the capital, lies largely in ruins, destroyed by an earlier civil war. The estimated 1 million people are mostly those too poor to flee.

"America, what do you want to do?" Muttaqi said. "Don't make Muslims everywhere angry. Muslims have no problem with Americans. It is American policy they disagree with. America should not oblige thousands and thousands of Muslims the world over to feel for the victims of the bombing because they will cause more trouble for America."

Market Watch October 31

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INTEL CORP (INTC)	+3.74	+0.88	24.42
NEXTCARD INC (NXCD)	-83.74	-4.48	0.87

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A New York woman died of inhalation anthrax on Wednesday, the fourth person to perish in a spreading wave of bioterrorism. A co-worker underwent tests for a suspicious skin lesion, heightening concern the disease was spreading outside the mail system.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "I have no progress to report" in identifying the culprits or preventing further attacks.

"I think for the American people it's

frightening, it's scary," conceded White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, as authorities also reported a new suspected case of skin anthrax involving a New Jersey postal worker and closed the facility where he works.

Authorities expressed particular concern over the early morning death of Kathy T. Nguyen, a 61-year-old Vietnamese immigrant who lived alone in the Bronx and worked in a small Manhattan hospital. Doctors sedated her and put her on a ventilator after she checked into a hospital three days ago, and officials said she had been too sick to assist them in

their investigation.

The woman worked in a basement supply room that had recently included a mailroom, but there were no reports of suspicious letters or other obvious cause for alarm — a sharp contrast to other cases in which tainted mail has been linked to the disease.

At the White House, Fleischer told reporters that a co-worker of Nguyen at the Manhattan Eye Ear and Throat Hospital had reported a skin lesion that raised concern. Tests are being done. The tests were just undertaken, and so there's nothing even preliminary to report," he said.

N.Y. anthrax victim is fourth overall

SAUDI ARABIA

Blair takes peace effort to Saudis

Associated Press

RIYADH

British Prime Minister Tony Blair took his Middle East peace mission to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday after an overnight visit to Syria that highlighted deep differences in the international campaign against terrorism.



Blair

Syrian President Bashar Assad gave no indication that he was prepared to restrain violent Palestinian groups that operate from his territory. Syria, which remains on the State Department list of countries that sponsor terrorism, has long argued that Palestinians have the right to use force in opposing Israel's occupation.

"Resisting occupation is an international right," Assad told a news conference with Blair following their private talks at the hilltop presidential palace in Damascus.

"An act of resistance is different from an act of terrorism," Assad said.

Assad also criticized the military campaign in Afghanistan, where Britain so far is the only nation to join the United States in its bombing campaign.

"We cannot accept what we see on the screen every day — hundreds of innocent civilians dying," Assad said.

Assad was apparently referring to the extensive television footage of civilian casualties in Afghanistan aired every day by many of the Arab world's stations. However, figures cited by these stations are nowhere near as high as the hundreds of daily casualties that the Syrian leader suggested.

The Taliban claimed Wednesday that a total of 1,500 people had been killed so far in the air campaign. The Pentagon has accused the Taliban of inflating civilian casualties, and says civilians are not intentionally targeted.

Despite Assad's uncompromising words, British officials pronounced themselves satisfied with the first official visit to Syria by a British prime minister.

"Have we opened a bridge of dialogue? I think we have," said a senior British official who spoke to reporters during the flight to Saudi Arabia on condition of anonymity.

Canadian Foreign Minister John Manley said he also failed in a meeting Monday to convince Assad and other Syrian officials to rein in anti-Israel militants.

"They did not take any responsibility for any groups that use violence in order to achieve political objectives, and from that point of view, it was not a satisfactory meeting," Manley said Wednesday in Jerusalem.

Blair said Britain was seeking a lasting cease-fire in the Israeli-Palestinian fighting to create a base of calm for serious peace negotiations. "Violence from whatever quarter is deeply unhelpful," he said.

He flew to Jordan, later Wednesday for a meeting with King Abdullah, and was to continue onto Israel the next day. Israeli and Palestinian leaders have said they will meet with Blair on Thursday.

"What I will be saying in Israel tomorrow is that we have to get the process going again," he told Middle East Broadcasting in Riyadh.

He added: "We all want to see an end to the violence, the injustice and the poverty that is there."

Wednesday appeared to be a difficult day for Blair, and his official spokesman evaded a question about whether anyone during the day had endorsed the U.S.-led military strikes in Afghanistan.

The spokesman would say only that Blair heard strong condemnation of the terrorist strikes and endorsement of the goal of eliminating terrorism.

British officials said before arriving in Damascus that they had been encouraged by Assad's condemnation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. They also sensed new possibilities with Assad, 35, who studied ophthalmology in London before being groomed to succeed his father, Hafez Assad, who died last year.

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Military action to go into winter

Associated Press

LONDON

The U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan will continue through winter into next spring, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott said Wednesday, and the opposition said the government was not doing enough to shore up public backing for the war.

Prescott made his comments during a question and answer session with lawmakers in the House of Commons, sitting in for Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is in the Middle East.

"We will now begin the steady progress over the winter, building up to the spring of next year, of fragmenting, undermining and eventually destroying the Taliban regime as a serious force capable of inflicting any more damage on their country and the outside world," Prescott said.

Blair's Downing Street office later said no timetable had been put on military operations in Afghanistan, although the Prime Minister's

official spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "It is not going to be done over three weeks."

Prescott's comments came after Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon, in Washington for talks with his U.S. counterpart Donald Rumsfeld, admitted the imminent onset of winter in Afghanistan, could limit military options.

"The weather is closing in. It does limit the opportunity of certain kinds of operations," Hoon told Sky News.

The United States has said there is no timetable for completing the campaign, which began with aerial bombardment launched Oct. 7. It aims to uproot the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden — the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States — and punish Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia for harboring him.

Recent polls have shown that while a majority of Britons still support the war, support has dipped. Before leaving for the Middle East,

Blair on Tuesday exhorted Britons to remember the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and remain resolute in the conflict.

The head of the opposition Conservative party, Iain Duncan Smith, criticised Blair on Wednesday, saying the prime minister has failed to communicate clear aims for the campaign and appears "to be losing the battle for the hearts and minds of the British people."

Duncan Smith has supported the government's overall conduct of the war but said mixed messages from government and military officials have led to public confusion and unease.

"Even those who have supported military action from the outset are beginning to ask what our real objectives are and whether we are going about securing them in the right way," he wrote in an article for the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"Recently it has failed to get the message across that there has to be a clear connection between a defined set of war aims and the current military action," he said.

Speaking to the British Broadcasting Corp., the opposition leader emphasized he still strongly supports Blair.

"I think the actions he's taken are correct, I think the prosecution of the war is correct," he said.

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Bush pushes economic plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Bush sought to break a Senate logjam Wednesday by urging lawmakers to pass an economic stimulus package of mainly tax cuts before November's end. The Senate's top Democrat insisted there would be no deal without broad assistance for laid-off workers.



Bush

Bush told a group of business leaders that Wednesday's report of a drop in the nation's gross domestic product was the latest sign of economic weakness made worse by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's time for our government to act in a positive and constructive way," the president said. "The Congress needs to pass a stimulus package and get it to my desk before the end of November."

The plan should be mostly tax cuts because lawmakers already have approved \$55 billion in spending since Sept. 11, Bush said. He repeated his four cornerstone proposals: acceleration of tax cuts set to take effect in the future; a new round of rebate checks for people left out of the first batch; repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax; and greater expensing write-offs for business investment.

"I caution the Congress not

to overspend," Bush said. "The temptation is to fund everybody's good idea. And my attitude is that our money ought to be focused and effective."

A leading Democratic plan contains some of Bush's tax elements but also includes expansion of unemployment benefits and a federal match for COBRA health insurance policies available to the jobless. Bush and House Republicans, who pushed through a \$100 billion plan last week, favor grants to states that could be used to help laid-off workers.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters that the GOP approach on unemployment would not pass the Democratic-led Senate.

"We will fight with all that we've got to ensure that the unemployment compensation and health benefits are covered in any economic plan that the Congress passes," Daschle said.

At the same time, there was "general agreement" among Senate Democrats after a closed-door meeting Wednesday to attach up to \$20 billion in spending for homeland security and infrastructure to the stimulus plan, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus.

Baucus, D-Mont., said he hoped to schedule a committee vote next Tuesday on the stimulus package, with or without an agreement with Republicans.

Baucus has outlined a \$70 billion proposal that would extend unemployment benefits by 13 weeks, provide a 50 percent federal match for

COBRA health insurance policies and allow more workers to qualify for Medicaid — along with \$35 billion in tax cuts.

Bush told congressional leaders he wants lawmakers to hold overall spending to limits of \$686 billion that was agreed on several weeks ago, and stuck to that message in an afternoon meeting with House and Senate Republicans.

"He made very, very clear that 686 was a number written in stone," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

Participants agreed that the spending limits should be obeyed, including vetoing any legislation that surpassed those limits, said people familiar with the meeting who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mitch Daniels, White House budget director, said, "Ideas beyond the deal we have are unnecessary, unwise and they will not happen."

Daniels did not rule out considering additional spending early next year.

"We're in a war, so we can't rule out anything," Daniels said.

Daschle, however, told reporters that those limits were reached when "there was no real appreciation for the extraordinary needs we face as a country."

Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said the White House budget office was rejecting spending plans from agencies "that ought to be funded immediately if we're really interested in providing homeland security."

Internet may help civic participation

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Internet may help reverse a decades-long decline in civic participation, particularly among younger adults, a survey from the Pew Internet & American Life Project suggests.

The study released Wednesday did not attempt to determine whether such a reversal had taken place yet.

"One of the big concerns that have existed since the mid-1960s is that young people were withdrawing from civic life," said Lee Rainie, the project's director. "It was just striking to see this technology that is enormously popular with young people is a vehicle by which they are engaging in the community at some level."

Overall, 84 percent of Internet users in the United States have used the Internet to contact or get information from a group.

Rainie acknowledged some of the groups "are pretty frivolous, built around rock stars or popular TV shows or sports teams." Still, he said, younger adults initially drawn by hobby or fan groups later migrate to other online communities.

Professional and hobby groups were the most popular, each used by 50 percent of

Internet users. Sports fan groups followed at 31 percent. Entertainment fan groups were used by 29 percent of users, as were local community groups or associations. Other popular groups revolved around lifestyles or medical conditions.

Totals exceed 100 percent because users can belong to multiple groups. The average was four.

More than half of participants joined a group after an initial contact over the Internet, while 40 percent said they became more involved with groups they were previously involved with offline.

Half of the group participants said they got to know people they would not have met otherwise, including those of different generational, racial, ethnic or economic backgrounds.

The survey was based on telephone interviews with 3,002 adults, including 1,697 Internet users, between Jan. 17 and Feb. 11. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The study, whose release was delayed by the Sept. 11 terror attacks, did not extensively cover participation in groups since then.

"Since Sept. 11, ... a lot of people have discovered the virtues of the Internet in ways they weren't aware of," Rainie said. "My guess is these numbers would show up even

"One of the big concerns that have existed since the mid-1960s is that young people were withdrawing from civic life."

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School crime drops in four-year period

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

School crime dropped slightly between 1995 and 1999, with the proportion of students saying they were victims of crimes dropping to one in 12, the government says.

More students feel safe at school as well, according to a report released by the Education and Justice departments. The percentage of students who say they were threatened with a weapon at school stayed about the same.

Attorney General John Ashcroft called the results heartening, but said more needs to be done.

"Our schools should be a haven for our young people where they can learn without fear of violence," he said.

Education Secretary Rod Paige said the report offered evidence that efforts by communities, schools, law enforcement officials and religious and other organizations can lead to drops in school violence.

The annual report said the percentage of students 12 and older who said they were victims of thefts, assaults or threats at school dropped from 10 percent in 1995 to 8 percent in 1999. The largest drop came for students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Figures for 11th-graders were unchanged at 7 percent.

The percentage of students who reported street gangs in their school fell by nearly half, from 29 percent in 1995 to 17 percent in 1999. Also, fewer students said they feared being attacked or hurt at school and fewer said they avoided places on campus because they considered them unsafe.

But the percentage of high school students who said they'd been threatened or injured with

a weapon in 1999 — 8 percent — was the same as in 1995. The percentage of high school students who said they'd carried a weapon at school in the past 30 days dropped from 10 percent in 1995 to 7 percent in 1999.

Thirty percent of students said drugs were available on campus — 2 percent fewer than in 1995.

Ken Trump, a Cleveland school safety consultant, said school officials have been doing a better job in recent years of balancing prevention programs and crime intervention. But he said the dropping crime statistics may not be entirely accurate, a notion supported recently by a school police officers' group.

An Oct. 5 survey by the National Association of School Resource Officers found

that 84 percent of officers said crime on campus is underreported to police. Curt Lavarello, the group's executive director, said principals are often pressured to minimize crime statistics at their school. As a result, he said, they often refer to assaults simply as fights or thefts as missing property — even when \$150,000 worth of equipment disappears.

Lavarello also questioned the government report's assertion that 43 percent of schools reported no crimes to police in 1996-1997.

"I've yet to meet the school administrator who has zero crime," he said.

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Bush steps up effort to inform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House is intensifying its information war, sending officials to London and Pakistan to counter the Taliban's anti-American statements and to explain the anti-terrorism fight to foreign audiences.

The effort, run by one of President Bush's top advisers, comes as Bush prepares for speeches and events next week to bring Americans up to date on the bombing in Afghanistan and the fight against anthrax at home.

The two separate endeavors reflect a desire by Bush and his team to improve their public relations operation amid increasing questions about the Afghanistan war and the government's response to the anthrax scares.

