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## Senate criticizes First Year of Studies

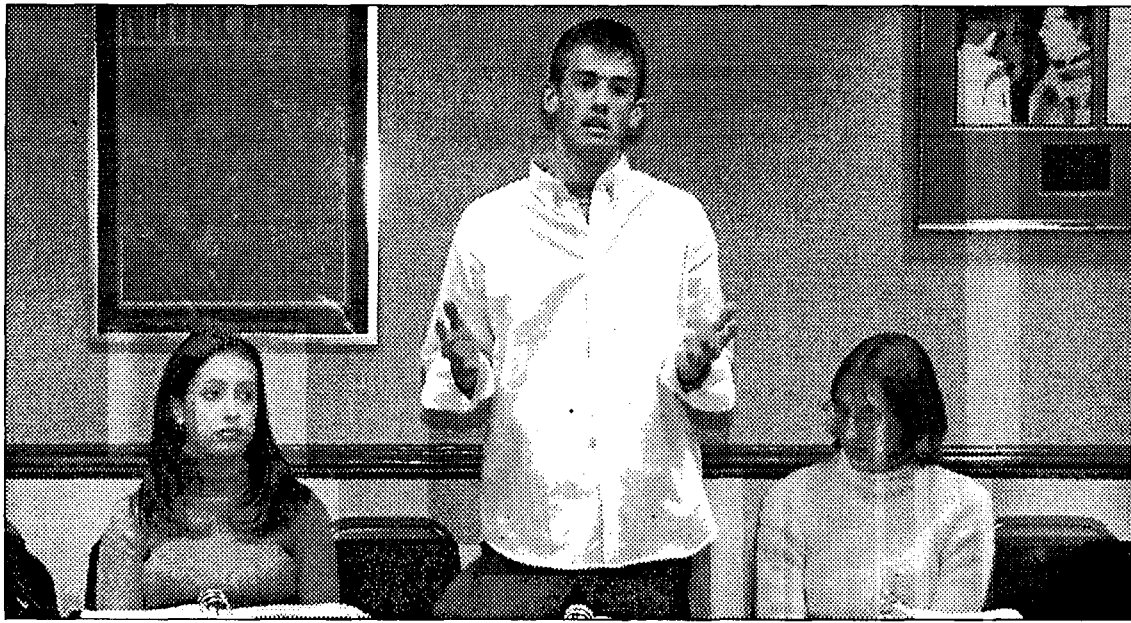
By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution that urged the First Year of Studies to review its evaluation processes because it feels that student needs were not being addressed.

Work began on this resolution last year after Jeremy Staley, senator from Sorin Hall, noted his disappointment with First Year of Studies. Staley said, "First Year of Studies is not really in touch with what the students need. There is a big discrepancy over what it claims to do and what it does."

Members of the Academic Affairs Committee met with Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, and reported that the meeting was unproductive, said Staley. This led to the drafting of the resolution and Staley said, "It's a recommendation and we want to use strong language because we feel it is necessary and that the issues need to be addressed."

The resolution said students were confused about the role of their advisors, experienced inconsistent advising, were misinformed about classes and



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**Sorin Hall senator Jeremy Staley shares his concerns about the First Year of Studies department and its evaluation process.**

requirements and expressed uncertainty about the purpose and quality of peer advising.

The Academic Affairs Committee, which proposed the amendment, said First Year of Studies could realize its mission statement if increased student input existed. First Year of Studies makes many of its decisions and curriculum changes based upon the results

of a survey that freshmen are asked to complete each spring, said Staley. Last spring, approximately 40 percent of freshmen responded. The resolution said, "First Year of Studies has expressed that 'our efforts to understand the first year experience are severely undermined by a low response rate' of first-year student surveys."

Senate offered itself as a resource for First Year of Studies and asked it to conduct a more thorough evaluation process that includes input from sources other than upperclassmen, new student focus groups and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Senate.

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## Notre Dame No. 1 in students overseas

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame has the highest percentage of students participating in study abroad programs among American research universities, according to a new report from the Institute of International Education (IIE).

For 2000-01, the most recent academic year for which statistics are available, 39.2 percent of Notre Dame students had participated in study programs in other countries. Yeshiva University in New York City is second with 38.8 percent, followed by Cornell (28.2), Duke (26.5) and Georgetown (26.5) universities.

With a total of 1,133 students who studied abroad, Notre Dame is among the 24 universities with more than 1,000 students who studied in another country. Michigan State University ranks first for the actual number of students (1,835) studying abroad but is 19th on a percentage basis at 19.2 percent.

## Turnitin.com detects student plagiarism

By CAITLIN EARLY  
News Writer

In a recent e-mail sent to the entire student body, the Honor Code Committee addressed several points of concern surrounding the University's use of Turnitin.com, an online plagiarism-detection company.

Turnitin.com enables professors and faculty members to submit a student's paper and to receive a set of "Originality Reports" within 24 hours, revealing if any Internet documents or resources are used in the student's work.

The most contested aspect of Turnitin.com, however, is the direct submission of students' work without any prior indication of plagiarism.

The Honor Code Committee's official response to the use of Turnitin.com recommends, "A student's work be submitted to Turnitin.com only if the instructor of the course believes there are reasonable grounds for suspecting academic dishonesty on the part of the student."

As it currently stands, only about five professors are submitting all students' papers to Turnitin.com.

"With regard to Turnitin.com, the Honor Code Committee feels that automatic submission of papers without prior suspicion of plagiarism expresses a degree of

distrust that is at odds with the very spirit of the Honor Code," said Thomas Flint, faculty Honor Code officer.

Students' reactions towards the use of Turnitin.com continue to be mixed.

"We found that most students were initially weary when they were informed about Turnitin.com. Some students feel that the plagiarism service is beneficial because it ensures that their peers will be more honest. Others, however, are concerned that use of Turnitin.com undermines the whole idea of honor," said Maura Kelly, a student member of the University Academic Honor Code Committee.

The University decided to contract the services of Turnitin.com for this academic year in response to the overwhelming problem of computer-related cheating that continues to plague Notre Dame, as well as many other colleges throughout the country.

"In the past few years, many professors have been looking for a tool, like Turnitin.com, to deal with the rising problem of online plagiarism. The University has a yearly contract with Turnitin.com and we will continue to re-evaluate the use of its services in the years to come," said Flint.

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## SMC sponsors religion forum

By MELANIE BECKER  
News Writer

In order to increase religious awareness on campus during the holiday season, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) hosted a forum on major world religions in the Haggar College Center last night.

"This was to provide awareness of other religions, some knowledge and to erase

some misconceptions and stereotypes," SDB spirituality representative Anita Doherty said.

A panel of students, faculty and staff represented six religions.

Johnea Brooks De-Vitta, senior humanistic studies major spoke about Baha'i and its origins. Founded in Persia during the mid-19th century, followers of Baha'i believe that there is one God who created all messengers, or prophets to guide individual search for faith during times of spiritual crisis. De-

Vitta explained there are several obligatory prayers but little ritual in Baha'i and that there are 19 days of fasting during sunlight hours in March.

Cindy Mongrain, a member of Campus Ministry presented Roman Catholicism and described the ritual practices and sacraments of Catholics. Catholicism is a faith community that believes the end of life to be the beginning of a new life, Mongrain said.

"We believe kind of outrageous things when we think about it, our God became human," Mongrain said.

Doherty, spoke of her experiences of being brought up as a Presbyterian

whose family was unable to find a Presbyterian Church in southern Indiana and joined a United Methodist Congregation. The congregation was founded in 1968 with the principles of abstaining from alcohol, illegal drugs, gambling and tobacco. They attend services that last from one and a half to two hours, receive communion once a month and have male and female pas-

tors.

"A lot of times Christians will move into different denomination [of Christianity] to find the practice that fit their beliefs," Doherty explained.

Junior Nila Ahmad, SDB vice-president, represented Islam and explained how it is practiced in daily life.

The six core beliefs of Islam are that there is one God, belief in all prophets of all religions, belief in religious books of all religions, belief in all angles and Mohammed as the messenger and the Day of Judgment.

The five pillars, prayer five times a day (Salat), Charity (Zakat), a month of fasting (Ramadah), pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) and the belief in one God (Kalima) are the principles in which Muslims live their lives.

"We fast so that we may empathize and know what it means to be poor," Ahmad said.

Carla Johnson, professional writing specialist and English Department assistant of writing proficiency professor, spoke on Judaism. Judaism was the first monotheistic religion and the root of Christianity and Islam.

Jewish declaration of faith is through the Shema, the

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Can you keep promise?

The end of the semester is approaching and with it the shock for seniors, like me, that pretty soon decisions are going to have to be made about what life beyond South Bend will be. With these decisions many commitments are being made, and others broken.

**Sarah Nestor**  
*Saint Mary's Editor*

While home over the break my best friend from high school shocked me with her pronouncement that she was becoming a nun.

Now I shouldn't say that it was a complete shock because it is something she has been considering for a couple of years now but I never actually thought she would do it.

Now it's not like you can just wake up one day and say, "I think I'm going to be a nun," and you can just join a convent like that. It is a major commitment and it will take her several years to actually receive the title of Sister.

Apparently there are three levels before you make final vows. First there is postulancy, when you live in the convent for one to two years, then there is novitiate, which is the beginning stage of religious life and is another two years, and then there is the junior professed stage, which is the first profession of vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. It is only after five years of yearly renewing these vows that perpetual vows are taken and only then will my friend give herself forever to God.

The time and contemplation that goes in to becoming a nun has made be aware of the commitments many seniors are making, especially when I consider the amount of seniors becoming engaged. Marriage is just as an important commitment as a vocation but it worries me when so many today seem to rush to get married. When you consider that the divorce rate in America hovers around 50 percent, maybe a longer period of time between becoming engaged and married should be made. It's not that I don't believe young people are capable of making long term commitments; my parents were married at 18 and have been together for over 20 years but it seems like people just don't take marriage as seriously.

Consider all the celebrities that seem to easily marry and divorce, over and over again. I'm not saying that celebrities are representative of most people but that there even is the attitude that marriages can so easily be absolved is demonstrative of the lack of respect for the institution of marriage. I mean look at J-Lo, that girl really needs to slow down before she turns into today's Elizabeth Taylor.

For me having a friend that is going to be a nun, and knowing the great commitment she is making, has made me reevaluate the commitments in my own life and how I plan to fulfill them.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Nestor at Nest9877@saintmarys.edu.*

## CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's story, "Student launches poster project," Robert Mason was incorrectly identified as fourth-year graduate student in graphic design. He is a second-year graduate student. Also, NDesign is the student group for industrial and graphic design students and not draft design students as the article reported.

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ND has signed a contract with Turnitin.com to help faculty cope with cheating.	During an interview with reports Bush remarked that he believes al-Qaida was responsible for the attacks in Kenya.	United Airlines finds itself on the verge of bankruptcy after officials denied the company's request for loan guarantees.	Scene reviews the newly released motion pictures "Bowling for Columbine," "Solaris" and "Die Another Day."	A columnist voices his opinions on what the holiday season should mean to us and that it should be a time to remember and a time to take action.	Irish womens basketball defeats Valparaiso 74-68 in a very close game. The team will next face Arizona State.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ UNICEF card and gift sale: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Concourse.
- ◆ Lecture: "Critical Thoughts on the (Allegedly) Poor Quality of Democracy in Latin America," 4:15 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.
- ◆ Movie: "The Man Who Wasn't There," 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium on the first floor of the Hesburgh Library.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lilly Campaign Meeting: 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Religious Studies Christmas Party: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Moreau Chamber Ensemble and Wind Ensemble: 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

## WHAT'S GOING DOWN

### Suspicious person case closed

The case reported on Nov. 21 of a suspicious person at the Loftus Center was investigated further and is being closed. The case has been reclassified to soliciting without permission.

### Car vandalism in parking lot

A student reported vandalism to his vehicle while parked in the Library lot on Nov. 30 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. There are no suspects.

### Citations issued for driving violations

NDSP issued state citations for exceeding the posted speed limit and no driver's license on Ivy Road on Tuesday.

### Occupational accident reported

A University employee was transported to the University Health Center for treatment of a knee injury in the Lafortune Student Center on Wednesday.

### Vandalism case updated

The case of vandalism at the Stadium on Nov. 23 has been assigned for a follow-up investigation.

*Compiled from NDSP blotter*

## WHAT'S COOKING

### North Dining Hall

**Today's Lunch:** Boiled thin spaghetti, boiled mostaccioli, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, four cheese pizza, cherry turnover, Texas chili, cream of broccoli soup, tomato soup, chicken and dumpling soup, Southern fried chicken, whipped potatoes, bacon slices, plain rice and fries.

**Today's Dinner:** Boiled thin spaghetti, boiled mostaccioli, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, cherry turnover, breadsticks, Texas chili, tomato chili, corn, cherry crisp, steakhouse fries, butternut squash, plain rice, vegetable eggrolls, breaded cheesesticks and chicken patties.

### South Dining Hall

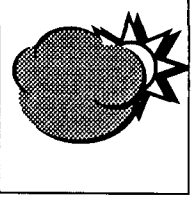
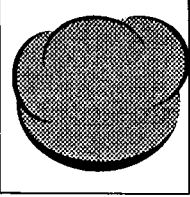
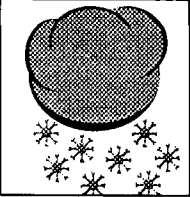
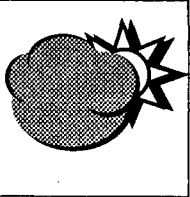
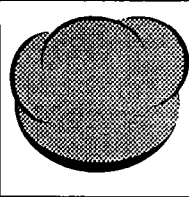
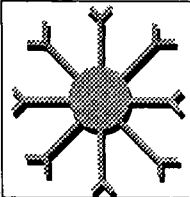
**Today Lunch:** Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach cheese, tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, garden quiche, baby lima beans, baked potato neptune, beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, roast top sirloin of beef, long grain and wild rice, Italian chicken sandwich and Fries.

**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.

### Noble Family Dining Hall

**Today Lunch:** Spicy beef and rice soup, potato leek soup, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, battered fried pollock, golden fried catfish, chicken breast cordon bleu, yellow suah, California wrap, herbed pasta, dilled pea salad, brownie bar, chocolate cookies and cherry ribbon gelatin salad.

**Today Dinner:** Spicy beef and rice soup, potato leek soup, cheese pizza, turkey pot pie, philly-style cheese steak sandwich, BBQ pork ribs, corn falafels, dilled peas salad, poppy seed cake, Boston cream pie, citrus lentils and rice, roasted butternut squash and french fries.

