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SMC officers' suspensions sparks controversy

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's has suspended Sgt. Belinda Rathert from Campus Security, a move that Rathert supporters are decrying as unfair.

Rathert, who was suspended Thursday, has been with the College for three years.

Rathert claims that Human Resources Director Debbie Kelly suspended her because Rathert's college transcripts were missing from her personnel file. Rathert said she has until Wednesday to turn in a copy of her transcripts, with two letters of accreditation.

"She wasn't fired; she was simply suspended pending information that only Belinda can provide," Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie Engler said. "Officer Rathert's suspension is legal and completely appropriate."

After Kelly told Rathert that she was suspended, Rathert said she was forced to leave campus.

"They escorted me out of the building, into a squad car and then were going to

take me home. They treated me like I committed some kind of crime," Rathert said.

During her time at the College, Rathert has been a visible presence on campus, students said.

"I know Belinda from her coming and speaking in classes. I think she was a positive influence on campus," senior Brandyn Long said. "I'm not sure what is happening, but I hope the school fills us in, I think the students have a right to know."

Students upset about the suspension made fliers, many of which were distributed around campus Thursday. The flier made allegations that Rathert's suspension was unlawful and claimed that Rathert was suspended "for reporting unfair treatment and unequal pay." The flier also charged that Rathert's colleague, security officer Keith Forsythe was arrested in an Elkhart, Ind., park for an alleged indecent act and that he was "conducting illegal investigations of Belinda Rathert using the College's name."

In response to circulation of the flier,

Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm sent an e-mail to students Friday. In the e-mail Timm said Rathert was suspended "pending completion of an investigation of violation of College policy" but that specific reasons could not be given because it is a personnel matter.

Timm also responded to the allegations against Forsythe.

"The allegations made against Officer Keith Forsythe in the flier have been investigated. The allegations are wholly unsubstantiated. There is no record of Officer Forsythe being arrested for the criminal conduct of which he was accused in the flier," Timm said in the e-mail.

The incident that the flier alludes to occurred in March 1996, when then St. Joseph County Sheriff's Sgt. Keith Forsythe was investigated, following an alleged incident in an Elkhart park. Forsythe was never charged. According to the South Bend Tribune, an internal investigation found Forsythe innocent of any wrongdoing and he returned to work as an officer with the agency.

Forsythe joined the Saint Mary's Security staff two years ago.

"The allegations against officer Forsythe are completely untrue. [Interim Security Director] Rose Marie Harris asked him to stay home pending the investigation. The outcome of the investigation is that there is nothing there," Engler said. "No disciplinary action at all has been brought against Forsythe."

Rathert claims that Forsythe did conduct an investigation into her past, allegedly contacting the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and Roseland, Ind., police, for whom Rathert is a reserve officer. Rathert said she informed Kelly, of Human Resources, about the alleged incidents and that Forsythe was warned to stop his investigations.

Rathert said the suspension stemmed from her recent request for back pay, which she filed for on Oct. 24 with the Human Resource department. She claimed that the College paid female security officers 50 cents less than male officers who performed the same duties and that is why she applied for back pay.

On Wednesday Rathert received a letter

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Study ranks ND poorly in diversity

By JESSICA DALRING
News Writer

Notre Dame was recently ranked 22 out of 26 of the top-tier universities in areas of racial diversity. The study, part of the Autumn 2002 issue of the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, evaluated the nations 26 highest academically ranked universities on 13 categories of racial diversity including total black student enrollments and university-wide percentage of black faculty.

Notre Dame ranked very poorly among the student rankings, but made up for the lack of student diversity with high scores in the area of black faculty.

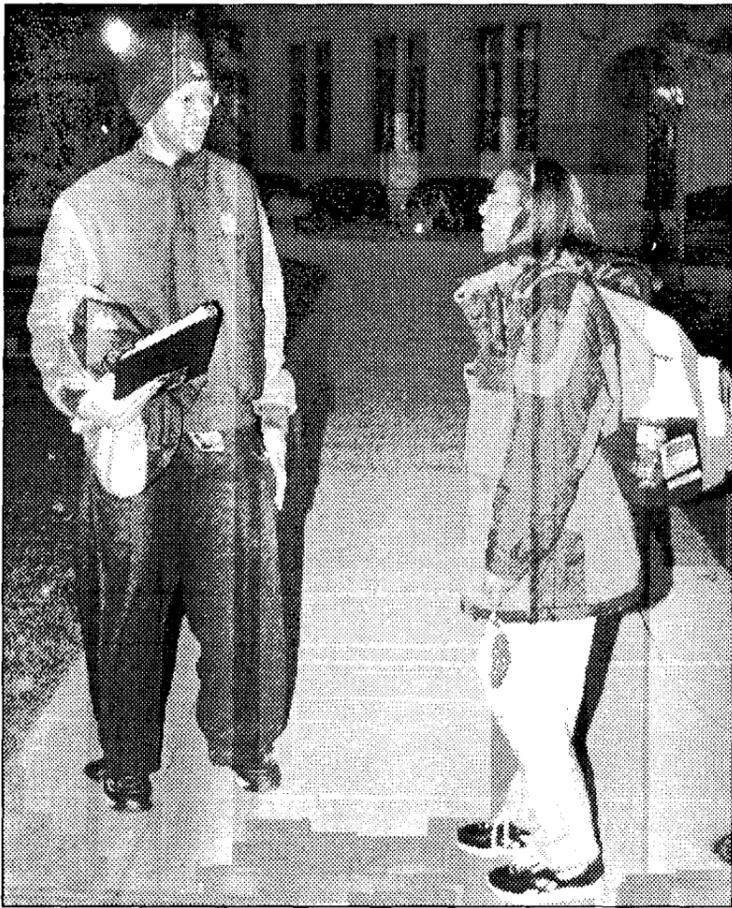
"Notre Dame has unfortunately been seen as a Catholic, all white and all male school," said Steven Smith, a 2000 graduate who works in undergraduate admissions.

Managing editor of the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education Robert Bruce Slater said, "The numbers of black students at Notre Dame are inflated because such a high percentage of the students are on athletic scholarship; if there were not athletic scholarships the percentage of black students would most likely be far lower."

The study showed that 26 percent of all black students are on athletic scholarship. Yet, Smith said, "Last year, of the around 65 black students that enrolled only 10 were varsity athletes."

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, said, "This rating is true. One reality is that we are not perceived as an institution of higher learning where black students can come and excel except for in athletics."

Some black students feel this



GABRIEL TORRES/The Observer

Students Josh Towns and Kamilah Edwards take time off from studying to discuss issues on campus.

stigma as well.

"I do find it offensive when people assume that I am an athlete just because I am black," said senior Tona Boyd.

Junior Deka Motanya offered a different perspective.

"People have assumed that I am an athlete, but they have good reason to because so many black students are athletes," she said.

The campus climate is seen as lacking in diversity, yet many

believe that this is simply due to the type of students who applies.

"The typical Notre Dame student or someone that is looking to go to Notre Dame often times is coming from a very homogeneous background which plays a role in how diversity is seen on campus," Boyd said.

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services agreed.

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Cadets commemorate Veteran's Day with vigil

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

Notre Dame cadets from all branches of the U.S. military will commemorate Veteran's Day with a 24-hour long vigil that concludes with a memorial ceremony at the Clarke Memorial Fountain today at 5 p.m.

"The Army is taking the lead in showing veterans our appreciation this year," said Capt. William Zimmerman, an instructor with Air Force ROTC.

Each year, leadership of the Notre Dame Command is rotated among the branches, with Army being in charge this year, said Susan Kutz, Notre Dame's cadet Tri Military Commander.

The vigil, now a Notre Dame Command tradition, will run continuously for 24 hours and includes cadets and midshipmen from all branches standing guard at attention, rotating to a different side of the War memorial every 15 minutes and changing shifts every half hour.

"The vigil is a solemn event designed to make the public aware of the sacrifice of those who served before us," said Air Force Cadet Alexa Garot.

Members of Silver Wings, a civilian component of the Air Force cadet service organization Arnold Air Society, will be present at Clarke Fountain, commonly known as Stonehenge, to answer questions regarding

the vigil, as the cadets are not allowed to talk during their shifts.

At the end of the vigil, the entire Notre Dame Command will gather in dress uniform for a memorial ceremony. Local veterans, members of the Notre Dame and South Bend Community, as well as government representatives will be in attendance.

The key speaker for the evening will be University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, with Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry, delivering the invocation. Michelle Boxell is expected to speak on behalf of Congressman Tim Roemer and Rear Admiral Robert Moeller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, Policy and Training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet will be in attendance.

Additionally, Lt. Col. David Mosinski, head of the Army ROTC program, said that an officer from the Fighting Irish Battalion spoke to the veterans at St. Paul's Retirement Home and cadets from Army ROTC celebrated their annual Army Ball this weekend.

The key speakers at this event were Brigadier General Hunzeker, who currently serves in the Pentagon, and Retired Chief Warrant Officer Randolph Jones, a veteran of 30 years in the U.S. Army.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Keeping your head above water

Perhaps the hardest thing to do in life is to juggle your time. It can be extremely difficult to do even for the most experienced of us out there. Someone has to do it, and since Mom isn't here to help out, you get stuck doing the dirty work of planning your schedule.

Justin Krivickas

Assistant News Editor

I have heard there are students who actually work themselves stupid. They rush around campus, trying to do as much as they can each and every-day and can be seen speed walking around campus and eating lunch during class. Inevitably they will be the ones sleeping through an important exam.

Over committing yourself can be one of the most stressful things you can do. Juggling a class schedule, three clubs and a job can wreak havoc on your grade point average. Some may try to keep their head above water with a planner and an intense work ethic, but in the long run these people run out of steam and they drown in a sea of meetings and classwork.

But, giving up entirely on life and sitting in your room won't do either. I know staring out your window with binoculars and cowering in the corner whenever the phone rings may sound tempting to some. Yet this type of attitude will inevitably leave you as a hobo.

My advice is to take it easy and not to get swamped with too much to do, and always set aside some time to just bum around and watch an episode or two of your favorite television show.

Remember that you'll have to DART for the next semester before you know it. Maybe you'll be the one who tries to schedule all of your classes three days a week and take Tuesday and Thursday off to do your class assignments and work on a job. Just know what you're getting into and that this type of schedule and be the ultimate test in planning and scheduling.

Some people can work, eat, study and sleep with no difficulty and they are content to be on the move all day every-day. In the long run, doing this will do more harm than good, either ending with insanity or more typically burnout. Only you can find a healthy intermediary between work and play. You might need to test either side of the spectrum, but eventually you'll find the healthy arrangement that works for you. By merely balancing your time and not working yourself silly, you just might make it through college without a wrinkled brow.

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Saint Mary's annual Fall Fest was held on Sunday to help recruit prospective High School students for next year's freshman class.	The Security Council at the U.N. voted unanimously in favor of a resolution that gives Iraq one more chance to disarm or face war.	Gates and Microsoft appointed three trustees Friday to a new antitrust committee that will oversee the sanctions.	Alumnus Mike Marchard weighs in on President George W. Bush, and his ability to secure both houses for the Republican Party.	Mellencamp plays the Joyce Center with a set that was reminiscent of his earlier years.	The Irish mens soccer team was beaten by Georgetown in a fiercely competitive game.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture: "Zeolite Incorporation and Application in Chemical Microsystems" with Dr. King Lun Yeung, 3:30 room 136 DeBartolo Hall.
- ◆ Lecture: "G.K. Chesterton at Notre Dame" with Professor Ralph McInerny, 7:30 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Student Affairs Division Meeting 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Information Technology Meeting 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Sophomore Board Meeting Hagggar College Center 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Burglar caught on campus**
On Sunday, a burglar was apprehended at Columba Hall. This case is now being taken to the prosecutor's office for review of criminal charges.
- Student recovers missing instrument**
The musical instrument found in the Hesburgh Library was released to the owner on Wednesday.
- Cash found in engineering building**
Cash was found in Fitzpatrick Hall and turned in to NDSP for safekeeping on Wednesday.
- Student assaulted off-campus**
A student reported being assaulted at an off campus location on Wednesday.
- Computer accessory stolen**
A University employee reported the theft of a computer mouse from an office in LaFortune Student Center on Wednesday. There are no suspects.

Compiled from NDSP blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Boiled thin spaghetti, boiled shells, tri-color rotini, pastaria meat sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, minestrone soup, chicken in the pot soup, tomato soup, broccoli cheese soup, hamburger, winter bread vegetables, fresh hash brown vegetables and tacos.	Today Lunch: Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach cheese tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, garden quiche, baby lima beans, baked potato neptune, beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, roast top sirloin of beef, long grain and wild rice, Italian chicken sandwich, crinkle fries and soft pretzel.	Today Lunch: Beef and country vegetable soup, tyrolean vegetable chowder, grilled vegetable pizza, cheese pizza, combo four loafer, hamburger, corn dog, grilled turkey melt, french fries, grilled lime cilantro chicken, coconut rice, Aztec corn, vegetarian stuffed pepper, baked beans with apples and egg noodles.
Today Dinner: Boiled thin spaghetti, boiled shells, tri-color rotini, pastaria meat sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, garlic bread, minestrone soup, chicken in the pot soup, tomato soup and broccoli cheese soup.	Today Dinner: Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach-cheese, tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, eggplant parmesan, herbed vegetable medley, Swiss steak, grilled salmon fillet, rotisserie chicken, and roasted herb-garlic russet potatoes.	Today Dinner: Beef and country vegetable soup, tyrolean vegetable chowder, grilled vegetable pizza, cheese pizza, chicken bayou casserette, baked ham, Au gratin potatoes, broccoli spears, eggplant roll-a-tini, herbed pasta, breadstick and Greek greens.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	HIGH 43 LOW 36	HIGH 38 LOW 32	HIGH 44 LOW 29	HIGH 49 LOW 39	HIGH 49 LOW 34	HIGH 47 LOW 33

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SMC recruits next freshman class

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

Saint Mary's annual Fall Day was held on Sunday for prospective students. An estimated 250 high school students and their parents came for the event.

Fall Day officially began with a student led prayer, and then College President Linda Timm gave a general overview of Saint Mary's. Also, Anita Houck, professor of religious studies, spoke about choosing the right school and the liberal arts program that the college offers, and Student Body President Kim Jensen spoke about her college search that led her to Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's is one of the most amazing environments that I've even been in, it encourages you to become the person that you want to become," Jensen said.

Admissions presented its student body profile, requirements, admission process and the early decision application.

The parents stayed for a presentation from a financial aid question and answer session with the administrators.

"Finding the right fit and the academic quality are important, both of which are here. [The administration] showed confidence, a rigorous program and a student body that is exposed to a variety of programs," prospective parent Tom Godfrey said.

The prospective students

were led to Carroll Auditorium for a session with a student panel. The student panel consisted of representatives from the College's Board of Governance to answer questions from prospectives. The questions ranged from campus housing and diversity, to academics, study-abroad programs and spirituality at Saint Mary's.

Included on the panel was Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body vice president, Sara Mahoney, student diversity president, Desiree Paulin, women's issue commissioner, Sarah Brown, sophomore class president, Stephanie Pace,

admissions commissioner and Katie Boyce who represented the athletic department.

"I think that we were very well represented," Pace said.

Parents and students were then taken to lunch and given a tour of campus by student volunteers from the College.

"They were great in answering questions that we had. Campus safety, the quality of education and my daughter's well being are my biggest concerns," prospective parent Linda Ellison said.

The presentations even changed some minds.

"I was hesitant about coming here, but after today's presentations I've solidified my decision to come here," prospective student Katie McConnell said.

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Katie McConnell
prospective student

Students to oppose U.S. action

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

While most of the United States prepares for war in the Middle East, a group of Saint Mary's students will step up their efforts to preserve and promote international peace in their sponsorship of this week's "Educating for Peace."

The Peacemakers, a student run organization on Saint Mary's campus, has organized a week of events in which students can learn about the implications of modern warfare.

"We want people to know that warfare has changed," said junior Peacemaker Amy Jensby. "It's not like the Civil War where people just line up and shoot. War today includes the bombing of civilians."

The organization also wants students to research current events on their own.

"Don't be afraid to go against popular opinion," Jensby said. "Check your sources, use a wide variety; don't just go off of Fox News."

Planned events will cover a broad range of issues, and will include speakers such as Diana Buttu of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The emphasis however, will be on the possible US war against Iraq. Tuesday evening, Carmen Pauls Wiens, a Peace Institute student, will answer students' questions about the year she spent living in Iraq. The film "Wag the Dog" will be shown Wednesday evening.

The Educating for Peace week will not be restricted to the Saint Mary's campus however. Local community involvement is encouraged at a Peace Rally Saturday night in downtown South Bend. Participants will express their opposition to American military action against Saddam Hussein.

The Peacemakers are not fazed by the recent passage of the UN resolution regarding Iraq, although they do describe it as a "shaky decision."

"What they worry about is the question is the US going to make up a reason to go to war with Iraq? They could use any little thing that they find," Jensby added.

The Peacemakers hope that students realize, with the help of Educating for Peace week, that armed conflict is not a productive option in solving worldwide conflicts, and that there are

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

Schedule of Events

Monday: Movie "The Accused" with Jodie Foster at 7pm in the CSC Classroom

Tuesday: Panel Discussion focusing on why rape occurs and the policies surrounding sexual assault on Notre Dame's campus at 7:30pm in DBRT 131

Wednesday: GTC Dramatic Dialogues presentation of "What's Goin' On?" by Joel Gori at 7:30pm in Haggar 117

Thursday: Presentation by Patrick Drury focused on how men can help victims of sexual assault at 7:30pm in the Siegfried Hall Chapel Lounge. A survivor will also tell her story.

Friday: Mass to commemorate those people affected by sexual assault at 5pm in the Dillon Hall Chapel.

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact care@nd.edu

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from Debbie Kelly, denying Rathert's request for back pay.

"Women do not have to put up with this stuff. I'm standing up for my rights. Women everywhere have rights because of other women that have stood up before them," Rathert said. "There are other people who want to speak up but are so afraid to say anything."

Rathert has hired an attorney, who will conduct any further communications between Rathert and the College. Rathert said she is concerned by the way the College has handled her situation.

"What happens when I turn in my transcripts? Will it take back the way I was treated if they say sorry? I have little to no respect for them doing this," Rathert said. "How could I ever work with those people again?"

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Veterans

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According to Major M.E. Lyon, Notre Dame midshipmen also celebrated the Marine Corps and Navy birthdays this weekend with a Ball on Saturday evening. Furthermore, Marine Option midshipmen participated in a run to a local Marine veteran's home for a flag raising ceremony. Finally, the marine options wrapped up their weekend activities at a celebration with retired Marines in a Sunday night dinner.

The memorial ceremony begins at today 5 p.m. with cadets and midshipmen standing in formation on the North side of the Clarke War Memorial to commemorate our nation's veterans. "We commemorate them because we wouldn't be the great country we are today without them," said ...erman.

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Diversity

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"Many Notre Dame students are from areas that are very homogeneous both socio-economically and racially," she said.

Johnson, however, disagreed. "The 21st century students are very understanding when it comes to diversity, yet the problem comes in the classroom with the older faculty."

The classroom is a place to express ideas and learning. Yet, Boyd said, "I feel that sometimes my comments on the current state of racism are discounted simply because I am black."

Though things may not have changed in the classroom, the diversity of the curriculum has benefited from recent additions. The practicum of diversity in education is now a part of the wellness rotation taken by all freshmen.

Meghan Hahn, a senior, said, "Here we have to take two philosophies and two theologies, why not substitute one of these for a multicultural or gender based issues class it would heighten the awareness of the normal student."

Other programs such as the Learning to Talk about Race Retreat, The Building Bridges Program, and the Plunge are making Notre Dame a more welcoming place for minorities. The Plunge is an all freshman African American retreat focused at helping the first-years find their niche

on campus.

Founder of the Plunge, Johnson, said, "People do well when they feel comfortable." The Learning to Talk about Race Retreat gets students of all races together to talk about issues of race in the context of Notre Dame.

A mentoring program for Hispanic students called, "Building Bridges" helps Hispanic first-years to adjust to the Notre Dame campus.

Some students believe that the idea behind these community building programs is good, but it they are actually increasing the problem. Junior, Motanya said that these programs, "group you off when you are a minority and I would like to be better integrated into the general community."

Notre Dame's President, Monk Malloy has made diversity one of his main issues to deal with. He has already hired Johnson, an African American woman, as his assistant and a new Hispanic vice president of student affairs.

"The appointment of Coach Willingham was something that never would have happened 10 years ago," said Outlaw.

Former University President Father Hesburgh stated in a lecture on civil rights that, "I am happy at least that no one is saying we are doing fine. The reports I read say we are not doing fine and we need to do better."

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Memorial to be dedicated in '04

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

World War II veterans learned Sunday they are about a year and a half away from seeing completion of their war memorial on the National Mall.

The American Battle Monuments Commission announced Sunday the memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

"We really want to create what we call World War II week in Washington, D.C.," said Mike Conley, spokesman for the commission. "This could be one of the last great gatherings of World War II veterans in this country."

The commission says that of the 16 million citizens who served in uniform in World War II, fewer than 4 million are expected to be alive when the memorial is dedicated, noting that veterans from that era are dying at a rate of 1,100 a day.

A lengthy court battle was waged over the memorial's location and design, with opponents maintaining its large-scale design and location would spoil the character of the Mall and interfere with grand vistas long enjoyed by visitors.

The 7.4-acre site is between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The white stone memorial will feature 56 17-foot-high pillars, two four-story arches and a sunken plaza with a pool. On the floor of the arches will be the World War II Victory Medal surrounded by the words "Victory on Land, Victory at Sea, Victory in the Air." A registry will contain the names of veterans and others who helped in the war effort.

