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CLC

Task forces review alcohol, tailgating

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Surveys will help two Campus Life Council task forces move toward drafting reports or resolutions, while another task force will send its recommendations in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs next month.

CLC members announced their plans at the council's regular meeting Monday, as the group appeared close to wrapping up work that has



Norton

been the focus of three task forces this semester.

The task forces on alcohol use and off-campus living will present a report or resolution in December based on e-mail surveys of students and residence hall staff.

"We want to find ways of grabbing freshmen, finding ways to keep them away from less desirable events," Jesse Flores, the Student Senate representative to the CLC, said about discouraging first-year students from underage drinking.

The alcohol task force's survey will also be meant to generate ideas to deter students from drinking before attending dances, especially in residence halls, Flores said.

Sister Piennette, Welsh Family Hall rector, suggested

that the task force explore ways to emphasize to drinking-age students who buy alcohol for their underage peers that they are breaking the law. Piennette said the problem seems much more rampant this year than in the past.

"I don't think they have any idea as to how serious that can be," Piennette said of students 21 years of age and older. "Until the older people who supply realize what kind of jeopardy they put themselves into, the vicious cycle will continue."

The subject of the University's alcohol policies

also surfaced amid discussion of campus drinking. In particular, members expressed concern about Notre Dame officials' crackdown this year on student tailgaters.

"It's important to know what rights a student does and does not have."

Matt LaFratta
Alumni Hall representative
to the Senate

"It's important to know what rights a student does and does not have," said Matt LaFratta, another senate representative

to the council.

Members said administrators should have found better ways to communicate tailgating rules, especially to upperclassmen who had tailgated with little University interven-

tion in the past.

"There's definitely miscommunication here," said Tim Jarotkiewicz, Judicial Council president.

While drinking was a popular topic Monday, there was no indication that the alcohol task force would change the focus of its survey or if the CLC would form a separate task force to address issues that came out of members' discussion.

The alcohol task force's survey will likely poll students and rectors.

Two surveys planned by the off-campus living task force will poll students, rectors and residents.

One survey will explore student housing options, accord-

see ALCOHOL/page 4

College celebrates Native American heritage



Saint Mary's multicultural affairs director Terri Johnson and director of Health Services Cathi DeCleene make traditional Native American jewelry using beads Monday with Linda Topash-Yazel. The activity was part of the national Native American Heritage month.

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Through the use of split-loom jewelry design and traditional materials Linda Topash-Yazel is known as one of the nation's best Native American bead-ers.

Beading for 10 years, she first learned the art from her mother and now spends her time

teaching classes in the art form of creating bracelets and bead designs. Yazel led a beading class Monday night at Saint Mary's, as one of several events taking place this month in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Yazel encouraged the students to create a beaded key chains. She also allowed the students to create their own beaded bracelets and designs and a small dream catcher ornament.

"I teach others so that the traditional skills will not be lost and so that

others, outside the culture, can appreciate the beauty of beading," Yazel said.

She has taught at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Krasl Art Center and the Fernwood Nature Center. She was recently com-

"I teach others so that the traditional skills will not be lost and so that others, outside the culture, can appreciate the beauty of beading."

Linda Topash-Yazel
Native American leader

missioned by Central Michigan University to create traditional bead-work for the Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Yazel expresses the cultural heritage of her people who come from the Potawatomi and Ojibwe heritage, primarily through her art design and use of traditional materials such as porcupine quills and small glass beads. She also uses buttons and semi-precious stones.

"Even though I have been doing this for a while it can still take me up to several weeks to finish some of my beading projects," Yazel said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Giving thanks

What does it mean to give thanks? Why do we even celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving? It's a national holiday ... but that doesn't tell us much about thanks. We talk about how the pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving to give thanks for surviving a rough harsh year. We depict it as them reaping bountiful harvests, with cornucopia overflowing after a year of toil.

That first Thanksgiving though, they gave thanks more for friendship and help they received from the American Indians in the area. They gave the pilgrims food and helped them survive the harsh East coast winter. They helped bring and make the feast that we now consider Thanksgiving.

So, as we go begin this holiday season take time to look at the things you do, the places you've been and the people you know.

Don't just give thanks for the things that you were able to do or the places you were able to be. Give thanks for those people who have helped you get through your tough times, give thanks for those people who have helped you celebrate your glad times. Give thanks for those who made you smile or laugh, for those people who challenged you to be a better person. Give thanks for all the people who love you.

Give thanks for your family, for your friends, and for getting home and returning to campus safely. Give thanks for the opportunity to live and study at Notre Dame. Give thanks for the people who work day in and day out so that we can learn. Give thanks for the next person who says hi to you.

There are many places I've been, many people that I know, and many things that I've done. I'm thankful for all of them, because they have helped me grow into a better person. They have helped me to understand myself better.

There are a lot of people I'd to whom I'd like to say thank you. Thank you to everyone who stood by me when I was going through hard times, thank you for making the time to listen, console me and love me. Your support has been awesome.

Thank you to the Basilica staff for giving me the opportunity to serve God while at church. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for wonderful camaraderie during steak sales and other events over the last four years. Thank you to Student Government for giving me the opportunity to serve the students here at Notre Dame. Thank you to the Keough Tabernacle Choir for creating a wonderful community of praise at Mass.

Thank you to the class of 2002, for being there, challenging, striving, dreaming over the last four years. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your ideas and your solidarity.

Thank you, Notre Dame for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in faith, scholarship and community.

I have much to be thankful for. I am truly blessed.

Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

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Angela Campos

Lab Tech

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Obviously, Saint Mary's discourages premarital sex, but it's not like we become the pregnancy police or the sex police. We encourage women to be careful."

Jerry Madsen assistant director of Residence Life on pregnancy.

"I totally plan on being back here next year and continue to try and get this football team to improve."

Bob Davie head football coach on not resigning

"Diversity and culture is not this intangible idea. It's something that people you go to class with every day encompass."

Joyce DeLeon co-chair of the diversity division on culture fest

"When Navy again beats Notre Dame, which will happen, it will be a special situation for all those kids."

Rick Lantz Navy interim coach on Navy's loss

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Brown allows grad students to become unionized

PROVIDENCE, R.I. In an historic decision, the National Labor Relations Board ruled Friday that Brown University's graduate student workers are employees entitled to unionization privileges.

NLRB regulations require a secret ballot election be held within 30 days to allow graduate students to vote on unionization. The date of the election will be established within the next week by officials from the NLRB, United Auto Workers and the University, according to the ruling of Rosemary Pye, NLRB region one director.

Brown will be the first Ivy League institution and the second private university in the United States, to hold a unionization election for grad-



uate employees.

Sheyda Jahanbani, a member of the BGEO/UAW, said the decision reinforced her faith in the democratic process.

"It's a very pleasant victory," she said. "We felt strongly as the sum-

mer wound down and as the hearings wound down of this decision. It was not surprising but very pleasing."

The decision states all graduate students employed as teaching assistants, teaching fellows, proctors and research assistants in humanities and social sciences, including recipients of training grants and medical school students who are enrolled in a biomedical Ph.D. program, are entitled to vote. Research assistants in the life and physical sciences are not eligible to vote.

The Graduate School has roughly 1,300 students; about 450 have voting rights.

This decision is almost identical to an earlier ruling at New York University.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

University looks for fair admissions test

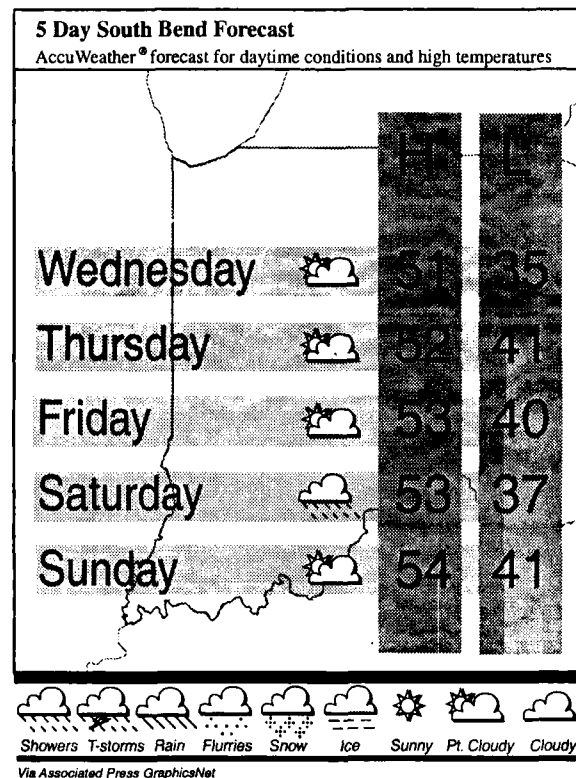
University of California is looking for a fairer test to use in admissions, because less wealthy and underrepresented students receive lower standardized test scores on average than their wealthier and nonminority counterparts. The College Board and ACT Inc., the two largest standardized testing companies in the nation, announced Friday at a meeting of academic and state officials at UC-Santa Barbara that they would work with the UC in addressing this issue, though they did not mention specific actions. "This is all to open up the university to people who do not have all of the advantages that our society has to offer," UC President Richard Atkinson said at the meeting. "My arguments against the SAT I were not based on predictive validity but on pedagogical and philosophical convictions about achievement, merit and opportunity in a democratic society." Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board and former governor of West Virginia from 1988-96, defended the SAT as being a valid — but not perfect — test.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

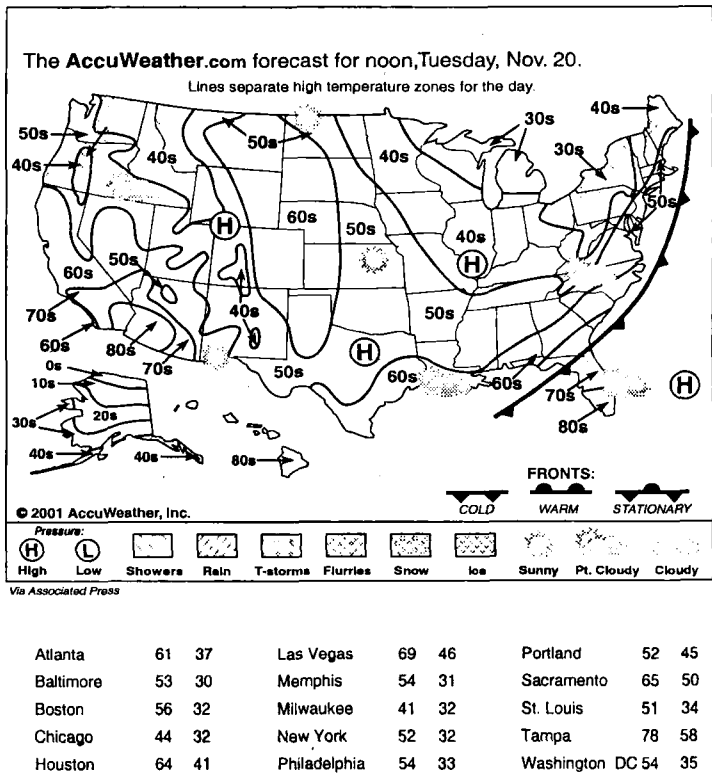
Woman looking for student sperm doner

"Stanford student wanted for sperm donor. \$15k offered. Intelligent, good looking, over 6 ft. tall. No history of self or family addictions." This is not the sort of advertisement that readers usually expect to find in the Palo Alto Daily News classified section. Yet just such an ad has appeared there for the past two weeks, placed by a Burlingame woman who hopes to find a sperm donor in order to have a child. The 33-year-old woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, explained that she specifically wants a Stanford University student because she assumes that the donor will have a high level of intelligence. As for her other requirements, she said she will decide when she meets the donor. "Intellect is a given if they go to Stanford," she said. "And if I meet them and I like them, I'll choose them." The woman said her unconventional approach to having a child stems from her frustration with the dating scene. "I'm planning on waiting another year until my 34th birthday, and if my dating situation doesn't get any better, then I will go the artificial insemination route," she said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



BOG

Eldred elaborates on Strategic Plan

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Marilou Eldred, president of Saint Mary's, updated the Board of Governance on the College's progression of the Strategic Plan Monday night.



Eldred

The Strategic Plan allows for renovations of the Noble Family Dining Hall and Angela Athletic Facility along with the construction of a new academic building to replace Madeleva Hall, explained Eldred.

"We hope to have ground breaking for the dining hall in the spring," Eldred said.

However, plans are moving at a slow rate due to insufficient funds. Eldred stressed that there has been a decline in fundraising and donations due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. When members of BOG asked what initiatives student government could take to help in the process, Eldred assured the body that the only thing it could

do to help the implementation was to talk about fundraising.

According to Eldred, by increasing the amount of money generated by donations, Saint Mary's would not only be able to break ground on planned projects but also promote interest in further development of the College by raising money for scholarships.

"It is exciting to see the change on campus. It creates a real positive feeling throughout the school," student body vice president, Kristen Matha, said in response to Eldred's remarks.

