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Students vote before Election Day



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Notre Dame junior Christine Burns fills out her Oregon absentee ballot Monday.

Absentee ballots, early voting set national count in motion

MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Though millions of Americans will head out to the polls one week from today, many voters, including Notre Dame students, have already made their choices.

During fall break, many students had the chance to vote early or pick up and mail in absentee ballots.

Sophomore Ashley St. Pierre turned in her absentee ballot during break in her home state of New Hampshire, a process she described as very easy.

Explaining her motivation for taking the time to vote at home, St. Pierre said voting is a privilege many people take for granted.

"In such a close race, this is a time when each vote is going to have an effect on the outcome of the election," St. Pierre said.

Junior Dan Reynolds said he

voted absentee in Cincinnati because he had no other option.

"If you're going to be out of the county on Election Day, you have to do it this way [in Ohio]," Reynolds said.

On voting a week before the actual election, Reynolds said he was unconcerned about having to decide early.

"I pretty much knew where I stood on things," Reynolds said. "That wasn't going to change in the last week."

Early voting means an individual can cast his ballot during a specific period prior to Election Day. Absentee voting involves requesting a ballot in the mail and returning it by mail or by hand.

According to data from HelpingAmericansVote.org, 27 states do not restrict early or absentee voting, while 23 states have state-specific requirements.

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Ejection numbers increase

Citations of ND, BC fans also rise at game



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Police cited 34 people and arrested 7 fans at Saturday's Boston College game.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

In numbers indicative of the schools' bitter rivalry, more Notre Dame and Boston College fans received citations for alcohol-related offenses and more people were ejected from Notre Dame Stadium Saturday than at any home football game this year.

The joint task force of Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police cited a total of 34 people before and during the game — the vast majority of which were Boston College fans, judging by their east coast addresses, said NDSP director Rex Rakow.

"If not the toughest, [Boston College] is one of the toughest crowds we face," Rakow said, adding that NDSP has observed a pattern of increased incidents on recent years'

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Yale professor traces development of Islam

Bowering: Christianity had vital influence on history of faith

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Contact with other contemporary faith traditions, including Christianity, played a key role in the early development of Islam, said Gerhard Bowering, a Jesuit professor of Islamic studies at Yale University, in a lecture on the history of Islam Monday night at the Hesburgh Center.

His talk was the first of this year's Erasmus Lectures. The theme of the series is

"Islam and Christianity," and the first lecture was entitled "Origins and Common Roots."

Bowering began by introducing Islam in its modern context.

"Islam is a world religion that has come into our purview through world events," he said. He examined some of the various ethnic and cultural groups that comprise the contemporary Islamic world and then turned to the origins of Islam in seventh century Mecca.

Bowering noted that Christianity had been developing for nearly six centuries before

the advent of Islam.

"The earliest Christian writers looked at Islam as just another heresy that had appeared," he said.

He described the rise of Islamic civilization both in the context of the pagan religions that had existed previously on the Arabian Peninsula, and in terms of its increasing contact with the Christian world.

After reviewing major occurrences in the life of Muhammad, Bowering began to relate

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City shuts down Benchwarmer's

Downtown bar was site of fights, underage drinking

By ANGELA SAOUD
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Benchwarmer's Sports Lounge closed its doors for good Oct. 18, after the city of South Bend agreed to purchase the bar for \$55,640.

The bar, which has been the scene for numerous instances of underage drinking and fights as of late, sold the entire facility, including all items in Benchwarmer's, along with the lounge's liquor license to South Bend, according to the South Bend Tribune.

The city also agreed to drop a

2003 nuisance lawsuit against owner Stephen Mitchell alleging that underage drinking and fighting had occurred.

Mitchell owned the bar for 10 years and told the Tribune that he plans to move to the Atlanta area as health problems motivated him to sell.

Neither Mitchell nor his lawyers could be reached for comment.

Fighting and unruly behavior at the bar had become a nuisance to the city and police officers. On Saturdays, four officers were usually assigned to patrol Benchwarmer's in addition to the regular officers working

downtown, causing officers to work overtime, according to the Tribune.

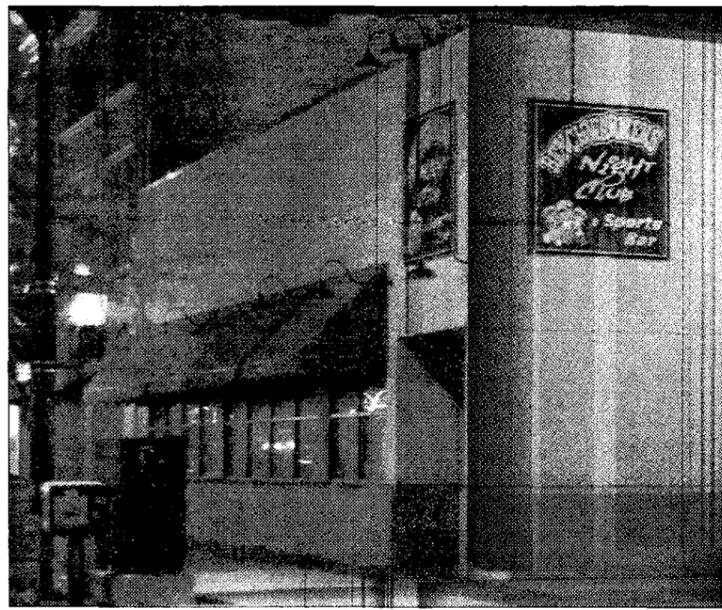
In January 2001, 50-60 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students were cited for underage drinking in a police raid on the bar.

Last May, a young woman's arm was broken during an arrest outside the bar.

Saint Mary's senior Erin Korreck said the bar closing will not affect her weekend entertainment.

"It doesn't change anything for me because I've never been there, and hadn't really ever

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

The city of South Bend recently purchased Benchwarmer's, the site of many fights and much underage drinking the last several years.

INSIDE COLUMN

Parents aren't so bad after all

Parents aren't so useless after all. When I went home for fall break, I was excited to see my family again. As a freshman, it was the first time I'd been away from them for an extended period of time. However, after the initial pleasure of reunion, I was greeted with something I definitely had not missed: Nagging.

My mom had made a to-do list for fall break. I had to balance my checking account, buy winter clothes and clean up my room I'd been gone for two months, how was it messy? But now that I'm back at school, something has dawned on me. Sometimes when parents nag in high school, it seems pointless. I learned that if I ignored a task, my mom would just end up doing it. But at college, if I ignore a task, it doesn't get done at all.

For instance, earlier this year I was busy and ignored my laundry. It piled up and before I realized what was happening, I had run out of clothes. Plus my laundry bag fell over and spilled all over the floor. That was the first time I realized I wasn't in the proverbial Kansas anymore.

At home, my mom would always comment that my desk was a mess. I used it as a repository of all the random pieces of paper I received. When I got here, this habit got even worse. With less space than at home, the area next to my laptop on my desk became a jumbled pile of paper, books, hats and even my cell phone. I learned the hard way to organize myself when I became convinced I had lost my check-book.

Another instance happened to my roommate earlier this year. At home, mothers call the entire family to the table, or at least tell you there's food in the fridge for when you get hungry. But at college, you have to remember to eat and eat right. My roommate ran into slight trouble with this the first week, eating approximately one meal a day.

Furthermore, without parents to put food on the table, I had to make sure I was eating a balanced diet. I had to make sure that as well as finding the dining hall's pizza and burgers, I also found the salad bar.

Lastly, not having a curfew at college is pretty nice, and I feel like I can handle being out late on weekends by sleeping in later than my family (especially my little sister) would let me do at home. However, when it comes to week night sleep, I have been spoiled by a sound sleeping roommate who doesn't mind if I'm up until 3 a.m. instant messaging my girlfriend and my friends from home. Some day, my goal is to have enough willpower to go to bed and get more than four hours of sleep.

So, despite the annoyances that nagging parents seemed to present, I guess now I have to admit they were right. Sometimes, things just have to get done.

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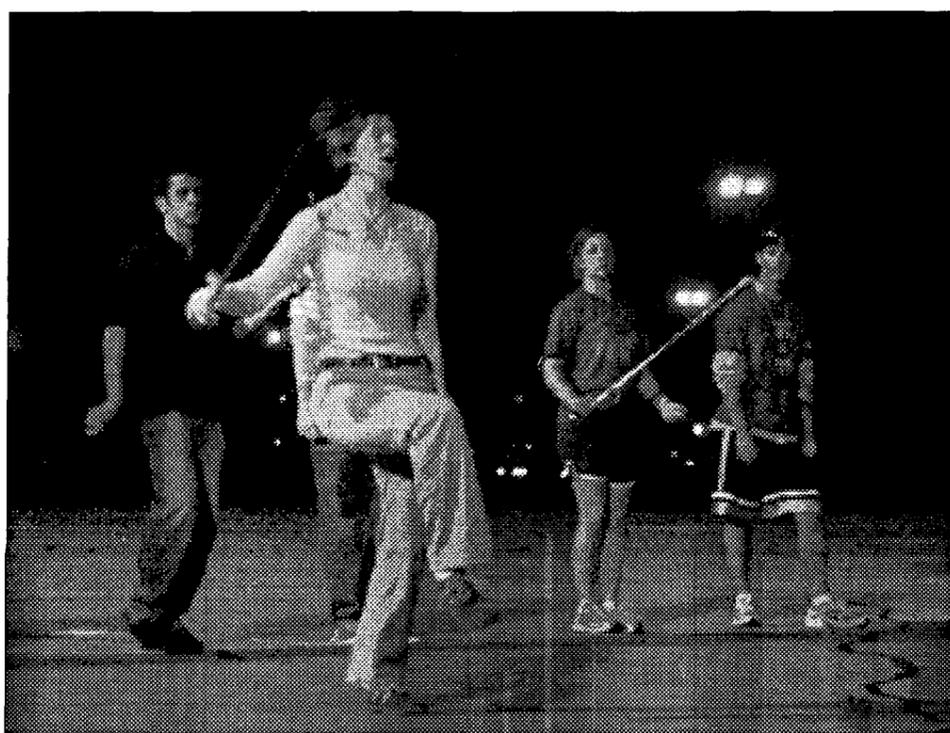
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT FALL BREAK?



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| Sean Cullen
<i>Alumni freshman</i>
"Being a Yankees fan in Boston after Game 7." | Anne Drolet
<i>LeMans junior</i>
"Visiting New York City and the 'Today Show.'" | Stephanie Lutz
<i>Holy Cross junior</i>
"Going home to Mississippi where we had record highs in the 90s for October." | Nicole Thaner
<i>LeMans junior</i>
"Passing a football between cars on an interstate." | Chris Nicol
<i>Holy Cross junior</i>
"Tailgating at the Navy game and shotgunning Cokes and Sprites." | Tom Dorwart
<i>Dillon freshman</i>
"Appalachia seminar." |
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Members of the Notre Dame marching band, including one of the drum majors, practice outside of the Joyce Center on Monday evening.

OFFBEAT

World's oldest man cheering for Red Sox
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — In 113 years, Fred Hale Sr. has seen a lot. There's one thing he'd like to see again. Hale, documented as the world's oldest man, is a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan.

Hale already has seen the Red Sox become the only team in baseball post-season history to overcome an 0-3 start to advance. Boston is up 2-0 on the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

Can the Red Sox win their first World Series since 1918?

"That's the question," said Hale. "We'll wait and see. Luck goes one way and goes out the other."

Turkey vultures take over Indiana yard
MUNCIE, Ind. — Turkey vultures have taken over Gwendolyn Griem's backyard and made a mess of it.

Around 50 of the soaring, carrion-consuming birds have flocked to Griem's yard in a gated subdivision in Muncie. They have ruined her patio furniture, stressed the shrubbery and even damaged the roof of her

home, Griem told the Muncie Star Press for a story Monday.

"Droppings are everywhere," Griem said. "They've made the patio unusable. The lawn people don't even like to mow it."

The birds have a 6-foot wingspan and can grow to be 32 inches tall, said Roger Hedge, an ecologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Most of the birds should head south for the winter, he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame students, faculty, students and staff can donate blood today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Volunteers should sign up for a time in advance with RecSports.

The Notre Dame bookstore will host stories and activities in the children's section today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your own costume.

Rock the Vote will host a panel of speakers on "Africa, Trade, Debt and the U.S. Presidential Elections" today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Robin Lakoff, University of California-Berkeley professor of linguistics, will talk today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo about "Boys will be Boys: Redrawing the Gender Line in the Sand."

Brown University scholar Ronald Martinez will discuss "Petrarch, Dante, and the Places of Liturgy" today from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in 102 Hesburgh Library.

A Peace Corps representative will hold an information session for students today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns lounge.

The Ballroom Dance Club will give tango dance lessons today in room 101 in the Rockne building. Beginning instruction will be from 9 to 9:30 p.m. and advanced lessons will be from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's discusses College identity forum

Members report on campus issues and goals for the year

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday night to discuss upcoming events, including the College identity forum. Members said the forum will take place Nov. 4.

"This forum's purpose is unifying, not polarizing our campus," Woman's Issues Commissioner Katie Kelly said.

Kelly also invited all BOG members to write down a question they would like to have addressed at the forum.

During fall break student trustee Sarah Brown said she met with the Board of Trustees to discuss several campus issues. She decided to initiate an Energy Conservation Task Force to help defray the high costs the campus must pay in energy bills.

At the retreat BOG attended in September, each member wrote down a goal for her board. Chief of staff Susan McIllduff encouraged commissioners to meet with her in the

upcoming weeks to discuss their goals for the year.

Kelly reported on her trip to the women's centers at Saint Kate's College and Saint Ben's College to learn about possible ideas for the Saint Mary's women's center to be in the new student center.

"It is really important for us to acknowledge how we will be effective in serving our women at a Catholic women's college," Kelly said.

Junior class president Danielle Lerner reported the class formal would be held Nov. 20 in the O'Laughlin Auditorium with the theme of "Viva Las Vegas." The class has also initiated "Project Warmth" on the Saint Mary's campus, and Lerner said the residence hall bins were overflowing with coat donations.

Emerson Drive will be performing tonight in O'Laughlin auditorium at 7 p.m. There are still tickets available and are \$5 for Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students and \$10 for the general public.

Members also discussed the upcoming College Democrats and Republicans mock debate on Nov. 1.

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Professor wins international award

Special to the Observer

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, F.J. and H.M. O'Neill Professor of Philosophy and concurrent professor of biological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has won the 2004 World Technology Award in ethics from the World Technology Network (WTN). She received the award for her work in environmental and public health ethics.



Kristin Shrader-Frechette

Because there are no Nobel Prize categories for engineer-

ing and technology, a group of Nobel laureates and business leaders created the WTN and its awards program in 2000. Each year, the organization honors individuals and corporations from 20 different technology-related disciplines deemed by the WTN to have the greatest likely future significance and impact on society.

Shrader-Frechette was honored Oct. 8 at the close of the WTN international summit in San Francisco.

The first WTA ethics winner was Harvard University and Hastings Center philosopher Daniel Callahan, who won the award for his work in biomedical ethics. Princeton University philosopher Peter Singer won the ethics award in 2003 for his work on global food ethics.

Shrader-Frechette also is a fellow of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. She joined the University's faculty in 1998 after holding senior professorships at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the University of Florida. An award-winning teacher as well as a researcher, she has published more than 350 articles and 14 books. Her work has been translated into 11 languages.

Most of Shrader-Frechette's work is in the philosophy of science, normative ethics, probabilistic/environmental risk assessment, and science policy. The U.S. National Science Foundation has continuously funded her research since 1982.

New building dedicated in Dublin

Special to the Observer

DUBLIN — On a stroll through the streets of this city, one can find the historic Trinity College, the Irish National Art Gallery, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral ... and the University of Notre Dame.

Since 1998, the Keough-Notre Dame Centre in the heart of the Irish capital has hosted an average of 70 Notre Dame undergraduates

per year to study and experience Irish culture. During that time, the centre has been based in a small portion of historic Newman House, at No. 86 St. Stephen's Green, a choice location.

But on Oct. 16, the University celebrated a dramatic improvement in the arrangements for its Irish program with the dedication of O'Connell House as a new and larger home for the

Keough Centre. The refurbishment of the facility was made possible by benefactions from Notre Dame Trustees Donald Keough and Martin Naughton.

The dedication events included a blessing of the building by Notre Dame's president, Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., an honorary degree ceremony, a dedication Mass, and remarks from Irish President Mary McAleese.



Statue of Dante Alighieri, Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence

DANTE & PETRARCH

In celebration of the 7th centenary of Petrarch's birth, the Devers Program in Dante Studies is pleased to announce a lecture series exploring aspects of the literary relationship between Dante (1265-1321) and Petrarch (1304-1374):

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

RONALD L. MARTINEZ, *Brown University*
"Petrarch, Dante, and the Places of Liturgy"

ALBERT R. ASCOLI, *University of California, Berkeley*
"Blinding the Cyclops: Petrarch After Dante"

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

SARA STURM-MADDOX, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
"Dante, Petrarch, and the Laurel Crown"

THEODORE J. CACHEY, JR., *University of Notre Dame*
"Between Dante and Petrarch"



Statue of Francesco Petrarca, Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence

All lectures will take place in the Department of Special Collections, 102 Hesburgh Library, beginning at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend these events.

This lecture series is sponsored by: The William and Katherine Devers Program in Dante Studies — The Medieval Institute
The Department of Romance Languages & Literatures — The Ph.D. in Literature Program

SOUTH KOREA

Nation tightens security

Korean military ordered into high alert near Seoul

Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's military went into a high state of alert on Tuesday, tightening roadblocks and traffic checks north of Seoul after finding signs of possible infiltration by North Korean agents, officials said.

The increased security along the roads between the tense border and Seoul came as U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was visiting South Korea to discuss a strategy for restarting stalled talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

South Korean border guards found a hole in the wire fence that forms the southern boundary of the 2.5-mile wide Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, said Brig. Gen. Hwang Joong-sun of the South Korean Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The 16- by 12-inch hole, which was cut through two layers of wire fence meters yards apart, was discovered early Tuesday near Yeoncheon, a border town 40 miles north of Seoul.

North Korea had no immediate comment, but it has a long history of staging border infiltration and other military provocations in apparent attempts to hike tension and increase its leverage at times of crucial negotiations.

South Korea imposed "Jindogye-1" around Yeoncheon, the highest level of vigilance the military can issue before an actual sighting of a communist infiltrator, said another ministry spokesman, who also refused to be named.

Domestic media carried similar

reports. Jindogye-1 reportedly requires military units to move troops for patrol and combat readiness. Soldiers also join police at checkpoints.

Ministry officials refused to discuss details of the measures taken Tuesday.

"We are investigating several possibilities. In the meantime, we are conducting our military operations in case there is an infiltration by an enemy," Hwang said at a news conference. He refused to elaborate.

Police and soldiers tightened inspections in 54 checkpoints on the roads north of Seoul and established 16 temporary checkpoints, South Korea's national news agency Yonhap reported.

The military also barred Yeoncheon farmers from working in fields near the border and posted sentries at foothills, Yonhap said.

Police already had boosted security around the U.S. Embassy in Seoul and the main South Korean government building where Powell was meeting senior South Korean officials. They were guarding against possible demonstrations by activists who opposed Powell's trip, blaming President Bush for heightening tension with North Korea.

Roads between Seoul and the heavily fortified border are dotted with concrete tank traps and checkpoints and roadblocks. A large portion of South Korea's 650,000-member military is amassed in the area, which North Korea used as the main corridor of invasion when it started the 1950-53 Korean War.

Game

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Irish-Eagles game days. "I think for their students, this is their one big road trip of the year."

The previous high for citations was 29 on Sept. 11, the day of the Michigan game. Citations issued on football Saturdays typically include minor in consumption, minor in possession and public intoxication, Rakow said.

The task force also made seven custodial arrests — four in the White Field Lot prior to the game and three during the game — on charges including public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, Rakow said. All four people arrested before the game were of student age, with one from Notre Dame and three from Boston College, and one Notre Dame student was arrested at the game, Rakow said. He was unsure of the affiliation of the other two people arrested in the stadium.

Ushers and police also made 135 ejections, counting two fans that were removed twice, said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel. Gagnon said the ejection total was the fifth highest the stadium has seen in nine years, with the first four — peaking at 220 — also coming against Boston College.

"There's a real hostility among their students and fans when they arrive here, [as well as] a big drinking culture" on both sides, Gagnon said. While a typical game would result in "a handful" of ejections taking place in visitors' sections, he said, 31 fans were ejected from sections where Boston College fans clustered

Saturday.

"One thing that hurts the B.C. group is they like to sit together," and will sneak in with tickets from different sections, Gagnon said. Fans who lose their seats because of this behavior often complain to ushers, leading to confrontations and ejections, he said.

"They are their own worst enemy," he said.

The Notre Dame student section was not without its own problems Saturday, Gagnon said, as 23 people were ejected — eight because of intoxication and 15 because of throwing marshmallows.

Ushers will remove a student on the basis of intoxication when signs of alcohol abuse are coupled with problematic behavior, such as vomiting or swearing, he said.

"We know a large number of students have been at tailgaters and have been drinking — that alone won't get you removed," Gagnon said. But if a fan challenges an usher and the situation escalates, police can be called for backup, Gagnon said. Police offered physical assistance on between three and five of Saturday's 135 ejections.

This season's previous high for ejections was 110 on Oct. 2, the day of the Purdue game, Gagnon said. Ejections at other games were significantly lower, with 90 at the Oct. 9 Stanford game, 62 at the Sept. 11 Michigan game and 58 at the Sept. 25 Washington game. The most ejections from the Notre Dame student section this year, 30, took place at the Stanford game.

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Voting

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While many states require voters to give a reason for not voting on Election Day, over 40 percent of states do not, according to HelpingAmericansVote.org.

In the South Bend area, St. Joseph County has seen an increase in absentee voting, St. Joseph County circuit clerk Rita Glenn said.

"We sent out 13,000 ballots and have processed about 6,700," Glenn said.

However, Glenn said there was not necessarily a trend toward increased absentee voting.

"It is an increase [in absentee voting], but the

population of the U.S. has increased as well," she said. "We also had over 8,000 new applicants registering to vote for the first time."

In 2000, Glenn said that the county received 9,251 absentee ballots during the period from the first Monday of October to the Monday before Election Day.

Notre Dame Rock the Vote student coordinator Peter Quaranto said Rock the Vote tried to let students know they could vote over fall break.

"Now, the only option is to return to your home state and vote early there, or send in an absentee ballot," he said.

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Talk

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key events in Islam's incipient years to present day dilemmas. He said Muhammad had taken to opposing the presence of the small Jewish tribes in Mecca and Medina, foreshadowing the present conflict between the two faiths.

He also examined the term jihad, which he described as "the struggle with all means on the path of God, even militant means."

The Middle Ages, Böwering said, provided a turning point in Islam's relations with Christianity, culminating dramatically in the Crusades. Meanwhile, Muslims were rapidly and successfully

expanding on other fronts.

"The Muslims never really made subject populations," he said. "The conquered became the conquerors."