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Bush warns Saddam with 'zero-tolerance' policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
War plans in hand, Bush administration officials on Sunday promised "zero-tolerance" if Saddam Hussein refuses to comply with international calls to disarm.

A new U.N. Security Council resolution demands that Iraq eliminate its weapons of mass destruction and open up to inspectors or face "serious consequences," and top White House aides said they are watching closely to ensure Saddam cooperates.

"We do not need to waste the world's time with another game of cat and mouse," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said.

Under the resolution, the Security Council would assess any violations and decide how to respond. But several administration officials made plain that the United States reserved the right to invade Iraq with or without U.N. approval.

"We have the authority by the president's desire to protect and defend the United States of America," White House chief of staff Andrews Card said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "The U.N. can meet and discuss, but we don't need their permission."

Added Secretary of State Colin

Powell: "If we find that debate is going nowhere, if the U.N. chooses not to act, we have not given up our authority to act with like-minded nations who might wish to join us in such an action."

The administration received support Sunday when Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo urged Saddam to accept the terms of the resolution.

Rice, meantime, dismissed as "ludicrous" the call by the Iraqi president for his parliament to hold an emergency session on the resolution.

"Saddam Hussein is an absolute dictator and tyrant, and the idea that somehow he expects the Iraqi parliament to debate this — they've never debated anything else," Rice said on ABC's "This Week." "I'm surprised he's even bothering to go through this ploy."

Administration officials faced questions on reports published Sunday on President Bush's approval of a battle plan should Iraq fail to comply with the U.N. resolution. The leaks appeared to be an effort to send Saddam a message about how serious the United States is.

A Pentagon plan for invading Iraq calls for a land, sea and air force of 200,000 to 250,000 troops. Pentagon planners had considered an approach that would have used 100,000 or



REUTERS

British Ambassador to the United Nations Jeremy Greenstock, left, and United States Ambassador John Negroponte raise their hands in a unanimous vote by the Security Council at the U.N. in favor a resolution that gives Iraq one last chance to disarm or face war.

fewer troops, but they settled on a much larger force favored by Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the Central Command that would run any war in Iraq, said officials who spoke on condition of

anonymity.

"If I were Saddam Hussein I would take it with a great deal of concern and seriousness and understand that this is not some idle threat that has been issued

by the United States," Powell said on CBS's "Face the Nation." "This is not some resolution to be ignored, as he's ignored all previous resolutions."

ISRAEL

Israel fires on Gaza after shooting rampage kills five

Associated Press

KIBBUTZ METZER
A Palestinian man broke into an Israeli farming community late Sunday and went on a shooting rampage, killing five people, including two children, Israeli officials said.

Two hours later, Israeli helicopters fired rockets into a large auto body shop in downtown Gaza City, touching off a huge fire, witnesses said. The workshop was believed to be empty at the time of the attack, shortly before 2 a.m.

The Israeli military declined immediate comment, though it has frequently

targeted metal workshops in the past, saying Palestinian militants use them to manufacture weapons.

In the shooting attack, the gunman entered Kibbutz Metzer, a collective farming community in northern Israel, just across the border from the West Bank shortly before midnight Sunday.

"There was shooting for close to 10 minutes then the security forces arrived and we're shut inside the houses," a member of the farm, identified only as Irit, told Israel radio.

The Israeli security forces could not immediately locate the gunman, and it appeared he may have escaped from the

farm, about 30 miles northeast of Tel Aviv.

The Israeli rescue service, Magen David Adom, said at least five people were killed, including two children.

"Israelis in their own homes were brutally targeted by Palestinian terrorists," said David Baker, an official in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office.

Earlier Sunday, a car exploded outside the kibbutz after Israeli police ordered the driver to stop. The two occupants were killed.

It was one of three instances Sunday in which Israeli authorities said they managed to avert a suicide attack.

In another case, the army said it arrested a 15-year-old youth from the West Bank city of Nablus who was on his way to carry out a suicide bombing when he was caught.

Also, the army arrested a man it described as a senior Hamas member who was planning an attack from the West Bank town of Hebron.

Throughout the West Bank, Israeli troops have been in or near Palestinian cities for nearly five months, imposing curfews and tough restrictions on Palestinian movements as part of an effort to keep militants from launching attacks.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

England prepares for war: Prime Minister Tony Blair's government said Sunday it is preparing for possible military action against Iraq in case diplomatic efforts to disarm Saddam Hussein fail. Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said military action would be a last resort, but "we have to show Saddam Hussein that we mean business." "Clearly the United States and indeed the United Kingdom have had a range of military plans available as we do in the event of contingencies developing anywhere in the world," Hoon told Sky News. "We've certainly got to be ready, I don't want to put any specific dates on that but I assure you ... that we are prepared."

Philippine airplane crash kills two: An airplane carrying 34 passengers and crew crashed into Manila Bay shortly after takeoff early Monday, officials said. At least two people were killed and 17 survivors were plucked from the murky water.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Homeland compromise near: The Senate's incoming majority leader said Sunday he believes a compromise is close on creating a homeland security department and is confident he has the votes to pass it during the postelection session beginning this week. President Bush has demanded immediate congressional action after months of delay. "We hope by Tuesday or Wednesday we could have a bill that would be passed by the Senate by a wide margin," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. "It would be different than probably either side proposed earlier." Negotiators worked over the weekend on a deal, he said.

Savage storms hit Tennessee, Ohio: Devastating, tornado-laden storms ripped through Tennessee and Ohio on Sunday, killing at least seven people, trapping others in buildings and leaving thousands without power, authorities said.

Attorneys suppress sniper comment: Defense attorneys said Sunday they will seek to suppress a police interrogation of 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo in which he reportedly confessed to some of the shootings. The Washington Post, citing anonymous sources, reported Sunday that Malvo admitted pulling the trigger on several of the shootings that left 10 people dead and three others seriously wounded during a three-week spree through metropolitan Washington and Virginia. Malvo's defense lawyer, Michael Arif, criticized police Sunday for leaking the story and questioned the accuracy of what those sources told the Post. "The police are flooding the media and poisoning the jury pool with their own paraphrasing and subjective interpretations of statements made during an unconstitutional interrogation" Arif said. He said the leak "suggests an insecurity on the part of the commonwealth with the admissibility of these statements."

Scholars gather for poverty conference

By COLLEEN GANEY
News Writer

The "Option for the Poor" conference began Sunday at McKenna Hall and will continue through Wednesday, bringing together interdisciplinary scholars and church leaders from across the globe.

"There has never been a conference like this anywhere," declares conference director, Father Daniel Groody, assistant professor of theology and associate director of the Institute for Latino Studies at Notre Dame.

Uniquely poised with ample resources and veteran theologians, Notre Dame is taking an international lead by addressing the option for the poor, the age-old Church mission that strives to emulate how God treats the poor preferentially because of their hardship and suffering.

"It's an important theological issue that we're trying to articulate anew," remarks John Cavadini, professor and department chair of theology at Notre Dame, who will speak today on the insights that early Christian writings lend to this issue.

Groody expects the event to inspire like conferences around the world and more fully expand the concern for poverty into fields apart from theology.

Led by the Department of Theology along with the Institute for Latino Studies, the conference is sponsored by almost twenty other University institutes and departments. Presenters represent a wide range of disciplines.

Keynote speaker Gustavo Gutierrez is "one of the five most influential theological thinkers of the last century," according to Groody. The John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at Notre Dame, Gutierrez helped return the option for the poor to the forefront of the Church during the past century.

Georges Enderle, professor of marketing and chair of international business ethics at Notre Dame, will speak this morning on how business and theology should try to better understand each other on both a university and international level.

He feels that corporations can "serve the poor profitably," and theologians

should "recognize that to create wealth is something important."

Professor of theology Michael Signer will speak Tuesday on how Judaism can provide an enriching lens into Christian responsibilities to the poor.

"The Rabbinic emphasis on communal practices can be a resource for Christian theologians" because "both Jews and Christians share the task to become a blessing to the world," says Signer.

Other speakers will examine the option for the poor in relation to art, race and feminism.

Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga from Honduras, believed to be a probable papal candidate, will be unable to attend as planned after suffering a broken leg last week in Germany.

The conference primarily addresses the academic community, but has implications for social action.

Groody deems the conference a "torch passing" of older theological scholarship onto a younger generation in order to solidify a "network of young theologians." After the conference concludes next Wednesday, the younger theologians will remain a few days longer to explore future projects.

"A younger generation needs to take the lead," Groody says.

More information can be found at www.nd.edu/~latino/optionforpoor.

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Conference depicts Chesterton's work

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The late G.K. Chesterton is returning to campus this week, at least in spirit, in a conference presented by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

Chesterton, a prolific writer of poetry, biographies, philosophy and economic theory, delivered a series of lectures at Notre Dame in 1930. His experience at Notre Dame led him to dedicate a poem, entitled "The Arena," to the university. "And thrice they cried like thunder/On Our Lady of the Victories," Chesterton wrote.

The conference is student-run, under the leadership of junior philosophy major Jennie Bradley, who works in the ethics center. "This will be a great opportunity to get Chesterton back in the consciousness of Notre Dame," Bradley said.

The conference begins at 7:30 tonight in the Hesburgh Center, when professor Ralph McNerny will give a talk on Chesterton's stay at Notre Dame.

On Tuesday, Mark and Louise Zwick of the Houston Catholic Worker will discuss Chesterton's theory of economic distributivism and its effect on the roots of the radical Catholic movement. Wednesday night in DeBartolo Hall, profes-

sor David Fagerberg of Mundelein Seminary will offer anecdotes and insights into Chesterton's personality. Thursday's feature event will be Father Charlie Gordon's discussion of Chesterton's philosophical and theological writings.

The week will be topped off on Friday by a one-man play depicting Chesterton's life and work. John Chalberg, who has also portrayed Theodore Roosevelt, will perform at 7:30

p.m. Friday in the Hesburgh Library auditorium.

Bradley added that Chesterton's considerable work is made even more appealing by its accessibility. "He's the kind of writer that appeals to people in all areas of study," she said.

More information about the conference is available at the Center for Ethics and Culture in Flanner Hall.

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Launch delayed

Associated Press

An abrupt and puzzling leak in the astronauts' oxygen supply forced NASA to delay Monday's planned launch of space shuttle Endeavour by at least one week.

With just two hours remaining in the countdown Sunday night, NASA called off the flight to the international space station and apolloized to the seven-member crew.

Commander James Wetherbee had just strapped into his cockpit seat.

"I'd like to welcome you aboard ... but tonight's not our night," NASA test director Steve Altemus said. "I know you guys are going to be disappointed, but I think we want to give you a healthy vehicle before we cut you loose from the cape here."

Wetherbee replied: "Absolutely."

The oxygen leak is believed to be somewhere deep in the midbody of Endeavour beneath the payload bay. It is in one of two systems that feed oxygen into the crew cabin for breathing and into the astronauts' pressure suits during launch and landing.

Launch controllers had just begun fueling Endeavour for an early Monday morning launch when they detected the leak. It was a stunning discovery since both oxygen lines had passed all inspections back in the hangar.

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IN BRIEF

California men take on AOL

Two California men rebelling against a sea of America Online promotional compact discs have got mail like never before.

People around the world have sent Jim McKenna and John Lieberman more than 80,000 CDs offering trial subscriptions to AOL's Internet services. They say when they collect a million, they'll go to the company's front door in Virginia to say, "You've got mail."

"Basically, we'll enlist the help of volunteers who are willing to take a pickup load and drive back to AOL headquarters with us," McKenna said. "We will be as obvious as possible and very polite."

Promotional CDs offering Internet service are common in the industry, but AOL, the largest Internet service provider, uses them most pervasively. Their discs appear in magazines, at the post office, at movie theaters and, of course, in mailboxes.

1-800-Collect files for bankruptcy

1-800-Collect Inc., the calling service that has used Michael Jordan and Mr. T as pitchmen, joined parent WorldCom Inc. by filing for bankruptcy protection Friday.

Friday's filing—which would put virtually all of WorldCom's domestic subsidiaries under bankruptcy protection—may be a move to protect those units from creditors eyeing unprotected assets, telecommunications and bankruptcy experts said.

WorldCom's initial bankruptcy filing in July—the largest in U.S. history—included its long-distance subsidiary, MCI Group, and a majority of its domestic subsidiaries.

Qwest proposes settlement

Qwest Communications International Inc.'s Minnesota unit on Friday gave state regulators a proposal of job, product and discount guarantees to settle a ruling that it violated federal laws by making secret agreements with competitors.

Microsoft begins sanctions

◆ Three board members made 'watchdog panel'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Microsoft Corp. took early steps to begin obeying court-approved sanctions in its antitrust case, appointing three of its existing board members to a new committee responsible for making sure the software maker doesn't break the rules.

Friday's appointments satisfy one requirement that U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly imposed against Microsoft on behalf of nine states that had rejected a settlement the company negotiated with the Justice Department.

The judge ordered Microsoft to allow computer makers and customers to remove icons for some Microsoft features, share some technical information with rivals, agree to uniform contracts with computer makers and agree not to participate in exclusive deals that could hurt competitors.

The new committee is one of two oversight groups established under the judge's rulings. The Justice Department and state attorneys general also can file complaints with the judge if Microsoft fails to abide by the sanctions.

The new committee, led by Harvard University business professor James I. Cash Jr., 54, of Boston, will hire at an unspecified future date a compliance officer who will enforce the judge's sanctions.

Microsoft will almost certainly pay that officer's salary, but those financial arrangements and the exact day-to-day responsibilities of



Bill Gates speaks at a recent product launch. Gates and Microsoft appointed three trustees Friday to a new antitrust committee that will oversee the sanctions.

the three-person committee are among "many things that will have to be spelled out," said Brad Smith, Microsoft's general counsel.

The other new committee members are Ann McLaughlin Korologos, 60, of Washington, former Labor secretary under President Reagan; and Raymond V. Gilmartin, 61, of New Jersey, president and chief executive at Merck & Co. Inc., one of the nation's largest drug companies. All joined Microsoft's board after January 2000.

As board members, each is paid \$35,000 by Microsoft. Last year, they also received

options to buy 10,000 shares of Microsoft, according to Microsoft's securities filings. In creating the committee, Microsoft's board explicitly acknowledged the additional oversight by the government. Directors said the board "recognizes and appreciates the important roles the Department of Justice and each of the State Attorneys General will play in their oversight of Microsoft's compliance."

Under the judge's orders, only board members who were not appointed to the committee—which ruled out Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, chief execu-

tive Steve Ballmer and former Microsoft President Jon A. Shirley. Microsoft's other board members are venture-capitalist David F. Marquardt and William G. Reed Jr., a retired businessman.

Korologos is currently a senior adviser with Benedetto Gartland & Co. Inc., a private investment banking company, according to Microsoft's records.

Also Friday, the sides agreed to minor changes imposed by the judge to the antitrust settlement.

The changes explicitly give Kollar-Kotelly additional authority to ensure that Microsoft abides by the agreement over the next five years.

Mobilcom founder reduces stake

Associated Press

BERLIN

The founder of Germany's troubled Mobilcom AG has reduced his stake in the company but has yet to sign a contract relinquishing his family's remaining shares company to a trustee, a key condition to ensure a bailout after weeks of uncertainty, his spokeswoman said Sunday.

Gerhard Schmid, ousted in June as Mobilcom's chairman, and the German government started talks early last week on a government demand that he sign a contract outlining the handover.

But both his spokeswoman, Nicolette Strauss, and the German Economics Ministry said there had been no change in the situation since Friday. Mobilcom refused to comment on a report in Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung that it would file for bankruptcy Monday unless Schmid signs.

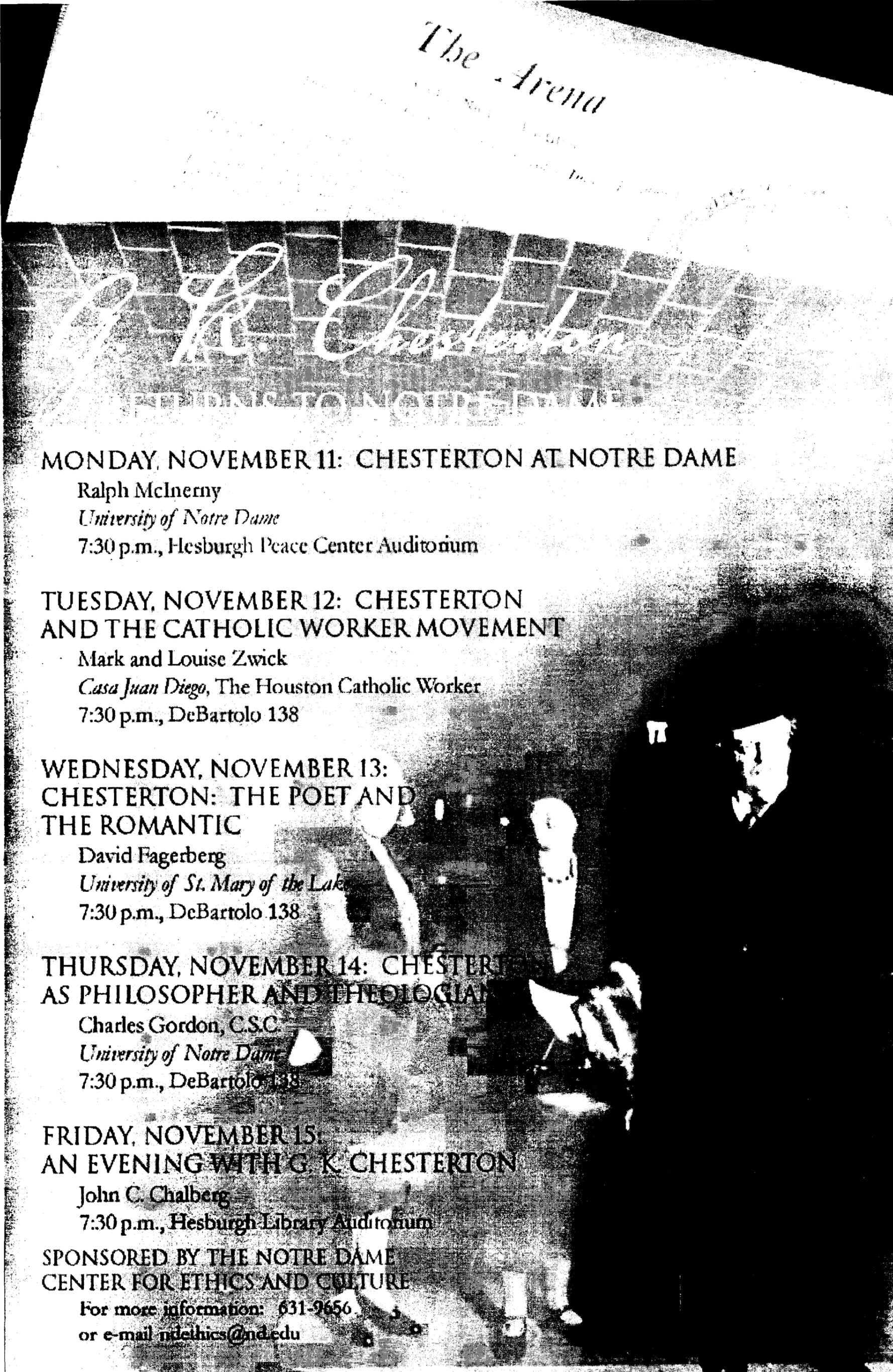
Strauss told Dow Jones Newswires that Schmid has reduced his stake in Mobilcom, but refused to say how much he now holds.

Schmid previously said he and his wife owned nearly 50 percent between them. The Welt am Sonntag newspaper reported that

the disputed contract stated his stake at 31 percent and that of his wife at around 8 percent.

The disagreement about Schmid surrendering his stake has raised the prospect that a bailout of Mobilcom by minority shareholder France Telecom could be derailed.

Mobilcom's future has been in the balance since France Telecom, which owns 28.5 percent of the company, ended its funding in September. The two companies had been working on a mobile service network but ended the project over a dispute about its cost and pace.



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INDONESIA

Bali suspects flee country to escape prosecution from attack

Associated Press

BALI

Indonesian investigators suspect several accomplices of the prime suspect in the Bali bombings may have fled to neighboring Malaysia, an intelligence official said Sunday.

Last week, police made their first breakthrough in the investigation when they arrested a suspect on Indonesia's main island of Java.

The suspect, identified as Amrozi, admitted owning an L300 Mitsubishi minivan that was filled with at least 110 pounds of explosives and blew up outside a packed nightclub on Bali on Oct. 12, killing nearly 200 people.

Over the last two days, police raided homes in Amrozi's home village of Tenggulun, looking for several of his

friends and relatives. Police, however, said most of them had fled.

"We are looking for them in Malaysia. Most of them have gone there," said an intelligence official on Bali who asked not to be named.

On Friday, officers detained Muhammad Zakaria, the head of a local Islamic school in Tenggulun that Amrozi is said to have frequented.

Kompas daily newspaper reported that police found video compact discs showing military-style training at the school. The report could not be immediately confirmed.

Police spokesman Brig. Gen. Edward Aritonang declined to speculate where Amrozi's alleged accomplices, believed to number around 10, may be hiding.

"What's clear is we are chas-

ing them everywhere that we think they are hiding," said Aritonang.

The search for suspects in the blast is focused on Jemaah Islamiyah — the al-Qaida-linked terror group whose alleged aim is to form a pan-Islamic state in Southeast Asia.

Police have said Indonesians trained in Afghanistan or Libya were behind the bombing, citing the planning and expertise that were required.