Karen Hughes, counselor to the president, said military officials, diplomats and communications specialists from the administration will be dispatched to Pakistan and a White House aide will go to London to broaden the public relations campaign. They will respond to news developments and plot long-term communications strategies that bolster the coalition's image.

"This will allow us to respond more frequently to misinformation put out by the Taliban there. For example, the false claims that they shot down a

helicopter, the false claims that they shot down aircraft, the false claims that they captured Americans," Hughes said.

"Because of the time differences, sometimes those claims are reported for hours while we're asleep in Washington. Much of the world has heard those claims before we respond," she said.

"This also allows us to proactively do a better job of getting our message out to the world about what the war on terrorism is all about," she said.

Hughes has begun chairing a team of communications specialists from the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, the National Security Council and the British government. They are devising strategies for disseminating the U.S.-led coalition's message to the world.

Bush adviser Karl Rove and Mary Matalin, adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, are part of the strategy team, which will hold daily conference calls. Jim Wilkinson, a communications specialist and Navy reservist who works for Hughes, will run the new communications headquarters in an office building adjacent to the White House.

One idea is to organize speeches in the region that highlight U.S. humanitarian efforts and make the case — oft repeated by Bush — that the United States is fighting terrorists, not the Muslim religion. Hughes said she also would like

to get out the word to Muslims that many of their clerics denounce terrorism.

The effort stems from a conversation Bush had with Hughes shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York. He asked her to think of ways the White House could counter anti-American sentiments in the Muslim world.

As a result of that conversation, Bush has urged American children to donate \$1 to Afghanistan children and has urged children from both nations to become pen pals. He also has met with Muslim leaders.

Separately, White House officials say the president will soon become more involved in explaining his views to the American public. Since his address to Congress last month, Bush has let his Cabinet and top advisers do the bulk of the information

work, particularly on the anthrax cases.

Aides say he hasn't felt compelled to respond to every development in what promises to be a long war with many casualties, including U.S. civilians.

Bush is working on several events next week to put his anti-terrorism campaign into a broader context, including the military and homeland defense components, aides said. The events will serve as a runup to his two-day United Nations visit.



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Associated Press

LONDON Virgin Atlantic airlines unveiled its first bulletproof cockpit door Wednesday on a jumbo jet renamed "The Spirit of New York" to honor the thousands killed in the World Trade Center attack. Airline chairman Sir Richard Branson called the armor-plated door a "necessary safety change" after the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that destroyed the twin towers and part of the Pentagon. The door is designed to withstand small-arms fire and intense heat and shock,

with a digital lock and a steel deadbolt.

Virgin's entire fleet will undergo the upgrade at a cost of \$1 million, an airline spokesman said.

Virgin flight crews are being trained by British special forces in an effort "to make sure that what happened in the U.S. does not happen here," Branson added.

The first plane refitted with the door is a Boeing 747, renamed "The Spirit of New York," scheduled to ferry British emergency workers to New York to help in the recovery effort.

British Airways announced Tuesday that cockpit doors on

all 340 of its jets will be fitted with a full-length metal armor plate.

But the union representing airline pilots said it was concerned about the new security measures.

"British pilots have long believed that locked cockpit doors are not the answer..."

**Christopher Darke
British Air Line Pilots Association**

the threat of hijacking," said Christopher Darke, general secretary of the British Air Line Pilots Association. "After all, the cockpit doors on the four airliners taken by the terrorists on Sept. 11 were all locked."

Saudis issue order freezing terrorist assets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Saudi government has issued an order to freeze assets of people and groups suspected of links to terrorism, cooperating with the U.S. campaign to disrupt terrorist financing, Bush administration officials said Wednesday.

President Bush has ordered the freezing of U.S. assets of 66 individuals and organizations suspected of conducting or financing terror.

The U.S. government is in a delicate situation in its relationship with Saudi Arabia. The longstanding ally sometimes seems reluctant to be a full partner in the U.S.-organized anti-terror coalition.

Saudi Arabia is believed to be the home of at least half of the suicide hijackers and other suspects in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was pleased with the Saudi order. "Everything we have asked them to do they have done," he said at the State Department.

If the United States needs more from the Saudis it will ask, Powell said.

The information about Saudi Arabia came as a 29-nation task force, which had met in a two-day emergency session in Washington, announced it had adopted measures to disrupt terrorists' financing.

The measures include imposing anti-money-laundering requirements on nonbank financial systems, such as the informal "hawala" network of money brokers believed to be used by the al-Qaida network of Islamic militant Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The actions by the task force

"could potentially save thousands of lives," said Jimmy Gurule, the Treasury undersecretary for enforcement.

He said they show "the kind of cooperation and international teamwork necessary to shut down those who perpetrate acts of terror against us and other law-abiding nations."

The group does not plan to discuss until June, however, possible penalties against countries that fail to cooperate in the effort against terrorist financing.

Saudi Arabia "has cooperated" with the U.S. financial action against terrorism and has issued an order to block the assets, Gurule said.

Asked whether the Saudi government had actually blocked assets, Gurule replied, "I think what's most important is cooperation." In some cases, it may be more desirable to keep bank accounts open and monitor them as part of an investigation, he said.

Treasury officials say 152 countries have pledged cooperation with the U.S. effort. Of those, 81 have issued asset blocking orders, including Saudi Arabia.

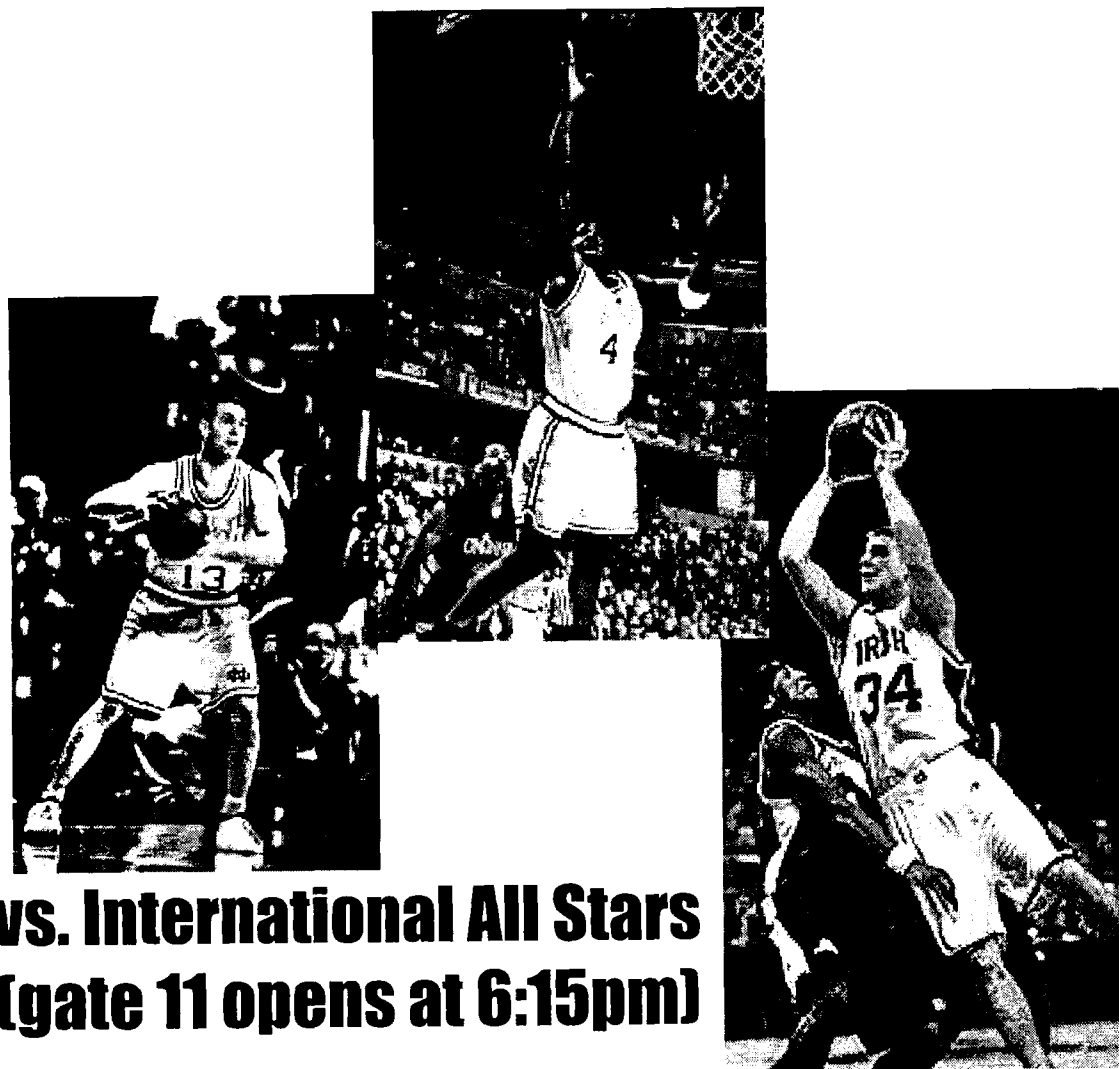
The orders freeze the assets and prohibit citizens of those countries from doing business with the named individuals and organizations.

An official said Wednesday that the Gulf Cooperation Council, of which Saudi Arabia is a member, had said in mid-October that its member nations were issuing blocking orders.

The U.S. list of terrorist-linked individuals and organizations includes Yasin al-Qadi, who heads the Saudi-based Muwafaq ("Blessed Relief") Foundation, which U.S. officials describe as an al-Qaida front that transfers millions of dollars from wealthy Saudi businessmen to bin Laden, a Saudi exile.

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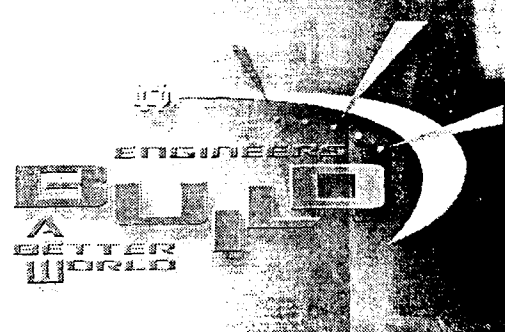


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VIEWPOINT

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Stalking football players is all about love

I've never been one of those girls who fixates on athletes. I'd say the closest I've ever come was a reasonably strong desire to meet Joey Getherall last year because I was so amused by the fact that he was 5-foot-8 or something and played college football. I'm 5-foot-1, so I have a special place in my heart for short guys.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again

Overall, I've just never been that into the football team as guys are. I'm glad they are, but I'm not out to date them. I've heard girls joke about trying to date all the football players, but if I was going to pick a group of guys to date all of, I'd probably pick the Glee Club. Guys who sing, that's for me.

Nevertheless, I'm aware that I'm a very small minority (it's pretty much just me) when it comes to appreciating men who sing. Most women are all about athletic guys. In fact, there's a particular football player on campus — we'll call him, oh, how about "Bocky," a purely fictional name — who seems to have inspired quite a female following.

I know two girls, one junior and one freshman, who are fixated on Bocky. Last year, the junior, Marie, was completely terrified of Bocky. He's sort of big, as most football players are, and bears a striking resemblance to a certain group of ancient warriors, who may or may not be the Vikings.

She spent the first half of the season last year terrified of our Bocky. She'd tell me

every time she saw him, along with a description of the abject terror she had felt. But somehow, as happens to so many people, her terror morphed into a strong desire to marry Bocky and bear his children.

In about three days she went from a strong desire to run whenever she saw Bocky to a strong desire to invite him back to her room. This led to a number of strange behaviors on her part.

A possible example may be that one of the Irish Insiders last year may have had Bocky on the front, which may have led to her creating Bocky shrines, one inside and one outside her room.

This was sort of interesting, because Bocky's girlfriend at the time may have lived in the same dorm she did, leading Marie to fervently pray she would never walk by her shrine. How exactly does one explain that to an irritated girlfriend?

This also led to a disruption in our timing for dinner. The football team ate dinner at 6:45 p.m. last year, I think, which meant we had to, too. This, of course, was to increase the likelihood of a Bocky sighting for the day, a ploy which was usually successful. Plus, we got to find out every day what Bocky was having for dinner, and if that's not interesting, then what is?

It's particularly fun when Marie eats dinner at the same time as the football players but with people other than me. I'm used to rearranging my life around Bocky, but other people are generally less so. The other day, Marie met a nice new boy at dinner with friends.

She then proceeded to force him to

switch her places at the table so she'd have a better view of Bocky. Then Bocky went to get some ice cream, and Marie forced this nice, new boy to escort her to the ice cream machine. She did this solely to be near Bocky, and she didn't actually get any ice cream. This nice new boy thinks she's crazy.

My freshman friend with the Bocky obsession this year appears to have read the same "How to Stalk Football Players" book that my friend Marie did. She knows not only when the football players eat dinner, but also when and where Bocky eats lunch.

She has a collection of Bocky pictures in her room. She also knows a guy who went to high school with Bocky. She swears that she's not friends with this guy simply because he vaguely knows Bocky, but she will admit that it was the reason she got to know him.

My two friends haven't met yet, but I told them about each other. Marie, smiling but with steel in her eyes, instructed me to tell my freshman friend that she was welcome to appreciate Bocky, but that she, Marie, would beat her up is she tried to take Bocky from her.

My freshman friend responded that she could take Marie. They both laugh, of course, but their eyes are not amused. I'd suggest they start a fan club, but I think it would just lead to physical violence, which wouldn't be right at all. While football's supposed to be about physical violence, stalking football players is all about love.



Marlayna Soenneker is a junior psychology major. Marlayna would like to assure "Bocky" that neither of her friends is at all dangerous in any way. Her column appears every other Thursday. She can be reached at msoennek@nd.edu.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One issue is sufficient

Let me get this straight — because children are starving, usually because of wars and vicious regimes about which the average man, especially in another country, can do nothing, and non-O.J. murderers are executed, ostensibly for public safety, though I agree that argument is less and less valid by the day, then the rest of us have no right to proclaim the humanity — and the right not to be brutally destroyed — of unborn children?