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## Senate

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Jake Teske, senator from Keough Hall, said, "It's detailed and we think it's a fair proposal to pass and we feel that Academic Affairs could serve a greater role and that they University can use us."

### In other Senate News:

◆ Senate unanimously approved Dave Brenner, senator from Dillon Hall, as the 2003 president of The Shirt. Brenner will be responsible for choosing the design, marketing and processing aspects of The Shirt. When asked about how the saturation of the market will effect The Shirt, Courtney Schuster, the 2002 president of The Shirt, said that more people are aware of the shirt, making it a collector's item, and that people may have an incentive to buy The Shirt because it supports student clubs and charity.

Brenner said, "We want to build from off the momentum

from this year and we want to see the percentage of people wearing The Shirt T-shirts continue to go up. I think if we focus on the excitement and unity from The Shirt then the money issues will handle themselves."

◆ Senate chose Staley to replace Kate Schlosser, senator from Pangborn Hall, as the Faculty Senate Representative. Schlosser said, "It is a great opportunity [to serve as the representative] because you get to work with professors on a level that you usually don't get to."

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# Outspoken priest breaks ranks in Boston diocese

Associated Press

**BOSTON**  
The Rev. John D'Arcy told his superiors just what he thought about a priest suspected of sex abuse, alcoholism and drug use so frequent he was known as a "pothead."

"If a man like this does not seek help, he should not be given an assignment," D'Arcy wrote in 1983 to Bishop Thomas Daily about the Rev. Richard Buntel.

The letter was not unusual for D'Arcy — he sent notes seeking to intervene in at least three cases of troubled priests in the Boston Archdiocese, some of which were released Tuesday among a cache of documents related to the clergy sex abuse crisis.

But D'Arcy's outspokenness was so rare among the Boston clergy, it highlights the general silence in other parts of the priesthood, observers said.

Explanations for priests failing to call out their errant colleagues range from a church culture keen on avoiding scandal to simple ignorance that crimes were being committed.

There's also little evidence speaking out had an effect. Buntel was reassigned despite D'Arcy's warning that he was called a "pothead" by members of a former parish because of frequent drug use.

Buntel was placed on administrative leave in March 1994. That year, an allegation from 1983 resurfaced that he had offered cocaine to a 15-year-old boy for sex.

In most cases, however, priests had no direct knowledge of their colleagues' crimes and were reluctant to act on distant rumors of problems, said the Rev. Robert Bullock, head of the

Boston Priests Forum, which represents several hundred clergymen.

Still, intervention by priests might have helped blunt the damage of the current scandal, he added.

"In hindsight, we could have been more responsive," he said.

D'Arcy, who is now bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese in Indiana, was out of town and did not respond to calls for comment. He explained his rationale for coming forward in a letter about Buntel, written while he was an auxiliary bishop in Boston.

"It is my conviction, as I believe it is yours, that we who are in the position of responsibility have the obligation to prevent scandal in those cases where it seems almost definite that it will occur," he wrote.

In 1978, when Cardinal Humberto Medeiros led the archdiocese, D'Arcy wrote to church officials relaying complaints about the Rev. Thomas Forry's abrasive manner, according to the church files released Tuesday. A year later, after Forry was accused of beating up a housekeeper, D'Arcy wrote again.

"I see the situation there now as critical and it could have been saved or prevented," he wrote.

*"It's the same kind of blindness people have when it happens in families."*

**Rev. Thomas Reese**  
church leader

wrote to Cardinal Bernard Law, warning him about reassigning John Geoghan, who was ousted from the priesthood and has since been convicted of sexual abuse. In the letter, D'Arcy cited Geoghan's history of sexually abusing young boys.

A spokeswoman for the archdiocese did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Roderick MacLeish, an attorney for alleged abuse victims, said D'Arcy took a stand because he was one of few Catholic officials who truly cared about the victims. But the Rev. Thomas Reese, a priest and editor of the Jesuit magazine America, said many clergymen may have called church officials with concerns, but not wanted to go on record with a letter.

Reese added that priests are taught to be nonjudgmental as part of their profession, and that could lead them to give other clergy a pass when things seem awry.

"It's the same kind of blindness people have when it happens in families," Reese said.

He added that criminal priests are often expert deceivers, and can fool even the people they live and eat with daily.

"These guys are incredibly manipulative and they lie," he said. "They could get Academy Awards."

Dean Hoge, a Catholic University sociologist who has studied the priesthood,

said while priests may not know intimate details about each other, the culture also reflexively protects itself, keeping scandal bottled inside.

"It's a little like a club or military unit," he said. "In general, there's not much whistleblowing."

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## Bush: al-Qaida responsible for attacks on Kenya

Associated Press

### WASHINGTON

In a grim update on terrorism's global reach, President Bush said Wednesday he believes Osama bin Laden's network was involved in last week's Kenya attacks, and he complained that terrorists have been able to "stop the peace process" in the Middle East.

Pledging anew to fight terrorism "wherever it exists," Bush sidestepped the question of whether bin Laden's al-Qaida organization has infiltrated the West Bank but said terrorism in general has left its mark on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"I am concerned that terrorists have disrupted the ability for peace-loving people to move a process forward," the president told reporters in a brief exchange about Iraq and the war on terrorism.

Bush said he understands both Israel's need to fight terrorism and the Palestinian people's desire to improve their living conditions. He pledged to continue working on both fronts.

"But the net effect of terrorism is to not only stop the peace process, but is to cause suffering amongst all the people of the region," Bush said. "And that's why our war against terror must remain steadfast and strong wherever

terror exists."

Since the first days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on Washington and New York, Bush has said the war against terrorism is a global proposition. His remarks Wednesday indicated he believes the Middle East peace process will be in jeopardy until terrorism is curbed.

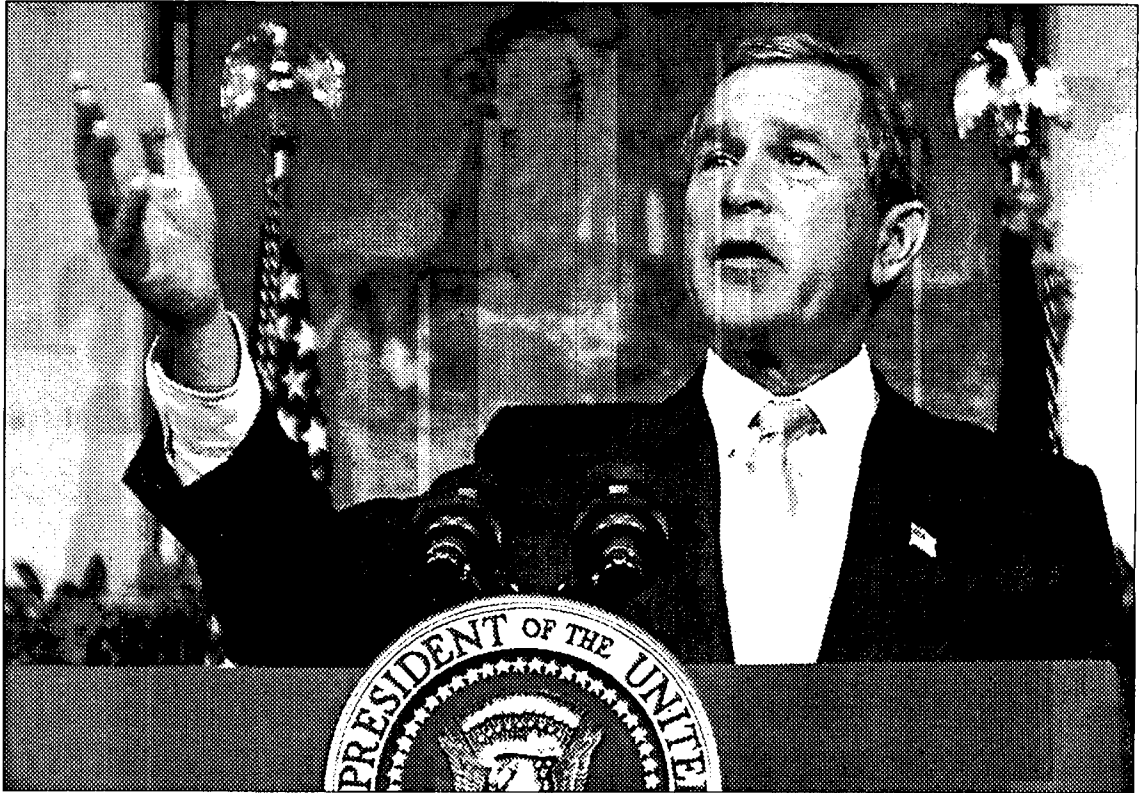
The remarks were made in advance of a Dec. 20 conference in Washington to plot peace moves in the Middle East. Even as they prepare for the summit of U.S., Russian and European diplomats, administration officials concede there is little chance for headway in the talks amid violence and terror attacks in the region.

Bush was asked whether he is concerned that al-Qaida, feeding off the harsh plight of many Palestinians, may be gaining a foothold on the West Bank.

"I am concerned about al-Qaida anywhere," the president replied. "I believe that al-Qaida was involved in the African bombings in Kenya. I believe al-Qaida hates freedom."

Evidence continues to mount that al-Qaida was behind the Kenya attacks — a bombing at a hotel frequented by Israelis and the firing of missiles at an Israeli charter flight.

Experts said Monday the missiles had serial numbers



AFP Photo

**President Bush answers a reporter's question during a White House ceremony to make the Internet safer for children's viewing. During the ceremony, Bush remarked that he believes al-Qaida responsible for last week's attacks on Kenya.**

similar to those on one involved in an attempted hit on a military plane in May, and al-Qaida has claimed responsibility for the hotel attack.

U.S. officials have suggested that an affiliated Islamic extremist network from Somalia, al-Itihaad al-

Islamiya, may have played a role in the Kenya attacks.

"I believe al-Qaida will strike anywhere they can in order to disrupt a civil society," Bush said. "That's why we're on the hunt."

Bush answered questions during a White House ceremony for a new law designed to

make the Internet safer for children.

Afterward, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was not making a definitive statement about al-Qaida's link to the Kenya attacks. "He's sharing with you suspicions you've heard from previous quarters," Fleischer said.

### IRAQ

## Iraq protests weapons inspections, calls experts spies

Associated Press

### BAGHDAD

Iraq protested sharply Wednesday over U.N. weapons inspectors' surprise intrusion into one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces, accusing the arms experts of being spies and staging the palace search as a provocation that could lead to war.

The harshest criticism came from Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, who charged — in language reminiscent of clashes with inspectors in the 1990s — that the new teams of U.N. monitors are gathering intelligence for Washington

and Israel.

"Their work is to spy to serve the CIA and Mossad," Israel's intelligence service, Ramadan claimed to a visiting delegation of Egyptian professionals.

Ramadan, known for his fiery statements, claimed to his all-Arab audience that the inspectors went to the palace hoping to provoke the Iraqis into refusing them entrance — something he said would be interpreted as a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution that mandated the inspections, and a cause for war.

The resolution includes "several land mines," Ramadan said, "and the aim is

that one of them will go off."

Responding to Iraqi protests over Tuesday's palace visit, a U.N. official countered that the inspectors are taking the right approach — navigating between Iraqi complaints and U.S. pressure for more "severe" inspections. And, said inspections team leader Demetrius Perricos, "we are getting results."

Among other things, Perricos reported that on a five-hour inspection of a desert installation his experts secured a dozen Iraqi artillery shells — previously known to be there — that were loaded with a powerful chemical weapon, the agent for mustard gas. It was the first report of

such armaments traced and controlled in the week-old round of new inspections.

The inspections resumed last week after a four-year suspension, under a new U.N. Security Council resolution requiring Iraq to surrender any remaining weapons of mass destruction and shut down any programs to make them.

A critical deadline approaches this weekend for the Baghdad government. On Saturday, a day ahead of the deadline, it is expected to submit a declaration to the United Nations on any Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, as well as on nuclear, chemical and biological programs it says are peaceful.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

#### Israeli troops murder suspected militant:

Israeli helicopters blasted a Gaza City building with missiles on Wednesday, killing a suspected militant, one of several violent incidents on a day also marked by Israeli statements about Palestinian statehood. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that as part of the U.S.-sponsored "road map" for Mideast peace, Palestinians could set up a temporary state in part of the West Bank and much of Gaza. But Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that even before peace talks, Palestinians would have to give up their demand to relocate millions of refugees in Israel.

#### U.S. plans Turkish army bases upgrade:

A top U.S. official said Wednesday that Iraq is "surrounded" and that Washington is looking to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade Turkish bases that could be used in a war against the country.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Judge rules on "dirty" bomb suspect:

Overriding government objections, a judge ruled Wednesday that a former Chicago gang member accused of plotting with al-Qaida to detonate a radioactive "dirty" bomb can argue he was improperly detained as an enemy combatant. Although U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey upheld President Bush's authority to detain enemy combatants, even if they are U.S. citizens, he also carved a role for the judiciary to make sure the executive branch was doing so properly.

#### Perilous snow forces school closings:

A vast storm spread freezing rain and up to a foot of snow from the Texas Panhandle to Virginia on Wednesday, shutting down hundreds of schools, making highways dangerously slick and knocking out power to nearly 100,000 people. "Everybody needs to stay home," Oklahoma Highway Patrol Lt. Jerry Treadwell said.

#### Panel permits Law to file bankruptcy:

A financial panel of the Boston Archdiocese gave Cardinal Bernard Law permission Wednesday to file for bankruptcy as the church tries to settle potentially crippling lawsuits in the priest sex abuse scandal. Law would need approval from the Vatican before filing for bankruptcy. No Roman Catholic archdiocese in the United States has ever taken such a step, which would give a secular court control over its finances and open it up to unprecedented scrutiny.

#### Clouds delay landing of space shuttle:

Thick clouds moved in at the last minute and prevented space shuttle Endeavour from returning to Earth on Wednesday with the former residents of the international space station. The delay added a 183rd day in orbit for American astronaut Peggy Whitson and her two cosmonaut crewmates — and probably a 184th day, given Thursday's stormy forecast.

## Forum

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most basic and frequently used prayer. The Torah, which became the first five books of the Christian Bible, is used as the religious book of Judaism.

"[Historically] The Shema becomes the last rite of the Christian," Johnson said.

Additional dietary and kosher restrictions exist in Judaism as a sign of the respect of all life forms, including animals. After death they believe there is no hell, but estrangement from God from those who have sinned and not done penitence.

Within Judaism there are three branches of faith. Orthodox, the strictest sector, has dress regulations, preservation of life by refraining

from birth control and abortion, and sex segregation. The Conservative sector allows for men and women to worship together but does not allow for the prevention of birth. Reformed Jews have a different interpretation of Judaism and have female rabbis.