Amrozi has admitted knowing two Muslim clerics: Riduan Isamudin — also known as Hambali — and Abu Bakar Bashir, said to be the leaders of Jemaah Islamiyah.

Police recently arrested the 64-year-old Bashir, the alleged spiritual leader of the group, on suspicion of involvement in a string of church bombings three years ago.

AFGHANISTAN

Afghan president to target tribal leaders

Associated Press

KABUL

The Afghan president, in the midst of a risky campaign to whittle away at the power of regional warlords, protested Sunday against portrayals of his country as one that is riven along ethnic lines — with Tajiks pitted against Pashtuns.

"It's just not true. We are a nation, a united nation. There are individuals perhaps, but believe me as a nation we are one," Hamid Karzai said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

With a notebook in hand, Karzai carefully and thoughtfully ran through a roster of his government ministers. One by one he ticked them off the list, noting they represented every ethnic group, and most in fact belonged to Afghanistan's majority Pashtun ethnic group. Pashtuns often are portrayed as under attack by the mostly Tajik forces who ousted the predominantly Pashtun and hardline Taliban late last year.

"It is completely unfair that the international media is always writing about Tajiks and Pashtuns, one against the other. I know my people, my country, and this is just unfair and is a wrong portrayal of Afghanistan," Karzai said.

"I am meeting people always, and I know that Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, Hazara they are not against each other. There are individuals who are a problem, but we are one nation."

While Karzai's Cabinet blends the country's varied ethnic groups, the powerful defense ministry and the army is led by Mohammed Fahim, an ethnic Tajik and is dominated by his loyalists, most of whom are also Tajik.

Fahim has been accused of trying to sabotage efforts to build a national army that would include men from every ethnic group, fearing such an army would erode his power. In a country that has been at war for the last 23 years, Karzai has been reluctant to pay or arm newly trained soldiers of the national army.

In an attempt to assert his government's control outside the capital of Kabul, Karzai has begun a campaign to weaken the control of powerful warlords who rule much of Afghanistan. The U.S.-based

Human Rights Watch last week, for example, called western Herat's Ismail Khan an "enemy" of human rights, who rules through repression, intimidation and torture.

In a bold move that some fear could be dangerous for him, Karzai fired several generals, intelligence officials and local commanders in an

"The problems in my country are unemployment, reconstruction. They are economic, not ethnic."

Hamid Karzai
the president of Afghanistan

attempt to take back control from regional warlords.

His sweep targeted every region of Afghanistan and came as a result of a survey by his personal envoys, who had criss-

crossed the country to hear firsthand from ordinary Afghans which men and armies were causing problems.

"People told us: 'we don't care who is Tajik, who is Pashtun, who is Hazara. We just want people who are honest, who won't steal from us,'" Karzai said.

In a move designed to further embrace all ethnic groups, Karzai has begun to appoint governors representing one ethnic group to a province dominated by another ethnic group.

"And people liked that," he said.

Karzai said survival not ethnicity pre-occupies ordinary Afghans.

"The problems in my country are unemployment, reconstruction. They are economic, not ethnic," he said, sipping green tea as he sat in his ornate presidential palace.

Karzai complained that promised aide and development his poor country's 21 million people, struggling to emerge from 23 years of war.

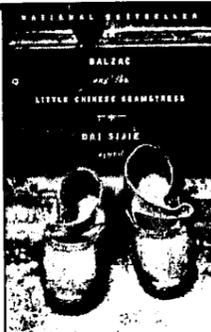
Money has come to Afghanistan but so far it has not reached the people, he said. According to United Nations figures more than half of the \$1.8 billion pledged for this year has been delivered.

But analysts and economists in the Afghan capital said much of the money has been used to finance offices of international aid organizations and the multitude of United Nations offices. In the year since the ouster of the Taliban, nearly 2,000 foreign aid workers have converged on the Afghan capital. The accompanying expense has been in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"It isn't humanitarian aid alone that we need. We need development aid," said Karzai. "This is what I am saying to everyone, help us rebuild our country."

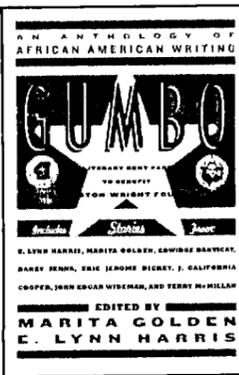


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GOP comes out on top

History was made last week. For all the talk of President George W. Bush's general ineffectiveness and ineptitude on, well, you name it — the economic struggles, corporate responsibility, diplomatic relations, the English language, pretzel-eating — he has defied all political conventional wisdom (again) and done what only one other president has done in more than a century: gained seats for his party in both houses of Congress in a midterm election.

Politics may be about ideological debating, but winning elections is strictly a numbers game. If more people vote for you than your opponent, you win. If not, you lose. In politics, this maxim is known by one word repeated three times for emphasis: Turnout, turnout, turnout.

But the numbers did not look good for President Bush and the Republicans. Against the backdrop of a sluggish economy, the instability of a possible war with Iraq and political history, the GOP had to defend 20 of the 34 Senate seats in play. Yet the GOP won 22 seats and reclaimed the Senate, leaving non-conservative politicians and pundits scratching their heads to come up with explanations for this stunning political victory.

The answer is simple: turnout, turnout, turnout. But why?

For one, George W. Bush finally did something with his strong popularity ratings by taking the bully pulpit on the road and stumping for a host of Republican candidates, including two local stops for the eventual winner of the Indiana 2nd District Congressional race, Chris Chocola. The best the Democrats could counterattack with was Bill Clinton and Al Gore. It didn't help.

Second, many Democrats were trying

to fight the 2000 election all over again. This was most evident in Florida, where the Democrat leadership tried to send a message to the President by punishing his brother in the Sunshine State. Despite the onslaught, Jeb Bush cruised to victory. Had the Dems spent more time attempting to rescue their troubled senatorial candidates in Georgia, Minnesota and Missouri, they might just have retained Senate control. But instead, it was the Republicans who were angered by the electoral switcheroo to replace Robert Toricelli in New Jersey and the shameful Paul Wellstone "memorial service" in Minnesota.

But the biggest reason is an ideological one. George W. Bush was getting out the vote almost every day, not just in support of candidates, but for a unified Republican message: This is who we are, this is what we stand for. To many people, Bush's stump speeches were boring and repetitive. WNDU-TV even cut away from Bush's most recent visit in South Bend and returned to regular programming, on the grounds that Bush was delivering the same speech he had given in New Mexico and South Dakota and dozens of other places. But guess what? The message may have been incredibly redundant, and Bush is hardly the greatest orator in our nation's history, but it was darned effective at energizing Republicans and moving them to the polls. And in the end, it's the numbers game that matters.

The Democrats had no such larger message, no grand philosophy. In part, this is because many of them were split on the issues. The Democrats couldn't afford to attack Bush's foreign policy, specifically the idea of a war with Iraq, because too many of them supported Bush's resolutions for regime change. They couldn't slam Bush for the lethargic economy, mostly because very few voters were willing to blame Bush for it,

given the dot-com collapse, the corporate scandals and the Sept. 11 attacks. But also because nobody was willing to call for a repeal of Bush's tax cut in the middle of an economic slowdown.

The Democratic party is also suffering from a general malaise. Even with everything working in their favor, they could provide no compelling reasons to vote for them, just reasons not to vote for Republicans. They generally didn't support a war with Iraq, but articulated no substantive foreign policy for a volatile world (in fact, they became incensed when Bush tried to steer the national debate towards Iraq instead of what they considered the "real issues," like prescription drugs); don't support Social Security privatization but have no plan to reform it from the Ponzi scheme it is now; and blocked nearly every Bush proposal or judicial nominee with hardly any alternative solutions.

The American people aren't going to vote against a president unless given a really good reason; the Democrats issued a handful of feeble excuses. Many of them are left with Chicken Little wailings now that the Republicans control all three branches of government, and hopes that the economy disintegrates, because otherwise, Bush is a lock for reelection in 2004.

Oh yeah, the other president to win so handily in a midterm election? Some guy named Franklin Roosevelt, who was overwhelmingly reelected three times and is emblazoned on the dime.

Something to think about.

Mike Marchand, class of 2001, took time out of sculpting a killer resume for WSBT to write this column. He has a new email address: Marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu. "Undistinguished Alumnus" appears every other Monday.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rice's views need concrete support

This letter is addressed to Viewpoint columnist Professor Emeritus Charles Rice. For the past year and a half, I've been seeing your column in The Observer, and, unfortunately for me, I've read it several of those times. Every time I do read it, I am left shocked by its stupidity. Don't get me wrong; I can tell just from reading it that you are clearly better educated than I am, and probably smarter, as well. However, this doesn't change the fact that your column is completely worthless.

Let's start with the title: "Right or Wrong." Are you actually arrogant enough to think that your opinion is the only possible correct one? The students on this campus are intelligent enough to form their own opinions; they don't need you to tell them what dogmatic law requires them to think.

Which brings up my next complaint: If you are going to tell us what we have to think, could you at least come up with more reasons than that the Pope/Catechism/Vatican II says we have to? I would (perhaps) respect your opinion more if you at

least presented an original argument for why you're right about everything. I think the Catholic Church is a great source of wisdom, but if I wanted to hear what it had to say on a subject, I would look to the Catechism or the Bible directly. And I would never blindly accept what the Church says, as you insist I must do, without careful thought and prayer.

I could go on for longer about why I think your column is a waste of paper and ink, but I think I'll stop for now. I'll just leave my fellow readers with a piece of advice: The next time you see Professor Rice's column, just read the headline, add "because I, the perfect and oh-so intelligent interpreter of all Catholic teaching, say so" to the end of it, and save yourself the time it would have taken to read it.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. ... I want to achieve it through not dying."

Woody Allen
actor/screenwriter

VIEWPOINT

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Classism attacks the successful

The Progressive Student Alliance and their supporters need to examine the racism, classism and prejudice that has taken over their current Worker's Rights campaign. They are so blinded by their Worker's Rights goals and complete lack of free market economics background, that they've resorted to defecating on half the other rights and social advancements our country has gained in the last half century. And yes, I'm sure that just this one paragraph has marked me for another 4 a.m. wake-up visit by the group. (Thanks, guys, by the way.) Regardless, it's the truth.

John Little

*Frankly
Obnoxious*

All business men are fat, sweaty, greedy jerks who mistreat their workers and smoke cigars. Because of this fact, they all need government regulators monitoring their every deed. Every currently rich person benefited from an expensive private education, and sat at home playing Playstation while his or her soon-to-be-oppressed-in-the-future employees were working three jobs at age 13 to support their

already oppressed families.

Every argument I hear involves the same sweeping assumptions (even the one I got at 4 a.m.) and paints all of corporate America with the same brush. First, I'd like to say, look around you — this is the future corporate America, your peers, the people with whom you are now going to school. Why all the hate mongering against your own classmates? Why the hate for their parents? (And, for that matter, I'm sure some of your own.)

But more importantly, the instant someone makes an even lesser generalization about the group that the PSA supports — namely, when I stated a few weeks ago that most "Persons who have kept the same job over time (Read: capable of holding down a job) do get compensated for their loyalty." The response to this as posted to the PSA listserv was, "Particularly appalling is his claim that nearly all low-wage workers remain underpaid because they are incapable of holding down a steady job ... I think we should confront this stereotype head-on ... thereby exposing Mr. Little's ignorance."

Now, without getting into twisting words and misinterpretation, I ask you

to use your Notre Dame minds to decide for yourselves where the difference in "stereotyping" is found between the PSA's interpretation of my article as "All workers are ..." and their contention that "All corporations are ..." and "All CEOs are ..." Apparently, it's OK to stereotype as long as it's not a group that the PSA supports. That's the message I get, at least. When these groups' single distinction is social class, the prejudice is called "classism." For a dose of it, see your local PSA chapter (or write to The Observer something they don't like, and they'll come to you — at 4 a.m. some morning.)

Of course, the discounting of modern social advances doesn't end there. If anyone here made an argument that included a minority ethnicity of a worker posed in a negative light, he or she would necessarily be labeled a racist. However, to make the same sort of racial distinction in attacking a corporate CEO or assuming someone is a "privileged white boy," there is no such immediate racist label. It's my contention that when race becomes a factor in someone's argument, especially when it's used in a derogatory fashion, it is necessarily racist.

The real issue is, in making the assertion that everyone is equal and that everyone should be treated the same, one finds themselves hounded, pursued and woken at four in the morning by raging, militant, neo-socialist peace activists. You figure that one out.

Let's see, racism, classism ... ahh, I almost forgot about the hypocrisy. That's simple. How can one claim that everyone deserves free speech while he or she is defacing the only pro-war chalking the campus has seen all year? I don't remember anyone defacing the asinine peace slogans anywhere, yet the pro-Bush chalkings last half a day. Free speech — so long as you agree with us. No wonder they want peace with Iraq; they share common values.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democratic priorities
clash with the public's

Unlike Danny Richter, in his Nov. 8 letter, "Republicans, what are you going to do?" I am quite pleased to see the results of last week's election. In my opinion, the concerns Richter expressed in his letter were one of the fundamental reasons why the Democratic Party lost representatives in Congress this election.

In an October 2002 CBS News/New York Times poll, the two highest priorities indicated by the American public were terrorism/war (30 percent) and economy/jobs (26 percent). Richter's concerns over education received only 3 percent of the vote and the environment did not even make the list of priorities. Not surprisingly, the concerns expressed by the American public in these polls are more in touch with the Republican Party. President Bush has stated time and time again that the biggest issues facing our country are the War on Terror and the economy. At this time, the public is simply not interested in the issues of the environment and education, two concerns typically addressed by the Democratic Party.

Richter's figures regarding U.S. defense spending are unfortunately incorrect. According to the United States Department of Defense, current defense spending is \$330.6 billion or 35 percent of total world spending on defense.

While I agree that this amount of defense spending is a staggering amount, it is not nearly as outrageous as Richter's claim that the whole world spends \$750 million on defense spending. Russia alone spends \$56 billion in defense spending according to the State Department. I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, but that's "fuzzy math."

The question Richter poses that our country may be headed toward an educational system in which only the rich can afford a quality education is unwarranted. Last time I checked, all citizens are guaranteed a free high school education. All too often, however, the poor choices made by some individuals hinder their educational opportunities. Teenage pregnancy and other poor decisions are the results of an individual's decision and he or she must realize the consequences of his or her actions.

Richter's belief that issues such as education and the environment are the most pressing issues of society and have the largest impact on our lives is simply out of touch with the American public. At this time, the American public is more concerned with the War on Terror and the economy than saving endangered mottled duskywings or preventing the "killing of plants." The job of Congressional representatives is to represent our concerns and not their own individual agendas. If the Democratic Party were more in tune with the concerns of the American public, it may not have lost as many seats as it did in this past election.

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Family tradition hangs
in the balance

I came to Notre Dame to experience the family atmosphere, and I fear it is turning into a damaged tradition. With all of the discussion (or lack thereof) over Pasquerilla West and its beloved assistant rector, seniors Jenny Theis and Tiffany Festi in their Nov. 7 letter begin to raise some relevant questions that need serious thought from Student Affairs.

It is understandable that students feel agitated in situations that require exclusion and absolute secrecy. After all, the ladies of PW are mature adults and deserve an answer about the events with their assistant rector, yet they cannot have one. These ladies live a majority of their lives on this campus and in their home.

Unfortunately, they do not have any say in their family, and thus legitimately question if a family atmosphere even exists in their dorm. To me, a sense of family has always been one where issues may be set on the table and discussed in a mature manner, yet I see nothing of the sort.

To Student Affairs, I ask the question, "How do you expect to foster a family atmosphere that you so proudly preach?" At the moment, it appears you have created the "perfect" family atmosphere — parents leading children. Treating the students of Notre Dame as children certainly does not help us grow together as students and certainly not with the administration. How are we supposed to learn about values and life if we constantly face censorship?

We, as students, want answers to questions not because we enjoy

gossip, but because we hope to learn from situations. The students of Notre Dame are inherently good people. The way Student Affairs is standing silent on the letters of concerned ARs and embarrassing Ms. Phillips by labeling her situation as a "privacy issue" is unethical. Provide an explanation to the ARs, and call Ms. Phillips' situation what it is, not something that could have a thousand connotations and incorrect inferences.

It breaks my heart to see RAs threatened by Student Affairs to remain silent or else lose their positions. RAs are our mentors; they help us understand. When you silence them with fear, you distance the student-RA relationship. People think that if they cannot talk with their RA about these recent events, then what can they talk about with their RA?

People begin to understand less and less about Student Affairs with these situations, because everything just seems to end in a black hole without closure. Students are left in fear because they simply do not know what will happen if they speak out, so they conform to what the University expects, unable to fully be themselves.

I do not know how people can remain happy with the University if such happenings continue, and I seriously question how the administration expects to keep a relationship with its students, since their side of the street is closed.

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SCENE

music

Mellencamp: A blast from the past

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

As soon as 51-year-old John "Cougar" Mellencamp stepped onto the stage of the Joyce Center Friday night, the few Notre Dame students in attendance could already tell that it was going to be an interesting experience.

If it wasn't the denim jacket with the flipped up collar which Mellencamp was sporting that tipped the students off, then it had to be the audience consisting mainly of South Bend residents their parents' age cheering in anticipation of Mellencamp's opening song.

Mellencamp's considerable popularity among local residents became clear on Sept. 27th when the show sold out in less than 24 hours, necessitating the release of more tickets with a partially obstructed view.

Despite the concert's convenient location at the Joyce Center here on campus, many students chose not to attend due to exorbitant ticket prices that did not fit into the budget of a typical college student. Also, the fact that Mellencamp's popularity reached its peak before today's college students were in pre-school could have something to do with the relative lack of enthusiasm at Notre Dame.

Luckily, Mellencamp, known for his feel-good rock songs about middle America, gave fans the show they wanted to see, focusing on his decade spanning hits rather than playing tracks from his newer and less popular releases.

It was during the third song of the show, the ever popular anthem "Jack

and Diane," that the energy really escalated as Mellencamp led the crowd in singing, "Oh yeah life goes on / long after the thrill of livin' is gone." This crowd favorite was followed by several other rousing hits such as "I Saw You First" and "Lonely 'Ol Night," emphasizing Mellencamp's extensive repertoire.

With barely even a pause in between songs, the band kept the mostly middle-aged audience on their feet and dancing like they were teenagers again. About a third of the way through his relatively short set, Mellencamp lulled the crowd with a disappointing slow version of "Small Town," a song representative of the stops on Mellencamp's tour which consists mostly of cities approximately the size of South Bend. During this slower segment of the show, the image of a partially torn American flag with the famous Albert Einstein adage "You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for

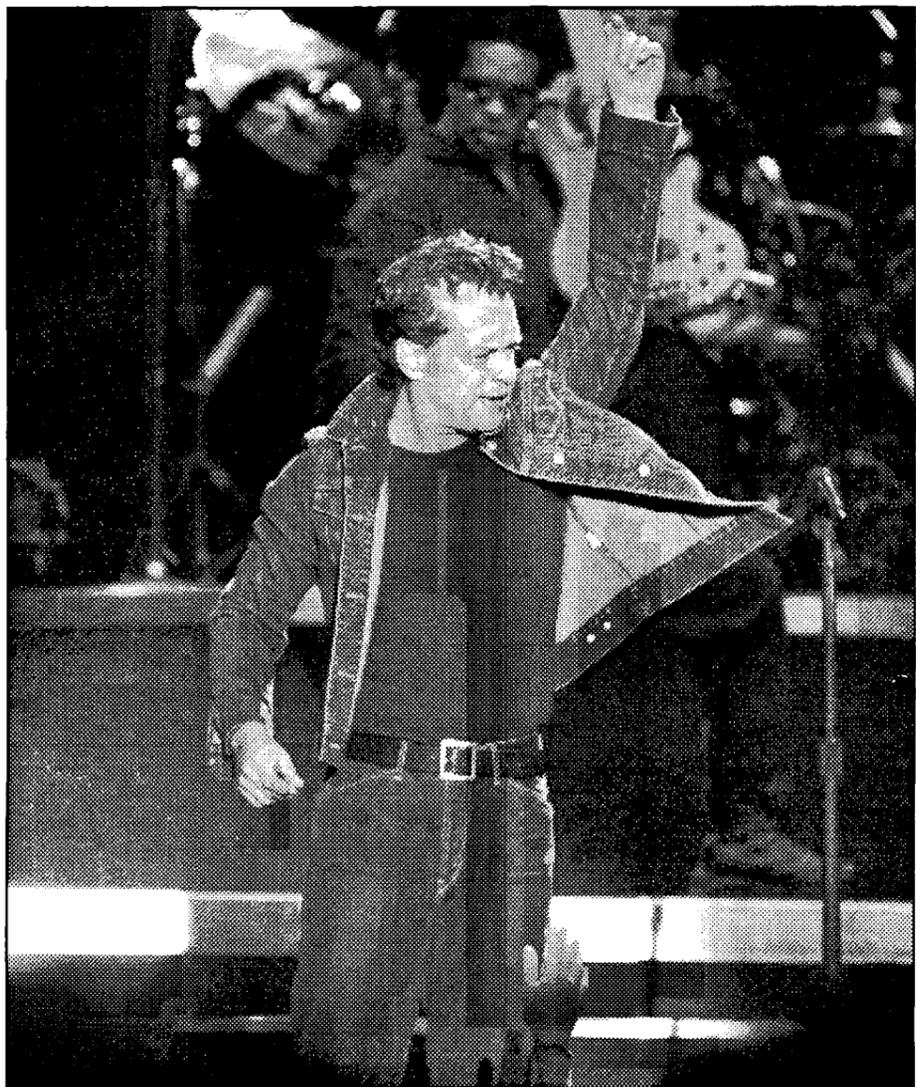
war" printed next to it served as the backdrop, reminding the audience of the impending threat of war with Iraq while at the same time making a subtle anti-war statement.