So because cruel foreign dictators and merciless judges have the power to ruin lives, pro-lifers should not have the right to protest infanticide?

Moreover, unless you do something about other crimes, you have no right to speak about abortion? I suppose also that nobody has a right to study chemistry who does not also study astrology. Maybe supermen like John Little can solve all problems at once, but for most of us one is enough.

Should we blame Mother Teresa for helping the poor, while she neglected the American war on drugs? What about Dr. King — he bravely helped secure the rights of his people, but was he not awful quiet about saving the whales?

Do everything or do nothing seems to be the point Mr. Little wants to communicate. Well, just for the record, pro-lifers as a whole do go out of their way to help poor young mothers and the poor of all stripes, as well as praying to end the death penalty.

Get to know some active pro-lifers, not those who merely say they are. Mr. Little, and hopefully you will change your tune. They themselves will tell you they could never do enough, but you will see they are doing their best.

Benjamin Thomas Remmert
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Oct. 30, 2001

Rethink policy on sexual assault accusations

Notre Dame, which until recently I have always been nothing but proud to be affiliated with, should rethink its policies on dealing with cases of sexual assault for the benefit of all students, regardless of gender.

Due to an unfortunate situation of late regarding a fellow member of the Notre Dame family, of which I have regrettably been made aware, I feel sickened by the lack of justice that our present system provides.

It is terribly unfortunate how easily it can be overlooked that females are not always the only victims of sexual misconduct. It is even more disheartening to see that this misconception is consciously promoted here at Notre Dame.

The truth is that males too can suffer from the inequities surrounding a case of sexual assault, especially in an environment where young men are looked upon as criminals forced to defend themselves from crushing allegations, no matter how absurd or unfounded they may be.

Here at Notre Dame individuals are guilty until proven innocent of sexual misconduct. Even in a case with absolutely no concrete evidence, the accused will immediately be found at fault.

This means that any student, male or female, may accuse another student of sexual assault on the slightest impulse, for whatever reason, and this accused student could be found guilty regardless of the evidence or lack thereof.

Sexual assault is undoubtedly one of the most dreadful crimes, and false accusations serve nothing but to denigrate its significance. I cannot imagine what it must be like to be a woman who has been a victim of sexual assault.

I fully agree with Notre Dame's placing strong emphasis against sexual misconduct as they do. It is important to create and nurture an environment where a young woman can feel comfortable coming forward with such awful charges. The problem lies, however, in the subsequent trial process of the accused.

One might be under the impression that a situation

such as this would never occur, where an individual creates false allegations in order to appear victimized.

I mean what kind of vindictive, manipulative human being would be capable of such a blatantly wrong act as accusing someone of such a farce? You'd be shocked.

It is far too easy for someone to wake up the morning after a night of drunken debauchery and place the blame for their irresponsible actions on the individual with whom they just had seemingly consensual relations.

The American society in which we live is one based on freedom, liberty and natural human rights. Notre Dame's "witch-hunt" tactics of placing the burden of proof on the accused are not merely completely unjust but un-American and un-Christian as well.

Instead, a thorough investigation must be conducted by Notre Dame to fully understand the situation, including delving into the character of each party involved, and find out what exactly went on.

The stakes are much too high in cases such as these for uninformed decisions based on hearsay and conjecture. It is much too easy for innocent students with bright promising futures to be victimized by dishonest individuals who can't come to terms with their own promiscuity.

Finally, cases such as these where sexual misconduct is pinned upon innocent young men serve to cheapen the words of women who truly have been victimized by sexual assault.

An individual who comes forward with charges of sexual assault is less likely to be believed if it is widely known that innocent people have often times been found guilty of similar charges.

The present procedure of handling cases of sexual assault is a shameful blemish on Notre Dame's otherwise untarnished standard of excellence.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Jack the Ripper goes to 'Hell'

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

"From Hell," the latest film to deal with the murders committed by Jack the Ripper, is based on a detailed comic book written by Alan Moore that reads as a revisionist history of the famous East End strangler. Moore saw himself as an artist rather than a historian, consequently taking historical fact and blending it with fictions of the imagination to concoct a new identity for the killer.



Johnny Depp investigates the Ripper murders in The Hughes Brothers' period thriller, "From Hell."

The directing team of Allen and Albert Hughes (The Hughes Brothers) follow Moore's cue, concentrating more on telling a good story than getting the facts right.

"From Hell" tells the fictional account of the Ripper's pursuer, Inspector Abberline (Johnny Depp). Abberline is investigating the murders with the help of his psychic intuitions, which are coerced by a steady diet of Laudanum (a poison that contains strains of opium).

Jack focuses his murderous spree on a group of prostitutes in the Whitechapel district of London's East End, among them Mary Kelly (Heather Graham).

Mary and Abberline team together in hopes of keeping her and the other prostitutes alive. Meanwhile, the Nichols gang, a band of ruffians, accost Mary and her friends for protection money while at the same time the girls try to unravel the mystery behind the sudden disappearance of their friend Alice and

her husband.

The Hughes Brothers step away from their previous black urban films — "Menace to Society" and "Dead Presidents" — to give Ripper his first major cinematic birth. In doing so, they bring the romanticized criminal into a Kafkaesque setting of 1880s London. The streets are rain-slicked, the fog is heavy and the alleyways jut out in random spaces. The Brothers show, with their stylized sets, that the Whitechapel district was the perfect setting for corruption, prostitution and murder.

Jack the Ripper is one of the more fascinating characters of the 19th century. And part of that fascination stems from the fact that the Ripper's true identity is, to this day, unknown. Before modern scientific techniques made fingerprinting possible, it was necessary to catch a murderer in the act. The Ripper worked quickly, removing organs and entrails in rapid-fire succession and with remarkable precision in the dark of night. These facts consumed the curiosities of Londoners, because Ripper was the first serial murderer in a new age of mass newspaper distribution and a literate general populace.

The Hughes Brothers bring all these characterizations to their Ripper, respecting his social significance although at the same time betraying the facts of his real identity.

The directors primarily focus on the

heightening fears of an already xenophobic London population, with the Ripper threatening the stability of the monarchy with his dastardly works and elusive nature. The movie's underlying theme suggests that Jack may not "give birth to the 20th century" but will instead challenge the assumptions that the London upper class make of his identity. Jack made it unsafe to assume anything about his social, economic, or ethnic class because of the ways in which he operates.

Suddenly, the Ripper's treachery causes the magnifying glass to swing over the British elite (especially those with a keen knowledge of anatomy), making the monarchy quite uncomfortable. Jack the Ripper has succeeded in doing more than just committing murders: he has obligated the British upper class to drop their pretentious self-denying natures and examine their ranks for a possible murderer.

The Hughes Brothers have pieced together a compelling horror flick with a couple new chapters to add to the Ripper legacy. Propelled by Johnny Depp's wonderful acting, intricate scenery and a dark brooding sensibility, "From Hell" is a much-appreciated addition to this Halloween season.

"From Hell"



out of five shamrocks

Director: The Hughes Brothers
Starring: Johnny Depp and Heather Graham

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MOVIE REVIEW

Old-timers clash in the 'Castle'

By CHRIS SIKORSKI
Scene Movie Critic

"You look at any castle, and it has four things: location, walls, garrison and a flag. The difference between most castles and this one is that most are built to keep people out; this one keeps people in."

So begins "The Last Castle," a prison drama directed by Rod Lurie ("The Contender") and starring Robert Redford and James Gandolfini (TV's "The Sopranos"). The opening narration sets the metaphorical tone for the entire movie: are the inhabitants of this facility soldiers or prisoners?

General Eugene Irwin (Redford) is a decorated three star general who is court-martialed and sentenced to a prison ruled with an iron fist by Colonel Winter (Gandolfini).

Their first meeting effectively sets the stage for the two gentlemen. Winter states to a subordinate, "they should be naming a base after him, not sending him here." Irwin, however, loses the warden's admiration

when Winter overhears him telling the same subordinate, "Any man who has a [combat memorabilia] collection like that has never set foot on a battlefield."

An unpretentious loner at first, the former general soon finds a prison population suffering from injustice and starved for leadership. Reluctant to resume any sort of command, he initially declines prisoners' pleas for assistance. After seeing examples of Winter's tactics, however, he leads the inmates in an all-out revolt.

"The Last Castle" is reminiscent of "The Shawshank Redemption" in that the introduction of a prisoner with a "fallen" status in the outside world leads to an ultimate conflict and irreversible change.

However, the movie forges its own territory, blending elements of a stereotypical prison movie and a stereotypical war movie into a final product that is not forced or formulaic.

While some aspects may seem clichéd (the comparison of men to chess pieces, the redemption

of an unsavory character in battle, male bonding among former adversaries), the strength of the acting and the dialogue result in an intensely escalating storyline and a thrilling climax.

The big-name stars are of an older generation (possibly why this under-hyped film had an insubstantial opening weekend box office take). While Mark Ruffalo ("You Can Count on Me") gives a worthy performance as an amoral bookie who has personal reasons for distrusting the former general, Gandolfini and Redford are the real draws, portraying grizzled veterans of very different sorts.

Gandolfini brings depth and menace to his role as a dictatorial prison warden, fleshing out a character that could have become a one-dimensional caricature in the hands of a lesser actor.

Redford confidently steps into the part of a former leader whose hesitance turns into calculated determination and an unbreakable resolve.

The conflict between these two leaders resembles two opposing generals negotiating terms of war, rather than a warden speaking to a prisoner. The hostility between the two is palpable, and eventually the viewer begins to wonder exact-



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

"The Last Castle" pits James Gandolfini (left) and Robert Redford against each other in a battle for dominance of a military prison.

ly who wields the greater power: Irwin, with his loyal army of prisoner-soldiers, or Col. Winter, with his cadre of prison guards. The individual clash of wills foreshadows the escalation into a final war.

Director Rod Lurie lends both subtle and heavy-handed elements. Some sweeping, panoramic camerawork helps reinforce the captive status of the prison's residents and emphasizes the insignificance of individuals within its walls.

However, on the whole,

things seem to tie together just a little too neatly and conveniently (but very enjoyably, if you suspend your notion of disbelief).

Lurie, a West Point graduate, relies heavily on the code of honor, loyalty and respect to color our perspective of the characters' interactions. This is the stuff of good war films, but not necessarily great movies.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Comic 'World' of teenage angst

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Editor

After suffering through an endless parade of summer movies geared towards teenagers who like to have their "American Pie" spoon fed to them, along comes "Ghost World," an edgy, uncompromising, darkly comic film that defies tradition and convention.

Based on the comic book by Daniel Clowes, "Ghost World" puts the modern disenfranchised teen under a microscope, and what we see is a world filled with uncertainty and doubt.

Thora Birch, the former child actress who graduated to adult roles with full honors in "American Beauty," delivers a heartfelt, complex performance as Enid, a recent high school graduate who thinks she has her life and future all laid out.

When we first meet Enid, she and her best friend Rebecca (Scarlett Johansson) are suffering through an endless graduation speech delivered by a classmate in a wheelchair. The edgy tone of the film is instantly established when the girls complain that the valedictorian was much more fun before she got drunk and had an automobile accident, ending up in the wheelchair.

Enid and Rebecca plan to get jobs, move in together and start their adult lives. That's the plan. Instead, Enid is shocked to learn that she has to attend summer school because she flunked — of all things — art. While Enid toils away in class, Rebecca ends up getting a job at a Starbucks rip-off.

Steve Buscemi enters the picture, playing a lonely, shy man named Seymour who collects old records and spends most of his time summoning the courage to ask women out. Enid and Rebecca meet Seymour when they answer one of his personal ads, stringing him along as a joke. Then Enid gets to know Seymour and suspects that she has found a soul mate.

As the two explore their new relationship, Rebecca finds herself pursuing the future the girls always talked about. The more we learn about Enid, the more we understand that she is destined to be alone. Her

dark interior dialogues and inability to connect with people on a real, emotional level drives away most of the people in her life.

Enid wants independence, but still lives with her dad and her ex-stepmother. She wants acceptance, but is unwilling to embrace anyone or anything. She's passionate, but lacks conviction. She can't hold down a job for more than a day because she's not a people person. Maybe it's because people don't get her. But she thinks she knows exactly who she is and what she wants.

Birch is brilliant in her attempt at getting under the skin of her character. Enid is sort of an extension of the role she played in "American Beauty." As Kevin Spacey's distant daughter, Birch showed angst and confusion. As Enid, she explores an even darker side of teenage turmoil.

Steve Buscemi is extremely likeable as Seymour, a man who understands and accepts his limitations. When Enid and Seymour realize that they're not destined

to be a couple, Enid tries to set him up with other women. Seymour immediately sets down the ground rules. He doesn't want someone who shares his interests because he finds himself uninteresting.

Perhaps that is what drew Enid and Seymour together in the first place. They are as different as night and day, but these opposites hold an attraction for each other that transcends conventional romance.

"Ghost World" benefits from brave performances, both in front of and behind the camera. Illeana Douglas shines as the summer school art teacher, a former hippie who knows more about free expression than art (at one point she praises a brown-noser student's "found art," which is nothing more than a tampon sticking out of teacup). Brad Renfro ("Sleepers") is also good as the convenience store clerk the girls love to tease and admire, another lost soul just trying to make it through the day.

"Ghost World"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Terry Zwigoff

Starring: Thora Birch, Steve Buscemi, Scarlett Johansson and Illeana Douglas



Photo courtesy of United Artists

Thora Birch and Steve Buscemi are two outsiders in the satiric drama, "Ghost World."