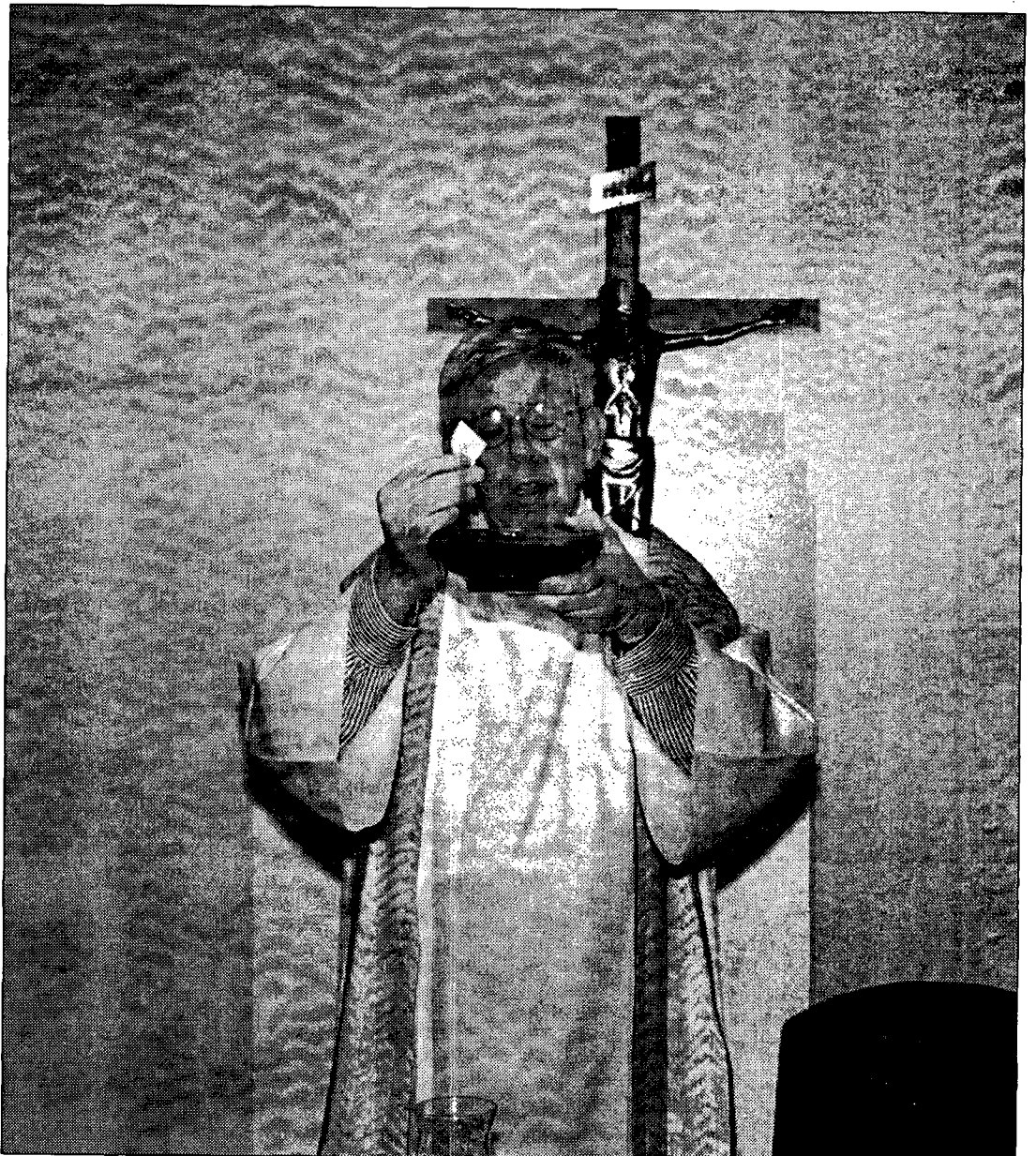
In other BOG news:

Matha updated the Board on the progress of the proposed study day. This past month it was low on the faculty meeting agenda so there was not much discussion. However, it will be further up on the agenda in the December meeting.

"The faculty will take into consideration student's opinions when considering the possibility of implementing the study day proposal," said Matha.

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PRAISES OF THANKSGIVING



ELIZABETH GAYDOS/The Observer

A priest prays before Communion during a mass to celebrate Thanksgiving Day at Saint Mary's Monday evening.

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Alcohol

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ing to Jarotkiewicz, the task force's chair.

"We just want to test the waters, see what's out there ... get as many responses as we can," he said.

A second survey of only rectors and RAs will focus on seniors' involvement in campus activities.

"We want to find out what we can do to get seniors more involved," Jarotkiewicz said. "Some seniors are RAs, but

what about the rest of the seniors?"

The task force will likely forward results of the surveys via a report or resolution to the Office of Student Affairs, Jarotkiewicz said.

The CLC's task force on social space won't conduct a survey but instead submit recommendations in a letter to Student Affairs.

The letter will propose the addition of a 24-hour eatery in North Dining Hall and more use of Alumni-Senior Club for all-ages programming, said task force chair Bob LeBlanc.

"If there's a place for people

"We want to find out what we can do to get seniors more involved."

Tim Jarotkiewicz
Judicial Council president

FBI connects two anthrax letters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The FBI announced Monday it believes a letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy, belatedly found last week, was written by the same person who sent an anthrax-laced letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle last month.

Investigators are looking into the possibility that the letter to Leahy, D-Vt., was misdirected, which could have been the source of anthrax contamination at a State Department mail facility that sickened one worker.

Two buildings on Capitol Hill struck by the anthrax scare reopened, and U.S. health experts provided assistance to authorities in Chile who found a new letter that may contain anthrax.

Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said the agency was planning to test a substance found in a letter that the Chilean government said was tainted with anthrax. The government of Chile said the letter came from Switzerland.

Regarding the Leahy letter, U.S. Postal inspector Dan Mihalko said it contains a handwritten Zip code of 20510 that also can be read as 20520 by optical character reader machines at the postal service.

"That's the exact change needed to forward something to the State Department," said Mihalko.

"It raises an interesting possibility that the letter to Leahy

could have been misdirected through the State Department mail system, which might explain how that system got contaminated," said Mihalko.

The Leahy letter was found Friday by the FBI and hazardous materials personnel from the Environmental Protection Agency in one of 280 barrels of unopened mail sent to Capitol Hill and held since discovery of the letter to Daschle.

The outside of the Leahy letter appears virtually identical to the Daschle letter and bears the same fictitious "Greendale School" return address, all-capital block letters and other characteristics.

Investigators are convinced the two letters were "sent by the same person," the FBI said. Both the Daschle and Leahy letters also had block printing with a slight slant to the right and a postmark from Trenton, N.J.

Two of three Senate office buildings reopened Monday after being swept for anthrax contamination. The Hart Senate office building remained closed.

Environmental Protection Agency officials have said it will take three to four weeks to decontaminate the offices of 10 senators in the Hart building in which traces of anthrax have been found, a Senate aide speaking on condition of anonymity said. Those cleanups have not yet started.

Two other offices where bacteria were found — Daschle's and the next-door suite of Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis. — will be sealed and cleaned with chlorine dioxide gas.

who aren't 21 to go ... I think attendance would be really high," LeBlanc said about use of the senior bar.

The CLC task forces may have only until Dec. 3 to finish their work. That may be the date of the group's final meet-

ing this semester.

Brooke Norton, student body president and CLC chair, said a Dec. 10 meeting would be scheduled if necessary.

"I think once we get surveys in and substantive documents in, we can move forward with

some really great reports, some really great resolutions," Norton said.

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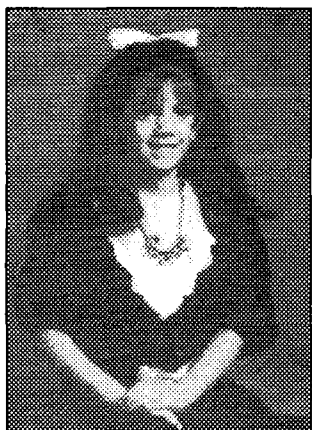
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Earthquake rattles Colombia: A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck in the mountains of northeast Colombia on Monday, swaying buildings as far away as the capital. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The quake's epicenter was in the town of Sevita, located 150 miles from Bogota.

Bulgarian leader backs EU membership: Bulgaria's newly elected Socialist president Georgi Parvanov pledged to work for Bulgaria's membership in the European Union and NATO, while strengthening the role of the state. Parvanov pledged at a news conference to work for a stronger role of the state in alleviating economic burdens and to strengthen ties with the rest of Europe. Bulgaria hopes to join the EU in 2006 and is also seeking an invitation next year to join NATO.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FDA approves controversial gel: The Food and Drug Administration made an unprecedented about-face Monday, approving a gel that promises less internal scarring for women undergoing certain surgeries — even though regulators originally deemed the product too risky. The FDA had initially rejected Lifecore Biomedical Inc.'s Intergel, which promises to reduce internal scarring from certain gynecologic operations.

Gore takes job at financial company: Al Gore has accepted the job of vice chairman of a Los Angeles-based financial services holding company. The former vice president will help the firm find investments overseas as well as private-equity investments in biotechnology and information technology. Gore will add the new job at Metropolitan West Financial to his other duties as college professor, guest speaker and writing a book with his wife Tipper about the American family.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Prisoner attempts escape: A prison inmate used a dense fog as cover to climb a barbed wire fence in an escape attempt that ended when a guard spotted him less than three hours later in a nearby town. Despite extra officers patrolling the Westville Correctional Facility's grounds Sunday morning, Kimlynn Patton was able to slip from a group of inmates being led to breakfast, prison officials said. Patton, who is serving a six-year sentence for burglary, scaled the fence lining the grounds about 7 a.m. A prison guard captured him about 10 miles away in Union Mills.



With members of Congress looking on, President George W. Bush signs the Aviation Security Bill. The bill calls for tighter security both in airports and aboard planes.

Airline security law takes effect

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government began taking charge of airport security Monday at the start of the holiday travel season. President George W. Bush signed legislation that will have more screeners peering in passengers' bags and more sky marshals flying on planes.

"Today we take permanent and aggressive steps to improve the security of our airways," Bush said at a ceremony at Reagan National Airport. The new law will put airport screening in the hands of

28,000 federal workers and require inspections of all checked baggage.

The signing of the most comprehensive air security bill in the nation's history came three days after passage by Congress and three days before Thanksgiving. Lawmakers and the administration were determined to act before the holidays in an effort to convince travelers that it was safe to get back on airplanes 10 weeks after the hijacker attacks on New York and Washington.

Fewer Americans were planning to travel by air this Thanksgiving, accord-

ing to the AAA. The group, formerly known as the American Automobile Association, forecast 4.6 million people traveling by air, a 27 percent decline from last year's 6.3 million.

The new law, said Bush, "should give all Americans greater confidence when they fly."

For many air travelers, already seeing longer waits on the ground and more restrictions in the air, some of the effects of the law won't be readily apparent.

"It's not going to be a dramatic change immediately," said Transportation

Department spokesman Chet Lunner. "There are thousands of posts to be filled ... and dozens of mandates and milestones."

Federal managers will be moving into position at screening stations, although it will take a while, probably three months, before travelers see uniformed federal workers doing the screening, said Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee.

The law calls for all screening operations to be under federal control within a year.

Market Watch November 19

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AMEX:	802.77	+4.07
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S&P 500:	1,151.06	+12.41

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AFGHANISTAN

Alliance warlords show divisions

Associated Press

KABUL

Less than a week after the Taliban were driven from Kabul, 3,000 Shiite Muslim fighters are poised outside, demanding a share of power. Major cities are now warlords' fiefdoms, and the idea of a broad-based government is being challenged by hastily multiplying posters of factional leaders.

While the United Nations is trying to

organize a power-sharing conference, it must move quickly or Afghanistan could suffer the same anarchy and division that paved the way for the Taliban's rise in the last decade.

The sudden collapse of the Taliban throughout much of the country has left a power vacuum which the arrival of the northern alliance into Kabul last week only partially filled.

The alliance is a coalition of five groups — mostly representing ethnic

minorities — which were driven from power by the Taliban in 1996 and which rallied together because of their common hatred for the Islamic militia.

In areas vacated by the Taliban, former warlords such as Ismail Khan in the western city of Herat and Rashid Dostum in the north's Mazar-e-Sharif simply took back control of their old fiefdoms.

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Weddings rise after Sept. 11

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Darcy Rowan and Antal Voros had talked about marriage during their five-month courtship, but it took on sudden urgency after they watched the Sept. 11 attacks unfold on television.

Voros headed to a mall to shop for a ring that week and presented Rowan with the diamond one month later.

"The terrorist attacks shook me up. I was really worried about her," said Voros, 42,

who lives in Elmer, N.J., two hours away from Rowan, a New Yorker. "This made me think, maybe I shouldn't wait as long."

Added Rowan, 34: "I heard all those stories about people losing their loved ones. It made him more important."

There aren't any statistics to prove that more people have been getting engaged since the attacks — but there is plenty of anecdotal evidence.

Retailers from David's Bridal to Ashford.com and Bluenile.com are reporting a jump in sales of wedding merchandise including gowns and rings. The number of people setting up bridal registries is also up.

The surge in business is a pleasant surprise to the \$70 billion bridal industry, which traditionally does most of its business from January through March as couples prepare for summer weddings.

"This is usually a quiet period, the least busiest time," said Ingrid Kelly, director of special events for David's Bridal, which operates 144 stores nationwide. "But we are seeing a tremendous increase in bridal registries."

"...We are seeing a tremendous increase in bridal registries."

Ingrid Kelly
director of special events for David's Bridal

Some customers, she said, are moving up wedding dates from 2004 and 2003 to next year.

Wedding World Inc., a 19-store bridal chain based in Altoona, Pa., so far has a 22 percent gain in sales in November at stores open at least a year.

"The Sept. 11 event is giving the business more momentum," company owner David Kaufman said, adding that business got a boost from people in the military who wanted to get married before being sent overseas.

The wedding industry typically is one of the few sectors that holds up in a recession, though couples tend to scale back on expenses. There are more than 2.2 million U.S. marriages annually.

The post-Sept. 11 rise in bridal business surprised David Liu, chief executive of The Knot.com, a leading wedding resource. The Knot.com compared its online traffic during the first week of September with traffic during the first week of October, expecting a negative impact.

Instead, Liu found a 10 percent increase in bridal registries. The site also had a 17 percent gain in traffic to its marriage license finder, and has gained advertising from tuxedo retailers and photographers.