The last part of the show

revived the crowd with Mellencamp playing such crowd favorites such as "Rock in the U.S.A" and "Hurts so Good." However, Mellencamp's gyrations and James Dean-like image were a bit creepy at times, especially during the song "Dance Naked," from the album of the same name. "I want you to dance naked / so I can see you / I'd like to get to know you / you don't have to act naughty."

"I don't really want a record deal, to be honest with you. But I am going to do it. One thing hasn't changed in the music business: It's easy to get a record deal."

John Mellencamp
musician



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

John Mellencamp salutes the crowd during his concert at the Joyce Center Friday night. Not only was Mellencamp attire reminiscent of his earlier years, his music was as well.

During the encore, Mellencamp rounded out the set with the hit "Cherry Bomb."

Having recently parted ways with Columbia Records, the label that released his latest album *Cuttin' Heads* in 2001, Mellencamp has expressed the same kind of disillusionment with the music industry that Tom Petty recently articulated in his latest release *The Last DJ*.

"I don't really want a record deal, to be honest with you," Mellencamp said to the Indianapolis Star. "But I'm going to do it. One thing hasn't changed in the music business: It's easy to get a record deal. But it's impossible to get [a label] to do anything for you once you have the thing."

No longer having to answer to a

record label, Mellencamp has been able to focus all of his attention on live performances and touring.

"I'm going to do 15 to 20 shows, take three months off, then 15 to 20 shows, take three months off," said Mellencamp, "Everybody I admire is out playing tonight. This idea of releasing a record and supporting it, [forget] all that. That was the 1980s, not now. It doesn't make any difference if I have a record out or not."

Friday night's show, one of the first stops on what Mellencamp describes as a "never-ending tour," left his older fan base thrilled at having seen some of the most popular hits of their youth performed live.

Many of the younger attendees of the show, however, were left wondering when a musician from their own generation would be invited to play at Notre Dame's arena. Like the man in the 11th row who was wearing the acid washed jeans and mullet hair style of yesteryear, the John Mellencamp concert seemed like an anachronism, something that would have been cool 20 years ago but now seems a bit out of place. Hopefully the University will soon play host to a more current band that its students can really get excited about.

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Mellencamp's performance was filled with many songs from his earlier days. He sang hits such as "Small Town," "Jack and Diane," "I Saw You First" and "Lonely 'Ol Night."

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Notre Dame 30, Navy 23

Dodging torpedoes

Notre Dame needs late fourth quarter rally to beat lowly Navy



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Vontez Duff cuts away from a horde of Navy defenders en route to a 92-yard kickoff return against the Midshipmen to give the Irish a 15-14 lead. The lead was short lived, however, as Navy drove back down and scored a touchdown. The Irish needed 15 points in the final five minutes to sneak past Navy, 30-23.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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BALTIMORE

Desperation did what a profanity-laced halftime atmosphere could not.

Still reeling from losing its first game of the season and faced with losing the first game in 39 years to Navy, Notre Dame rallied to score 15 points in the final 4 minutes, 8 seconds and narrowly pulled out a 30-23 victory over the Midshipmen.

"I don't think it set in to us that we needed to win until the last possible moment," offensive lineman Jordan Black said. "We're in the fourth quarter, we're down, and it's desperation time. That's when we started putting some points on the board."

Until the fourth quarter, the 9-1 Irish appeared to be heading for an embarrassing defeat to the Midshipmen, who have only won two games in the past three years. Not until Omar Jenkins hauled in a 67-yard go-ahead touchdown catch with 2:08 remaining did Notre Dame's pulse return to normal.

Even then, Navy had a chance to tie the game. But backup quarterback Aaron Polanco threw two interceptions on Navy's final two possessions and the

Irish barely escaped Ravens Stadium with a win.

"It would have been very easy for these young men to kind of give up," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "But they didn't do that. They continued to battle and continued to make extremely smart plays. So I'm extremely proud."

Following last Saturday's loss to Boston College, the Irish admitted they couldn't completely focus on the Navy game. Although they said they put the loss behind them during the week, Irish players said they couldn't help but look at the scoreboard Saturday and start thinking back to Boston College.

At one point, when quarterback Carlyle Holiday lay motionless on the Irish sideline after getting hit hard in the first half and no one stepped up to warm up backup Pat Dillingham, Willingham did it himself.

"It's sometimes difficult for a coach to tell your players just how tough it's going to be," Willingham said. "It's not a light switch. You can't turn emotion or turn focus and concentration on."

Navy took full advantage of Notre Dame's sluggish start. Trailing only 9-7 at the start of the second half, the Midshipmen exploded in the third quarter for 126 rushing yards and 17 points. The Midshipmen rushed for 216 yards

overall, an impressive feat against an Irish defense that entered the game allowing 84.6 yards on the ground.

The culminating moment for Navy came midway through the third quarter. After Polanco scored on a 1-yard run, Notre Dame's Vontez Duff returned the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown, giving the Irish a 15-14 lead.

But Navy responded by driving 80 yards in 12 plays, capped by an Eric Roberts 10-yard touchdown run, to take a 23-15 lead.

By contrast, Notre Dame's offense in the third quarter managed minus-1 yards of total offense.

"They really came back at us in the second half," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I'm not quite sure what all they did."

The Irish finally awakened in the fourth quarter. Taking advantage of a defense ranked 105th in the country, Holiday threw a 29-yard pass to Jenkins that took the Irish to the Navy 1-yard line. Two plays later, Rashon Powers-Neal barged in for a touchdown and the Irish tied the score on a 2-point conversion pass from Holiday to Arnaz Battle.

The next time Holiday, who finished 13-for-21 for 272 yards, got his hands on the ball, he threw a strike to Jenkins for the game-winning touchdown. The catch

was redemption of sorts for Jenkins, who fumbled on the first play of the game on a 62-yard completion and conjured images of Notre Dame's seven fumbles the week before.

"It was a great feeling being able to catch it," said Jenkins, who finished with four catches for a career-high 166 yards. "And it was another great feeling to know the coaches still trusted you because fumbling is a big deal."

While Notre Dame's offense lit up the scoreboard, its defense finally figured out the Midshipmen. The Irish surrendered just 34 total yards and kept Polanco from completing a pass in the second half.

Finally, when Glenn Earl and Courtney Watson intercepted passes on successful drives, ending Navy's chances for an upset, the Irish collectively seemed to breathe a sigh of relief.

"Guys are happy to win a game, but they're not happy with their individual play," Watson said. "If the team wins, but the individuals don't play well, then you don't feel so good."

"We won, but we could have played a lot better."

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player of the game

Omar Jenkins

The junior receiver hauled in the game-winning touchdown, the longest catch of his career, and finished with more receiving yards than any Irish receiver in 12 years

stat of the game

272 Notre Dame yards passing
Quarterback Carlyle Holiday's career-high passing performance was the most yards by an Irish quarterback since Jarious Jackson in 1999

play of the game

Omar Jenkins' 67-yard touchdown reception with 2:08 remaining The score capped a furious fourth-quarter offensive explosion for the Irish that propelled them past Navy

quote of the game

"Winning the game is the ultimate goal. If you did that, then you were successful."

Darrell Campbell
Irish defensive tackle

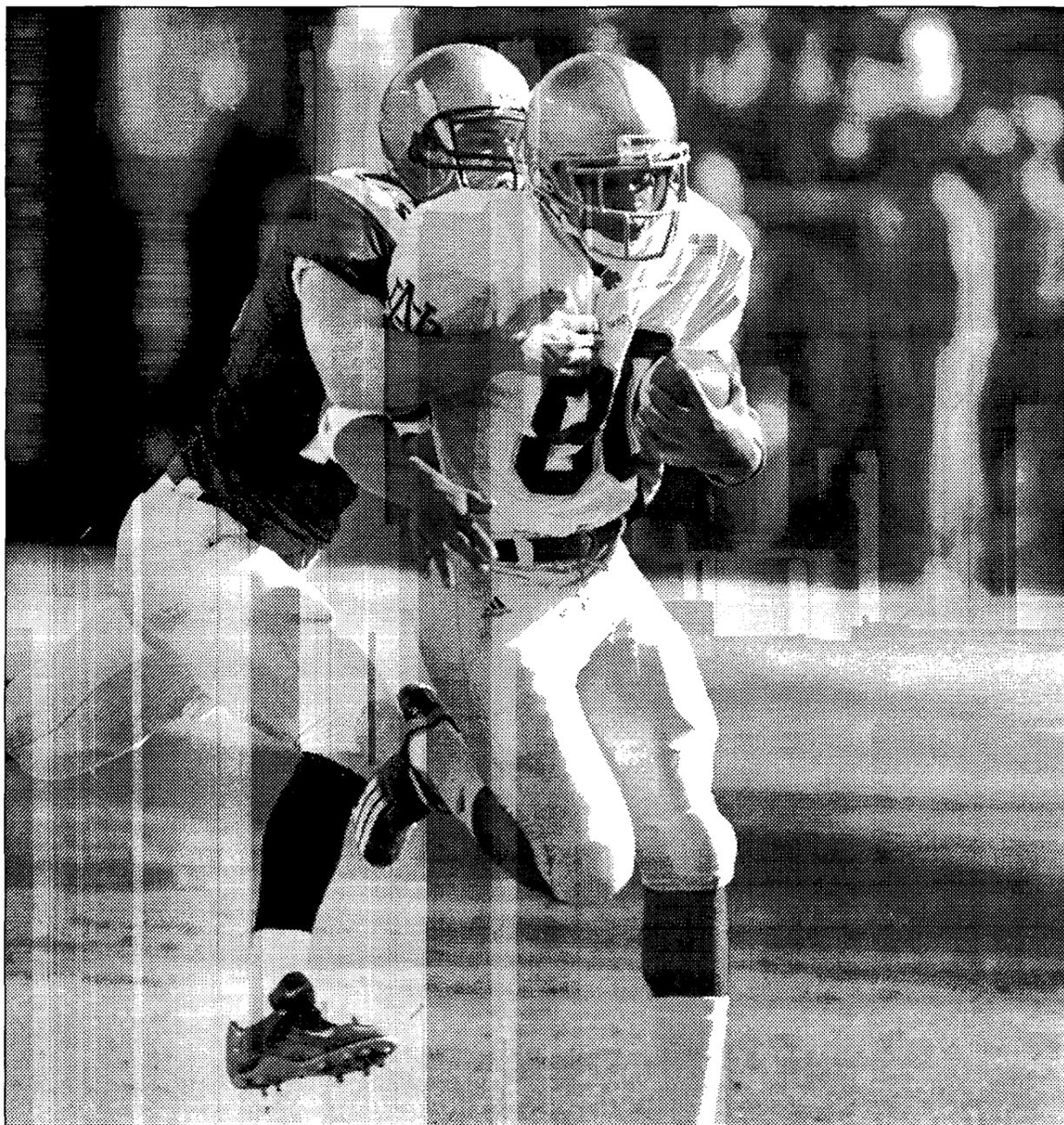
report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Holiday's best passing game of his career came against one of the worst defenses in the nation, but he still did a good job selling the play-action and made big passes when needed.
- C** **running backs:** While Powers-Neal's return bolstered the backfield, it wasn't the best performance. Grant struggled to hold onto the football for the second straight week.
- A-** **receivers:** Jenkins made a pair of big catches, but his first-quarter fumble killed one Irish drive. Still, Notre Dame needed to throw to win, and the receivers came up big.
- B** **offensive line:** Navy mixed up defensive schemes all day, keeping the Irish front confused. Still, the Irish managed to give Holiday protection when he needed it.
- C-** **defensive line:** Hilliard's absence killed the Irish defensive front, and Notre Dame allowed a ton of rushing yards. Roberts did a good job applying pressure.
- B** **linebackers:** A big day statistically for the Irish linebackers. Watson, Hoyte and Goolsby were three of Notre Dame's top four tacklers.
- B+** **defensive backs:** The secondary isn't the same without Sapp, and his absence showed. The Irish had a tough time containing the outside runs, but managed to severely constrict Navy's passing attack.
- A-** **special teams:** Duff's return gave the Irish a big boost right after a key Navy touchdown and kept them in the game and Hildbold had a good day punting. Setta's only field goal was blocked, however, and the Irish allowed a couple big returns.
- C** **coaching:** It's not like the coaches didn't try to get the players to focus on the game, but whatever they did didn't work. Both coordinators admitted that at times, they didn't know what Navy was doing.

2.89 **overall:** The Irish showed poise in coming from behind to win late, but Navy shouldn't have even been close to begin with.

adding up the numbers

- players in Notre Dame history to return a punt, kickoff and interception for a touchdown in the same season — Vontez Duff is the only one **1**
- yards receiving compiled by Omar Jenkins, the most in a game by an Irish receiver since Rocket Ismail had 173 yards in a 1990 game **166**
- rushing yards Navy compiled in the third quarter **126**
- average rushing yards the Irish defense had given up during its first nine games **84.6**
- times this season the Irish won a game with a touchdown in the final three minutes — Michigan State and Navy **2**
- completions Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco threw in the second half **0**
- interceptions Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco threw in the second half **2**
- times the JumboTron flashed a message promising the brigade weekend leave if they beat the Irish **1**

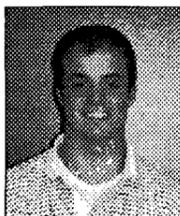


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Omar Jenkins hauls in a 62-yard pass from Carlyle Holiday on Notre Dame's first offensive play, but is just seconds away from fumbling the football, one of four Irish fumbles in Saturday's win.

Fallible Irish need to elevate play

BALTIMORE Football's a funny game. Some days you go out and dominate Florida State on the road. Others you fumble seven times and lose to Boston College. And then they are the days you have to pull out a come-from-behind victory over lowly 1-8 Navy.



Joe Hettler

Associate Sports Editor

Welcome to Notre Dame football. After watching the Irish roll off eight straight wins against a tough schedule to begin the season, it's been downright scary seeing them play so poorly the last two weeks. For a moment I even thought I saw a glimpse of Bob Davie on the Notre Dame sideline. Luckily, that was just an illusion. But even with Tyrone Willingham at the helm, Irish fans and the team should be very concerned about their play the last two weeks. After a generally giving Boston College a win last week, Notre Dame found themselves down by eight points with five minutes remaining against a Navy team that had won two games in the last three years — and the Midshipmen were winning with their backup quarterback at the helm. Maybe I've been spoiled in seeing Willingham lead this team to places no one thought possible. During their first eight games, the team didn't make mistakes, didn't lose focus and found ways to win every

game, no matter what. But the last two weeks, the Irish have looked very human. They've made mistakes, turned over the football and played lackluster football. The contrast between their first eight games and last two is strikingly different. And that's what should concern Notre Dame and its fans. Is it time to panic? Of course not. Should the Irish bandwagon lose a few members? No way. But if Notre Dame is going to accomplish their goal of being one of the best teams in the country, they had better get back to playing Irish football. Willingham knows this. He voiced his concern at the press conference after the Navy game. "You're always concerned about [fumbles and a lack of focus]," Willingham said. "It's difficult sometimes for a coach to [tell] your players just how tough it's going to be. It's not like a light switch. You can't turn emotion on or turn on focus and concentration." Notre Dame's players seem to understand they need to play better too. After the Navy game, players told the media they were pleased with the team win, but not their overall performance. "[Inconsistency] comes with just playing football," Irish defensive back Vontez Duff said. "Things are going to happen, bad things are going to happen, good things are going to happen and you just have to know how to step up and make plays. We didn't want to believe [the Boston College loss], but we lost. We had to come out and finish this thing off." And they did finish it off, give them credit. Even though it took a 67-yard touchdown pass from Carlyle Holiday to Omar Jenkins

with a little over two minutes left in the game against a 27.5-point underdog to do it, Notre Dame found another way to win. But will the Irish be able to finish off a top 10 USC team or a BCS opponent like Oklahoma or Texas? I think so, but not if they play the way they did against Navy or Boston College. The Irish now have an extra week to get healthy, rest and recover from an emotional two weeks of football. They've hit a couple bumps in the road, but they still have time to fix it. When Notre Dame won its first eight games, people still doubted them. After their last two, even more people doubted them. Notre Dame can silence the doubters one last time by ending their season the way they began it — forcing turnovers, playing suffocating defense, and doing the little things right. Great teams do those things. They don't let opponents like Navy come within a touchdown of winning. Or allow teams to force 11 fumbles in two games. Notre Dame is close to being a great team. They've got a chance to prove that to their critics one last time by playing their kind of football. By forcing turnovers. By playing, arguably, the best defense in the country. By winning their last three games. And if they do that, the Irish will do something many in the college football world didn't believe could ever happen — return Notre Dame football to glory. The views of this column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu.

Powers-Neal helps Irish hang on to win

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BALTIMORE

Rashon Powers-Neal may not have had his best career game against Navy, but he did one thing his fellow backfield mates couldn't do during the last two weeks — hang onto the football.

The Irish running back carried the ball 17 times for a modest 51 yards and a touchdown against the Midshipmen, but more importantly, he didn't fumble. He didn't bobble a handoff. He didn't drop the ball. Powers-Neal gained positive yards almost every time he touched the pigskin and didn't make costly mistakes.

"Things weren't really going our way at the time so I just wanted to come in there and make sure I was able to produce in a positive manner for my teammates," Powers-Neal said. "I just wanted to come out there and make sure I was able to produce in manner towards my teammates. I just wanted to go out and play hard. I wasn't worried with what happened before [with the fumbles]. I just wanted to make sure the next play was a good play."

Powers-Neal did just that. By simply hanging onto the football, Powers-Neal gave the Irish the boost they needed to bounce back and win against Navy 30-23 Saturday.

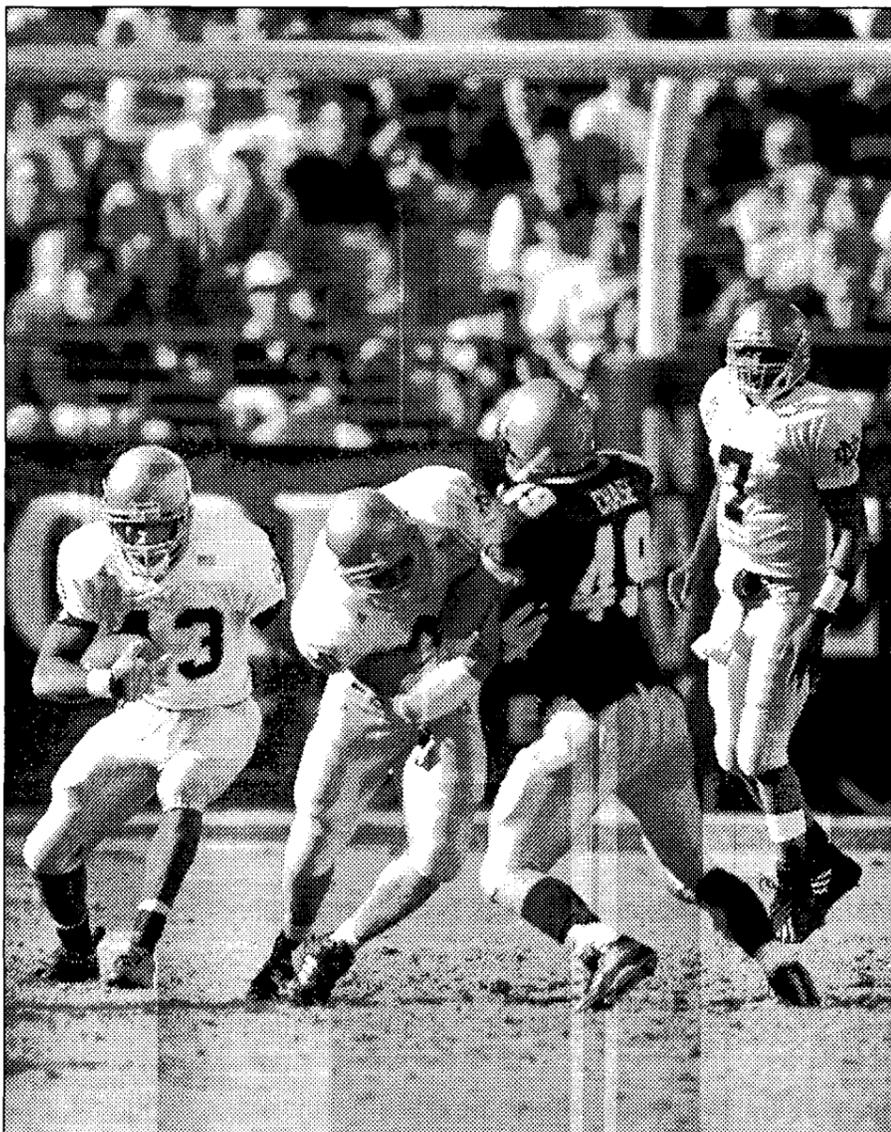
After starting the season 8-0, Notre Dame struggled with turnovers last week in their loss to Boston College, uncharacteristically fumbling the football seven times and losing three of those to the Eagles.

This week against Navy was no different as Notre Dame fumbled four more times, losing three to the Midshipmen.

The Irish needed a plug to stop the leak in their backfield. Despite missing the last three weeks with a leg injury, Powers-Neal provided that plug against Navy and helped put the Irish back in the win column.

"It felt great to be back there, with my teammates, going through the battle with them," Powers-Neal said. "It's fun being out there with them and going through the things they go through and experience the emotion. It just felt really great to be out there and supporting them."

