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Last-minute factors could decide close race



President Bush speaks Monday in Sioux City, Iowa.

Notre Dame professors say voter turnout in swing states could be key

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Despite the bold predictions of some political prognosticators, today's presidential election is simply too close to call, according to some of Notre Dame's specialists in American politics.

"I think no one knows what's going on, and all the people trying to predict what's going to happen are grasping at straws ... There are too many close states in the election. It's just too close to call," said political science professor Benjamin Radcliff.

Bethany Albertson, a doctoral candidate and visiting scholar

from the University of Chicago, said at least one of the normal rules does not apply this year.

"In general, the best predictor for re-election is the state of the economy ... But foreign policy changes the decision calculus for so many voters this year," she said. "I don't think the economy is the right predictor for this year's election."

With such a close and unpredictable race, last-minute factors may come into play, Notre Dame experts said.

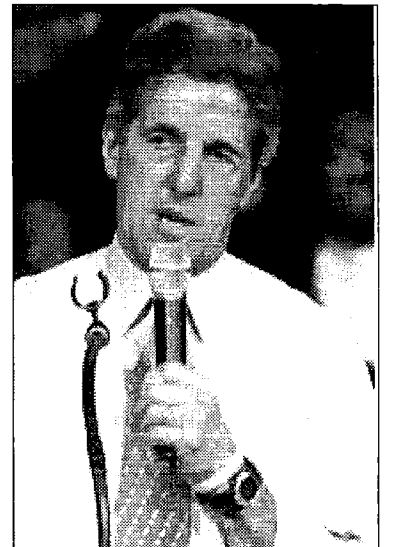
In past presidential elections, some registered voters on the West Coast have stayed away from the polls if they saw one candidate winning heavily on the

East Coast, where polls close earlier due to time zone differences, according to Radcliff. He said, however, that measures had been taken to prevent that from happening in this election.

"Networks have since stopped reporting early exit poll data ... That information isn't made public," he said. "The big question is going to be who's going to vote, and the last-minute decisions that come into play are much more prominent."

The recent brainstorm that has been drenching the Midwest might well affect such last minute decisions, Radcliff said, especially

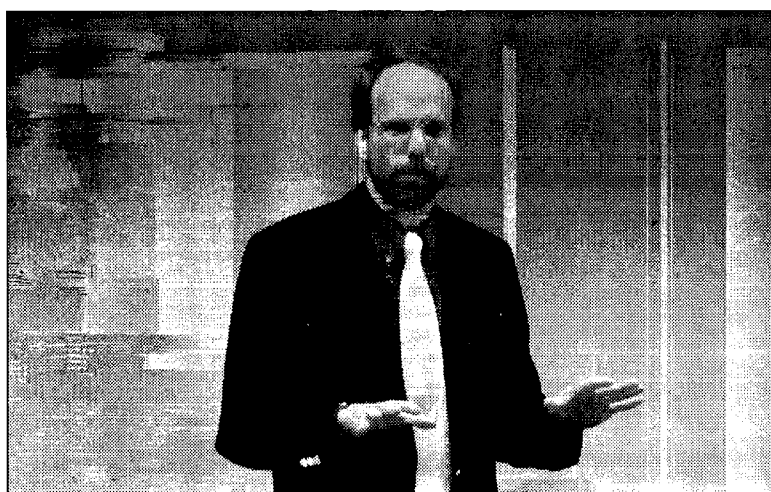
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Senator John Kerry campaigns Thursday in Toledo, Ohio.

FACULTY SENATE

Jacobs proposes 2 new initiatives



Associate provost Dennis Jacobs talks Monday about new initiatives on tenure and teacher course evaluations.

Associate provost talks about TCEs, tenure process

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

Major revisions to the faculty tenure process and publication of modified course evaluations could be on the horizon, according to a presentation by associate provost Dennis Jacobs at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Jacobs addressed the entire

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Students discuss sale of basketball tickets



Cavanaugh Senator Jordan Bongiovanni, right, speaks at the Council of Representatives meeting Monday.

Nusair gives presentation on Iraq

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership Fellow Isis Nusair made a presentation Monday afternoon titled "The Iraq War and Abu-Gheib," discussing the gendered and racialized nature of the U.S. invasions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

According to Nusair, there is a long history of religious and military tension between the Muslim world and the Western world.

"It's like a strand of history 1,000 years old, and it is interesting when it comes out and why," Nusair said. "I think it is important to understand the

political dynamics of what is happening now to go back in history ... and understand that the Middle East has been dominated for a very long time by various powers."

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, Nusair argued, the age-old rivalry between Islam and Christianity has re-surfaced. According to Nusair, the anti-Muslim sentiment deeply rooted in Western culture can be seen in everything — from everyday vocabulary to the mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq.

She gave her audience the example of President Bush initially referring to the war on terrorism as a "crusade."

"If you look back in history you will see the word 'crusade'

is very significant," Nusair said.

In fact, Nusair said, the federal government continued to produce very mixed speeches about Muslims and Islam in the months following the attacks, even after the poor wording was pointed out. The clash of cultures was constantly represented in the media as "us against them," "light versus dark" and "good against evil," she said.

"They tried to be inclusive but on the other hand it progressed to the worse, especially in preparation for the war in Iraq," Nusair said.

The implicative language has been normalized in western vocabulary, she said, and has

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Council of Representatives discussed a variety of possible solutions to issues stemming from the recent men's basketball ticket sale at Monday's meeting.

Student body president Adam Istvan opened debate by establishing that after hundreds of students were left without basketball tickets after last year's sale, he, student body vice president Karla Bell and Siegfried senator James Leito met with director of ticketing and marketing James Fraleigh to discuss concerns with the process.

"[The athletic department's] primary concern is the fact that only an average of 2,000 of the 3,000 students who buy tickets

attend the games," Istvan said. "So they want to know why they should expand the section if students don't come as it is."

Istvan noted, however, that the Athletic Department instituted the new policy of allowing students to use individual tickets from other booklets and their own IDs to get into games in hopes of increasing attendance.

Leito — not a COR member, but invited to sit in on discussion because of his involvement in the matter — said that there were two major problems with the ticket distribution process. One was that the 200 tickets allotted to Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students should be going to those Notre Dame students not able to secure tickets, and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Take a cue from comedians

Presidential campaigns bring with them a constant barrage of media, whether in the form of written articles, television ads, bumper stickers or news reports. With Election Day finally here, I sat and thought about what I really remembered from the past few months of campaigning. I suddenly realized that the bulk of everything I could recall came from either watching "The Daily Show" or reading "The Onion." Once I realized that "The Daily Show" was the unintentional source of most of my political knowledge, I really began to wonder about myself. Was I just one of the "stoned slackers," as Bill O'Reilly called "The Daily Show" viewers, who watched the show and then voted? Was I really that politically irresponsible?

Molly Griffin

Assistant
Scene Editor

I pondered this thought for a long time. I wondered if I had watched Fox News, CNN, MSNBC or any of the myriad news networks available to me whether or not I would have been more up-to-date on issues or more certain about where to cast my vote. Every time I sat down to watch something, I would hear that this channel had a liberal slant, this one had a conservative bias and so on. As an extreme moderate, where could I turn to for news with the least bias possible?

Then I had an epiphany. What ensures a lack of bias better than comedy? Comedians will discuss anything as long as it will get a laugh, and their only bias is whether or not something is funny. Comedy often comes from pointing out the ironies and inconsistencies of our lives, which is a particularly effective means of not only generating a laugh during the election season, but also revealing the real issues and ideas within a campaign.

In the particularly confusing and convoluted media surrounding the Presidential election, watching Jon Stewart call every candidate, regardless of party, on their errors was refreshing. Reading "The Onion's" "coverage" of the election, which mercilessly mocks both candidates, their positions on issues and things they have said equally, in a way that makes you laugh and think at the same time.

I personally believe that politics as a whole could take a cue from comedians. Not to say that any major issues should be taken lightly, but sometimes things are treated with almost absurd seriousness. It's okay to make a joke, and in the end, I think comedy keeps everyone more honest and makes overwhelming things a little more manageable.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Griffin at mgriffin@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO'S YOUR PICK FOR PRESIDENT?



Nick Catella

junior
Off campus

"Theo Epstein. He's a living god."



Kevin Lora

senior
Off campus

"Jimmy Buffett because I think everyone wants out of this weather and into a beach atmosphere."



Bob Masters

senior
Off campus

"I voted Clinton for Emperor, but he thrice rejected the crown."



Andrea Stenftenagel

senior
Off campus

"Anne Weese for President!"



Anne Weese

senior
Off campus

"Andrea because she is a hot ticket and a blonde bombshell."



Patrick Vassel

sophomore
Dillon

"I think John Kerry; but I wish Jon Stewart."



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Students gather for Mass in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel on Monday in celebration of All Saints' Day.

IN BRIEF

The Career Center will present a "Career and Internship Connections Information Session" today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 114 Flanner Hall.

Students can sign up for the annual Mara Fox Run today from 5 to 7 p.m. in North and South Dining Halls. The 5K run and 2-mile walk will be held on Saturday.

International Students Services and Activities will show the film "Goodbye, Lenin, Germany" in German with English subtitles, today from 7 to 8 p.m. in DeBartolo 117.

The Senior Class will sponsor an election watch at Smokey Bones BBQ and Grill on 4040 North Main Street in Mishawaka, today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students should bring \$2.

The Ballroom Dancing Club will offer tango dancing lessons today from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Rockne 301. Sessions are from 8 to 9 p.m., 9 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$4.

Alan Graf, executive vice president and chief financial officer, FedEx Corp. will discuss "Business Ethics for a Publicly Traded Company" today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

University of Chicago professor Jean Elshtain will speak on "St. Augustine, Harry Potter and the Confrontation with Evil" Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

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

OFFBEAT

Votes from the dead may still be counted

RALEIGH, N.C. — An untold number of ballots from people who have died since casting them will be counted this year because of the haphazard and cumbersome process of enforcing laws in many states to weed out these votes.