"Bridal is one of the very few businesses that is doing well, and totally defies economic recession and terrorism concerns," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J. "In fact, the greater the uncertainties of the time, the greater apparently the eagerness to get married and form a family."

Millie Martini Bratten, editor-in-chief of Bride's magazine, agreed but said it's not known if the uncertain times have made couples choose more intimate weddings or bigger affairs.

Patty Walsh, of Waterbury, Conn., was inspired to spend \$6,000 more on her wedding, padding an initial budget of \$14,000.

"I realized that what's money at this point. I wanted my wedding to be the best it could possibly be," Walsh said.

Police arrest man for terrorism links

♦ Saudi man pleads guilty to visa fraud after accusations

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va.

A Saudi man arrested driving a car with a flat tire near a Washington airport on Sept. 11 pleaded guilty Monday to visa fraud after prosecutors said he wasn't involved in the terrorist hijackings.

Khalid al-Draibi, 32, entered the plea in U.S. District Court in this Washington suburb as prosecutors secured convictions from two men arrested initially in the terrorism case.

The other man, Victor Lopez-Flores, also pleaded guilty to helping one of the Sept. 11 hijackers fraudulently obtain a Virginia identification card and illegally re-entering the United States after being deported.

Al-Draibi was arrested about 13 hours after the attacks when he aroused suspicion by driving away from Dulles International Airport in a car with a flat tire.

After he was stopped, police found driver's licenses from eight states and flight manuals for small aircraft, prosecutors said.

But al-Draibi passed two lie detector tests that showed he

wasn't involved in the attacks, his attorney, Drewery Hutcheson Jr., said.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III asked prosecutors Monday if the government was satisfied al-Draibi had nothing to do with Sept. 11. "That's correct," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Morton answered.

Al-Draibi faces up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced Jan. 18 on the visa fraud charge.

In his guilty plea, Lopez-Flores admitted he falsely certified on Aug. 2 that Ahmed Alghamdi lived at his Alexandria, Va., address.

Alghamdi, who was aboard one of the hijacked airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center, used the residency certification to obtain an ID card from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles a month before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Prosecutors said Alghamdi paid Lopez-Flores \$100 for his help. Lopez-Flores, who was deported in 1993 after a criminal conviction, acknowledged that he helped at least 20 people obtain false Virginia IDs since last May.

Lopez-Flores was the second person to plead guilty in northern Virginia to charges arising from the investigation into false ID cards obtained by the hijackers.

Officials expect economy to dip indefinitely

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The sliding economy probably will continue its descent through the winter amid rising unemployment and falling property values, a top Federal Reserve Bank official said Monday.

The economy's output, or gross domestic product, will decline in final three months of this year and the first quarter of next year, predicted Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The economy should start rebounding in the spring, Parry forecast, resulting in modest growth in the second quarter.

Parry made his remarks after a speech at a real estate and economics meeting sponsored by the University of California at Berkeley. The presentation marked his first public remarks on the economy since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Frankly, over the short term, the outlook isn't great and there's a lot of uncertainty," Parry said in his speech. He said steep slump in the technology industry makes it highly unlikely California — and the Bay Area in particular — will recover anytime soon.

California is the largest part of Parry's Fed district, which spans nine Western states.

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During question-and-answer sessions with the audience and the media, Parry predicted consumers will curtail their spending and save more money during the next few months as businesses continue to fire workers to shore up their sagging profits.

The commercial real estate industry, in particular, will "face quite a bit of challenge" as office vacancy rates rise and rents decline, Parry said.

To combat the weakness, the Fed may lower interest rates even further, Parry said. The Fed has lowered interest rates

10 times since the beginning of the year, decreasing its benchmark federal funds rates from 6.5 percent to 2 percent — the lowest level in 40 years.

"If it were necessary — and I am not making an interest rate forecast — there is sufficient room" to lower rates below 2 percent, Parry told Monday's audience.

Parry participates in the meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee that sets interest rates, but doesn't vote on the group's decisions. Under the Fed's system for rotating power around the country, Parry won't vote on the direction of interest rates until 2003.

Although some economists have questioned whether interest rate cuts will provide the financial tonic the country needs, Parry said this year's

flurry of reductions "will go down in the history books as effective." He said a sharp drop in mortgage rates already have spurred a refinancing boom that has boosted household incomes and fueled consumer spending.

The refinancing gains, though, won't be enough to reassure increasingly uneasy consumers about the wave of layoffs since the Sept. 11 attacks, Parry said. The country lost 415,000 non-farm jobs in October — the largest one-month setback in 21 years.

"I would be very surprised if we don't see some pickup in the savings rates because people are feeling uncertain," Parry told reporters. Parry called relatively strong consumer spending "the most surprising element of the past year."

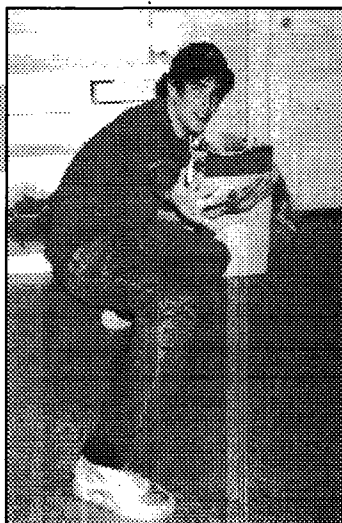
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Happy Birthday,
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Many thanks to the 180 student volunteers who raked the yards of 60 homes in the South Bend Northeast Neighborhood on Saturday, November 10th through the "Turning Over a New Leaf" project!

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A black and white cartoon illustration. On the right, a young boy with short, curly hair is kneeling on his knees, facing left. He is wearing a short-sleeved shirt and pants. His hands are clasped together in front of him in a prayer position, and his eyes are looking upwards with an expression of devotion. On the left side of the image, there is a large, simple white cross against a solid black background. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

If it's a religious war, how do we win?

Response	Percentage
Yes	49%
No	51%

Aristotle
philosopher

VIEWPOINT

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Appreciate life at Notre Dame

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are two fine, fine institutions of learning; there is no debating that fact. People apply to these two schools from all over the nation and even some come from other countries. There was a guy from Haiti who lived down the hall with me freshman year, for crying out loud. I'm not wheelbarrowing excrement at you here, these places are great.

Joe Larson

Principles of Idiocracy

Really, they are.

But, alas, we wouldn't be human if we didn't have problems, and we do.

Being two highly selective schools, we select the people who excelled in high school. We have valedictorians coming out of our ears, high school sports all-stars, legends of the secondary school stage, class presidents, probably some math team geeks, maybe some people who even did all of these and more. People who go to school on either side of Interstate 31 are often categorized with

the words ambitious, excellent, unique, stylishly dressed and darn fine looking.

With all these great, ambitious people around, though, sometimes things get a little foggy. Priorities are shifted, important things get tossed to the wayside like an old pair of drawers. People around here get caught up in things like GPA, big biceps and being the best, and they forget about what's actually going on around here. As bonkers as it sounds, people even argue about things they don't really understand just for the sake of being right.

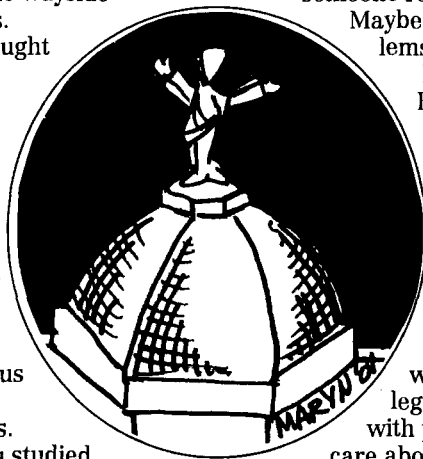
The truth of the matter is that every single one of us is really lucky to be here.

Sure, you have problems. Everyone does. Maybe you studied really hard for that test and still didn't get an A. Maybe your professor just "doesn't like" you. Maybe that special guy or girl just doesn't seem to be responding to your constant barrage of witty lines or outright

advances. Maybe your car gets bad gas mileage. Maybe you never seem to be there when they serve mozzarella sticks in the dining hall. Maybe you didn't get that job you really wanted. Maybe you lost someone really special to you. Maybe you're having problems at home.

I think the Man in Black summed it up best, "Life is pain. Anyone who tells you something different, is selling something."

Poop happens. But what's really important is that we all realize how privileged we all are. We're in college at a great place filled with people who honestly care about our well being. We don't live in poverty. We don't go home and have to scrounge around on the streets for food. Things are great here in the bubble and they will continue to be for a long time.



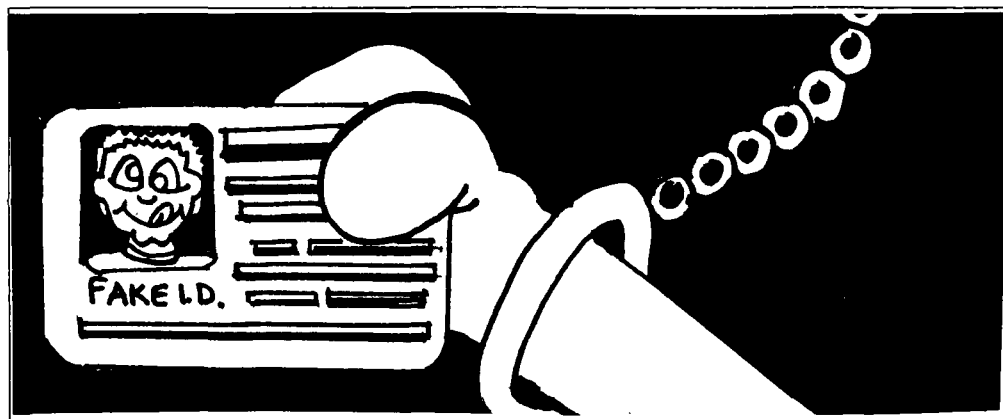
There have been a lot of things that have happened in the last few months that have been truly damaging to a lot of people in this country, and things have almost completely gotten back to normal around here. And that's what's supposed to happen. But it's especially important that we make sure we don't forget what's really important.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, and this year, just like every year, people on campus should be thankful for the things we have in the grand scheme of things. I repeat, we are really lucky to have the things we have here. Sometimes getting the best grades on a paper and being around for the mozzarella sticks get in the way of remembering that. As important as those things are, there are other things that are much more important. And it is essential that we know that and be thankful for it.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Punishment for fake IDs does not fit the crime

Since the subject of fake IDs appeared in a news story and the Inside Column in The Observer on Nov. 19, of course I have taken it upon myself to comment on the matter and the way the University has been handling these situations, being yet another opinionated Notre Dame student.

I'll start by saying that it is true, part of the social life at Notre Dame does involve finding an ID with a photo that remotely resembles oneself in order to get into any particular bar (I think we all know which bars I'm talking about). Of course there are people who chose not to partake in the bar scene, which is fine, whatever gives you kicks. However, there's quite a large number of people enjoying themselves ("Oh no!" cries Reslife) from time to time with the aid of a fake ID. So that makes a group of people who have the potential to be caught in a bar raid on a random Thursday night, which is always the talk of the under-agers during the day on Thursday — "I heard that place is gonna get busted!" So the risk is taken, and people get lucky with a legally uneventful night at whatever bar they happen to choose.

Recently, however, a "half a dozen" individuals were punished by Reslife for possession or soliciting of fake IDs. Here's the kicker: neither Reslife nor the Notre Dame police had ever seen these fake IDs or had any proof that these "invisible" IDs were used. The individuals were punished due to the word of mouth from one other student.

So yes, Student A says, "Student B has used/made/looked at/breathed on a fake ID." So Student B is intimidated, threatened and badgered by the Notre Dame police into saying it is true. Student B is punished (rather extremely considering the "proof" came from student A's mouth) and therefore becomes just a little frustrated because he or she can no longer go abroad, is banned from the dorm, must find a place to live for next semester and has a whopping fine on top of it all. Not to mention that person probably will not go out ever again until their 21st birthday for fear of Reslife's wrath again in a similar situation (a "tattle-tale" situation, if you will ... oh, and are tattletales always telling the truth? Yet another issue I suppose.)

We're not talking about sexual assault here, we're talking about fake IDs, where the results of one's fake ID actions (having it, specifically) do not affect others. So I guess there are a few problems: The Notre Dame police members who feel it is necessary to use their power to bully others and have a lovely ego trip, and Reslife. It seems that Reslife may have run out of excitement and needs a few more lawsuits to liven things up. Any other ideas?

Gina Maccarone

junior

Howard Hall

Nov. 19, 2001

Don't suffer from silence

Every generation has its own set of issues that it deals with. In one generation it is the ending of slavery, in another it is women's suffrage. One of the marks of the present generation is that our society is coming to terms with homosexuality. Perhaps it is not so obvious to someone in their late teens and early 20s just how fast society is changing in its acceptance of people who are gay. Just 15 years ago gay characters were virtually non-existent in the media. Homosexuality was not a fit topic for decent conversation.

Father J. Steele

Here at Notre Dame there have been some significant attempts to create a more accepting and welcoming environment for students who are gay or who are beginning to question their sexual identity. Solidarity Sunday has been a great success across campus. Network training is available to RAs and University staff and faculty as well as students who take an interest in gay and lesbian issues on campus. The University will continue piloting a program on this issue for first year students this spring semester. Campus Ministry is dedicated to providing a safe, confidential place for gay, lesbian and bisexual students to support one another in a positive and affirming environment. This weekly group is led by a excellent group of undergraduate students and myself.

On the Way

Unfortunately, the great majority of undergraduate students at Notre Dame who are gay or lesbian keep their questions, their struggles and their fears to themselves. Most suffer in silence. They suffer from feelings of being different, unaccepted. They live in fear of rejection by their family, friends, their roommates and others in their sections. Most do all they can to fit in, all the while fearing the worst if they were to be found out.