Powers-Neal also did most of his work when it counted the most — in the fourth quarter. He didn't get his first rushing opportunity until the end of the first quarter, when he rushed for a loss of a yard. His next carries didn't come until Grant fumbled in the second quarter, leaving Powers-Neal with only five carries for 12 yards at halftime. He got only two more rushes in the third quarter, but took every



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish running back Rashon Powers-Neal barrels upfield during Notre Dame's 30-23 win against Navy. Sidelined with injuries against Air Force, Florida State and Boston College, Saturday Powers-Neal returned and scored the tying touchdown.

handoff in the final quarter after Grant fumbled for a third time late in the third. Grant didn't return because of an ankle injury, putting the pressure on Powers-Neal to pick up the slack.

In the fourth quarter, Powers-Neal rushed five times on Notre Dame's game-tying touchdown drive, including the touchdown itself. He ended the quarter with 10 carries for 36 yards.

"It was a weird [game]," Powers-Neal said. "But we just kept after it, kept going. We knew we were going to have to get one. We just kept playing hard, believing in the offense, believing in the our teammates and [knew] we were going to get it

done."

It wasn't an outstanding game for Powers-Neal, but it was more than enough to help an Irish backfield that had been struggling recently. According to Powers-Neal, the Irish needed to overcome obstacles, such as the recent fumbles, and get back to winning.

"If you want to be a good team, you're going to have games like this," Powers-Neal said. "We've had it the last couple weeks. We just have to find ways to win, find ways to get it done and find ways to go out there and get the win."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	2	7	6	15	30
Navy	7	0	16	0	23

First quarter

Notre Dame 2, Navy 0
Team safety with 10:38 remaining
Navy 7, Notre Dame 2
Aaron Polanco 12-yd. run (Eric Rolfs kick) with 4:30 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 95 yards, 4:19 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 9, Navy 7
Tom Lopienski 1-yard run (Nicholas Setta kick) with 13:01 remaining
Drive: 3 plays, 74 yards, 6:29 elapsed

Third quarter

Navy 14, Notre Dame 9
Polanco 1-yard run (Rolfs kick) with 9:19 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 44 yards, 2:49 elapsed
Notre Dame 15, Navy 14
Vontez Duff 92-yard kickoff return (Carlyle Holiday pass failed) with 9:01 remaining
Navy 20, Notre Dame 15
Eric Roberts 10-yard. run (Polanco rush failed) with 3:17 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards, 5:44 elapsed
Navy 23, Notre Dame 15
Rolfs 36-yard FG with 1:07 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, 1:52 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 23, Navy 23
Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run with 4:28 remaining
(Arnaz Battle pass from Holiday)
Drive: 7 plays, 48 yards, 2:59 elapsed
Notre Dame 30, Navy 23
Omar Jenkins 67-yard pass from Holiday (Setta kick) with 2:08 remaining
Drive: 1 plays, 67 yards, :11 elapsed

statistics

total yards	
NOTRE DAME	340
NAVY	268

rushing yards	
NOTRE DAME	186
NAVY	88

passing yards	
NOTRE DAME	272
NAVY	52

return yards	
NOTRE DAME	186
NAVY	88

time of possession	
NOTRE DAME	27:11
NAVY	32:49



41-68	rushes-yards	56-216
13-21-0	comp-att-int	6-15-2
6-227	punts-yards	7-304
4-3	fumbles-lost	0-0
2-20	penalties-yards	2-25
13	first downs	17

passing			
Holiday	13-21-0	Polanco	5-14-2
		Candeto	1-1-0

rushing			
Powers-Neal	17-52	Lane	6-93
Grant	10-30	Roberts	5-50
Wilson	2-4	Polanco	24-63
Lopienski	1-1	Eckel	13-38
Holiday	10-27	McDonald	4-14
TEAM	1-0	Candeto	2-13
		Mathews	1-5
		TEAM	1-(-34)

receiving			
Battle	5-35	Sims	2-25
Jenkins	4-166	Roberts	2-21
Stovall	1-38	Yarbrough	2-6
Godsey	1-20		
Rodamer	19		
Palmer	1-4		

Emotions visible in Navy's eyes after loss

Special to The Observer

BALTIMORE

It seemed the only things keeping Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco from bursting into tears were the bright television camera lights.

In the interview room after the game, a red-eyed Polanco seemed to choke back tears every time he was asked a question and whispered his answers so quietly they were barely audible.

"I think we played with more intensity than we have all year," he said. "But things definitely could have turned out better."

So focused was Polanco, who entered the game when starter Craig Candeto sprained his ankle less than a minute and a half into the first quarter, that he didn't notice a tremendous roar from the brigade in the third quarter.

The reason? The Ravens Stadium JumboTron had just

flashed a message that Polanco's classmates would get weekend leave if the Midshipmen beat the Irish — a huge deal for a brigade that has only seen its football team win twice in the past three years.

"This hurts because we had a chance to make history," said linebacker Eddie Carthon. "Everyone would have looked at us a little differently."

"I told the guys there are no moral victories," first-year Navy coach Paul Johnson echoed. "I was disappointed in our team. They laid it out on the field. I'll get another shot at Notre Dame, but our seniors won't. They deserved a better fate than this."

Ravens watching

Two Notre Dame football alumni got the chance to see the Irish play from the same field they play on Sundays.

Wide receiver Javin Hunter and defensive lineman Anthony Weaver, both rookies

on the Baltimore Ravens, had a great time watching their alma mater beat Navy in person.

Both players graduated from Notre Dame last season, and each received a loud ovation when they appeared on the JumboTron.

Both players were also impressed with Notre Dame's progress under Tyrone Willingham.

"They're a lot more confident in themselves and their coaching staff," Hunter said. "I see a lot of growth in the guys and I'm really happy with their success this year."

Lopienski rumbles

Tom Lopienski rumbled toward the goal line, elevated over his linemen and landed on a combination of Navy defenders and blue paint in the end zone. He dropped the ball, stood up and raised his hands in celebration.

Lopienski's 1-yard touchdown run two minutes into the second quarter was the first

career rushing touchdown for the Irish fullback. But more importantly, it gave the Irish a 9-7 lead.

Safe play

When the snap sailed high over John Skaggs head, the Navy punter quickly reacted.

Skaggs chased down the ball and picked it up around his own 10-yard line, but instead of trying to get rid of the ball, he ran with it into the end zone, giving the Irish a safety and a 2-0 lead.

"I thought it was a great play," Johnson said. "He did a great job adjusting to the situation."

It was the second time the Irish recorded a safety this season — the first game on a holding penalty in the end zone against Michigan.

Game day captains.

Arnaz Battle, Jeff Faine, Shane Walton and Ryan Roberts served as game day captains for Saturday's game.



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Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday tries unsuccessfully to scramble away from Navy's Ben Mathews. The sack was one of four the Midshipmen recorded Saturday.

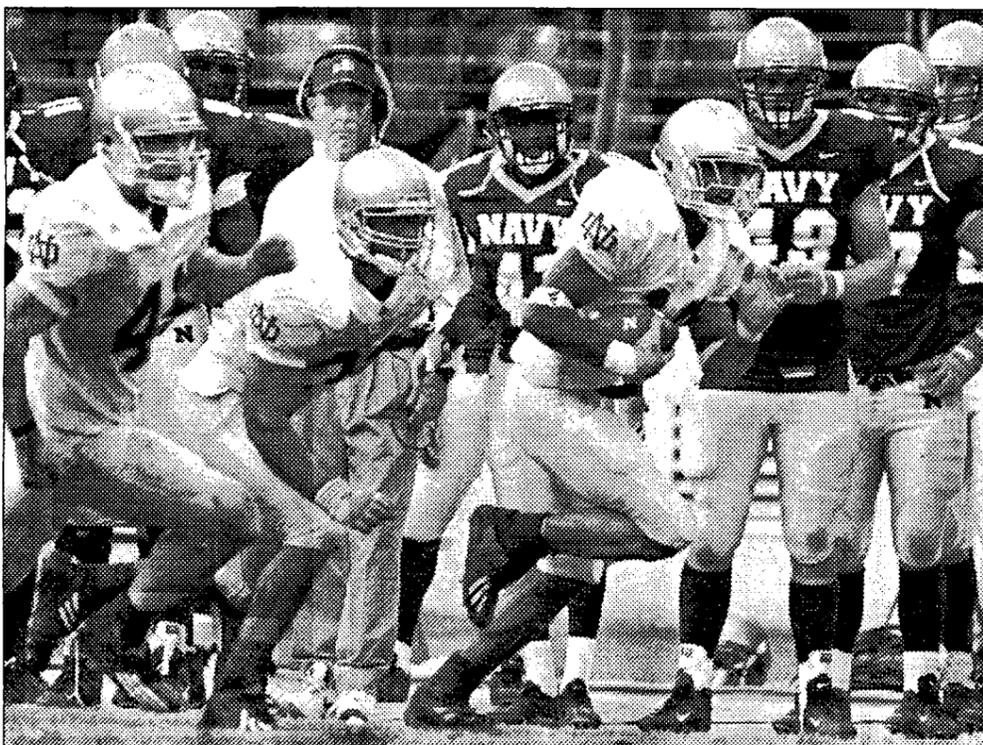


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Amaz Battle celebrates after catching a 2-point conversion pass late in Notre Dame's victory against Navy.

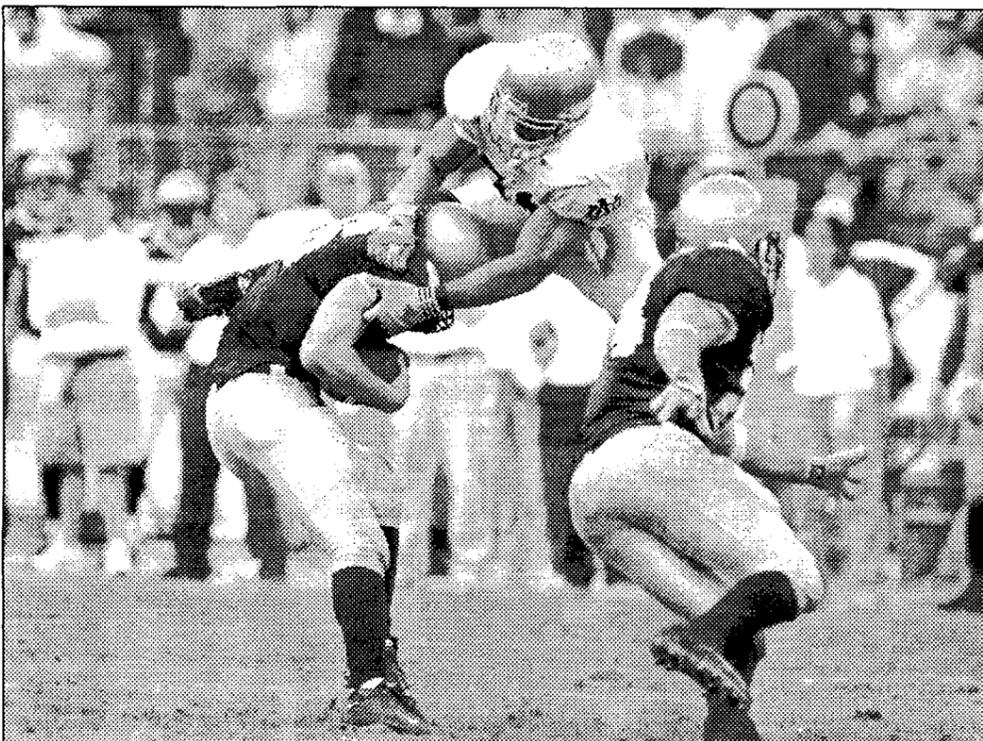
As visions of Notre Dame's loss to Boston College danced through Irish players' minds, lowly Navy surprisingly led 23-15 as the game entered the fourth quarter. But with their BCS berth on the line the Irish offense struck twice — once on a 1-yard touchdown run by Rashon Powers-Neal and again on a 67-yard pass to Omar Jenkins — to surge past Navy.

NARROW ESCAPE



LISA VELTE/The Observer

A pair of Irish defenders escort Glenn Earl upfield after Earl intercepted Aaron Polanco's pass late in the fourth quarter.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Courtney Watson nearly hurdles Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco as the Irish linebacker records one of his 12 tackles in Saturday's game.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham emphatically gestures to the Irish during Notre Dame's 30-23 win against Navy Saturday.

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Completing the Square adds melodic rock to campus music

By PAUL KELLNER
Scene Writer

"Melodic Rock" is the only way that Completing the Square could relate their sound in words, but concert goers have compared them to Jimmy Eat World.

The band is the rebirth of a previous campus band, the Alpha Bet. Tim Bradley, John Fanning and Jesse Fa "completed the square" by adding their current drummer, Dan Schmid. This has turned out to be quite a comfortable line up.

Bradley, Fanning and Fa first played as a group during their time in London. They mainly covered bands like Weezer, but did play some of Bradley's originals. When they returned to the USA, they were contacted to play a show for SUB and so they quickly found a drummer and began writing and gigging.

Throughout their incarnation as the Alpha Bet they began collaborating on songs and have only continued to do so more vigorously with Completing the Square. Even after scrapping most of their work as the Alpha Bet, they now boast a good deal of original work that is quite fan-friendly.

Here is more information on the band members:

Tim Bradley

Bradley is a poppy, dual-citizen (he's also Canadian) that just can't stop a-rockin'. He does vocals and plays guitar, bass, and drums. His musical influences are bands like Pixies, The Kinks and the Alkaline Trio.

Bradley has been in a great deal of bands over the years, but most the most notable after Completing the Square is his first project, Tuna Pita. He feels that Completing the Square is the first band that he has been in where all the

members are on the same page. When asked what kind of pasta noodle he would be, given any choice in the world, he said he would be "the curly ones." He also has an affinity for Pastaroni.

John Fanning

Fanning is a born rock star that began playing guitar in his freshman year of college. He started out playing Acoustic Café by himself during that year, but soon expanded to include other musicians in the lineup, and eventually projects like the Alpha Bet and Completing the Square.

Fa and Fanning bought cheap guitars together during their time in the London Program, and Bradley was actually Fanning's guitar teacher at one point. He has since gotten into working at WVFI and The Observer. His influences are artists like Dispatch and Bright Eyes. When asked what island he would be, given his choice of any island in the world, he said South Padre Island. He said, "I went there freshman year and saw Vanilla Ice."

Dan Schmid

Schmid has the "best hair in the group" and hits harder than John Bonham. He has been drumming long enough to slap the skins for a few bands in high school, but Completing the Square is his first band in college. He had always been friends with the other members of the band, but when he heard that their drummer was graduating he offered to fill the vacancy. Incidentally, their friendships were fostered by mutual friends at Lewis Hall.

His influences are artists like Ted Leo (a Notre Dame grad) and various jam bands. When asked what hairy fruit or vegetable he would be, given his choice of any fruit or vegetable in the world, he chose the Kiwi.

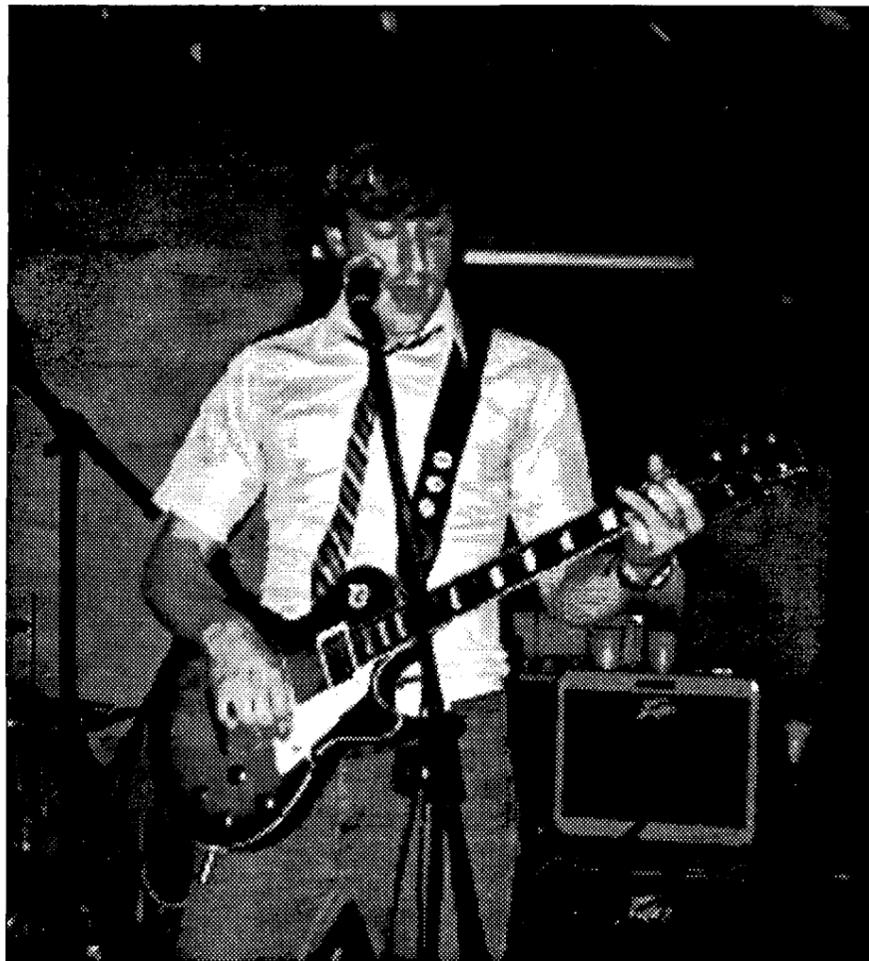
Jesse Fa

Fa is known as "cheesecake" or "Fa rule," to his friends and also enjoys rocking hard.

He started playing guitar when he was a freshman in high school after becoming tired of playing the piano. He was in a band called Spanish Fly his senior year of high school, but sadly that project did not pan out due to the fact that his drummer knew one, and only one beat.

He began writing and practicing with various musicians on campus his freshman year at Notre Dame, but is currently quite content with Completing the Square. When asked whether he would prefer to live in a Houseboat or a Winnebago, he chose a third option, the newly released Neimann-Marcus Luxury Submarine.

If one takes a look at the band's Website, it is noticed that there is some Greek lettering in the background. Also their first incarnation is the Alpha Bet. The band



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Tim Bradley is the lead singer and a guitarist for Completing the Square. Bradley is the band's front man and also plays bass and the drums.

did not confirm nor deny their incorporation of Greek lettering, but they did state that it stems from their love of shwama.

The band made it quite clear that they enjoy playing with bands such as the Choir Invisible and Clark. The band also said that they have been influenced by Clark, Ted Leo, and the Butterfly Effect, as well as many others.

Completing the Square plans to do plenty of gigs this year so they ask students to keep their eyes peeled for ads around campus. They have already played venues like the State Theatre and houses on Bulla Road and St. Joseph's Street.

One can find their special brand of tunes at NAZZ on Saturday.

For a complete list of shows and news about the band one can go to the band's website at www.nd.edu/~jfa or can scan around through Mindset's website www.nd.edu/~mindset. Mindset is Notre Dames one-stop shop for show and album reviews, interviews, news on "the scene" at Notre Dame, show dates, album release dates and venue information.

Completing the Square also hope to have merchandise available very soon.

The band says that they are happy with the direction things are going these days and this happiness is evident in the quality of their work.

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Completing the Square performed at Alumni Senior Club on Saturday, Tim Bradley is at lead vocals, with Dan Schmid on drums and John Fanning on guitar.

NFL

Wild finish helps Patriots erase 27-6 deficit to top Bears

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

Tom Brady and New England pulled off one of the Patriots' greatest comebacks Sunday.

Brady hit David Patten on a 20-yard TD pass with 21 seconds left — on a play that was upheld by video review — and the Patriots overcame a 27-6 second-half deficit to stun the Chicago Bears 33-30.

The Bears' seventh straight loss was one they'll never forget. Twice in the final minute, video replays didn't go their way in a wild and disheartening finish.

Chicago (2-7) took a 30-19 lead with 5:22 left on Paul Edinger's 32-yard field goal, and the Bears thought they had stopped New England's final drive when defensive lineman Brian Robinson stepped in front of Brady's pass with just under a minute left for an apparent interception.

But Robinson juggled the ball as he was going down before losing it. Officials initially ruled that he'd intercepted the pass and fumbled before teammate Rosevelt Colvin recovered for the Bears.

But officials reviewed the play and said Robinson never had possession, resulting in an incomplete pass. That gave the Patriots one final chance with a fourth down at the Bears 30 with 54 seconds to go.

New England (5-4) was out of timeouts, but Brady sneaked 3 yards on fourth down to keep the drive going.

On second down, Brady somehow eluded a sack and shoveled a pass to Kevin Faulk for a 7-yard gain. Then on third-and-3 from the Bears 20, he found Patten in the back of the end zone. Patten had a step on defensive back R.W. McQuarters and dove to haul in the pass.

Officials initially ruled touchdown, but then reviewed the play. They upheld the ruling on the field, saying that Patten had his right foot down and was able to drag his left foot in the end zone before going out.

Falcons 34, Steelers 34

Tommy Maddox's comeback story gets better with every week. On this record-setting day, though, Michael Vick's comeback was just as remarkable. Vick rallied Atlanta from 17 points down in the fourth quarter and the Falcons withstood Maddox's club-record 473 yards passing to tie Pittsburgh 34-34 Sunday — the NFL's first tie in five years.

After Pittsburgh's Todd Peterson and Atlanta's Jay Feely

had overtime field goal attempts blocked, Pittsburgh still nearly won it. With only 1 second on the clock, Maddox lofted a 50-yard pass that Plaxico Burress caught at the Falcons' 1. Half of Burress' body was in the end zone but the ball wasn't, and the Steelers didn't have enough time to run another play.