With millions of voters taking advantage of new, in-person early voting in at least 30 states this year, it's even more likely that such "ghost" votes will be counted because, in most cases, those ballots are impossible to

retrieve. Besides, it could be days or weeks after the election before local officials get word someone has died.

Colorado teacher kicks student for GOP shirt

DURANGO, Colo. — A part-time college instructor has apologized for kicking a student because he was wearing a Republican shirt.

Fort Lewis College student Mark O'Donnell said he was showing people his College Republicans sweat shirt, which said "Work for us now ... or work for us later," when

Maria Spero kicked him in the leg at an off-campus restaurant.

Spero then said "she should have kicked me harder and higher," said O'Donnell. "To physically take that out on someone because you disagree with them, that is completely wrong."

Police Sgt. Mitch Higgins said Saturday that O'Donnell wanted to press charges and a misdemeanor summons would be issued.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	54	50	55	50	46	47
LOW	44	39	36	37	30	34

Atlanta 79 / 62 Boston 54 / 45 Chicago 52 / 37 Denver 42 / 28 Houston 69 / 49 Los Angeles 80 / 56 Minneapolis 48 / 34 New York 58 / 50 Philadelphia 66 / 54 Phoenix 71 / 51 Seattle 54 / 40 St. Louis 51 / 40 Tampa 87 / 70 Washington 72 / 52

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's students discuss food services

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

During the past semester, many Saint Mary's students have expressed concerns and questions regarding the College's food services. At Monday's Board of Governance meeting, Noble Family Dining Hall general manager Berry Bowles spoke to address these issues and concerns regarding the policies and food processing.

Bowles gave a general overview of the pricing and the reasoning behind the meal plan options. He explained to the Board that he works for the Sodexo food company, which services many other colleges and the military.

"I always have an open door policy and am interested in serving you, the students. It is important that you let me know what you want," said Bowles.

The founder of the new competitive volleyball club, Angelica Pivarunas, asked the board for co-sponsorship so that the club may travel to tournaments. The club, Volleybelles, will compete in volleyball tournaments at various colleges, including an upcoming tournament at Miami University in Ohio. The board approved giving the Volleybelles \$700.

This Thursday there will be a forum regarding the image of a



Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday to discuss student concerns regarding the College's food services, among other issues.

Saint Mary's woman, Board members said. It will take place at 6 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

"As campus leaders we need to know the variety of opinions that are held by the students here," said Student Body Vice President Sarah Catherine White.

The board also encouraged students to vote in today's election. Anyone who is registered through Saint Mary's must vote at Gate 8 in the Joyce Center.

In other BOG news:

♦ Fall Day on Campus will be Nov. 7. Prospective students will be touring campus and speaking with faculty throughout the day.
♦ Member Sarah Brown reported

to the board that she will be initiating an Energy Conservation Task Force to increase campus awareness of cutting down on energy costs. She said she hopes that enough students will volunteer to be on the task force to cut down on the energy and save the College money.

♦ Technology commissioner Patricia Mobolade reported that it is still undecided if Information Technology will make wireless service available on Lake Marion. The decision is still under consideration due to the fact that many students consider Lake Marion a place of serene meditation. She also reported that "SMC TV" will not

be initiated this year due to the budget cuts; however, its students are encouraged to brainstorm ideas for the program, set to begin next year.

♦ Senior class president Jacqueline Cuisiner reported that this weekend is Senior Dad's Weekend. Friday seniors and their dads will attend Heartland "Casino Night," Saturday they are invited for a Notre Dame game watch at the College Football Hall of Fame and Sunday morning there will be mass at Loretto at 9:45 a.m., followed by coffee in Holy Cross Parlor.

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Professor publishes new book

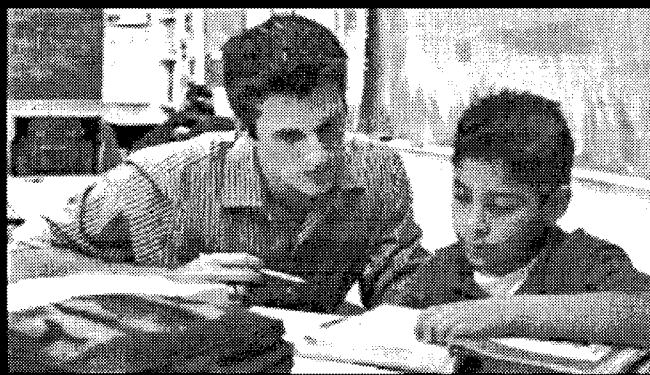
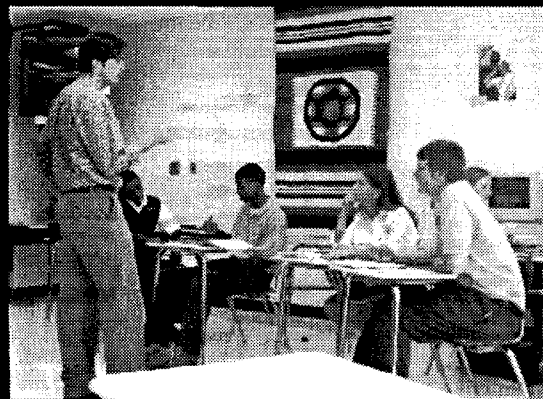
Special to the Observer

A new book co-edited by University of Notre Dame political scientist Guillermo O'Donnell presents theories on how to define the quality of a democracy and the methodology for implementing a "citizen audit" of democratic governments.

Published by Notre Dame Press, "The Quality of Democracy" explores a growing concern among policy experts and academics over the widely varying degrees of effectiveness of new democratic regimes, particularly in Latin America. It combines O'Donnell's theoretical study of how to determine quality in a democracy with analysis of data collected in an audit of Costa Rican citizens on the quality of democracy in their nation. O'Donnell, Costa Rican researcher Jorge Vargas Cullell and Argentinean political scientist Osvaldo M. Iazzetta co-edited the volume, which includes scholarly reflections from Notre Dame faculty members Juan Méndez and Michael Coppedge and 12 others.

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Jacobs

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senate on the tenure process and spoke to a joint meeting of the Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs Committees about the teacher course evaluation issue. On both topics, he put forth initiatives that would significantly change the way both academic procedures currently operate.

In regards to the TCE issue, Jacobs proposed the creation of a new mechanism for providing students with helpful information about class offerings, rather than publishing TCEs in their current format.

"I want to address the question of how can we help to improve the process of how students choose courses," Jacobs said.

The new format would likely comprise a separate set of very specific, multiple-choice questions and would be administered to students simultaneously with the traditional TCE. However, students would be told that answers to the separate questions only would be available to students for the purpose of choosing courses.

"It gets around some of the issues that an NDToday doesn't get around," Jacobs said in reference to NDToday.com, a student-run website that maintains student reviews of professors. "What I'm proposing are two sets of questions. This has in a sense a different purpose [than TCEs]."

Eventually, the responses would be available in an online format students could access when registering for classes.

"The idea would be to implant this in Irishlink," Jacobs said.

Faculty members expressed several concerns about the proposal's implementation and specifics but appeared generally receptive to the concept.

Last spring, senate debated and ultimately failed to pass a resolu-

tion to permit TCE publication, due to a variety of faculty concerns.

On the topic of the tenure, Jacobs proposed adding a major new component on teaching to the review process for faculty tenure candidates.

"There should be some view, some look, at what impact it's having on the mind of the student," Jacobs said of teaching.

As part of an effort to emphasize teaching in the tenure process, Jacobs discussed including a packet of work on two classes taught by the faculty candidate.

"We need to find improved ways to evaluate teaching," said Jacobs.

He said the initiative developed out of out of administrations concerns that TCEs did not adequately represent teaching quality in tenure reviews. The packet would include examples of students' graded projects, exams or papers and possible evaluations from other professors who would observe the candidate's classes, Jacobs explained.

The teaching evaluation would vary from department to department, depending on the nature of the discipline and likely would not be implemented for at least 3 years, Jacobs explained.

"It needs to be quite adaptable," he said.

On both initiatives, Jacobs said he was generally pleased by the faculty response and expected both proposals to move forward for further discussion with the faculty and his office.

"I would say it was very productive," Jacobs said after the meeting. "On the [TCE] proposal I didn't hear tonight any major issues."

John Robinson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said he envisioned proposing a new TCE resolution to senate probably after winter break.

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in key swing states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

"It could make a pretty big difference in a close race," he said. "In general, you'd expect anything that depresses turnout overall hurts Democrats, and that's in part because there are more marginal Democratic voters who tend not to vote."

Although many journalists and politicians have highlighted high recent voter registration, political science professor David Campbell wondered if the high

registration would really translate into high turnout.

"It may be that all the efforts in voter registration that have generated so much attention will be like all of the stories about Y2K, which turned out to be a dud," he said. "This is not to say that turnout will not go up from 2000, only that the news coverage does not give us a good sense of what will happen."

Albertson also said that despite the best efforts of both parties, neither Republicans nor Democrats can count on the support of undecided voters.

"Historically, undecideds break for the challenger ... but this year, we just don't know,"

she said.

Here at Notre Dame, area voters will cast their ballots at the Joyce Center, with elected St. Joseph County officials overseeing the process. As at every other polling place in the county, voters will fill out a sheet of paper specifying which candidates they wish to vote for and then put it in an Optiscan, which scans the paper, tallies the vote and secures a hard copy in case of recount.

The polls at the Joyce Center, accessible through the Gate 8 entrance, opened at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

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the second, that the University sells general tickets to individual games first, so those students not able to get season tickets do not have the chance to try for even a single game.