As Catholics and Christians we believe that all people are made in God's image and likeness. God has personally created each one of us and will always love us. For someone who is gay to encounter the very real love of God for them personally is a completely transforming experience. It is this powerful experience that we in Campus Ministry pray for all of our students and especially for those among us who are gay or lesbian.

This Nov. 30 Campus Ministry will have the Sixth Annual Gay and Lesbian Retreat, "All Made in God's Image." This retreat is open to all Notre Dame students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or who wish to support someone who is. If you are interested in participating in the retreat, you may pick up an application in the Retreats Office of Campus Ministry, 114 Coleman-Morse Center. You may also contact me at 1-8144 or Tami Schmitz at 1-3016. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 28. Put aside your fears and join us. It may be the best thing you have ever done.

"On the Way" is the Campus Ministry's question and answer column that appears every other Tuesday. Father J. Steele is rector of Morrissey Manor and also works in Campus Ministry. Please direct questions to ministry.1@nd.edu.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Starsailor follow the lead of Travis, Coldplay

By TOM O'CONNELL
Scene Music Critic

The United Kingdom has always sent some of its best music across the Atlantic. When one British style becomes popular in America, a wave of similar bands floods our airwaves.

The most recent style to emerge has been that of acoustic Brit folk/rock. Bands like Travis and Coldplay have had huge success in America. Starsailor is the next to emerge out of this genre.

Led by singer/guitarist James Walsh, Starsailor's debut album *Love Is Here* is a mellow, mostly acoustic set of songs that has enjoyed great buzz since its British release last month. When the album hits U.S. record stores in January, the band will likely see a fair amount of success.

Backing up Walsh are bassist James Stelfox, drummer Ben Byrne and keyboardist Barry Westhead. The band has a sound that is comfortable and familiar, but not overly impressive. *Love Is Here* shows the band's talent and potential, but they have a long way to go before their sound matures.

As a new band, Starsailor seems to suffer from the Lenny Kravitz complex — while able to produce good music, the band's influences are just too recognizable, which hurts the originality and credibility of the musicians.

The band has said that they are greatly influenced by Jeff Buckley, and they wanted to make an album that could be as powerful as his work. They may have been trying a bit too much to emulate Buckley and other acts.

Many songs can be quickly identified as having a similar style to some other popular bands. "Good Souls" has a very obvious Oasis feel to it, while "Fever" hovers dangerously close to Radiohead's creepy classic, "Exit Music (For a Film)."

Not all songs have this problem though. "Tie Up My Hands" has a smooth and mesmerizing

rhythm that holds your attention. "Alcoholic" is a powerful and deeply personal tune as Walsh's vocals flood with emotion.

"Lullaby" is a fun and original track that is one of the better songs on the album. The cool melody and slowish pace always seem like they want to speed up, but the song stays calm and controlled.

The theme of the album, and obviously of most of the songs, is explorations of love. The title track, "Love Is Here," is a slow and sad ballad with depressing lyrics and a heartfelt piano solo. "If you could see the lover in me/ And we could join our hands together/ You could see how good it could



Photo courtesy of www.starsailor.net

Starsailor will attempt to carve their own niche in the ever growing scene of Brit folk/rock when they release *Love Is Here* in the U.S. next January.

be/ We'll sing these stupid songs forever."

Coming from Britain, many bands have to face up to the fact that they will never be able to top some of the greatest British bands that have come before them. The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and Radiohead seem to have set the benchmarks for British rock music, and it would take something extraordinary to find yourself counted among them.

Though Starsailor is never going to be as big as these bands, they are trying to carve out their own niche in the world. So far, they have only made a small dent, but for a debut album, it is a good start. In time they will find themselves and should probably be able to put forth some entertaining and stimulating music.

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Love is Here

Starsailor

Capital Records

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ALBUM REVIEW

Live album puts everything in a new place

By SAM DERHEIMER
Assistant Scene Editor

Radiohead have been throwing their fans for a loop lately. Just as fans had finally managed to choke down the dense, electronic soundscapes of *Kid A* and the ambience and textured guitar of *Amnesiac*, Radiohead have a new assignment for their faithful — a live album.

I Might Be Wrong – Live Recordings is a raw collection of eight tracks compiled from *Kid A* and *Amnesiac* recorded live over four shows last summer in Europe.

From the hazy boom that opens "The National Anthem," to the final "Thank you!" yelled to the audience from lead vocalist Thom Yorke at the culmination of the album, Radiohead redefine the concept of a live album to suit their own exacting purposes. This band couldn't do anything normal if it tried.

Nowhere on *I Might Be Wrong* will fans find the cleanest, or even the clearest, versions of each song. Instead, Radiohead opt to showcase the unrestrained transformation studio-version songs undergo when played live. The complex arrangements and intricate layered sound that made the studio-versions of songs like "Everything in its Right Place" and "Like Spinning Plates"

so innovative and sensual are deconstructed and stripped to their barest existence. The songs are left with little more to survive on than Yorke's melodic, haunting vocals and the reemergence of Jonny Greenwood's guitar. And the songs thrive.

In typical Radiohead fashion, the album opens with the resonating roar of "The National Anthem." Left completely void of the lush jazz horns that define the studio-version of the song, "The National Anthem" literally forces its way upon its audience through nothing more than the sheer will of the band. Yorke's frenzied

beatbox vocals push the song in the absence of horns, and a strained, wavering guitar fills in the sound from underneath. The song evolves (or is it devolves?) from its densely free-flowing original version to an intense and compelling rumble that demands attention from its audience from the very beginning.

The energy and force behind the song will take many fans who have never heard the band play live by surprise.

Fans who have grown accustomed to the slow and methodical studio Radiohead, making certain that even the most miniscule of cords is put in its optimum place, will find that Radiohead concerts are not nearly as forgiving. Radiohead live is an all-out frontal attack

on the senses and the spirit.

Perhaps more than any other song that found its way onto *I Might Be Wrong*, "Idioteque" exposes the cathartic and explosive soul of a Radiohead performance.

Powered almost completely by the heavy, pounding beats of drummer Phil Selway and the frantic chant vocals of Yorke, the song literally explodes in a paradoxical mesh of its electronic roots and a newfound sense of human emotional fury. With a quicker tempo, an added guitar underbelly and Yorke's rush of base human emotion, "Idioteque" takes on a completely new nature from its studio counterpart.

As the beat comes in thicker and thicker, one can just imagine Yorke swaying violently, dancing in a spastic frenzy, as the audience loses itself in the mesmerizing sound and emotion embedded so deeply within the song.

The live translation of "Like Spinning Plates" can only be likened to a butterfly emerging from the harsh, uninviting cocoon of its former state. Yorke's frail voice flutters above the angelic hum of a piano and the soft, slow rhythm of Colin Greenwood's bass. The song balances on

I Might Be Wrong

Radiohead

Capital Records

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I Might Be Wrong
Summer 2001
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Album "Set" List:
The National Anthem
I Might Be Wrong
Morning Bell
Like Spinning Plates
Idioteque
Everything in its Right Place
Dollars and Cents
True Love Waits

the threshold of crumbling into nothing at all at any moment, but finds its essence in its ability to run that line without failing. The soft, somber beauty of the song is a stark contrast from the backward-tracked arrangement of the studio-version: "Like Spinning Plates" truly showcases Radiohead's ability to transform the oddest of sounds into the most beautiful of songs.

Also present on the album is a cut of "True Love Waits," one of Radiohead's most sought after underground secrets. For a true fan, purchasing the entire album is justified by this one song.

I Might Be Wrong may not contain the "best" versions of each of these eight songs, but it will show anyone who picks it up exactly what Radiohead live is all about. And in the end, isn't that the point of a live album?

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ALBUM REVIEW

Simple punk-rock album succeeds for Strokes

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

Every once in awhile, a band comes along that defies the conventional music scene and comes out with something completely different. The Velvet Underground, the Ramones, Television, the Replacements. Bands that have a minimalist attitude about rock, where production

and effects take a background to their roots.

Add The Strokes to this list.

With an album and sound more suited to an evening at CBGB's than a video on MTV, The Strokes lay it all out on *Is This It*, a rough, complicated album filled with the punk and rock influences of the underground.

Filled with jangling guitars, heavy backbeats and distorted vocals, *Is This It* could have

been recorded in a garage and sold at a punk show for five dollars. It is a testament to the band that being released by a recording industry conglomerate did not kill the non-conformist spirit inside of them. The entire album clocks in at just over a half hour.

The album's lyrical content is similar to what their influences dealt with. Bad relationships, break-ups, seduction and conflict with society all play recurring roles.

The album opens with the title track "Is This It," a layered groove with simple guitar licks and vocals reminiscent of Lou Reed. A song about misunderstanding each other, the speaker argues that "we're not in a maze/ we just disagree."

"The Modern Age" and "Barely Legal" find the speaker occupying the unlikely role of a seductor, with the latter track proclaiming that he'll "only steal your innocence."

Songs such as "Someday," "Alone, Together," and "Trying Your Luck" occupy more typical relationship stances for a punk band, as each song considers romantic failure among a landscape of pulsating guitars and heavy drums.

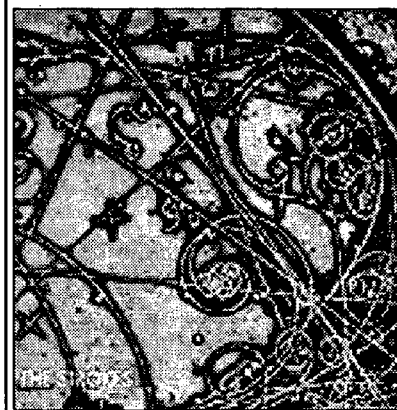
"Alone, Together" is the strongest of these tracks, with a very dark melody and angry vocals.

Non-conformity is the subject of "Soma," "Hard To Explain," and "Take It or Leave It." Although the lyrics are almost unintelligible in "Soma," it's obvious the speaker is ranting about people who are "trying so hard to be like them," a reference to society in general.

The last song on the album, "Take It or Leave It," is a great summation of the whole punk attitude. The speaker says "leave me alone/ I'm in control," and as for the band's music, it doesn't matter to them if you don't like it. It is a good song about indifference toward the opinions of those who don't matter.

The strongest track on the album is the band's first single, "Last Nite." Featuring a great buildup of instruments and vocals that sound like Jim Morrison, it's a great rock song about the morning after a breakup, with lyrics underlining the speaker's mass confusion over his situation. In

Is This It



The Strokes

RCA Records

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Photo courtesy of www.thestrokes.com

Is This It is a simple and raw tribute to all that punk-rock should be by The Strokes, a band that refuses to lose touch with their underground roots. As punk slowly deteriorates into pop-rock, The Strokes remain true to punk form.

the end though, he proclaims that "I don't care no more/ I'm walking out that door."

The Strokes make their point and then leave. *Is This It* is a short album with great music and great attitude. It is refreshing to hear a band in touch with musical roots that have long been abandoned for a highly produced sound and more pretentious lyrics.

A lot of times in music, the simplest of approaches is the best. The Strokes prove that.

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Rob Zombie - The Sinister Urge

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Bonds wins 4th MVP

Associated Press

Barry Bonds is looking for affection, not money or trophies.

He's likely to wind up with all three.

"I just want to be wanted," he said Monday after becoming the first player to win four Most Valuable Player Awards.

Bonds won the National League MVP in a landslide to cap a record-breaking season in which his 73 home runs broke baseball's biggest season record. He received 30 of 32 first-place ballots and 438 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Once you've won it a few times, the standards for you are very high," Bonds said. "It's very difficult to achieve it again."

The 37-year-old outfielder hit .328 with 137 RBIs for the San Francisco Giants. Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa got the other two first-place votes and finished second with 278 points.

On Tuesday, Bonds can start translating his statistics into cash. That's the first day free agents can negotiate salaries with all teams.

"The most important thing for me is winning," Bonds said. "I really want to have an opportunity to win. I've played a long time."

His new agent, Scott Boras, quickly modified his client's remarks.

"Is this about money? Of course it is. This is a business," Boras said.

Bonds is coming off a \$30.7 million, three-year contract and Boras is seeking a contract of up to five years. Since the end of the season, Boras and the Giants have talked just once, a session last Friday dealing with generalities.

While Giants' teammates have been cool to Bonds, he feels appreciated by the Bay

area fans. He has bristled at his image — a detached and sometimes selfish star.

"I learned that there's a lot of people here in San Francisco that do like me," Bonds said. "Sure, my preference is to stay. My preference is to play baseball, but I have to do what is best for me, and I know the organization has to do what's best for them."

Bonds also won the MVP award for Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992 and for the Giants in 1993. He finished second to Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in 1991 and to San Francisco's Jeff Kent last year.

"I don't have a home big enough to put trophies in my house," said Bonds, who has earned in excess of \$75 million in nine seasons with the Giants.

Boras, using Bonds' average of 47 homers in the last five seasons, projects his client will have 802 homers by the end of the 2006, 47 more than Hank Aaron's career record.

Bonds will be 42 by then.

"There's a lot of statistics I can do if I stay at the same pace and stay in the same shape," he said.

Before Bonds, the only three-time MVPs were Roy Campanella, Stan Musial and Mike Schmidt in the NL, and Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle in the American League.

"I don't think you could ever dream of surpassing players of that stature. There are no words for it," Bonds said. "I'm just grateful."

Bonds broke two of Babe Ruth's records last season, walking 177 times — seven more than Ruth's total in 1923 — and finishing with an .863 slugging percentage, 16 points higher than Ruth's percentage in 1920. Bonds has 567 career homers, seventh on the career list.

He also broke the season home run of 70 set three

years ago by Mark McGwire.