"There are different views [between branches] of gender and how strictly laws should be enforced," Johnson said.

Tanushree Bera, first-year biology and physics major, spoke about Hinduism.

Known as the oldest religion, Hinduism has three Gods, Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the protector) and Shiva (the destroyer of evil).

Hinduism was the root of what is known as the caste system. Brahmins (priests and teachers), Kstria (Rulers and Warriors), Vaiysa (Tradesman and craftsman) and Sudra (the menial workers) make up Hindu society.

Hinduism has many dietary restrictions, including cows, which are seen as providers of milk and life.

Like Baha'i, Hinduism believes that God has come to earth several times to save the world in times of crisis.

Hinduism is based on the honesty, purity, self-control and non-violence. One who has not followed this way of life will not have a restful soul.

The session was wrapped up with several questions from the audience and panel members discussing the connections between the religions represented.

"The truth is one, but called by different names," Bera said.

*"The truth is one, but called by different names."*

**Tanushree Bera**  
first year student

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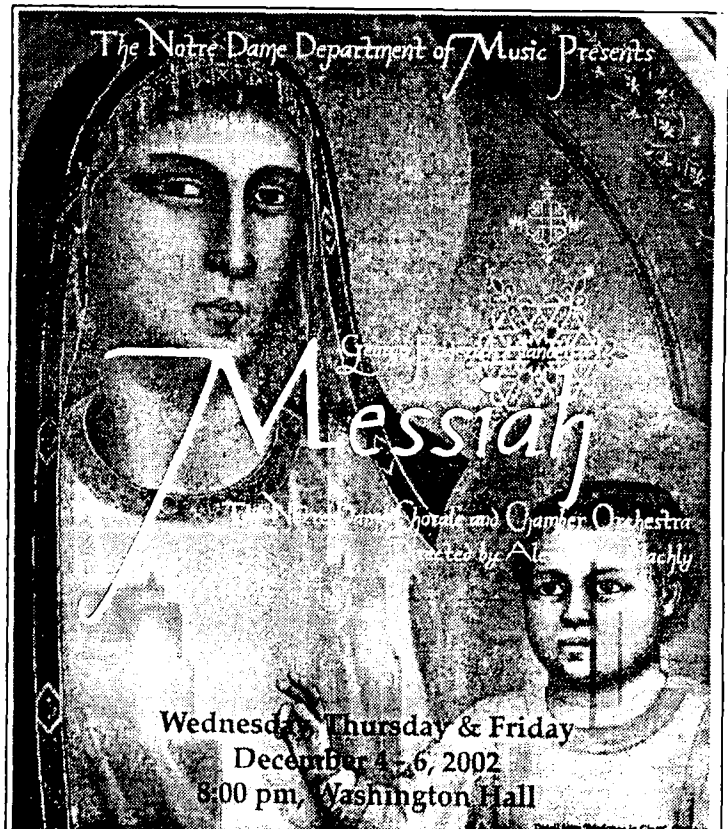
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<b>NASDAQ</b>		
1,430.35	↓	-18.61
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>		
917.57	↓	-3.17
<b>AMEX</b>		
822.39	↑	+9.75
<b>NYSE</b>		
487.57	↓	-0.87

### TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-2.21	-0.60	26.57
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.62	-0.09	14.43
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.81	-0.57	19.74
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-2.81	-0.11	3.76
SPDR TRUST SER (SPY)	-0.45	-0.42	92.45

## IN BRIEF

### Mechanists urge vote ratification

United Airlines mechanic Ricky Taube drove 70 miles to his union hall last week to vote against wage cuts the carrier says are necessary to keep it out of bankruptcy.

On Thursday, he planned to repeat that scenario in a second mechanics' vote that could unravel United's effort to avoid a Chapter 11 filing.

But a government panel took the urgency out of the vote late Wednesday, rejecting the airline's request for a federal loan guarantee it needed to avoid defaulting on nearly \$1 billion in debt due next week.

The Machinist's union had no immediate comment on the decision by the Air Transportation Stabilization Board, and circumstances surrounding Thursday's vote were unclear.

### American to fire flight attendants

American Airlines will trim 1,100 flight attendants in coming months as it prepares to operate fewer flights next spring.

The company will offer voluntary options such as job sharing and leaves of absences to reduce the flight attendant numbers, American spokesman Todd Burke said Tuesday.

He said that the window for flight attendants to take the options will begin Dec. 11 and close Jan. 7. After that, American will have a clearer idea of how many will be laid off. Any job cuts would take place Feb. 1, Burke said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based company notified the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, the union representing American flight attendants, on Monday.

Union spokesman George Price said American's absence program will provide flight attendants with all of their regular employee benefits, but no paycheck.

American has about 21,000 active attendants. Layoffs would begin with the newest employees.

# United loses loan guarantee

## ◆ Company setback after Feds reject plea

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

United Airlines lost its bid for \$1.8 billion in federal loan guarantees Wednesday, a major setback to the nation's second-largest air carrier in its efforts to avoid bankruptcy.

The Air Transportation Stabilization Board said that despite efforts to pare costs, "the business plan submitted by the company is not financially sound."

Chicago-based UAL Corp., United's parent company, had asked that the government guarantee \$1.8 billion of a \$2 billion private loan package. Without the guarantee and the loan, the airline said it would probably have to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The \$1.8 billion is the largest request received by the board, double the amount that US Airways was conditionally granted earlier this year.

The board was established by Congress last year to oversee a \$10 billion loan program, part of an airline industry bailout after last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The board, in its statement, said United's plan "does not support the conclusion that there is a reasonable assurance of repayment and would pose an unacceptably high risk to U.S. taxpayers."

Two of the three board members — Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance, Peter Fisher, and Federal Reserve Board member Edward Gramlich — rejected United's request. The third member, Kirk Van Tine, the general counsel of the Transportation Department, voted to defer a decision until Dec. 9 to allow United to submit additional financial information.

"These are hard deci-



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Travelers wait in line at a United terminal. United Airlines finds itself on the verge of bankruptcy after officials denied the company's request for loan guarantees.

sions, and I certainly feel for the effected employees," said Gramlich. "At the same time, the loan board has a responsibility to taxpayers and to fostering the long-term health of the airline industry," he said, explaining his decision to reject United's request.

Fisher said: "This is not just about costs; it's about a business plan that is fundamentally flawed."

The board's executive director, Daniel Montgomery, told reporters that United still has an opportunity to file a revised request with the board even if the airline were to file for bankruptcy.

There was no immediate comment from United nor its unions on the board's decision.

After losing an industry-record \$2.1 billion in 2001,

United is on course to exceed that loss this year as it struggles amid a weak economy and a decline in business travelers.

A bankruptcy would be unlikely to have any immediate effect on passengers. United has said it would continue flying its normal schedule, as US Airways has been doing since its Chapter 11 filing in August.

But United is trying to avoid a filing because its stock shares would probably become virtually worthless and it would lose control of its restructuring to a judge. The airline is 55 percent owned by its employees.

United shares had risen 7 cents in regular trading Wednesday to close at \$3.12 on the New York Stock Exchange. But the shares plummeted in after-

hours trading, losing 55 percent of their value, or \$1.72, to \$1.40 each.

The board's decision makes it "highly likely" that United will be forced to file for bankruptcy, said Aaron Gellman, an airline industry expert and professor at Northwestern University's Transportation Center.

But the decision doesn't mean United's schedule will be decimated, he said.

"They will not stop flying. When they come out of bankruptcy, they'll come out leaner and meaner."

The board in early November sent a letter to United, seeking additional information including details on cost savings that could be achieved from labor unions and from management, capital spending commitments and pension obligations.

# Productivity expands 5.1 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. companies' productivity grew more briskly in the summer than previously thought and orders to factories rose in October for the first time in three months, suggesting the struggling economy will avoid falling into a new recession.

Productivity, the output per hour of work, grew at a sizzling annual rate of 5.1 percent in the third quarter, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The performance was even better than the 4 percent growth rate estimated a month ago and represented

a rebound from the tepid 1.7 percent pace in the second quarter.

Gains in productivity are helping to keep a lid on inflation, an important factor for Federal Reserve policy-makers as they try to energize the economy through low interest rates.

Separately, factory orders rose 1.5 percent in October after falling in both August and September, the Commerce Department said. That provided a dose of good news for the nation's manufacturers, who have been trying to get through a late-summer rough patch.

Big-ticket manufactured goods, including cars and household appli-

ances, posted a 2.4 percent increase in October and "nondurable" goods, such as clothes and food, rose 0.6 percent.

"The reports show that the economy by no means will go into a double dip recession," said economist Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates. "Consumers have enough energy to stay alive and keep the economy going because wages are growing at a healthy clip."

But on Wall Street stocks dipped on profit warnings from Disney and Hewlett-Packard. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5 points at 8,738.

## This Week in Campus Ministry

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### 12/08 sunday

#### RCIA Session

10:00-11:30 a.m.  
Coleman-Morse Lounge

#### RCIA -Rite of Welcome

11:30 a.m.  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

#### Advent Lessons and Carols

7:15 p.m.  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### 12/09 monday

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

#### Rehearsals to Sing at the Basilica this Advent and Christmas

7:00-8:45 p.m.  
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## Advent

# Waiting for What?

■ by Kelly Rich  
Campus Ministry Intern

It's hard to believe the end of the semester is already so quickly approaching. Just a few months out of undergrad, I remember all too well the nervous craze of finishing up class work while at the same time getting ready to leave for home, or trying to pack up an entire dorm room before heading into a semester abroad.

This is the context in which most of us find ourselves as the Advent season begins. As the four Decembers of my undergraduate career came and went, it's not that I wasn't mindful of a spirit of waiting. I was waiting alright – waiting for finals to be over, the semester to be done and for Christmas break to begin. But each year, when I finally made it home and joined my parish for the fourth Sunday of Advent, I was inevitably saddened by the realization that the season had, once again, passed me by with my hardly noticing it. And I would promise myself that the next year would be different.

Now almost one week into this year's Advent season, and remembering the promise I made to myself so many times before, I would like to invite you to think with me about what exactly this time of the year signifies for us as Christians. During this season we are reminded that we know neither the day nor the hour that Christ will come again, and Advent is meant, in part, to turn our minds and hearts to preparing for that unknown day. But the season is not simply about something far off and

undisclosed; it is about remembering that Christ has already come, and that the Kingdom, though not fully so, is already among us. During Advent we are urgently called to let Christ be born in us today, so that, by our own work and by the witness of our lives, the building of the Kingdom continues here and now. The real challenge of Advent is making straight the path of our own hearts so that we might become Christ for one another. How do we do this?

We can start by asking ourselves: Who is Christ? He is the Lord of Love. If we want to let the Lord of Love live in us, we must ourselves be defined by love. Perhaps we can say with confidence that we love our friends and family well. And yet, Christ tells us to love even our enemies. How well do we love the person who has betrayed us in some way, the person who we find to be stubborn, or hard of heart? "Love is the measure," Dostoevsky wrote. Let us make it our measure.

Christ is the Prince of Peace. As violence and war increase in every part of the world, and our own country prepares for war against Iraq, we are challenged to ask ourselves if we reveal the Prince of Peace in the way we live and love. Or instead, do we argue that peace is not practical, and speak of waging a war we claim can be just. Proclaiming a message of peace and non-violence – proclaiming God's own mercy and forgiveness – is most certainly counter-cultural, but it is the message of Christ, and so for us who call ourselves Christians, can there be anything else?

Christ is the Lamb of God. During Advent we are asked to think of how we make of ourselves a sacrifice for others. Do we give of our time and resources – which are economic, but are also spiritual, emotional, and intellectual – to help others? Do we seek out the lonely, the despairing, the excluded, the poor, the sick, and the hungry, in order to offer what we have to care for what they lack? Are we liberators as Christ was, working on behalf of the oppressed and marginalized, which includes people as close as our own community and as far as other parts of the world? What gifts has God given each of us to offer for the sake of the rest of the Body, and do we use our gifts for this end, rather than for our own gain?

These challenges are great, but they should not overwhelm. Rather, they should keep us hopeful, for it is in accepting them that we accept the invitation to life in Christ, and Christ's life in us. Our joy during this season of Advent is in knowing that although we wait for Christ's coming again in glory, we have the opportunity by our own lives to let him come every day on earth.

**As the four Decembers of my undergraduate career came and went, it's not that I wasn't mindful of a spirit of waiting. I was waiting alright – waiting for finals to be over, the semester to be done and for Christmas break to begin.**

Second  
Sunday of  
Advent

### Mass Schedule

#### ■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, December 7

5:00 p.m.  
Basilica Vigil Mass  
Rev. William M. Lies, c.s.c.

Sunday, December 8

10:00 a.m.  
Rev. William M. Lies, c.s.c.  
11:45 a.m.  
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

#### ■ Around Campus

Sunday, December 8

**Spanish Mass**  
1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

**Law School Mass**  
5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

**MBA Mass**  
7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge

■ Sunday's Scripture Readings 1<sup>st</sup> READING Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2<sup>nd</sup> READING 2 Pt 3:8-14 GOSPEL Mk 1:1-8

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# Protests escalate in strike against gov't

Associated Press

## CARACAS

Marches aimed at ousting President Hugo Chavez's leftist government spread across Venezuela on Wednesday, with tens of thousands of people banging on pots and waving flags to support an indefinite general strike.

Under international pressure, strike leaders suggested they were ready to resume talks on early elections, but extended their strike for a fourth day. More businesses were open Wednesday, even as the strike began to affect production in the world's No. 5 oil exporter.

More businesses opened as the strike wore on, but disruptions began to affect Venezuela's oil industry, the world's fifth largest exporter. A shipping agent claimed workers stopped loading tankers, and a tanker

crew anchored off the western city of Maracaibo, refusing to deliver gasoline.

Chavez's government, however, insisted oil operations were normal. Thousands of Chavez supporters staged rallies in two downtown Caracas plazas.

Opposition and government delegates met with Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria to explore resuming talks on an electoral solution to the crisis.

Hopes for a solution grew after the national elections council voted 4-1 Tuesday to hold a nonbinding referendum on Chavez's rule on Feb. 2. Council members said their vote should overcome objections by the Supreme Court, which ruled last week at least four votes were needed.

The opposition threatened to intensify the strike.

"We ratify the success of this active strike, and if necessary in the coming days it will become even more active," said strike leader Carlos Ortega, president of the country's biggest group of labor unions.

Chavez, who canceled a planned trip to Brazil on Wednesday, has insisted that the constitution allows a binding vote only halfway into his six-year presidency, in August. He called the strike a "desperate" effort to oust him and said it would fail.