It was the NFL's first tie since a 7-7 Giants-Redskins game in 1997. Pittsburgh's last tie was 35-all against Denver in 1974, and Atlanta hadn't tied since a 20-20 deadlock with the Rams in 1971, long before the NFL went to overtime.

Maddox was 28-of-41 for 473 yards, easily breaking Bobby Layne's 1958 club record of 409 yards. Burress made nine catches for a club record 253 yards and two touchdowns, but Pittsburgh still couldn't hold a 34-17 lead in the fourth quarter.

Both teams remained unbeaten in their last five games and are 5-3-1.

Remarkably, Vick — perhaps the fastest quarterback in NFL history — pulled off the comeback despite being forced into becoming a one-dimensional player. The Steelers' ever-changing blitzes limited him to 52 yards rushing, but he still got free to run for an 11-yard touchdown on a broken play in the final minute of regulation that sent it to overtime.

Despite fighting off the constant pressure, Vick dodged and weaved his way to a 294-yard passing day, going 24-of-46.

The comeback started after Maddox's fourth scoring pass, an 18-yarder to Jerame Tuman, and Peterson's 34-yard field goal put Pittsburgh up 34-17 with 12 1/2 minutes to play.

Antwaan Randle El's fumbled punt led to fullback Bob Christian's 1-yard touchdown run, and a stalled Steelers drive allowed Feely to kick a 40-yard field goal with 2:26 left.

Once more, Pittsburgh's offense couldn't get enough first downs to run out the clock. Vick hit Shawn Jefferson for 20 yards, which led to his tying scoring run.

Pittsburgh had the best chance to win it in overtime, but receiver Brian Finneran got his hand on Peterson's 48-yard attempt to block it on the Steelers' first OT possession.

Six weeks ago, the Steelers overcame a blocked Peterson overtime field goal to beat Cleveland 19-16 in Maddox's first game, but they couldn't do it this time.

Feely's 56-yard attempt in the closing seconds also was blocked, leading to the near-miracle

Maddox-to-Burress completion on the final play.

Rams 28, Chargers 24

The St. Louis Rams' wild season just got a little bit crazier. The defending NFC champions kept their midseason comeback on track in off-the-wall fashion, overcoming four lost fumbles — two of them returned for touchdowns — in a 28-24 victory over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday.

The Rams (4-5) were led by Marc Bulger's team-record 36 completions and 453 yards passing — the fourth-most in franchise history — and Isaac Bruce, who lost two of the fumbles but caught three touchdown passes, including the 7-yard game-winner with 1:14 to play.

Bruce, who had 10 receptions for 163 yards, also caught TD passes of 27 and 34 yards, the latter an acrobatic grab that cut the Chargers' lead to 24-21 with 3:06 to go.

Having burned all three timeouts in the third quarter, the Rams were forced to try an onside kick, and Dre' Bly recovered at the St. Louis 46 to set up the winning score.

The Rams staged their frenzied comeback without Marshall Faulk, who left with a sprained left ankle during the fourth quarter. He was held to 72 total yards and had a costly fumble at the Chargers 3 at the end of the first half.

Faulk, who missed time earlier in the game with a tendon problem in his right foot, is expected to play next Monday against the Bears.

The Chargers (6-3) had more than a minute to work with after Bruce's go-ahead TD, and Ronney Jenkins returned the kickoff 52 yards to the St. Louis 46. The Chargers advanced to the 30, but the threat ended when Drew Brees' pass was intercepted by Dexter McCleon in the end zone with 11 seconds left.

Packers 40, Lions 14

Brett Favre stood on the sideline after playing one of his best games, with the Green Bay Packers in the middle of a 37-0 run. With the game in hand, the Lambeau Field crowd had just one request for Darren Sharper. They wanted to him to put a licking on former teammate Bill Schroeder during the Packers' 40-14 rout of the Lions on Sunday.

Schroeder dropped three passes, one of which was intercepted by rookie safety Marques Anderson and returned for a

touchdown, and another that Schroeder bobbled away in the end zone as time expired.

The shutout of Schroeder was the icing for Green Bay, which improved its NFL-best record to 8-1 while taking a five-game lead over second-place Detroit (3-6) in the NFC North.

Favre's sprained left knee gave him no problems in his second start since getting hurt, as he threw for 351 yards and two touchdowns.

The only negative for Green Bay was injuries to running backs Ahman Green (mild concussion) and Najeh Davenport (sprained ankle).

Green had 12 carries for 50 yards and didn't play after halftime. Davenport gained 73 yards on 10 carries before getting hurt in the third quarter. Coach Mike Sherman hopes to have both available next week.

After Davenport went out, Sherman took no more chances with Favre, who guided the Packers on seven scoring drives in 10 possessions and completed 26 of 39 passes. He had 295 yards passing by halftime, a career-best.

Donald Driver caught a career-high 11 passes for 130 yards, and Ryan Longwell kicked four field goals in Green Bay's seventh straight victory — their longest streak in the regular season since 1963.

Anderson also had an interception return for a TD in Green Bay's 37-31 victory at Detroit on Sept. 22.

His score was part of a 27-point second-quarter outburst by the Packers, whose defense regrouped quickly after allowing Joey Harrington's 64-yard touchdown pass to Az-Zahir Hakim on Detroit's first offensive play.

Green Bay led 16-7 at the two-minute warning of the first half, behind Longwell's field goals of 30, 40 and 36 yards — the last of which came after Hardy Nickerson stopped Harrington on fourth down at the Detroit 35 — and a 4-yard touchdown pass from Favre to tight end Bubba Franks.

Then Schroeder let Harrington's short pass go through his arms, and Anderson was there to return it 14 yards for the score.

Colts 35, Eagles 13

The Indianapolis Colts found their offense against the No. 2 defense in the NFL.

Peyton Manning threw for 319 yards and three touchdowns passes, and James Mungro ran for 114 yards and two TDs, leading the Colts to a 35-13 victory

over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The Colts (5-4) snapped a three-game losing streak. Philadelphia (6-3) had won three straight.

Indianapolis' once-potent offense, outscored 64-10 in the first half of consecutive losses to Pittsburgh, Washington and Tennessee, racked up 446 yards against a defense that had allowed just 266.9 yards per game.

Manning threw TD passes of 57 and 43 yards to Marvin Harrison and 27 yards to Reggie Wayne. Mungro, making his first career start because Edgerrin James and Ricky Williams are out with hamstring injuries, had TD runs of 6 and 10 yards. Harrison finished with six catches for 137 yards.

Donovan McNabb threw for 281 yards and one TD and ran for 62 yards, but dropped a pass on a critical fourth-and-1 in the third quarter and also lost a fumble.

The Eagles have scored just 69 points in the last four games after getting 165 in their first five.

Mungro ran for 84 yards in the first quarter, including 65 on the first series. The most yards rushing the Eagles had allowed in a game this season was 79 yards by Tiki Barber in a 17-3 win over the Giants two weeks ago.

Mungro ran right up the middle for 49 yards on the Colts' first play. But he fumbled at Philadelphia's 6 to end that drive.

Indianapolis couldn't be stopped the rest of the game.

Mungro's 6-yard TD run gave the Colts a 7-3 lead. Manning's 57-yard TD pass to Harrison on the final play of the first quarter made it 14-3.

After David Akers kicked a 20-yard field goal to cut it to 14-6 at halftime, Manning connected with Wayne over the middle for a 27-yard TD on the opening possession of the third quarter. During the 71-yard drive, Wayne also had a 12-yard reception on a third-and-5 and a 19-yard catch on a third-and-13.

The Eagles drove inside the Colts 40 on their next two possessions but couldn't get any points. McNabb fumbled at Indianapolis' 22 to end one drive, and the Eagles couldn't convert a trick play on fourth-and-1 from the Colts 31.

Dorsey Levens took a handoff, swept outside, stopped and threw a pass across the field to McNabb, who stepped in front of a defender. But the ball bounced off McNabb's hands and he inadvertently kicked it before it fell to the turf.

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NHL

Avalanche continues to post losses at home

Associated Press

DENVER

The Nashville Predators were not only the worst team in the Western Conference but also were nearing the end of an exhausting seven-game road trip, and they must have seemed like easy pickings to the Colorado Avalanche.

Nothing, however, is easy for the Avalanche at home this season.

Vladimir Orszagh scored at 15:55 of the third period, Tomas Vokoun had 33 saves and the Predators prevailed 4-3 Sunday night, prolonging the Avalanche's home-ice futility.

Nashville won for the first time in 13 road games dating to last season. Colorado fell to 0-4-3-1 at home this season - the worst home start in the franchise's 24-year history.

Nashville was even able to overcome the loss of two players to injury during the game.

Defenseman Kimmo Timonen bruised his left ankle early in the second period and didn't return. Forward Dominic Pittis sustained a concussion in the first period and didn't return.

"We lost Dominic and Kimmo early, but the guys dug in and got it done," coach Barry Trotz said. "We got really good goal-tending tonight, and we got some timely goals. A lot of our goals, like the winner by Orszagh, was just hard work."

Joe Sakic's 10th goal of the season - on a rare power play - pulled Colorado into a 3-3 tie at 8:15 of the final period.

During an ensuing scramble in front of the Colorado goal, Orszagh poked the puck past Patrick Roy for his fourth goal of the season.

"I felt the puck come between my leg," Orszagh said. "I put it on my backhand side and shoved it on the net. Luckily, it went in."

"We put three quality periods together. We have been losing

or tying games on the road in the third period and that had been heartbreaking. This one could have been heartbreaking when we lost the lead. But we pulled together at the end."

Roy, returning to the ice after missing the last three games with a sore left hip, had 24 saves.

"I think it's mental right now," Roy said. "We're not playing our game. Guys are putting too much pressure on themselves. We have to find a way to win one game here. After that we'll get going."

Asked if the Avalanche viewed the game as a winnable one, Sakic said, "Yeah, you would think so. But when things aren't going well, they're not going well. We're in it as a team, and we're going to have to get out of it as a team."

Colorado held a players-only meeting after the game.

Coach Bob Hartley noted that the Avalanche "are at .500

after 15 games (4-4-4-3), and that's where we deserve to be right now. We're basically at the same spot we were in last year. The sad thing right now is that we're throwing valuable points in the garbage."

Nashville's Wyatt Smith got his first goal of the season just 1:14 into the game, scoring from inside the left circle.

Vokoun stopped Steven Reinprecht and Peter Forsberg on back-to-back shots at close range.

Each team scored two goals in the second period.

Colorado's Alex Tanguay scored from the slot at 6:03 after taking a pass from behind the net by Milan Hejduk. The Avalanche went ahead 2-1 when Eric Messier dug the puck out of the right corner and fed Mike Keane in the slot at 12:23.

Barely a minute later, Jason York tied it with a power-play goal at 13:34. The Predators took a 3-2 lead on David Legwand's shorthanded goal.

Mighty Ducks beat Wild

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks are rapidly improving under rookie coach Mike Babcock. They're even talking about the playoffs.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 26 saves to earn his first shutout of the season, and rookie Stanislav Chistov scored in the first period as the Ducks beat the Minnesota Wild 1-0 Sunday for their third straight victory.

"We've raised it up a level," Giguere said. "Obviously, our goal is to make the playoffs. It took a little while before it came together, but right now we realize that we're a good team and we can compete against any team in this league. And the more we keep playing like this, the more we're going to be confident about getting to the playoffs."

The budget-conscious Ducks chose not to go after a high-profile coach during the offseason, when Bryan Murray discarded the coaching reins and devoted all his time to being general manager. They promoted Babcock, who coached their AHL affiliate in Cincinnati for two seasons.

So far, the players have bought into the program. The Ducks are 6-6-3, are more aggressive in the offensive end, and have further tightened a defense that set a club record last season for fewest goals allowed.

"We have a lot more talent here," captain Paul Kariya said. "Bryan did a great job improving our team during the offseason and the young players are stepping up."

"Mike, from day one, started a high-tempo game, short shifts, and using our skill and speed to our advantage. If you look at the difference between our team this year and last year, we're a lot quicker. We want to make it tough on every team that plays us."

Giguere, fifth in the NHL last season with a 2.13 goals-against average, recorded his ninth career shutout and his first since April 5 against Edmonton.

Making his 100th appearance with the Ducks, Giguere faced his stiffest challenge with about 7 minutes left in the second period when he stopped point-blank shots by Richard Park and Nick Schultz seconds apart.

Minnesota rookie Pierre Marc-Bouchard, who scored his first NHL goal in Saturday night's 4-2 victory at San Jose, was robbed at the edge of the crease by Giguere about a minute later after a perfect centering pass from the left circle by Antti Laaksonen.

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NBA

Kings defeat Hawks

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

There are so many potent offensive weapons for the Sacramento Kings, often times Doug Christie can go unnoticed.

That was the case Sunday night. After going scoreless in the first half, the veteran guard finished with 19 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals as the Kings pulled away from the Atlanta Hawks 105-97.

Known as a stopper on defense, Christie's second-half production helped the Kings move to 4-0 this season in Arco Arena.

"Doug was terrific," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "He was all over the court, getting loose balls, rebounding and he really shot the ball well in the second half."

It wasn't much of a first half for Christie, who has converted 16 consecutive free throws and made eight of 13 3-pointers this season. Despite missing all three first-half shots, Christie made three more 3-pointers in the second half.

"In the first half I missed a couple of shots and that can kind of mess with your head," said Christie, who made seven of 11 shots. "I told myself to just keep shooting."

Ahead by four points heading into the final period, the Kings went on a 16-5 run. Bobby Jackson closed the streak with a 3-pointer and a long jumper, giving Sacramento a 91-77 lead midway through the quarter.

"We came out in the fourth quarter and missed some shots and had some turnovers," Atlanta center Theo Ratliff said. "You can't do that against a team like the Kings. But they knew we were coming back. We just ran out of time."

Bothered by a sore left hand, Chris Webber wore a black glove with a protective plastic piece on his right hand. He didn't seem too bothered, making 13 of 24 shots and scoring 27 points for the Kings.

"I still feel I'm missing a lot of jumpers," Webber said. "Shooting is so much about feel. It's like having a glove on and trying to touch someone's face. It's hard to feel anything."

Jackson scored 23 points and had five steals for Sacramento. Peja Stojakovic made three 3-pointers and had 17 points and Vlade Divac added nine points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

"Sacramento is a very good basketball team, if you have a little breakdown or a lapse, they put up six to eight points really fast," Atlanta coach Lon Kruger said. "They have so many weapons."

The Hawks have a few as well, most notably Shareef Abdur-Rahim against the Kings. He made 14 of 16 free throws.

ND SWIMMING

Irish swimmers get back on track against MSU

By **JOE HETTLER**
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame mens swimming team had been waiting three long weeks to redeem itself after losing to Air Force Oct. 18 and Michigan State felt their frustration.

The Irish won the first race of the meet and cruised from there to crush the Spartans 140.5-102.5.

The win gives the Irish a 2-1 record on the season.

Meanwhile, the Irish womens team exacted a little revenge of its own on the Spartans. Notre Dame had lost their first dual meet in two years Nov. 1 to Indiana, 154-146. The previous week, Notre Dame had tied Purdue 150-150 when the Boilermakers won the final race to even the meet.

This time around, Michigan

State wouldn't make a late comeback, because Notre Dame had too big a lead near the end of the meet.

The womens team won their first race in the 200 medley relay behind a strong performance from Danielle H u l i c k , L a u r i e Musgrave, Christel Bouvron and Katie Eckholt. Eckholt came back to win the 200 freestyle, while Musgrave was victorious in the 100 breaststroke.

On the mens side, the 400 medley relay team of Tim Randolph,

Doug Bauman, Frank Krakowski and Jason Fitzpatrick swam faster than any of them thought possible at this point in the season, en route to winning with a time of 3:28:01.

"I didn't expect to go that fast this early," Randolph said. "That we did is very encouraging."

Randolph also said he thought the team's overall performance was consistent.

"Coach [Tim Welsh] told us to go out and bring it and we did," Randolph said. "We had a really good meet. In general the team had a great

meet. I don't think anyone had bad race."

While the Spartans won the 1000 freestyle, the Irish took the second, third and fourth places in that event with strong times from Patrick Davis, Matt Bertke and J.R. Teddy.

Matt Obringer added a win in the 200 freestyle and Jamie Lutkus took care of the 400 IM.

Womens diver Meghan Perry-Eaton captured first-place in the one-meter board, while Heidi Hendrick gave the Irish another victory in the 100 freestyle.

The swims will be headed in very direction for their meets. The men journey south to face Texas Christian University Friday and Saturday, while the women travel north to swim in the Minnesota Invitational Nov. 22-24.

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Tim Randolph
400-medley relay team

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Aggies upset No. 1 Sooners in College Station

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Oklahoma escaped Kyle Field two years ago, clearing the way for the Sooners to win the national title. They couldn't pull off another victory against Texas A&M on Saturday, and now the Sooners might not get another shot to win it all.

"I never talked about it when we had a BCS future. I don't know that we have one now and don't really care," coach Bob Stoops said after his top-ranked Sooners lost 30-26.

The Sooners (8-1, 4-1 Big 12) certainly will drop from the No. 1 position in both the Associated Press poll and the Bowl Championship Series standings. Second-ranked Miami had an easy 26-3 win at Tennessee on Saturday.

The Aggies (6-4, 3-3) beat a No. 1 team for the first time in school history behind freshman quarterback Reggie McNeal, who came off the bench to throw for 191 yards and four touchdowns.

McNeal had scoring passes on three straight possessions to give Texas A&M its first lead. His fourth TD, a 40-yarder to Terrence Murphy with 1:51 left in the third quarter, put the Aggies ahead 27-23 before the teams traded field goals in the fourth quarter.

Terrence Kiel, who was burned for an earlier touchdown, intercepted Nate Hybl's pass with 1:12 left to seal the victory.

When the Sooners won the national championship two years ago, they arrived here coming off three straight impressive wins over Top 25 teams. Then they overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win 35-31, propelling them to the national title game.

Oklahoma was trying to follow the same path this time, having beaten

Texas, Iowa State and Colorado its previous three games. But the Aggies and McNeal, who also rushed for 89 yards, didn't cooperate.

Texas A&M broke a three-game losing streak at Kyle Field, where they lost just four times throughout the 1990s. They had blown fourth-quarter leads of 18 and 17 points their last two home games.

"It's been one of those challenge years," Slocum said. "It's gratifying to go in and play with the No. 1 team in a game where virtually no one gave us a chance to win. It is satisfying. This is pretty big."

LSU 33, Kentucky 30

LSU practices desperation pass plays every Thursday, but quarterback Marcus Randall said they never work. On Saturday, the Tigers made one of them work when they absolutely needed it.

Devery Henderson caught a deflected 75-yard touchdown pass from Randall as time expired to lift the No. 16 Tigers to a stunning 33-30 victory.

"We always say we need to play for 60 minutes," said LSU coach Nick Saban. "There is the reason why."

LSU (7-2, 4-1 SEC) appeared headed for a second straight league loss after Taylor Begley's 29-yard field goal with 11 seconds left put Kentucky (6-4, 2-4) ahead 30-27.

Hundreds of blue-clad fans crowded the sidelines and were poised to charge onto the field as the Tigers got the ball back at their own 13-yard line.

Before the final play, the Wildcats doused Coach Guy Morriss with a cooler of Gatorade.

Randall passed to Michael Clayton at the 25, and LSU called a timeout with 2 seconds left. Saban gave Randall simple instructions on the sideline.

"Coach Saban just told me to throw it as far as I could," said Randall, a sophomore making just his third career start.

Randall took the snap, avoided the rush to his right and heaved the ball more than 60 yards.

"I've never thrown a ball that far," Randall said.

"He doesn't have that strong an arm and, then he throws it from his 20 to our 30," said Kentucky cornerback Leonard Burress, one of eight Wildcats who had a chance to make a play on the ball.

As the ball sailed through the air, fireworks exploded out of the Kentucky scoreboard, and Wildcats fans attacked the goal post at the east end zone.

At the other end, Kentucky linebacker Morris Lane and two other Wildcats tipped the ball, and Henderson caught it inside the 20.

"I don't know who it was, but I thought we had a chance to intercept it," Morriss said. "I don't know just how it happened, but we had our hands on the ball."

Cornerback Derrick Tatum missed a diving tackle, and Henderson reached the end zone as Kentucky fans continued to pull on the goal post at the other end, oblivious to the incredible outcome.

The jubilant Tigers raced to mob Henderson, who finished the day with three TD catches. Kentucky fans slowly realized what had just happened.

Many sat at midfield as a small group of LSU fans celebrated. The bitter defeat was Kentucky's 13th in a row against a ranked SEC opponent.

"It's always hard when you come back in a game like this and something crazy like that happens to you," Saban said of Kentucky. "I've never been on a team that had it completed, but I've been on teams that's had it completed against them. It's a little bit of disbelief."

Ohio State 10, Purdue 6

Ohio State was trailing on the road and facing fourth down late in the game, with not only a victory but also the Big Ten title and a chance at the Fiesta Bowl berth slipping away.

Craig Krenzel found a way to keep it all within reach for the Buckeyes. He threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Michael Jenkins on fourth-and-1 with 1:36 left as the third-ranked Buckeyes defeated Purdue 10-6 Saturday to keep their national championship hopes alive.

The Buckeyes (6-0 Big Ten) are off to their fourth 11-0 start in team history, joining the 1975, 1979 and 1995 teams. More importantly, they probably will remain No. 2 in the BCS standings, keeping them on course for a trip to the Tempe, Ariz., and a shot at the national title.