It is not yet clear how much of an effort the Giants will make to retain Bonds, who has failed to lead them to the World Series. The last reigning MVP to change teams was Bonds, who left Pittsburgh in 1992 to sign with San Francisco.

Both Bonds and the Giants were pleased with Friday's meeting.

"In layman's terms, it was a sharing-and-caring session. We were listening to their concerns," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said.

Because of Bonds' age and failure to win, it's unclear how many teams are both interested and have enough money to sign Bonds. The Giants are not among baseball's top spenders.

"Can I compete with the Yankees' payroll? The answer is no," Sabean said. "But can I compete to sign Barry? Yes."

Sosa, who hit .328 last season with 64 homers and a major league-leading 160 RBIs, got the first-place votes of Teddy Greenstein of the Chicago Tribune and Mike Kiley of the Chicago Sun-Times.

He was followed in the voting by Arizona outfielder Luis Gonzalez (261 points) and St. Louis infielder-outfielder Albert Pujols (222), who became the first NL rookie to finish as high as fourth since pitcher Joe Black was third in 1952.

Pujols had the highest finish by a rookie in either league since 1975, when Fred Lynn was voted the AL MVP and Boston teammate Jim Rice finished third. The only other rookie to finish higher than Pujols was Boston Braves shortstop Alvin Dark, third in 1948.

Bonds gets a \$100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Sosa gets \$100,000 for finishing second.

The American League MVP is announced today.

OLYMPICS

Olympic flame begins journey

Associated Press

The Olympic flame began its journey to Salt Lake City on Monday, carrying hopes that the Winter Games can bring solace to a nation in mourning and at war.

The flame was displayed in a traditional ceremony among the ruins of the ancient birthplace of the Olympics.

But clouds and rain prevented the ritual lighting of the flame using the sun's rays on a concave mirror. A flame ignited in the mirror during an earlier practice session was used instead. The flame had been kept burning in lamps.

It was the third consecutive time — dating to the 1998 Nagano Games — that the torch was not lighted during the official ceremony because of bad weather in Ancient Olympia, about 135 miles southwest of Athens.

"The forebears of Olympians, of civilization, of humanity looked beyond themselves to find the source of greatness and of light. May we look to the eternal source to guide our world today," said Mitt Romney, head of Salt Lake City organizing committee.

Greek actress Thalia Prokopiou, in her role as high priestess during the ceremony, used the flame to light the Salt Lake City torch at a grove of cypress trees dedicated to Pierre de Coubertin, the French baron who revived the Olympics more than a century ago.

The first leg of the torch relay was run by Lefteris Fafalis, a Greek cross-country skier.

Greek runners will carry the torch to a ski center near the ancient ruins of Delphi. It is scheduled to arrive in Athens on Tuesday and burn in the all-marble Panathenian stadium, site of the first modern Olympics in 1896.

The torch then heads by plane to Atlanta on Dec. 3. The 65-day relay across the United States ends at the opening ceremony in Salt Lake City on Feb. 8. The route passes through all the U.S. states except Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Hawaii.

Police will also accompany the flame in a sign of the heightened worries following Sept. 11, Romney said.

"The torch is an important symbol which we wish to protect," said Romney, who was accompanied by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt and U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandy Baldwin.

Ancient Olympia Mayor Giorgos Aidonis hoped the torch relay will "warm the hearts of people."

The Olympics were held in Ancient Olympia from 776 B.C. to 394, when the Roman Emperor Theodosius abolished them after Christianity took root and he deemed the games pagan.

The president of the Greek Olympic Committee, Lambis Nikolaou, said the flame's long journey could convey a spirit of unity "at a time when humanity is shaken by tragic events."

He also announced that 17 foreign ministers, including those of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, had signed a declaration in support of an Olympic Truce during the Salt Lake City Games.

The effort — spearheaded by Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreou — seeks to revive the ancient tradition of suspending conflicts during the Olympics.

"Because of the tragic events of Sept. 11, we see this as the first time that the world has come together to heal, ... that fate has fallen upon Salt Lake City to be the place and we will be ready," Leavitt said.

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Lord, save the Minnesota Twins.

Mad props to Observer Sports this weekend. Katie, Katie, Chris and Bryan and Brian and Rico... travel is fun, huh. Jeff, Matt and Bryan, thanks for the extra effort in the office. You guys are the glue that keeps this paper together.

Soccer

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eled team this year, and hopefully we can get it up to 20 games with 12 on the road."

After dropping their semifinal match in the Big East tournament by a score of 1-0 to eventual champion St. John's last Friday, the Irish players are eager to get back on the field.

"Everyone's real excited right now," freshman Kevin Goldthwaite said. "It's kind of like the season started over a little bit — like this is the beginning of it for us. We feel that we can do well, and we need to start preparing for what we have coming up."

After missing out on the NCAA Tournament for the past four years, some of the older players on the team are anxious to finally get their chance in postseason play.

"When you come to a school like Notre Dame, the expectations are that you're going to be playing in the NCAA tournament," fifth-year senior Griffin

Howard stated. "Unfortunately, for one reason or another, it hasn't happened in the past, but I'm very excited that it happened this year. I think that we can do very well. I'm very optimistic, and I have a lot of confidence in our team right now. It's a brand new season."

The Irish are not content, however, to be satisfied with just making the tournament. They have every intention of making a run at the end of the year.

"There's no question that we're a very good team, because it's only good teams that get into the tournament," Clark stated. "I think the big thing now for the guys is to find out if we're a great team, because great teams aren't satisfied just with getting in. They want to go somewhere when they get it. We know we're a good team, but do we want to be a great team — I think that's the test for us now."

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Griffin Howard
Irish senior

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Irish defenders Andres Forstner (left) and Justin Ratcliffe try to keep the ball away from Red Storm players during Friday night's 1-0 St. John's victory.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles learn spirit of teamwork

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Pulling together for the last meet of their tough three-day schedule, exhausted Saint Mary's College swimmers realized the closeness of a team.

"As a team we learned how to depend on each other in new ways. It was nice to know that your teammates were there supporting you all the way," said freshman Sarah Williams, who felt encouraged to race her hardest by her teammates on

Saturday.

"By Saturday, the [team] was pumped up and closer together," said coach Gregg Petcoff. "No one else was probably going into the same three day situation as we did. It made us have to be closer."

While other teams at the Wabash Invitational may have competed in other meets this weekend, what set the Belles apart was their two dual meets and an invitational meet. Unlike conference meets, the swimmers can swim three individual races plus relays in each dual

meet.

Petcoff feels that the intense three-day weekend of races will work to the Belles' advantage. Not only was the team able to experience the fatigue they will be facing during the conference meets later in the season, but they were also able to feel the effects of a taper.

"We learned a lot from the weekend," said Petcoff. "How people reacted differently to a rest cycle to prepare them for a big meet."

Petcoff felt the rest cycle contributed immensely to the

Belles' performance in each meet.

"Almost every single person had a best time Thursday night and [we] broke two team records," said Petcoff.

The Belles finished seventh out of nine teams, trailing only 13 points behind Indiana/Purdue at Indianapolis, and ahead of Tri-State University and Vincennes University.

The difference in the scores between Saint Mary's and Indiana/Purdue was due to diving.

"We didn't take divers," said Petcoff. "We definitely outswam the team ahead of us."

Sophomore Megan Ramesey led the Belles in individual scores with a final score of 46. She placed in the 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard butterfly, and 100-yard butterfly. Other swimmers who placed in multiple events included sophomore Maureen Palchak, junior Lauren Smith, sophomore Katy Lebedez, sophomore Julie McGranahan, and sophomore Candice Polisky.

"I felt the strongest on Saturday," said McGranahan, who received season best times in 200-yard butterfly and 100-yard butterfly. Friday was probably the hardest day, though. Once Friday was over, [we] knew [we] could get through Saturday."

Alicia Lesneskie, senior, felt drained after the weekend.

"By Saturday, I was just ready to be done and get some sleep," said Lesneskie. "It was the first time we've had three meets in a row while I've been on the team. It was a lot like a conference meet, but harder because we had to work classes into our schedule."

The Belles will now fall back into training for the next month. Petcoff is eager to see the results of a taper from a whole season of training instead of just half a season.

"When we taper off from a whole season of work our times should be even faster," said Petcoff. "Everybody has a lot to look forward to. [The swimmers] will reflect on this weekend and see a lot of positive with only half a season of training."

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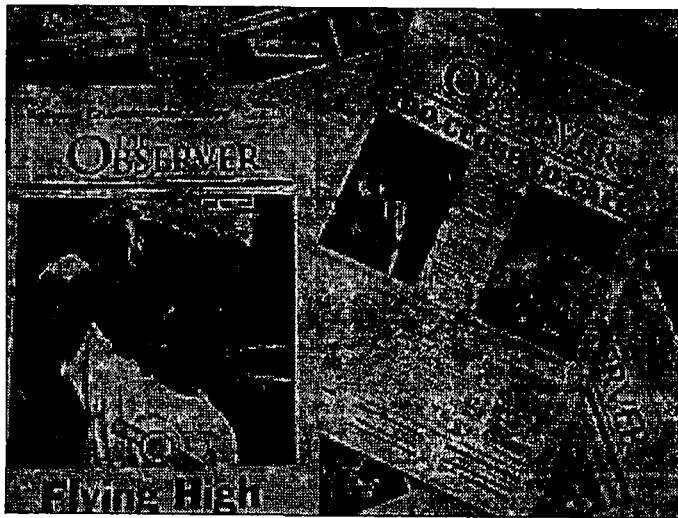
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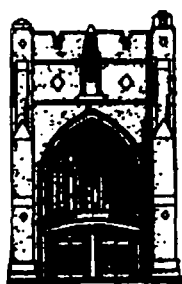


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cheer on the Irish.

"The other team members coming out to see the race, I was so proud to see them, hear them roaring, 'Here come the Irish.' We had some of the best fans out there," said Shay.

The group had plenty of energy to be heard throughout the 10,000-meter course and seen waving huge ND flags, even after the 10 hour drive from South Bend.

"That kind of loyalty typifies our team and the closeness of it," said

Watson. "Everyone supports each other and it builds on itself."

Shay and Watson, working off of each other from the third mile until the finish, finished among an elite front pack that included 2001 NCAA champion Eastern Michigan's Boaz Chboiywo.

Chboiywo broke the meet record, finishing the 10,000-meter course in 28:47.

"I didn't look back, I just ran," said Chboiywo. "I ran forward. If I looked forward maybe I would relax. I was just concerned with running my own race."

Behind Chboiywo was Colorado's Jorge Torres, followed by Alistair Cragg of Arkansas and D. Ritzenheim of Colorado.

"[The team's performance] shouldn't take anything away from a marvelous year," said Plane. "It's nice to see the program has matured to the level that our guys are all upset at being [6th] in the country. We



RICO CASARES/The Observer

The Irish head out of the gate at the National Championships Monday. Notre Dame was disappointed in its sixth place finish, but had two runners in the top 10 and three All-Americans.

would have liked to have run just a little bit better today."

Todd Mobley was 38th overall in 30:09; senior Marc Striowski, who was 58th in 30:27; sophomore David Alber was 188th in

a time of 31:55.

"I don't know, I didn't feel like I finished that well," said Mobley.

Senior Sean Zanderson was 192nd in 32:00 Conway, a 2000

All-American was 243rd in 34:11.

"I thought I would try to start picking people off and it wasn't really happening," said Zanderson. "We didn't achieve

what we wanted to, but I'm not disappointed in anyone."

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RICO CASARES/The Observer

Irish runners Megan Johnson (left) and Jen Handley (right) hit a straight away in the early part of Monday's national meet. The Irish finished in 19th place.

Women

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were happy to reach the championship race. However, running as hard as they did to reach Greenville took something out of the team.

"You look at the people that run really, really well. Chances are they didn't have to run very hard in the regional meet," Connelly said. "These girls had to run pretty hard just to get to the meet."

The effect of two weeks of hard running showed itself in Megan Johnston's race. Johnston finished the race right behind teammate Handley, with a time of 22:24, but Connelly knew she could have done better.

"One of the big keys to this meet is just coming in and doing what you've done all year," Connelly said. "Megan's been doing good all year and she struggled a bit."

Jennifer Fibuch and Christi Arnerich wrapped up the top five Irish runners, finishing the race in 22:35 and 22:59 respectively.

Brigham Young took home the national championship with all five of its top runners finishing in the top 25 and all five of its runners finishing within 26 seconds of each other. North Carolina State finished in second, followed by Georgetown.

Now that the 2001 season is over, the Irish moved on to the 2002 season with their sights set on finding themselves in the top 10. Monday's race was another marker for the young team that there is the distinct possibility of making this race one in which they excel.

"They know they can run better," Connelly said. "And they know they can do something good in this meet eventually."

"A lot of it is a learning experience," Handley said. "Our new season for cross country starts today. We have a lot of work to do. A year from now, hopefully we'll just keep getting better and better."

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A senior ode to the place we call home

I graduated early Saturday evening.

Yeah, I know the official commencement for the class of 2002 isn't for another six months, but having watched my last game in Notre Dame Stadium as a student makes it feel like I'm already done.

From a stadium that was almost too mythical, too unbelievable to even exist when I was growing up to the place I've lived an eight-minute walk from for the last three and a half years. Notre Dame Stadium — and the teams that have played there — have been larger than life to me.

Of course, the last game was



Ted Fox

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nothing too spectacular, a 34-16 win over winless Navy. Still, as a sappy senior who still feels like a freshman, I present you with this poem or ode or monster ballad, whichever you prefer to call it, about a place so many of us call home.

It's the only way I know to say thank you.

Saturday, Nov. 17 rolled around, just like the calendar said it would.

My last home game in Notre Dame Stadium, against a team not-so-good.

No, I'm not a player, just a know-it-all obnoxious fan.

But attachment comes with the territory

When you love the most storied team in the land.