The film is blessed to have director Terry Zwigoff at the helm, a man who isn't afraid to take chances. Zwigoff is one of those directors who never flinches, and there are times when "Ghost World" becomes so risky you appreciate having a director on board who can go the distance (Zwigoff's last film, the documentary "Crumb," was a warts-and-all look at comic artist Robert Crumb).

"Ghost World" may not be your typical teen flick, but that's its calling card. The film doesn't wrap things up in a pretty little bow with a conventional feel good ending. It's challenging, and any film and filmmaker that cares to lay down that challenge warrants respect and admiration.

If your tastes lean more towards "Election" and "Rushmore" than anything starring Shannon Elizabeth, then "Ghost World" will satisfy you with its audacity and daring. Look for it in Chicago-area theaters and on video in the future.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Psychobabble with a side of Spacey

By JOHN DONNELLY
Scene Movie Critic

"K-PAX" treads water. It has some ambition, but hits too many false notes. The film doesn't stir the viewer's emotions, it only slightly nudges them. "K-PAX" is a nice movie, but forgotten as one leaves the theater.

Kevin Spacey plays Prot, a man placed

into the Psychiatric Institute of Manhattan for claiming that he comes from the planet K-PAX, located a 1,000 light years from Earth. Jeff Bridges plays psychiatrist Mark Powell, who is assigned to figure out what is wrong with Prot. Difficulties arise when Bridges is unable to discover anything wrong with the new patient.

As always, Spacey is brilliant. His scenes bounce with vibrancy sorely lacking when he is not onscreen. He supplies the film with some light humor, tossing off clever one-liners to many of the buffoonish questions thrown his way. In particular, his gentle mocking of Powell's humanistic psychology tickles the funny bone. Prot chastises the doctor for being an intelligent man who does little early on except repeat what Prot has said.

The real problem with "K-PAX" is Jeff Bridges'

character. The film is too much about him than Prot, who is far more interesting to focus on. And, simply put, Bridges is not the right actor for the part. He wears a dead-to-the-world look the entire movie. Bridges as the timeless Dude in "The Big Lebowski" is funny — the fact that the Dude had not changed in years was much of the joke in that film. In "K-PAX," his possible encounter with an extraterrestrial supposedly changes his character's life, yet he has the same lifeless expression on his face and in his eyes.

Dowell's wife (Mary McCormack, "Private Parts"), constantly frets about him. She worries that he is too dedicated to his work. In the end, not much changes, yet she somehow seems to think that a wonderful transformation in their marriage has taken place.

Prot lives with quite a cast of characters in the psychiatric institute — "characters" being a more accurate description than persons. Each of his fellow inmates has one outlandish trait the audience is supposed to recognize. Many of these traits can be seen in other films, most notably "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." In particular, Spacey is drawn to a fellow patient who does not speak, much as Jack Nicholson's McMurphy is drawn to the

silent Chief in "Cuckoo's Nest."

The music in the film functions mainly as a distraction. One sharp mind included Elton John's "Rocket Man." What a surprise.

But "K-PAX" does have some excellent ideas. One of Prot's major claims is that every person has the potential to better himself; alas, this interesting idea is stymied by 120 minutes of Bridges' extremely static character. If the events of a film do not even move the main protagonist, how can they move the viewer?

The film sells short the many thought-provoking insights Prot suggests. It never really delves into the questions it poses.

At one point, Prot explicitly refers to Christ and Buddha, just as he is implicitly suggested to be living a life along the lines of those two figures. Unfortunately, the film closes plausibly, but not satisfyingly.

At the end of the film, Prot has come to a believable conclusion; Bridges' psychiatrist has not. The change that Prot supposedly advocates to Dowell is neither sold to him or, consequently, the audience.

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As a mental-health patient in "K-PAX," Kevin Spacey tries to convince people he's an alien headed back to his home planet.

NFL

Ravens get ready to fly

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. The Super Bowl champs are ready to make their move. A year ago, the Baltimore Ravens entered November just one game over .500 and looking very little like a playoff team. Having virtually duplicated that start this season, they're seeking an identical finish.

"Now is the time when the cream rises to the top," tight end Shannon Sharpe said Wednesday. "Every now and then you get a couple of teams that get off to great starts, but you know it's not for real and they fall by the wayside. Teams that are for real find a way to sustain the growth they started in September and October."

That's precisely what Baltimore did a year ago. After a three-game skid left the Ravens 5-4 on Oct. 29, they closed the regular season with seven straight wins and breezed through the playoffs.

If the formula for success requires struggling through the first two months of the season, then Baltimore is right on course.

The Ravens were in danger of falling under .500 before rallying to beat Jacksonville 18-17 Sunday.

"It's a battle. We're battling, and that's exciting," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "You show up every Sunday and go, 'Boy, let's have at it and see how this thing's going to go down.'" It hasn't always been pretty.

The Ravens were soundly defeated in Cincinnati and Cleveland, and now concede that Pittsburgh, their opponent Sunday, is the team to beat in the AFC Central.

That's OK, because the Ravens are just getting started.

"The way we practice in training camp, the way we lift, the way we practice during the course of the week, is built toward trying to be healthy and fresh in November and December," Billick said.

The technique has produced the desired results.

Baltimore is an NFL-best 13-2 in November and December since Billick took over before the 1999 season.

"We're going to find out if we're built for this November and December," safety Rod Woodson said. "I don't care about the past."

Billick does, and plans to let the players know as much.

"We have a bit of a history in November and December, so I'm hoping to draw on that," he said.

The schedule sets up well for a second-half surge. After the Ravens play the Steelers and travel to Tennessee for a Monday night game, five of their final seven games are at PSINet

Stadium, where Baltimore has won eight straight.

"It takes it out of you, playing on the road so many times," defensive tackle Tony Siragusa said. "Guys are a little worn out from it. But maybe in the second half of the season, when we're home so much, maybe we'll be a lot more refreshed."

The Ravens went 2-2 in October, which is a whole lot better than last season, when they went the entire month without a touchdown.

"October has been a shaky month for us the past couple of years. But we still believe," Siragusa said. "You've got to get better every game, and I think we are. We're just trying to follow what we did last year: improve every game, get the wins in the barn, then keep going."

It should be easier this season, because the Ravens have history -- and their reputation -- to draw upon.

"We've got to get the mindset back that we're the Baltimore Ravens, we have a great defense and we're winners," receiver Travis Taylor said. "We were at a down point, so we have to get back the attitude that we need."

The Ravens may not get back their starting quarterback for Sunday's game.

"We're going to find out if we're built for this November and December."

Brian Billick
head coach

Williams wants more play time

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Carolina Panthers defensive end Jay Williams lashed out at the team's coaching staff Wednesday, saying he wants to play every down or play somewhere else.

Williams, who led the team in sacks last season with six, was benched last week against the New York Jets and replaced at left defensive end by Sean Gilbert.

"When they told me about the change last week, I felt like I was smacked in the face and spit on," Williams said. "I felt like I wasn't given the opportunity to show what I can do."

Williams started the first six games for the Panthers at left defensive end, but recorded just 16 tackles and one sack while playing mostly on first and second downs.

He said he agreed to play for Carolina after the 1999 season because the Panthers offered him an opportunity to be an every down player as left defensive end.

Now he feels misled.

"I mean, how can I not feel that way? When I got here, all I asked for was the

opportunity to start," Williams said. "I didn't care if I came in as a backup at first, but as long as I got the opportunity to compete for a starting job, that's all I cared about."

Defensive coordinator John Marshall said he has given Williams plenty of opportunities to prove himself.

"We had all last year and all through training camp and all last week to evaluate that, so how many more opportunities do you need?" Marshall said. "I think he had a lot of opportunities to show the kind of production that we need."

Marshall said he still believes that Williams can be a big contributor to the defense, but that he wanted to shake things up.

"What matters is that nobody, including Jay, should think any less of him because we made a move that way," Marshall said. "He's a good producer. He is. But we just need more."

Panthers head coach George Seifert said that while he's upset Williams vented his feelings to the media, he takes solace in the fact that Williams' heart is in the right place.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Does God Check Email?

■ by Frank Santoni, Assistant Director, Special Projects

I have a confession to make: I shirk time at work by writing personal notes to friends and family every morning before I do any of work-related activity. It's true; I can't deny it. Each day, when I get to work at the Coleman-Morse Center, the first thing I do is check my email. I watch impatiently while the blue status bar pushes its way across the screen as it finds each new email message that awaits me. I fidget, listening for the loud beep to signal "You have new mail" as dozens of new missives fill up my In-Box. I scan the list for familiar senders' names and click eagerly on each discovery. For the next half hour or so, I systematically reply to each personal message, one by one.

There you have it. It's off my chest and with the number of priests around campus I hope I might have a good chance at absolution before the end of this column.

It's old news that email has changed the way we communicate, the way we work, even the way we live. When would I have ever, before the advent of this instant form of communication, arrived at work, or before going to sleep at night, pulled out some loose leaf stationery and written a letter the old fashioned way to several of my friends at a time every single day? That just didn't happen. Email has made it easy to keep it in touch with loved ones.

A quick survey of my In-Box proves that even my faith life has been altered. Regularly, during my on-the-clock email checks, I skip over forwarded and re-forwarded prayers and inspirational tales of the chicken soup variety sent by family and friends. My attachments folder bulges with powerpoint presentations of interviews with God and religious digital pictures.

All this email talk got me wondering. If email is so convenient and so pervasive, and if it's already improved the way I stay connected with the people I love, then wouldn't it stand to reason that I should get God into my address book? I mean, God must have an email account right? And if he does, how often does he reply to his messages? Knowing that kind of info would come in very handy since I have a lot of questions and several requests. Just think of the possibilities. Daily emails would surely speed up the process of getting answers from the Almighty. If I had a problem. in the morning I could shoot off an urgent email to God and get an answer by lunch.

First, I had to find God's email address. I knew from previous experience that God does not have a website. A search at yahoo.com generated 200 responses, none of them too promising unless I wanted to email The Evil Chicken God of The Underworld or Fred God from West Islip, New York. I did send a message to the_one_true_god@hotmail.com, but I'm not holding my breath.

I had to resort to a little experiment. So, I typed up a message, quick and to the point.

God,

Hi. Just a quick question or two: How often do you check your email? And with what frequency do you reply? I'm just looking for a ballpark guesstimate here. I know how busy you must be.
Peace, Frank

I fired it off to god@hotmail.com, god@earthlink.net, god@aol.com, and for good measure, god@nd.edu. I got immediate replies from earthlink and aol, explaining in tech jargon that God did not have an account with either of the giant email providers. I can also report, with some fear that I may shatter a few long-held ideas, that God does not rely on Notre Dame – at least not for an internet connection, that is. So far, nothing from hotmail.

Trying to reach God via email proved to be a frustrating endeavor. I was met with no answers and only more questions. I imagined an efficient back and forth between me and God. Come to think of it, that could easily describe all the other methods I use to try to reach God, too. My litany of questions and requests is often lengthy, but the time I give God to reply is always short. I list all the important people in my life, throw in any major life issues and conclude with a general request for abundant blessings.

I am impatient and email has only reinforced my expectation for immediate answers and easy communications. After all, if I email a friend I can usually expect to hear back within 24 hours. And if I don't, I get upset. Shouldn't I be able to count on the same from God? In the end, my typical prayers filled with needs and wants, like short emails between friends, are fine to keep "in touch" with God, but deepening a relationship requires setting aside quality time away from the busyness of life. I have found that reaching God and, especially, hearing back, demands of me a deeper kind of commitment, one that is far more deliberate and patient.

Maybe, if God doesn't do email, I can find some others who do. Don't Mary and the saints have a direct line? I'll have to check when I get to work tomorrow.

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Weekend Liturgies

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Reading
Wis 11: 22-12: 2

2nd Reading
2 Thes 1: 11-2: 2

Gospel
Lk 19: 1-10

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11:45 a.m.
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CONSIDERATIONS...

NFL

Bears defense puts points on board

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill.

The Chicago Bears defense is finding the end zone with regularity.

Three times in four games, the Bears have taken either a fumble or interception for a touchdown, none bigger than Mike Brown's 33-yard interception return in overtime last Sunday.

Brown picked off a ball, that hit San Francisco's Terrell Owens in the shoulder pads, and scored to give Chicago a stunning 37-31 victory Sunday.

Three weeks ago, Brian Urlacher returned a fumble 90 yards for a TD against the Falcons. The next week, R.W. McQuarters scooped up a loose ball on a friendly bounce and scooted 69 yards for a score against the Cardinals.

"Right now it's big for us," McQuarters said of the Bears' ability to score on defense. "Not only are we talking about it, we're actually going out and doing it."

The Bears (5-1) have 13 takeaways through their first six games and have converted those into 41 points, including the three TD returns.

"We emphasize it every time we get a turnover in practice. Every time a defensive player has the ball in his hands, you have that aggressiveness and we're trying to score," Brown said.

"We teach that in practice and you can tell in the games that when guys get the ball, they're trying to score."

At the end of a drill that has them stutter-stepping through orange cones, defensive backs have to reach low and catch a shovel pass or pick up a ball on the ground that secondary coach

Vance Bedford dumps at their feet, simulating a fumble recovery or an interception.

But good bounces also help.

"To win a championship you have to have some bounces, so if we have enough bounces, great. I'll take them all year," defensive coordinator Greg Blache said.

The Bears returned four interceptions for touchdowns last season and turning the other team's mistakes into points has always been an emphasis. Now it's been a big part of their quick start this season and a five-game winning streak.

"We worked on that since we got here three years ago," Blache said.

"Our speed has improved and there are a lot of factors involved. It's a matter of talent, a matter of emphasizing it and a matter of guys growing up into the defense."

McQuarters had a touchdown return on an interception in last season's finale against Detroit. Then he won a starter's job in

training camp and has been making big plays since.