The Boilermakers (4-6, 2-4 Big Ten) were leading 6-3 when Krenzel dropped back and found Jenkins — who sprinted down the sideline before cutting in — for an over-the-shoulder catch in the end zone.

"It's a situation I wish everybody in the world could feel, with that kind of excitement, that natural high," Krenzel said.

Krenzel completed 13 of 20 passes for 173 yards. He had been pressured the entire game by a bruising Purdue defense that held Ohio State to only 267 total yards and sacked Krenzel three times. But Krenzel, using a no-huddle offense, got the play from the sidelines, and Jenkins beat Antwaun Rogers to get open.

"That's what a receiver has to do. We have to separate when the ball is coming," Jenkins said.

Purdue got the ball again, but Kyle Orton's long pass into double coverage was intercepted by Chris Gamble.



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NBA

Scoring last 10 points, Hornets defeat Knicks in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baron Davis couldn't be stopped in overtime, in part because the Knicks had no point guards available to defend him.

Davis had five of his 24 points and two of his seven assists in overtime, and the New Orleans Hornets scored the final 10 points of the game to defeat New York 97-91 Sunday.

With Charlie Ward sitting out with a bruised leg, Howard

Eisley having fouled out and rookie Frank Williams too inexperienced to play in crunch time, Davis took advantage as Shandon Anderson tried to defend him in overtime.

"I thought it was significant. They went with who they had," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "Had they had Charlie, it would have been different, but they chose to go that way and we really exploited it."

"Of course, Baron did hit some big shots. I don't know if anybody could have done anything

against him at that point."

Davis shot 10-for-23 from the field and added six rebounds as New Orleans won on the road for the first time this season. P.J. Brown added 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Jamal Mashburn just missed a triple-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

For the Knicks, Allan Houston scored 27 but missed four of his five shots in overtime. Lee Nailon added 18 against his former team.

The Knicks took a four-point

lead early in overtime, but Davis scored on a drive, hit a 3-pointer and assisted on a layup by Stacey Augmon that gave New Orleans its first lead of the game, 92-91.

After Houston missed a jumper, Davis fed Brown for a bank shot and a three-point lead. "Any time I get a big guy on me I want to exploit that by getting to the hole," Davis said.

Mashburn then made the biggest defensive play of overtime, deflecting away Anderson's entry pass and then throwing a 60-foot pass to Augmon for a breakaway dunk and a 96-91 lead.

Houston missed an open 3-pointer, ending all hope for the Knicks.

"I don't think I've been that open in seven games," said Houston, who injured his right heel during the fourth quarter. "I've got to knock them down, that's the bottom line. I can have

a cast on my foot and I should be able to make those."

Despite a 1-for-9 start by Houston, the Knicks took a 24-17 lead after one quarter and expanded it to 50-40 by halftime as Kurt Thomas had 12 points, nine rebounds and three blocks.

New York maintained a lead throughout the third quarter, but things changed in the fourth as New Orleans opened the quarter with a 12-4 run to pull to 75-74.

"The number one thing is poise," Knicks coach Don Chaney said. "We can't be in a frantic mode on offense. We have to be poised. That's something this team has to develop."

The Hornets finally tied the game for the first time on a three-point play by Augmon with 4:27 left, making it 77-77. Nailon scored four straight points to give New York an 83-79 lead, but Mashburn made a free throw and Davis sank a 3-pointer from 26 feet away to tie it at 83-83.

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Clippers defeat Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

The Los Angeles Clippers believe that point guard Andre Miller is beginning to find his way.

Miller, acquired in an off-season trade with Cleveland, had a season-high 29 points to go with seven assists and five rebounds Sunday night in the Clippers' 120-117 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Miller hit 11 of 13 free throws, including three of four in the final 16.8 seconds to seal the team's first road victory of the season.

"You can tell when he's in the game we're a much better basketball team," guard Eric Piatkowski said. "He does a good job of pushing the ball when it needs to be pushed and he slows it down when it needs to be slowed down."

"I love having him out there on the floor and I know all the other guys on the team feel the same way," he said.

The Clippers led by 10 early in the fourth quarter. But Orlando's Darrell Armstrong scored eight consecutive points, including a pair of free throws that put the Magic ahead 113-106.

Starting at the 2:19 mark, Corey Maggette had a basket and shot 4-for-4 from the foul line to tie it at 115 with 55.9 seconds remaining.

After Armstrong missed a 3-pointer, Keyon Dooling's free throws put Los Angeles ahead for good, 117-115 with 22.4 seconds left. Miller followed by hitting three foul shots, and Orlando's Grant Hill made a layup at the buzzer.

"It's big for us because Orlando is like Utah, one of the toughest teams in the league to beat at home," Maggette said. "We had a poor start and they

jumped on us. Coach told us that this is the kind of team that you have to keep your composure with."

Miller scored 29 points. Piatkowski and Michael Olowokandi each had a season-high 21 points and Maggette finished with 19.

Elton Brand had 16 points and a game-high 12 rebounds for Los Angeles.

The Clippers were 30-for-36 on foul shots, including 13-for-16 in the fourth quarter.

Orlando lost for the first time in four home games this season. Tracy McGrady scored 32 for the Magic, but had only two points in the final period

when he made one of three attempts.

Hill finished with 29 points on 10-for-12 shooting and Mike Miller added 18.

"A really disappointing loss because this is a game I thought we had a chance of taking control early," Magic coach Doc Rivers said. "We allowed them back in it, which we knew they would be at some point. But when a team shoots 56 percent against you, you really shouldn't win a game."

A pair of free throws by Sean Rooks put Los Angeles ahead 94-84 with 10:32 remaining in the game, but the Magic responded with an 11-0 run that was capped by McGrady's layup for a 95-94 lead. The teams exchanged leads until a 3-pointer by Armstrong put the Magic ahead, 109-106 at the 4:09 mark.

Piatkowski sparked Los Angeles with 14 third-quarter points, giving the Clippers a 90-84 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Orlando missed 15 of 21 attempts in the third.

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Doc Rivers
Magic coach

MLB

Bonds bound to win his 5th MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Barry Bonds probably will pick up a big postseason honor Monday, just not the one he wanted.

After putting up another season of historic statistics, Bonds is favored to win the National League Most Valuable Player Award for the fifth time when the Baseball Writers' Association of America announces its voting Monday.

Bonds, the only player with more than three MVPs, won his first NL batting title this season with a .370 average and set records with 198 walks, 68 intentional walks and a .582 on-base percentage.

"The guy to me, Bonds, has been the most dominant from what I've seen in 35 years of watching major league baseball," said Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson, the AL MVP in 1973. "I haven't seen anybody do what

Bonds has done the last two years."

Bonds hit 46 homers, down from a record 73 the previous year, and a team-high 110 RBIs as San Francisco won its first NL pennant since 1989. But Bonds and the Giants lost the World Series to Anaheim in seven games after being just six outs from the title in Game 6.

Bonds had said a World Series ring was the one thing he had wanted.

"It's not going to haunt us," he said after the Game 7 loss two weeks ago. "We'll go to spring training and start again."

MVP voting was conducted before the postseason, when Bonds hit .356 with eight homers, 16 RBIs and 27 walks. The 38-year-old outfielder, who often appears aloof and combative, said he enjoyed the World Series, even though the Giants didn't win. He claims to dislike the attention.

"I just want to go to the ballpark, do my job just like anybody else, go home and be with my family," he said during the World Series. "I chose to play baseball because I want to be the best at it for whatever it is for me. Being a team concept, doing the best I can. I don't like to talk about it really. I'd rather just show it on the field."

He is showing his talents in Japan this week as part of the major league all-star tour. He homered twice Saturday against the Yomiuri Giants, then struck out three times Sunday against Japanese All-Stars.

Bonds won the MVP award for Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992 and for the Giants in 1993 and 2001, and could be a unanimous pick for the first time. He also finished second to Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in 1991 and to teammate Jeff Kent in 2000.

For winning the award, he would get a \$500,000 bonus added to his \$13 million.

Beane rejects Bean Town, stays with A's

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane withdrew from consideration for the same job with the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night, ending a whirlwind weekend in which he was widely expected to leave.

"He left a very attractive offer on the table," A's spokesman Jim Young said. "He felt he belonged in Oakland and obviously we couldn't be happier."

Boston will not be Beane town, and the A's scheduled a news conference for Monday morning to discuss his reasoning for staying with the small-market team he has built into a perennial playoff contender.

Earlier in the day, a baseball source had told The Associated Press the deal was all but done, saying Beane had agreed to become the GM provided the teams could settle on compensation.

Beane received a three-year contract extension with the A's through 2008 earlier this year, and the Athletics would have expected extensive compensation for releasing him from the deal.

Earlier in the offseason, the AL West champion Athletics let manager Art Howe move to the New York Mets without compensation.

Howe was replaced by former bench coach Ken Macha.

"He's a very hot commodity and very well respected," Macha said Sunday night from his Pittsburgh-area home. "He does a great job as general manager and I think as long as he's at peace with what he's doing, it's good for the Oakland A's."

"The things he's done out in Oakland have drawn attention to him. He deserves a lot of the credit for everything that happens there. I look forward to working with him."

After the season, owner Steve Schott said it would take an awful lot for him to give up

Beane. He originally denied the Red Sox permission to speak to the 40-year-old Beane. But Beane convinced Schott to let him hear out the wealthy Red Sox, whose contract offer was likely several times what Beane could hope to make in Oakland.

Calls to Beane on Sunday night were not immediately returned.

Beane was identified as one of the top candidates for the job ever since Dan Duquette was fired in spring training and replaced by interim GM Mike Port. Once the season was over and Boston's search for a permanent replacement began, the team asked to speak to Beane but the A's never formally responded to the request.

Officials from both teams confirmed Saturday that the Red Sox had been given permission to speak with Beane after being put off on that request for weeks.

The A's have won 100 or more games for two straight seasons and made the playoffs the last three years, losing in the first round each time.

In 2002, Oakland won 103 games and the AL West but lost to Minnesota in the first round of the AL playoffs. The A's also had an AL-record 20-game winning streak.

Other candidates for the Red Sox job include Port, Orioles adviser Mike Flanagan, Philadelphia assistant GM Mike Arbuckle, New York Mets assistant GM Jim Duquette, Cincinnati director of player personnel Leland Maddox, former Chicago White Sox general manager Ron Schueler, and Port's special assistant, Lee Thomas.

Beane joined the A's front office in 1990 as an advance scout. He became an assistant general manager under Sandy Alderson in 1993.

Beane played six years in the majors with the New York Mets, Minnesota Twins, Detroit Tigers and A's. He was a reserve on the 1989 World Series champion A's team, his final season as a player.

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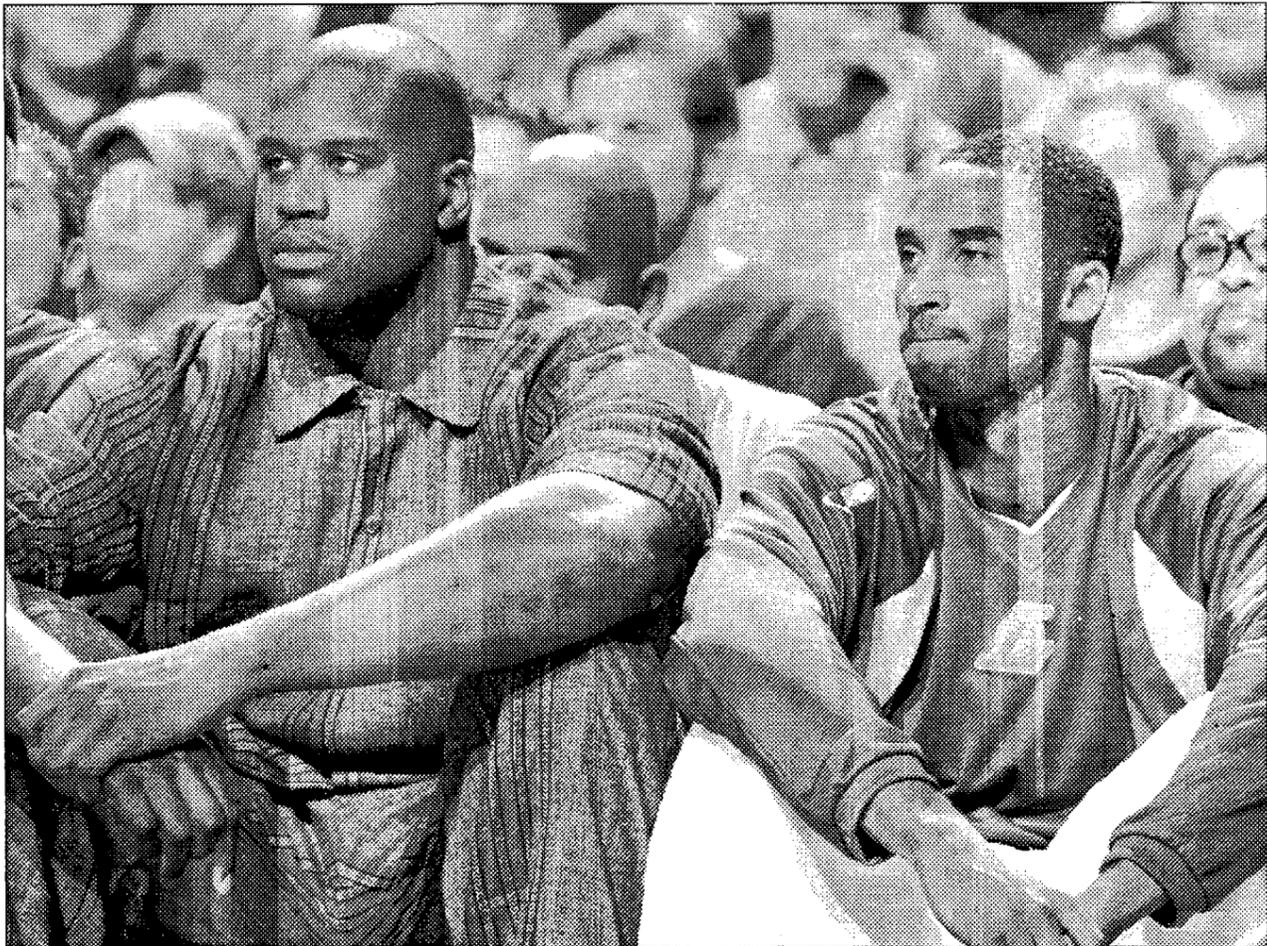
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NBA



Injured Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, left, and guard Kobe Bryant watch a 98-95 Celtics loss from the bench Thursday. O'Neal was expected to return Tuesday, but will probably still not be able to play.

NFL

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Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Miami	5-3	.625	25.0	20.9
New England	5-4	.556	26.6	21.7
Buffalo	5-4	.556	27.6	29.9
NY Jets	3-5	.375	20.0	25.8

AFC North

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Pittsburgh	5-3-1	.556	25.1	21.6
Baltimore	4-5	.444	19.7	21.0
Cleveland	4-5	.444	22.8	21.7
Cincinnati	1-8	.111	15.8	28.0

AFC South

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Tennessee	5-4	.556	22.2	24.7
Indianapolis	5-4	.556	21.7	20.0
Jacksonville	4-5	.444	21.2	18.2
Houston	2-7	.222	13.0	25.7

AFC West

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Denver	6-2	.750	25.9	21.3
San Diego	6-3	.667	23.3	21.2
Oakland	4-4	.500	28.3	23.5
Kansas City	4-5	.444	30.2	28.6

NFC East

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Philadelphia	6-3	.667	26.0	17.0
NY Giants	5-4	.556	15.6	16.9
Washington	4-5	.444	18.0	24.1
Dallas	3-6	.333	12.8	17.2

NFC North

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Green Bay	8-1	.889	29.7	19.8
Detroit	3-6	.333	19.1	26.9
Minnesota	2-7	.222	22.9	28.6
Chicago	2-7	.222	20.2	25.8

NFC South

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
New Orleans	7-2	.778	32.2	25.9
Tampa Bay	7-2	.778	22.6	12.1
Atlanta	5-3-1	.556	24.6	18.9
Carolina	3-6	.333	15.0	16.8

NFC West

Team	Record	Perc.	PF/G	PA/G
San Francisco	7-2	.778	24.4	19.7
St. Louis	4-5	.444	21.6	21.8
Arizona	4-5	.444	17.3	20.6
Seattle	3-6	.333	19.1	20.7

O'Neal's return to lineup likely delayed

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. All indications are that Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will not return to action Tuesday night.

O'Neal has been on the injured list all season recovering from right toe surgery. The Lakers had pinpointed Tuesday night's game against the Atlanta Hawks at Staples Center as the game O'Neal would play.

But after practicing Sunday at the Lakers' Health South practice facility, it didn't sound as if O'Neal would be able to suit up.

"Right now, I don't think that he's in a position where he feels comfortable enough to play," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

O'Neal and his doctors said he might be able to play eight weeks after the surgery nine weeks ago on Sept. 11.

Jackson said O'Neal still is feeling pain in the bottom of the right foot.

"I still think he has some questions about dealing with that," Jackson said.

O'Neal didn't talk after practice Sunday. But he did work out with his teammates until Jackson

pulled him out.

Jackson said he didn't want to push O'Neal in practice. When O'Neal does return to play, he will play just 30 minutes per game until he gets into shape, Jackson said.

"I think it's a matter of testing out what he can possibly do," he said. "It's just getting comfortable and starting to feel like he can start to move with that freedom that he wants to be able to move with."

O'Neal's teammates don't want to rush him back.

"We have an understanding that it's up to

Shaquille to determine when he's ready," said Rick Fox, who played in his first game of the season Friday night after missing the first six serving a suspension for fighting.

"So we have to prepare ourselves like we've prepared ourselves for the last seven games, which was go on without him," said Fox. "If he wants to put on a uniform, it would be a pleasant surprise. But right now, more importantly, we can't think of him as being here because we've heard nothing along the lines as a return."

IN BRIEF

Rockets retire Olajuwon's number

Hakeem Olajuwon relived a moment from his past, hearing the Houston Rockets' fans chanting "MVP, MVP," just as they did when he won the honor in 1994.

Then, Olajuwon departed to begin his new life away from basketball. And he promised not to look back.

Olajuwon formally announced his retirement before an adoring audience Saturday night, during a ceremony at halftime of the Rockets' game against the Golden State Warriors. The home team retired his No. 34 jersey and hoisted it to the rafters of Compaq Center, where Olajuwon played 17 of his 18 seasons and led Houston to consecutive NBA titles in 1994 and '95.

"It's a wonderful feeling, just to see that you're still so welcome and still so well-received," Olajuwon said. "That was something that was personally satisfying, and I'm very grateful for that."

Olajuwon was an All-Star 12 times, holds the all-time record for career blocked shots and was named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players when the league celebrated its first half-century in business in 1996.

Carter out indefinitely

Miami Dolphins receiver Cris Carter will be sidelined indefinitely after tests revealed kidney-function abnormalities, the team said Saturday.

Carter, who came out of retirement three weeks ago, missed practice this week because he felt ill. When he was re-evaluated Friday by team physicians, tests disclosed the abnormalities.

Carter will undergo further testing. He did not play Sunday night against the New York Jets and didn't accompany the Dolphins on their flight Saturday. Team officials would not elaborate on his condition and declined to say whether he had been hospitalized.

Carter retired last spring after 15

NFL seasons, then signed with the Dolphins three weeks ago to reinforce an injury-depleted receiving corps.

Colts discuss future in city with Indianapolis

The mayor of Indianapolis began formal talks with Colts owner Jim Irsay about the team's future on Friday and sounded confident the NFL franchise wouldn't be leaving town.

"That's not even part of the discussion," mayor Bart Peterson told reporters after the two-hour, closed-door session at the Colts' headquarters. "They're not going to be leaving Indianapolis."

Peterson did not discuss details of the opening meeting, which was intended to establish a framework for the negotiations. No timetable has been set for the meetings.