Böwering also pointed out that many scientific and cultural innovations came from the Islamic world to Europe in ages past. Since the Enlightenment, however, the opposite has largely been the case. He attributed the modern trend toward fundamentalism in Islamic countries partly to this reversal.

Böwering will also give two additional Erasmus lectures this week in the Hesburgh Center, at 5 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Friday.

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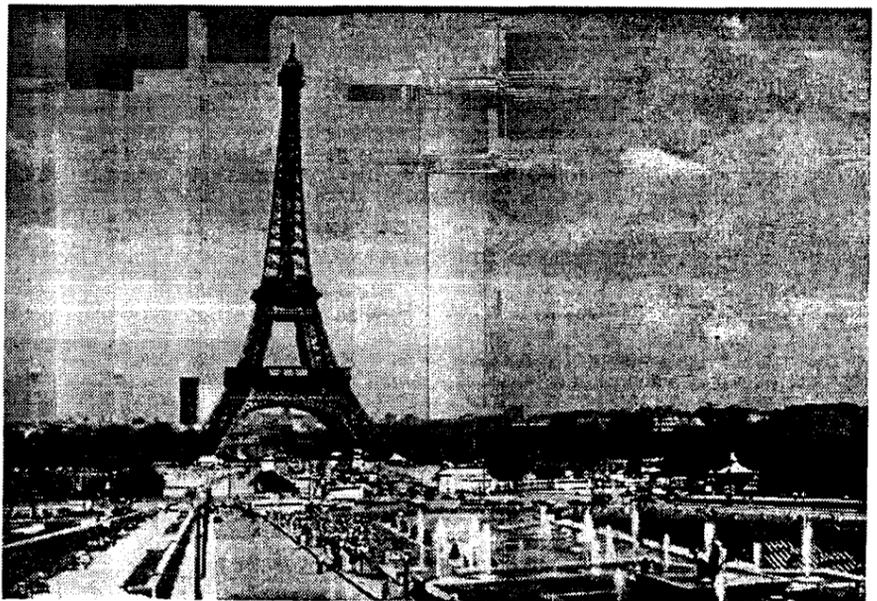
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planned on going," she said. "I don't really think it was much of a college hangout for the

recent classes, even if it used to be."

The city has no immediate plans for the building or its contents, according to the Tribune.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq may have missing explosives

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear agency warned Monday that insurgents in Iraq may have obtained nearly 400 tons of missing explosives that can be used in the kind of car bomb attacks that have targeted U.S.-led coalition forces for months.

Diplomats questioned why the United States didn't do more to secure the former Iraqi military installation that had housed the explosives, which they say posed a well-known threat of being looted. Others criticized the United States for not allowing full international inspections to resume after the March 2003 invasion.

The White House played down the significance of the missing weapons, but Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry accused President Bush of "incredible incompetence" and his campaign said the administration "must answer for what may be the most grave and catastrophic mistake in a tragic series of blunders in Iraq."

Noor denounces extremist "ranting"

BOGOTA, Colombia — Queen Noor of Jordan is urging Muslim moderates to speak out against the "ranting" of extremists who use Islam to justify beheadings and suicide bombings against the United States and Westerners.

The American-born widow of King Hussein, who perhaps more than any other Hussein figure represents a fusion of the United States and the Arab world, also told The Associated Press in an interview that Washington should tone down its militaristic approach to the Middle East.

Noor denounced the twisting of Islam preached by extremists, who are waging what they say is a holy war against the West.

NATIONAL NEWS

Violent crime down 3 percent

WASHINGTON — Every type of violent crime fell last year with one notable exception: Murders were up for the fourth straight year, according to an annual FBI report released Monday.

After reaching a low point in 1999 of about 15,500 homicides, the number has crept up steadily since then to more than 16,500 in 2003 — or almost six murders for every 100,000 U.S. residents.

That was a 1.7 percent increase from 2002 and a jump of more than 6 percent since 1999. Still, the latest figure was 29 percent lower than the homicides in 1994.

Matilija Dam outlives its usefulness

OJAI, Calif. — The Matilija Dam isn't much of a dam anymore — on rainy days, it looks more like a waterfall. A pile of sediment has built up so high behind the dam that when just an inch of rain falls, water spills over in glistening cascades.

The dam's aging concrete also chokes off sediment and nutrients that could nurture the riverbanks and restore Ventura County beaches downstream. So, it's got to go.

But, tearing down the Southern California structure presents a costly challenge.

The sheer size of its removal will make it one of the most complicated in the country, and the project will carry an expected price tag of \$130 million.

LOCAL NEWS

Two escape fire on Near Westside

INDIANAPOLIS — Scott Couch says he's lucky that the smell of smoke was enough to alert him and his cousin to escape their Near-Westside home this morning just before an apparent kitchen fire gutted the interior.

The fire occurred about 6:03 a.m. to the Couch's brick one-story home in the 1700 block of McCormick Street, in Haughville.

Indianapolis firefighters arrived three minutes later after getting a 911 call and brought the quickly moving fire under control in just minutes.

ISRAEL

Sharon shares plan to secure Israel

Debate ensues in parliament as prime minister appeals for support of withdrawal

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon opened a stormy debate in parliament Monday with a passionate appeal to lawmakers to support his Gaza withdrawal plan — which has divided the country and weakened his government — as the only way to secure Israel's future.

The withdrawal would mark the first time Israel has pulled down Jewish settlements in the West Bank or Gaza, and Sharon is hoping a decisive victory in a parliamentary vote scheduled for Tuesday will blunt calls for a national referendum on the plan.

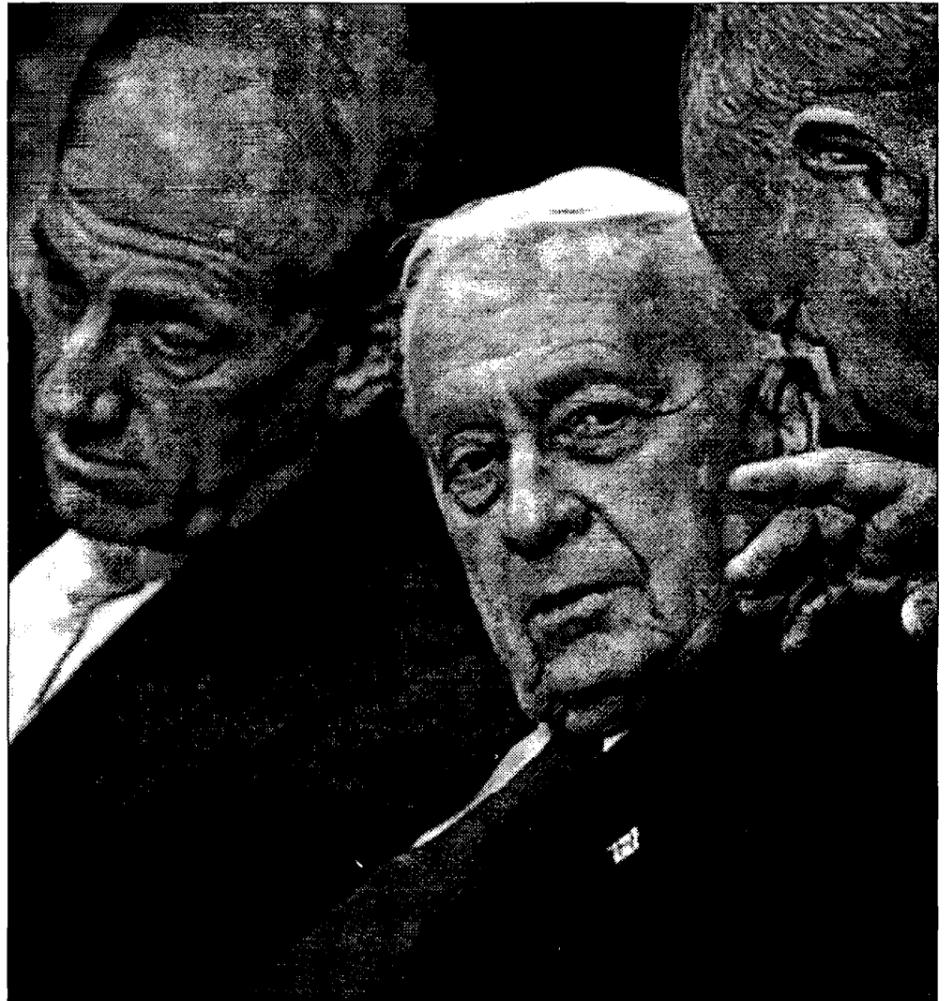
"This is a fateful moment for Israel. We are dealing with a difficult decision that has few parallels," he said in a speech repeatedly interrupted by heckling from hard-line opponents.

The two-day debate in the Knesset is the climax of a monthslong confrontation over the "unilateral disengagement" plan, which Sharon has pushed despite strong opposition from much of his Likud Party and the threat that it could destroy his coalition government.

As the debate began, violence flared in Gaza, with Israeli troops killing 15 Palestinians and wounding 91 others in a raid on the Khan Younis refugee camp to halt Palestinian mortar fire at nearby settlements. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded.

Violence in Gaza has increased in recent months, with Palestinian militants trying to prove they are forcing Israel out, and Israel seeking to crush the militants to show it is not withdrawing under fire.

Sharon says his plan to leave Gaza and pull down four small West Bank settlements is vital to ending four years of devastating violence in the region. Jewish settlers accuse Sharon of caving in to



Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, middle, expressed his determination to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and West Bank but remains open to peace talks with Palestine.

Palestinian violence and fear the withdrawal will be the first step in a larger pullback.

Palestinians view the plan with skepticism and worry that Sharon hopes to use the limited withdrawal to mute international criticism of Israel and strengthen its hold over large parts of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, lands the Palestinians claim for a state.

The program, which will uproot 8,800 settlers, is a sharp reversal for the premier, who was once the settlers' top patron in the government. Sharon said supporting the withdrawal was the most difficult decision of his long career.

"I know the significance

of the Knesset's decision for thousands of Israelis who have lived for many years in the Gaza Strip, who were sent there in the name of Israeli governments, and built their homes there. Who planted flowers and trees, and brought up their children, who have never known another home," he said. "I know this well. I sent many."

Sharon said his plan was not intended to replace negotiations with the Palestinians in the long run.

"It is a necessary step during a period in which negotiations are not possible. All is open when terror — this murderous terror — stops."

The plan has sharply divided Sharon's Likud Party, with nearly half the 40 Likud lawmakers saying they will vote against it, forcing Sharon to rely on the support of dovish opposition parties.

Sharon is expected to win Tuesday's vote, but will need a solid margin of victory to silence opponents' demand for a national referendum.

Sharon opposes a referendum, which would take months to prepare, as a stalling tactic and said it would only increase the divisions and the hatred on both sides. However, several Cabinet members, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have called for a national vote.

Chief Justice Rehnquist hospitalized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has thyroid cancer that has temporarily sidelined the conservative anchor of the Supreme Court and injected into the presidential campaign the issue of appointments to the most important legal panel in America.

Rehnquist's diagnosis was announced Monday in a terse statement by the Supreme Court. It said the 80-year-old widower underwent a tracheotomy over the weekend and was hospitalized but expected

to be back at work next week when the court resumes hearing cases.

Left unsaid was Rehnquist's condition at the National Naval Medical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md., and which type of thyroid cancer he has. About 23,600 people develop various types of thyroid cancer each year in the United States. Most types are considered treatable, but many variables exist including age and how quickly the cancer is found.

Rehnquist's hospitalization gave new prominence to a campaign issue that has been overshadowed

by the war on terror. The next president probably will name one or more justices to a court that has been deeply divided in recent years on issues as varied as abortion and the 2000 election itself. President Bush won that after the Supreme Court issued a key 5-4 decision in his favor, with Rehnquist as part of the majority.

The last court vacancy was in 1994, the longest stretch of continuity in modern history. Only one of the court's nine members — Clarence Thomas, appointed by former President Bush — is under 65.

CHINA

Powell, Wen reach agreement on issues



Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, right, welcomes U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell during a meeting in Beijing Monday.

Associated Press

BEIJING — Secretary of State Colin Powell won agreement from top Chinese officials Monday to resume joint discussions on human rights issues, but he failed to persuade them to open a dialogue with old rival Taiwan.

China angrily removed human rights from the U.S.-China agenda last spring when the United States introduced a resolution critical of Beijing before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Powell told reporters after high-level discussions here that the two countries "will start talks about resuming our human rights dialogue." He said he wants official discussions to touch on U.S. concerns about the detention of journalists and restrictions on civil liberties, among other issues.

On Taiwan, Powell reaffirmed the U.S. view that China should welcome a recent offer by Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian to reopen political discussions with China. But the Chinese, mistrustful of Chen because of his moves toward independence, rejected Powell's appeals, said a U.S. official who accompanied Powell in the discussions.

China has said a dialogue with Taiwan will be possible only after the island agrees it is a part of China.

Powell, who arrived here from Japan on Sunday night, met separately with President Hu Jintao, Prime Minister Wen Jiabao and Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing.

The Xinhua News Agency reported after Powell's talks that Hu "appreciated" the United States for reiterating its opposition to Taiwan independence.

"[Hu] said he hoped the U.S. side would see clearly the nature and serious harm

of the 'Taiwan independence' forces," Xinhua said.

During Powell's discussions, China reaffirmed its strong opposition to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Powell said all weapons transfers to the island are for defensive purposes only.

There was no shortage of issues for the two sides to discuss. A Powell aide counted 29 raised during his meetings.

He flew to South Korea in the afternoon following a 25-minute stop at the Sun Dong An Plaza, a modern shopping mall in the heart of Beijing. As he arrived, he was surrounded by a phalanx of about two dozen plainclothes police who kept surprised Chinese shoppers at bay. Some snapped pictures of him with their cell phones. He bought an \$8 art set for one of his grandchildren and a \$10 fountain pen.

On North Korea, Chinese officials told Powell they believe it is possible for six-nation negotiations on nuclear disarmament to resume in the next few months. North Korea boycotted a meeting that was to have taken place in September. The six nations are the United States, China, Japan, Russia and the two Koreas.

The United States is seeking the permanent denuclearization of North Korea and has said it will provide the communist government with economic benefits only after it offers a credible commitment to meet U.S. disarmament demands.

American partners in the six-party process share the U.S. goal but Li, the Chinese foreign minister, told Xinhua after his meeting with Powell that he believes that U.S. policy is too rigid. Washington, he said, should "go further to adopt a flexible and practical attitude on the issue."

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IN BRIEF

American to furlough up to 1,100

DALLAS — American Airlines, struggling with rising fuel costs and competition from low-fare carriers, will furlough up to 650 maintenance workers in Kansas City and St. Louis and up to 450 pilots, the company said in a memo given to employees Friday.

The news came two days after Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., parent of American, reported that it lost \$214 million from July through September and expected an even bigger loss in the fourth quarter.

Jeff Brundage, the company's senior vice president of human resources, wrote in the memo obtained by The Associated Press that American has worked for months to "operate more efficiently and return to profitability."

"Despite our success in lowering costs, some circumstances that greatly impact us, most notably fuel, are out of our control," Brundage said in the memo. "Unless things change significantly, we know we are in for a difficult winter."

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for American, confirmed a memo went out to employees, but said Friday night he could not comment because the company has promised to tell employees about cost-cutting measures before discussing them publicly.

Spitzer to change insurance sales

NEW YORK — The insurance industry could look a lot different than it does today when New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is done with his investigation.

His earlier probes into the financial services industry forced reforms in analyst research, which was determined to be tainted by links to lucrative investment banking deals, and in mutual funds, where select individuals were given trading privileges at the expense of the majority of investors.

Now, he's clearly looking for changes in the way insurance is sold, especially when it comes to how commissions and fees are assessed. And his disclosures of questionable sales practices could trigger new efforts in Washington to impose federal rules on an industry now largely regulated by the states, experts say.

It remains to be seen if the consequence for insurance buyers will be lower-cost policies. Analysts point out that brokers and insurance companies may be forced to change the ways they're compensated, but not necessarily the amounts they collect.

NETHERLANDS

ISG deal to change steel industry

\$4.5 billion deal and consolidation to form world's largest steel leader

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Steel tycoon Lakshmi N. Mittal announced plans to pay \$4.5 billion in cash and stock for U.S. steelmaker International Steel Group Inc., which had been cobbled together by onetime investment banker Wilbur L. Ross Jr. from mills whose parents landed in bankruptcy court.

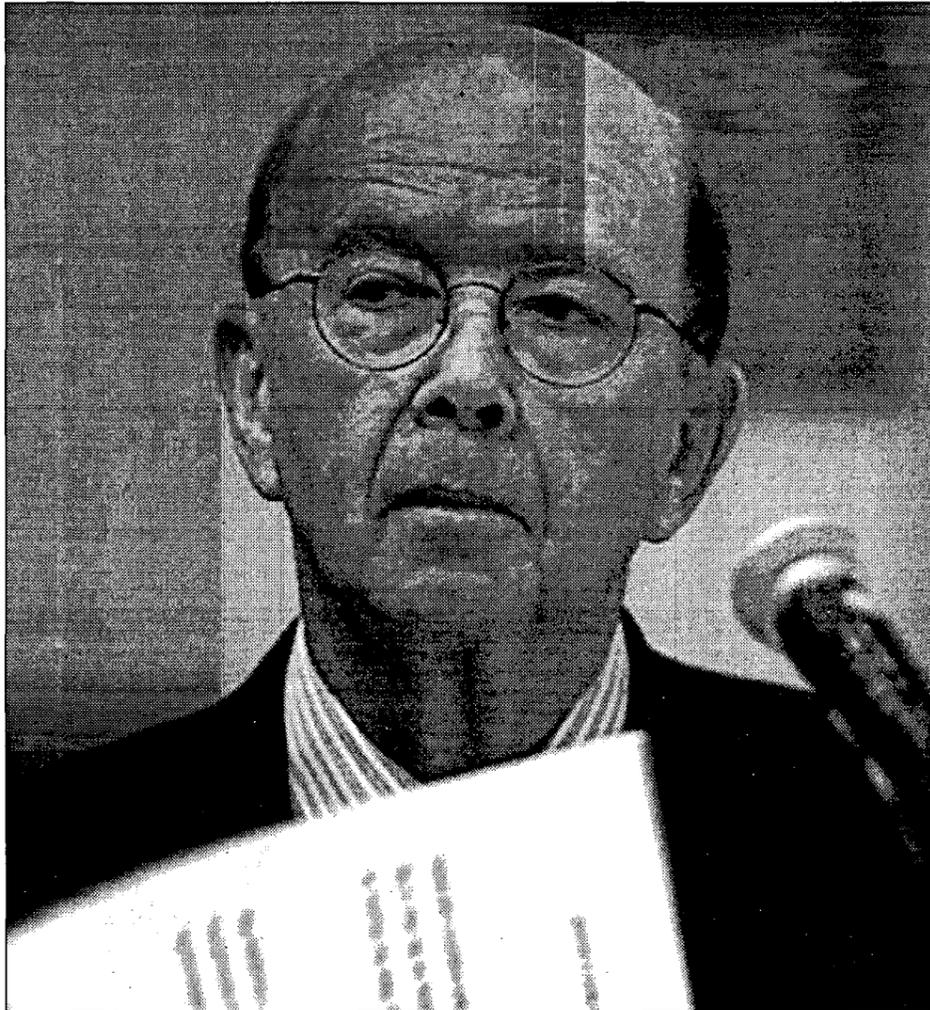
The takeover and the consolidation of two Mittal-controlled companies also announced on Monday will create a global metals mammoth with anticipated 2004 sales of \$31.8 billion, 70 million tons of steel production capacity and 165,000 employees, rivaling the world's largest steel and mining conglomerates.

"These transactions dramatically change the landscape of the global steel industry," said Mittal, who will be chief executive of the combined company.

The size of the renamed Mittal Steel Co. NV will provide it economies of scale in purchasing raw materials and advantages in setting global prices for steel, analysts said. The deal comes against the backdrop of rising demand for steel in China, whose appetite for oil has already contributed to rising energy prices.

Mittal, a native of India who now lives in London, has spent years acquiring steelmaking plants in locations ranging from the Czech Republic to South Africa to Mexico, much as ISG chairman Ross has since 2002, scooping up the steel-making assets of fallen U.S. giants like LTV, Acme Steel, Bethlehem Steel and Weirton Steel.

Mittal Steel will have a particular advantage in the United States, where it will control about 40 percent of the flat-rolled steel market, said analyst Chris Olin of Longbow Research. He said the new company has the potential to become one of the lowest-cost steel pro-



Wilbur L. Ross Jr., chairman of International Steel Group, Inc., will be on the board when the LNM Group merges and takes over U.S.-based International Steel Group Inc.

ducers in the world and has the potential to generate even more savings through scale advantages.

The takeover of ISG, which is based in Richfield, Ohio, must be approved by regulators. Mittal said he does not plan layoffs.

Under the deal, Rotterdam-based Ispat International NV — in which the Mittal family has a majority stake — will issue \$13.3 billion of shares to buy another Mittal family company, LNM Holdings NV. Then, that company would pay \$21 in cash and about \$21 a share in stock for each share of ISG.

Shares of ISG surged \$5.57, or 19 percent, to

close at \$35.25 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Ross, 66, who formerly worked at the investment firm Rothschild Inc., controlled 32.8 percent of ISG shares when the company's last proxy statement was filed with the SEC in April. Many of those shares were owned by various funds Ross managed. He personally owned 7.1 percent of ISG shares, worth \$291.3 million in cash and stock if the Mittal transaction is completed.

The combined company will be based in Rotterdam and will seek a dual listing on the New York Stock Exchange and Amsterdam's Euronext

exchange. The Mittal family will own 88 percent.

Mittal Steel will "have excellent positions in raw materials, particularly coal, coke and iron ore," Mittal said.

The new company is comparable with the world's largest steelmaker, Luxembourg-based Arcelor SA, which had with 2003 sales of \$33.2 billion and around 100,000 employees.

Frank Holmes, chief executive of U.S. Global Investments, who follows the steel industry, said Mittal is one of a handful of consolidators — like ISG's chairman Ross — who have taken over from the last generation of steel company managers.

Marsh & McLennan's directors in hot seat

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No doubt the nail biting has started among members of the Marsh & McLennan Cos. board of the directors. With the company plagued by yet another scandal, their oversight will certainly be called into question.

It should be. In the wake of all the business scandals, boards all around corporate America are under intense scrutiny over how they do their jobs, and new court cases are raising the possibility that directors could be found personally liable for what they do — and what they fail to do.

Serving on a corporate board has

never been a cushy job, but now a director's every move has potential consequences.

That isn't to say boards today are being held to such high standards that they can't make mistakes. The question is whether they stick to their mission: To act in good faith and in the best interest of the company and its shareholders.

"Directors, time to time, may make bad business decisions. They aren't liable for that," said Gregory Puff, a partner at the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery. "They are liable when they don't discharge their fiduciary obligations."

At Marsh & McLennan, that will

surely be examined now that the company is at the center of the giant scandal rocking the insurance business, with its brokers accused of cheating clients by rigging bids and taking payoffs from insurance companies to steer clients their way rather than get the best prices for policies.