"It's all about angles. You can be off a couple of inches or you can be there to make the

play by a couple of inches," McQuarters said.

"It's about knowing where to fit and where to be, just taking the right alignment."

Sure, there is luck involved, but there is also repetition in practice and a mentality now for the Bears that they can score on defense.

"Turnovers and scoring on defense is one of the main things we stress and harp on week in and week out," McQuarters said.

"We've been able to do it in three of the last four games. It's actually happening."

"It's all about knowing where to fit and where to be, just taking the right alignment."

R.W. McQuarters
cornerback

NCAA to change scholarships

◆ Board expected to end '5/8 rule'

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA's Board of Directors is expected to make a decision Thursday on a new basketball scholarship rule that has upset coaches.

The proposal would place a two-year moratorium on the so-called "5/8 rule" that prohibits schools from awarding more than five scholarships in any one year and no more than eight over a two-year period. It also would increase the two-year limit to nine.

"They at least did admit their mistake, to a degree," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "The biggest mistake was doing something at all."

If approved, the "5/8 rule" would be back in place in 2003-04 with one modification a one-scholarship credit when the combination of players graduating and leaving early exceeds the amount of scholarships they could normally award.

The athletes leaving early must be on track to graduate in five years.

Olson's squad was one of the most affected in this, the first year of the rule.

After reaching the national championship game in April, three Wildcats players left early for the NBA.

Because of the rule, Olson could not fill those scholarships and will have 10 scholarship players this season instead of the 13 permitted under NCAA guidelines.

Ohio State president William

Kirwan, chairman of the board of directors, said that was not the intention when the rule was adopted.

Rather, Kirwan said, the NCAA wanted coaches to be more deliberate about whom to offer scholarships so they could reduce attrition and transfer rates and boost graduation rates.

While Kirwan said he still supports the reasoning, he acknowledges adjustments may be needed.

"I think some of the unintended consequences people have raised are how do you account for people who left the institution in good standing, whether they transfer or go to the pros," Kirwan said. "Some people have raised questions about whether there should be some accommodation in the rule when that occurs."

Kirwan did not say whether he expected the proposal to be approved.

In Olson's mind, though, the NCAA is moving in the right direction.

"With a full complement of four we could go to 13," Olson said. "The thing that makes it difficult to plan ahead for is if we have someone going to the NBA late. By the time that's done recruiting is over."

That isn't the only modification under consideration by the board of directors.

The panel is also expected to

decide on at least two other issues affecting college basketball: the reinstatement of athletes who competed professionally before entering college and changing the summer recruiting period.

If approved, the penalty for student-athletes who competed professionally before entering college would be reduced.

"They at least did admit their mistake, to a degree. the biggest mistake was doing something at all."

Luke Olson
coach

Those athletes are now required to sit out one college game for each professional game played.

The change would limit the penalty to a maximum of

eight games.

The board of directors also is considering a proposal that would split the 20-day summer recruiting period into two 10-day periods, separated by a four-day break.

Legislation that would prohibit certification of events scheduled to be played in facilities supported by sports wagering will also be on the table Thursday.

In addition, the board will consider a proposal that would allow football teams playing a 12-game schedule to qualify for bowls with six wins.

On Monday, the Football Study Oversight Committee recommended that teams with 12-game schedules win seven games to qualify.

NCAA spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said the board could only vote on the six-win requirement.

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NBA

Jordan falls prey to series

♦ TV ratings for return much lower than baseball

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Michael Jordan had no chance against the World Series.

About 13 million more U.S. TV homes tuned in to see the New York Yankees play the Arizona Diamondbacks than watched Jordan's first game with the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night.

Fox's broadcast of the Yankees' 2-1 victory over the Diamondbacks in Game 3 of the World Series was watched by more than 16.2 million television households. About 3.3 million saw the Wizards' 93-91 loss to the New York Knicks on TBS.

The baseball game produced a national rating of 15.4 with a 24 share, 24 percent higher than the rating for Game 3 between the Yankees and Mets last year. That helped the current Fall Classic move well ahead of the record-low pace in 2000.

Through three games, the Yankees-Diamondbacks World Series was averaging 13.8/22,

14 percent higher than a year ago. For broadcast networks, the rating is the percentage of 105.5 million U.S. television households tuned to a program.

The basketball game produced a national cable rating of 3.3 on TBS, which translates to about 2.9 million homes. TBS's coverage was blacked out in New York, where the game was shown on MSG Network and was watched by about 347,500 TV homes -- about 2 1/2 times what MSG averaged for Knicks games last season.

The World Series game was watched by about 2.1 million TV homes in New York, the country's largest market.

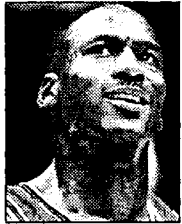
The TBS rating still tripled what the network averaged for NBA regular season broadcasts in 2000-01, and more than doubled what TBS drew for its season opener last year between the Knicks and 76ers.

Jordan, who is making his second return from retirement, will go head-to-head with baseball again Thursday.

Last year's World Series, also on Fox, was the worst-rated ever, averaging a 12.4 rating and 21 share, down 23 percent from 1999 and 12 percent from 1998's previous record low.

Sunday night's Game 2, which Arizona won 4-0, drew a 15.0/23, making it the fourth most-watched program last week, trailing only "E.R.," "Friends" and "C.S.I."

Fox is in the first season of a \$2.5 billion, five-year contract with baseball.



Jordan

NFL

Injured Cox missed by team

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass.

Bryan Cox downplayed the revenge theme Wednesday

and focused on helping his teammates, even if he must do it while standing on crutches.

The spirit and skill of the Patriots linebacker will be missing from the field after his leg was broken on a hit by Denver tackle Dan Neil last Sunday. Cox thought it was an illegal block and vowed to retaliate.

He won't be hitting anyone for a while, certainly not in Sunday's game at Atlanta.

He expects to play again this season but wouldn't estimate Wednesday when that would be. Meanwhile, Cox, who alternated with Ted Johnson and Tedy Bruschi at New England's inside linebacker spots, will help in the meeting room and on the sidelines.

"I can try to help the coaching staff. I can try to put myself in the position that Ted and Tedy would be in and look at things," Cox said, "just give them another set of eyes as to what I would see if I were out there."

He probably would be out there if he hadn't been hit by Neil in the third quarter of the Broncos 31-20 win.

After the game, Cox said, "If



Cox

I ever play football again and I play against that guy, he's going to have a blown-out knee."

He felt the same the next day.

"I had a couple of experiences with that guy before," Cox said Monday. "I'm going to get him. I don't care how long it takes. I'm going to get him."

By Wednesday, though, he had cooled off with the help of some advice Bill Parcells, then with the New York Jets, gave when the fiery Cox was on that team last year: "I've worked so hard to become a different person. Don't let something stupid feed me back into something that I would have done five years ago."

"I've got to take the malice out of my heart. I've got to get that behind me and move on to something new. Whatever my thoughts are, whatever happens from this point, it's not going to stop my leg from being broken."

Still, the loss of Cox can't help the Patriots struggling defense.

The team that held Edgerrin James to 55 yards rushing and intercepted Peyton

Manning three times on Sept. 30, has allowed an average of 397 yards in its last three games.

One of them was a rematch with Indianapolis in which James rushed for 143 yards and Manning threw for 335 yards with no interceptions.

Last Sunday, two mental errors by New England led to two Denver touchdowns.

A coverage mixup left Rod Smith free on a 65-yard touchdown pass play from Brian Griese, cutting the Patriots lead to 20-17 early in the third quarter.

On Denver's next series, Griese completed a pass to Desmond Clark, who fell after a short gain.

But free safety Matt Stevens jumped over him without making contact and Clark got up to complete a 35-yard gain. The drive ended with Griese's 6-yard scoring pass to Duane Carswell that gave Denver the lead for good.

"It's not acceptable" strong safety Lawyer Milloy said Wednesday of Stevens' mistake.

But Milloy spread the blame around.

"We all did some boneheaded things in that last game to help them win," he said. "That's why it makes you sick to your stomach."

Now the focus is on Atlanta (3-3), and the Patriots (3-4) better be ready. The Falcons, coming off a bye week, have outscored opponents 48-3 in the first quarter.

"They have the advantage right now because they had a bye week, so they've been looking at us for the last couple of weeks," Milloy said.

"I've got to take the malice out of my heart. I've got to get that behind me and move on to something new."

Bryan Cox
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NFL

Owners ratify agreement

♦ NFL to extend labor agreement for three years

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH NFL owners on Wednesday ratified a three-year extension of the labor agreement that will assure the league of labor peace through the 2007 season assuming that the players ratify it.

The agreement was agreed to in principle in June by the NFL Management Council and the NFL Players Association and would be the fourth extension of the original agreement reached in 1993. The league's last labor-related interruption was the 1987 strike.

Among the still-to-be-resolved issues before the agreement can be ratified by the players is how much of the NFL's increased security costs the union will pick up, and how the league and the players would divide any losses if games are canceled by unforeseen events such as the terrorist attacks.

The terrorist acts led the NFL to greatly increase security at all games, and commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the players are amenable to covering some of these unanticipated expenses.

"The whole league is focused on this," Tagliabue said Wednesday. "The players have said they want the fans to be safe, air travel to be safe, the stadiums to be safe."

Earlier, Tagliabue said, "We

think the cost of that should be split with the players association under the CBA in some way and not borne entirely by the owners."

Tagliabue would not estimate how much the additional security is costing each team or the league, but suggested it would be substantial, especially during the postseason.

The owners, meeting in Pittsburgh, also heard a detailed presentation Wednesday on security for the Super Bowl on Feb. 3 in New Orleans.

"It will be the most secure game played in the history of the league," Tagliabue said.

The collective bargaining agreement extension would push the salary cap through 2006 and would carry beyond the NFL's \$17.6 billion television contract, which has four more years to run past this season.

Under the proposed extension, players could receive an increase in salary to as high as 65.5 percent of designated gross revenues in 2005.

Veteran players also would have a portion of their salaries paid out of a league-wide fund instead of counting against the salary cap.

One of the criticisms of the current agreement was it gives too little security for higher-paid veterans to hold their jobs.

Minimum salaries would increase to \$225,000 for rookies and will go up to \$300,000, \$375,000 and \$450,000 in subsequent seasons. A \$525,000 minimum would apply through six seasons, with players in their seventh through ninth years guaranteed \$650,000.

For 10 years or more of service, the minimum would be \$750,000.

The owners also talked about the NFL's TV contracts, which have four more seasons to run past this season. Tagliabue said there was no discussion of any givebacks to rights holders CBS, Fox, ABC and ESPN despite a downturn in TV advertising revenue since the terrorist attacks.

"We're not considering any givebacks to anybody. ... We kind of looked ahead, knowing what the rights obligations of the networks are to us," Tagliabue said. "But we didn't reach any conclusions and we're not going to react one way or another based on two months of experience."

Despite the economic downturn, Tagliabue said NFL merchandise sales are double what was projected before the season.

"We think the cost of that should be split with the players association under the CBA in some way and not borne entirely by the owners."

Paul Tagliabue
NFL commissioner

Mitchell looking for more catches

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Freddie Mitchell was supposed to give Donovan McNabb a much-needed threat at wide receiver. He's barely been on the field with him.

Mitchell, selected with the 25th pick in April's draft, has just two catches in his first six games with the Philadelphia Eagles. But coach Andy Reid may be ready to call the rookie's number more often.

"We're to that stage now where we're easing him in, easing him in and easing him in, and with that, he's asked to learn the whole package," Reid said Wednesday. "He's getting close to that point where he should get in there and execute. He just hasn't been in there to do that, every route against every coverage and so on."

Mitchell, a flashy receiver at UCLA, had 77 catches for 1,494 yards and nine touchdowns last season. He was the fifth receiver taken in the draft, and the highest selected by Philadelphia in 17 years.

But Mitchell hasn't been able to beat out Na Brown for the No. 3 spot behind James Thrash and Todd Pinkston. While Thrash and Pinkston have emerged as capable starters, Brown has struggled

lately, dropping passes in three consecutive games.

That could open the door for Mitchell.

"I like the role I'm in right now," Mitchell said. "They are working me in slow. Now it's time to step it up a notch."

Mitchell's development was slowed by a hamstring injury that hampered him throughout training camp and the early part of the season. He said he's healthy now.

"It wasn't that much of a hindrance," Mitchell said. "The learning process didn't slow down. I was still learning. It's just that I couldn't go out on the field."

"Coach Reid has done a great job taking me slow, bringing me along little by little, helping me feel more comfortable. I can't wait to step up and take a bigger role."

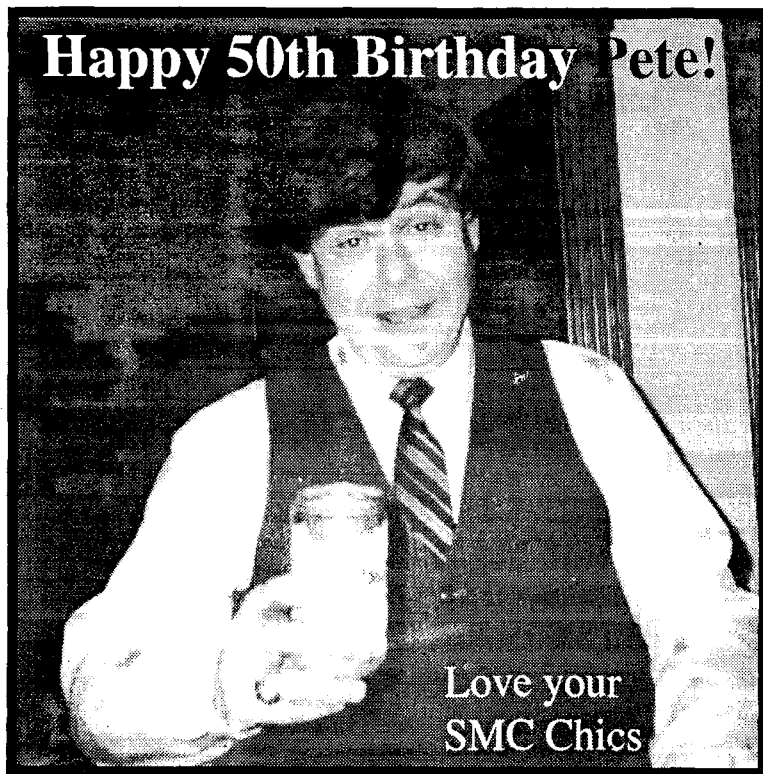
Mitchell realizes expectations were high when he was drafted. But he isn't disappointed.