Leito also said the number of IDs a student can bring the morning of distribution should be limited to two or three to cut down on the number of "casual fans" — less likely to attend all the games — with tickets, and suggested if students had better seats, they would be more likely to attend.

J.R. Garcia, representative of the Club Coordination Council, suggested the creation of a centralized ticket distribution method for students to exchange individual game tickets. The idea was later expanded by other members, who agreed that an exchange system within individual dorms was the best approach.

Addressing the issue of poor student attendance, representatives discussed the idea of letting students without tickets who line up before the game fill the seats still open after tip-off.

"Most students are there by tip-off, so it's feasible to let people in late," Leito said. "It's the easiest way to get the student section filled every game."

Istvan said that the University dictates athletic department policy about allotting Saint Mary's and Holy Cross tickets, and the Big East dictates when individual game tickets can be sold. Student government can, however, begin discussions and work on other solutions discussed at the meeting.

"Creating a central ticket collection could happen this season," Istvan said.

In other COR news:

♦ SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty presented Caitlin Burns as the choice to take over as SUB Chief Controller when current Chief Controller John McCarthy graduates early

in December. Burns is a sophomore business major who has served as SUB marketing assistant since April and has also been involved in Hall Council, women's boxing and the Folk Choir.

"After a campus-wide search, Caitlin was far and away the best candidate," Flaherty said.

COR suspended the rules and approved Burns, rather than wait until next Monday's meeting as procedure called for.

♦ Class of 2005 president Darrell Scott introduced a proposal to be voted on next week that would add a representative from the Intercultural Center as a non-voting member of COR.

"It would be wise to add a student from the Intercultural Center to add a diversity viewpoint to the Council of Representatives," Scott said. "It's a no-brainer."

A non-voting member from the CSC's student advisory board, VOICE, was added early-

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Six kidnapped in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militants kidnapped an American, a Nepalese and four Iraqi guards in a bloody assault on their office in the capital Monday, and gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy governor in a drive-by shooting, new violence that came as voter registration began for vital January elections.

West of the capital, U.S. troops clashed with Sunni insurgents, and American artillery pounded suspected insurgent positions in Fallujah, witnesses said.

U.S. forces are gearing up for a major offensive against Fallujah, the strongest bastion of Sunni insurgents. The order to launch what would likely be a bloody assault must come from Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who warned Sunday that his patience with negotiations was thinning.

Ukraine election ends in runoff

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's furiously contested presidential election ended in a dead heat Monday, forcing a runoff between a pro-Russian candidate and his reformist challenger. Thousands of demonstrators in western Ukraine alleged fraud, and international monitors said the country failed the test of democracy.

The runoff, set for Nov. 21, prolongs a campaign that has been overshadowed by worries over irregularities. The vote is seen as key to whether the former Soviet republic moves closer to the West or to Russia. The winner will succeed outgoing President Leonid Kuchma, who clamped down on opposition during his rule.

The United States had warned it may take punitive action if the voting was marred by irregularities. Ukraine, which has a brigade of troops in Iraq, has been one of the top recipients of U.S. aid.

NATIONAL NEWS

Record borrowing expected

WASHINGTON — The federal government, running record budget deficits over the past two years, is projecting that it will have to borrow a record \$147 billion in the first three months of 2005, the Treasury Department announced Monday.

The department projected net borrowing needs of \$100 billion for the current October-December quarter, less than the \$122 billion it had earlier estimated would be needed to meet the government's obligations.

Treasury said it is currently projecting net borrowing of \$147 billion in the January-March quarter of next year, which would top the previous record net borrowing amount for a single quarter of \$146 billion set in the January-March quarter of this year.

Baby rescued from well

FRISCO CITY, Ala. — After nearly 13 tense hours, rescuers using a powerful drill and working under bright lights Monday saved a toddler trapped at the bottom of an abandoned well, bringing him out to cheers, tears and cries of "Praise the Lord!"

More than 100 people had gathered at the vacant lot, watching and praying through the night for 22-month-old Da'jour McMillan, who was playing with his older brother and sister near his grandparents' house when he disappeared down the 14-foot well that was overgrown with grass and unknown to neighbors and firefighters.

LOCAL NEWS

Student charged with arson

CROWN POINT — Lake County's prosecutor on Monday asked that a 17-year-old former student be charged as adult for setting the fire that caused \$2 million damage to a northwest Indiana high school, a spokeswoman said.

The New Chicago boy was arrested Friday and was being held in Lake County's juvenile detention center, police said. He is accused of setting the fire at River Forest High School on Oct. 21.

Suicide bomber kills 3 Israelis

16-year-old Palestinian Eli Amer Alfar blows himself up in a Tel Aviv market

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — A 16-year-old Palestinian laden with explosives blew himself up Monday in a crowded outdoor market in Tel Aviv, killing three Israelis, wounding 32 and scattering body parts and blood-spattered vegetables on the ground. The bomber's mother said the militants who dispatched him were "immoral."

The attack tested Israel's promise to show restraint during the absence of the ailing Yasser Arafat. Palestinian leaders including Arafat immediately condemned the attack, the first since a Sept. 22 bombing in Jerusalem.

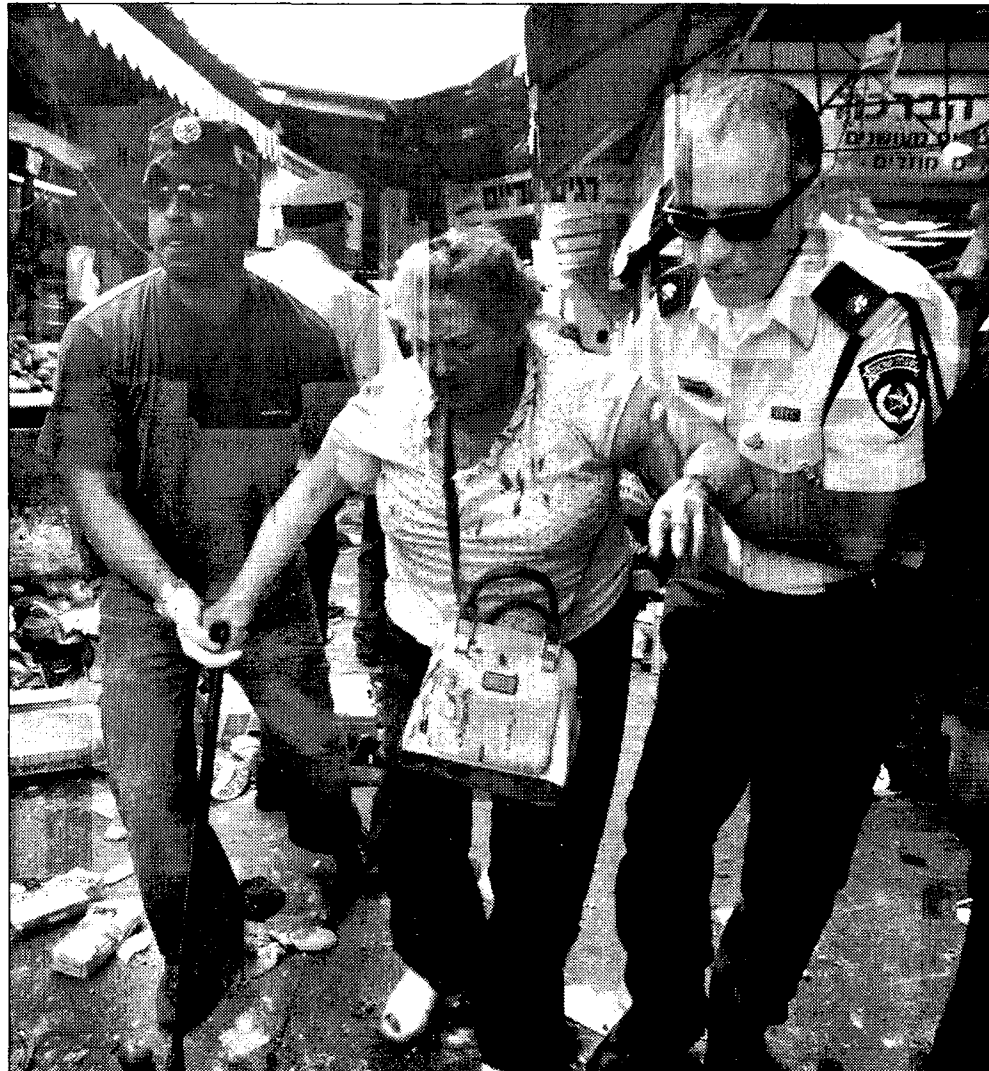
From a military hospital near Paris, the 75-year-old Arafat "appealed to all Palestinian factions to commit to avoid harming all Israeli civilians and he appealed to [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon to take similar initiatives to avoid harming Palestinian civilians," Arafat's spokesman Nabil Abu Rdeneh said.

The blast occurred shortly before noon when the suicide attacker detonated an 11-pound bomb in the Carmel market, ripping apart a dairy store, damaging a vegetable stall and sending screaming shoppers running.

"The explosion was huge, there was fire and smoke ... it knocked me over," said David Hayu, who owns a nearby butcher shop. "No one knew what to do. People were looking for their sons, their daughters, their husbands and wives."

The blast ripped off the dairy store's sign, covering it with blood and leaving loose wire dangling out of the wall. Lettuce and parsley splattered with blood were strewn on the pavement, along with spices and packages of children's socks.

Paramedics wheeled away bodies in black plas-



A survivor is evacuated from the site of an explosion, which killed at least three people and wounded 32, police said, in the Carmel market of Tel Aviv, Israel.

tic bags. Rescue workers scoured the pavement and dug through piles of cheese and spices in search of body parts.