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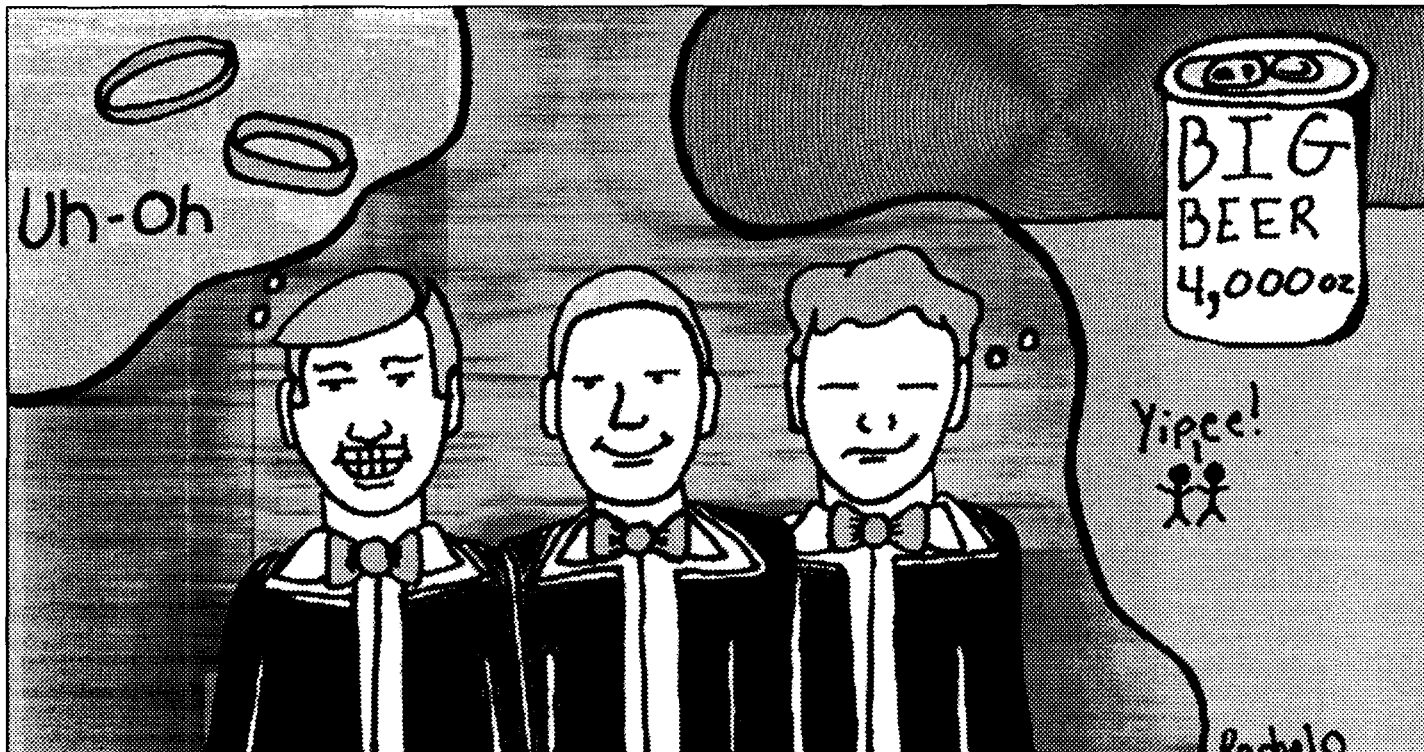
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## Best man duties give new perspective

This summer I was a best man at the wedding of a close friend. I say "a" best man because, by a somewhat unorthodox arrangement, I was sharing the honor with two other friends. But while we were three in number, we were one in purpose: We all wanted to make sure the wedding was the best day of our friend's life, while at the same time accepting the least possible amount of responsibility.

Peter Wicks

Englishman  
Abroad

Two duties were absolutely unavoidable. Firstly, each of us had to wake up nightly in a cold sweat after dreaming of increasingly elaborate scenarios involving the loss of the rings (on good nights, involving the loss of the rings and Oscar Winner Halle Berry).

Secondly, we had to organize the stag night. The stag night tradition began in England as a ritual to ward off evil spirits, but that was a long time ago. In these less superstitious times the principal purpose of the stag night is to get the maximum amount of alcohol into the groom in the shortest time possible.

Traditionally, the stag night took place on the night before the wedding, but a full two weeks before the ceremony has become the norm in modern England. This gives the groom ample time to have his stomach pumped and let the hair grow back. Organizing the stag night requires a delicate sense of judgment: As best men it was up to us to navigate between the Scylla of a sober groom and the Charybdis of a dead one. (The bride was particularly insistent that the latter outcome would not be tolerated.)

We did not take on the challenge

empty-handed. To aid us in our duties, we had acquired the Bottle Bong, a device of such fiendish brilliance it's hard to imagine how people ever got blood poisoning without it.

Deceptively simple in appearance, the Bottle Bong is in essence two rubber tubes, a short thick one and a long thin one which fits into its side. Used correctly, the bong is capable of thrusting the entire contents of a beer bottle down the user's throat in a matter of seconds. (I don't fully understand the scientific principle involved, but I think it has something to do with quantum gravity.) With the possible exception of the Resident Evil series of video games, science has never been so much fun.

This powerful device was ideally suited for our nefarious purposes, and yet on the back of the packet were printed the following words: not for use with alcohol. As shameless abdications of responsibility go, this was almost heroic in its brazenness. It occurred to us that other companies would do well to learn from the Bottle Bong's manufacturers. For instance, Smith & Wesson might have avoided all their expensive legal difficulties by the simply selling their handguns in packaging which clearly explained that they were "under no circumstances to be used with bullets."

Our attempts to do permanent damage to the groom's liver were based solely on reverence for tradition; there was no malice involved. But that is not to say we were without grievance; the groom had after all managed to organize a wedding which, at three to zero, had what is probably the worst ratio of single best men to unmarried bridesmaids in human history.

Now, I don't want to come across as another hormonal, sex-obsessed guy, but those of you who have never

watched close friends your own age get married will just have to take my word for it that the aphrodisiac effect of such events is so well-established as to constitute a scientific law. Since the wedding, all three of us have been feeling rather, well, not to put it fine a point on it, frisky.

Shortly after the wedding Andy actually asked out a complete stranger on the street. She said "Yes," which is the sort of thing that happens in movies, except that she wasn't on the run from corrupt government operatives from whom she had stolen crucial computer files. Or if she was, she didn't mention it.

Meanwhile, Mark has announced that he's looking for a wife, which is fine except that I have images of him going up to women and saying things like, "I was wondering whether you'd like to get some coffee sometime, because I'm terrified of dying alone." It was his birthday last month. I sent him a copy of "The Rules."

As for myself, I spent most of the summer watching "The West Wing" on DVD and developing a serious crush on Stockard Channing. It may seem like a pipe dream, but according to the Internet she's had so many husbands that from a statistical point of view, it's almost inevitable that we'll get married.

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"Marriage is the operation by which a woman's vanity and a man's egotism are extracted without an anaesthetic."

Helen Rowland  
U.S. Journalist

## VIEWPOINT

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## Holidays should be a time for action and change

The "Holiday Season" is a time full of joy in which we are thankful for family and friends. We show this love by visiting our favorite shopping centers, whether it is the local mall or the local bookstore, and buying gifts for our loved ones. We start off this season by giving thanks for everything and everybody.

Paul Graham

Another Perspective

Thanksgiving is a day dedicated to giving thanks for all that we have — it is a reflection on our lives. This past Thanksgiving, I gave thanks for my parents and friends; for my brother and sister and for my safe journeys. I also gave thanks that I have a house, that I have food, that I have a job and that I have an education.

Many people are thankful for similar reasons and for similar possessions, but this does not give us permission to be apathetic about what others are unable to have. By being thankful, we are admitting to ourselves that we have what others do not.

As we proclaim our thanks, we must realize that our gratitude comes from our recognition that others are not so lucky. This is recognition that others are victims of oppression and violence, attend poor schools, live paycheck to paycheck and are struggling just to make it.

This Christmas season, in the memory of Jesus Christ, many of us will come together with our families to feast and give presents. Jesus taught us how to

live. He acted as an example of how to live the good life. He ate with sinners, healed the poor and criticized the wealthy and powerful for their habits and lifestyles. In memory of His life and of what He did for us, we take time off school and work to celebrate Him.

We celebrate by going to the mall to buy presents representing our love for our family and friends. We buy Abercrombie and Fitch, Aéropostale, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike and the likes. We buy expensive chocolates, plan large feasts with fat birds as the center piece, decorate a tree with ornaments and write cards to loved ones.

Many of us will go on consuming as if there are no problems in the world; to some, there are no major or unsolvable problems in the world. But in the other "world," the world where a majority of people throughout our country live, the world of poverty and struggle, Christmas will come with layoffs, lost homes, lower wages and bombings in Iraq.

How is it possible to celebrate

Christmas in the traditional American way: full of consumption and at the same time joyfully? This Christmas will still be Jesus' birthday, the celebration most likely will still continue, but the authentic joy is gone.

Instead, sorrow will permeate the lives of those affected by greedy economic and foreign policy. Many of us will try to forget and go on shopping and buying and consuming like the good capitalist Americans we are, the way our President so confidently commanded us to do. But how can there be Christmas when so many are unemployed, in poverty, going hungry and left homeless? This is injustice.

How can we, as students at Notre Dame, celebrate the Christmas season when many workers on this campus are afraid to speak up about their conditions, when they have no real voice or bargaining ability with the administration and when they are often overworked?

I am not requesting that we remember and pray for others who have less

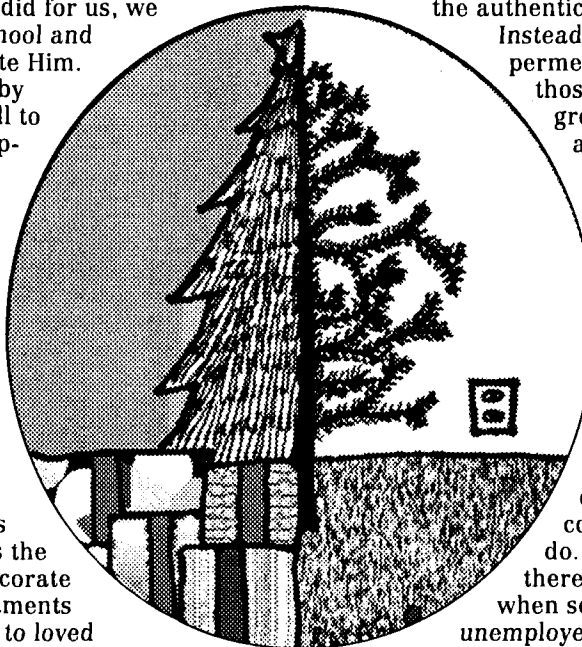
or pray for workers' rights here or elsewhere. We have all heard this request, and many of us have followed through. I am asking more of each of us. I am asking that we dedicate ourselves — starting now, starting this Christmas season — to working for change. I am asking that we not only remember others when we open our presents, but also that we work for a more just world. This is our gift to those we will never meet in life.

We have an obligation to do more and to work for more. We have an obligation to fight for the poor of our country and of the world. We have an obligation to make sacrifices, to give up some of our possessions — to opt for the poor by doing everything we can. We have to change how we live. We cannot let Wal-mart tell us how to love each other, nor should we allow McDonald's tell us how to eat. We must start working for peace and justice.

Christmas is meant to be a time of joy, but how can we ignore what is happening in the world right now? This is what Jesus asked us to do, and this is what we must do. We should not brush off the widespread poverty and suffering of this country. We have an obligation to do more.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Notre Dame should decline a BCS invitation

The Notre Dame Mission Statement claims, "The University is dedicated to the pursuit and sharing of truth for its own sake." A noble ideal by a noble institution. But is Notre Dame willing to put life to those words when the issue is football?

I am an Iowa Hawkeye. I graduated long ago, but black and gold runs through my veins as strong as the green and gold that drives many a Notre Dame alum. Yours is a prestigious school. Its history, academic and athletic, is the stuff of legend. The University of Iowa is no lesser place, but it is lesser known. Our universities are now brought together in a controversy not of their own making, but real nonetheless. Although the issue will not be framed until this Saturday's contest, the question will likely be who is more worthy of a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bid: Iowa or Notre Dame. Make no mistake, I recognize this is not a question of biblical proportions. But to those who love their school's football (and no one loves it more than the legions of Notre Dame), it is an issue of some importance.

We Hawkeyes are rightly proud of our team's accomplishments this year. Lacking the opportunity to match talents in a playoff system, the Hawkeyes, like the Fighting Irish, must rely on computers and pollsters to determine their role in the year-end beauty pageant known as the BCS.

But college football is big business, and the BCS is college football. So, the question posed is whether Notre Dame, with a 10-2 record but unavoidable fan and media appeal, should be given a BCS berth over higher ranked 11-1 Iowa. Such issues should be decided on the field, not through binary combat. However, lacking that opportunity, record and ranking should be enough to give Iowa the BCS bowl it deserves. Unfortunately, at this point, football apparently means less than the balance sheet of viewership and attendance.

My purpose in writing is to ask this University to demonstrate its pursuit of faith and truth. What better opportunity to rise above in a show of honor and courage than to say to the BCS, "Thanks, but no thanks." Yours is a school based on noble pursuits. Your coach is a man of integrity. Live your ideals of "truth for its own sake," and tell the BCS that at least for this one year, the University of Iowa is the better team and more deserving of a BCS bid.

Steven Leach  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
Dec. 3

## Registration system frustrates freshmen

Throughout this last summer, I worried about what classes I should take during my first year at Notre Dame. But now that I am here, I am left to worry whether or not I even have a choice.

The freshman class registration system is seriously flawed in many respects. (I exclude other classes' registrations because I am not familiar with them; that does not mean they are not as equally insane.)

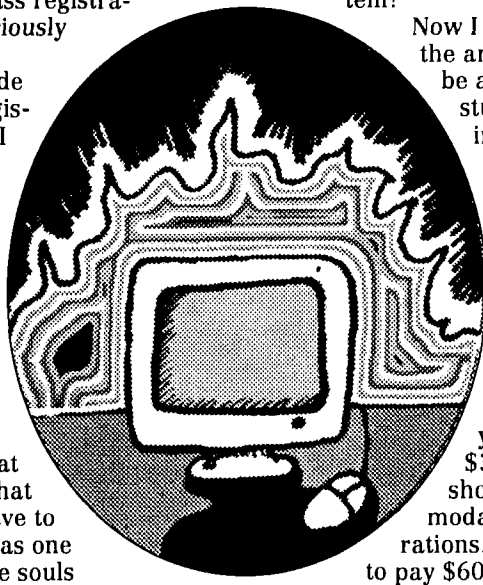
I like to consider myself a realist. I know not everyone can be perfectly happy with their schedules, but that shouldn't mean that some students have to be miserable. I was one of the unfortunate souls who was scheduled to sign up on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. As I frantically searched for open classes — any classes — I began to realize how absolutely terrible my spring semester was going to be. I am currently facing the prospect of having all my academic classes on the same three days (which wouldn't be so bad if I actually wanted to take those classes).