"The No. 1 pick is drafted on potential," Mitchell said. "A lot of people think the No. 1 pick is supposed to go in and play right away. That's not the case. You're drafted on potential and ability."

The main concern for rookies is learning the intricacies of a complicated West Coast offense.

Mitchell played in a variation of it at UCLA.

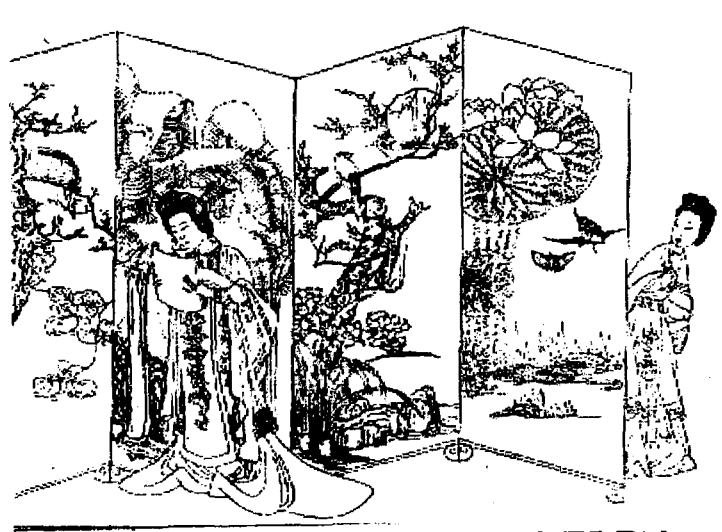
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WORLD SERIES

Jeter hits 11th inning home run to tie series at 2

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Tino Martinez made his first hit of this World Series count.

With New York down to its final out in Game 4, Martinez connected for a game-tying, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Arizona closer Byung-Hyun Kim to help the Yankees beat the Diamondbacks 4-3 in 10 innings Wednesday night.

Martinez had been hitless in nine at-bats in the Series against Arizona's tough pitching and the Yankees had scored only four runs before his big shot helped turned the momentum and tied the Series at two games apiece.

New York didn't win it until Derek Jeter's solo shot in the 11th. Martinez was one of the first Yankees to pour out of the dugout to mob Jeter at home plate.

But the celebration wouldn't have been possible without Martinez, who made sure his career in with the Yankees will last at least until a Game 6 in Arizona.

Martinez is in the final year of his contract and his future in New York is in doubt. The Yankees have been grooming top prospect Nick Johnson to take over at first base and also might be interested in signing reigning AL MVP Jason Giambi.

But Martinez is making their decision difficult, leading the team with 34 homers and 113 RBIs in the regular season.

He has been a steady presence in the lineup since replacing fan favorite Don Mattingly after the 1995 season.

Booed at first, Martinez quickly won over the fans and

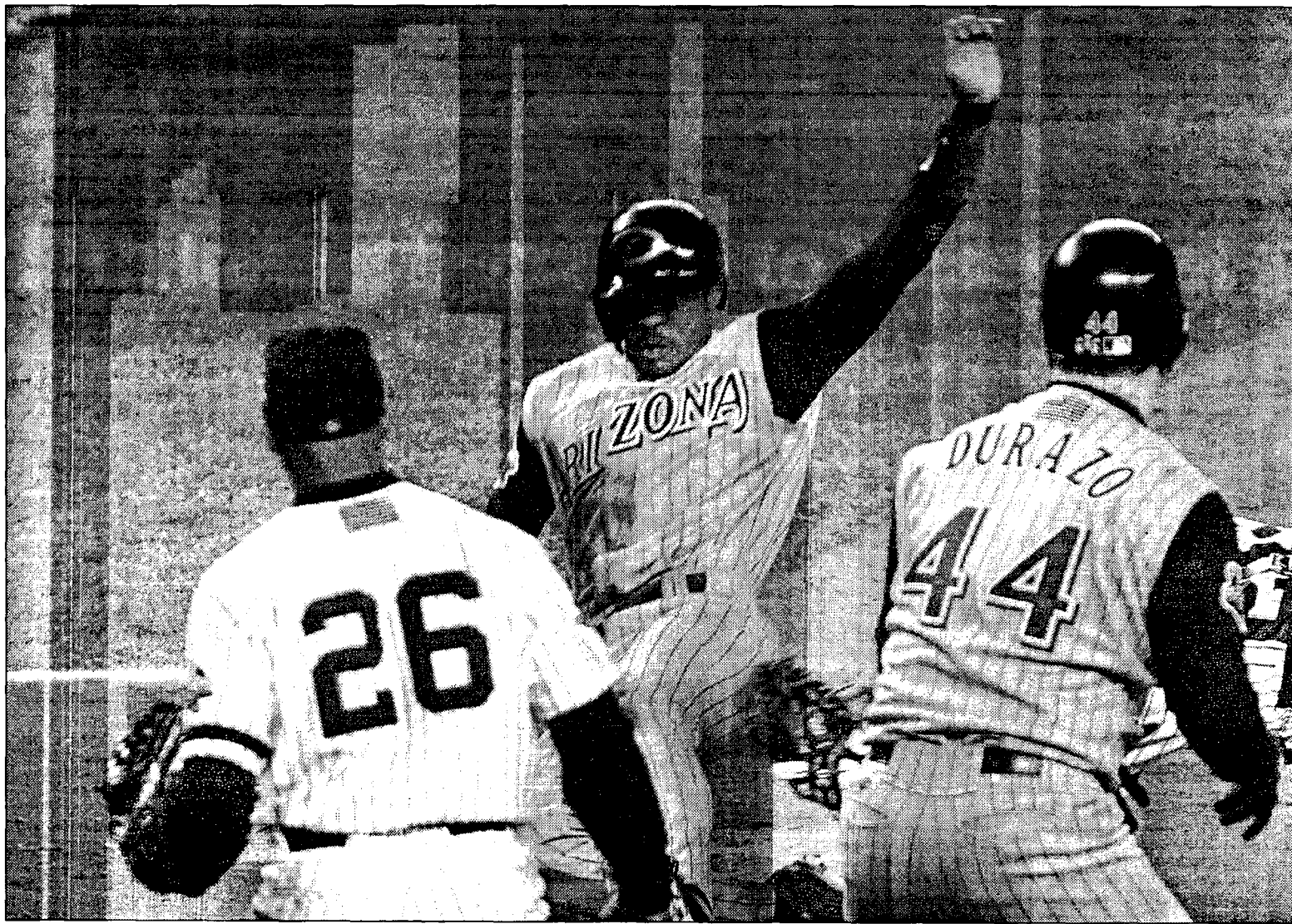


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Yankee Orlando Hernandez and Diamondback Erubiel Durazo watch as Yankees catcher Jorge Posada tags out the Diamondback's Tony Womack in the fifth inning of New York's win against Arizona to tie the series at two.

has been one of the key players in the Yankees' run of four World Series titles in five years.

He has hit 183 homers for the Yankees in the regular and postseason — including a grand slam that turned the tide in Game 1 of the 1998

Series against San Diego — but none was bigger than his shot against Arizona.

Trailing 3-1 entering the ninth, the Yankees were looking at a 3-1 Series deficit. With the tricky, side-arming Kim on the mound, their chances didn't look good even

after Paul O'Neill's soft single with one out to left field.

After Bernie Williams struck out, Martinez walked to the plate. He didn't wait to deliver, hitting Kim's first pitch deep to center field over a leaping Steve Finley to tie the game and send Yankee

Stadium into a frenzy.

O'Neill wildly pumped his fist when the ball cleared the wall.

The rest of the Yankees leaped out of the dugout in excitement and greeted a smiling Martinez after he touched home plate with the tying run.

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Irish

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game at point guard last year for the Irish and now works in Notre Dame's sports information department in addition to being a member of the International Select All-Star team.

"I miss him — I really miss him," Brey said. "I'm thrilled to coach Chris Thomas and nurture a talented young guard, but Martin and I were on the same page from day one. They played a little bit in pickup before. Will he will age get the better of youth?"

"It'll be a little different seeing Martin on the other team," Graves said. "He knows our tendencies and we know his tendencies."

But more than anything, the Irish are looking forward to playing against someone other than themselves. And they're not going to be blowing off tonight's game — Brey and Graves both said it's a valuable opportunity to see how the team looks this early in the season.

"After two-a-days, you get into the dog days and you do need to play someone else," he said. "Beating on each other is getting a little old. I'm looking forward to Thursday when we're all sitting on the bench together and starting to look at ourselves against some outside competition."

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Barbour promoted to associate

Special to the Observer

Sandy Barbour, in her second year as a member of the senior athletic administrative staff at Notre Dame, has been promoted to senior associate athletics director under director of athletics Kevin White.



Barbour

Barbour, who served as athletic director at Tulane from 1996-99, joined White's staff as associate athletic director for compliance and administration at Notre Dame in the summer of 2000.

She continues to oversee the areas of eligibility, interpretations, compliance education and NCAA certification — and she now has additional senior level responsibilities while assisting in the day-to-day operation of the department.

She is the sport administrator for women's lacrosse, men's and women's cross country and track and supervises the athletic training and strength and conditioning units. She also assists White with administration responsibilities for women's basket-

ball.

"Sandy is a highly seasoned and skilled athletics administrator," says White.

"Over the years Sandy has always found just the right way to articulate both the departmental and university-wide mission and, more importantly, she has provided the leadership and managerial ability to bring the expressed vision to reality."

Barbour was appointed athletic director at Tulane when White left to become director of athletics at Arizona State University.

She previously had served from 1991-96 as senior associate athletic director at Tulane under White in the areas of internal operations and compliance and spent eight years total on the school's athletic administrative staff. During her three-year tenure as athletic director, Green Wave teams won 12 conference championships.

In her first year, 1996-97, Tulane won four conference titles, a feat never before accomplished in the history of Tulane athletics. In 1998, the football team posted a perfect 12-0 record and won the Liberty Bowl with a victory over Brigham Young, while the Green Wave captured six conference titles, another school record.

One of eight female athletic

directors at Division I-A schools at the time, Barbour was chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletic Administrators.

In her associate's role at Tulane, she oversaw all matters related to internal operations, including supervision of intercollegiate programs, compliance with NCAA and Conference USA rules, academic student life, business affairs, facilities and recruiting.

Barbour was part of the administrative team that navigated the successful transition to Conference USA and helped the school maintain one of the top Division I-A graduation rates.

As senior women's administrator, Barbour was elected chair of the inaugural Conference USA committee for SWAs and served on the league's executive committee. In addition, she chaired the executive committee for the 1993 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Tulane.

A native of Annapolis, Md., Barbour spent seven years at Northwestern University prior to joining the Tulane staff.

At Northwestern from 1982 through 1989, she began as assistant field hockey and lacrosse coach and director of athletic recruiting services, then in '84 became assistant athletic director for intercollegiate programs, overseeing 15 Olympic sports.

Born Dec. 2, 1959, Barbour is a 1981 honors graduate of Wake Forest University with a degree in physical education.

A two-sport athlete at the school, she was the captain of the field hockey team and a member of the women's basketball squad. Barbour earned a master's degree in sports management from Massachusetts in 1983 and received an MBA from Northwestern's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1991. In '97, she was named Massachusetts' Distinguished Alumnus in Sports Management.

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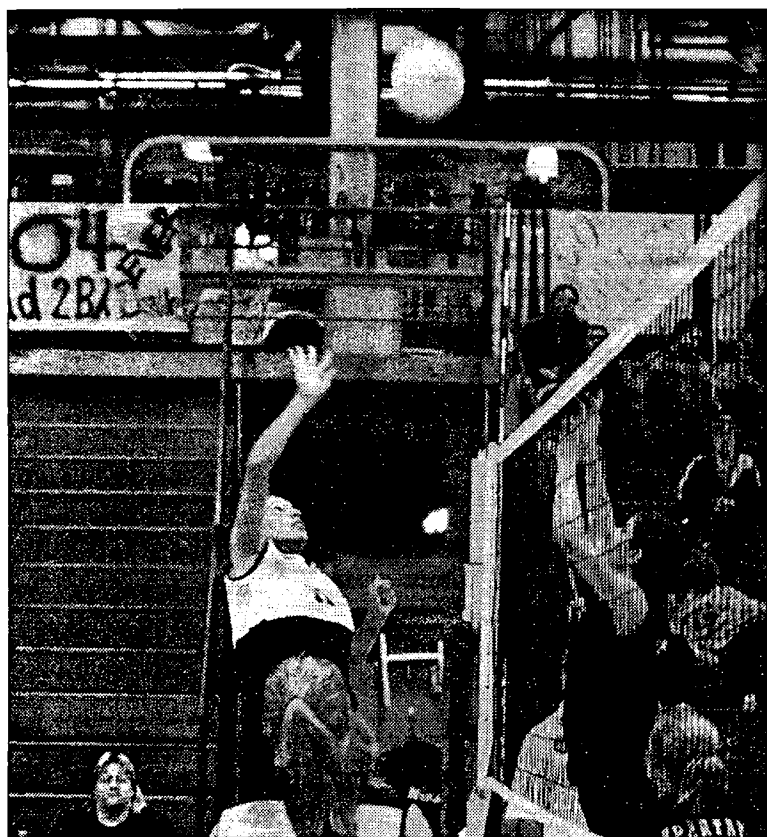
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A Belles player goes after the ball in a recent game. The Belles finished their season with a 3-0 loss to Alma on Tuesday.