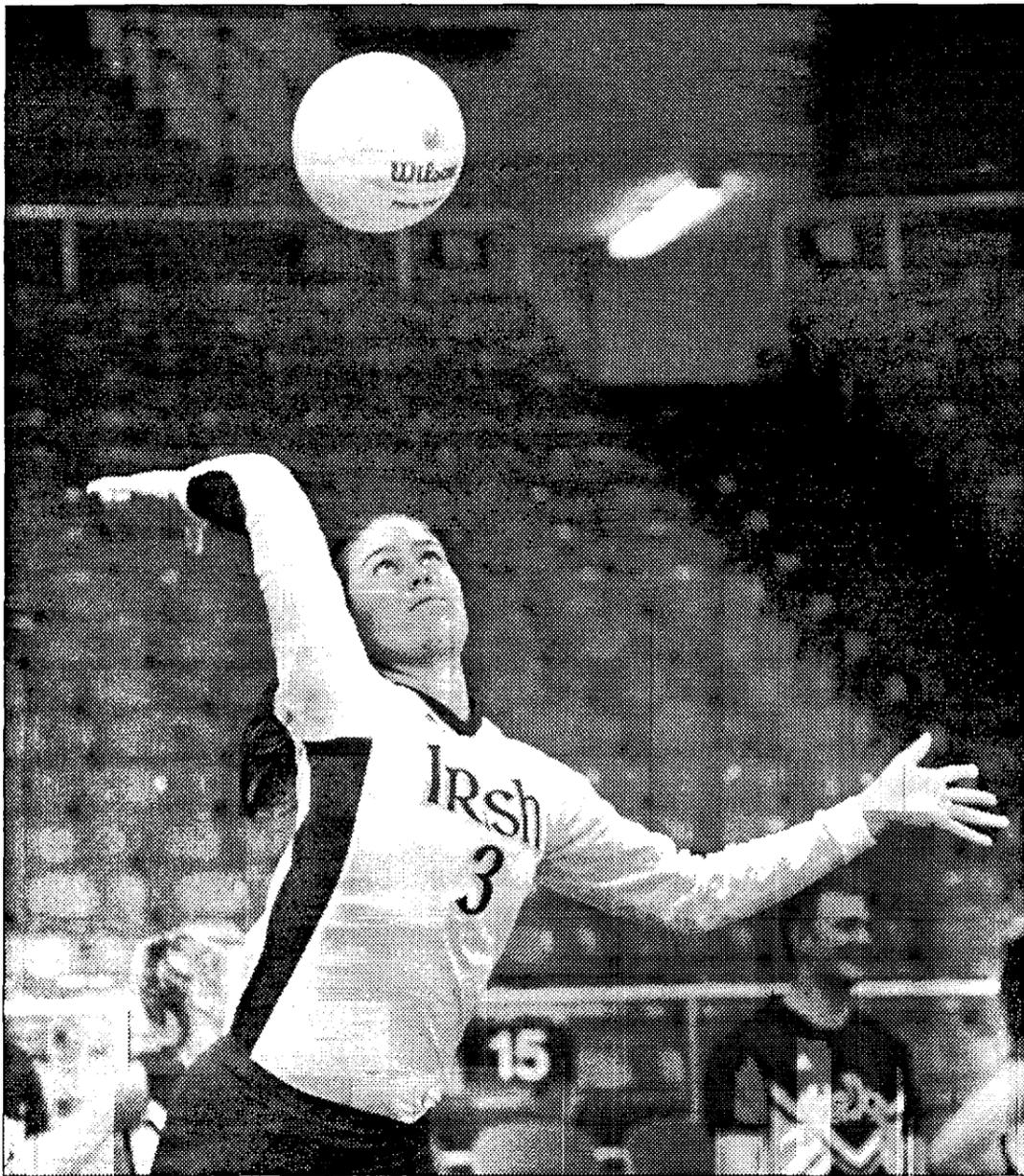
The talks, which come amid speculation the Colts could eventually leave for Los Angeles or another city, are aimed at finding ways to boost the Colts' bottom line.

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VOLLEYBALL

Irish clinch Big East with 3-set win on the road



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame setter Kelly Burrell serves in the volleyball team's recent victory over Boston College. Burrell and the Irish defeated Syracuse Saturday, clinching the Big East title.

♦ Victory against Syracuse secures 4th consecutive conference title and 7th crown since 1995

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Entering the weekend, Notre Dame had won 86 of 88 conference matches since joining the Big East in 1995. The Irish also have been Big East regular season champions six times, including the last three years.

Saturday at Syracuse, the Irish did the only thing they know how to do in the Big East — take care of business.

Using 16 blocks and a .333 team hitting percentage, Notre Dame defeated Syracuse 30-26, 30-21, 30-26 to win its 43rd consecutive regular season conference match.

Coupled with Virginia Tech's loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday, Notre Dame (21-5, 11-0 in the Big East) clinched its fourth consecutive conference title since the Irish have a three game lead in the Big East with two conference matches remaining.

Syracuse (19-10, 5-6) found out why Notre Dame has the second best blocks per game average firsthand as Notre Dame's 16 blocks was its best blocking effort in the last two weeks.

Freshman Lauren Brewster led the Irish with six blocks.

Overall, the Irish had six players with three or more blocks.

"Blocking is a big goal for us. We set our goal really high for this match," Irish outside hitter Emily Loomis said. "We are a really good blocking team and pride ourselves on that fact."

For the third consecutive match, the Irish hit over .300 and recorded 51 kills as a team.

Junior opposite Katie Neff led the Irish with 13 kills. Five Irish players hit .333 or better.

Middle blocker Lauren Kelbley continued her impressive first year compiling a match-high .643 hitting percentage and killing 10.

"I think it helps when our passing does a great job," Loomis said. "We have also been working on hitting angles in practice."

From the back row, Jessica Kinder and libero Keara Coughlin led Notre Dame with 10 digs each.

For Syracuse, outside hitters Morgan Jones and Kristen Conway each recorded 15 kills.

Jones led the Orange-women with a .423 hitting percentage. As a team, Syracuse hit .143 and Jones was the only player on Syracuse to hit above .150.

Five Syracuse players had five or more digs. Conway led Syracuse with six.

Notre Dame travels to Miami and Virginia Tech next weekend looking to complete its seventh undefeated regular season in the Big East.

"Absolutely we want to go undefeated," Loomis said. "It almost goes unsaid for us."

"Blocking is a big goal for us. We set our goal really high for this match. We are a really good blocking team and we pride ourselves on this fact."

Emily Loomis
outside hitter

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remaining. Irish forward Prescod was driving down the right side of the field and was challenged by a Georgetown defender inside the penalty area.

It is not clear what the call was based on, but after the dust was settled, Prescod — after falling to the ground — was issued a yellow card and a major Irish offensive opportunity was stopped.

"I thought it was a very harsh call on Devon," Clark said. "It seemed a good opportunity. But at the end of the day, these things ... there's no use talking about them now. Once they happen, they happen."

The Irish spent much of the second half threatening the Hoyas' defense, out shooting Georgetown 8-1 in the period.

It was one of the late Irish offensive runs that featured the most intense emotional flare-up in the game. After taking over on a bad pass by Georgetown, Notre Dame midfielder Luke Boughen was slide-tackled from behind by Georgetown's Kevin Sindelar. The officials immediately whistled Sindelar for a red card, and the Irish would play the remaining time with an 11-10 player advantage.

However, in the chaos after the initial foul, players from both sides exchanged words — and shoves — on the far side of the field. As the players were getting ready to restart, the head referee whistled Georgetown's Kaiser Chowdry for a yellow card for mouthing off.

A fierce Irish offensive attack concluded the second half, but the Irish could not capitalize on three corner kicks in the final two minutes, so the game proceeded to overtime, when the steady rain became a ferocious downpour.

The best opportunity for the Irish occurred two minutes into the period, as Prescod was able to maneuver his way

around a Georgetown defender with a shot on goal, but his shot was deflected high of the net.

The overtime was played mainly back-and-forth, with neither side claiming much in the way of offense, until Goodrich's goal. Goodrich took a cross pass from Tim McAnally and blasted a skidding shot that deflected just off the fingertips of Sawyer and into the left corner of the net to give the Hoyas the sudden-death victory with 5:14 to go in the first overtime.

"That's twice now that we've had tough luck against them," Clark said. "[Georgetown] seemed to get a few little breaks against us."

Now eliminated from the Big East tournament, the Irish must await the decision from the NCAA as to whether it has qualified for the national post-season tournament.

With an 11-5-3 record, and some key victories under their belt, the Irish would be a hard team to overlook.

"I'd be amazed if we didn't [make the NCAAs]," Clark said. "I would think we'd be fairly comfortable."

Announcements of NCAA Tournament matches will be made Nov. 18.

"Hopefully, we've got a lot of this season left," Clark said. "In all honesty, if you want to have a run at anything — I'd liked to have won the Big East Tournament this year, that was obviously one of our goals — but if you gave me a choice, I'd rather have a run in the NCAAs."

Note:

◆ Saturday's loss for the Irish marked the second game this season in which the Irish lost a game after having an 11-on-10 advantage. The other loss — to Pittsburgh on Oct. 4 — also occurred in overtime, and also took place at Alumni Field. Saturday's loss and the loss to Pittsburgh were the only two home losses for the Irish this season.

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Notre Dame center Yan Stastny faces off against a Miami of Ohio player during last weekend's series between the Irish and Redhawks. The two teams split the weekend series.

Goalies

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a mistake, so I took advantage of it."

Miami got one goal back with just over two minutes left to play in the contest. With six skaters on the ice and no goalie, Miami defenseman Matt Davis fired a shot from the right point that was stopped by Cey. But Redhawk center Mike Kampon gathered the rebound and slipped it past Cey for Miami's only goal of the night.

In Friday's action, Miami jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on the Irish in the first period.

At the 5:05 mark, Redhawk center Derek Edwardson fired a shot from the center of the Notre Dame zone that crossed

up the Irish defense, slipping past Cey and off the post for the 1-0 lead.

With just over nine minutes to play in the period, Miami added a goal to its lead when Kampon found Edwardson coming out of the penalty box on a 2-on-1 chance against Cey. Kampon dished off to Edwardson who knocked his second goal of the game into the Irish net for a 2-0 lead.

Only 30 seconds into the third period, the Irish cut Miami's lead in half when center Aaron Gil took a pass from McLean and fired a shot past Burleigh for his fifth goal of the season.

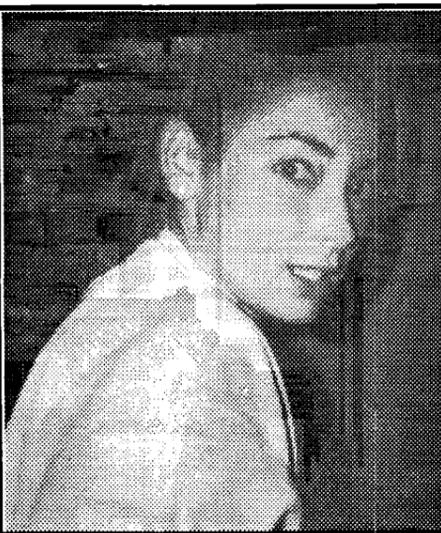
Miami put the game out of reach at the 13:15 mark, when defenseman Ben Tharp scored a short-handed goal on another 2-on-1 opportunity for the Redhawks.

The victory and loss for the Irish moves their record to 4-3-2 on the season and 3-3-0 in conference play. But the victory Saturday was important for the Irish, sending them into the off-week with a victory and winning record.

"I said between the second and third periods that whoever make the plays is going to win this one," Poulin said. "I told the guys, 'You've got to want it more than they do. You've got to want to go into a break weak on a winning note over .500, having beaten a very good team.'"

After the off-week next weekend, the Irish return to the ice Nov. 22 at Michigan.

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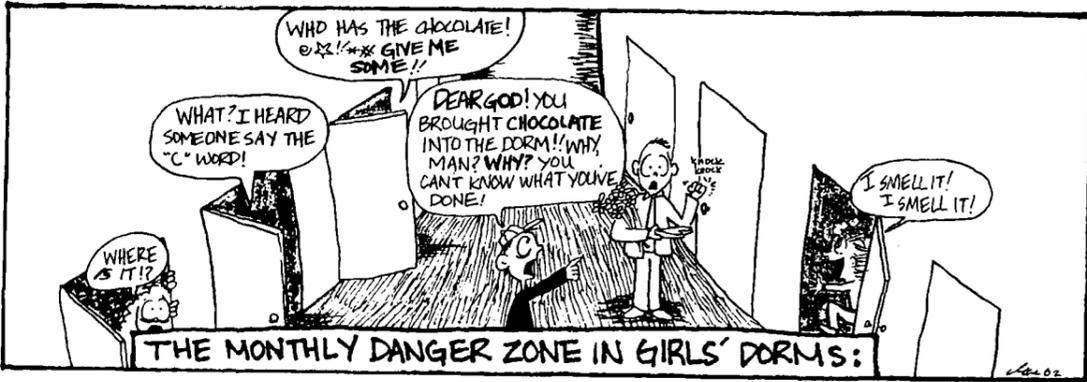
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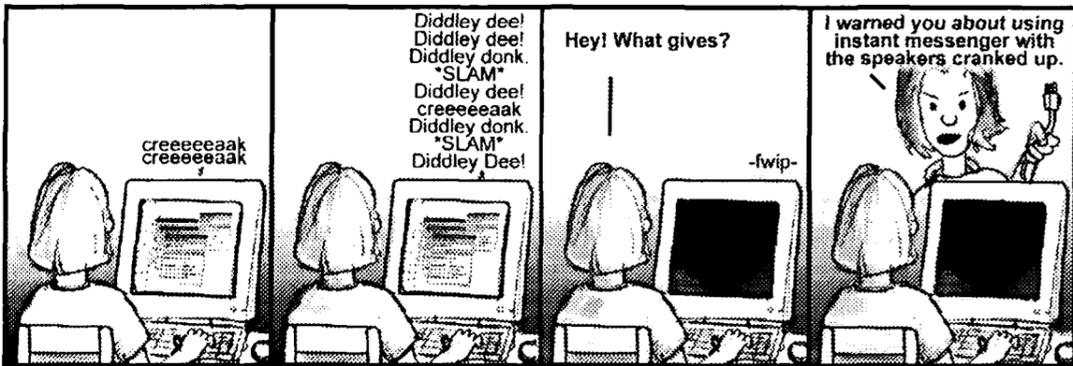
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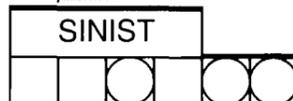
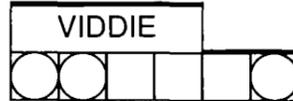
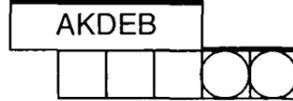
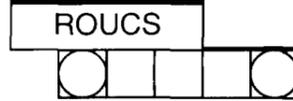


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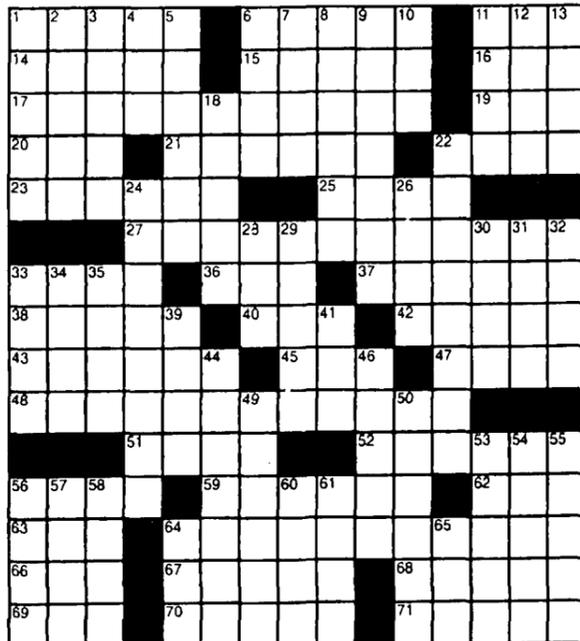
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 - 15 Immobile
 - 16 Wire service inits.
 - 17 27- and 64-Across film, with "The"
 - 19 Wager
 - 20 W.W. II area: Abbr.
 - 21 Principles
 - 22 Risqué
 - 23 A nonmusician may have one
 - 25 Exude
 - 27 Half a famous Hollywood duo
 - 33 Place for a breath of fresh air?
 - 36 Wriggly fish
 - 37 Precisely
 - 38 Give ___ time
 - 40 Mo. with Columbus Day
 - 42 Giant
 - 43 Dummies
 - 45 Rankle
 - 47 Unhip person
 - 48 27- and 64-Across film
 - 51 Certain legal protection
 - 52 Difficult experience
 - 56 Outlaws
 - 59 "___ Fideles"
 - 62 Untruth
- DOWN**
- 1 TV comic Bob
 - 2 Celebrated Italian violinmaker
 - 3 Apply, as a coat of wax
 - 4 Epilogue
 - 5 Rum cocktail
 - 6 MGM symbol
 - 7 Regarding
 - 8 Pie chart part
 - 9 Arrange by ZIP code, e.g.
 - 10 Fr. holy woman
 - 11 Oompah instrument
 - 12 Assn. with many Gulf members
 - 13 Feel sorry for
 - 18 "From the Earth to the Moon" writer
 - 22 Put on again, as weight
 - 24 Appetizers with sweet-and-sour sauce
 - 26 Kind of suit
 - 28 1980's-90's car name
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your efforts will bring rewards if you have to work overtime. Dive in and do a good job. Romance is likely, but proceed with extreme caution. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Push to get everything completed today. You may need to turn on the charm in order to convince others. If you don't work fast, delays may set in and you may not have this opportunity again. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may find that demanding relatives or minor health problems upset your plans. Try to go with the flow and not get upset. Situations may not be as they appear. Don't be too eager to sign legal documents. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. Try not to lose your cool, but make your point known. Be clear with others about your boundaries. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be feeling sorry for yourself. Don't look at the end of a relationship as a loss. Keep in touch with friends. You may make a new love connection through work associates. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be self-reliant, make your own plans and don't wait for others to phone. You will see good results if you make some of those physical changes that you've been thinking about. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try not to be judgmental of relatives who don't have the same ambitions as you. Tension will fill the air if you continue to criticize others. Consider how you would feel if the tables were turned. ★★★★★

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MENS SOCCER

Down in a dogfight

Overtime goal by Hoyas eliminates Irish 2-1 in intense Big East quarterfinal

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

To say that Saturday's Big East mens soccer quarterfinal between Notre Dame and Georgetown was fiery would be an understatement.

Fighting the elements, some questionable calls by the officials, and the Hoyas themselves, the Irish fell in overtime, 2-1, on a goal by Georgetown's Trevor Goodrich — his second of the game — with 5 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the first overtime.

"I thought we were patient, we kept playing for [the victory], it just didn't work out for us," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said after the game.

Saturday's game was a match in which the Irish statistically dominated, yet inexplicably were unable to convert on some key chances throughout the game.

"It was a weird game," Clark said. "I thought from five minutes into the second half we controlled the game. It was a playoff game, and these things happen in the playoffs."

The game's scoring opened late in the first half — amidst a light drizzle — as Irish forward Erich Braun collected a good lead pass from midfielder Justin Detter and knocked the wide-open shot past Georgetown's goalie. The goal gave the Irish a 1-0 lead with 3:54 left in the first half.

Tempers began to flare for both sides later in the first half.

After a Georgetown player was issued a yellow card for taking down Irish forward Devon Prescod, Notre Dame's Justin Ratcliffe retaliated by taking down a Georgetown player. Ratcliffe was instantly issued a yellow card and removed from the game by Clark. Ratcliffe did not return for the Irish until midfielder Greg Martin had to be removed from the game after suffering a leg injury with just less than 15 minutes left in the second half.

As halftime concluded, the drizzle progressed into a steady rain, which made play early in the second half very unsteady, as passes skidded wildly and players struggled to control the ball.

However, Georgetown was able to get onto the board with 33:22 left in the half, as the Hoyas' Michael Banner stole an errant Irish clearance and passed it to Ben Jefferson-Dow. Jefferson-Dow's cross pass found Goodrich, whose 12-yard shot beat Irish goalie Chris Sawyer to even the game at 1-1.

The second half also featured much more intense play, as both teams aggressively sought the tie-breaking goal.

The last 10 minutes of the half featured four of the game's eight overall cards issued, including a red card against Georgetown.

However, the most controversial card of the game occurred with just under four minutes

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Notre Dame midfielder Greg Martin jostles with Georgetown's Carl Skanderup for possession of the ball. The Hoyas fell behind 1-0 before fighting back to defeat the Irish in overtime, 2-1.

HOCKEY

Goaltenders shine as Irish, Redhawks split weekend series

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Irish goaltender Morgan Cey had something to prove Saturday night in Notre Dame's second game in a pair against Miami of Ohio.

Cey, who earned the starting job in net as a freshman last season with a 2.72 goals against average, has established himself as one of the top returning goalies in the CCHA this season.

But Friday night, Miami goalie David Burleigh outshined the Irish sophomore, stopping 36 of Notre Dame's 37 shots in the Mimi's 3-1 victory.

Saturday, it was Cey's chance to make a statement.

"[Cey] was tremendous tonight," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I talked about the game being a personal battle for him. Burleigh is off to a tremendous start this year. He was 9-2 going into the game, and goalies take that personally. Morgan knows he's one of the top returning goalies in the league, and he wanted to answer that challenge. He answered it in a big way tonight."

In nearly a complete role reversal from the previous night, the Redhawks peppered Cey with 44 shots, and he

turned back all but one in Notre Dame's 2-1 win to capture a split in the two-game CCHA series. He finished with

"They came at us pretty hard, but I got a couple of shots early on that got me into the game, and I really got in a groove there," Cey said. "When my defensemen clear the rebounds and let me see the shots, that's a definite plus for me when I'm in the net."

The game Saturday proved a showcase for the two goalies, as Burleigh and Cey combined for a total of 49 saves in the scoreless first and second periods.

The Irish finally broke

through first at 7:53 of the third period on a Notre Dame power play. Junior defenseman Neil Komadoski slapped a shot from a point during the Irish advantage, and sophomore wing Cory McLean put away Komadoski's rebound for the 1-0 lead.

The goal snapped a streak of 21 scoreless power plays for Notre Dame.

"We changed the units up a little tonight," Poulin said. "There was the same structure, just different players in different positions. McLean was on it, and [Irish wing] Alex Lalonde was on it. On scoring the goal, they made a very good

play."

Just six minutes later, Irish wing Rob Globke provided a much needed Irish insurance goal on a spectacular play. The sophomore eluded two Redhawk defenders cutting across the ice and fired a shot from the right side past Burleigh into the lower left corner of the net.

"I had the puck, and it was late in the shift, so I just wanted to try to make a play and get off the ice," Globke said. "I was just looking to take a shot and get a change. It surprised me that their defense kind of made

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame
Syracuse

3 (30-30-30)
0 (26-21-26)

Saturday's Irish victory, combined with Virginia Tech's loss to Pittsburgh, confirmed a fourth straight Big East title for the Irish.

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame
Navy

30
23

The Irish needed a furious fourth-quarter comeback to overtake the Midshipmen and improve their record to 9-1 on the season.