My point is: Why should I, and other students like me, be penalized by some asinine class raffle simply because the First Year of Studies program is not creative enough to come up with a just system?

Now I don't claim to have all the answers, but there has to be a better way. Perhaps students could register in intervals of two classes at a time so as to allow a more equitable distribution of the courses. I'm not sure what the solution is, but then again, I'm not being paid to come up with an answer.

One would imagine that for the average yearly tuition of \$34,900 the University should be able to accommodate our academic aspirations. I certainly don't plan to pay \$60 a class for courses that I didn't even want to take. I doubt much can be done to make matters better for us freshmen, but for the sake of classes to come, I hope the First Year of Studies program gets its act together.

Patrick Dunn  
freshman  
Keenan Hall  
Dec. 4





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## MOVIE REVIEW

## Bond returns for 'Another Day'

By C. SPENCER BEGGS  
Scene Editor

While "Die Another Day" is the 20th installment in the James Bond franchise, this film pounds the final nail into Bond creator Ian Fleming's coffin. The series has long since forgotten the heydays of Sean Connery's dashing secret agent. The recent slew of Bond films seem to have dropped the secret part: Bond is more likely to pull out his Berretta and blast his way through 200 goons Rambo-style than, God forbid, make up a cover story. But even though the new movies have become glorified action flick, they're still fun to watch and there's still plenty of classic Bond elements that show through.

"Die Another Day" begins with Bond (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to an obtusely evil warmonger general by impersonating the moneyman. But Bond's plan is botched when he's almost instantly recognized. After a slightly tough to swallow hovercraft battle, Bond is captured and tortured in a prison as the classic opening sequence of writhing silhouettes of naked women dance to the Bond theme song, this time covered by Madonna.

Bond is eventually ransomed by M6 when the name of one of their agents is broadcast from the prison. Thinking Bond had cracked his cool, his boss, M (Dame Judi Dench), makes a prisoner swap. Back in an M6 medical facility, M rescinds Bond's double-0 status. Bond, of course, immediately escapes and begins an investigation into who set him up, taking him all around the globe including exotic locations like Havana and Iceland. But Bond doesn't have to take this one on alone; Halle Berry joins as the latest Bond girl named Jinx, an

American secret agent. Jinx isn't the run-of-the-mill "oh, James" Bond girl, rather she's Bond's equal in every way. Of course, she's still uncontrollably attracted to him.

"Die Another Day" doesn't really have an innovative plot, but it is an incredible tribute to the franchise. For example, when Bond first sees Jinx emerge from the ocean ala Phoebe Cates from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," the shot (and bikini) are recreations of the entrance of the first Bond girl, Honey Ryder (Ursella Andrews),

from the first Bond movie, 1962's "Dr. No." Bond poses as an ornithologist for about five seconds — a subtle reference to where Fleming borrowed the name of his hero: famous ornithologist, you guessed it, James Bond. "Die Another Day" even comes

deliciously close to parodying itself ala "Austin Powers;" the bad guy has a conveniently placed Earth-destroying laser beam in space.

"Die Another Day" suffers from a bit of awkward acting. Surprisingly, a lot of this comes from Berry who sounds like she's reading from a children's book at times. Even worse is a bit part written in for Madonna; while she contributes a decent theme song, there should be a constitutional amendment forbidding her from appearing in movies ever again.

And like other recent Bond films, the bad guy has to have a justification for why he's evil. This time it's because his father didn't love him enough. Seriously, audiences can probably accept an old school irrational drive to destroy the world from any guy who has his own laser beam in space.

The film muscles through most of these difficulties. Brosnan has mastered his version of Bond and carries the film. Of course, he's aided by a bunch of cool new gadgets like an invisible Aston Martin and a shockwave ring. And the Bond girls aren't exactly unappealing either.

But Berry may end up being more than

**"Die Another Day"**

**Director:** Lee Tamahori  
**Writers:** Neil Purvis and Robert Wade  
**Starring:** Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Dame Judi Dench, Rosamund Pike, Toby Stephens, John Cleese



Photo courtesy of MGM Films

Halle Berry as the American secret agent Jinx in "Die Another Day." MGM is considering spinning the character off and giving her a franchise of her own.

one of Bond's conquests; there's been a considerable buzz in Hollywood that MGM may spin-off the Jinx into a new franchise of secret agent films. Perhaps this may end up being a profitable venture; but given Berry's lackluster performance in "Die Another Day," MGM might be well advised

to let Jinx work her voodoo in just one film like the other memorable but oh so forgettable Bond girls.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Solaris' shines as an art flick

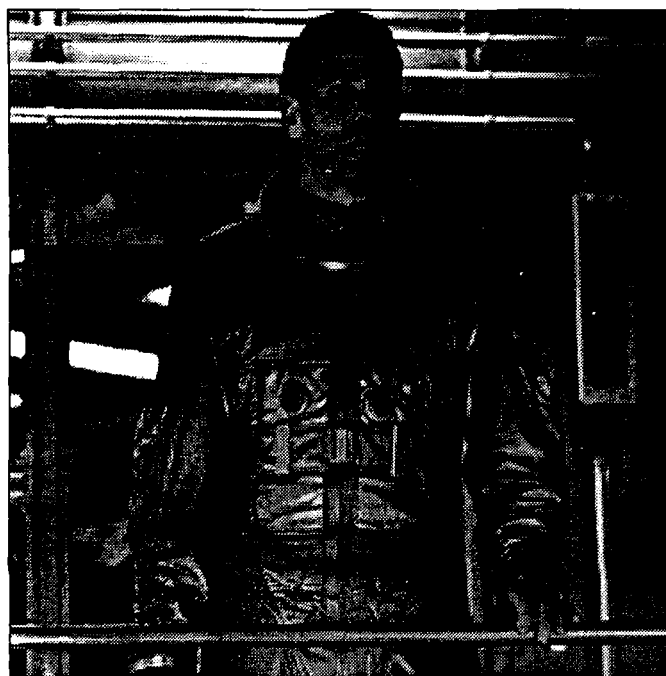


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"Solaris" is a decent movie, but may not appeal to moviegoers looking for strict sci-fi or romance.

By C. SPENCER BEGGS  
Scene Editor

In the near future, NASA discovers a planet deep in space called Solaris. The planet is a glowing soft purple orb with vivid solar flare-like bands emanating from it. But when a team of scientists sent to analyze whether it Solaris can be harnessed as an energy source send cryptic and disturbing messages back to Earth requesting that a psychiatrist be sent to help the crew, Chris Kelvin (George Clooney) is selected to make the journey to Solaris.

Upon arrival, Kelvin discovers two of the five crew members dead in the morgue and one missing. The remaining two are agitated, depressed and unwilling to submit to Kelvin's psychoanalysis of their space madness. But the lines between madness and sanity get blurred as Kelvin begins to experience what has driven the crew to its loopy state: when he wakes up in the morning of the sec-

ond day his wife is in bed with him. Of course, his wife committed suicide three years before.

The apparitions on board aren't monsters; they seem to be real flesh and blood and have memories of their former lives on Earth. Kelvin and the crew must unravel the mystery of the pulsating Solaris that seems to be the key to the visitors before they crack up entirely.

"Solaris" is a remake of renowned Russian filmmaker Andrei Tarkovsky's 1972 adaptation of Stanislaw Lem's novel. The film is a classic and the remake follows in its footsteps nicely.

"Solaris" is a slow boiler. The movie requires a lot of thought to come to terms with. It has a unique

blend of romance, theology, philosophy and science fiction. Basically, this movie is a PLS major's wet dream.

Unfortunately, "Solaris" really isn't meant to be a mainstream movie. Released over Thanksgiving weekend in 2,500 theaters nationwide, the film wasn't well received by audiences. "Solaris" was marketed as a sci-fi flick, but the movie really fits into a romantic or psychological drama genre. "Solaris" doesn't

have brain-eating aliens or a prince charming figure; it is a fairly complex movie that might disappoint audiences looking for run-of-the-mill forgettable Friday night date fare.

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**"Solaris"**

**Director:** Stephen Soderbergh  
**Writer:** Stephen Soderbergh  
**Starring:** George Clooney, Natascha McElhone, Jeremy Davies, Viola Davis

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## THE ARBITER OF TASTE

## Moore bowls a strike in 'Columbine'

Michael Moore's latest documentary is a curious case of slovenly brilliance. The unanimous winner of the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival this spring, "Bowling for Columbine" became the first documentary to compete in the competition in 46 years. Ever since 1989's "Roger and Me," Michael Moore has offered us a candid and satirical look at the absurd in American culture.



Anne Hamilton

*The Arbiter  
of Taste*

This time Moore sets a table of critical inquiry over America's gun-craze with servings of media mania and corporate controversy, invites president of the National Rifle Association Charlton Heston, James Nichols (brother of Timothy McVeigh partner Terry Nichols) and Marilyn Manson for candid interviews and lays out the April 1999 Columbine High School tragedy as the centerpiece.

The film takes its title from reports that students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling the morning before they went on their killing spree in Littleton, Colo. "Columbine" follows Moore on his quest to find out why America suffers from an epidemic of murder.

Moore begins his search for answers by opening an account at a Michigan bank that gives new customers a free gun. While flipping through their catalogue of rifles he asks incredulously, "You mean you're a bank and a licensed firearms dealer?"

He then travels to one of the world's largest weapons manufacturer, Lockheed Martin, which is located just a few miles from Columbine High and takes a tour. While there he points out that the United States dropped its largest amount of bombs during the war in Kosovo the morning of the Columbine shootings. Moore also has a very scary visit with Terry Nichols in which Nichols explains just how easy it is to make a bomb and later tells Moore how Timothy



Photo courtesy of United Artists

Michael Moore's documentary "Bowling for Columbine" is a critical look at the epidemic of violent crime in America. The film consists mostly of candid interviews with celebrities on topics from guns and racism to corporate greed.

McVeigh was "a nice guy" during the months he stayed at Terry's house.

Moore also serves up a few surprises. Dick Clark of "American Bandstand" fame turns out to be not such a nice guy and Charlton Heston reveals he is a racist, while Marilyn Manson (whose music was initially cited as partly to blame for the shootings at Columbine) turns out to be thoughtful and eloquent. He also interviews a few students and a politician in Canada where 7 million guns are present in 10 million households but murder is practically nonexistent about issues such as healthcare, unemployment, welfare, the media and why they think America has such a problem with guns.

While interviewing a college professor who recently wrote a book on what the media chooses to cover and why, the man tells Moore that although gun related violence has decreased by 20 percent in the last 15 years, news coverage of it has increased 600 percent. Half of the

film is made up entirely by interviews and that is where Moore shows his genius. Although he sometimes uses the camera as both a pulpit and as a way to bully people, which happens when he takes his crusade to Kmart headquarters, Moore does his best work by simply getting people to speak candidly about their views. Most of what was educational and terrifying in this film actually came from people just answering honestly about what they thought.

What makes "Columbine" a solid film is that Moore does his homework by sighting very interesting facts and statistics. Moore points out that the NRA was founded in 1871, the same year that the KKK was declared an illegal terrorist organization and that 33 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. He illustrates that the requested increase for the U.S. military budget for 2003 is \$396 billion, which is more than enough to adequately upgrade every wanting school in America. He also gives statistics showing the U.S.

to have had 11,127 firearm homicides in the last year, which was around 100 times the number of as other countries such as Germany, France, Canada and Japan; Japan, in fact, only had 39.

The film is also served well by its editing and music. Moore chooses clips from local and national news stations depicting messages meant to scare and manipulate people. He points out that Americans live in a media culture and contrasts relatively non-dramatic clips from the BBC news with those from the United States in which the anchor's voice carries shrill, alarmed tones and suspenseful music plays in the background.

There is also a wonderfully put together sequence of the history of U.S. bombings and military campaigns in other countries over the years where Moore points out how many foreign people we've killed and how we trained the young men in Afghanistan had to fight

against the Soviets. While all of this information flashes on the silver screen, we hear Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" playing in the background.

Moore can either be viewed as taking things too far in this film about violence in America or he can be seen as a whistleblower who does not cut his enemy any unnecessary slack. Rarely clean-shaven and always with his shirt un-tucked, Moore can sometimes come across as a too slovenly and condescending to make an honest documentary. He points his finger sharply at both corporate America and American foreign policy in both the recent Bush and Clinton administrations, which has the potential to make some viewers a little uncomfortable.

Whatever your views, while watching this film it is good to remember that all stories are told with a good deal of personal bias and Moore's is no exception. It remains, however, that "Bowling for Columbine" is an

exceptional film that should be seen by anyone who wishes to take being an American or living in America seriously. "Bowling for Columbine" is a film that is designed to affect its viewers and is hugely successful in this attempt. In my experience, it left most of its audience either walking out of the theater or in thankful applause. While no doubt Moore certainly has his detractors, as will "Columbine," his insights and irony are brilliant. It is unfortunate that this film probably will be missed by those who need to see it most.

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Moore doesn't pull any punches against those who he sees as the causes of violence like greedy corporate robber barons and corrupt government officials.

## BASEBALL

## Sollmann tabbed as preseason Big East Player of the Year

Special to The Observer

The preseason accolades have started to pour in for the Notre Dame baseball team, with junior second baseman Steve Sollmann and sophomore righthander Grant Johnson earning individual honors while the Irish have been picked to repeat as Big East conference champions.

The National College Baseball Writers Association named Sollmann a preseason second team All-American while the Big East coaches tabbed him as the 2003 preseason Big East Player of the Year. Johnson was named a third team NCBWA preseason All-American and joined Sollmann on the 15-player preseason all-Big East team.

Sollmann — whose .362 career batting average ranks ninth in Notre Dame history — overcame an injury-plagued first half of the 2002 season by hitting .561 (23-for-41) in nine 2002 NCAA Tournament games. He also had 12 runs batted in, scored 15 runs, made just one error and did not strike out in those nine NCAA games.

After batting just .171 through his first 11 games of the 2002 season, Sollmann recovered to match his 2001 mark and post a .362 season batting average. He finished among the Big East overall 2002 leaders in hits (fifth), runs (fifth) and triples (fourth). Sollmann's other season stats included 47 RBI, two home runs, eight doubles, 6-of-6 stolen bases and just eight errors in 59 games played (.969 fielding pct.). His clutch hitting included a

.443 batting average with runners in scoring position, highlighted by the game-tying hit in the ninth-inning rally that eliminated Rice from the College World Series.