Volleyball

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Dineen took her last look at a collegiate volleyball court as a player on Tuesday, along with defensive specialist Denise Langolis and middle hitter Jolie LeBeau. Senior outside attacker Angie Meyers was unable to finish her senior season due to a knee injury. Although Tuesday's game wasn't a victory, Dineen was satisfied with the way the team played as a solid way to finish her senior year.

"I think we really came together as a team against Alma and all the games were really close," she said. "We played really well, so it was a good way to finish the season on a high note."

Although Alma held the lead during most of the match, the Belles did manage to keep things close until the end.

"It was actually pretty much back and forth," Dineen said. "They would get ahead and we would battle back and get it

close. It was pretty back and forth."

It was ultimately the Alma defense that brought home the win for the Scots. Despite a varied Saint Mary's offensive attack, the Alma defense refused to allow the Belles to score points and preserved the win for the second-ranked team in the MIAA tournament.

"Alma has really good defense," Dineen said. "They got a lot of our digs and tips. We tried to mix things up on offense and they always seemed to be right there."

Junior Elizabeth Albert and freshman Alison Shevik led the Belles attack. Albert made 12 kills and 19 digs during the game while Shevik made nine kills and 25 digs.

"Everyone really stepped up and really played their position to the fullest," Dineen said.

Alma will continue in the playoffs and face off against Calvin on Friday in the semifinals.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish score Big East honors

Special to the Observer

Two members of the sixth-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team have been recognized by the Big East Conference for their contributions to last week's wins at Yale (2-0) and at home versus 23rd-ranked Michigan. Sophomore forward Amanda Guertin was named the Big East offensive player of the week while fifth-year defender Monica Gonzalez was recognized as the league's defensive player of the week.

In other news, Notre Dame moved up from eighth to sixth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, edging past Nebraska, Penn State and St. Mary's (Calif.) while Portland vaulted from 10th to fourth.

North Carolina remains first in the poll, followed by four teams from the West region: Stanford, Santa Clara, Portland and UCLA.

Guertin extended her goalscoring streak to five games, after recording both Irish goals at Yale and scoring in overtime to beat Michigan. She has scored four of Notre Dame's last five goals, five of the last seven and six of the last 10 with her season totals including team bests in points (24), goals (9) and game-winning goals (4).

Gonzalez earned her second Big East defensive honor in the last five weeks, after helping the Irish allow just one goal, 10 shots (only four on goal) and one corner kick during the week. The versatile veteran continues to excel at her new central defender

position, where she has played since late September (after playing mostly outside back in the Irish defense during 2000 and the first month of 2001).

Notre Dame players have combined for seven Big East weekly awards this season, with junior Vanessa Pruzinsky and senior Liz Wagner named the defensive player and goalkeeper of the week after the season-opening wins over Penn State and Hartford while senior midfielder Mia Sarkesian was the offensive player of the week after scoring gamewinners versus Nebraska and West Virginia. Sophomore forward Amy Warner was named the league's offensive player of the week in mid-October, after totaling three goals in wins over St. John's and Miami.

Jordan

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the Irish for the Class of 2001 was listed on the front of sports section with his stats and awards listed next to his name. From Anthony Denman to Justin Smith, each player was lauded for his high school achievements.

Everyone except Jordan.

Next to his name it said "Jordan Auditorium, 'nuff said" — referring to the auditorium on campus his father helped fund.

Throughout his career at Notre Dame, Jordan has been aware of the rumors, but no one has ever confronted him.

"Nobody really ever had the guts to say things to my face but I've heard people talk," Jordan said. "I hear stuff like that all the time but nobody ever said anything to my face."

All the rumors about Jordan receiving special privileges from the football team has been just talk, according to Davie.

"There's nothing political about me. Nothing," Davie said. "So everything he's done here, he's earned and everything he's gotten here, he deserves."

If anything Davie said that Jordan's pedigree has made Davie work him harder — not easier.

"He always said to me that I would have to work harder than everyone else," Jordan said. "If I did succeed it would be even more rewarding to me and he has been right about that."

Entering the 2001 season, Jordan thought his best opportunity to succeed would be as a backup center for the Irish. He was listed as second on the depth chart in spring practice but injuries led to a position change.

While he was still the backup center, he also filled in at guard.

"He did some good things for us in that backup center and he continues to be very consistent in practice with the situation we had at guard. He is good at pulling, especially in the option game," Davie said.

But after a spring full of promise, Jordan injured his knee in summer practice. Torn medial collateral ligaments in his knee forced him to miss most of summer practice and the first three games of the season. He did not return until the Pitt game.

But in games against the quick defensive tackles of the Panthers, the Mountaineers, the Trojans and the Eagles, Jordan has been valuable.

"I am better against the smaller, quicker guys," he said. "I try to focus on my technique. I think that gives me that advantage."

Saturday against Tennessee's huge defensive tackles doesn't fit Jordan's style of play so he might not see the field. But regardless of what the future brings, Jordan will be known by Irish fans for much more than his father.

"We trust him," Davie said. "He goes in there and he knows what to do."

'Nuff said.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish look to avenge bad pool, memories

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Purdue University's pool has never been Notre Dame's favorite place to compete.

An old, decrepit facility, the swimming pool resembled more of a dungeon than an arena for athletic competition. Dark, dank and disgusting, it rarely produced fast swims for any visiting team forced to navigate through its nastiness.

And there's one more problem, too. It was the only site where Notre Dame lost a dual meet last season.

"I think they caught us off guard," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers, remembering last year's 168-131 loss to the Boilermakers. "The key for us is not to underestimate them this year. I think when we've been tricked once — we have the tendency to be smarter the second time around."

But this evening's competition in West Lafayette, Ind. will likely be a different story. For one thing, Notre Dame will have the chance to compete in Purdue's new \$17 million aquatic facility, the replacement for the 60-year-old pool that was closed at the university earlier this year.

And the Irish swimmers — who've had this date circled

on their calendars since last year's loss — won't be underestimating anyone on the Purdue squad.

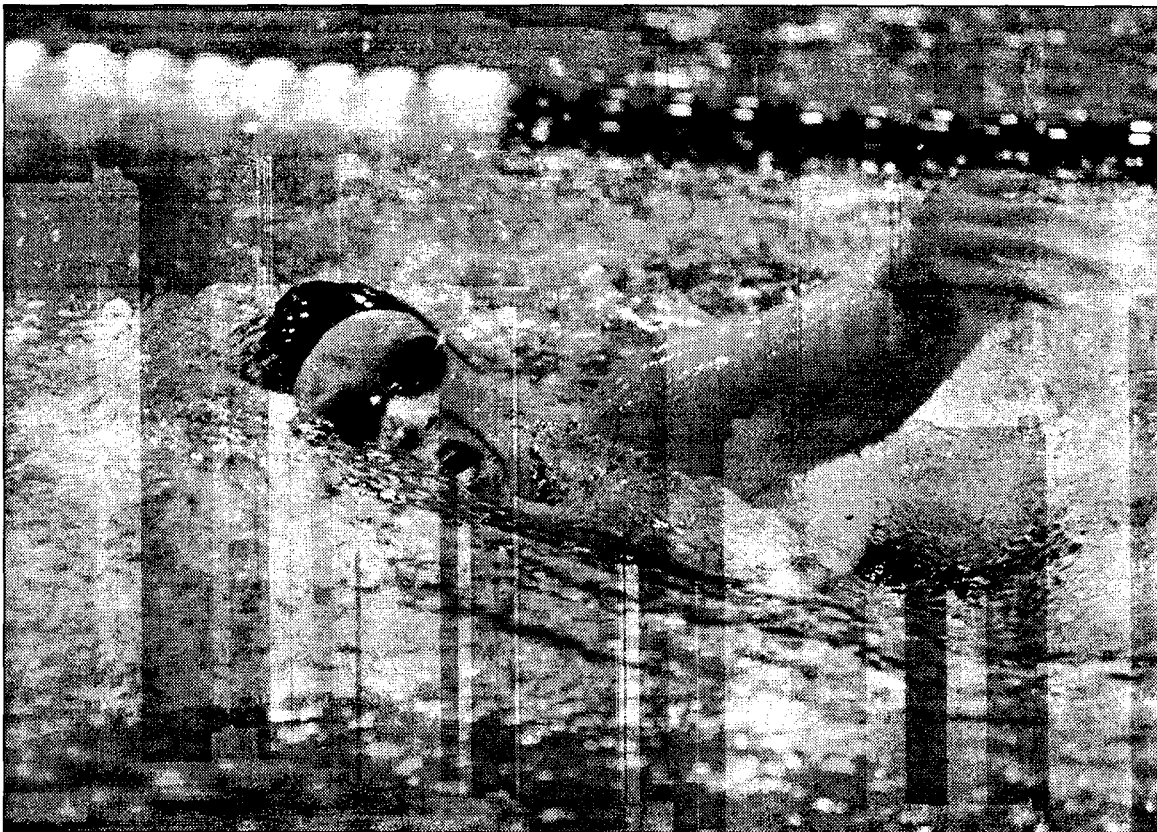
"They showed up a lot more prepared than we thought they would," said senior co-captain Tara Riggs. "They were as fired up last year as we are this year. We are more psyched for this meet than any others ... just because we are so upset they beat us last year."

On paper, the Irish match up well against Purdue, with a solid advantage in both sprint and distance events. The toughest match-ups will be in the breaststroke and backstroke events, where senior backstroke Kelly Hecking will have her hands full with Purdue junior Lisa Dolansky, and senior breastroker Alison Lloyd will face difficult competition from Purdue junior Lindsay Lange.

Notre Dame will be Purdue's first dual meet in its home facility, and only its third competition of the year. The only competitions held so far at the new Haywood pool were an intersquad meet and an invitational meet last weekend, where the Purdue women won their inaugural competition.

But that definitely doesn't have Notre Dame scared.

"I think we'd swim them in the old pool right now,"



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Senior breastroker Amanda Lloyd races during a recent meet. Lloyd will face off against Purdue junior Lindsay Lange today at the Boilermakers' new aquatic facility.

Weathers said. "We're approaching this as seriously as we possibly can."

And if just beating their rival wasn't enough motivation, the Notre Dame women have one

more goal going into tonight's competition, too. They want to make their mark on the new pool.

"We have the chance to set pool records," Riggs said. "We

want these records to be staring them in the face for a long time."

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ND AFTER FIVE



Thursday, Nov. 1

- 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House, College of Eng. 1st Year Students, DeBartolo 101
- 5:00 p.m. "The Economic Causes and Consequences of the September 11 Attacks", a Panel Discussion analyzing the after-effects, Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. Film, *Malena*, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library*
- 7:00 p.m. Professor Thomas Noble speaking on "Saint Willibrord and All Saint's Day", DeBartolo 131
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. International Select, Joyce Center*
- 8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert, Washington Hall
- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Trip to Bendix Woods/Hayride, Contact Rec Sports
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop In Lacrosse, Rolfs
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 8:30 p.m. Bonfire, Holy Cross Hill
- 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *America's Sweethearts and The Exocist*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

Friday, Nov. 2

- 5:30 p.m. Trailblazers Social Hour, LaFortune Notre Dame Room
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner with Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Center for Social Concerns
- 6:30 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center (student doors 5:30 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Trailblazers Panel Discussion with ND Alumni, LaFortune Student Center, Notre Dame Room
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop In Badminton, Rolfs
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *America's Sweetheart and The Exocist*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Swimming & Diving vs. Tennessee, Rolfs Aquatic Center
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Lounge, Coleman Morse Center
- 8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert, Washington Hall*
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Knitting/Crocheting, ND Room, LaFortune
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Friday, Nov. 2