Like 1900 in my class, I started school here just over three years ago.

With dreams of classroom greatness, perhaps, but, let's be honest, football stole the show.

The defending national champs, the Michigan Wolverines rolled in for game one.

A 36-20 Irish win, and we all stormed the field

Thinking waking up echoes would always be so much fun.

But there were some bad losses along the way (try the next week at MSU).

Although most have come on the road, it seems, away from the House of Knute.

Yet there was a day in September of 2000, when number one Nebraska rolled into town,

Most thought Notre Dame had no shot, evidenced by all the Husker fans

And the abundance of tickets that they found.

The Irish trailed 21-7 in the third and the skeptics stated their points,

"It's simple, Notre Dame just can't compete, not with what this schedule appoints."

But along came a man named Jones, followed by a guy called "Joey G."

And of all of a sudden the game was tied,

The air overflowing with chants of "We are ND."

Of course that game went to overtime, and the Irish took a three point lead,

Until that future NFL special teamer Crouch whizzed by, and scored the winning TD.~

I sat in my seat for 20 minutes after that final gun.

My eyes welling, on the verge of tears.

Wishing we had stopped that run.

The last four years haven't shown the ND greatness that we've all come to crave.

A 27-18 mark and a bowl win drought stretching back to our eighth grade.

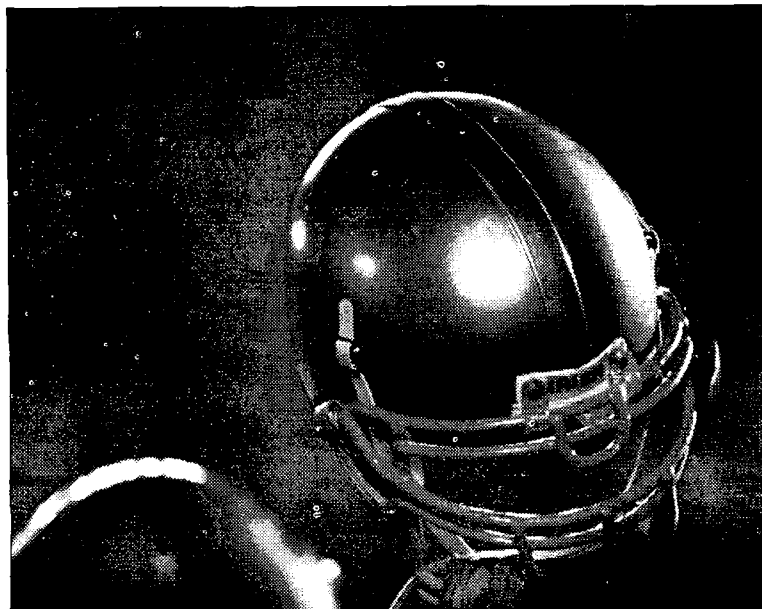
However, in that place we all call home, the Irish have won 20 of 25.

But trust me, you don't want to do the math

To figure out that record on the road side.

Especially at night.

But whether 3-5 or 8-0, I knew my last game at home



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Irish seniors lifted their helmets to the crowd after Saturday's win over Navy.

might be a little hard.

So I showed up an hour early, flashing an usher my soon-to-expire ID card.

I tried to explain to my junior roommate just how strange it felt to be at the end.

Sitting on a wooden bench and talking about a brick stadium,

Knowing I was saying goodbye to a friend.

My words trailed off a lot, building emotions coming close to turning to water.

They were just doing drills on the field, how would I get through the Alma Mater?

But then the game started, and despite the less than rivet-

ing drama that would ensue,

I was more thankful than ever that this was the school, and the team,

That I did so long ago choose. And just an aside, a small postscript to my thanks:

When the game ended, to my surprise,

I did not shed a tear.

I think those tears are on hold, my friends,

Waiting to see if Davie will be our coach next year.

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Thank you for the wind and the waves.
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Thank you, God, for the gift of people,
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with many gifts and talents,
all made and loved by you.

Thank you, God, for the variety of life;
everything points to your love and glory.

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We thank you, gracious God,
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As we have been fed by your gifts of life;
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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Shay, Watson finish careers together

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Three miles into the 10,000 meter NCAA Championships Monday, Luke Watson was running behind the front pack, maintaining a pace that put him around 10th place. Then he felt a tug on his shirt. It was Ryan Shay, who had worked his way up from the crowded congestion of the pack and was ready to take on the next one in the last race of both their college cross country careers.

"I was like, 'Lucas, let's go,'" said Shay.

And they went. Together. Working off of each other like they always have.

"That just woke me up in the middle of the race," said Watson. "It's really easy to get into a groove and just roll there, but we started to move up at that point. We almost got into a no-man's land between two packs, but working together we were able to bridge the gap. We stayed in there, we exchanged leads, it was awesome."

Both had earned All-American finishes in the NCAA meet before, but neither could have finished where they did without the other on Monday.

"Neither of us did the majority of the work," said Shay. "We just consistently kept changing positions, working off of each other. It took me three miles to find Luke, but once I did, I was like, 'I have to

stick with him.'"

The two have found a balance in their training as well, filling in one another's few weaknesses.

"I think we complement each other in training," said Watson. "Ryan is more of a strength runner and I'm more of a speed runner. And the mental attitudes of us combined. The whole is more than the sum of its parts. You put two great runners together and combined it with the rest of the team and that's what you need to have outstanding performances. I wouldn't have finished fifth [today] without Ryan there. It provided the mental strength to get up there and bridge the gap."

Watson and Shay, who are also roommates, have both had impressive cross country careers at Notre Dame. Shay's accomplishments include a 12th place finish in the 1999 NCAA championships and a Big East Championship in 1999.

Watson was second in this year's Big East Championships, and finished 6th in last year's NCAA Championships.

"We're very similar in that we're both blue-collar, hard-working people. We use that to work off each other in practice every day, and that's how we got better," said Shay.

It was good to have someone there for training, and it was good for Shay to have someone there when he passed the all-too-familiar spot on the Furman cross country course where he had dropped out of the Pre-National meet due to illness.

"This race was the top finish in my career — especially with all the emotions I had the whole year, being sick and injured. When I passed that spot today where I passed out at Pre-Nationals, I got the chills a little."

Both Watson and Shay have shared a leadership role for the team, leading them to an NCAA meet where a national championship wouldn't have been out of the question.

Both look to sophomore Todd Mobley, who finished 38th to earn All-American honors, to take over where they will leave off. Mobley has been the most improved runner for the Irish this season, improving in this year's NCAA meet from a 99th place finish last year.

"[Todd's improvement] was all just due to hard work," said Watson. "He's going to do a great job leading the team next year."

Immediately after the meet Mobley was still disappointed in leaving without a national championship, he is looking ahead as well.

"I wanted to finish higher for the team. But going into this season, making All-American was one of my main objectives. For my parents, for my family, for everyone else. I want to carry it into next year and continue to improve. It's not going to be a hard team to lead. Everyone has a great work ethic."

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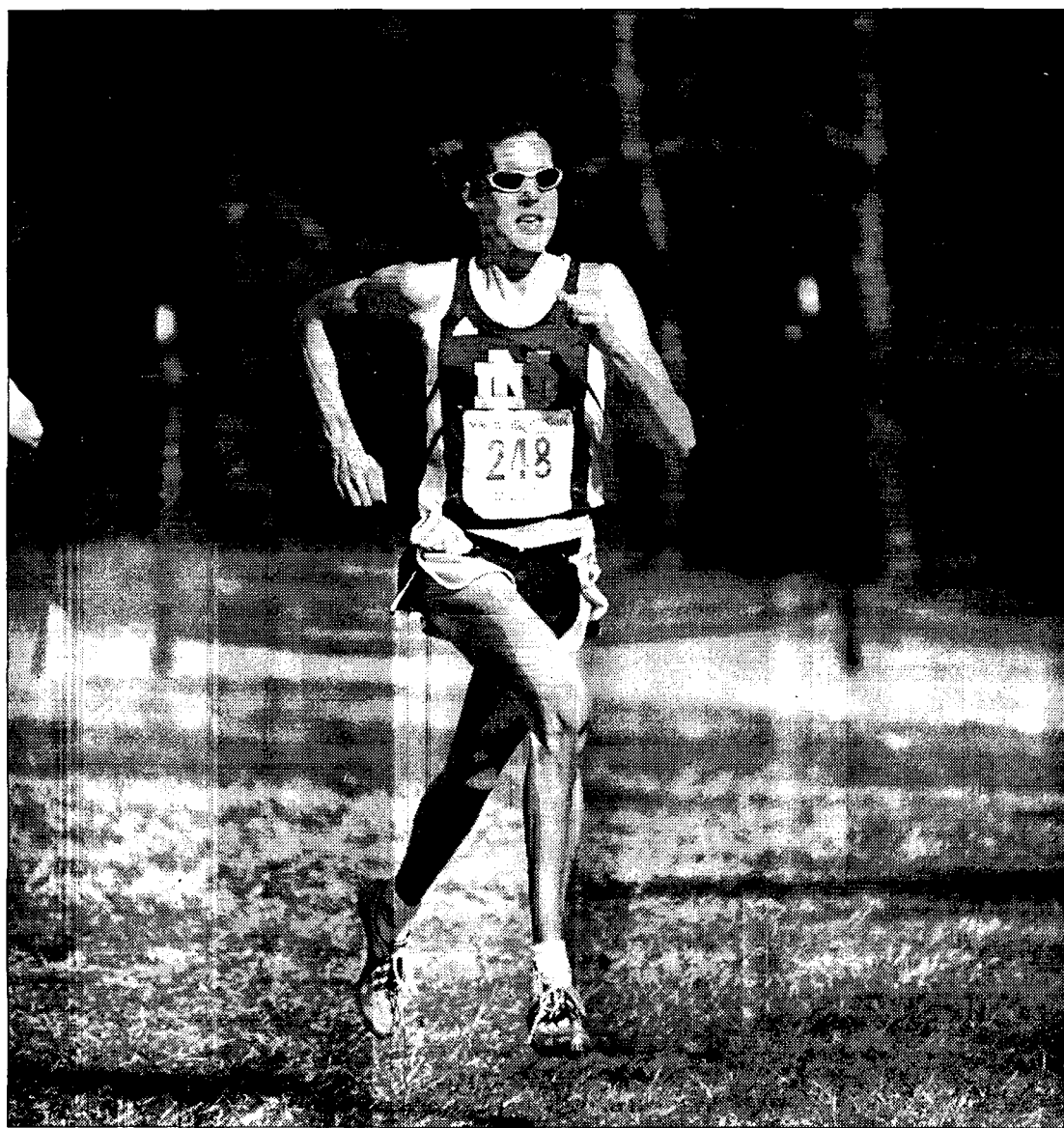


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Senior Ryan Shay finished in sixth place in Monday's meet, his highest finish ever.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

King earns All-American as a freshman



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Irish freshman Lauren King closes in on the finish during Monday's National Championship meet. King lead the Irish and finished as an All-American.

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

GREENVILLE, S.C.

On Monday, Lauren King finished first for the Irish. She took 23rd place overall in the National Cross Country Championships. King was named an All-American.

And she's only a freshman.

"Lauren was good," head coach Tim Connelly said of the freshman's performance on Monday. "I mean, All-American as a freshman is a good performance."

King took home Notre Dame's top spot with her 21:17 race time at Furman University.

King, who hasn't even been on the Notre Dame campus a semester, has only run half the season. Due to a late end to her high school track season, King joined the Irish late in the regular season.

Despite the low number of races she's competed in, she has already made her presence known.

King won the Notre Dame Invitational, her first collegiate race. Monday's 23rd place finish gave Connelly the hope that someday he may have a national champion.

"Lauren's a great athlete," Connelly said. "Lauren's got big expectations of herself and she's talented enough to come into this meet someday and win it."

However, that day has not yet come for King and she knows it. Following her performance on Monday, she was satisfied with her race but said, as a runner, she would never be satisfied staying at

the same place.

"Top 30 is only top 30," she said. "I hope to improve from there."

Improving may mean changing her situation in a race. The tight competition boxed King in and she felt like she was not in charge of her own performance, something she knows will have to change if she is going to win.

"When you're in the pack like that, you don't have much control," she said. "I love to be in a situation where I'm in control of the race and that's going to be something with my training and good coaching."

In addition to controlling the race, as a new collegiate runner King will also have to look forward to some serious strength training. Running hard two weeks in a row took its toll. Although talent has gotten King as far as she has come, strength training will have to take her the rest of the way.

"She's young and so to be able to run hard two weeks in a row is hard for an 18-year-old kid to do," Connelly said. "She's just not strong. She's talented, but she's not strong."

As a high school senior, King was a Canadian national champion. But despite her individual success, she's still looking for her team to be the big story.

"I have some great teammates," she said. "Our team's going to do some great things. So watch out (for) ND."

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Piane named National Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame track and cross country coach Joe Piane has been named the National Cross Country Coach of the Year for 2001 by the United

States Track and Field Coaches Association.

The award was announced Saturday night in Greenville, S.C., at a banquet preceding the 2001 NCAA Cross Country Championships to be run Monday at Furman.

Piane's 2001 Irish men's squad currently is ranked fifth nationally coming off victories at both the Big East Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Region meet Nov. 10 at Indiana State. Piane last weekend was

named the 2001 MONDO Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year. He has helped the Irish to six meet titles in 2001, including the Big East and the Great Lakes Regional championships. The Irish have been ranked fifth in the MONDO Men's Cross Country Top 25 for most of the fall, marking the highest position the team has ever been ranked during the regular season.