Johnson — who earned Freshman All-America honors from Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball — capped his stellar rookie season by earning a spot on the U.S. National Team. He was part of the starting rotation on an elite staff that set a Team USA record with its 1.48 summer ERA.

Johnson's freshman season with the Irish included a 3.46 ERA in 18 appearances. The 6-6, 220-pounder led the Big East in overall innings pitched (101.1) while ranking second among Big East players in overall wins (9-5), third in starts (14) and sixth in strikeouts (86). His other 2002 stats included 44 walks, 94 hits allowed, a .249 opponent batting average, five wild pitches and nine hit batters.

Collegiate Baseball named Johnson the national pitcher of the week after his one-hit, one-walk performance in the 25-1 NCAA Tournament win over South Alabama — becoming just the 13th pitcher, and fourth since 1981, ever to toss a no-hitter or one-hitter in the NCAAAs. He followed up that win with an opening-game victory in the Super Regional round at top-ranked Florida State.

Notre Dame received nine of a maximum 10 first-place votes in the Big East preseason poll. Other top teams in the poll were Virginia Tech, Boston College and Rutgers.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame second baseman Steve Sollmann jumps for the ball against in a game against Western Michigan last year. Sollmann was voted Big East preseason Player of the Year Tuesday.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Gesser's status uncertain as Cougars prepare for Bruins

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash.

Jason Gesser tested his sore right leg in practice, but Washington State coach Mike Price said it is still not known whether his star quarterback can play against UCLA on Saturday.

The decision on whether Gesser can play likely won't be made until just before the game, Price said.

"It's still 50-50 and no one's going to know until Saturday at 1:30 p.m.," Price said, referring to the scheduled kickoff.

The No. 7 Cougars (9-2, 6-1 Pac-10) will clinch a Rose Bowl berth if they beat UCLA (7-4, 4-3).

Gesser, a senior who was picked as co-Pac-10 offensive player of the year, suffered a high right ankle sprain, pulled calf muscle and bruised knee when he was sacked in the fourth quarter of a 29-26 loss in triple overtime to Washington on Nov. 23.

Price said Gesser has been fitted with a special brace molded into his shoe that will allow the lower leg to be wrapped for some mobility.

"He's real good. I talked to him

today. He said he was feeling great," Price said. "Jason will take snaps and throw in practice today."

Gesser said he hopes to be able to play, but would practice gingerly so as not to exacerbate his sore leg.

"I'm just going to throw the ball and see how it feels. See if I can transfer my weight," he said. "I don't want to strain it by trying to hand the ball off."

Gesser said he feels he will be able to play.

"I think so. I told you guys I was going to play two weeks ago," he said. "I feel the same way. I've got

to go out there and show the coaches I can play and be productive."

Junior Matt Kegel has had most of the snaps with the first-team offense in practices since the Thanksgiving break ended.

Washington State faced a similar situation in 2000, when Gesser broke his right leg in the ninth game of the season against Oregon.

Kegel started the next two games, leading WSU to a 33-27 victory over Southern California before suffering a 51-3 loss to Washington.

Since then, Kegel has played sparingly in a dozen games. This season, he completed 26 of 39 passes for 203 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Price said the Cougars plan to practice some plays from the shotgun to accommodate Gesser's limited mobility.

Gesser said he has been in rehabilitation four-to-six hours a day, icing the injury and trying to build strength and mobility through massages and exercises.

"I'll do whatever it takes to play," Gesser said. "I don't know what I can do with this type of injury."

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NBA

# Wagner scores 29 as Cavaliers end 15-game skid

Associated Press

**CLEVELAND**  
Rookie Dajuan Wagner scored 29 points to help the Cleveland Cavaliers snap their 15-game losing streak with a 111-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Rookie Carlos Boozer and Ricky Davis each scored 26 points for the Cavs, who won for the first time since a home-opening triumph over the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers on Nov. 5. The losing streak was four shy of the franchise's worst single-season loss string, set at the end of the 1981-82 season.

Jalen Rose scored 37 points to lead the Bulls, who have lost eight straight and 14 of 16.

Cleveland's two rookies missed all four of their shots in the fourth quarter as Chicago cut a 20-point deficit to four. Boozer went scoreless and Wagner had only one point in the period.

Rose sparked a 23-7 charge that brought the Bulls within 103-99 with 1:38 to play. Davis drove for a layup 17 seconds later for a 105-99 lead and hit two free throws with 41 seconds left to make it 107-99.

The announced attendance of 7,295 was the lowest for a Cleveland home game since Jan. 6, 1988, when 7,017 saw a victory over the L.A. Clippers.

Davis returned from a two-game suspension by coach John Lucas for an on-court argument with teammate Tyrone Hill last Friday.

Before the game, Davis addressed the issue for the first

time and said his outburst came out of the frustration of losing.

Hill also returned after missing two games with a sprained left ankle. He had nine rebounds as Cleveland controlled the boards, 56-38.

## Sixers 99, Celtics 93

Allen Iverson had 27 points and Derrick Coleman scored a season-high 20 as the Philadelphia 76ers extended their winning streak to eight and stayed perfect at home with victory over the Boston Celtics.

Eric Snow made a spinning 12-foot jumper to break a 92-92 tie, and Coleman made a 3-pointer with 1:10 left to cap a 9-0 run and give Philadelphia a 97-92 lead. Iverson made two free throws with 28 seconds left to seal the win.

Keith Van Horn had 13 points and matched a season-high with 13 rebounds, and Snow added 13 points and eight assists for the 76ers, who are 10-0 at home. The start is Philadelphia's best since winning 22 in a row to begin the 1966-67 season. It is the longest home winning streak since 1999.

Paul Pierce had 34 points, Antoine Walker had 19 points, nine rebounds and seven assists and Walter McCarty scored 10 for the Celtics.

A driving layup by Walker gave the Celtics a 92-88 lead with 3:36 left. Snow answered with a layup to pull the 76ers within two, and a leaner by Iverson knotted the score at 92.

After trailing by as many as 16

in the first half, Philadelphia came back to tie the score at 60 when Iverson made a 3-pointer with 6:40 left in the third. The Sixers scored 13 of the last 16 points of the quarter to lead 75-71 after three.

After a 3-pointer by McCarty, Boston took a 54-38 advantage with 2:45 left in the first half. The 76ers then scored 11 of the last 13 points to pull within seven, 56-49, at the break.

## Wizards 88, Pistons 83

Jerry Stackhouse and Michael Jordan combined for 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Washington Wizards beat the Detroit Pistons.

The game marked Stackhouse's first regular-season appearance at the Palace since being traded from the Pistons to the Wizards for Richard Hamilton in September.

Stackhouse and Jordan each scored eight points in the final period, and both finished with 21.

Chucky Atkins led Detroit with 17 and Cliff Robinson and Richard Hamilton had 16 each.

The game was tied at 81 with 1:30 to play when Jordan rebounded a miss by Larry Hughes and was fouled by Robinson. He hit both free throws, and after Ben Wallace missed at the other end, Stackhouse made one of two from the line to make it 84-81 with 54 seconds left.

Stackhouse fouled Hamilton, who made one of two free throws. Jordan lost the ball out

of bounds under pressure from Atkins, and Brendan Haywood fouled Robinson at the other end. Robinson missed the second of two free throws, leaving Detroit down 84-83 with 16.5 seconds left.

Robinson then fouled Jordan, who made both shots to give the Wizards a three-point edge. Atkins missed a long 3-pointer, and Stackhouse put the game away with two free throws.

## Hornets 89, Raptors 74

Baron Davis returned from a two-game absence to score 18 points as the New Orleans Hornets defeated the Toronto Raptors.

Davis, who has a herniated disc in his back, started slow, hitting one of his first four shots and turning the ball over once. But his ballhandling and passing looked sharp after that, including several spin and behind-the-back moves as he drove to the hoop.

Davis also had eight rebounds, and his five assists could have been higher if several crisp passes inside hadn't been mishandled or ended up as missed shots.

Jamaal Magloire added 16 points and P.J. Brown 15 for New Orleans, now 10-0 at home.

Vince Carter scored 26 for Toronto, but he had little help as the Raptors shot 36 percent (30-of-83) and went stone cold during a critical stretch of the fourth quarter. Antonio Davis had 11 rebounds but shot only 1-for-15 from the field. Alvin Williams scored 13 for Toronto.

New Orleans took control with

a 16-0 spurt that took up the first half of the fourth quarter. Elden Campbell had a jumper, a layup after an offensive rebound and a pair of free throws during the run, while Courtney Alexander hit two free throws and a 3-pointer that gave the Hornets a 77-60 lead with just under six minutes left.

Toronto failed to score on eight straight possessions during the run, missing seven shots — one after an offensive rebound — and turning the ball over twice.

Jamaal Mashburn scored 10 for New Orleans, as did Campbell coming off the bench.

Both teams struggled in the first half.

Four minutes into the second quarter the Hornets were shooting about 25 percent and looking sluggish compared to their victory in Chicago a night earlier. But the Raptors could only push their lead as high as nine.

New Orleans then put together a quick 7-0 run to tie the game at 31. It started with a 3-pointer from Mashburn.

Davis followed with layup after putting the ball behind his back during the drive.

Davis then stole the ball and dunked.

The teams fought evenly through the rest of the period. After Carter caught a high pass in the lane and converted a reverse dunk, the Hornets missed their next shot, but Davis stole the ball back quickly and fed Magloire for a tomahawk jam to give the Hornets a 41-40 lead at halftime.



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## NCAA

## Judge awards \$506 million to 46 videotaped athletes

Associated Press

## CHICAGO

A federal judge has ordered eight companies and three people to pay \$506 million to 46 male college athletes who were secretly videotaped in locker rooms, restrooms and showers.

The videotapes were sold through Internet sites advertising "hot younger dudes."

"We look at this judgment as the court system sending a signal to the sexual predators that they're not going to get away with this," said attorney

Cindy Fluxgold, who represents several of the athletes.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras' decision, handed down last week, grants each of the 46 plaintiffs \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages. The remainder of the \$506 million award pays costs and attorneys' fees.

Kocoras also ordered the defendants to surrender the videotapes and get out of the business of making and selling them.

The tapes, with names such as "Straight Off the Mat" and "Voyeur Time," first came to

light in April 1999, when the Chicago Tribune reported that hidden-camera videotapes, including footage taken during a 1995 wrestling tournament at Northwestern University, were being marketed online and by mail.

No criminal charges were filed. Illinois has since enacted a law making it illegal to secretly film anyone in locker rooms or bathrooms.

Fluxgold said that the 46 unnamed plaintiffs represent a fraction of the men caught on tape, many of whom have not been identified. She said she didn't have an accurate count

of how many athletes were videotaped, but that the number is "in the multiple hundreds of people."

The lawsuit alleged invasion of privacy, unlawful use of the plaintiffs' images for monetary gain, and mail and wire fraud under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

The plaintiffs, who were granted anonymity by the court, are described in the lawsuit as 28 "John Does" and "unknown Illinois State University football players."

The lawsuit says they are past or present athletes at

Northwestern, Illinois, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois, Indiana, Penn, Iowa State and Michigan State.

Kocoras' judgment was entered against Franco Production, Franko Productions, Rodco, Hidvidco, Hidvidco-Atlas Video Release, AMO Video, Atlas Video, Gamport/Earthlink, and individuals Daniel Franco, George Jachem and R.D. Couture.

The District Court clerk's office said no attorneys had appeared on behalf of the defendants since at least 2000. No telephone numbers could immediately be found.

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Webber's father admits receiving gifts from booster

Associated Press

## DETROIT

The father of former Michigan basketball star Chris Webber acknowledged in testimony before a federal grand jury that he took gifts from a banned booster.

Mayce Webber Jr.'s admission in court documents was the first time he publicly acknowledged taking anything from Eddie Martin, who pleaded guilty in May to money laundering and admitted lending \$616,000 to four former

Michigan players, The Detroit News reported Wednesday.

Webber Jr., his son and sister-in-law, Charlene Johnson, were indicted in September for conspiring to obstruct justice and making a false statement to a grand jury. All three have pleaded innocent. Each charge is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Webber Jr. "acknowledged that Martin had given some gifts to him, and Martin put a hotel bill on a charge card and was paid back," his lawyer, Robert Morgan, said in a request last month in U.S.

District Court that the indictment to be dismissed.

Morgan declined comment Tuesday.

Webber Jr. testified in June 2000.

According to the News, a university report said that Martin paid for a hotel room for an unidentified player's father and apparently was repaid in cash. Martin violated NCAA rules when he paid for the room.

Prosecutors said Martin gave the Webber family \$280,000 between 1988 and 1993, but Webber Jr. denied the claims in March.

Now with the Sacramento Kings, Chris Webber told the grand jury in August 2000 that he took gifts from Martin in high school, but couldn't remember whether he took money while at Michigan, according to a partial transcript of his testimony.

Steven Levy, who represents Webber Jr.'s sister-in-law, Johnson, said she wouldn't accept any plea bargain and doubted any of the three defendants would plead guilty to a lesser offense.

Attorneys for the Webbers won't comment on possibilities

of a plea bargain.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds will meet with attorneys Monday to decide when to hear defense motions calling for the prosecution's indictment to be thrown out.

Keith Corbett, head of the U.S. attorney's organized crime strike force in Detroit, said if the trials were scheduled during the NBA season, Webber would still be expected to show up.

The government may seek to delay Martin's Feb. 20 sentencing until after he testifies at a criminal trial.

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## NHL

## Sharks hire Wilson as new head coach

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. Ron Wilson was hired to coach the San Jose Sharks, days after the team fired Darryl Sutter and his two assistants.

Wilson, fired by Washington last May after four mostly successful seasons, coached the U.S. team in the 1998 Olympics and in two World Cups. He also spent four years as the first coach of division rival Anaheim.

The Sharks moved quickly to fill their vacancy with a veteran coach. Sutter, the winningest coach in franchise history, was fired on Sunday along with assistants Rich Preston and Lorne Molleken in a surprising shakeup of a struggling team that aspires to be a Stanley Cup contender.

"Ron Wilson is an experienced NHL coach with a strong track record in both the regular season and the playoffs," Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi said in a release.

The Sharks struggled to an 8-12-2-2 start that put them in last place in the Pacific Division, but they got a 3-2 overtime victory over Phoenix on Tuesday night with scout Cap Raeder and team executive Doug Wilson coaching the team.