The directors have done their best to distance themselves from the alleged wrongdoing.

Immediately following news on Oct. 14 that New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer was suing the company, the 10 independent directors on the 16-person board issued a statement that they had begun a review of the accusations.

EGYPT

Information released about terror plotters

Associated Press

CAIRO — A Palestinian refugee plotted the coordinated bombings targeting Israeli tourists at resorts in the Sinai and accidentally killed himself while carrying out the deadliest blast, Egyptian authorities said Monday.

Discounting the theory of al-Qaida involvement, an Interior Ministry statement said Ayad Said Saleh was motivated by the deteriorating situation in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, which his relatives fled in 1967, and carried out the attack with the help of local residents.

But security officials speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press they believed the Oct. 7 attacks on the Taba Hilton and two beach camps packed with Israelis may have been carried out with help from Islamic groups based outside Egypt, though not necessarily Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida group.

One car bomb devastated the Hilton hotel in Taba, just yards from the Israeli border, while two others rocked tourist camps at Ras Shitan, a coastal village 35 miles further south, killing a total of 34 people, including Israelis, Egyptians, Italians and Russians.

Egypt's Interior Ministry said the attacks were masterminded by Saleh, a minibus driver born in

the northern Sinai town of al-Arish, who was in his early 20s. Saleh was killed in the Taba Hilton bombing along with a fellow plotter, Egyptian Suleiman Ahmed Saleh Flayfil, 39.

The statement said both men, identified through DNA testing, had been trying to leave the attack scene but their timed explosives went off prematurely.

Two other suspects were said to be at large: Mohamed Ahmed Saleh Flayfil, Suleiman Flayfil's brother, and Hammad Gaman Gomah Tarabeen. They were accused of carrying out the campground attacks.

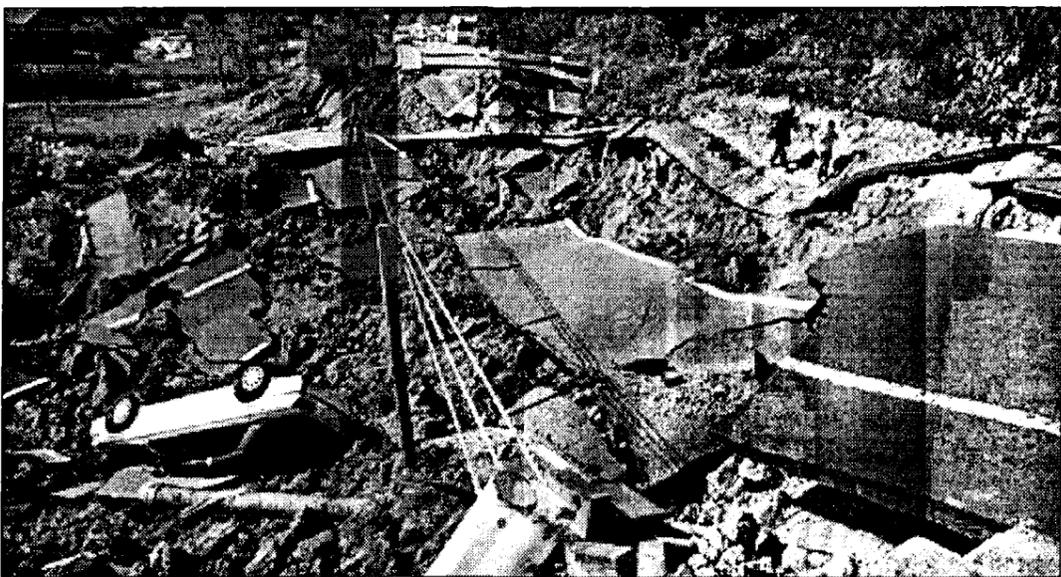
Police also arrested five Egyptians accused of playing lower-level roles, including obtaining explosives and cars used in the attacks. The statement did not say when they were arrested or provide details of their capture.

The five are residents of the Sinai Peninsula, a territory Israel captured from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war and returned in 1982 under terms of the first Israeli-Arab peace treaty.

The Interior Ministry said the three cars used in the bombings were stolen and the explosives were salvaged from war armaments in the Sinai. The car bombs, according to the statement, were built using spare parts from washing machines and other equipment.

JAPAN

Weekend earthquakes kill 26



An overturned vehicle rests among a damaged road following a series of powerful earthquakes at Ojiya in northern Japan on Sunday.

Associated Press

NAGAOKA — Rain pelted a weary region recovering from powerful weekend earthquakes, creating fears of mudslides, as 100,000 people took refuge in shelters Monday, too afraid to go home as aftershocks delivered new jolts.

Saturday's magnitude 6.8 earthquake and a series of strong aftershocks killed 26 people, tore up roads, upended homes and derailed a high speed train in rural Niigata prefecture about 160 miles

northwest of Tokyo.

A 5.6-magnitude temblor hit just after dawn Monday, swaying buildings and deepening concerns that the area's already shaky infrastructure would sustain more damage. Several smaller aftershocks were felt through the night, and Japan's Meteorological Agency warned of more quakes in the region.

About 100,000 people took refuge at gymnasiums and public buildings. Thousands of others slept in their cars and in tents.

"The aftershocks are still strong, so we felt it was safer to stay here even though our house wasn't all that badly damaged," said Misako Tsubata as she sipped tea outside the tent where she was staying with her two daughters, her mother and her husband.

An 80-year-old man died at a shelter after collapsing from shock, Niigata police reported late Monday, bringing the death toll to 26. Police also said a 39-year old woman and her two young children were missing.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

GOP makes gains in latest legal voting disputes as election nears

Republicans have won a string of legal victories over recent days in cases involving important election disputes in battleground states such as Ohio, Florida and Michigan.

The latest rulings on electronic voting and provisional ballots may not be the final word — but with Election Day looming, they may stand as voters go to the polls.

A three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati reversed and stayed lower court decisions out of Ohio and Michigan over the weekend, siding with the Bush administration or local Republicans to require that provisional ballots be cast in the right precinct, rather than just in the correct county.

In Florida, a federal judge ruled Monday that the state's touch-screen voting machines do not have to produce a paper record for use in case a recount becomes necessary, rejecting a remedy to one of the most persistent complaints of the machines' critics.

"At this late date — a week and a day until the election — we're not going to see a lot of pre-election remedies," said Daniel Tokaji, a law professor and associate director of the Election Law project at Ohio State University. "The real action will be Election Day and post-election, if it's close."

Both of the election issues in play — provisional ballots and electronic voting machines — were widely adopted to resolve problems that marred the 2000 election.

Clinton promotes Kerry and himself in comeback from heart surgery

PHILADELPHIA — It was vintage Bill Clinton, a lip-biting, thumb-wagging, center-of-attention performance.

Seven weeks after quadruple bypass heart surgery, looking pale and unusually thin, the former president came back to give John Kerry a sendoff for the final week of the campaign — promoting his own presidency as well — and bluntly framed the campaign between Kerry and President Bush.

"You've got a clear choice between two strong men with great convictions and philosophies, different policies with very different consequences for this city, this state, our nation and the world," Clinton told thousands of Democrats crammed shoulder-to-shoulder inside three city blocks.

Nobody seemed to notice that he had just called Bush strong, with equal billing to Kerry. Then again, few in the crowd seemed to be there to hear Kerry who, according to polls, is supported by a political base united in its disdain for Bush more than its enthusiasm for the Democratic nominee.

"Who did I come to see?" asked Lisa Jackson, 44, of Upper Darby, Pa. in a tone that suggested the answer was obvious. "Bill Clinton. Bill Clinton. I can see John Kerry any time, but this is Bill Clinton."

Kerry hopes that Clinton can help turn out Democratic voters, especially blacks like Jackson who are lukewarm about their nominee. After the rally, Kerry and Clinton held a conference call with black ministers across the country and had lunch with state politicians and "as many other hanger-oners who could fit in the room," said Kerry spokesman Mike McCurry.

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S RACE

Gubernatorial candidates call for better access to state documents

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Kernan and Republican challenger Mitch Daniels are calling for more education and better access to public records after a statewide audit revealed that many government officials break Indiana's public records law.

Kernan said government access is "fundamental to our democracy," and the key was to make sure the Indiana public access counselor continues training local officials about the law. The

counselor's office was created six years ago by late Gov. Frank O'Bannon after a similar audit found widespread violations.

Daniels said the public access counselor wasn't a bad idea, it just hasn't been effective.

"It's a good idea, but only if it performs. After several years, plainly it hasn't," Daniels said.

Daniels said if elected, he would push legislation that would list state contracts on the Internet and regulate executive branch lobbyists.

Journalists presenting themselves as citizens visited all 92 counties in August to obtain crime logs and incident reports, a list of public employee salaries and court files of sex offenders. Just 11 counties granted all four documents within 24 hours, according to the audit conducted by eight Indiana newspapers.

Both candidates said most of the violators were not trying to hide anything, they just misunderstood the law.

"These should be solvable problems," Daniels said.

Sheriffs were the least likely to comply.

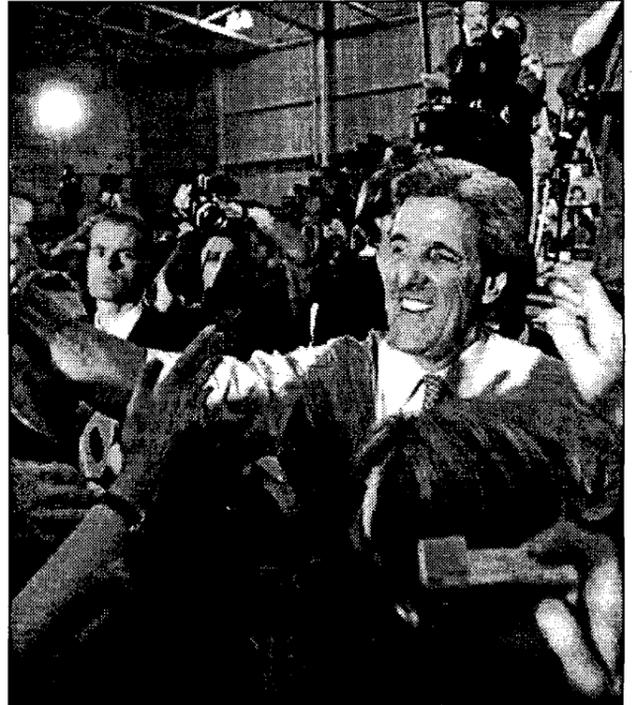
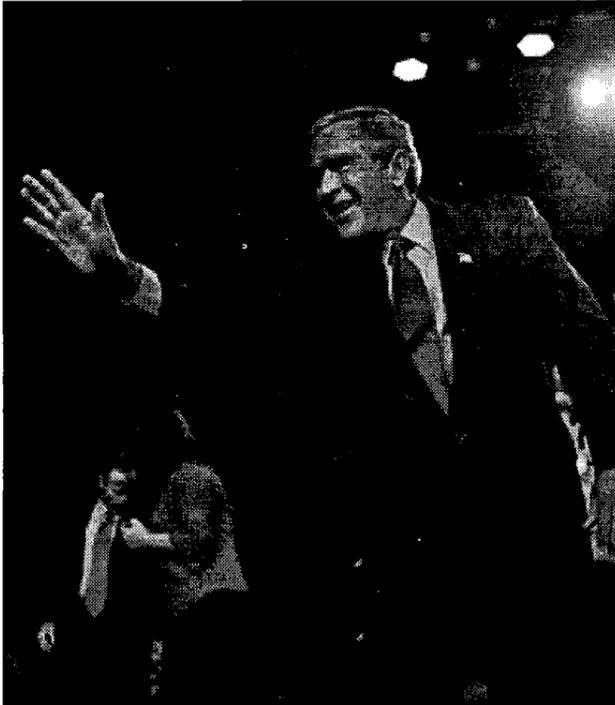
Clerks' offices had the best record, but five counties, while auditors in all but five counties, while auditors granted requests for employee salaries in many of the counties.

Several offices refused to provide information about county worker salaries because their computer system could not separate public and confidential information.

Kernan said he would support a law requiring better information storage if it was the best way to balance a person's privacy and the public's right to know.

Candidates debate U.S. security

Bush, Kerry exchange charges over ability to handle national security issues



President Bush and Senator John Kerry campaign in the swing states of Michigan and Iowa, respectively, as both candidates make a last-minute push to sway the minds of remaining undecided voters.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sen. John Kerry cited the Iraq war and a huge cache of missing explosives Monday as proof President Bush has "failed the test of being commander in chief." The Republican slammed his rival as "consistently and dangerously wrong" on national security matters.

In a race of ever-escalating rhetoric, the president also accused the Democratic challenger of "the worst kind of Monday-morning quarterbacking" on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. But he fell silent on the disappearance of 377 tons of high explosives in Iraq, leaving it to aides to explain.

Public in the major battleground states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida were so close that both camps had cause for optimism — and room for doubt. And with only eight days to go, there were signs that the field of competition might be widening.

Democrats fretted about a tight race in Hawaii and made plans to advertise to voters in the state.

Polls showed a tightening race in Arkansas, a state

the president won four years ago and the Democrats had virtually given up for lost this time. The president's high command was concerned, as well, about New Hampshire, in Bush's column four years ago, trending Kerry's way in the race's final days.

Long-planned events blended with the unexpected in a campaign already marked by unpredictability.

Former President Clinton joined Kerry at a noontime rally in Philadelphia that drew tens of thousands. "If this isn't good for my heart, I don't know what is," Clinton said, looking thinner seven weeks after bypass surgery.

Supreme Court officials announced that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, 80, is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer and is expected to return to work next week. The statement served as a reminder that the next president is likely to have more than one appointment to an aging court that is divided on abortion, gay rights and more.

Word of the disappearance of explosives from a military installation in Iraq

was like a campaign gift to Kerry, and he quickly put it to use.

Failure to secure the material was "one of the great blunders of Iraq, one of the great blunders of this administration," the four-term Massachusetts senator said in New Hampshire, his first campaign stop of the day.

"Terrorists could use this material to kill our troops, our people, blow up our airplanes and level buildings."

"... The unbelievable blindness, stubbornness, arrogance of this administration to do the basics has now allowed this president to once again fail the test of being the commander in chief," Kerry said.

Bush gave as good as he got. "On Iraq, my opponent has a strategy of pessimism and retreat," he said in Greeley, Colo.

That was mere warmup, though.

He accused Kerry of "throwing out the wild claim that he knows where Osama bin Laden was in the fall of 2001 — and that our military had a chance to get him in Tora Bora."

That was a reference to Kerry's frequent assertion that the administration

"outsourced" the job of hunting down bin Laden to Afghan warlords.

"This is an unjustified and harsh criticism of our military commanders in the field," Bush said. "This is the worst kind of Monday-morning quarterbacking."

Beyond Iraq, Bush cited Kerry's opposition to the first Persian Gulf War, his proposal for cuts in the intelligence budget in 1994 and his position on former President Reagan's defense buildup in the 1980s. Together, they show that "on the largest national security issues of our time, he has been consistently and dangerously wrong."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to allay concern over the threat posed by 377 tons of explosives missing from the Al Qaeda military installation.

He told reporters no nuclear material was involved, and gave reporters an accounting of weapons found, not those lost.

"We have destroyed more than 243,000 munitions," he said. "We've secured another nearly 163,000 that will be destroyed."

ISRAEL

Arafat leaves Israel for medical treatment

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel gave Yasser Arafat permission Monday to briefly leave his compound to receive medical treatment in the West Bank city of Ramallah, heightening concerns the Palestinian leader is seriously ill.

Palestinian officials said Arafat was recovering from a lengthy bout of the flu but was feeling better and would not accept Israel's offer.

The decision by Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz would allow Arafat to leave his compound in Ramallah for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that Arafat would be allowed to leave his compound, the Muqata, for medical checks in a Ramallah hospital on condition he returns afterward. The ministry said the Palestinians had requested that Arafat, who is recovering from a long bout of flu, be allowed to leave for checkups.

But Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denied Palestinian officials had made such a request and said they had no intention of taking up the offer.

"We did not ask the Israelis for permission to take President Arafat to the hospital and there is no need, as Arafat is recovering in the Muqata [compound]," Erekat said.

Arafat, 75, has a medical clinic in the compound.

Arafat's health has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks after two teams of Tunisian and Egyptian doctors were flown in to examine him.

The Israeli media have speculated in recent days that Arafat may be suffering from more than the flu, with some reports saying Arafat is ill with cancer.

"We are used to hearing rumors from the Israelis about the president's health," Nabil Abu Rdeneh, an Arafat aide, said.

Arafat aides said he fell ill two weeks ago, suffering from fever, nausea and a stuffy nose. He has been feeling better in recent days, has resumed eating and even presided over a lively meeting of his national security council Sunday, Palestinian officials said.

Arafat was laughing and appeared healthy at another meeting with Palestinian officials later Sunday that journalists, including an Associated Press reporter, were allowed to observe briefly.

In the latest round of tests on Monday, the five Tunisian doctors, together with Palestinian doctors, examined Arafat, carrying out a series of tests including an endoscopy to check his stomach.

Arafat had been complaining of stomach pains before the test, but no problems were found, a Palestinian doctor who was there said on condition of anonymity.

Last year, Arafat suffered from gall stones, and his aides denied reports, including from Channel One Television, that he had stomach cancer.

The Palestinian doctor said the tests were unable to determine why Arafat continues to suffer from fatigue as he recovers from the flu.

IRAQ

Bombings in Iraq kill at least 8



U.S. Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment patrol Monday in a Humvee in Iraq. Bombings near Baghdad killed at least eight, including an American soldier.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombings struck four coalition and Iraqi military convoys and a provincial government office Monday, killing at least eight people, including an American soldier and an Estonian trooper in the Baghdad area.

Coming a day after the bodies of nearly 50 Iraqi military recruits were found massacred, the bombings occurred as a U.N. agency confirmed that several hundred tons of explosives were missing from a former Iraqi military depot in an insurgent hotspot south of Baghdad.

The revelation raised concerns the explosives fell into the hands of insurgents who

have staged a spate of bloody car bombings, although there was no evidence to link the missing explosives directly to the attacks.

On Monday, a roadside bomb in western Baghdad killed one U.S. soldier and wounded five, the U.S. military said.

An Estonian soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded at a market just outside Baghdad as his patrol went by, the Estonian military said. Five other Estonian soldiers were wounded.

A car bomb also targeted an Australian military convoy 350 yards from their country's embassy in Baghdad, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding nine people, includ-

ing three Australian soldiers who suffered minor injuries. Iraqi and coalition officials said.

"This is the first time that ... Australian vehicles have been attacked by direct enemy action," an Australian Defense Force spokesman, Brig. Mike Hannan, said in Australia's capital, Canberra.

Two Islamic groups posted Web site claims of responsibility for the attack on the Australians. One was posted in the name of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, renamed Al-Qaida in Iraq. The other claim was made on behalf of the Islamic Army of Iraq. It was impossible to determine if either claim was genuine.

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Health officials say flu shot is not necessary for all

Associated Press

DENVER — Public health officials say Americans should roll up their sleeves for a dose of reality: For most of us, getting a flu shot is not a life-or-death matter.

The flu vaccine will not necessarily prevent you from experiencing the flu's miserable symptoms, like fever, hacking cough, runny nose and "hit-by-a-truck" body aches. Studies show the shot generally works well, but its effectiveness can range from 52 to 90 percent depending on the strain of virus and a person's age.

If you are elderly or chronically ill, the vaccine can help jump-start your body's weakened defenses and perhaps prevent the worst from happening.

But the millions of people who are younger and healthier do not really need it — especially during a vaccine shortage, public health officials say.

"Right now the entire country runs on fear and we don't need to live like that," said Catharine A. Kopac, a Georgetown University gerontology researcher. "We somehow think we should be disease-free all the time. If you're leading a healthy life and you get sick with the flu, you're probably going to get through it."

For years, most people ignored the government's vaccination campaign, in part because of persistent myths that the shot hurts (not much; the needle is small) and it makes you sick (no, the conventional vaccine is made from dead virus).

As recently as last year, 4 million doses of vaccine went unused, even though an alarming early strain of influenza emerged and gained attention because several children died from it, particularly in Colorado.

Two-thirds of Americans age 65 and older were vaccinated in 2002. But only 28 percent of people with chronic illness and 30 percent of children 6 months to 23 months old got their shots. Health care workers were not much better at 38 percent.

Nevertheless, the sudden vaccine shortage this fall is igniting a "scarcity mentality" similar to runs on banks during stock market crashes and convenience stores when hurricanes brew offshore.

Millions who never bothered to get vaccinated before suddenly are hounding their doctors, workplace nurses and supermarket clinics. Americans are crossing borders and proffering their exposed arms; in Seattle, people are paying \$105 to ride a high-speed ferry for a shot at the dock in Victoria, British Columbia.

What is behind this feverish behavior? Researchers say it is not so much the flu itself as a more generalized sense of feeling unprotected.

"Not being able to get the shot takes away your control over your health," said David Ropeik, director of risk communication at the Harvard School of Public Health. "That sense of being out of control is scary."

Many providers are rationing precious vials for their neediest patients. For the rest of us, their advice is more

motherly: Wash your hands frequently, and if you do get sick, stay home and drink hot soup.

In the United States, the flu's average annual death toll is 36,000. Rarely do the victims die from the virus itself. Rather, it weakens their immune systems so that a bacterial infection — often pneumonia — delivers the fatal blow. In virulent years, pre-existing conditions like heart disease can raise the death toll. Hospitalizations have almost quadrupled over the past two decades, to 200,000

annually as physicians recognized the additional danger flu poses.

Only two pharmaceutical companies make flu vaccine for the U.S. market. The vaccine shortage erupted Oct. 5 when regulators shut Chiron Corp.'s labs in Liverpool, England, cutting the expected U.S. supply by 48 million doses, or nearly half.

"This is our biggest nightmare come true," said Noreen Nicol, chief clinical officer at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, which received only

about half of the 2,000 doses of flu vaccine it ordered.

Still, infectious-disease experts say flu should no longer be a catastrophic illness among otherwise healthy people, at least not in the way it was in 1918 when it killed 40 million people worldwide.

For one thing, there are still about 61 million vials of vaccine in the U.S. pipeline. That is roughly equal to the nation's entire supply in 2000. With proper distribution, that is enough to protect the 42.8 million Americans who really need anti-viral protection, said

University of Rochester infectious disease specialist John Treanor.

Also, this year's dominant strain appears to be similar to last year's. More than one-third of Americans were either vaccinated or exposed to it naturally, and some doctors believe there ought to be at least some carry-over immunity.

And unlike 1918, now there are at least four anti-viral medications that can relieve the flu's worst effects if taken within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

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Teach your children well

For some of us, education will never reach greater heights than it did back in 1990 as we sat on the couch, engrossed in The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body. Or maybe that was just me. Granted, neither Senator John Kerry nor President George W. Bush will ever hope to compete with Ms. Frizzle. Despite this shortcoming, Kerry's plan for America's education system is far superior to that of the President.