The attack was the 117th suicide bombing since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000 and was the first since Arafat left for France, where he has been treated since Friday for an unknown disease. In all, 494 Israelis have been killed in such attacks.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO faction, claimed responsibility, identifying the assailant as Eli Amer Alfar, from the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank city of Nablus.

Alfar was among the

youngest Palestinian suicide bombers only one other was as young as 16 and his parents lashed out at the militants who recruited him.

"It's immoral to send someone so young," said Samir Abdullah, 45, Alfar's mother. "They should have sent an adult who understands the meaning of his deeds."

Abdel Rahim, 53, Alfar's father, said his son woke him up Monday and asked for two shekels 50 cents.

"Two shekels, that's what boys ask for, it's not money for men," he said. "He kissed me on the cheek and hand and left, and I went back to sleep."

The other 16-year-old blew himself up at an army

checkpoint on Nov. 3, wounding a soldier.

Frustrated by Israeli security measures that have greatly reduced their effectiveness, militant groups have turned to using women and teenagers to transport explosives and carry out attacks, hoping they would raise less suspicion at the dozens of Israeli checkpoints designed to capture bombers and other militants.

Also, Israelis say the contentious barrier they are building along the West Bank, which is one-third completed, has significantly reduced the bombings by making it harder to infiltrate from the West Bank into Israel.

Chinese police halt ethnic rioting

Associated Press

LANGCHENGANG, China — Police by the thousands patrolled this central Chinese town Monday and residents hunkered down in their homes after drenched street fights between members of the country's main ethnic group and a Muslim minority.

On Monday, minivans with loudspeakers strapped to their roofs drove through the dirt roads of Langchenggang and neighboring villages in Henan province, broadcasting appeals for calm.

As many as 5,000 people fought with sticks and burned several houses over the weekend in violence between Hui Muslims and members

of the Han ethnic majority, according to Langchenggang residents interviewed by phone.

The fighting killed seven people and injured 42, according to residents and the government. Langchenggang residents could not confirm a report by The New York Times of 148 deaths, including 18 police officers.

Authorities imposed martial law on the area in Zhongmou County near the city of Zhengzhou, residents said.

Eighteen people were arrested, the government said late Monday in its first official word on the fighting. The statement, carried by the Xinhua News Agency, didn't mention the ethnicities of the rioters.

The government said the violence began after members of two families from separate villages fought over a traffic dispute.

"Afterward, residents of both villages assembled with weapons," the Xinhua report said. "One villager was beaten to death on the spot and two died in the hospital one day later."

It didn't say how the other deaths occurred.

A spokesman for the county government, Liang Songzhou, said the traffic dispute involved a collision between two farm vehicles, one driven by a Han and the other by a Hui.

Today's Hui are descended from ethnic Chinese who converted to Islam generations ago.

Navy Seal reports mistreatment

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The CIA interrogated and roughed up Iraqi prisoners in a "romper room" where a handcuffed and hooded terror suspect was kicked, slapped and punched shortly before he died last year at the Abu Ghraib prison, a Navy SEAL testified Monday.

Blood was visible on the hood worn by the prisoner, Manadel al-Jamadi, as he was led into the interrogation room at Baghdad International Airport in November 2003, the Navy commando said at a military pretrial hearing for another SEAL accused of abusing Iraqi prisoners.

Testifying under a grant of immunity, the witness, identified only by his rank as a hospital corpsman, said he kicked al-Jamadi several times, slapped him in the back of the head and punched him. Five or six other CIA personnel in the room laid their hands on the prisoner, he said, but he did not provide details.

Sometime later, Al-Jamadi was found dead in a shower room less than an hour after two CIA personnel brought him into Abu Ghraib as a so-called "ghost detainee," according to Army Maj. Gen. George R. Fay's report on the notorious prison. Such detainees were not listed in the normal roster of military prisoners.

Fay's report said al-Jamadi died of a clot in the head likely due to injuries suffered after being detained. The military pathologist's report listed the cause of death as blunt force trauma complicated by hampered breathing.

A CIA spokeswoman declined to comment on the hearing, but noted that the agency is conducting its own investigation into the CIA's involvement in prisoner detentions and interrogations in Iraq.

The testimony about the CIA's role came during a hearing for an aviation boatswain's mate who is accused of punching al-Jamadi and posing in humiliating photos with the prisoner. The boatswain's mate, a 14-year Navy veteran, allegedly twisted other prisoners' testicles and struck a prisoner in the buttocks with a wooden board.

An Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury, was held to determine whether the boatswain's mate should be court-martialed.

The hearing concluded Monday. An investigating officer will recommend what charges, if any, the boatswain's mate should face.

The accused SEAL, who received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Iraq, could get up to 11 years in prison if convicted.

Al-Jamadi, described in an Army report as a suspect in an attack on a Red Cross facility, was captured by members of a Coronado, Calif.-based SEAL unit during a joint special forces-CIA mission.

Al-Jamadi was subdued after a fierce struggle with

the accused SEAL, the corpsman said. After al-Jamadi was cuffed, he said he watched the accused and another SEAL "body slam" the captive into the back of a Humvee.

The SEALs then drove to an Army base where the accused SEAL jabbed al-Jamadi with the muzzle of his weapon, according to the corpsman. He said while some of the blows were excessive, others were intended to silence al-Jamadi, who kept talking and shouting in Arabic.

The hospital corpsman was a surprise witness during the two-day proceeding, taking the witness stand only hours after reaching a plea deal with prosecutors that would spare him prison time.

Besides the corpsman and the boatswain's mate, five other members of the SEAL team were charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners. Charges against a chief petty officer were dismissed last week. Article 32 hearings for the other four SEALs have not been scheduled.

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crept into the presidential campaign speeches. President Bush and Senator John Kerry regularly make statements about "hunting" terrorists and "destroying" them, she said.

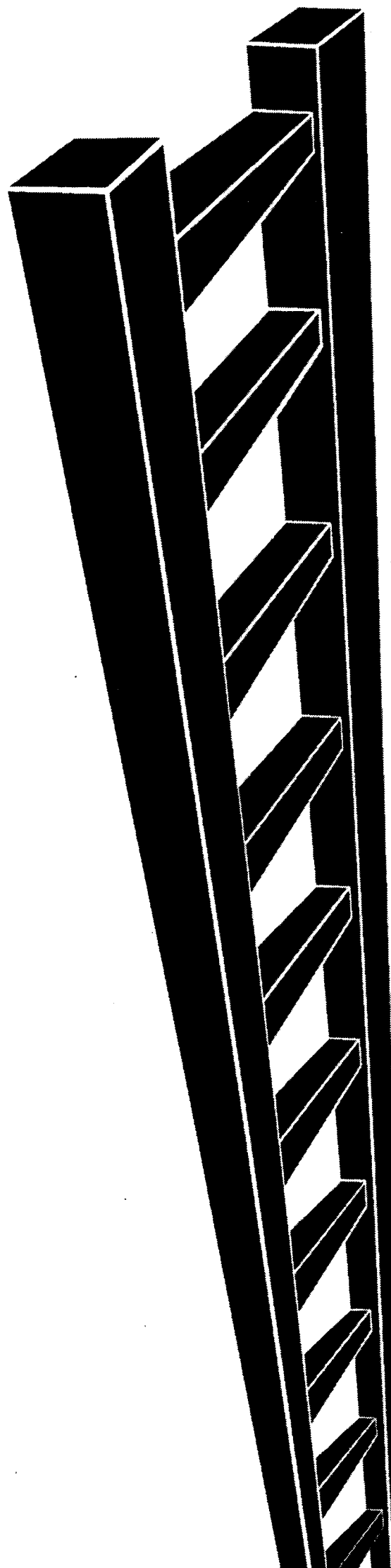
The woman's position in the Islamic culture is another point upon which westerners have built their concept of superiority over Muslims, Nusair said. In the western world, the veil worn by many Muslim women and the gender segregation are used as proof of the culture's attempt to devalue women, she said. In Afghanistan in particular,

Nusair said, American soldiers were represented as liberators and Afghan men as suppressors.

"In my opinion it [the portrayal] was also very racist because it was rescuing women not only from their culture but also from repressive brown men," Nusair said.

This effort to create a sharp contrast between the Muslim enemy and the freedom-loving Americans went down to the tiniest details, Nusair argued. She pointed out that the Pentagon spokesperson during the invasion of Iraq was a woman, saying she believes it to have been a calculated decision.

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Market reconsiders biodiesel

CHELSEA, Mass. — Few have anything good to say about this year's run-up in oil prices. They do, though, at World Energy Alternatives, a biodiesel company with a shiny antique Gulf Oil pump in the lobby — a hint that petroleum's proudest days may have passed.

Soaring petroleum prices have narrowed the price gap between conventional oil-based diesel and more expensive biodiesel made from American soybean oil.

"We're actually having a bit of a renaissance with people whom we tried to get excited two, three, four years ago," said Gene Gebolys, president of World Energy Alternatives, in Chelsea. "They're picking up the phone again and saying, 'Hey, we think this makes sense now.'"

The escalation in petroleum prices has delivered the most favorable marketing moment for biodiesel and other alternative energy sources in 25 years. It has bestowed an immediate windfall on some companies and helped to assure the place of alternatives in the future energy mix.

Southwest expands to Chicago

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines Co. plans to add 16 nonstop flights early next year from Chicago's Midway Airport, the prime hub of its chief rival is ATA Airlines, whose parent filed for bankruptcy protection last week.

Southwest said Monday the new flights would go to 13 cities that it already serves from Midway, including Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Philadelphia.

Chief executive Gary Kelly told reporters last week that expansion at Midway was Southwest's top priority. Chicago is Southwest's fourth-largest operation, with 145 daily nonstop departures.

Dallas-based Southwest said it could begin the new flights in the first quarter of 2005 without adding to its 19 gates at Midway. The service could be provided with some of the 29 new Boeing 737 jets that Southwest plans to add next year.