Ron Wilson got his first head

coaching job in Anaheim in 1993. In his fourth year with the Mighty Ducks, Wilson coached Teemu Selanne, who is now the Sharks' leading goal scorer.

Wilson had his greatest success in Washington, where he led the Capitals to the Stanley Cup finals in 1998. He won two division titles, and he led Washington to 102 points in the 2000-01 season — more points than the Sharks have earned in any of their 12 seasons.

Wilson had been out of coaching since leaving Washington, where the Capitals missed the playoffs by two points following a 36-33-11-2 season. He apparently was the only candidate interviewed by Lombardi, who promised his search wouldn't take more than a few days.

Wilson will make his debut as the Sharks' sixth permanent head coach on Friday night, when San Jose hosts Columbus. Following Saturday night's home game against Nashville, the Sharks have four days off, which will allow Wilson to further implement his plans.

Sutter led the Sharks to five consecutive seasons of improved point totals, but was fired after San Jose's slow start.

## NFL

## Faulk may start Sunday vs. Chiefs

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

There's a chance St. Louis Rams running back Marshall Faulk could make his first start in four weeks Sunday at Kansas City.

Faulk played as a reserve last week after missing two games with a high sprain on his right ankle, and he ran nine times for 29 yards. Head coach Mike Martz said that Faulk was "no worse for the wear."

Offensive tackle Orlando Pace might miss the rest of the season with what Martz characterized as a "significant hamstring tear."

"If we have him back at the end

of the year for a game, I think we'd be very fortunate," the coach said.

Martz said rookie Lamar Gordon, despite continued fumbling problems, probably would get his third straight start at tailback. But he left the door open for Faulk, who again is listed as questionable.

"I don't know where Marshall is for sure," Martz said. "As the week goes on, if he feels real good, then we'll start him. But that'll be up to Marshall."

Martz said the injury isn't going to heal before the offseason.

"I think this is something he's going to have to deal with," Martz said. "It probably won't get a

whole heck of a lot better through the rest of the season, so we'll monitor that."

Quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Marc Bulger also were listed as questionable, although Warner is expected to miss at least two weeks with a broken hand. Bulger has made slow progress after spraining a ligament on his right index finger Nov. 18 against the Bears. Martz said he would like to hold him out of practice all week.

Martz added that Bulger's finger can be taped to allow him to throw Sunday if needed. He'll probably be the backup behind Jamie Martin, although the Rams also re-signed Scott Covington.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Sox' Thomas running out of time

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Frank Thomas is running out of time to find a better deal.

The two-time AL MVP has until Dec. 7 to sign with another club or return to his existing contract with the Chicago White Sox. Thomas is testing the free agent market for the first time in his career after the White Sox invoked a contract clause that allows them to defer most of his \$10 million salary.

"Frank's a free agent, and he's

still out there exploring," White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said. "He will inform us on the seventh as to what he's found and we'll continue to monitor it up until that date. At that point and time, on the seventh, I'll have more to say on the subject."

But odds are Thomas will find himself back in a White Sox uniform again next season. The free agent market is tighter than in recent years with the luxury tax looming, and there's been little visible interest in the slugger.

If Thomas does stay in Chicago,

his paychecks are going to have a few less zeros.

Thomas signed a contract in 1997 that was to pay him \$9,927,000 in each of the next four seasons, including \$3,827,000 deferred with 7.73 percent compounded interest. But because he didn't make the All-Star team, didn't finish among the top 10 in MVP voting and didn't win a Silver Slugger this season, the White Sox invoked what's called the "diminished skills" clause, allowing them to cut his upfront salary.

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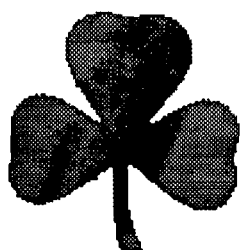
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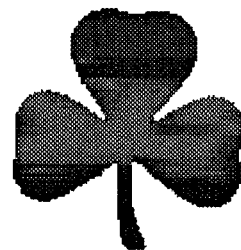
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Boston	12-5	.706	7-3	1.5
New Jersey	12-7	.632	5-5	2.5
Orlando	10-8	.556	5-5	4
Washington	7-10	.412	3-7	6.5
New York	5-10	.333	4-6	7.5
Miami	5-12	.294	4-6	8.5
Eastern Conference, Central Division				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	14-3	.824	8-2	-
Detroit	12-5	.706	7-3	2
New Orleans	12-6	.667	6-4	2.5
Milwaukee	8-9	.471	4-6	6
Atlanta	8-10	.444	4-6	6.5
Toronto	6-11	.353	3-7	8
Chicago	4-13	.235	1-9	10
Cleveland	2-17	.105	0-10	13
Western Conference, Midwest Division				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	16-1	.941	9-1	-
Houston	10-7	.588	6-4	6
San Antonio	11-8	.579	6-4	6
Utah	10-8	.556	7-3	6.5
Minnesota	10-8	.526	6-4	7
Denver	5-12	.294	3-7	11
Memphis	2-16	.111	2-8	14.5
Western Conference, Pacific Division				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	15-5	.750	9-1	-
Seattle	10-8	.556	4-6	4
Phoenix	8-8	.500	5-5	5
Portland	7-9	.467	5-5	5.5
Golden State	7-11	.389	5-6	7
LA Lakers	7-12	.368	4-6	7.5
LA Clippers	6-12	.333	3-7	8

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7 Oregon	Kansas State	7
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9 Maryland	NOTRE DAME	9
10 Indiana	Texas Tech	10
11 Connecticut	Penn State	11
12 North Carolina	Minnesota	12
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17 Stanford	Texas	17
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## NCAA FOOTBALL



Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione looks on in his team's game against Oklahoma earlier this season. Franchione is rumored to be the leading to replace R.C. Slocum as head coach at Texas A&M.

## Franchione to Aggies rumors continue

COLLEGE STATION, Texas  
Texas A&M president Robert Gates declined to confirm reports that school officials had received permission to speak with Alabama coach Dennis Franchione about becoming the Aggies coach. Told that Alabama athletic director Mal Moore confirmed Wednesday that A&M officials had asked for and received permission to talk with Franchione, Gates only replied, "That sounds reliable."

Gates, speaking face-to-face to reporters for the first time since firing coach R.C. Slocum on Monday, wouldn't go into detail about the plans for replacing the 14-year head coach. "We have a process under way in looking for a new coach," Gates said. "I hope we'll have some results soon. That's all I'll say about the future." Gates also wasn't specific about a timetable for finding Slocum's replacement. "I hope soon," he said. Franchione has for several weeks been considered a possible replacement for Slocum, even before the coach was fired Monday, three days after a 50-20 loss to Texas that ended a

6-6 regular season. That matched the Aggies' worst record in 14 seasons under Slocum. Franchione led Alabama to a 17-8 record over the past two seasons, finishing at 10-3 this season after 21-16 victory at Hawaii on Saturday night. The Crimson Tide, which is on NCAA probation for recruiting violations that occurred before Franchione took the job, isn't eligible for a bowl game this year or next year. Franchione hasn't yet signed a contract extension with Alabama reported to be worth \$15 million over

10 years. "I will not impede coach Franchione in any manner if he wishes to talk to A&M," Moore said in a statement. "However, I want to stress that we want coach Franchione to finish his coaching career at the University of Alabama." "We have made what we feel is a strong and fair contractual offer for him to stay." Before going to Alabama, Franchione was at TCU for three seasons. He led the Horned Frogs, 1-10 the year before he arrived, to three straight bowl games and the share of the WAC title his last two years.

## IN BRIEF

**LeClair out 10 to 12 weeks**  
Flyers star John LeClair had shoulder surgery and is expected to be out 10 to 12 weeks. The 33-year-old left wing left the hospital in minimal pain within a few hours of the operation with his arm in a sling, Dr. Peter Deluca said. Whether LeClair immediately begins rehabilitation will depend on how he feels Thursday, Deluca said. Deluca, the team orthopedist, was one of two surgeons who operated at Hahnemann University Hospital. LeClair injured his shoulder after colliding with Pittsburgh defenseman Marc Bergevin last week. A three-time 50-goal scorer, LeClair was plagued by back injuries in recent years, twice having surgery. He had 25 goals and 26 assists last season and played every game. He has 11 goals and six assists this season. LeClair had surgery in July to clean out scar tissue and was pain-free until his shoulder injury.

He is the team's highest-paid player, signing a five-year, \$45 million contract in 2001. **Prentice signs with Arizona**  
Running back Travis Prentice signed with the Arizona Cardinals on Wednesday after being cut by the Houston Texans in training camp. Thomas Jones broke a hand two weeks ago, leaving Arizona with just two running backs — Marcel Shipp and Damien Anderson. Jones told the Cardinals he slammed his hand against a counter while trying to answer a phone at home. To make room for Prentice, Arizona released safety Don Morgan. Prentice has been out of football since the Texans cut him. He was Cleveland's third-round draft pick in 2000 and led the Browns in rushing as a rookie with 512 yards on 173 carries. He was traded to Minnesota last year and appeared in 14 games, primarily on special teams. He was

waived by the Vikings on May 2. Prentice, 5-foot-11 and 221 pounds, set NCAA career records in points, rushing touchdowns and overall touchdowns in four seasons at Miami of Ohio. **Browns great Reynolds dies**  
Billy Reynolds, a kick returner on the Cleveland Browns' championship team in 1954, died at 71. Reynolds died at the suburban Bedford Medical Center. He had been recuperating from hip replacement surgery. In 1954, Reynolds led the NFL in kickoff returns. He set up two touchdowns with punt returns in the Browns' victory against the Detroit Lions in the title game that season. The 5-foot-10 halfback played in college at Pittsburgh, where he was known as "The Rock." Reynolds was drafted by the Browns in the second round. His funeral is Saturday in Northfield, Ohio.

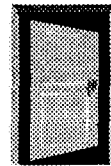
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# Gator

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Bowl, Washington State and Iowa would play in the Rose Bowl and USC and the Big 12 champ would meet in the Orange Bowl.

The Irish still have a narrow chance of squeaking into a BCS bowl. If 7-4 UCLA beats 9-2 Washington State, USC would win the Pac-10 title and the automatic Rose Bowl berth awarded to the conference champion, where they would probably face Iowa. That frees up an at-large bid that would most likely be given to Notre Dame.

If Miami makes the Fiesta Bowl, the Orange Bowl would be able to select its at-large team first.

In addition to Notre Dame, an Orange Bowl official said the bowl is also considering 10-2 Kansas State, which promised the Orange Bowl Tuesday it would buy 25,000

tickets if selected.

Another, more unlikely, scenario involves undefeated Miami losing to 9-3 Virginia Tech this weekend.

The loss would move 11-1 Georgia into the national championship game and possibly knock USC out of its automatic spot.

Then the Sugar Bowl could select Notre Dame.

Minutes after Notre Dame lost to USC 44-13, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham started arguing his team's case for a BCS berth.

"The case is that we've played 12 ballgames and we've won 10 of those ballgames," he said. "We've been a very improved and very sound football team. This one game can not be a true indicator of that."

But Willingham's campaigning won't have any impact unless UCLA wins Saturday.

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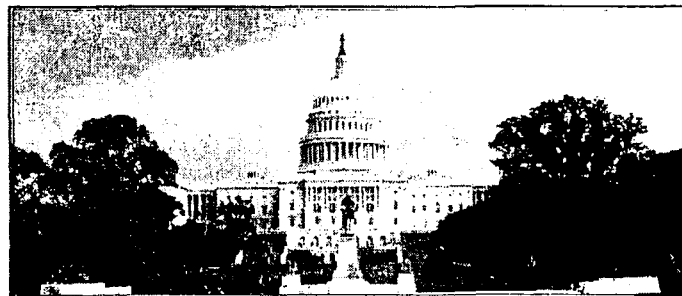
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## MENS SWIMMING

Irish look to get back  
on track at ND InviteBy LISA REIJULA  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team will have plenty of chances to show its talent in the pool this weekend.

The Irish host the Notre Dame Invitational starting today at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Five other teams will be in attendance at the three-day event — Virginia, Louisville, Wyoming, North Dakota and Saint Louis.

Junior Matt Obringer cited Big East rival West Virginia as a tough competitor. Freshman

Tim Randolph said Wyoming and North Dakota also have swimmers with fast times.

Notre Dame will look to dominate the field after a close loss to a talented Purdue team. The three-day meet format is similar to the schedule of the Big East Championships in February.

"We feel really prepared for this meet," Obringer said. "It will be a good marker of where we are with our season right now."

The Irish will concentrate on qualifying swimmers for the Big East Championships, especially the freshmen.

"This will be the first oppor-

tunity for the freshmen to see what the championship format is like at the college level," Obringer said.

At the Invitational, look for the relays to be close races. Several teams from the competing schools have similar times, and winning the valuable double relay points could give a school the edge in winning the Invitational.

For the Irish, the 400-meter medley and 400-meter freestyle relay teams have been strong all season long. The team has been working on improving its relay times in practice in preparation for the meet.

*"Having a good team atmosphere while we're out there has a bigger effect than other people think."*

Tim Randolph  
freshman

Several of the participating teams have faced one another or common opponents already this season. Louisville lost to West Virginia and TCU — a team the Irish defeated Nov. 16. Wyoming beat North Dakota in a dual meet earlier. The three-day format will be a test of the swimmers' endurance and focus. Team unity and support is crucial in keeping the athletes motivated all weekend.

"Having a good team atmosphere while we're out there has a bigger effect than other people think," Randolph said. "Just staying motivated and cheering for each other is really huge."

The Notre Dame Invitational will be a great opportunity for the Irish (4-3) to make a statement in the pool and prepare themselves for important upcoming meets.

The Invitational will take place all day today, Friday and Saturday.

Contact Lisa Reijula at  
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## Crusade

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and they play defense like USC and we thought that would be an advantage for us to have had a game like that, so we thought we'd be a little more ready," McGraw said. "But we actually looked really unprepared."

The Irish saw domination only once in the game. In the opening minutes of the second half, after allowing the Crusaders to score on two Jeanette Gray free-throws, Notre Dame scored 12 unanswered points in three minutes, taking a 42-30 lead with 15 minutes left to play.

"We got out and were able to transition and got some easy baskets," McGraw said. "That's what we had not been getting and did not get outside of that little stretch."

After that, it was a struggle for Notre Dame to keep the lead. With just under five minutes remaining, Le'Tania Severe, who had the best Notre Dame defensive performance along with 15 points, scored Notre Dame's last field goal. It was all foul shooting for the rest of the game. In fact, in the second half of play, Notre Dame scored 23 points on foul shots; the Irish only scored 20 points from the floor.