Bush likes to present himself as a pioneer in the area of education reform. The image goes along with all of his jaunty photos in front of horses. Many of these claims stem from his record in Texas, which in his 2000 campaign he touted as an example for the nation. Bush was not, however, an initiator of the Texas plan. Ironically, his father's rival, Ross Perot, along with other leading Texans, spearheaded the effort back in the 1980s.

In addition, the success of Texas' education reform has been called into question. Houston schools in particular have hidden a severely high dropout rate. According to "60 Minutes II," they reported a 1.5 percent dropout rate when in fact the real numbers fell somewhere between 25 and 50 percent. Such misrepresentations clearly undermine the credibility of Bush's Texas record.

Bush has had four years to implement change across America as well. In this time period, he has not only mispronounced nuclear a mind-boggling number of times, he has also helped to formulate the "No Child Left Behind" Act. This legislation promotes accountability within schools,

and federal funding for education has increased 58 percent with its execution. This number, however, falls \$7 billion a year short of what legislators had determined schools need in light of its higher demands. The lack of funding clearly hurts impoverished schools and students, as they require the most help in order to meet the standards of "No Child Left Behind."

While keeping his promise to expand Pell Grant funding, which provides money to low-income and minority students, Bush has not raised the maximum award to \$5,100 as he said he would during the 2000 election. Thus far, the maximum award is \$4,050. In conjunction with inflation and a recent loss of jobs, the increase is sorely needed.

John Kerry recognizes the need to increase funding for the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Currently, 22 states have either called for changes in the law or have been reluctant to participate due to the lack of money supporting their efforts. To counteract this problem, Kerry proposes a National Education Trust Fund. Ensuring adequate funding allows schools to successfully implement the "No Child Left Behind" Act, instead of punishing them for being unable to run an under-funded program. According to Harvard Professor Barry Burden in The Boston Globe on Oct. 23, political pressure would likely make Congress amenable to increasing these funds.

Kerry also supports pay increases for teachers working in underperforming schools, hoping to attract motivated individuals who will help to instigate change in these more troubled areas. In general, salaries for our nation's educators are currently shockingly low when one considers

the importance of the task with which they are entrusted.

According to the United States Census Bureau's 2002 figures, in that year the average teacher's pay was \$46,010. In comparison, a family doctor's salary was estimated to be \$136,260, and a lawyer's average pay totaled \$145,890. It is vital that talented and bright students enter the field of teaching if changes are to be effected in our nation's educational system. Without pay increases it will be difficult to draw these individuals to our public schools.

Another Kerry plan is called "School's Open 'Til Six." This initiative recognizes the working obligations of many parents, and provides children with programs after class hours and with transportation home.

On the college level, Kerry is promoting College Opportunity Tax Credit, which could refund up to \$4,000 of tuition costs for students. In addition, over the past four years, the Bush administration has seen a 35 percent increase in tuition costs at state schools. Kerry proposes giving federal aid to states that are able to slow or halt such increases.

Although disturbing, Bush's grammatical faux pas are not the only reason to favor Kerry on education. Bush has misrepresented his record, and failed to fully support his own initiatives. Give America's schools and children a chance; teach your children well. Vote for John Kerry.

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For What It's Worth

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Endorsers less than thrilled about choice

When discussing their choices in any political campaign, many joke about having to pick the lesser between two evils. Faced with a choice between two rich white men who have run negative, attack campaigns — often riddled with lies and exaggerations — many Americans seem to feel this way about the choice between President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry.

As newspapers across the country have come out with their endorsements for the presidential election this sentiment has been echoed.

The Tampa Tribune wrote that because of their disappointment with both candidates they simply could not endorse anyone this year. So instead of an endorsement they wrote a long analysis of each candidate. The Tribune wrote, "We are unable to endorse President Bush for re-election because of his mishandling of the war in Iraq ... and his failed promise to be a 'uniter not a divider' within the United States and the world. Neither can we endorse Sen. Kerry ... whose positions on the Iraq war — the central issue in this campaign — have been difficult to distinguish or differentiate."

The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, who chose to endorse President Bush, also wrote that it was "less than

enthused" about having to choose between Bush and Kerry.

In Wisconsin, another swing-state, the Wausau Daily Herald gave Kerry the endorsement; not because they like him, but just because he is slightly better than Bush. The Daily Herald's editors wrote, "In many cases we've been disappointed by Kerry's lack of specifics or his promises to cure all our ills by repealing the tax cuts for the wealthy. We've weighed those disappointments against our dismay over Bush's failings."

It is such a critical time in the history of the United States, as we find ourselves at war in Iraq and fighting the threat of global terrorism. It is sad that many are left undecided because they like neither candidate or feel they just have to vote for anyone but Bush.

The American people deserve better. But in such a critical election let's hope that lack of enthusiasm over candidates doesn't keep people from exercising their democratic right to vote.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Be like a duck. Calm on the surface, but always paddling like the dickens underneath."

Michael Caine
actor

An innovative educational model for the 21st century

It's very surprising that education seems to be an issue with which the Democratic Party traditionally enjoys popular support. However, surprises and irrationality make perfect sense in the world of politics. Nothing smells better in the political world than federal funds to local constituencies. It's like throwing out political "chum" to the sharks, and it requires absolutely no accountability or fiscal responsibility. Once again, the simple Democratic strategy of throwing more federal money and refusing to hold administrators or influential voting blocks of teachers accountable is often as natural as sneezing for liberal politicians.

Tom Ripinger
*Confessions of a
 Campus
 Conservative*

Before I briefly address Senator John Kerry's plan for education, I'd like to take a closer look at claims that there is not enough federal education money floating around. Over the past thirty years, average per-pupil costs have more than doubled from \$3,931 to \$7,524 according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The District of Columbia school district now spends \$12,064 per pupil.

Despite the \$500 billion in state and federal money spent on education, our public schools are still some of the worst in the industrialized world. According to NAEP assessments, only 31 percent of fourth graders are proficient in reading, while 32 percent are proficient in mathematics, while my favorite subject of history is ranked at only 18 percent proficiency. In the past three years alone, federal education spending is up 36 percent, virtually flooding the need based areas with money. However, as usually happens with Washington programs, almost 40 cents on the dollar was lost to government bureaucracy.

Usual Democratic lie number two is the "teachers are underpaid" argument. It's always a sure political tear jerker to stand up on the podium and say how American teachers are "underpaid". A survey and analysis of teacher trends in 2002 revealed that the national average salary of elementary and secondary school is \$44,367. Teachers earn more on an hourly basis than accountants, computer programmers, engineers and architects according to a study by Michael Podgursky called "Fringe Benefits" conducted by

Education Next.

I'm truly sorry to reveal this unpopular statistic, which will probably cause more grad students to call me an "anarcho-capitalist" or evil, but speaking of we must move on to higher education. In 2003, \$103 billion in funding was available to students through the Higher Education Act of 2003. The Congressional Budget Office recently released a report that low-income families earning less than \$30,000 a year whose children qualify for Pell grants, pay the least for college, because of the broad array of subsidies and financial aid they enjoy.

Yet at the same time money is being pumped into America's colleges, students at most of the top 50 colleges in the nation can graduate without taking a single course in history. In a survey given by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, 80 percent of college seniors asked high school level history questions received a D or F.

The obvious policy remedy for America's educational system is not more money. We spend more money on education than any other nation in the world. When you have a pool of well-paid teachers, federal tax revenue, state tax revenue, grants and the highest per student spending in the country's history; there is a need for increased results.

Kerry's plan for education seems to be much like his plan with Iraq, consisting of criticizing President George W. Bush for not reaching the numerical goals set at the time of NCLB, agreeing with the basic principle of NCLB, and creating more outlandish goals. For instance, Kerry proposes helping 1 million more stu-

dents graduate in the next five years, while recruiting 500,000 new teachers. As with his plan for adding two new divisions, Special Forces and suddenly getting Western Europe to jump on board with us in Iraq, these assertions have absolutely no ground in reality.

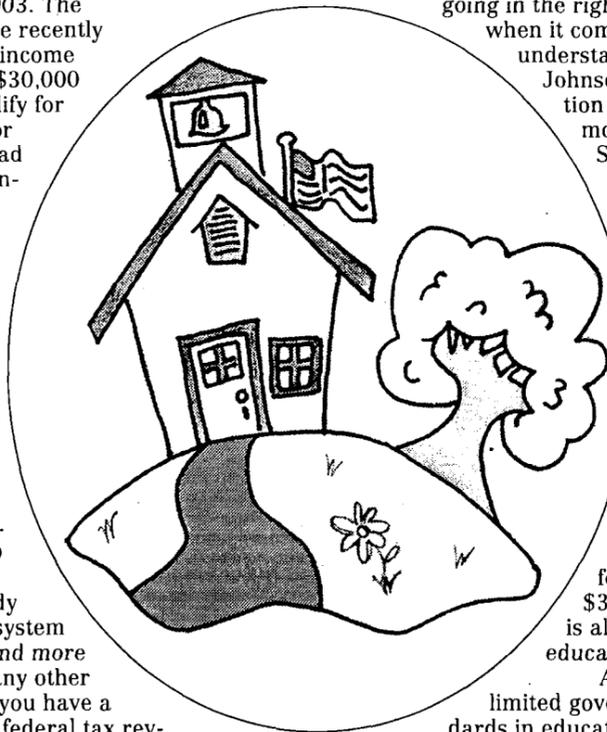
Despite Kerry's numbers games, Bush has been going in the right direction of improvement when it comes to education policy. Bush understands that the days of Lyndon Johnson's "tax and spend" education policies are over, along with most other colossal Great Society failures.

To strengthen elementary schools, the president is working hard to promote literacy programs and Head Start. He is continuing to fund research into more advanced and demanding curricula in K-12, while promoting faith based initiatives and scholarship programs for qualified teachers. Instead of blindly subsidizing higher education, the President has expanded Pell Grants by \$1,000, increased first-year federal loans from \$2,625 to \$3,000. At the same time, Bush is also increasing efforts in adult education and literacy.

A comprehensive policy of limited government, competitive standards in education, and a simple tax code are the only true paths to prosperity in a free society.

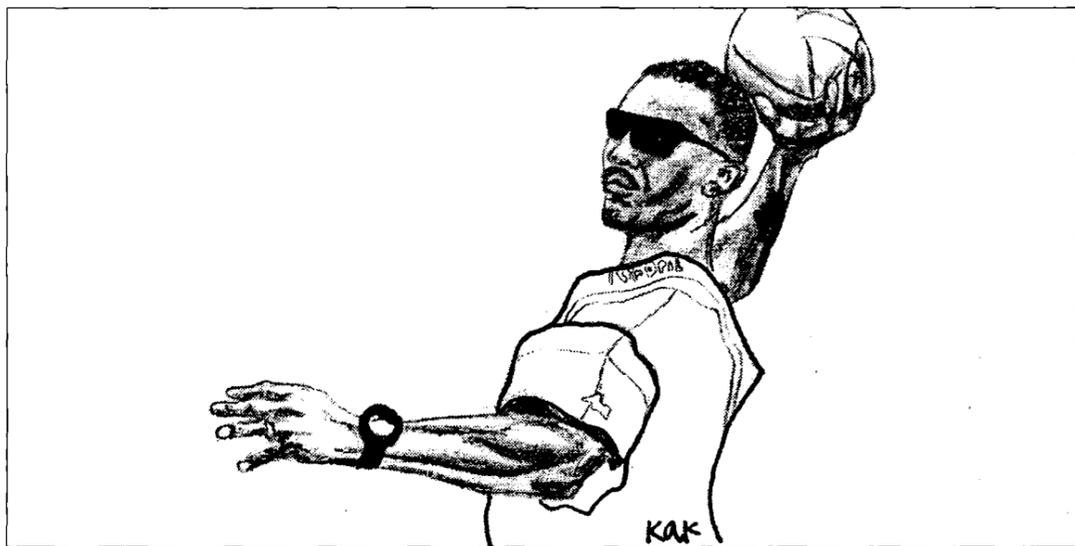
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remaining loyal to our team



On the eve after another terrible football loss, whispers echo under the tarnished dome; whispers of dissent against our leader Tyrone Willingham. Some whisper that we need a new leader, a leader who when we are down by one with 50 seconds left on our own 11-yard line does not call a 4-yard pass up the middle to our running back.

Against these whispers, I shout — in this time of crisis, we must give our leader unquestioned authority. We must smother the voices of dissent. In a phrase, we must be "Notre Dame Patriotic."

To you who whisper against our leader, we Notre Dame Patriots will round you up and ship you out to the island on St. Joseph's Lake. Residence Life will give you a fair trial, in three or four years.

On Saturday, too much maroon and gold penetrated our cheering ranks. The administration must establish a department of Home Team Security, composed of our best and brightest ushers. We must secure our borders for Kelly Green alone.

Wait a minute. Did I say we lost Saturday's game? We didn't lose. Our "loss" was just bias from Lee Corso and the anti-Notre Dame media. Did anyone else see that last-second field goal sail through the uprights?

Kevin Connolly
 senior
 Keenan
 Oct. 23

While her loyal sons are marching onward to mediocrity

As any Domer knows, this is not the official wording of the most popular and storied fight song in American sports, but it could be. Despite coach Tyrone Willingham's successful inaugural season, one which could have just as easily ended with five wins, the Irish football team has been mediocre since the mid-'90s. Was it so long ago that Frank Stams tore around Miami's left defensive end and jarred the ball from Steve Walsh causing a fumble that very well could have saved the 1988 national championship? Have we forgotten the lightning quick feet of the Rocket or the improvising of Tony Rice? Do we remember Lou Holtz's gutsy call on fourth down that helped lead the Irish to a 31-30 win over the No. 1 ranked Miami Hurricanes in 1988?

The Irish won the national championship in 1988 for many reasons, but two notable ones come to mind and both were in evidence throughout the Miami-Notre Dame game that year. First and foremost was speed. Speed, speed and more speed. It was present on offense, defense and special teams. The second was a coach who played to win. During the second half of this year's Notre Dame-Boston College game, Willingham was playing not to lose as evidenced by the conservative play calling on offense, the nonaggressive defense, punting from the Boston College 30-yard line and being content to leave the game in the hands of the defense, a unit that had trouble all second half holding Boston College.

As I write this letter, the Irish stand at 5-3 with two losses to unranked teams and several wins over mediocre teams, Michigan being the exception. If Notre Dame is ever going to ever regain its former glory, my humble suggestions to Willingham are twofold: recruit speed and be bold. Go for the win.

Jim Talamo
 alumni
 class of '76
 Oct. 24

MOVIE REVIEWS

Cast shines in chilling football drama

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Critic

It's Friday night in a small Texas town and all the stores are closed, which can only mean one thing — everyone's "gone to the game."

Such is life in "Friday Night Lights," the screenplay adapted from the book of the same name by H.G. Bissinger. The film is set in the year 1988 in Odessa, Texas, home of the statewide-renowned Permian High School Mojo. Coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton) leads the team. Several of his football players are huge stars. All of them are under intense scrutiny. Lose a game here and the town turns on you, but win the state title, and they'll remember you forever.

Instead of documenting the football team with the pomp and circumstance most films would employ, director

Peter Berg emphasizes the huge burden placed upon these teenage athletes. The young acting ensemble in "Friday Night Lights" is one of the best you'll see in any sports movie. Derek Luke

plays gifted tackle Boobie Miles, a swaggering star facing serious issues when he suffers a career-threatening injury early in the season.

Lucas Black plays quarterback Mike Winchell, and he gives a solid perform-

ance, but is trapped in playing the clichéd quarterback that has interests outside of football and his local town. Luke and Black stand out most from the other talented young actors because they do such an excellent job identifying their characters' struggles — for example, the contrast between what they truly want and what everyone around them expects. This can also be said with regards to the relationship between offensive leader Don Billingsley (Garret Hedlund) and his father Charles (country singer Tim McGraw), a former high school stand-out with overbearing expectations on his son's success in winning the state championship. One has to feel uncomfortable whenever the father and son are on the screen alone, because of the potential of what could happen — but often never does, leaving the viewer on edge.

This concept also ties into many of the film's consequences. What if Boobie stayed healthy throughout the season? What if Winchell could evade his fears outside football and be the leader his coach is begging for him to be? All

of the relationships and connections in "Friday Night Lights" are explicit, giving the viewer not a sense of triumph but struggle as the team marches toward the eventual state championship game. When we finally get to



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Head coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton), center, rallies the Permian High Panthers in the high school football drama, "Friday Night Lights."

that game, the team's burden, instead of lightening, becomes almost too much to bear. The town's expectations are so high that to falter now would be even worse than suffering a losing season.

In conclusion, this is powerful, revealing stuff. Current and former athletes will definitely relate to it, and all of us will certainly reminisce about what our high school Friday nights were like as we watch the film. As coach Gaines tells Winchell, "I realized

a long time ago that winning and losing aren't all that different."

This movie illustrates how it's not the success of teams like Permian that make high school football what it is in this country, but rather the fascinated culture circulating around it. This is what life is like, when football is a way of life.

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Friday Night Lights



Director: Peter Berg
Writer: Buzz Bissinger and David Cohen
Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Lucas Black, Derek Luke and Tim McGraw

Foreign film explores revolutionary journey

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

In "Diarios de motocicleta" ("The Motorcycle Diaries"), two young friends take to the road for an 18-month tour of South America on a struggling motorcycle they lovingly refer to as "The Mighty One." Kind of sounds like a modern-day "Easy Rider," Argentinean-style, doesn't it? Truth is, what starts out as a seemingly typical buddy road trip flick blossoms into a mature, thought-provoking film from director Walter Salles.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" is a true story, based on the diaries kept by the two central characters. Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna is played brilliantly by Gael García Bernal ("Amores Perros," "Y tu mamá también"), one of the most promising young actors from Latin America. Rodrigo De la Serna's portrayal of Alberto Granada, the other half of this memorable duo, is equally impressive.

Che Guevara is the iconic revolutionary who most famously assisted Fidel Castro in the overthrow of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1956. Guevara fought, both directly and indirectly, for socialist revolutionary movements in other Latin American and African countries right up until his CIA-assisted murder in Bolivia in 1967.

In 1952, when the journey chronicled

in "The Motorcycle Diaries" begins, Ernesto Guevara is a 23-year old medical student.

How did he get from medical student to revolutionary? "The Motorcycle Diaries" begins to answer that question, as Guevara encounters indigenous South Americans living in poverty, homeless in their own land. He visits ancient Incan ruins and reflects on this extraordinary, exterminated race: "The Incas knew astronomy, brain surgery, mathematics, among other things, but the Spanish invaders had gunpowder. What would America look like if things had been different? How is it possible to feel nostal-

gia for a world I never knew?" As his perspective changes, he begins to question an economic system that favors a few at the expense of many and becomes impassioned with the idea of a united South America.

A bit of irony comes halfway through the film when "The Mighty One" stalls out for the last time. Here is a film that from the poster looks like a sophomore jaunt around the continent, and midway through the motorcycle is literally taken out of the picture. No, surely the focus of "The Motorcycle Diaries" is how two men's lives change after witnessing the plight of their people.

Despite this heavy subject matter, there is plenty of comic relief to be had, especially from the leading duo. Being



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Ernesto Guevara (Gael García Bernal), right, and Alberto Granada (Rodrigo De la Serna) cross South America in the foreign film, "The Motorcycle Diaries."

penniless most of the time, they come up with some hilariously creative ways of conning food and drink. The bickering between the two friends plays well, and Alberto's way with the ladies is priceless.

The fact that "The Motorcycle Diaries" is in Spanish should not deter anyone with a shred of respect for good filmmaking. It is beautifully shot, giving the viewer such a fantastic look at the varying South American landscape that one would be hard-pressed to find it better. Salles has given us a film of extraordinarily high visual aesthetic compliment-

ed by gorgeous music and seamless continuity.

The superb acting of the two leads is supported extremely well by the cast, touching our hearts in even the smallest roles.

From the series of black and white shots in which indigenous South Americans glare directly into the camera with fire in their eyes, the experiences that affected Che Guevara so deeply on this journey are painfully obvious.

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The Motorcycle Diaries



Director: Walter Salles
Writer: Jose Rivera
Starring: Gael García Bernal, Rodrigo De la Serna and Mercedes Morán

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Bent and broken

Boston College uses second-half comeback to knock off Notre Dame

By MATT MOONEY
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Boston College didn't need a field goal to beat Notre Dame this year. They used a touchdown instead.

Eagles receiver Tony Gonzalez made a diving catch in the end zone with 54 seconds remaining, and Ryan Ohliger's ensuing point-after-touchdown kick gave Boston College (5-2) all the difference it would need in a narrow, come-from-behind 24-23 victory over the No. 24 Irish (5-3) Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

One week after extending the nation's longest head-to-head winning streak over Navy, the Irish continued another, more recent trend having now lost four straight games to Boston College and five of the last six.

For Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, now 0-3 at Notre Dame against Boston College, the loss is particularly disappointing.

"This was an important game for our program, our young men," he said. "We felt that if we played our football game, we could win this one. To have it slip out of our hands in this manner hurts."

Notre Dame appeared to have a solid grasp on the game after an effective first half. The Irish responded to the Eagles' first-quarter touchdown with three unanswered scores of their own. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who finished the game completing 20-of-33 passes for 231 yards and two interceptions, connected on a 33-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Matt Shelton and then rushed for another following linebacker Mike Goolsby's interception.

Running back Darius Walker's 9-yard dash gave Notre Dame a 20-7 lead, but D.J. Fitzpatrick missed the point-after attempt.

After halftime the Eagles came out flying on the arm of quarterback Paul Peterson. The Boston College signal-caller threw for 297 of his 383 yards in the second half to bring the Eagles within three points at 20-17 after a 21-yard touchdown pass to Joel Hazard and a field goal by Ohliger.

Peterson finished the game completing 27-of-41 passes for two touchdowns and two interceptions.

With the three-point lead, Notre Dame still looked like it would be able to stave off the Eagles comeback attempt. After a 43-yard Fitzpatrick field goal gave the Irish a 23-17 lead with



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Cornerback Dwight Ellick hangs his head after the Irish lost to Boston College 24-23 on a fourth-quarter touchdown, the fourth time in a row the Eagles have defeated the Irish.

2:51 remaining, the Boston College offense stalled on the subsequent drive. An Eagles false start penalty followed by a tackle by Preston Jackson and a sack by Derek Landri cornered Boston College into a do-or-die fourth-and-13.

But the Eagles responded by converting their second fourth down in as many tries when Peterson connected on a 17-yard completion down the sideline to a wide-open Larry Lester. Two plays later the Eagles were in the end zone and took the lead.

"You can second-guess yourself all you want," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I know everyone is going to look at that fourth-down play and say that was the ballgame, but there were a lot of plays in there that could have been the ballgame."

Notre Dame still had one more chance to try and pull out a last second victory. However, on the ensuing kickoff, Chase Anastasio ran through Justin Hoskins' stop sign to take a touchback and was tackled at the Irish 12-yard line.

With 54 seconds left, Quinn began the drive by completing two short passes to Ryan Grant. Both passes were in the middle of the field and forced the Irish to use both of their remaining timeouts. After another completion to Grant, Quinn connected with Rhema McKnight on a 25-yard pass to put the ball on the Boston College 38-yard line. McKnight was tackled in-bounds, and the clock stopped with 1 second remaining after McKnight gained the first down, but it was going to run once the ball was spotted.