Indianapolis-based ATA Holdings Corp., parent of ATA Airlines, filed for bankruptcy protection last week and sold airport landing slots and other assets to rival AirTran Airways, a division of AirTran Holdings Inc.

Oil giant moves to block strike

Royal Dutch/Shell opens court action to safeguard Nigerian oil exports

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Oil giant Royal Dutch/Shell Group opened a court action Monday to try to block a strike targeting oil exports in the world's No. 7 crude exporter, but failed in a first-round bid to block wildcat strikes or other union action in the meantime.

The case comes one day after Nigeria's unions called the Nov. 16 strike over rising fuel prices here, and promised to target Shell the top multinational in Nigeria as an "enemy" of the people for taking legal action.

The price of crude vaulted above the \$52 mark Monday on the news. At midmorning in Europe, December crude on the New York Mercantile Exchange was trading electronically at \$52.24 a barrel up 48 cents from its Friday closing.

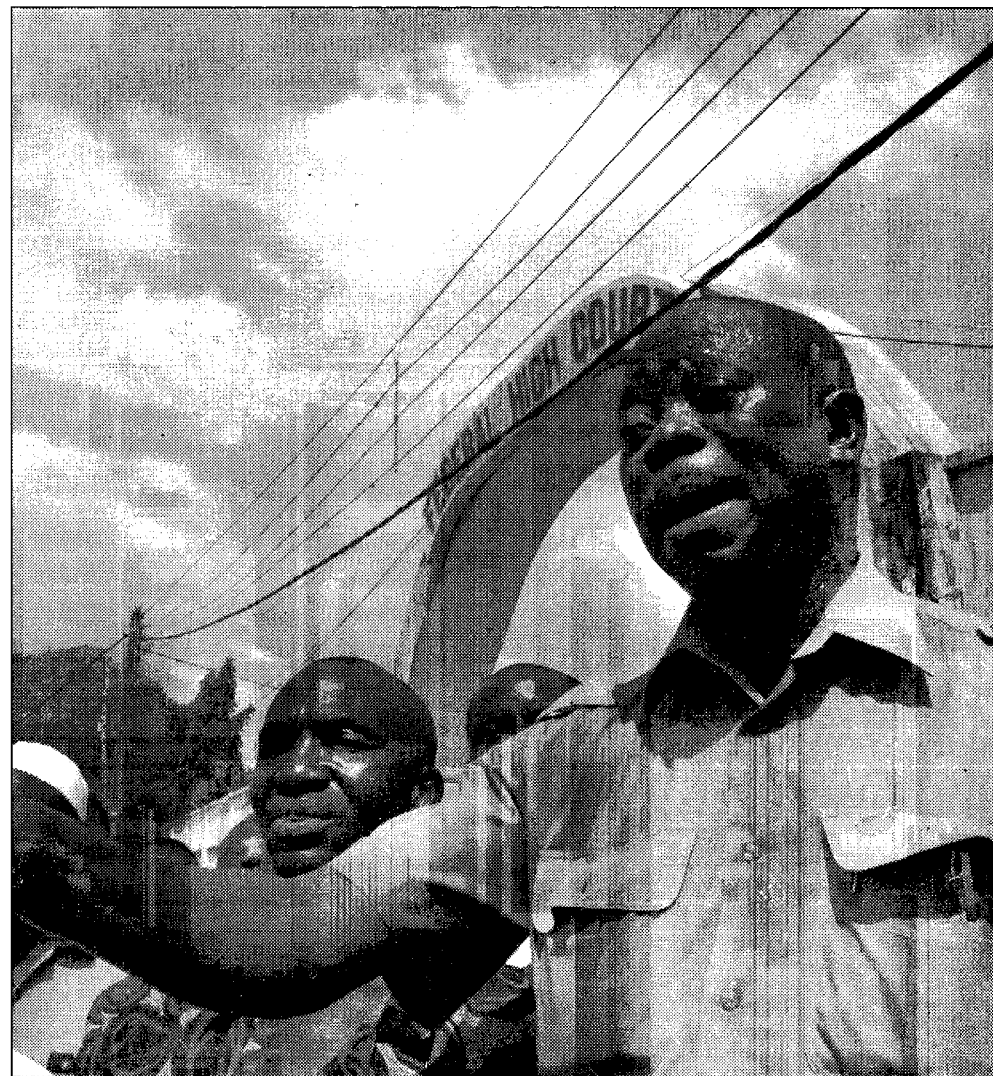
Federal Justice Abdullahi Mustapha in the commercial capital, Lagos, held only a brief hearing Monday on Shell's attempt to block the strike, postponing the case until Nov. 18.

Mustapha rejected a request from Shell to forbid wildcat strikes or other union action in the interim.

Mustapha said such an order was unwarranted, and made only a verbal appeal to leaders of the country's two powerful oil unions to "maintain the peace."

"We will maintain the peace provided Shell doesn't do anything to provoke us," Brown Ogbeifun, president of the white-collar Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, told the court.

Judges also postponed to Nov. 18 a similar case against the blue-collar National Union of Petrol-



Nigerian Labour Congress President Adams Oshiomhole addresses supporters outside the federal high court in Lagos, while Royal Dutch/Shell fights for exports.

eum and Natural Gas Workers of Nigeria.

Nigeria pumps 2.5 million barrels a day. It is the fifth-largest supplier of U.S. oil imports.

Nigerian unions are protesting September's 23 percent increases in fuel prices domestically. An October strike over the fuel prices paralyzed business but did not target oil production.

Crude prices internationally hit an all-time intraday high of \$55.67 on Oct. 26, driven up partly by fears of Nigerian supply disruptions among the

labor unrest and threats from an oil-delta militia to block production.

A senior Shell official in Lagos, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday that Shell went to court in hopes of compelling unions to follow already-agreed-upon procedures for grievances.

"We have an agreement with the unions that before going on strike they have to declare a trade dispute. That way we know what the issues in dispute are and what we're dealing with," the official said.

General strikes in

Nigeria are often violent, and at times deadly. An October general strike over fuel prices shut down most business in the country but did not affect oil production unlike the strike planned for this month.

Despite Nigeria's wealth, the majority of its 250 million people live on less than a dollar a day. Clashes over criminal gangs and ethnic militias vying for the local trickle-down from oil production have killed hundreds over the past year in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta.

Music copyright lawsuits filed

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The recording industry on Thursday filed another round of copyright infringement lawsuits against people it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet.

This latest wave of federal litigation targeted 750 computer users across the nation, including 25 students at 13 universities, according to the Recording Industry Association of America, the trade group for the largest music companies.

The RIAA claims the defendants used university computer networks to distribute copyrighted recordings on unauthorized peer-to-peer services, including eDonkey, Kazaa, LimeWire and Grokster.

Separately, the RIAA also sued 213 people in 34 states and

Washington D.C. who had already been identified in earlier litigation but failed to settle their cases.

Among the universities attended by students named in the lawsuits were Indiana State, Iowa State, Ohio State and Southern Mississippi. The individual colleges and universities were not named as defendants.

As in previous cases, the new lawsuits were filed against "John Doe" defendants identified only by their numeric Internet protocol addresses. Music company lawyers must obtain the identity of defendants by issuing subpoenas to Internet access providers.

In all, recording companies have sued 6,191 music fans since September 2003, when the industry began waging its legal campaign against online sharing of music files. To date, 1,207 defendants

have settled their cases out of court, the RIAA said.

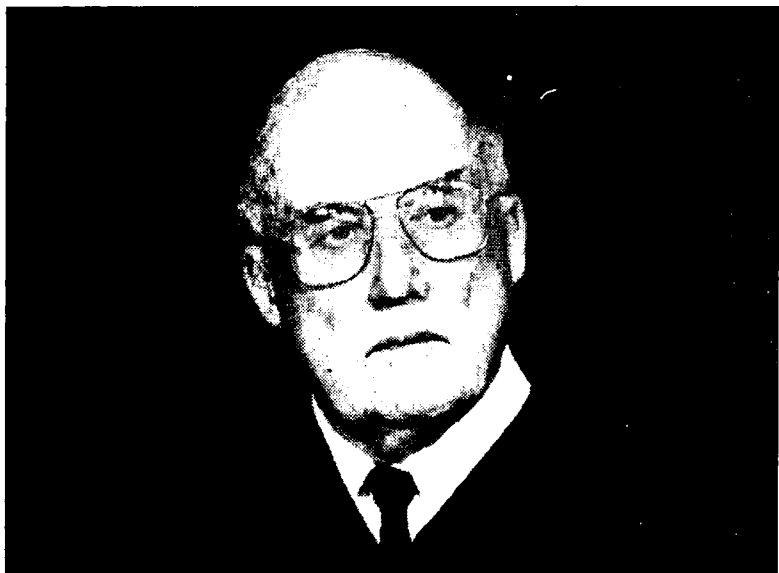
Settlements in previous cases have averaged \$3,000 each.

While some surveys have shown the number of people engaging in file-sharing has declined since the RIAA began its legal assault, other data show millions continue to share music, movies and software online.

A recent study by researchers at the University of California, Riverside, concluded that traffic on peer-to-peer networks has never declined and is at least comparable to the same levels it was a year ago.

Meanwhile, any would-be defendants in recording company copyright cases who fall within the jurisdiction of the eastern Pennsylvania federal court district will benefit from a ruling issued earlier this month.

Rehnquist undergoing treatment for cancer



Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist disclosed Monday that he is being treated for thyroid cancer and plans to work from home.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist revealed Monday that he is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for thyroid cancer, signs he has a grave form of the disease and probably will not return to the bench soon.

The election eve disclosure by the 80-year-old justice underscores the near certainty that the next president will make at least one appointment to the Supreme Court and probably more.