- 9:30 p.m. Benefit concert by Danielle Rose Skorich, Coleman Morse Center
- 10:00 p.m. Loft Show, Blues Artist Keith Scott, LaFortune Student Center
- 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. TranceNDdance 2001, Center for Social Concerns*
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- 11:00 p.m. Tournament Fridays, Bingo, LaFortune Student Center ND Room
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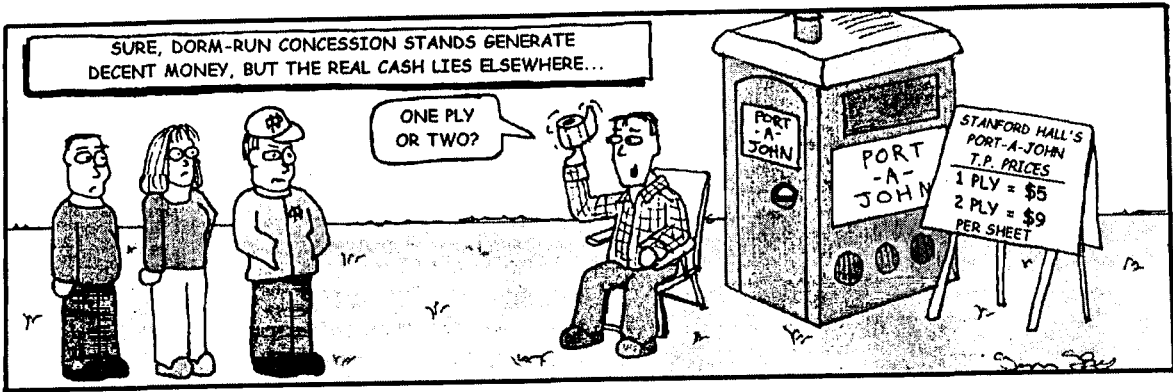
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- 7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Syracuse, Alumni Field
- 8:00 p.m. Abundance of Flava, BCAC talent show, Washington Hall*
- 8:00 p.m. Folk Choir Concert for the Missions, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke in the Huddle, LaFortune Student Center
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *America's Sweethearts and The Exocist*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
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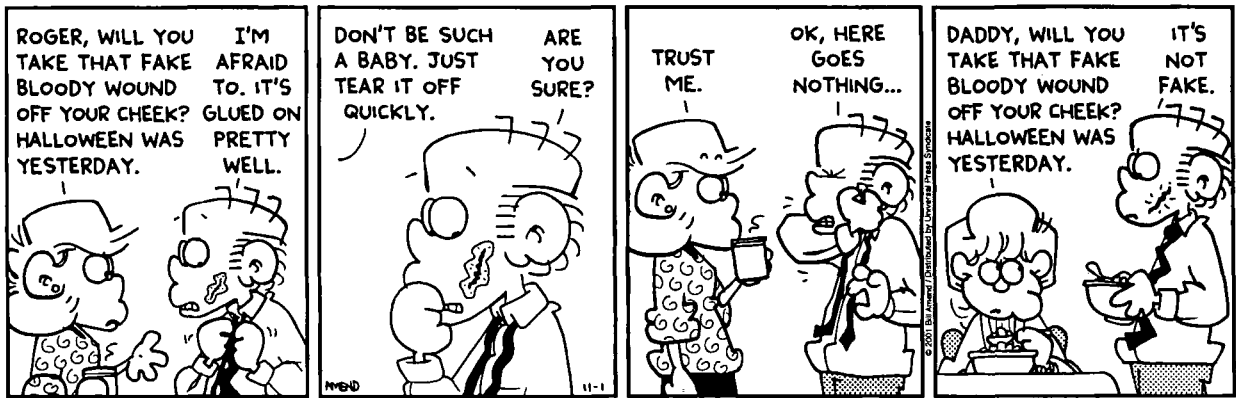
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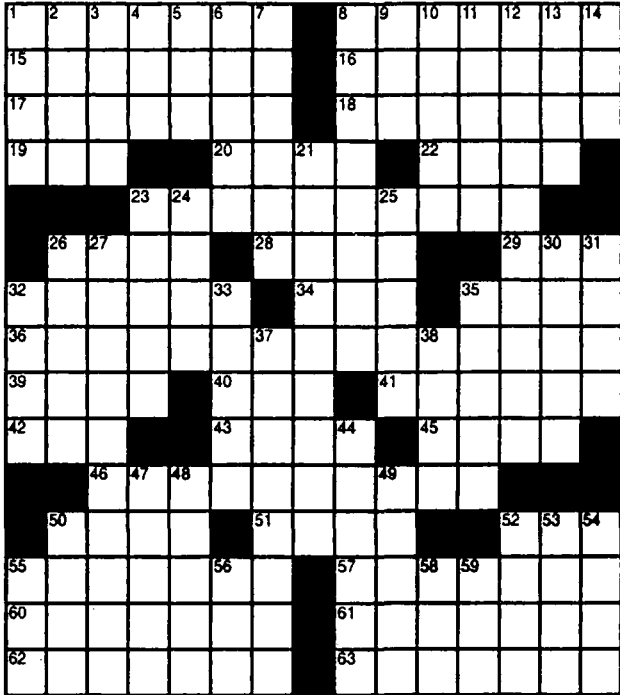
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 - 18 Free
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 - 20 Last shot?
 - 22 Prefix with phobia
 - 23 "Hiroshima" writer
 - 26 Cross
 - 28 Where to find a hero
 - 29 Certifiable, so to speak
 - 32 Ranges
 - 34 Kind of jacket
 - 35 Crimson Tide, informally
 - 36 Birthplace of Allen Ginsberg
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 - 40 Propel, in a way
 - 41 Musical section
 - 42 ___ jocum (in jest): Lat.
 - 43 Vase's handle
 - 45 Taverns
 - 46 Charles Bronson's "Death Wish" role
 - 50 Hoof sound
 - 51 A plain Jane
 - 52 ___-timer
 - 55 Clever one
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- 1 Reassuring words
 - 2 Baseball's ___ Gaston
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 - 5 Reef dweller
 - 6 Fiennes of stage and screen
 - 7 Confine to home
 - 8 Maximum speed limit, e.g.
 - 9 Eastern holiday
 - 10 Raines and Fitzgerald
 - 11 Word with mat or kick
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 - 13 Thus
 - 14 Chicago-to-Louisville dir.
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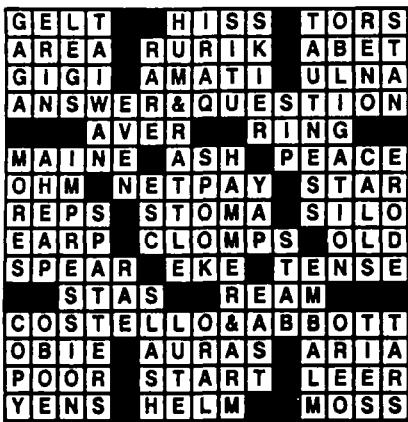


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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time enjoying children or friends. You should be able to accomplish things if you work as a team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time for an overhaul at home. Beautification of your property will pay big dividends later. This is a moneymaking period, so consider investments.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

A glimpse of the future

◆ Promising Thomas takes court for first time in college

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

He's quiet, but doesn't hide his excitement. He's reserved, but knows his talent. And he's anxious, but at the same time, radiates confidence.

Tonight, the Chris Thomas era begins as Irish fans get their first glimpse of the freshman point guard in his first collegiate game as the Irish host the International Select All-Star team in Notre Dame's first of two exhibition games.

"I'm just looking forward to that whole atmosphere," he said. "I haven't been in a place where it's this big with this many fans."

Thomas, a McDonalds All-American and Indiana's Mr. Basketball, enters Notre Dame with the highest expectations of Irish fans for any freshman since Troy Murphy arrived three years ago.

"I'm very excited to see Chris out there," said Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey. "It's nice that we have two exhibitions — dress rehearsals, if you will — because that can be a jittery time. With him, our theme has been we have a talented young man, and we have to be patient and nurture him."

But with senior tri-captains David Graves, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan joining junior Matt Carroll in the starting lineup, Thomas feels

much more comfortable having that experience surrounding him.

"They're so mature about the whole process, with bringing me into the system and accepting me as my point guard," Thomas said. "The biggest thing was them trusting me with the ball, and I think they do that."

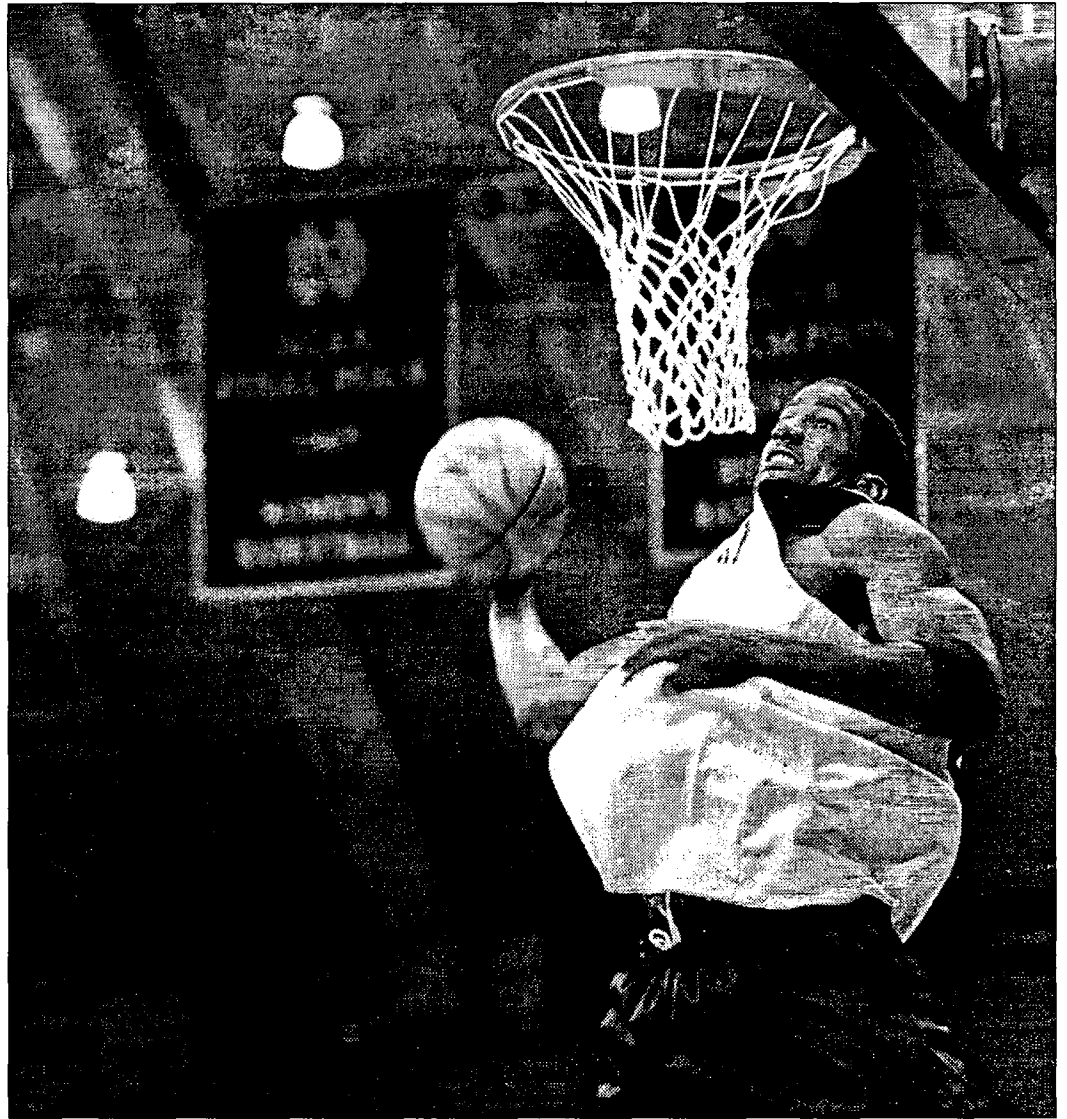
"He doesn't try to do too much out there, and he looks for other people to help him out," Graves said. "Usually, you want a freshman to be quiet and stay out the way, but he's been a major part. He's kind of a quiet leader out there."

Irish fans got an early glimpse of Thomas' athleticism when he won the slam-dunk contest at Midnight Madness earlier this season. And while Brey said he expects to see his young point guard make early turnovers that he wouldn't make later in the season, he's not going to waste time trying to tell Thomas every little thing.

"Chris Thomas is at his best when he's instinctive and reacting to the game and playing with a free mind, and we as a coaching staff are going to try to let him do that," Brey said. "My theme is when you have good players, let them play. He's going to learn some things, and there's some things he's going to learn the hard way, but he has to be allowed to be daring, when he's daring, he's really good. Chris Thomas is at his best when he's instinctive."

It's ironic that the first college point guard Thomas will face is Martin Ingelsby, who started every

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RICO CASARES/The Observer

Senior Ryan Humphrey dunks the ball during Midnight Madness. The Irish will start the season with an exhibition game tonight.

FOOTBALL

Making a name for himself

◆ J.W. Jordan emerges as a valuable member of the offensive line

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Before Irish fifth-year guard J.W. Jordan even stepped on campus, his name was already well-known. His father, John Jordan II, is a member of the Board of Trustees and an influential donor.

Now, five years later, J.W. Jordan is known by his own name — not his father's — as a member of the Irish football team. After seeing just 13 min-

utes, 54 second of playing time in his first four years with the Irish, Jordan has become a regular in the offensive guard rotation with 24:49 of playing time in 2001. He's made appearances in four games this year and, according to Irish head coach Bob Davie, he's earned every opportunity he's received.

"I told him when he recruited him, I sat him down and said, 'You're going to have to outwork everybody,'" Davie said. "You're going to have to work for everything you get. You know, let's face it, you're going to have to be in some ways an overachiever, not because you don't have enough athletic ability but because you are undersized. You're just going to have to outwork everybody."

For five years Jordan put in

his time in the weight room and with his playbook to improve. Through his dedication, he has become one of the most reliable players on the offensive line.

"He knows how to get it done," Irish center Jeff Faine said. "He doesn't look like the most dominant player but he gets it done ... He has a lot of experience and knows what is going on."

But at the same time that Jordan worked hard on the practice field to improve, rumors swirled that he only received his scholarship because of his influential father. The rumors began even before Jordan enrolled. In the Feb. 6, 1997 edition of The Observer, each football player signing with

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Close game ends tough season

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It was a disappointing game but a proud finish for the Belles. A Tuesday night loss to the Scots of Alma in round one of the MIAA tournament wrapped up a tough season that left Saint Mary's 1-11 in the MIAA and 3-16 overall, but the players left the court with their heads held high.

"We played better as a team than we have played probably all season," said head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek. "Alma was good competition for us

and I felt like we finished the season with our heads held high."

The Scots took the match in three close games, winning 30-25, 30-23, 30-24. The Belles contributed their strong performance to heightened communication, a part of their game that has been weak all season.

"I think we communicated well to each other," senior Jaime Dineen said. "We've been working on that all season and I think it came together in the last game."

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- ◆ Men's Basketball vs. Intl. Select, tonight, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Swimming vs. Tennessee, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Football vs. Tennessee, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Soccer at Connecticut, Sunday, 1 p.m.

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