Piane

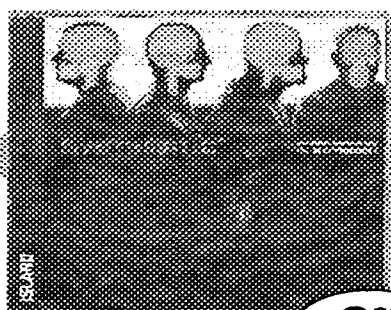
The longest tenured coach at Notre Dame with 26 full seasons behind him, Piane has developed one of the most talented and deep cross country rosters in the nation this season. The Irish earned team titles at the Valparaiso Invitational and Central Collegiate Championships with its "B" team, and defeated two ranked teams en route to the 2001 BIG

EAST Championship. Piane and volunteer assistant coach Matt Althoff earned the BIG EAST Cross Country Staff of the Year award after the conference meet.

Piane has now earned five regional cross country coach of the year awards including this season's honor and was named the NCAA Division I Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1987.

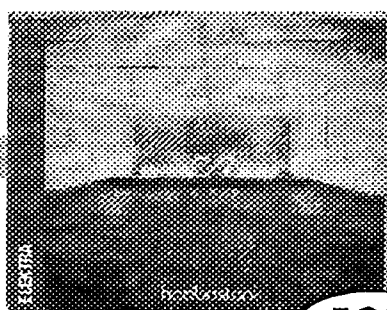
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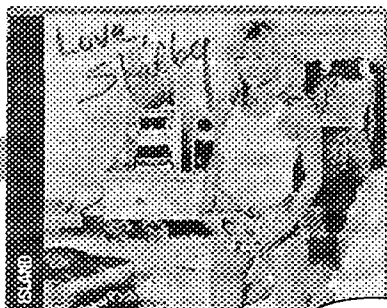
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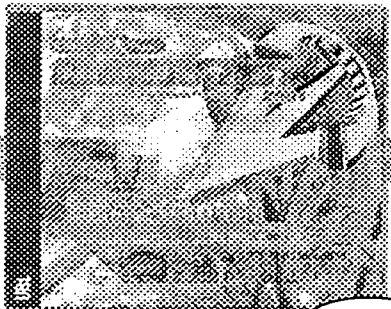
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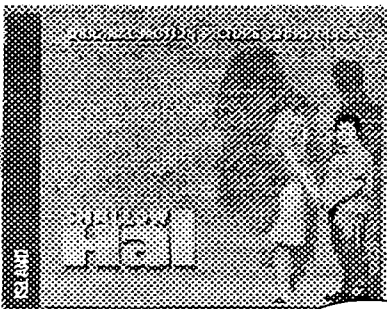
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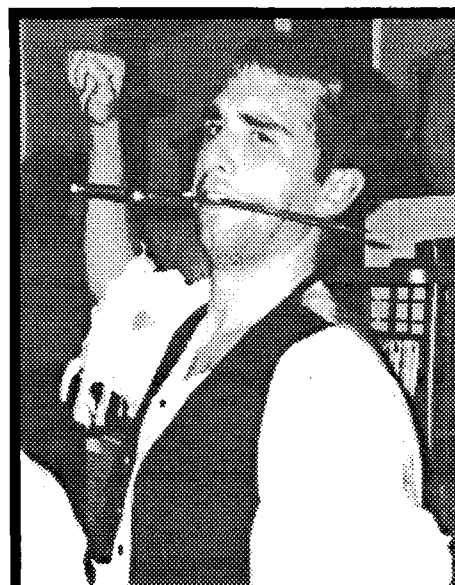
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Macura steps up at as ND tops Cornell, 78-48

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Confidence is key for Jero Macura.

Last season, the forward spent most of the time on the bench while Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan got most of the playing time. He didn't get in the game much, and when he did, he wasn't very productive.

But with Humphrey serving the final game of his suspension and Swanagan hampered by a knee injury, Macura was the dominant inside force Monday night. He scored 16 points as Notre Dame rolled to a 78-48 win over Cornell.

"I think his attitude is great because he's playing. Kids need to play," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "It was tough last year to get him into the mix. It was tough to get him in there as a fourth big man... this year, we need him to give us some minutes."

Macura scored nine points during a 15-0 Irish run in the first half that blew the game wide open, including a three-pointer from the top of the key and a thunderous dunk that drew a foul. He finished the game 7-of-9 from the field and recorded eight rebounds.

"I'm more confident. Way more," he said. "Coach has more confidence in me, and I've got more confidence in myself."

Although Swanagan didn't practice Sunday after his kneecap slipped out of place during Friday night's game, he entered the game just three and a half minutes into the first half. He recorded nine points and eight rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

Jordan Cornette started in Swanagan's place and played 29 minutes in just his second college game.

"I felt good [Sunday] and last night, and today felt pretty good," Swanagan said. "They just wanted to know what I felt before the let me go out and play."

Notre Dame didn't have much trouble against an undersized and inexperienced Big Red squad. The Irish defense, which forced 22 Cornell turnovers, kept the Big Red out of sync all night long. Each time Cornell seemed to gain any offensive momentum, the Irish switched from their traditional man-to-man defense into a 2-3 zone.

"I thought there were times where we got in a rhythm, and then Mike went right to the zone and said, 'We're not going to mess around with this, chasing those guys around,'" Cornell head coach Steve Donahue said. "It was a great call. We didn't feel comfortable against it, and we hadn't really practiced against it."

"Our defense in the first half was real solid, especially when we went to the zone," Notre Dame's Chris Thomas said. "We were able to rest a little bit but at the same time get out in the passing lane and disrupt their flow of the game and their style of play."

Donahue was impressed with the play of Thomas, Matt Carroll and David Graves. A

game after recording Notre Dame's first-ever triple-double. Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points, six assists and six rebounds. He shot 7-of-14 from the field, including 6-of-7 from three-point range. Carroll bounced back from a poor shooting performance against New Hampshire to finish with 13 points. Graves had trouble finding the basket Monday, hitting on only 3-of-11 field goals, but he still picked up 10 points.

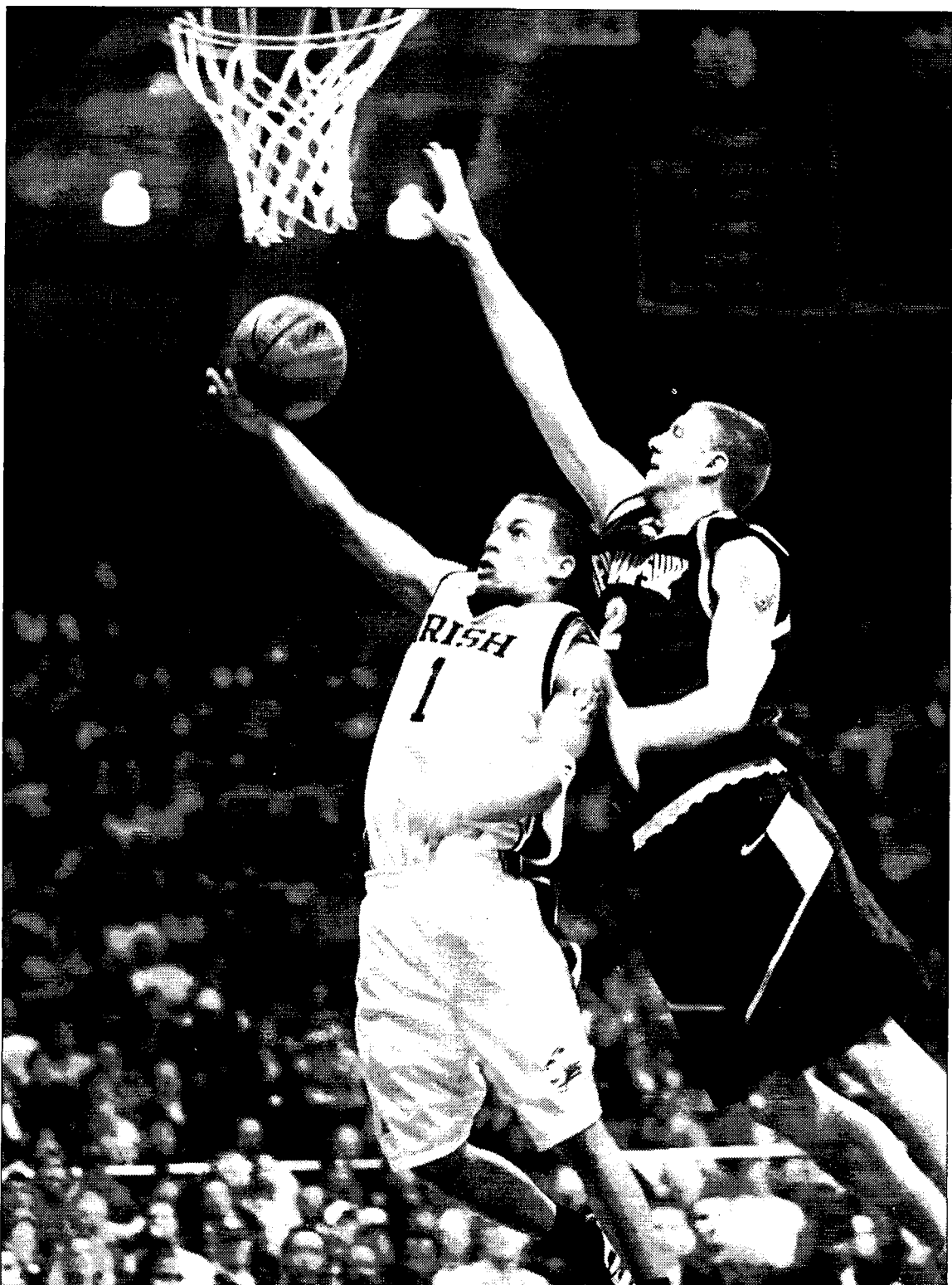
"I was just real impressed with the three perimeter guys," Donahue said. "They have as good as perimeter players as you'll see in the country."

Both teams stayed relatively close throughout the early part of the first half until Notre Dame took control with a 22-3 run that spanned 11:23. The Irish entered the locker room with a 39-21 lead at the half.

Cody Toppert — one of seven freshmen on Cornell's roster — led the Big Red in scoring with 16 points. Chris Vandenburg and Ka'Ron Barnes added eight points apiece.

Notre Dame next heads to Hawaii to compete in the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Classic. Their first round opponent is Hawaii Pacific. The Irish could potentially meet Hampton, who qualified for the NCAA tournament last season and upset No. 20 North Carolina 77-69 Friday night, in the third and final round.

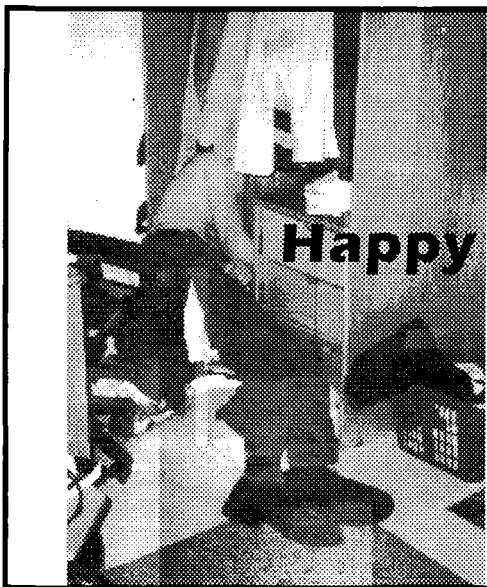
"I'm excited to get going," Brey said. "I think our guys are excited, and it's a great trip for our seniors... I'm happy we can do something like this, especially for Graves and Swanagan."



Notre Dame freshman point guard Chris Thomas drives to the hoop during Notre Dame's win over New Hampshire Friday night. Thomas finished with 22 points Monday night.