Rehnquist had planned to join his colleagues when they returned to hear arguments Monday after a two-week break. Instead, he issued a statement from home about the treatment he's receiving. It said he plans to work from home and made no mention of leaving the court.

The chief justice did not disclose what type of thyroid cancer he has, how far it has progressed or the prognosis.

Dr. Ann M. Gillenwater of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston said the combination of chemotherapy and radiation is the usual treatment for anaplastic thyroid cancer, a fast-growing form that can kill quickly.

About 80 percent of people with that type of cancer die within a year, even with treatment, according to the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy.

"Unfortunately, it rarely responds very well, and this is

just a holding action for most patients," said Dr. Herman Kattlove of the American Cancer Society.

Rehnquist's statement was a more somber announcement than the one a week ago, when he first made public that he had been hospitalized for cancer treatment but said he planned to be back at work in a week.

"According to my doctors, my plan to return to the office today was too optimistic," said Rehnquist, who spent a week in the hospital. "While at home, I am working on court matters, including opinions for cases already argued. I am, and will, continue to be in close contact with my colleagues, my law clerks and members of the Supreme Court staff."

News of Rehnquist's cancer has energized conservative and liberal groups, which have tried to draw voters' attention to the court's delicate balance on issues like abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty.

The spotlight would have been heightened in the final week of the campaign if Rehnquist had been more forthcoming about his condition, said Dennis Hutchinson, a Supreme Court expert at the University of Chicago Law School.

"He doesn't want to be a factor in the election, Hutchinson said. "The one thing all members of the court hate is the assumption that they are partisan or sensitive to partisan politics."

Educators predict future lawsuits

No Child Left Behind Act expected to be targeted to avoid sanctions

Associated Press

THERMAL, Calif. — The federal No Child Left Behind Act threatens costly penalties for schools deemed failing to meet academic standards. In response, some educators expect a series of lawsuits aimed at avoiding the sanctions.

Since President Bush signed the sweeping education reforms in 2002, the law has drawn criticism from educators debating its strict performance and test requirements. The act requires all students to be proficient in reading, writing and math by 2014.

Parents of children in some failing schools can demand transfers to better campuses. Over the next four years, schools must offer tutoring services, administrators and

teachers can be fired, states can take over districts, and federal funds can be withheld.

Coachella Valley Unified School District — which includes Oasis Elementary School — could be among the nation's first to challenge the law. The school board is considering suing federal and state governments, claiming the district is being held to unreachable goals.

"Coachella is the tip of the iceberg," John Perez, president of United Teachers Los Angeles, said, adding that the law "doesn't take into account things it needs to."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, students at more than 27,500 schools nationwide — almost 31 percent of all U.S. public schools — are failing at math and reading.

Last December, Reading School District in Pennsylvania sued over its low performance rating, arguing its Spanish-speaking students couldn't read the tests. About two-thirds of the district's 16,000 students are Hispanic; 15 percent have limited English proficiency.

But, judges ruled that testing in a student's native language is not mandatory, only required "to the extent that it is practicable to do so." The district plans to appeal.

"It's a wonderful title, No Child Left Behind. Who could ever disagree with that?" said Richard Guida, a lawyer for the Reading district. "But kids are all different and, unfortunately, this calls for a cookie-cutter approach to education that doesn't take difference into account. Some kids will be left behind."

Vaccine gives long-term protection

Tests reveal progress in cervical cancer prevention drugs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Efforts to develop the world's first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer took a key step forward Monday with test results suggesting that it can provide long-lasting protection.

Four years after getting the vaccine, 94 percent of women were protected from infection with the virus that causes most cervical cancers and none had developed worrisome precancerous conditions, a study showed.

"We're thrilled about these results. The immune responses seem to be really long-lasting," said Dr. Eliav Barr, who leads development of the vaccine for Merck & Co. The company plans to seek U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval next year for an expanded version of the vaccine that also could be used to prevent genital warts in both women and men.

The new study was funded

by Merck and led by University of Washington researchers who presented results Monday at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

"They showed clear effectiveness," said Dr. Scott Hammer, a Columbia University infectious disease expert who reviewed the work but has no ties to Merck or the study. "This is a very important issue for women's health around the world."

If the vaccine makes it to market, it would be the second developed to prevent cancer. The hepatitis B vaccine has dramatically reduced the number of infections that progress to liver cancer.

Cervical cancer strikes nearly half a million women worldwide each year and kills about half. In the United States, about 15,000 women get it and about 5,000 die.

Virtually all cases are caused by infection with human papilloma virus, or HPV, which is spread through sex. One strain, HPV-16, accounts for about half of all cervical cancers.

A previous study showed that HPV-16 infections were completely prevented in 768

women who had received the Merck vaccine 18 months earlier. None developed precancerous conditions either.

The new study followed 755 of these women for four years after vaccination. HPV-16 infections had taken hold in seven; none developed precancers. In a comparison group of 750 women who received dummy shots, infections took hold in 111 and precancers formed in 12.

Even though protection had waned for a small number of women in the study, the vaccine's effectiveness was still very high, said Dr. Douglas Lowy, a National Cancer Institute scientist who invented the vaccine. The government gave rights to develop it to two companies — Merck and GlaxoSmithKline — and Merck's work is a little farther along, Lowy said.

"Revaccination might be advisable at some point," but it will take more study to know whether that is necessary or would improve effectiveness, he said.

Women in the study were ages 16 to 23 when they received the vaccine, given in three doses over six months.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New system needed for distributing student basketball tickets

For the second year in a row, many students are being denied the opportunity to attend men's home basketball games. While I concede the current system regarding student season tickets is good in theory, it has several shortcomings in practice. Through student government, I and others have met with various officials from the athletic department to try to improve this problem, but unfortunately only small changes have been made (as I am beginning to notice is the norm at this University). From my experience there are several problems with the current situation that students and the athletic department need to realize and solve.

First, Notre Dame students are not given enough opportunities to obtain tickets. Holy Cross and St. Mary's, which receive 50 and 150 tickets respectively, should not be given tickets. While, I am all for other local colleges attending Notre Dame events (like football games and concerts where everyone gets tickets), Notre Dame students should be given first priority for tickets, and then once the demand of Notre Dame students' is met, students of other colleges should be given the opportunity to attend.

In addition, the ticket office should wait to sell individual game tickets until after student season tickets have been sold. This year the individual tickets went on sale this past Tuesday and already tickets to the Connecticut and UCLA games are sold out. This practice prevents students who do not get season tickets from purchasing individual tickets to the big games for which they will most likely have trouble finding unused student tickets.

Second, it is too easy for the casual fan to obtain tickets. Students should only be allowed to bring two or three IDs to the ticket sale instead of six. Under the current system, many students who don't really care much about the games and go mainly for social purposes can easily obtain tickets by sending one of their friends to

get them. If the number of IDs allowed is reduced, then people with less of a desire to go to games will be less likely to wake up early to get in line. Though this could be more of a pain for students, if the ticket sales are held on a Sunday when students do not have class, then limiting the number of IDs to two or three should not be a problem.

Fourth, students need to start coming to the games and they need to be given better seats. The student section is rarely filled to capacity and this is why the athletic department is unwilling to give students more tickets. Though not every one with tickets can come to every game, it is reasonable to expect the student section to be near capacity for most games. Only once we as students decide to come to the games (or at least give away our tickets if we are not going) will we be given more tickets. I cannot, however, blame students who decide not to come to games when their seats are so poor compared to the general public's. I firmly believe that once students are given decent seats that they will turn out in higher numbers. Though the athletic department will be reluctant to revamp the seating because of JACC renovations coming in "5-10 years," I think the bigger issue at hand is whether the University has the guts to tell the alumni (who also tend to show up in sparse numbers when our team isn't performing well) to move to worse seats.

In all fairness, the ticket office has made a stride towards alleviating this problem by allowing students to rip tickets out of the booklets and give them to others. A shortcoming of this system, however, is that it can be hard to find someone willing to give up his or her tickets. Many students do not decide whether they are going to the game until the day of the game. Moreover, this will be even more difficult for students such as me who have no one in their dorm's section with tickets because they all got in line

together.

Fifth, the primary goal of the athletic department should be to get the student section as packed as possible thereby allowing for the greatest home court advantage. With this in mind, my suggestion to the athletic department is to let students without tickets into the game late (say 7-10 minutes into the first half). The ticket takers could easily count how many students have come in (since there are only two doors in which to enter) and then allow non-ticket holders to enter for a small price (\$4-5 perhaps) in order to fill a large portion (50-75 percent) of the empty seats. This would allow students without tickets to attend games while also leaving space (the other 25-50 percent of the empty seats) for students with tickets who are showing up late because of other responsibilities. By increasing the number of students at the game, our team will be given an even greater home court advantage as more people will be there to cheer for them. I know there may be some concern that too many students could be let in, but if only a reasonable proportion of the empty seats are filled late this should not be a problem.

When all is said and done though, it is sad to see that again many students are being denied the opportunity to attend what promises to be a great basketball season. I can only hope that students will attend the games in high numbers so that we will be allocated more tickets (or at least give away their tickets if they are not going). I also hope that the ticket office does whatever it can to solve these problems so that this does not keep happening. I wish the team the best of luck, but unfortunately, I will have to cheer for them from my dorm room.

James Leito
junior
Siegfried Hall
Nov. 1

Put student participation before the dollar

It is with great sadness and some anger I read the story about the sale of men's basketball tickets being limited to 3000 students. How absurd is that? When did students become second-class citizens at our school? Being an alumnus of the '75 class, I can speak directly as to the difference real fans (i.e. students) can add to the team. I was there when students wouldn't give up on the team when they battled UCLA to break the 88 game streak. Wasn't it the student body that was voted the most valuable player in the upset win over No. 1 San Francisco? Isn't that the only time that has ever happened?