The Irish field goal unit scram-

bled onto the field in a desperate, last-ditch attempt to win the game. But Fitzpatrick's 55-yard kick fell short of the goalposts as time expired, and the Eagles streamed onto the field in celebration.

For Willingham, it was Notre Dame's last offensive series rather than the Boston College touchdown that proved the most frustrating.

"Even though our defense had a very difficult time, it should have been in the hands of our offense to get another score and do the things we need to do to put it in the endzone," he said. "We just didn't do that."

Notre Dame players and coaches alike pointed to execution as the glaring difference in the game.

"We just didn't put [the game]

away," offensive coordinator Bill Diederick said. "We really didn't do a good job of going out and executing across the board."

Grant, who rushed for 48 yards on 17 carries, summed up the game in very simplistic terms.

"We just didn't get it done," he said. "We've got to find a way, however that is, as an offense, as a college football team, we've got to find a way to win."

Now entering the bye week with a loss, Willingham refuses to dwell on the negative.

"You can't stay in the past," he said. "I expect myself and our football team to accept the hurt that we have, deal with it, and step up like men and go forward."

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player of the game

Paul Peterson

The Boston College quarterback threw for 383 yards, including 297 in the second half. He led the Eagles to the game-winning touchdown.

stat of the game

383

Yards passing by Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson, a career high.

play of the game

Tony Gonzalez's touchdown catch

Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson found Gonzalez in the end zone for the game-winning diving catch.

quote of the game

"We'll cry tonight and tomorrow, but then we'll have to let it go and move on. We're real upset."

Matt Shelton
Irish wide receiver

report card

- C-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn threw for 231 yards, but was intercepted inside the Boston College 15-yard line twice. He failed to make plays and made poor decisions.
- B-** **running backs:** Grant, Walker and Wilson combined for a decent running attack. Grant was patient and found the holes, and Walker added a boost off the bench with Wilson.
- B** **receivers:** Shelton made a big catch for a touchdown and Stovall had two big catches. McKnight had 78 yards receiving on five catches, but this unit wasn't spectacular, just solid.
- B-** **offensive line:** The line helped the trio of running backs gain just 104 yards on the ground. Quinn had time to throw, however and was sacked just once.
- B+** **defensive line:** The big men up front played well, limiting the Eagles to just 62 yards on the ground for the game. Landri played especially well with seven tackles, and the unit recorded two sacks of Peterson.
- C+** **linebackers:** Curry and Goolsby each picked off a pass, with Goolsby's being a more athletic play. Goolsby added seven tackles, but Curry and Hoyte had just eight combined.
- D** **defensive backs:** The unit missed tackles and gave up big plays. Richardson got burned all day long, and no one made a play. They were picked apart for 297 second half yards in the air.
- C-** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick missed his first extra point all season, and it came back to hurt the Irish. However, his punting was excellent, with the exception of one shank in the fourth quarter.
- F** **coaching:** Boston College made second half adjustments, Notre Dame did not. The Irish didn't come out ready to play in the second half, and they didn't know how to play with a lead.

2.00 **overall:** Notre Dame lost to Boston College again. They didn't deserve to win a game that they could have won easily. It's a frustrating loss for this team.

adding up the numbers

number of yards Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson threw for in the second half against Notre Dame **297**

4 number of consecutive times Boston College has beaten Notre Dame

the last time a Notre Dame kicker missed an extra point without having it blocked. Jim Sanson missed a fourth-quarter attempt against Boston College **1999**

22.5 number of sacks by Justin Tuck in his career, tying Kory Minor for the school record

place Brady Quinn is in on Notre Dame's career passing yardage list, one place below Joe Montana **8**

1 number of wins in the Boston College-Notre Dame series the Eagles have won by double digits

average yards per rush by Boston College as it gained 62 yards on the game. **2.2**

23 difference in average starting point for both offenses. Notre Dame had an average start on its own 39-yard line, while Boston College started on its own 16-yard line.



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Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby, right, and defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri, left, pursue Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson in the fourth quarter Saturday. Peterson completed this pass to convert on fourth-and-13, and the Eagles went on to score a touchdown two plays later to put them ahead for good, 24-23.

Irish fail to put away BC

The days of Notre Dame playing big brother to Boston College are long over.

For the fourth year in a row, the "little brother" in the rivalry decided it was his turn to come out on top, narrowing the rivalry to 9-7 in favor of Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, Mike Goolsby wouldn't take his helmet off as he left the field. Dwight Ellick buried his head in his hands. Ryan Grant said the same thing

over and over again: "We didn't get the job done. It's real disappointing, we just didn't get it done." Justin Tuck was stunned.

All will graduate never having beaten Boston College as a starter.

But Saturday, there was no reason this Irish team should have lost to Boston College again. Somehow, they managed to do just that.

A missed extra point, too many missed tackles and, perhaps worst of all, a missed opportunity.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 20-7 halftime lead, and it looked as though the Irish were going to dominate the Eagles, as they should have.

But Notre Dame didn't put the nail in the coffin. Brady Quinn was intercepted at the Boston College 1-yard line once, and then another time at the Boston College 11. The Irish offense stalled and stalled again, and Boston College capitalized in the second half.

The Eagles made halftime adjustments and came out a different team. They gained 319 yards in the half and scored 17 points, 14 more than the guys in the blue and gold.

They looked like a football team that knew it could beat the not-so-almighty Notre Dame. They believed they could win, and their coaches told them how to do so.

And they did just that. Paul Peterson threw for nearly 300 yards in the second half alone while the Irish played scared. Scared to lose to the Eagles again. Scared to make a play. Just hanging onto the 13-point lead they built in the first half, and hoping it would be enough.

But why? Notre Dame was playing at home. They had won two games in a row. They had the momentum. They had the lead.

And yet, the Irish played not to lose. They punted at the Boston College 30-yard line instead of attempting a field goal, citing the tricky wind as the reason.

On third-and-seven in the fourth quarter, the Irish ran the ball up the middle for one yard, forcing them to kick the field goal that left them with one point too few. Notre Dame didn't

score in the second half until that field goal late in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Peterson was busy completing 19-of-23 passes in the second half, picking apart the Notre Dame secondary. Tom O'Brien must have seen something at halftime, because the Eagles were a different team in the second half.

"As much as anything, they did a good job, there's no question about that," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of Boston College's play in the second half. "I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays, whether it was a tackle or coverage, we just did not take advantage

of what we thought were opportunities to get ourselves off the field and/or keep ourselves on the field."

But that explanation isn't enough at Notre Dame. Where were the Irish adjustments? What did their coaches tell them?

Why didn't the players come to play? Boston College made the plays, and Notre Dame didn't. And when you don't make plays, you don't win football games.

So now the Irish are left bent and broken. A season that could have seen the Irish go 7-4 with a potential New Year Day's bowl appearance is suddenly looking more like 6-5. It's not over yet, but the way this team played Saturday, it could be.

The week off will help physically, but emotionally it is yet to be seen. This team is devastated by a loss they only have themselves to blame for. They could forget about it, or this feeling could last until the next time they step on the field. There is no way to tell.

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Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Just like there is no way to tell why the Irish came out the way they did in the second half. Why they didn't make a play, and most of all, why they cannot play with a lead.

But the fact remains that one of the worst feelings in the world may be when your little brother has grown up enough to overpower you. The feeling is even worse when the older brother has grown too weak to fight back.

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Failure to execute haunts Irish

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As flawless as a plan may be, failure to execute various components of that design harbors the seeds of disaster — just ask Notre Dame.

Plagued by blown coverages, missed tackles and an overall inability to step up and make the big plays when the Irish needed them the most, Notre Dame fell to rival Boston College for the fourth consecutive year on a rainy, dreary Saturday afternoon.

"As much as anything, [Boston College] did a good job, there's no question about that," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "[But], I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays — whether it was a tackle or coverage, we just did not take advantage of what we thought were opportunities to get ourselves off the field or keep ourselves on the field."

Buoyed by a combination of subtle adjustments and Irish defensive miscues, Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson shredded Notre Dame for a season-high 383 yards — including 297 in the second half — and a pair of touchdowns in the upset.

Notre Dame's inability to come up with the big play was never more apparent than on Boston College's final drive of the game.

Yielding only a pair of yards on three plays and a false start penalty, the Irish found themselves one play away from knocking off the perennial thorn-in-the-side Eagles.

Faced with a fourth-and-13 from his own 45-yard line, Peterson rolled right and hit receiver Larry Lester for a 17-yard gain and new life.

"It's just one of those situations where you would hope that you would recognize what's trying to be accomplished and not make the mistake that we made by stepping up and defending something that really wasn't there and allowing them to catch one behind us," Willingham said.

Defensive end Justin Tuck made no excuses for the critical defensive meltdown.

"[The completion was] disheartening, but we've got to line up and play our game," Tuck said. "As a defense, we can't let them down the field like that, especially when the game is on the line."

Two plays later, the comeback — Boston College trailed 20-7 at halftime — was complete as Eagles receiver Tony Gonzalez beat Irish corner Mike Richardson, connecting with Peterson



Brandon Hoyte, left, and Justin Tuck, right, pursue Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson. Peterson made big plays down the stretch, and the Irish failed to execute.

from 30 yards out for the game-deciding score.

"Their guy made a good play on the ball — we didn't," Willingham said. "You've got to step up and make the play — that's what I'm talking about. They did a great job of doing in that in the second half, and we didn't."

Richardson echoed Willingham's sentiments.

"Just a play that should have been made — I actually thought I had good coverage on him," Richardson said. "I guess it was thrown a little short. I just didn't make the play."

While sloppy field conditions certainly didn't help, Notre Dame's trouble making tackles loomed large.

"[The weather] did [make a difference], but you still have to wrap up — grab

cloth," Tuck said. "That hurt us a lot today, because we had them stopped for minimal gains — you miss the tackle and he's off to the races for a 15- or 20-yard gain. The weather played a little part into it, but mentally we've got to know that and wrap up a little harder."

While the Irish managed to hold the Eagles to a meager 40 first-half yards after their opening 11-play, 86-yard touchdown drive and twice forcing Boston College to attempt a field goal in goal-to-go situations, in the end, the mistakes and lack of execution caught up to the Irish. A unit that had bent for most of the second half finally broke to the tune of yet another Boston College upset over the favored Irish.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Boston College	7	0	7	10	24
Notre Dame	7	13	0	3	23

First quarter

Boston College 7, Notre Dame 0
L.V. Whitworth 2-yard run with 7:54 remaining (Ryan Ohliger kick)
Drive: 11 plays, 86 yards, 4:55 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Boston College 7
Matt Shelton 33-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 2:54 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 63 yards, 1:45 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 14, Boston College 7
Quinn 1-yard run with 11:09 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 2 plays, 2 yards, 1:22 elapsed
Notre Dame 20, Boston College 7
Darius Walker 9-yard run with 3:56 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick failed)
Drive: 13 plays, 91 yards, 6:17 elapsed

Third quarter

Boston College 14, Notre Dame 20
Joel Hazard 21-yard reception from Paul Peterson with 3:53 remaining (Ohliger kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 92 yards, 3:16 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Boston College 17, Notre Dame 20
Ohliger 21-yard field goal with 12:14 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards, 3:44 elapsed
Notre Dame 23, Boston College 17
Fitzpatrick 43-yard field goal with 2:51 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 19 yards, 4:19 elapsed
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 23
Tony Gonzalez 30-yard reception from Peterson with 0:54 remaining (Ohliger kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 78 yards, 1:57 elapsed

statistics

total yards

BC	445
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rushing yards

BC	62
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passing yards

BC	383
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return yards

BC	64
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time of possession

BC	28:48
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34-104	rushes-yards	28-62
20-33-2	comp-att-int	27-41-2
4-34	punt returns-yards	1-6
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
6-43	penalties-yards	6-43
17	first downs	22



28-62	rushes-yards	28-62
27-41-2	comp-att-int	27-41-2
1-6	punt returns-yards	1-6
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
6-43	penalties-yards	6-43
22	first downs	22

passing

Quinn	11-24-0	Peterson	17-38-0
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rushing

Grant	17-48	Peterson	7-26
Walker	8-35	Whitworth	14-19
Wilson	5-19	Callender	7-17

receiving

McKnight	5-78	Lester	8-111
Grant	4-33	Adams	4-87
Fasano	3-12	Hazard	3-45
Carlson	3-11	Whitworth	3-37
Stovall	2-37	Gonzalez	2-32

tackling

Burrell	10	Stancil	7
Landri	7	Brown	7
Richardson	7	Toal	6
Goolsby	7	Bulman	6
Tuck	5	Williams	5
Zbikowski	5	Henderson	5
Jackson	4	Kiwanuka	5

Fitzpatrick misses first PAT of year

By MATT MOONEY
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Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick had his highs and lows during Saturday's game.

As a punter, Fitzpatrick had a stellar day, averaging 44.5 yards on six punts, including a career-long 67-yard kick in the third quarter. His punt marked the longest Irish kick since Joey Hildbold booted a 69-yarder in 2000 against Texas A & M. Fitzpatrick also pinned Boston College inside its own 20-yard line on four of his six punts.

"Every time you get out there is a chance to build your confidence," Fitzpatrick said. "I punted pretty well today with that wind. They had a great returner, so we tried to keep it away from him and it worked out pretty well."

However, he did not have as much success as a place kicker. Fitzpatrick's missed extra point following running back Darius Walker's second quarter touchdown breaks his personal string of 25 consecutive

point-after-touchdown conversions. It also marks Notre Dame's first unblocked PAT miss since Jim Sanson missed on a fourth-quarter attempt in 1999 also against Boston College.

"The wind was not an issue on the extra point at all," Fitzpatrick said. "The field was a little bit soggy, and I sunk in just a little bit too much, and a quarter-of-an-inch mistake on my part could send the ball in any direction so I left it out there right. Great snap, great hold, bad kick."

Fitzpatrick did make a 43-yard field goal in the game, and his 55-yard miss as time expired would have been a career-long.

Converting on fourth down
Boston College's two fourth-down conversions in Saturday's game (a first quarter fourth-and-2 and a fourth quarter fourth-and-13) are the only two times an opponent

has converted on fourth down against the Irish this year. The previous seven Notre Dame opponents were 0-for-6 on fourth-down conversion attempts.

Rivalry on hold

The game on Saturday marks the last time Notre Dame and Boston College will play one another until the 2007 season. The Irish loss on Saturday lowers their series record against Boston College to 9-7.

"We would still like to play them, as long as it's an even deal, not a deal where we play here five times and Boston three," Eagles coach Tom O'Brien said. "I think the fans like it, I think it generates a lot of enthusiasm here, it's a tremendous game when it's in Boston. I think we've gotten their attention, and it would be great to keep playing."

Moving up on the lists

Defensive end Justin Tuck's

"The wind was not an issue on the extra point at all."

D.J. Fitzpatrick
Irish kicker/punter

half sack against Boston College ties him with Kory Minor for the lead on Notre Dame's career sacks list with 22.5.

With a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter, running back Ryan Grant passed Mark Green (1985-88) to move up to 13th place on the list of all-time leading rushers in school history. Grant finished Saturday's game with 48 rushing yards on 17 carries to finish with 2009 career yards.

Quarterback Brady Quinn also moved up the school charts to the eighth spot in career passing yardage. His 231 yards on Saturday raised his total to 3,721 yards in two seasons surpassing Blair Kiel, who quarterbacked the Irish from 1980-83.

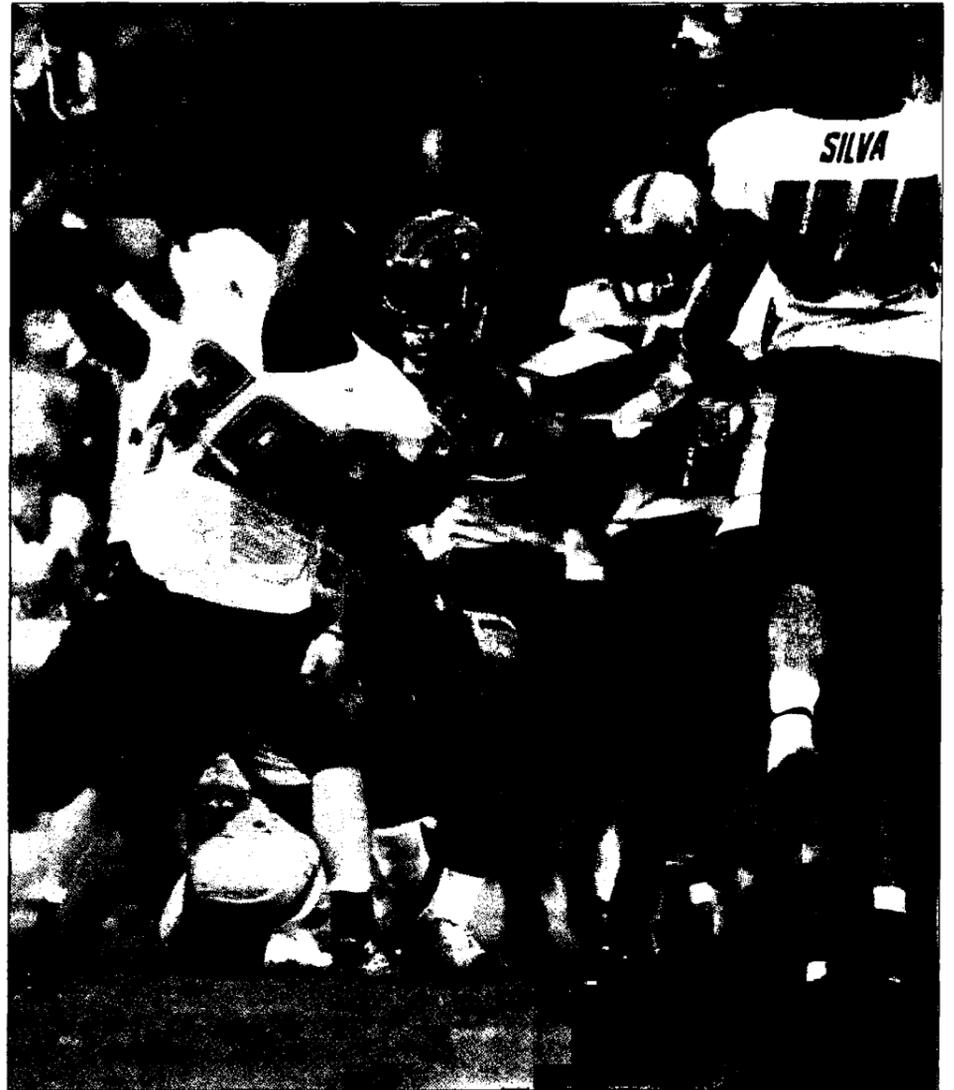
Gameday captains

The Irish captains for Saturday's game were running back Ryan Grant, safety Quentin Burrell, defensive tackle Greg Pauly and tight end Billy Palmer.

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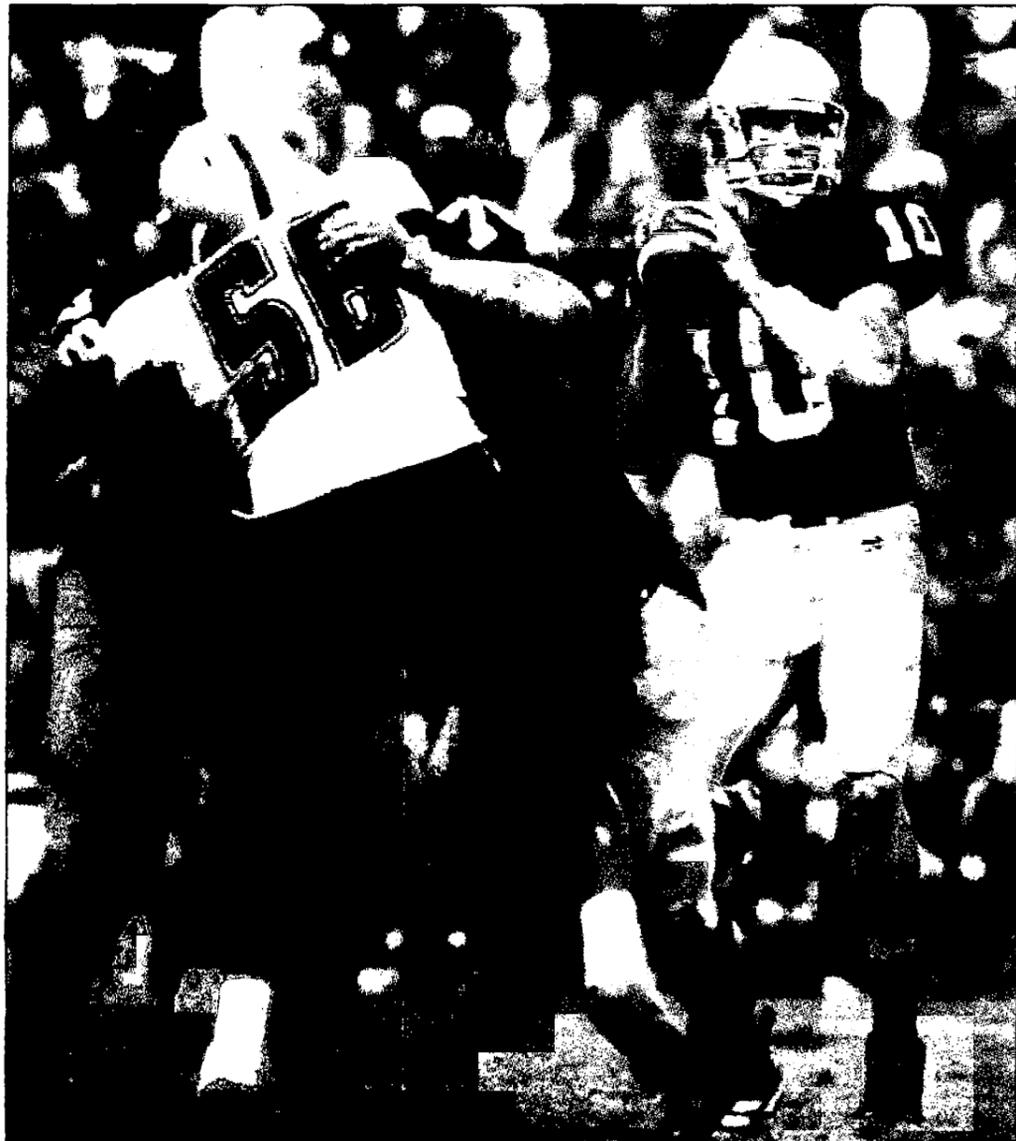
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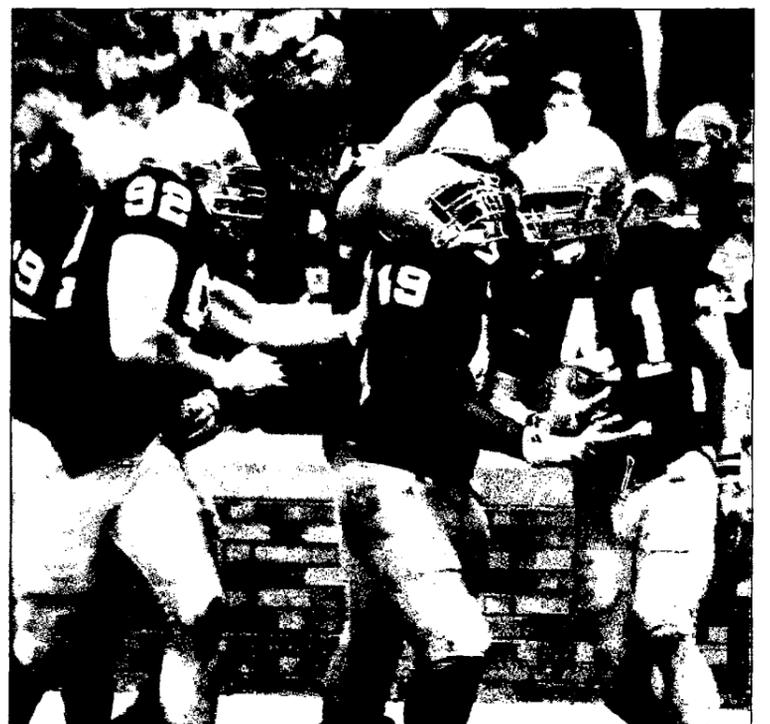
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FOUR AND COUNTING

Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead Saturday, but poor execution spelled doom for the Irish, as they lost 24-23 to Boston College. The Eagles threw for 297 yards in the second half, dominating the Irish defense. Notre Dame fell to the Eagles for the fourth straight time, dropping them to 5-3 on the season. Brady Quinn threw two interceptions inside the Boston College 15-yard line, and the offense failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. The Eagles outplayed the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 17-3, and a missed extra point by D.J. Fitzpatrick came back to haunt Notre Dame.