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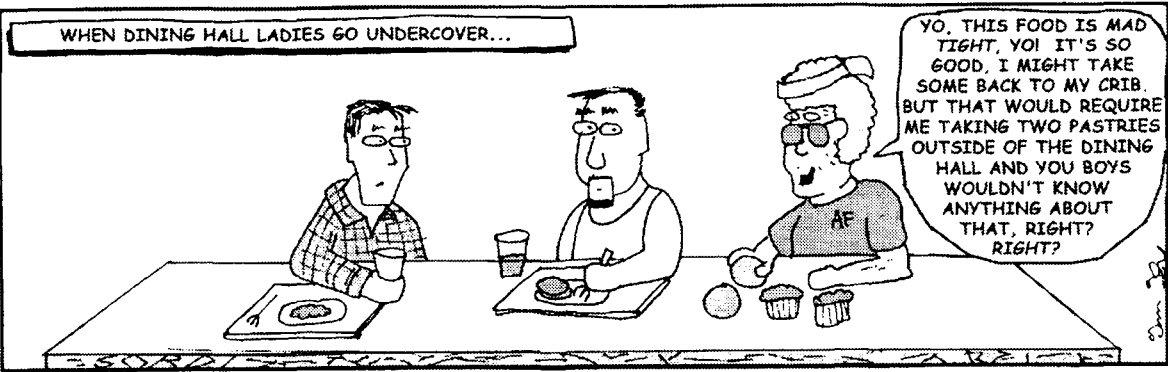
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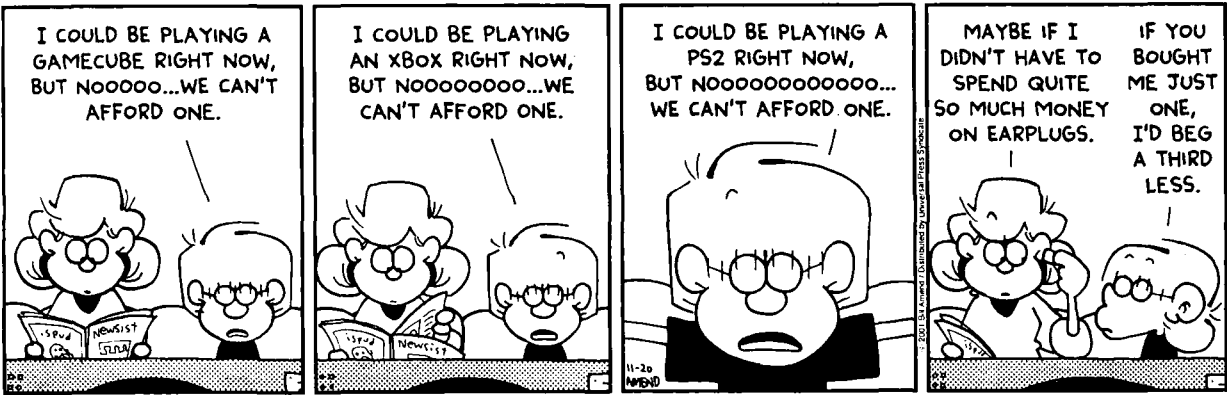
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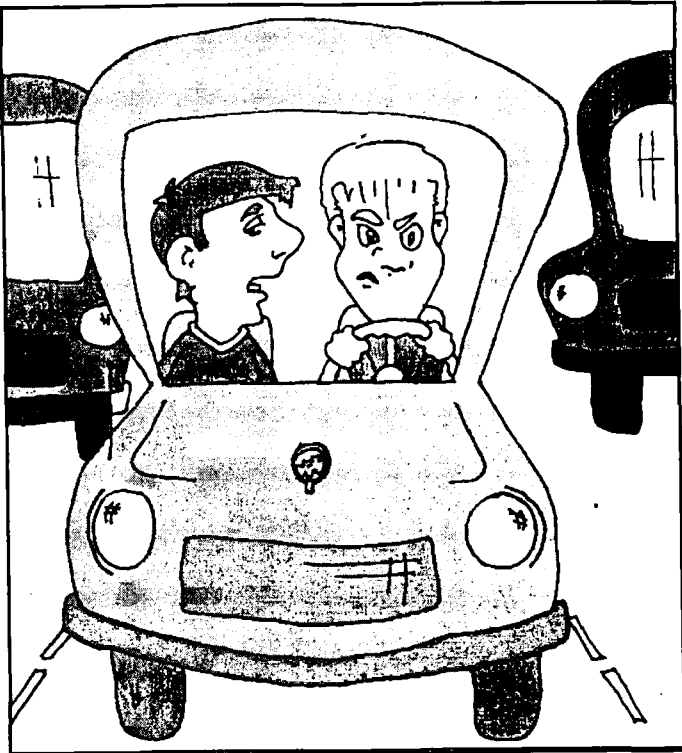
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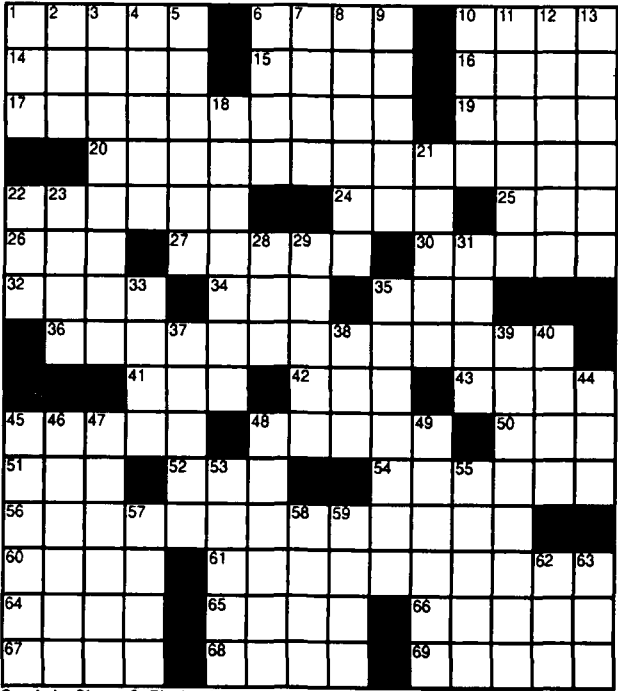
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 - 19 Forfeit
 - 20 Old-fashioned popular novel
 - 22 Shades of blue
 - 24 Elbow's place
 - 25 Hot temper
 - 26 Muscle spasm
 - 27 Prima donnas
 - 30 Gourmand
 - 32 Centers of activity
 - 34 "I" finisher
- DOWN**

 - 35 Termite's relative
 - 36 Trivial
 - 41 Goof up
 - 42 Gun, as an engine
 - 43 Travel across a tarmac
 - 45 One who's diplomatic and urbane, astrologically
 - 48 Cuba's Castro
 - 50 Big success
 - 51 Altar words
 - 52 Agcy. with loans for homeowners
 - 54 Money back
 - 56 Navy petty officer
 - 60 "Render _____ Caesar ..."
 - 61 Places for cheese
- DOWN**

 - 1 Kilmer of "At First Sight"
 - 2 Belfast grp.
 - 3 Explorer Amerigo
 - 4 Prefix with stellar
 - 5 Going to hell
 - 6 PlayStation maker
 - 7 Tater
 - 8 Aquarium favorites
 - 9 Curl one's lip
 - 10 Like jokers
 - 11 Walk, slangily
 - 12 Hesitant
 - 13 Kitchen gadget
 - 18 One who knows the scoop
 - 21 Modify
 - 22 Part of A&P: Abbr.
 - 23 Utah's _____ National Park
 - 28 Tennessee athlete, for short
 - 29 Company that introduced Donkey Kong
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 - 66 Delight in
 - 67 Outlasted, with "out"
 - 68 Leave in, to an editor
 - 69 Harvests



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53 Rope fibers

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish finish sixth at Nationals

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C.

They ended their most successful season in recent history the same way they began: as a team committed to each other and to a common goal.

Their goal going in had been a National Championship, but as the race unfolded it became clear that the best team the Irish had ever had would come away from the strongest field the NCAA had ever had without a national title, but still leaving their indelible mark on college cross country, placing sixth at Monday's national meet.

Senior Luke Watson finished fifth in 29:19 right ahead of senior Ryan Shay, who finished sixth in 29:23. Sophomore Todd Mobley finished 38th in 30:09.

"Having two finishers in the top 10 is an accomplishment for any team," said Watson, who was seventh in last year's NCAA meet.

The Irish have become a team that has come to expect nothing less from itself than flawless performances. A Big East Championship. A Great Lakes Regional Championship. Second in the Pre-National meet.

Ranked No. 4 going into the

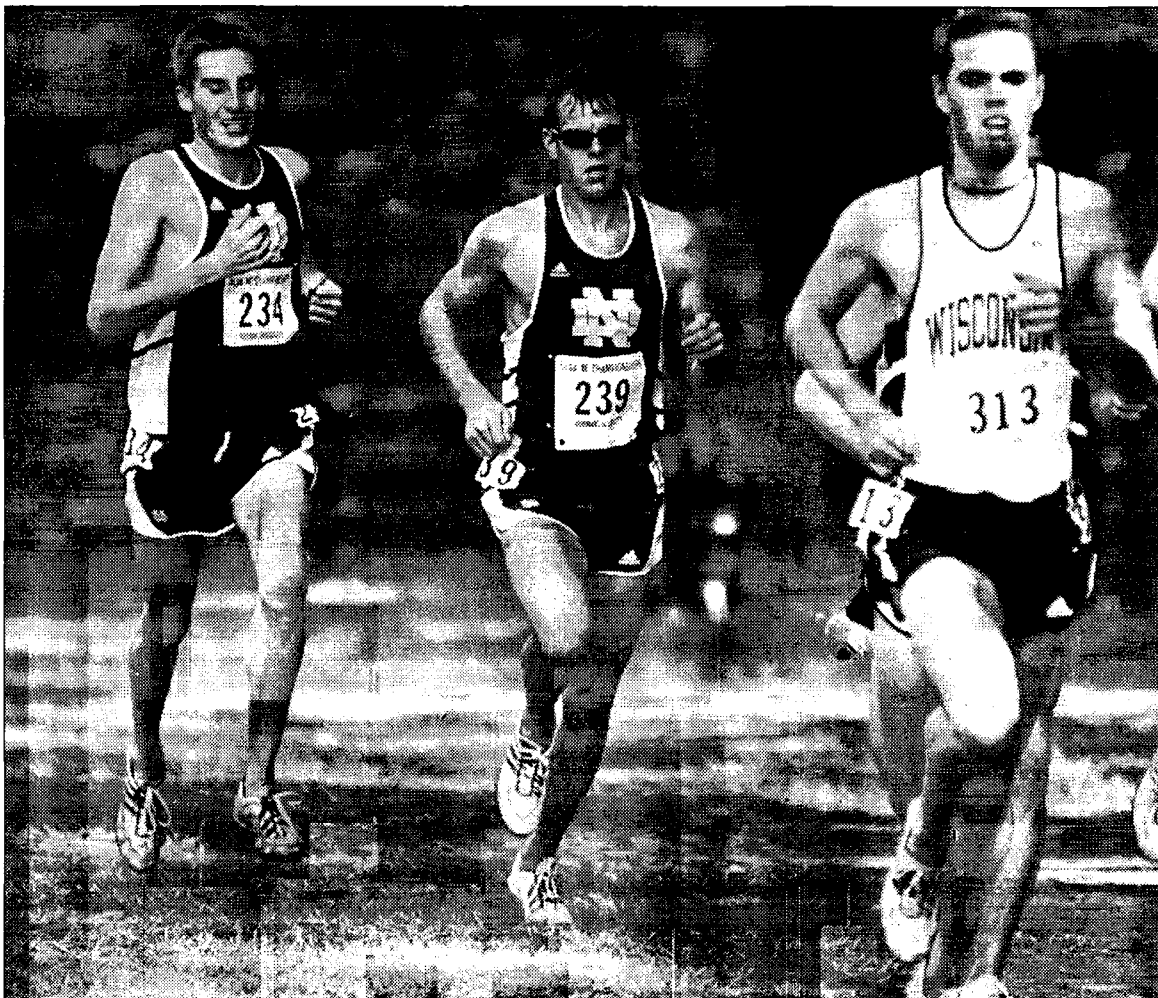
meet, the Irish had hoped the return of Shay, who had been suffering from an injured Achilles, and senior Pat Conway, who had been battling a chest cold, would be enough to upset Colorado and Stanford.

Colorado won the team race with 90 points, followed by Stanford with 91 points.

Though Notre Dame had finished second to Colorado in the Pre-National meet, the Buffaloes boasted three runners in the top 15 and a fifth man who finished 47th. Arkansas was third with 118 points, while Northern Arizona was fourth with 193, regional rival Wisconsin was fifth with 245 points and Notre Dame had 248 points.

"As a team we're probably a little disappointed," said Shay. "I don't think we did as well as we wanted to. Our fifth man wasn't where he should have been. Pat Conway had been really sick, and that's obviously going to have an effect."

Far from disappointing, though, was the support the team got from the loudest cheering section at the meet. Seven carloads of teammates and friends, painted blue and gold, ran madly between vantage points on the course to



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Irish seniors Luke Watson (left) and Ryan Shay (center) run together during Monday's NCAA Cross Country Championships. Watson took fifth in the race while Shay finished sixth.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

King leads Irish to 19th

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

GREENVILLE, S.C.

At the beginning of this season, the expectations for the Irish were not very high. But a successful season raised those expectations and left the team proud of how far it had come, but slightly disappointed with its finish in the NCAA National Cross Country Championship.

"We didn't run as well as we wanted to coming in here," head coach Tim Connelly said of his team's 19th place finish Monday. "I was hoping we'd be in the top 15. I thought we'd run better than we did."

The runners agreed.

"[The race] was not nearly as good as we could have placed," junior Jen Handley said. "We had a lot of people who just had mediocre performances."

But all the talk was not talk of disappointment. Last season, the Irish didn't make it to the national meet and, coming into this season, Notre Dame was rated low in the region and was unranked in the nation. The 19th place finish left the Irish in a good position to start off next season.

"That's great. I mean, I told our kids before the regionals, I think a year from now we've got the makings of a great team, you know, a top 10 place team," Connelly said. "So we've got to get to the meet and experience it and that's what we did today."

"It was a pretty solid showing," first-year runner Lauren King said. "We're a young team and we now have somewhere to work up from."

King went home an All-American. The freshman finished first for the Irish, her

21:17 time earning her 23rd place overall.

"I take it one race at a time," King said. "Each day you can only run as best you can on that day. Today I was fortunate enough in this race to make All-American."

King was the only Irish runner to finish in the top 100 runners.

Junior Jen Handley finished in 22:24, crossing the finish line in 101st place.

Like many of the runners, she knew that racing at this level requires experience.

"I was so happy to be here, just ready to go," she said. "At the end of the season, my body's just tired. A lot of it is I have to learn to race at this level."

Handley wasn't the only runner who was feeling a little tired at the end of the season. Following last weekend's regional meet, the Irish

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish earn NCAA bid at Maryland

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team heard the news at about 3 p.m. Monday — Notre Dame earned a berth in the NCAA College Cup for the first time since 1996.

After an impressive regular season in which the Irish worked to a 12-5 record and a second place finish in the Big East conference, the Irish players were confident they had done enough to receive the invitation, and Monday confirmed their hopes.

"I think we're good, and I

think the team is very excited about being in the tournament," head coach Bobby Clark. "Also we'll be playing two teams that we haven't played. I think that's also exciting."

The Irish will travel to Maryland Friday to take on the Terrapins on their home field. The winner of that match will face MAAC Champion Loyola, who earned a first-round bye with their 16-1-2 record during the regular season.

Taking to the road for the first-round contest should not be too overwhelming for the Irish, who have played 10 of their 18 games on the road already this year.

"The way our schedule has been this year, we seem to have been on the road pretty often," Clark said. "We're a well-travelled team."

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