Ask the players from those teams how valuable students were to those victories. Have we become like all other schools that put student participation and support after the almighty dollar. Students are the school and all of them that desire to purchase tickets should be allowed to do so. During the '70s, Digger Phelps understood how much student support meant to the team's success. Why doesn't the administration?

The arena seats 11,500. That would mean that 8,500 seats are "filled" with fans who do not have as much at stake as the students. How does that show spirit? We have all witnessed the non-students sit on their hands when the game is not going well. That is when the team needs the support the most. Let's give those players as much help as possible. At least 50 percent of the seats should be reserved for our students. If not, why not?

Richard F. Morton
Class of '75
Oct. 31

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is still just a game



I love Notre Dame football as much as the next person on this campus. I have longed to attend Notre Dame my entire life, and I can be about as obnoxious as they come when talking football to those whom haven't yet been converted to Irish super-fans. Despite this fanaticism, as some would call it, I remember one important thing: it is still just a game.

Why do I point this out, you ask? The answer is simply that some students seem to forget this fact. The following situation happens at every Notre Dame game: As most fans cheer wildly for the Irish defense, a cry rings out above the rest, "Injure him!" or "Make sure he never plays again!" Even worse, in that moment when play has stopped and an injured opponent lies on the field, "Yeah, he's hurt!" Are fans really asking our team to attempt to seriously injure the opposing players?

As loyal and hardcore as many of us are about Irish football, there is no excuse for wishing "real world" harm on opponents. Football is a game, and while we may despise our opponents as players, we are called to respect them as children of God. You may pass this off as "just a part of the game" or say, "I don't really mean it," but this does not make it any more excusable. How would that injured player's mother feel if she were to hear someone yelling such things? Would you want to hear such things yelled about your best friend as he lays in agony, knowing that this injury may have forever changed his life? Next time you start to raise your voice in celebration of the sight of an opponent laying motionless on the field, think again about the person that is underneath the helmet and the pads, the person that may be in serious danger as a result of that hit. God cares about his well-being, and we are called to do the same.

Phillip Nagel
senior
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 1

Changes are necessary to make Notre Dame football great

I'm writing this letter because I have finally 'had it' with Notre Dame football. I fully expected the Irish to beat Boston College and beat them handily. On paper, Notre Dame was and should be the better team. At halftime, even with the score 20-7 in our favor, I like everyone else felt it should have been a much larger deficit for Boston College with all of the opportunities they gave us to blow the game wide open. We all know how it worked out. Once again, our football team lost a game that we should not have lost for the third time this season. The Brigham Young University loss I looked past after the great victory against Michigan. I just believed the team overlooked them in preparation for the revenge match. I had a very difficult time swallowing the Purdue loss. I did not believe they had an athletic advantage over us going into the game. Yes, they had a senior quarterback who was playing well. But, we had shown that we could beat a good team at home with our victory over the University of Michigan. Of course, Purdue has now lost two home games, one of which to a team we beat. And the Boston College loss makes me absolutely sick for so many reasons, they are innumerable.

This letter is not meant to slander Coach Willingham and his staff. I believe he is a great representative of the University. The players have shown great class in victory and defeat. Unfortunately, the numbers don't lie: Coach Willingham has lost seven games by 25 or more points. He is 1-2 against Purdue, 0-3 against Boston College, and 0-2 against the University of Southern California with another loss extremely likely in a few weeks. I could go on with more statistics to show how poor his record is compared to previous Notre Dame coaches through three seasons. I fully expected this team to progress in his third season, especially after the Michigan victory. (That was the

first time we looked like Notre Dame since the victory against Florida State University two years ago.) Unfortunately, they have done the exact opposite.

For me, it is very simple: I want to be Notre Dame again on the football field. I want to win games we are expected to win. I want to win games we aren't expected to win. I want to make halftime adjustments. I want our team to be the aggressor. Heck, I wouldn't mind the occasional tunnel fight like we had against Miami in '88 and USC in '89. I want us to show teams that we do not lose in Rockne's House. I want teams to be intimidated again when they are at Notre Dame Stadium. And I want the Notre Dame team to be more focused when they hit the road because they have to be in order to win.

Unfortunately, I don't believe these things that I want to happen will happen under the current regime. It is not a matter of talent any more. We have a few horses. We don't have the trainers. The ongoing experiment the University has run the last 11 years to do things "right" in the football program, whatever this might mean, has not worked. "Right" to me is when the Notre Dame football program is as large and encompassing as the University itself. We need a coaching staff that brings us back to this level, and an administration that embraces this ideal. Maybe then, I will be able to stomach the occasional loss to a Big Ten team, or worse, Boston College.

I am tired of the bookstore having to sell paraphernalia advertising the "Glory Days" because they don't have anything to sell with respect to the present-day program.

Mark Mikiciuk
alumni
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Oct. 29

U-WIRE

I love the Red Sox

I love the Red Sox so much it's not even funny. If Oct. 27 became the new Christmas for New England, then the day after surely must be New Year's Day — it became a fresh start for generations of millions of Red Sox hopefuls.

Andrew Bauld

Tufts
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Daily

The Red Sox won the World Series. No matter how many times I say it, hear it, read it, could it be true? It is surreal, dream-like; only Tim McCarver doesn't usually call my dreams, and the Red Sox are never champions when I wake up.

People keep saying it is going to be different now, no more loveable losers and no more "curse" to secretly revel complaining about. People snidely sneer that there is no more reason for us to care. No reason to care? If I didn't care, would I be sitting here, not even 24-hours since the Greatest Victory in Sports History, watching reruns of this season's extra inning games on NESN? Would I still be getting chills watching Big Papi hit that Easter day game winning home run in the 12th or be clapping as Timlin gets the last out in a mid-season Yankees game? I am a Red Sox fan. If it weren't repetitive, I would say I bleed red — but I do.

Standing in line for over two hours the other day outside Fenway, waiting just to get a glimpse of the exorbitantly priced World Series memorabilia that waited inside, there was only one way to describe the mood at the Fen. It was the same feeling that raced through my mind when 27 outs were finally

and officially recorded, it was the same feeling that washed over the face of every Red Sox fan I hugged that wonderful night, it was the same feeling that has draped itself over Boston like a blanket we've been missing for far too long. Happiness: genuine, pure, blissful happiness. No Fenway Faithful or proud member of Red Sox Nation knew what that word truly meant until 86 years of "what ifs?" were finally washed away. But have we changed? Ask those fans already looking forward to opening day against the Evil Empire, and you'll get your answer.

Bill Buckner, Bucky Dent, Bob Gibson, Bambino: like Tom Petty sang, "don't come around here no more." No

more curse; we can now talk about the cure of 2004. Fifty years from now we'll be telling our grandchildren

about the exploits of these new inductees to that exclusive club of Boston legend.

Generations from now the renown of Schilling and Ortiz, Martinez and Ramirez, will forever be reminisced and adored by the city of Boston — while the likes of Bellhorn and Kapler and Roberts will remain with us diehards until the day we die. I never believed in the curse, but looking up at a blood red moon that night made me believe in destiny.

I cannot help but think of the countless men who have graced the ranks of the Red Sox and have come as close as many of us thought would ever be possible. 1946,

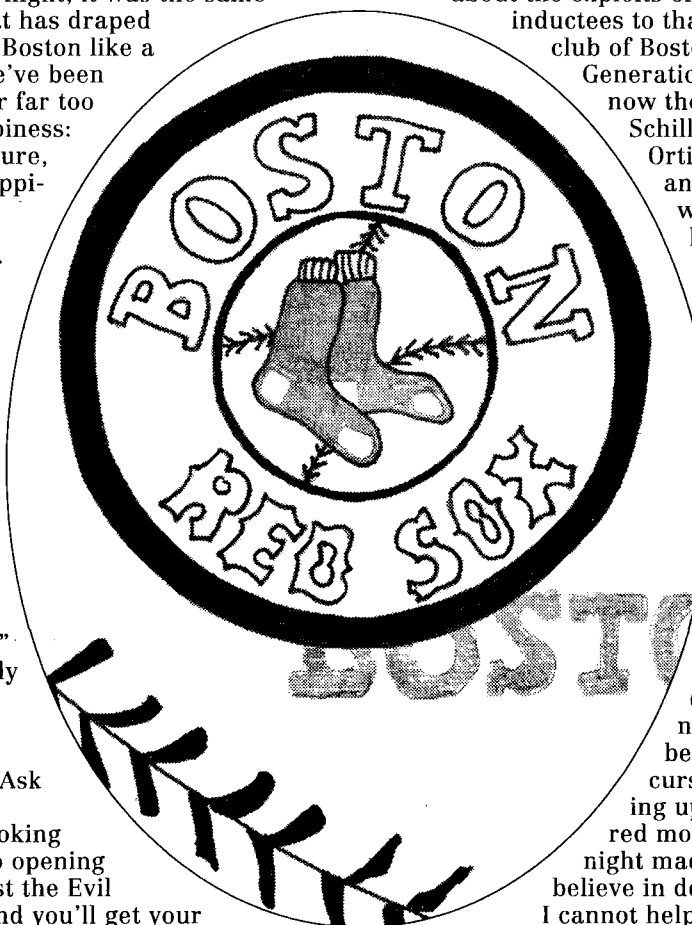
1967, 1975, 1986 ... Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Jim Lonborg, Jim Rice, Carl Yastrzemski, Carlton Fisk, Luis Tiant, Bill Lee, Wade Boggs, Roger Clemens, even Bill Buckner. Those dates and those names are each synonymous with greatness and misery — scorn and admiration for countless Red Sox fans — but they can all take comfort now, because this victory was far too important to be constrained for this one team and this one generation of fans. This was for everyone.