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Clockwise from top left to bottom left, defensive end Justin Tuck ponders the loss after the game. Boston College players celebrate their fourth win over Notre Dame in as many tries. Mike Goolsby, right, celebrates his interception and 24-yard return with Derek Curry, middle, and the rest of the defense. Darius Walker points as he scores a touchdown in the second quarter on a 9-yard run. Brady Quinn looks to pass as center John Sullivan blocks. Quinn finished with 231 yards on 20-for-33 passing.

DVD REVIEW

Cameos provide bright spots in teen comedy

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To many people, Europe is seen as the pinnacle of art, culture and society. To others, like the producers of "Eurotrip," it is a land free from the puritanical rules and restrictions of America, perfect for satisfying their target demographic of hormone-addled, adolescent boys. "Eurotrip" is rife with politically incorrect jokes, stereotypical portrayals of the various European nations and bathroom humor, and while not at the top of the gross-out, teen-movie heap, still manages to have some funny moments.

The film follows Scotty (Scott Mechlowicz), a high school senior, who gets dumped by his girlfriend (Kristen Kreuk of "Smallville" fame) on graduation day. His longtime German pen pal, Mieke, consoles him after the breakup and suggests they meet up in America. Thinking Mieke is pronounced "Mike" and his pen pal is male, Scotty fears he is being hit on by a man and tells Mieke never to speak to him again.

He subsequently finds out that Mieke

not only is a girl, but is a very attractive one, so he decides to shed his cautious personality and go to Germany to make the situation right again. Joined by his best friend, Cooper (Jacob Pitts), they travel to London because they don't have enough money to make it to Germany by plane. They meet up with their friends who are fraternal twins, Jamie (Travis Wester) and Jenny (Michelle Trachtenberg).

Once in Europe, the four have misadventures in London with a busload of soccer hooligans who are obsessed with Manchester United; visit a nude beach in France that has more men than women; partake of brownies and the red light district in Amsterdam; meet an extremely friendly Italian on the train; have a detour into Eastern Europe; take a brief stop in Germany and finally have a sacrilegious time at the Vatican.

The movie has a surprising number of cameos from established stars, and they usually end up being the best parts of the movie. Matt Damon appears as the lead singer of a band who is having an affair with Scotty's girlfriend. The song about their tryst, "Scotty Doesn't Know," is definitely one of the best parts of the

movie and will remain stuck in your head long after the movie has ended. Lucy Lawless, once television's "Xena: Warrior Princess," vamps it up as a dominatrix at an Amsterdam brothel, complete with a thick and unidentifiable accent. Rounding out these appearances are David Hasselhoff, Jeffrey

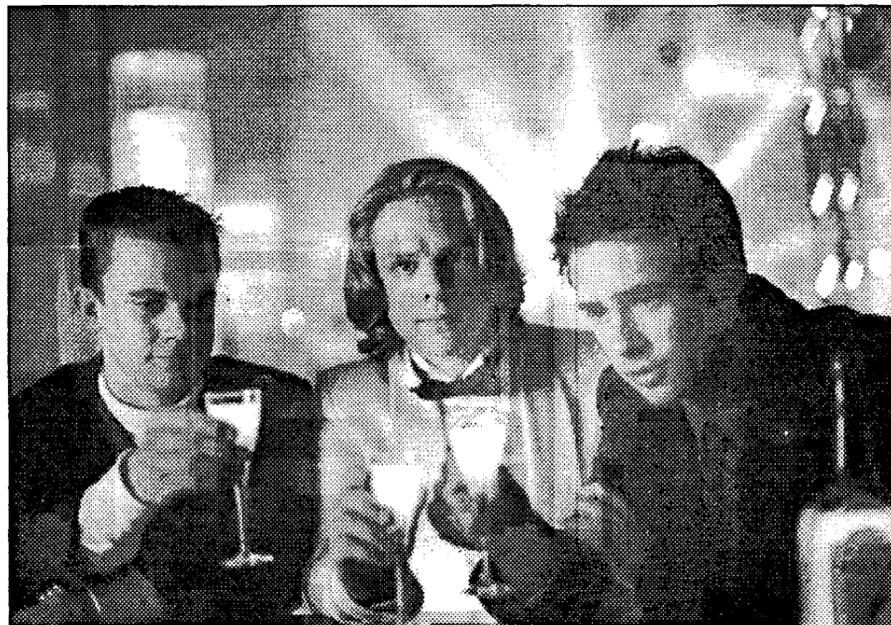


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Jamie (Travis Wester), left, Cooper (Jacob Pitts), center, and Scotty (Scott Mechlowicz) share a toast that is banned in the United States in "Eurotrip."

Tambor ("Arrested Development"), Diedrich Bader ("The Drew Carey Show") and Vinnie Jones ("Snatch") as an obsessed Manchester United fan.

The DVD's extras depend on whether or not you secure the "rated" or "unrated" version, the only difference between the two being the amount of nudity and profanity in the film. The film's writers include two commentary tracks: the "sober" and the "party," the latter done under the influence of a few drinks. There are a significant number of deleted scenes, featurettes such as "Nude

Beach Exposed", a video and sing-along for "Scotty Doesn't Know" and "Eurotrip Bootleg," in which the writers comment on the quality of a bootleg copy of the film they picked up months before the actual DVD release.

Overall, "Eurotrip" is not a great movie, but it isn't a bad one either, and it has just enough funny moments and guest appearances to make it worth watching.

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Eurotrip
Unrated Edition
Dreamworks



UNRATED

A Beginner's Guide to DVD: Part 1

This is the first in a three-part series on the basics of Digital Video Discs.

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DVD has been commercially available for nearly a decade and has revolutionized the home theater market. Yet purchasing DVDs can be confusing and complicated. The back of a DVD case often contains terms like aspect ratio, Dolby Digital and regional DVD. For many, it is difficult to understand what is worth purchasing and what is not. Hopefully this guide will demystify many of the more confusing features of the video market.

What is DVD?

DVD stands for digital video disc. It is an optical laser audio and video technology that is most often used for movies, but sometimes music and other information as well.

Regions

To protect from piracy, companies and studios encode into regions, or specific targeted markets. The United States and Canada are Region 1, while Japan, Europe, South Africa and Middle East are Region 2, etc. This is displayed in a small number on the back of the DVD. In order to play a DVD from a different region, you will need a region-free DVD player. Additionally, some imported DVDs are region-free.

Aspect ratios

In many cases a consumer is given the

choice between widescreen and full screen formats. In nearly every case, the widescreen edition is preferable because it preserves the original aspect ratio of the film. An aspect ratio is the proportion of width to height (for example, many movie theater screens are 2.35:1, which means they are 2.35 times longer than they are tall). However, a standard television has a ratio of 1.33:1 while a widescreen film is usually either 1.85:1 or 2.35:1. This accounts for the black bars above and below the image, which are normal and a necessary side effect of imposing a more rectangular image onto a more squared screen. This process is called letterboxing. The widescreen ratio is 16 x 9 while a full screen ratio is 4 x 3.

Full screen often uses a technique called pan/scan to fit an image into a standard television ratio, which actually cuts off the sides of a film. Up to 40 percent of visual information can be lost in full screen. A common defense of full screen is that no important or pertinent visual information is lost. This is absolutely untrue.

There are exceptions to the widescreen preference. Foremost is in older or classic films — the widescreen ratio was not invented until the 1950's, so most films prior to that time will be in a full screen format. This is the correct way to watch such movies since it is how they were originally filmed. If one is ever watching a widescreen version of "Casablanca" or "Gone with the Wind," for example, then you are watching an incorrectly framed and cropped version of the film.

Other cases in which the widescreen/full screen preference

becomes nebulous are in the case of a process called Super 35. In such cases, the movie is filmed in a 1.33:1 ratio with the intent of later cropping the film into a theatrically-presented ratio. This can often cause confusion as to which is preferable. In the case of director Stanley Kubrick, for example, he has stated the full screen versions are definitive; thus, the 1.33:1 framing of films like "The Shining" and "Full Metal Jacket" are the official DVD editions. This creates disparity between what was originally theatrically presented and what the director (the ostensible auteur of the film) prefers. A similar case would be the TV series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," which is presented in widescreen in Region 2 and full screen in Region 1. Series creator Joss Whedon has gone on record claiming to prefer the full screen version.

Anamorphic widescreen

Often, the back of a DVD will say something like "Enhanced for Widescreen TVs", "Anamorphic" or "16 x 9 Version." This means the image is letterboxed on a standard TV and enhanced for widescreen TVs. An anamorphic image is encoded with additional lines of resolution that "unfold" on a widescreen TV. Not only will the image look better on a widescreen television, but the size of the black bars will be reduced, and the image itself will appear larger.

Sound formats

Dolby has become the standard for home theater surround sound. On a standard television without speakers or a receiver, the sound will automatically be

decoded into two-channel stereo.

Digital 5.1 is the typical Dolby home theater sound format. To encode into this format, there must be five speakers (one center, two front surrounds and two rear surrounds) and a subwoofer, which channels low frequency emissions. If a setup does not have this, then a standard television can automatically downgrade the sound into two-channel stereo.

Dolby Digital 5.1 EX is a newer Dolby sound format, which encodes into a sixth speaker placed directly between the two rear speakers.

For those who own a 5.1 set-up, Dolby uses technology called Pro-Logic, which encodes two-channel stereo programs into all five channels.

DTS (Digital Theater Systems) Digital Surround is a separate sound technology format. Generally reserved for audiophiles, it is often used on action films or films with active surrounds and always on Superbit DVDs. Since it is a mix from a different company, the DTS mix will often sound different than a Dolby mix, which sometimes results in separate releases (for instance, "Jaws" is available in either a 5.1 Digital version or DTS Digital version).

DTS requires special decoding equipment on both receivers and DVDs, so films containing DTS track usually also contain a Dolby Stereo track as well. In some cases, DTS is a vast improvement over the Dolby track ("Saving Private Ryan") while in others the difference is virtually unnoticeable ("Apollo 13").

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FOOTBALL

Irish extend streak over Navy to 41, beat Middies 27-9

Grant leads Notre Dame's rushing attack with 114 yards and a pair of touchdowns, defense keeps option in check

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The 78th meeting between Notre Dame and Navy was a game of firsts.

Irish linebacker Mitchell Thomas made his first tackle. Tight end John Carlson caught his first pass. Running back Marcus Wilson, in his senior season, scored his first touchdown. And Notre Dame beat Navy, 27-9, for an NCAA record 41st consecutive time Oct. 16 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

The Midshipmen entered the game 5-0 and poised to beat the Irish for the first time since 1963, when Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach led Navy to a 35-14 victory.

But Notre Dame scored touchdowns on its first two possessions of the game and its first possession of the second half to keep Navy out of striking distance.

"It's critically important that when you play a team that's as skilled as they are at running the option ... you try to get ahead of them," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Wilson scored on a 33-yard touchdown run to open the scoring in a two-minute, six-

second scoring drive, and Ryan Grant ran it in from one-yard out six minutes later to make the score 14-0 early.

Grant (Don Bosco Prep), Wilson (Poly Prep) and linebacker Brandon Hoyte (16 tackles, Sayreville War Memorial) — all performed at the top of their games in front of their personal home crowd.

"I feel great to be able to play with Ryan and Marcus and everyone else on the team," Hoyte said. "It really felt like a homecoming game."

Grant ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, passing five former Notre Dame running backs on the all-time rushing list with 1,961 total yards. Grant's second touchdown — a one-yard run — came on the first Irish second half drive. The senior back, not fully recovered from a pre-season hamstring injury, ran nine times and caught one pass in the 12-play drive.

"It's been a long time since I've been able to do that, and I felt pretty good," Grant said. "I was glad I was able to help the team."

Grant gained 100 yards for the first time since he rushed for 107 yards in 2002 against Boston College. The senior combined with a slew of Irish backs

to average 4.6 yards per carry behind what tackle Ryan Harris called a determined offensive line.

"I just had it in my mind that I was going to physically dominate anybody I'd go against today," Harris said.

Notre Dame's defense meanwhile held Navy's flexbone triple option offense to 216 net yards rushing, 51 yards below the Midshipmen average, and Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco finished with only 19 yards on 24 carries.

"That's the way we're supposed to play defense," Hoyte said. "That's the tempo and tone that we plan on setting for the rest of the year."

Notre Dame dominated the first half, adding a D.J. Fitzpatrick 47-yard field goal to its two touchdowns with 53 seconds remaining. The Irish went into the locker room up 17-0. But Navy opened the second half with a field goal to narrow the gap at 17-3.

Grant's touchdown on the following possession reestablished Notre Dame's dominance and extended the lead to 24-3.

"You come out in the second half [and] the thing you want to do is take charge of the football game," Willingham said. "Because you know if you don't do that, the game can very quickly get away from you."

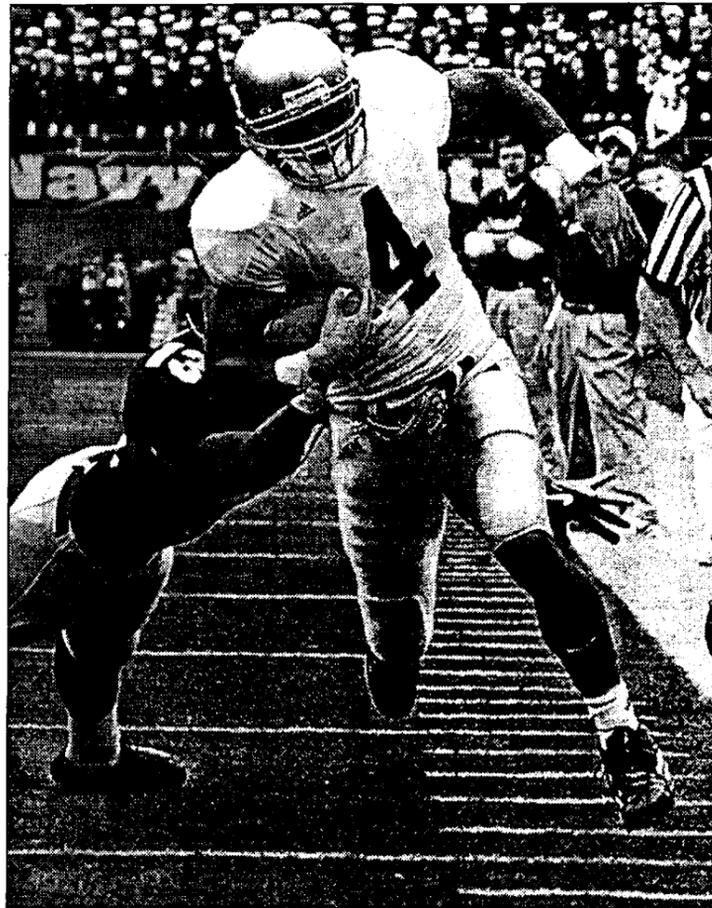
Nose tackle Derek Landri recovered a fumbled pitch on the ensuing possession by Midshipmen receiver Lloyd Regas. D.J. Fitzpatrick kicked his second field goal of the game, a 20-yard chip shot, and the Irish were done scoring for the afternoon.

Navy added a late Frank Divis 5-yard touchdown run with 4:19 remaining in the game but failed to convert the two-point try.

"I was real disappointed in that last touchdown because I thought we didn't play real well at the end," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "But ... our kids did an unbelievable job preparing for [Navy]. The fortunate part about it is those guys have played against that offense before a couple times."

The Notre Dame running game finished the afternoon having trumped Navy's clock-eating rushing attack. The Irish controlled 29:59 of the total 60 minutes and prevented Navy from doing what it does best — dictate tempo.

"In this game ... you have two teams that were running the football and having success at it," Willingham said. "Their entire offense is about running the football. So that quickly



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Irish running back Ryan Grant streaks down the sideline. Grant tallied 114 yards and two touchdowns against the Midshipmen.

shrinks that clock."

Navy fullback Kyle Eckel had his second 100-yard game of the season with 102 yards on 22 carries. But Notre Dame's early lead altered Navy's approach.

"In [getting ahead early], it changes what they have to do on some of their plays and their play selection," Willingham said.

The Midshipmen do not throw often, as Navy did not complete a pass until Amir Jenkins caught a Polanco pass for nine yards with 3:08 left in the fourth quarter. Navy finished with 44 yards passing, less than half of its 112.6 yard average.

But when Notre Dame had the ball, offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick found himself with an uncommon amount of options.

"[Having three backs] is a good luxury because it allows you an opportunity," Diedrick said. "If one of the guys is really hot, you can kind of stay with him a little bit longer ... If you've got an option between one of two calls you can call the strength of whatever back is in there."

Notes

◆ Linebacker Derek Curry and defensive end Justin Tuck both were shaken up on the final play of the first quarter, but both players returned. Tuck returned to the lineup immediately and Curry returned for the following drive after sophomore Mitchell Thomas filled his spot, making his first career tackle.

◆ Running back Travis Thomas saw almost no practice repetitions during the week preceding the Stanford game. But Thomas got seven carries in the fourth quarter against Navy and performed to Diedrick's liking.

"I was very happy to see Travis Thomas playing well,"

Diedrick said. "Even though it was at the end of the game, he was running hard and was able to protect the football."

Thomas started the Brigham Young game at tailback but fumbled four times in his first 16 carries over the course of the early season.

"That's the way we're supposed to play defense."

Brandon Hoyte
Irish linebacker

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Notre Dame linebacker Brandon Hoyte tackles Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco. The Irish held Polanco to 19 yards.

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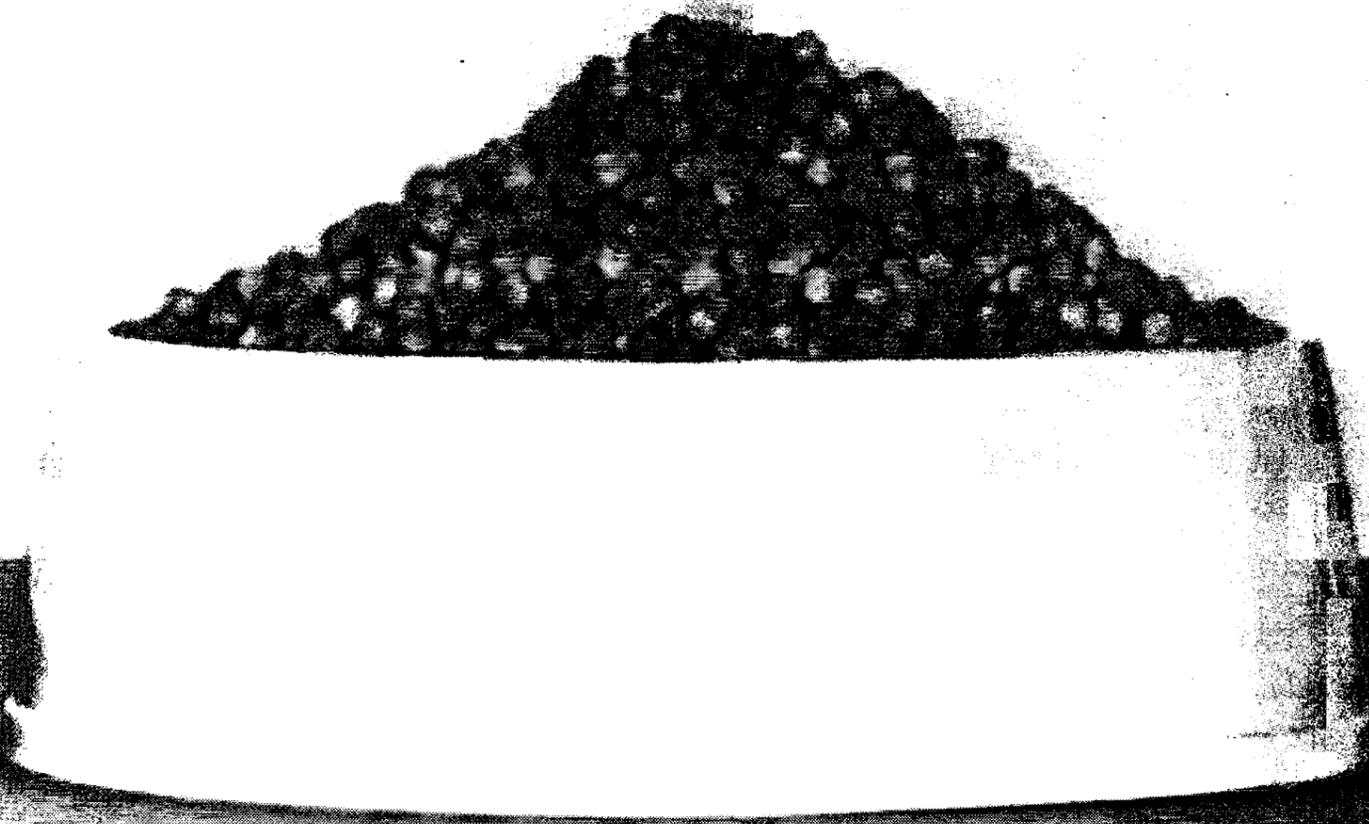
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SMC SOCCER

Belles take two at home, road woes continue at Albion

Saint Mary's wins 2 of 3 during fall break

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's reflects on its season, two trends emerge: the Belles cannot lose at home, but they can't find a way to win on the road.

Saint Mary's maintained this pattern over fall break, managing wins at home against Alma College [5-0] and Olivet [6-3] but dropping a key game on the road with a 3-2 overtime loss to Albion College.