"There were a number of

things [that didn't go well]," Ratay hit six field goals and one trey on the way to a team-high 21 points. "I knew that is was getting closer and closer and I knew I had to score," Ratay said. The Irish will have two days off before traveling to Arizona State to face the Sun Devils on Saturday.

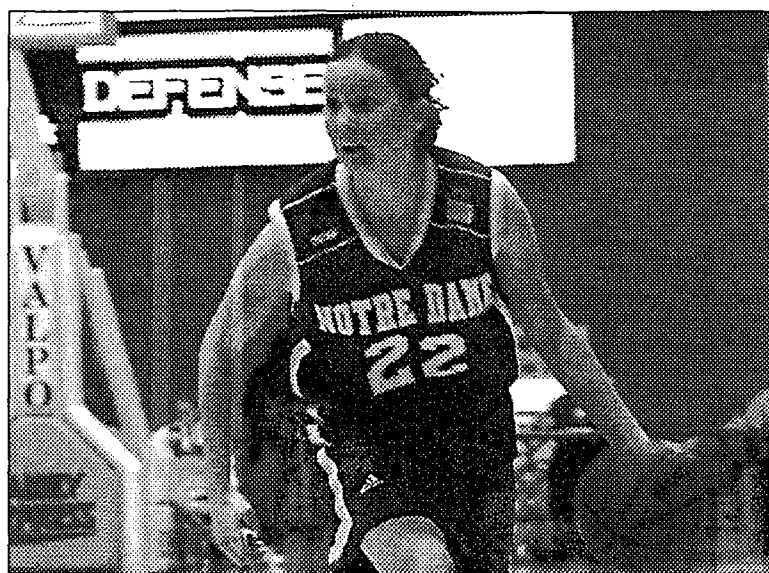
*"There were a number of things [that didn't go well]. A lack of intensity at the beginning of the game and we didn't come out and match the way they played."*

**Jackie Batteast**  
Irish forward

It was senior Alicia Ratay, coupled with Severe, who led the Irish on the court. Although Batteast and Katy Flecky each added 13 points, Ratay took control of the ball to keep the score close and Severe took control of her team to keep them focused.

Arizona State to face the Sun Devils on Saturday.

Contact Katie McVoy at  
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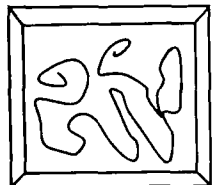
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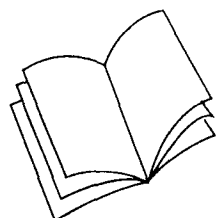
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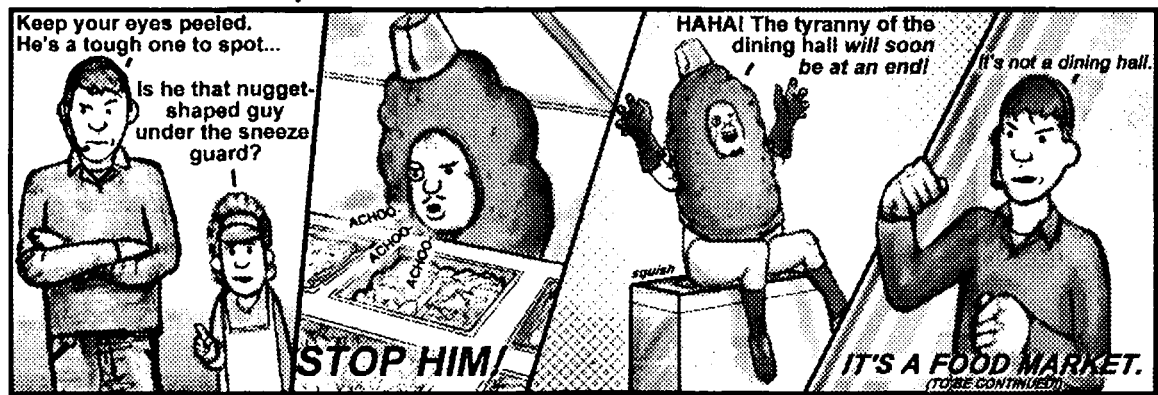
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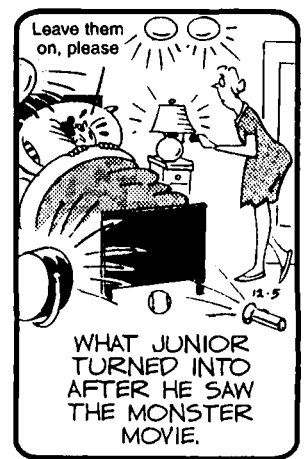
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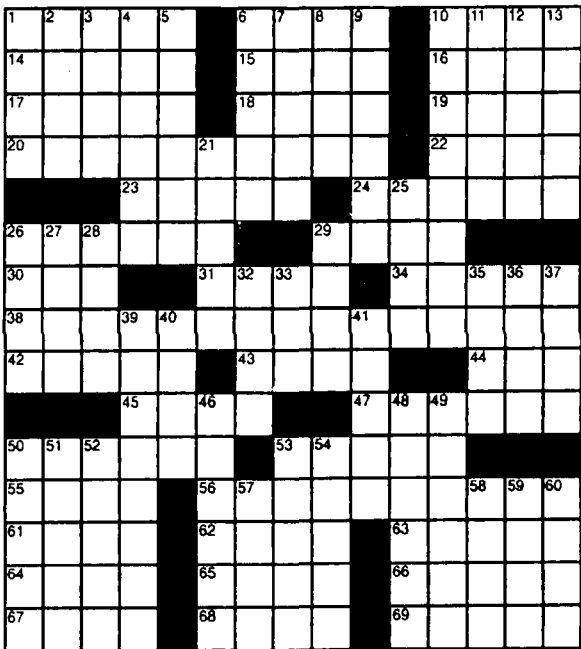
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# SPORTS

Thursday, December 5, 2002

## WOMENS BASKETBALL

### Too close for comfort

◆ **No. 9 Irish have trouble with Valparaiso, but escape with 74-68 victory**

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

VALPARAISO, Ind.

The war wasn't holy. Nonetheless, the crusade was on.

Valparaiso was on a quest to end its 15-game losing streak to Notre Dame, and the Crusaders almost reached the promised land.

With just under two minutes left, the Crusaders were trailing the ninth-ranked Irish by only seven.

But the Irish won the final battle, and Notre Dame managed the 74-68 victory.

But right now, they don't want to have to fight again.

"This has been a tough place for us to play," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "... We're thinking about not coming here anymore."

Valparaiso came out ready to play. The Crusaders looked intense, they looked prepared, and, most importantly, they looked like they wanted to

win.

"We played fearlessly," said Crusaders guard Kathy Knoester, who totaled 14 points in a strong second half of play.

Under the leadership of junior Suzie Hammel, who scored 17 points, the Crusaders played above and beyond the expectations of their opponent. In the first half, Valparaiso rebounded from a nine-point deficit to bring the game within three as the teams headed into the locker room.

"I thought Hammel was outstanding," McGraw said. "She was impossible for us to guard ... We just didn't have an

answer for her. She did pretty much whatever she wanted to."

The Irish, on the other hand, looked anything but ready to play and

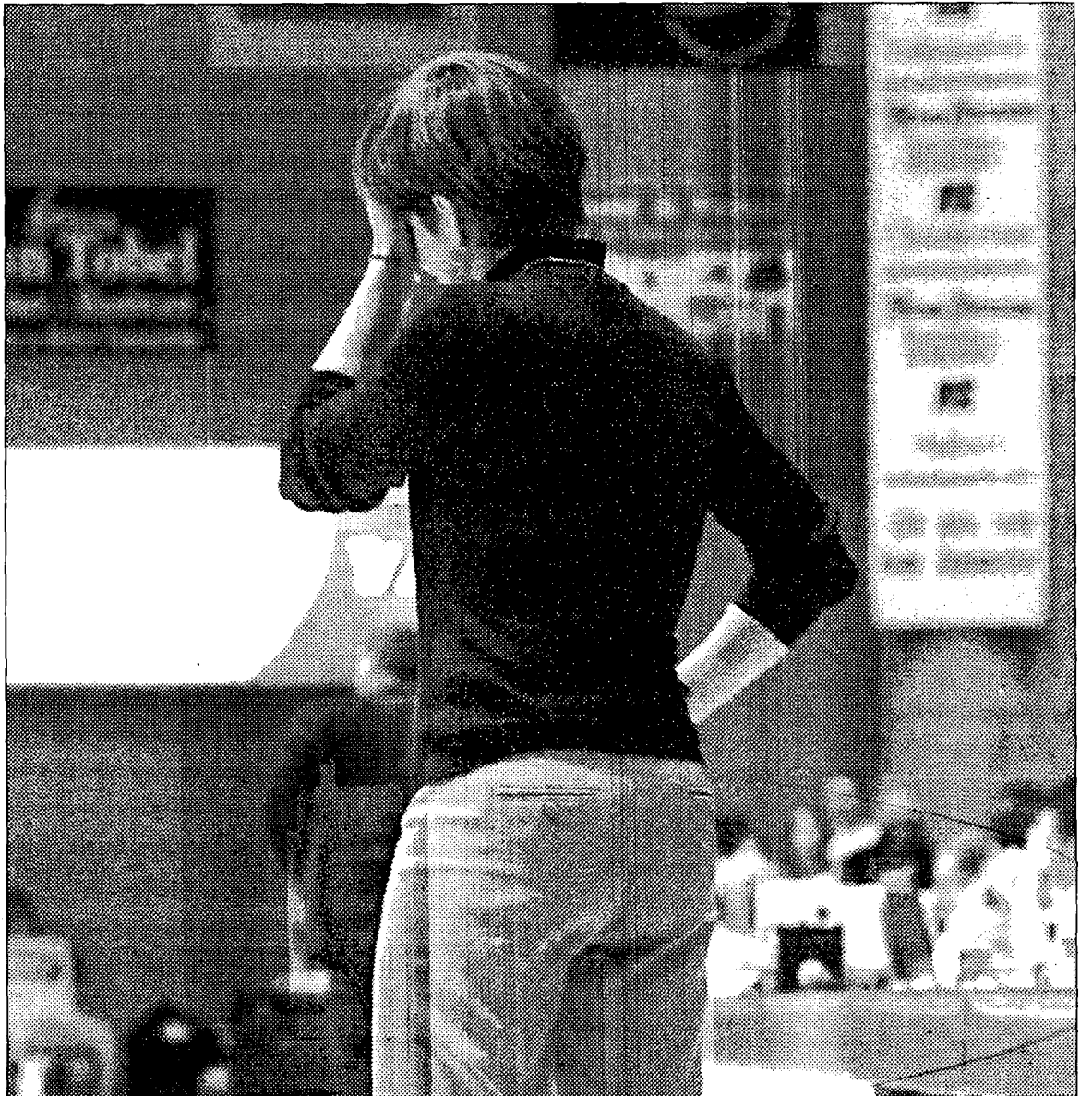
McGraw had to keep her team focused on the task at hand. In the first half, Notre Dame only out-rebounded its much smaller opponent by two. The Irish looked sluggish and, despite facing a similar defense in USC, the offense looked like it was completely unfamiliar with its opponent.

"We watched them on film

see CRUSADE/page 21

*"This has been a tough place to play. ... We're thinking about not coming here anymore."*

**Muffet McGraw**  
Irish coach

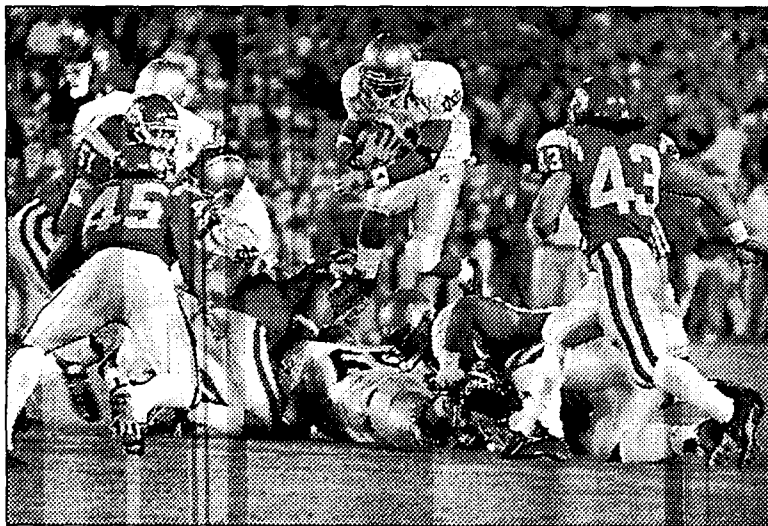


ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw covers her eyes during Notre Dame's game against Valparaiso Wednesday night. The Irish were able to squeak out a victory against the Crusaders, 74-68.

## ANALYSIS

### Gator Bowl will choose Irish if BCS overlooks them



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Irish running back Marcus Wilson rushes against USC. Without help this weekend, the Irish will likely head to the Gator Bowl.

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's bowl picture is slowly coming into focus, and the Irish may not like the image they see.

The only way the 10-2 Irish can lock up a spot in a BCS bowl is by earning one of the two at-large spots and finishing in the top 12 of the final BCS rankings released Sunday. If Notre Dame doesn't qualify for a BCS bowl, the team would probably be heading for the Gator Bowl, according to a Gator Bowl official.

The Irish officially learn their bowl fate Sunday.

The problem for Notre

Dame's BCS hopes is that one of the at-large berths may have already disappeared. The Big Ten announced Tuesday 11-1 Iowa was guaranteed a berth in one of the BCS bowls, most likely the Rose Bowl.

Assuming Miami and Washington State win Saturday, each clinching their respective conference championships, USC would finish fourth in the BCS standings and automatically clinch the final at-large spot. According to the BCS rules, a team that finishes fourth in the final rankings but doesn't win its conference championship is guaranteed a BCS berth.

If that scenario becomes a

reality and the Irish aren't selected for a BCS berth, a Gator Bowl representative said the Gator Bowl would choose Notre Dame.

Moreover, because a non-BCS Notre Dame team falls into the Big East bowl arrangements, the Irish could not reject a Gator Bowl invitation in favor of another bowl.

That means the Irish would face 10-3 North Carolina State on Jan. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Under that situation, Miami and Ohio State would meet in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship, the SEC champ would play ACC champ Florida State in the Sugar

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## BASEBALL

Irish second baseman Steve Sollmann was selected Big East Preseason Player of the Year, and the Irish were selected to win the conference.

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## MENS SWIMMING

### Notre Dame Invitational

#### Today-Saturday

The swimming team will face off against competitive squads from across the country in the Notre Dame Invitational today, Friday and Saturday.

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