The wins over break kept the Belles undefeated at home and extended their home record to

7-0. After starting the season with a win and a tie on the road, Saint Mary's has now lost its last four away games, leaving its record at 1-4-1. The loss to Albion proved even more costly, as it all but ended the Belles' chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

Although they were no longer playing for a spot in the post-season, the Belles still looked strong in Saturday's game against Olivet.

"To know that our season ends Nov. 2, we could have come out lackluster, but I still felt we played with the same heart and intensity as earlier this year," senior captain Jen Concannon said. "After the Albion game, we set new goals for ourselves; we want to go 4-0

in the next four games."

Despite playing the game in a torrential downpour that provided a wet and muddy field, the Belles were able to get on the scoreboard early and often on Saturday. Ashley Hinton scored twice early on, and goals by Concannon and Carolyn Logan made it 4-0 at halftime. Saint Mary's extended the lead to 6-0 in the second half with goals by Carrie Orr and Emily Wagoner before allowing three late goals by Olivet.

"For the weather being so bad, I was happy to see us get

six goals, because scoring consistently was something we've had a problem with all season," Concannon said. "I give credit to Olivet for coming back from down 6-0 to score three goals. They're a better team than people give them credit for."

The win on Saturday was payback for earlier in the season, when the Belles struggled in 4-1 upset loss against Olivet. However, the win was not enough to put them back in position for a shot at the title in the competitive MIAA.

"I feel our conference is very competitive knowing only one

team goes on to the playoffs; most teams have the top three in the conference go on," Concannon said. "Holding the top position in the MIAA is very hard to do. I've noticed in our conference that there's always major upsets, because it's all about who comes to play that day."

With only three games to play this season, the Belles are determined to go out with a bang.

"It will feel bad to end the season, but we'll continue to play intensely to the end," Concannon said. "It's comforting to know that we are able to hang with the top teams."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's hopes to get win against Olivet

Belles losing streak is 3, team seventh in the conference

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Fall break was not kind to the Saint Mary's volleyball team as the Belles dropped three matches in a row.

The losses placed Saint Mary's in seventh place in the MIAA with a record of 5-10 and only one conference game remaining on the schedule.

In the first game, the Belles traveled to Adrian College to take on the Bulldogs. After losing the first game earlier this year, Saint Mary's was hoping to close out the series with a win but ended up losing in three straight games.

The Belles played two hard fought games only to lose by scores of 30-26 and 30-28. In the final game they fell by a score of 30-24. Elise Rupright and Shelly Bender led the way on offense as both players col-

lected 11 kills. On defense, Anne Cusack had 11 digs, while teammate Amanda David added 8 digs to keep the Belles close.

But Saint Mary's could never quite figure the Bulldogs out and lost the match.

In the second game of the week, Saint Mary's took on MIAA powerhouse Alma. The Scots have yet to lose this year and are one of the premier teams in Division III as they are ranked No. 20 with a record of 26-0. Saint

Mary's really never came close as Alma streaked to an easy three-game win. One of the few

bright spots in the match was Michelle Turley, who registered a team-high with 11 kills. Cusack continued to shine on the defensive side with an impressive 12 digs.

In the final contest during the week, Saint Mary's played their final home game of the year only to lose to Hope. In their first meeting, the Belles beat the Flying Dutch in

five games, but the second time around wasn't as easy for Saint Mary's. They dropped the match in four games. After losing the first game 30-27, the Belles came back to steal the second game. But this wasn't enough as Hope regrouped and won the next two in a row.

Michelle Gary, Rupright, and Turley all made large contributions on offense, but their play wasn't enough to halt the Flying Dutch's attack.

"Adrian, Alma and Hope are all very good teams that are at the top of the MIAA conference," Turley said. "I felt that we fought hard in every match

we played even though the outcome was not in our favor."

Today, the Belles travel to Olivet to battle the Comets. Olivet is only 2-12 in the conference this season, and Saint Mary knocked off the Comets in their first meeting this year by sweeping them in three straight. Saint Mary's cannot improve their standings in the league even with a win, but a victory can stop their current skid and give them some confidence as they prepare to finish the regular season off.

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"I felt that we fought hard in every match."

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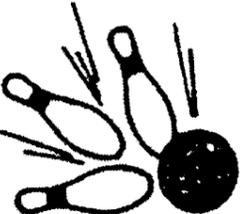
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Top-ranked Irish fail to score against Rutgers

ND beats Seton Hall,
Boston College

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 1 ranked Irish (16-0-1) encountered a couple of challenges over the fall break, with one of them resulting in the team's first tie of the season.

On Oct. 16, Notre Dame faced Big East conference rival No. 20 Boston College. In the 1-0 victory at Alumni Field, the team relied upon sophomore midfielder Jen Buczkowski to score the winning goal in the 80th minute of the contest.

This is the second time Buczkowski has scored a last minute, game-winning shot, the last time being in the 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 10. The opportunity was created when freshman midfielder Ashley Jones kicked the ball to Kim Lorenzen near the top of the box. Lorenzen then quickly rebounded the ball to Buczkowski who scored 10 yards from the goal past Boston College goalkeeper Kate Taylor.

"She has definitely stepped up for the team by scoring key goals," Jones said. "She has helped us get to where we are now. We just have to continue to make sure we are putting games away and if we do this, we have a great shot at winning the national championship."

In addition to the national championship, one of the team's main goals this season is to reclaim the Big East Championship. The Irish were given an early exit in last year's tournament after a 2-1 loss to Boston College, the last time these two teams met.

"Games against conference rivals are important because we want to win the Big East and with last year's loss, it was a really big game," Buczkowski said.

The importance of this game to the team was clear, as they played with a determined mindset throughout the contest.

The Irish led in total shots, with a 14-2 edge over Boston College. Only one of these two attempts put the Irish in position for a shot at the goal. This attempt came with 2:27 left to play from forward Laine Ceddia. Jones managed to clear the ball away from the goal.

Notre Dame 0, Rutgers 0

The Irish came away disappointed with a tie against Rutgers on Friday, Oct. 22 at Alumni Field.

"Even though it was a tie, it definitely felt like a loss. We were so disappointed," Jones said. "We dominated the game but the result did not show that."

Notre Dame held a 20-5 edge on total shots, 9-2 shots on goal and 8-3 corner kicks. The team was only one win away from matching the best start in the

program's history (16-0-0 in 2000).

The Irish struggled to convert its opportunities into points, despite several great opportunities. One of these missed chances came from junior forward Katie Thorlakson, who hit the goalpost twice in the second half from relatively close range in the 68th and 83rd minutes of the match.

"We just didn't put our opportunities away," Buczkowski said. "They limited our chances and put pressure on the ball, but I think we were just unlucky."

Adding to the team's misfortune was an impressive showing by Rutgers goalkeeper, Robyn Jones who stopped all nine shots from the Irish.

Notre Dame 3, Seton Hall 1

Senior Candace Chapman scored twice for the Irish in its impressive victory over conference rival Seton Hall last Sunday, Oct. 24.

The two goals came after facing a 1-0 deficit within the first five minutes of the match.

The Seton Hall goal came from a misfired kick by Irish goalie Lauren Karas to Seton Hall's Carley Piagentini. Piagentini took advantage of the rare opportunity by quickly coming towards the goal for the wide-open shot and the lead.

"It was shocking but we weren't devastated," Buczkowski said. "But we just fought back."



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Midfielder Jen Buczkowski dribbles in a match against Eastern Illinois on Aug. 29. Her goal beat Boston College on Oct. 16.

The Irish were able to rebound quickly when Chapman found the net in the 33rd minute of the contest. Junior midfielder Annie Scheffer passed the ball from the top left corner of the box to Buczkowski, who then kicked the ball to Chapman. The senior Chapman secured the goal, firing it into the right side of the net.

The team's second goal came after freshman Jannica Tjeder sent the ball to Chapman at the right side of the box. Chapman then set up Thorlakson for her 26th career goal and the 2-1

lead in the 55th minute of the game.

The third and final goal for the Irish also came from Chapman. Passes from Thorlakson and Buczkowski set up the 10-yard shot for Chapman, whose kick deflected off a Seton Hall defender during the 60th minute of the match.

"She created a lot of our offensive opportunities during the game," Buczkowski said.

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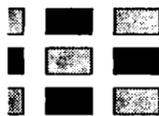
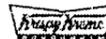
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1	USC (50)	7-0	1,610
2	Oklahoma (13)	7-0	1,567
3	Auburn (2)	8-0	1,486
4	Miami	6-0	1,441
5	Florida State	6-1	1,266
6	Wisconsin	8-0	1,265
7	California	5-1	1,234
8	Texas	6-1	1,125
9	Utah	7-0	1,103
10	Georgia	6-1	1,039
11	Tennessee	6-1	1,006
12	Michigan	7-1	985
13	Virginia	6-1	765
14	Louisville	5-1	728
15	West Virginia	6-1	686
16	Texas A&M	6-1	639
17	Purdue	5-2	553
18	Boise State	7-0	552
19	LSU	5-2	461
20	Arizona State	6-1	425
22	Oklahoma State	6-1	425
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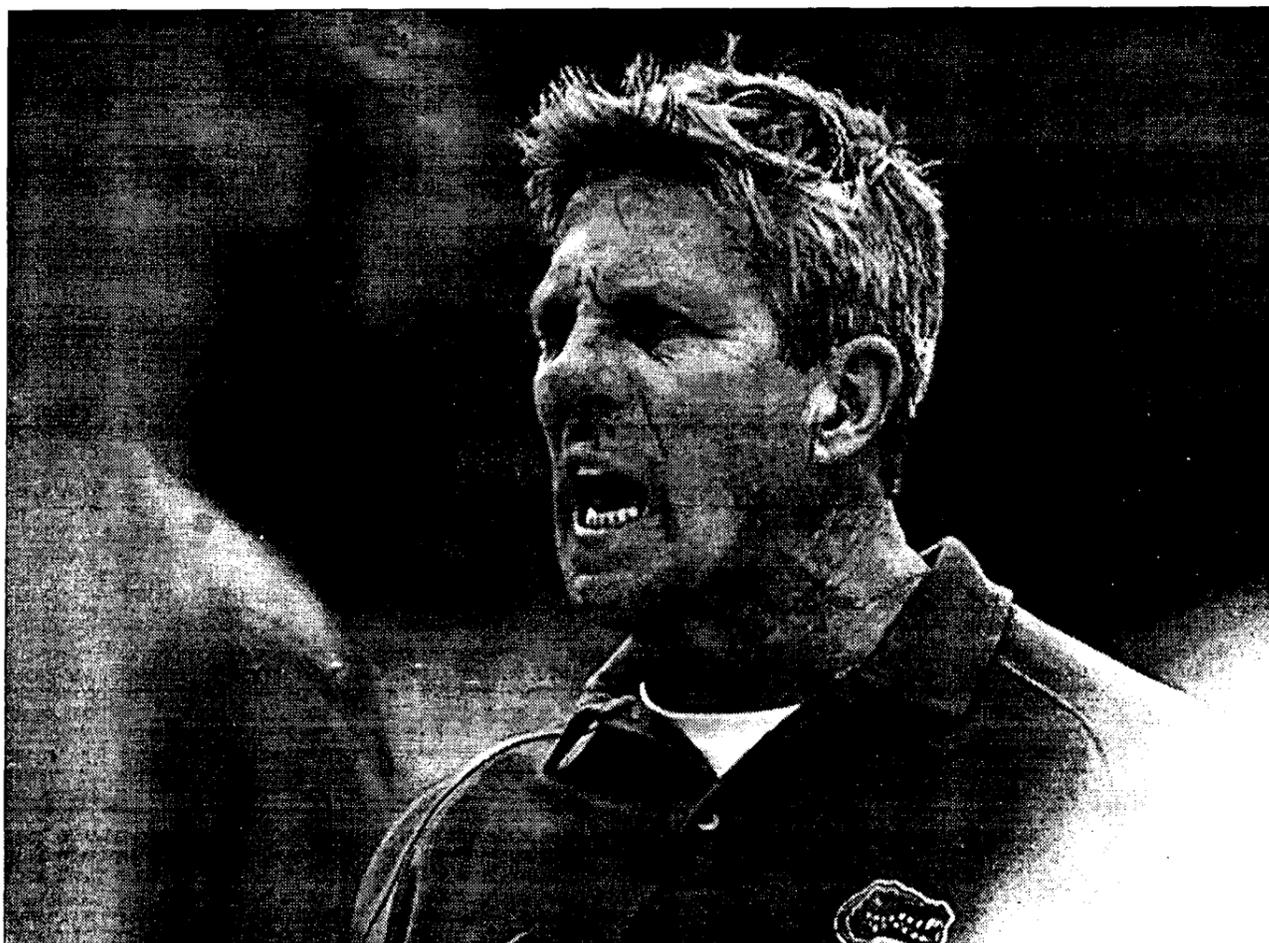
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4	Auburn	8-0	1,358
5	Florida State	6-1	1,218
6	Wisconsin	8-0	1,152
7	Georgia	6-1	1,127
8	California	5-1	1,066
9	Texas	6-1	1,032
10	Utah	7-0	1,001
11	Michigan	7-1	970
12	Tennessee	6-1	864
13	West Virginia	6-1	738
14	Virginia	6-1	660
15	Boise State	7-0	638
16	Louisville	5-1	582
17	Texas A&M	6-1	503
18	LSU	5-2	477
19	Purdue	5-2	457
20	Oklahoma State	6-1	415
21	Arizona State	6-1	346
22	Virginia Tech	5-2	338
23	Minnesota	6-2	176
24	Iowa	5-2	89
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NCAA FOOTBALL



Florida football coach Ron Zook reacts to his team's play against Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. on Saturday. Mississippi State defeated No. 20 Florida, 38-31.

Zook fired, hopeful fans look to Spurrier

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Ron Zook was fired Monday after two-plus years and a stack of embarrassments on and off the field, satisfying a growing groundswell for his ouster that began the day he replaced Steve Spurrier.

Zook will finish out the season while athletic director Jeremy Foley and school president Bernie Machen search for another coach.

"In the final analysis, it was apparent to me that something's not working here," Foley said. "I know that's kind of nebulous, but it's the truth. It's hard to

put a finger on it exactly, but it certainly just didn't appear to be working as we all envisioned."

The Gators are 20-13 under Zook with four games left — that's just 14 losses fewer than Spurrier had in 12 seasons.

Zook's latest debacle, a 38-31 loss to Mississippi State, sealed his fate and brought jubilation among those in Gator Nation who turned www.fire-ronzook.com into their Internet home page. The site posted this message Monday: "It's happening! It's happening! Oh my God it's happening!"

Spurrier's return would be welcomed in Gainesville. "I'll cross that bridge if it

comes to that," Spurrier told the Orlando Sentinel. "The thing I've tried to do all this year is not be lingering around, acting like I'm waiting for another guy's job. I don't believe that's the right way to do it. But now that he doesn't have a job, I guess there will be some discussion. We'll see what happens."

Foley planned to talk with Spurrier soon but said he won't discuss the opening with coaches with jobs until after the season.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops and Utah coach Urban Meyer also could be possibilities. Stoops was Spurrier's defensive coordinator for three seasons at Florida, and Machen hired

Meyer at Utah following the 2002 season.

Machen and Foley decided Sunday morning that Zook's tenure was over. They informed the coach Monday morning at Machen's home.

Zook agreed to coach the remainder of the season — something Foley was counting on.

"I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate and respect these players," Zook read from a statement, making little eye contact and pausing several times to collect his emotions. "They work hard and they do what we ask. I take a lot of pride in the fact that we leave this program in very good shape."

IN BRIEF

NASCAR driver Hendrick's loses family in plane crash

PATRICK SPRINGS, Va. — Crews on all-terrain vehicles on Monday recovered the bodies of all 10 people killed in the crash of a Hendrick Motorsports plane that was carrying family and friends of one of NASCAR's top syndicates.

Federal investigators said they did not know what caused the Beech 200 King Air to crash Sunday en route from Concord, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway, about 7 miles east of the crash site on Bull Mountain in the foothills of the Appalachians.

A bulldozer cleared a path to the crash site so ATVs could recover the bodies.

"The only method we have of getting up to the scene is on ATVs ... so it's a tedious and slow process," State Police Sgt. Rob Carpentieri said.

The plane slammed into the side of the mountain and its wreckage was blown uphill, said Brian Rayner, a

National Transportation Safety Board investigator. Charred debris from the fuselage, engine and other parts was visible, he said.

The crash killed all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick.

Aussie basketball star to become a Hoosier

BLOOMINGTON — A 6-foot-10 player from Australia has made an oral commitment to play basketball at Indiana, The Indianapolis Star reported Friday.

Indiana officials are prohibited by NCAA regulations to comment until a recruit signs a letter of intent.

The Star said center Ben Allen, who plays for the Australian Institute for Sports, picked Indiana over Utah, New Mexico and Gonzaga and visited all four schools in September.

Allen averaged 15.2 points and 4.8 rebounds for the Australian team in the world junior championships.

Williams, post Tyson defeat, looks toward winning title

LAS VEGAS — Danny Williams used to put so much pressure on himself that he would cry in his dressing room before a fight. That might make some wonder how Williams will react when he challenges Vitali Klitschko for a piece of the heavyweight title.

Not to worry, says Williams. His problem ended a few months ago when he rose to the occasion and knocked out Mike Tyson.

"I learned how to control it," Williams said Monday. "I went into the ring relaxed, didn't let anything bother me, and my performance showed it."

That fight July 30 ended with Williams stopping an exhausted and injured Tyson in the fourth round in the biggest bout of his career. The win not only made him famous back home in England but earned him an unlikely bid for a heavyweight title.

Now Williams meets Klitschko.

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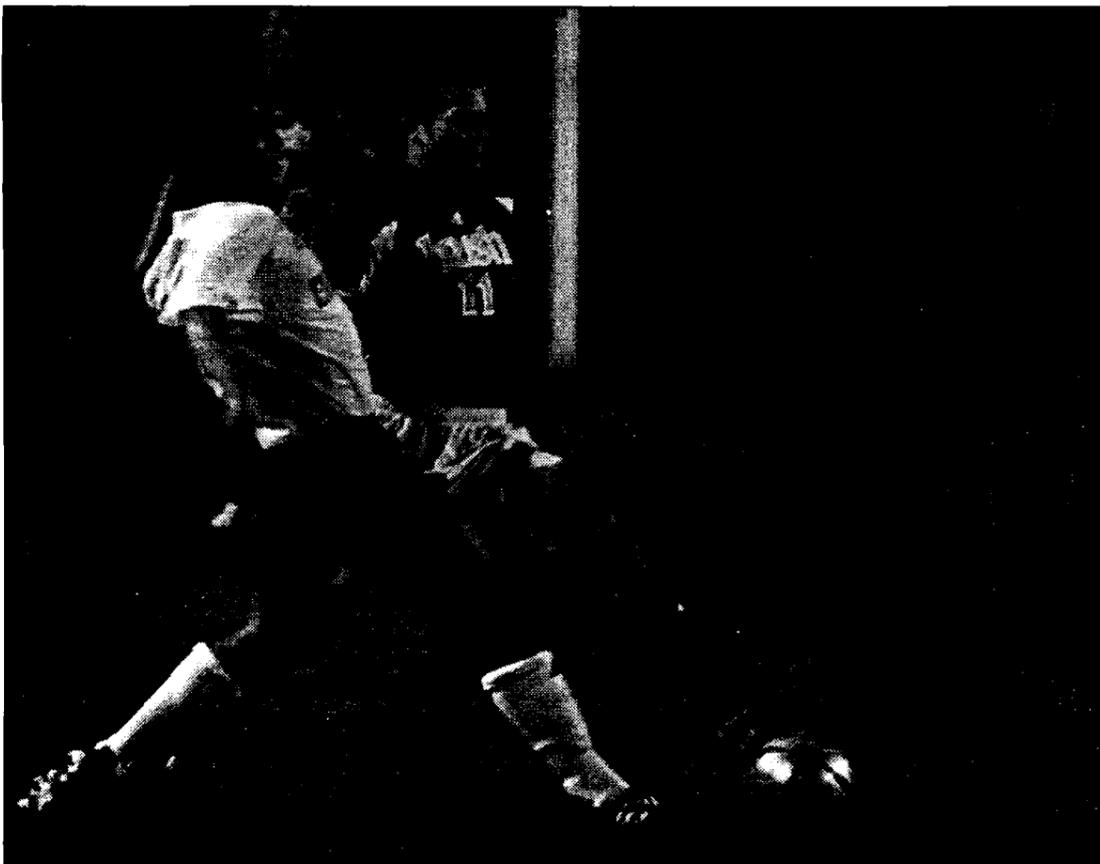
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Players like Tony Megna, right, helped Notre Dame to wins over No. 17 Seton Hall and Rutgers, earning the Irish their first regular season championship since joining the Big East in 1995.

Champs

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Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer's 623-minute scoreless streak, the tie with conference rival St. John's kept Notre Dame atop the Big East standings.

Midfielder Ian Etherington drew first blood for the Irish 21 minutes, eight seconds into the first half. Lining up for a corner kick, the sophomore bent a perfect ball inside the far post to stake the Irish to an early 1-0 advantage.

After failing to find the back of the net in the season's first nine games, Etherington's go-ahead goal was his third tally in a five-game stretch.

But playing at home with control of the Big East on the line, the Red Storm weren't ready to hand the Irish the victory. Twenty-two minutes into the second half, St. John's Matt Groenwald provided the equalizer.

Unleashing a 20-yard rocket from the right wing, Groenwald finally pierced Sawyer's steel curtain in what proved to be the game's final goal.

"I felt we were actually playing our best soccer and getting control of the game when they scored the goal," Clark said. "Both teams were trying to win the game — there were chances at both ends and both teams had opportunities, but perhaps a tie was a fair result."

St. John's took 16 shots to Notre Dame's 12 — the last time an opponent outshot the Irish was Indiana on Sept. 15 — while the Irish served up five corners to the Red Storm's three.

Notre Dame 1, Seton Hall 0

After Oct. 16's 1-1 stalemate against the Red Storm, the Irish moved to 4-1-1 against ranked teams this season, edging Seton Hall (10-5-1, 5-4-0) 1-0 on Oct. 20.

Battling both a strong wing and unfamiliar field conditions — the contest was played on NJIT's FieldTurf surface when Seton Hall's grass field was judged unplayable — the Irish were doubled up in shots, 8-4, during the first half of play. But they managed to keep pace with the host Pirates.

"There was some rain, and I don't think their field drains terribly well," Clark said. "We opened in a fairly strong wind and this wind died almost completely in the second half — it was a tough opening stretch, [but] I thought the team weathered the storm and began to play little bits of soccer."

Sawyer demonstrated what all the hype surrounding the All-American goalkeeper is about 20 minutes into the first half, stoning Seton Hall's Michael Zotti on a breakaway to keep the Pirates off the scoreboard.

While the wind that aided Seton Hall in the first half died

down, the Irish were still able to take control of the game in the second half, blasting seven shots to the Pirates' four.

The momentum swing finally paid off for the Irish with just under ten minutes remaining in the contest.

A pair of freshmen teamed up to put Notre Dame in front as forward Joe Lapira tapped fellow forward and classmate Alex Yoshinaga's cross past Pirate goalkeeper Boris Pardo to put the Irish on top for good.

Both of Lapira's two goals this season have been game-winners — the freshman also scored the second goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 win against conference foe Georgetown at Alumni Field Sept. 18.

Sawyer — celebrating his 22nd birthday — finished the game with three saves to pick up his eighth shutout, and Lapira paced the Irish offensive, posting three shots in addition to the match's lone goal.

Notre Dame 1, Rutgers 0

Needing a victory to clinch the Big East with two conference games still remaining on the schedule, the Irish apparently decided sooner is better than later, shutting out the Scarlet Knights (5-8-3, 2-5-2) 1-0 to extend their unbeaten streak to nine games (8-0-1 during the stretch) and take the conference.

"It was a really good atmosphere and a great result," Clark said. "We knew a victory over Rutgers assured us of the regular season title — there was certainly a lot at stake."

The victory over Rutgers was Notre Dame's first in seven years — the Irish last downed the Scarlet Knights in the 1996 Big East Championship game.

While Rutgers outshot Notre Dame 13-10, the match's lone goal came off the foot of an Irish player.

Just over 36 minutes into the first half, senior midfielder Luke Boughen slipped past the Scarlet Knight defense, took a pass from Etherington and pounded the ball into the left corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

"It was one of the best goals of the season so far," Clark said. "I think we must have strung together about 10 passes. The final pass was a great little first-time pass behind their defense for Luke to run onto and slot past the goalkeeper."

Sawyer made five routine saves as the Irish defense held an opponent to one goal or less for the fifteenth time in 16 games thus far this season — only Indiana was able to find the back of the net on multiple occasions, scoring twice in a 2-0 victory on Sept. 15.

The Irish finish out their Big East schedule Saturday night, hosting Connecticut at Alumni Field before welcoming Michigan State Nov. 2 to close out regular season play.

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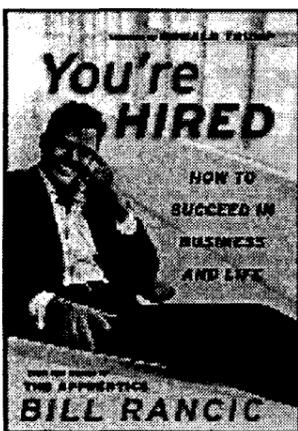
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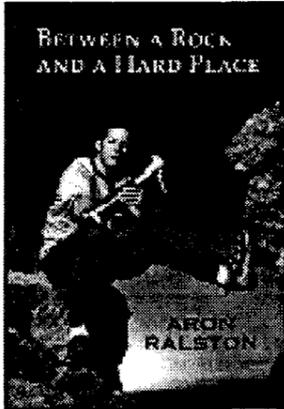
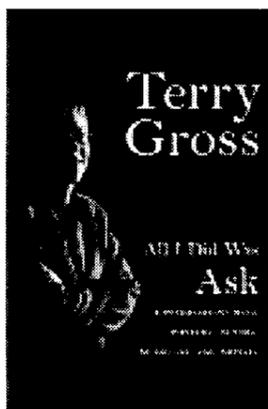


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MEN'S GOLF

Irish notch record-low team score

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

There is still wet ink in the record books after the Irish performance this weekend.

The team shot a combined score of 854 at the Nelson Invitational to break the Notre Dame record for lowest overall team score. Notre Dame shattered the old record, which was set at the same event last year, by nine strokes.

The Irish shot 279-288-287 to finish ninth in the strong field of 16 teams, finishing 24 strokes behind tournament champion New Mexico.

Coach John Jasinski attributes the strong showing to last week's good practices.

"We haven't been as competitive as we need to be (in practice over the past few weeks), but we had a competitive week of qualifying and good week of preparation," he said.

Despite the impressive numbers, the scores this weekend were not as good as they seemed. The Stanford Golf Course at host Stanford University is only a par 69 rather than the typical par 72, and thus scores are subsequently lower across the board.

Junior Eric Deutsch and sophomore Cole Isban led the Irish this weekend. The tandem tied for 21st with twin 6-over-par 213s. The two have been the Irish's strongest members, regularly shooting the best rounds at tournaments. The score was Deutsch's career best, and it ties for 10th best in school history.

"Cole is solid in his spot, has yet to even be put in a qualifier, and Eric has been very consistent," Jasinski said.

Trailing them was freshman Mike King. King finished with an 8-over-par 215 to finish in a 3-way tie for 31st place. Freshman Greg Rodgers posted another in what will surely become long line of career bests, shooting a 9-over par 216. Both Rodgers and King have become serious contributors to the Irish team already in their young careers.

"For being in their first year, they are showing a lot of character, especially in controlling their high score," Jasinski said.

Junior Scott Gustafson ended the weekend with a 223, finishing in a tie for 65th. Gustafson has struggled more than expected this season, and the Irish anticipate his return to his form of a year ago.

"The biggest question mark on this team is when he is going to get his game back; he has a little kink in his game right now that is adding 2 or 3 shots to his scorecard," Jasinski said.

While realizing that the team did well, Jasinski anticipates a return to tougher and longer courses, where he feels the Irish have more strength.

"I wouldn't say we're a threat, but I'd say we're competitive [at tougher courses.] Playing easy golf courses is not the style of play we prepare for."

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America."

In his four seasons in South Bend, Brey (84-44) has led the Irish to the postseason each year — to the NCAA Tournament in the first three seasons and to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament last year.

During his first season, Brey's team won the program's only Big East regular season championship claiming the West Division crown. He led the Irish in 2003 to their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1987.

On the recruiting front, Brey has brought the Irish to national prominence with a number of top signings and commitments. Upon taking the Notre Dame job, Brey secured current senior guard Chris Thomas' commitment, the only Mr. Indiana to play for the Irish. Current junior forward Torin Francis was named the McDonald's national boys Player of the Year.

For the 2006 recruiting class, Brey has gotten commitments from four top players, including consensus national prospect Luke Zeller from Washington, Ind.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Both teams finish second in Pre-National Championships

Huddle finishes 3rd, Cardinal takes team title for second week

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

For the second straight meet, the Irish cross country runners competed against the top teams in the nation.

Both the men's and women's teams captured second place at the Pre-Nationals champi-

onships in Terre Haute, Ind. Oct. 16. No. 1 Stanford took first place once again, dominating the field as it did at the Notre Dame Invitational.

While the Irish faced an elite field, the expectations for the meet remained high for the sixth-ranked women's team.

"Our goal was to be in the top three," women's coach Tim Connelly said. "We had hard training before the race but we had a solid performance."

Molly Huddle led the No. 6 women with a third place overall finish. With her best race of

the season, Stephanie Madia finished 11th in front of teammate Kerry Meager coming in at 16th.

The No. 9 Irish men's team placed four runners in the top 50 led by Kurt Benninger, who came in eighth overall. Tim Moore came in second for Notre Dame at 13th, finishing five seconds behind Benninger with a time 24:07 on the 8K course.

The men's team finished with 165 points to put them ahead of Michigan at 188 but behind dominant Stanford [77].

In addition to hosting 12 of

the top 30 ranked teams, the Pre-Nationals meet is also run on the same course the NCAA championships are held.

"We've already seen many of the top teams in the country like Stanford and Michigan," Connelly said. "We are moving the right direction for the Big East and NCAAs."

The Irish women will continue to face top ranked teams when they race No. 2 Providence in the Big East Championship.

"Providence is a huge favorite to win the Big East Championship, and we will

have to be perfect if we want to upset them", Connelly said.

At this point in the season, both the men's and women's teams have their top five runners set.

"The top five finishers in the Pre-Nationals should most likely be the top five we race in the upcoming meets," Connelly said.

The Irish will run in the Big East Championship on Friday.

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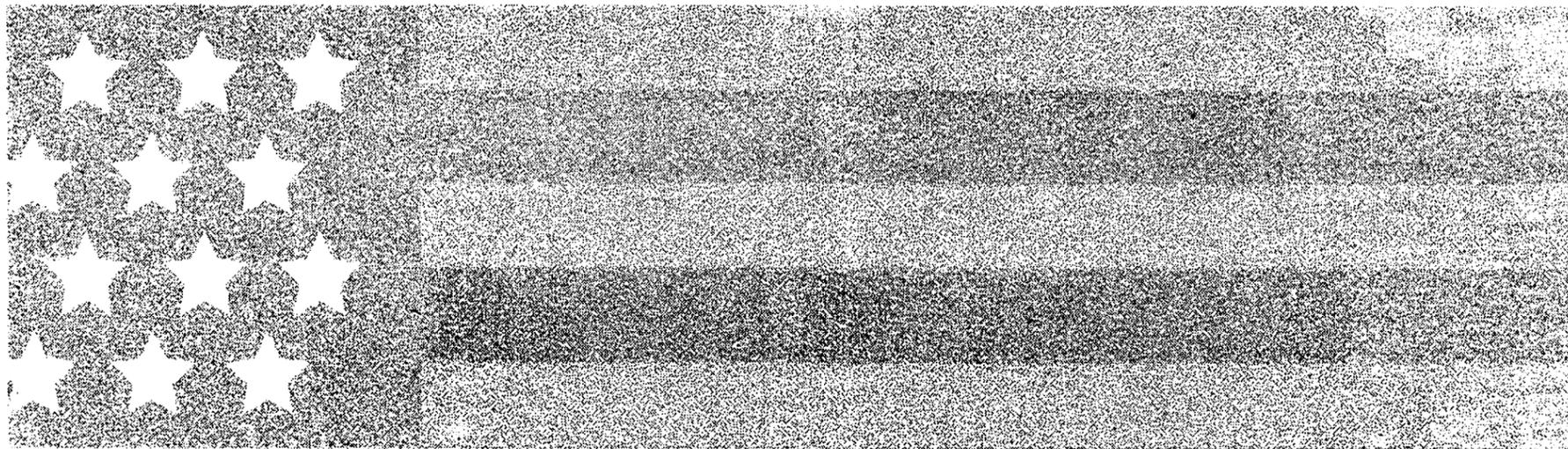
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15 seconds left proved the difference maker.

"We're a pretty sound defensive team and have good penalty killing, so we're going to have to win a lot of close games like this," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "T.J. has a knack for scoring big goals, and he did it again tonight."

With the score tied 2-2 late in the third period, Notre Dame's Tim Wallace was called for a charging penalty with less than a minute to go. Boston College coach Jerry York called a timeout in hopes of setting up the Eagles' game-winning power play goal.

Jindra had other plans. After the timeout, Boston College lost the puck in the neutral zone after Irish defenseman O'Neill broke up a pass. O'Neill then waited a few seconds before sending a perfect pass toward the streaking Jindra, who skated in a few strides down the left side and beat Boston College goalie Matti

Kaltainen with a slap shot to the short side.

"[Kaltainen] just left a little opening on the far side and I shot it and was lucky to deflect it off the post and in," Jindra said of the winning goal. "This is a pretty big win. Anytime you play BC and can beat them it's great for us; it's especially nice to just get a win under our belts after having a few close losses this season."

Jindra's late-game heroics would never have happened without the play of Cey, who continued his terrific play at home with 50 saves, including 20 in the first period — when the Irish were forced to kill five Boston College power plays. The goalie kept the Eagles off the board in that difficult period, giving his team momentum and earning a standing ovation from the Irish fans as Cey and the rest of the team skated off for the first intermission.

"We took four really dumb penalties in the first period and made things harder for us than they should have been," Poulin said. "After that first period we had a two-pronged momentum

— Morgan Cey had momentum and our penalty killing had momentum.

"Morgan definitely helped win that game in the first period, but he helped us win in the second and third periods as well."

In two games at the Joyce Center this season, Cey has made 88 of 92 saves, for a .957 save percentage. Both games have been against teams ranked in the top four in the country — Boston College and No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth.

Miami of Ohio 5, Notre Dame 0

Brandon Crawford-West made 23 saves as the Red Hawks blanked the Irish 5-0 on the road Oct. 16. David Brown made 38 saves for the Irish in the loss.

Christie, Michael, Guerin, Taylor Husted and Stephen Dennis all scored goals for Miami. For the second straight game, the Irish allowed three power play goals.

Miami of Ohio 4, Notre Dame 2

The Irish allowed three power play goals as Miami of Ohio defeated Notre Dame 4-2 on the



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Mike Walsh sat out the Boston College game with an injury, but the Irish heroics came from other sources this season.

road Oct. 15.

Cey made 34 saves in the loss, and Wallace and forward Josh Sciba scored goals for the Irish. Chris Michael, Todd Grant, Matt

Christie and Marty Guerin scored for the RedHawks.

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Character

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team went 9-23-4, but his most recent one made history with a 20-15-4 record and the first ever NCAA tournament berth in Notre Dame's 37-year history.

He even had to endure the extremely premature birth of his twin daughters — both of whom are currently Notre Dame freshmen — and the death of star Philly teammate Pelle Lindbergh.

After all that, what's so hard about beating Boston College, the No. 1 team in the country — again?

Not to mention that the Irish did it without their top returning scorer from last year, forward Mike Walsh. Walsh was also the only player who scored a goal in last year's victory over the then-No. 1 Eagles.

Not to mention that goalie Morgan Cey kept the Eagles off the board Friday night for the

first two periods, despite Boston College outshooting Notre Dame 30-13 in that span. Cey has only had two separate knee surgeries in his career.

Not to mention that the game-winning goal by T.J. Jindra was scored shorthanded, after the Irish blew their earlier 2-0 lead and allowed the Eagles to score goals just 15 seconds apart in the third period. Jindra's goal was scored after a questionable charging penalty was called with less than a minute left in the game.

Character? This team has it in droves.

"I can't say enough about T.J. Jindra as a player," Poulin said after Friday's win. "He was sitting on the bench sick there for five minutes in the third period, throwing up and really hurting."

"The kid is just a great kid and a great hockey player."

Coming into this season, the college hockey world said that Notre Dame was primed for a fall. Losing six seniors — forwards Aaron Gill and Rob

Globke and defensemen Brett Lebda, Neil Komadoski, Tom Galvin and T.J. Mathieson — would be too big a loss for the Irish to handle, the experts said.

A battle with senior-laden Minnesota-Duluth would show Notre Dame's youth and inexperience, those same experts crowed, right before the Irish went out and tied the Bulldogs 2-2 in their first game of the season.

Character? Look it up in the dictionary and you'll see Poulin's team.

The Irish have played a hellacious schedule so far, playing not one but two Frozen Four teams from last year, as well as a two-game series on the road against Miami of Ohio — one of the top teams in the CCHA last year and another team that

made the NCAA Tournament last season.

Despite that monstrous slate of opponents, the Irish have started a respectable 1-3-1 — respectable when you consider that the one win and tie were against those two Frozen Four teams. More importantly, Irish freshmen like Evan Rankin — who scored the second goal against Boston College — have gotten some much-needed playing time against some of the best teams in the country. That experience will pay dividends further down the road.

It's taken Poulin nine years for his team to raise a banner in the west end of the Joyce Center proclaiming "NCAA TOURNAMENT 2004." If his team can continue the character they've shown so far this season, he

shouldn't have to wait too long to add another year to that banner.

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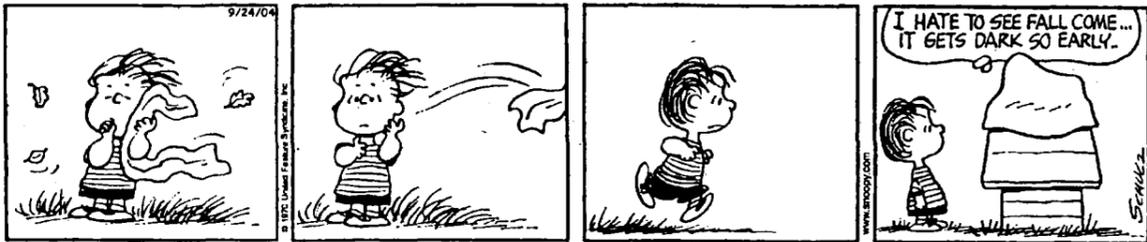
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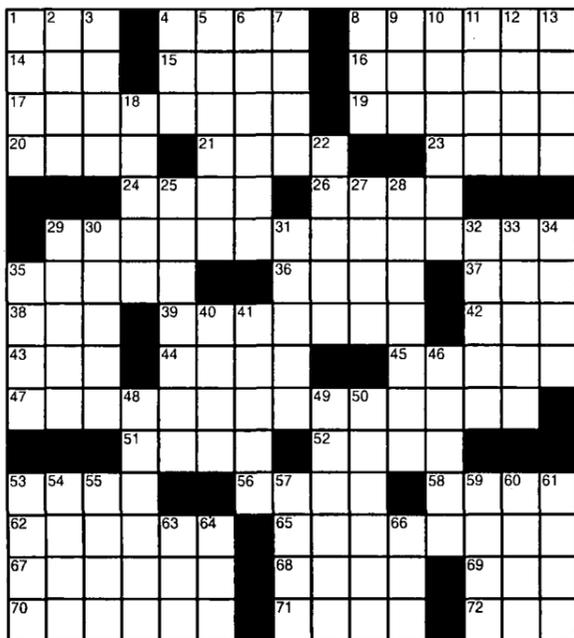
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sara Lumholdt, Tracy Nelson, Helen Reddy, Ben Gould

Happy Birthday: Don't be afraid of change. This year, if you hesitate, you are more likely to lose out. Be confident -- if you can master that, everyone will want to back you or be on your team. Your numbers are 5, 12, 13, 22, 25, 33

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll find it difficult to sit still today. Someone will make it clear how he or she feels about you. Don't respond too quickly. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There will be plenty going on with business and finance today, so don't miss a beat. Take advantage of an opportunity that someone offers. Promises will be kept. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've got what it takes to reach for your goals today. Put yourself on the line where business and professional changes are concerned. Money can be made. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everyone will be interested in what you want to do, but if you stay focused and don't rely on anyone but yourself, success will be yours. Don't waste time on people who waffle. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to talk circles around everyone will help, but if you don't stick to the truth or you haven't done your homework, you can expect to be challenged. Preparation will make the difference. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will feel the urge to do something about your financial situation. Problems with headaches will prevail if you don't lower your stress level. Rely on someone you can trust. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anger get the better of you. Emotional matters will escalate if you don't back down. You need a challenge -- take an unusual direction. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There will be lots happening around you today. Get your priorities straight and you can make professional changes. Be confident as you move forward. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With a little extra effort, you can make some personal changes that will please you and bring compliments from others. Talk about your future with someone you care about. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are on the right track, but you can expect obstacles to hold you back. Prepare to let someone lend you a hand if it means getting things done. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel or getting involved in a learning experience should be your intent. Think big, but don't overstep your budget. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An opportunity to make some extra cash is apparent. Attend a work-related event. Someone from your past will alter your life. ***

Birthday Baby: You are curious and clever, never willing to give up, back down or give in. You stand tall and you are always prepared to back what you say.

Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com and eugenialast.com.

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HOCKEY

History repeats itself

Jindra's shorthanded goal lifts Irish over No. 1 Boston College

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

No Mike Walsh, no problem. The junior forward, who scored the only goal in Notre Dame's 1-0 upset victory over No. 1 Boston College last year, missed Friday's game against the Eagles with an injury. But it didn't matter.

Forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winning goal and goalie Morgan Cey made a career-high 50 saves to help the Irish again upset No. 1 Boston College by the score of 3-2 for Notre Dame's first win of the season.

Wes O'Neill and Evan Rankin scored the other two Irish goals. Notre Dame took an early 2-0 lead, only to see the Eagles score two goals 15 seconds apart in the third period. But Jindra's shorthanded goal with less than

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Freshman defenseman Brock Sheahan, right, and the Irish handed No. 1 Boston College a 3-2 defeat Friday night. Forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winning goal.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Poulin's character, work ethic visible in hockey team's play

Nothing has ever come easy for Irish coach Dave Poulin.

The current member of the Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame didn't get recruited by any Division I schools — he filled out a Notre Dame questionnaire intended for a star teammate.



Justin Schuver

He didn't get drafted, nor did he get an NHL contract despite being a Hobey Baker finalist as a senior at Notre Dame. But after a year in Sweden's professional league, he latched on with the Flyers and played 12 productive years in the NHL.

Poulin's first Notre Dame

Associate Sports Editor

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey contract extended through 2010-11 season

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

With the program's future looking promising, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White continues to make sure men's basketball coach Mike Brey isn't going anywhere.

The athletic department announced Brey's signing of a two-year contract extension Monday afternoon.

"Simply speaking, Mike Brey has done a brilliant job leading Notre Dame basketball back to national prominence," White said in a statement. "Mike represents the perfect Notre Dame fit. He is truly a gifted educator, who enjoys the distinct ability to impart life lessons through his chosen profession. Without question, Mike is

quickly becoming one of the elite players within the college basketball community. We are extremely excited that he will continue to lead our program."

After signing an initial seven-year contract when taking the helm in South Bend on July 14, 2000 and a two-year extension in July 2002, Brey is now under contract through the 2010-11 season.

"Once again, I want to emphasize how honored I am to teach at this very special place," Brey said. "The commitment from our administration makes me a more confident basketball coach. Our program has great momentum, and I am excited about moving it forward into a new phase as the Big East becomes the best basketball conference in

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Kevin White
athletic director

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish capture conference

Team wins first Big East regular season championship

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

They also win championships.

Faced with a make-or-break fall break road trip against three tough conference opponents, the No. 5 Irish (12-2-2, 7-1-1 in the Big East) played to a draw with No. 10 St. John's before edging both No. 17 Seton Hall and Rutgers to claim the regular season conference crown for the first time since Notre Dame began Big East play in 1995.

"Every team has to make its own little bit of history, and this team has done that," coach Bobby Clark said. "Having said that, you've also got to give praise to the players that have gone before — a lot of stuff gets passed down. Every team starts to add to Notre Dame soccer



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Kevin Goldthwaite and the No. 5 Irish escaped the break without a loss and won the Big East regular season title.

tradition."

Notre Dame 1, St. John's 1

All good things must come to an end.

The Irish saw their six-game winning and shutout streaks snapped Oct. 16 when a second-half St. John's (9-3-4, 6-1-3) tally knotted the contest. The

Irish battled the Red Storm to a 1-1 tie to kick off their three-game fall break road trip.

"It was a pretty tough, tight, hard game — not a lot in it statistically," Clark said. "I think it was very close."

While the equalizer snapped

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

FOOTBALL

**Notre Dame 27
Navy 9**

Ryan Grant led the Irish to their 41st straight victory over Navy at Giants Stadium Nov. 16.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles win two of three

Saint Mary's beat Alma and Olivet by a combined 11-3 score. The Belles then lost on the road at Olivet.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish impress at Terre Haute

Notre Dame finished second at the Pre-National championships.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 1 Irish remain undefeated

The women tied Rutgers and beat Seton Hall and Boston College.

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IRISH INSIDER

Boston College tied a second-half comeback to defeat Notre Dame for the fourth straight year.