It just hit me. For the umpteenth (but certainly not the final) time, the local news is showing the video of that infamous last out rolling between the unsure feet of Bill Buckner. In the past, I've felt physically sick, but not this time. For once I smiled, because the Boston Red Sox are the greatest team in baseball, and it is not only we loyal fans who know it.

I cannot wait for spring training and Opening Day, waking up on that glorious morning in early spring when Sox tickets go on sale. Have things changed? Of course they have. The Boston Red Sox are World Series Champions — but I am cheering again watching NESN run the highlight reel of Mark Bellhorn score the tying run in the bottom of the ninth against the Royals. It goes without saying, but I love the Red Sox.

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Stealing Cars, Mutant Mayhem, Gory

Students review some of the

REVIEWS BY MARK BEMEN

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

Mark: The Grand Theft Auto game series has enjoyed tremendous success with each and every release of its various installments. Grand Theft Auto: Vice City was deeper, more addictive and better developed than each of its predecessors and was a smash hit. With all these expectations, it's a relief that the latest installment in the series, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas offers even more to both long-time fans and novices alike.

The latest addition to the Grand Theft Auto series is quite original and both the gameplay and tone is noticeably different from the previous ones. While the previous games focused on the mafia and urban skyscrapers, this one has much more of a suburban feel. The mafia is replaced by the gang and huge cities have been replaced with an urban sprawl.

The inner city locations have not been dropped completely out of the game. While the focus is definitely on the suburbs near the beginning of the game, you move into other parts of the state as the game progresses, each offering their own unique locales and citizens.

This is the largest Grand Theft Auto game yet, and the player can visit locations varying from the city to the coun-

tryside, offering a wealth of opportunities along the way.

The gameplay has been refined while retaining the spirit of the series. New modes and options can be chosen to tweak your character, such as choosing a hairstyle or riding a BMX bike. Even a two player mode has been added. If you have played the previous Grand Theft Auto games, you know what to expect from this latest edition. And that's definitely a good thing.

Trevor: Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is a real legend in the making. The GTA series has proven itself on the PlayStation 2 ever since 2001 with the smash hit Grand Theft Auto III. That being said, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is debatably one of the best titles released for the PlayStation 2 to date if you like the GTA style of gameplay. A storyline based on killing

your rivals for respect and money, coupled with strong language and sexual content make this game very deserving of its Mature rating. The game fundamentally plays the same as its predecessor, Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, but adds many new aspects, including the necessity of eating and exercising to keep up your character's strength.

Assuming that most gamers have



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knowledge of the previous GTA games and all their infamy, there are still some weaknesses in this game to consider. The big one on the list is frame rate, which is just another sign of the aging PS2 technology. The orange tinge that the game carries in its visual effects is also noticeable enough to annoy many gamers.

One of the many other new features offered by Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is the two-player mode. Now, don't get all excited. Of all the strong

points in this game, the two-player mode is not one of them. Given that both characters must share the same screen, the amount of things Rockstar could have done with the multiplayer was severely limited from the start. However, fun can still be had from rampantly running over your roommate in a vehicle and failing the mission multiple times.

Overall, San Andreas is another solid installment in the Grand Theft Auto series.

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

Rockstar

Available for PlayStation 2

Mark's Rating: A

Trevor's Rating: A



Mortal Kombat: Deception

Mark: What's the perfect time of the year to enjoy some bone-crushing hits and blood-spattering fatalities, at least in video game form? Around Halloween, of course. During the time when people dress up as ninjas and dead people, the new release Mortal Kombat: Deception is a perfect choice to whittle away the hours.

Like Grand Theft Auto, the Mortal Kombat series has quite a large fan base and plenty of expectations to boot. While

the spine and harpoon fatalities have only risen by a marginal amount over the past years, this latest installment still has a lot to offer.

But Mortal Kombat: Deception is probably the best, most quirky Mortal Kombat game yet. With a roster of 24 new and returning characters, plus some more unconfirmed characters, the roster is impressive for a 3-D fighter. The emphasis this time appears to be on the lesser characters of the previous games, such

as Nightwolf and Ermac.

If you played Mortal Kombat: Deadly Alliance, then you know what to expect from this installment in the series. Each character has three fighting styles, one involving some form of weaponry. There are special attacks that each character can use, such as Scorpion's trademark harpoon attack. And of course, there are the various fatalities that are exclusive to each of the many characters. New to the series is the inclusion of the "hara-kiri," a self-performed fatality that prevents the other player from performing his own fatality.

However, there's more to this game than just the fighting mode. New additions to this game include the Konquest mode and two new mini-games, Puzzle Kombat and Chess Kombat. Konquest mode is basically a role-playing experience, where the player follows a character's life from the moment he is chosen by the Elder Gods to be their champion to the point when he is old and gray. It's not the deepest RPG, but for a free add-on, it's not too bad. For those interested in the game, expect to spend a lot of time here, as the majority of the extra characters are unlocked in this mode.

Chess Kombat is pretty self-explanatory and arguably the weakest addition. The game plays by modified chess rules,

and when two pieces meet, the game switches to a standard match. So, although there are some elements of chess to the game, it breaks down to the player's fighting ability within the pretense of playing a strategic game of chess.

The best addition to the game is the Puzzle Kombat mode. Slightly similar to Tetris or Columns, colored blocks fall from the top of the screen, and it is the player's responsibility to group the colors together. When a color breaker falls, the points earned are maximized. When a group of color is broken, the other player gets an equal number of blocks added to his side. Another layer of strategy is added by the inclusion of the ability to

choose a Mortal Kombat champion from the listed characters, each of whom have their own unique abilities. This can provide some great intensity to this mini-game. The only downfall is that the color breakers seem to fall too infrequently.

Mortal Kombat fans can relax, as this is probably the best incarnation of their beloved game. A special edition has been released as well, one that includes an arcade port of the original Mortal Kombat for an additional \$10.

This game is definitely worth a look for Mortal Kombat champions and rookies alike.

Mortal Kombat: Deception

Midway

Available for X-Box and Playstation 2

Mark's Rating: A



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X-Men Legends

Trevor: X-Men Legends — redeeming a mediocre series one mutant punch at a time. This new approach to playing as the popular comic book heroes transports you and your roommates into an action-filled, role-playing world. X-Men Legends lets you take your choice of four mutants and then throw them into an engaging storyline that stays quite true to the comic series. You can spend hours smashing around through high tech military installations, Morlock sewers, and giant asteroid space stations.

However, X-Men Legends shows its true strength in the multiplayer experience. The artificial intelligence in the game can be rather dull so grabbing anyone wandering around in your hall is a better alternative to playing alone.

The game encourages tactical thinking that should be observed when choosing your four-mutant team. Having a couple long range characters like Cyclops or Gambit rain mutant attacks on the computer controlled enemies while brutes like Colossus and Wolverine hack it out on the front lines is a strategy that will serve you well. But some levels require specific char-

acter's traits, such as Iceman's ability to form frozen bridges or Cyclops' power to wield doors shut with his optic blasts.

A trait made famous by the role-playing game genre is the ability to increase the strength and abilities of your characters as the story progresses. At the end of the game you will have the choice of 15 characters to select from, each with a varying array of mutant abilities to beef up as well as the typical strength and agility attributes.

However, while this game is billed as strong, action-oriented role-playing game, X-Men Legends was somewhat lacking in the area of character customization. Overall, X-Men Legends is a strong title. But a true video game legend? Not quite.

Mark: X-Men Legends is really nothing special, as Trevor previously mentioned. It's a short rush followed by the

realization that there's been no depth, limited story and ultimately unrewarding.

The gameplay is about as deep as Gauntlet. For the uninitiated, all this entails is the repeated pressing of a few buttons and the rampant use of



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your characters' special abilities. The enemies come in waves, with little variation beyond appearance and toughness. You have enemies that fire at you and those other generic enemies that attack you with their bare hands/claws/tentacles.

If you are looking for depth to your games, look elsewhere. But for a game that revolves around the X-Men and

their assorted villains, X-Men Legends is not too bad.

As a mindless action game, it is satisfying and toward the top of the heap that fall into that particular game genre. Plus, it has a wealth of X-Men references and trivia within the game, so comic fans may want to check this one out as a rental or after the price drops.

Kingdom Under Fire

Mark: Lord of the Rings fans unite — your game has arrived. Kingdom Under Fire: The Crusaders is about controlling an army of soldiers, human and otherwise, while trying to crush the opposing forces. Orcs, ogres, giant scorpions, birds and others all unite in this action strategy in such a way that it feels as if they should owe money to J. R. R. Tolkien's estate.

Although there already have been several Lord of the Rings games in release, these games only allowed the player to control a single hero while non-playable characters assisted. While the games immersed you into the setting of the movies quite well, they didn't convey the feeling of leading an army in the fight against evil.

Kingdom Under Fire does exactly

that. The player still primarily controls the solitary hero, but he also controls the unit that the hero is in, along with any other unit assigned to his command. Toward the end of the game, the player ends up controlling the movement and attack patterns that involve a vast number of troops.

The controls are relatively simple for such a complex game. The player controls the selected unit, whether it is a unit of archers, foot soldiers, cavalry, etc., and then switches primary control to the hero when the enemy is engaged. However, you can also send your other units

on specific tasks that will follow through to completion even after you relinquish control over them.

This is a great game overall and is highly recommended for Lord of the Rings fans to at least rent.

However, the game still has some problems. Kingdom Under Fire becomes almost insanely difficult towards the end of the game and the selection of hero characters is a little on the light side.

Trevor: Unlike X-Men Legends, tactics are the key to this medieval real-time strategy game. You are commander-in-chief of your powerful

army, which allows you to give tactical commands to the rest of your men as well as engage in messy one-on-one, one-on-two and even one-on-three ground level combat. You can decide to remain stealthy by keeping your troops in a tight formation or space them out to allow archers to fire through your ranks.

Once again, the customization of characters and armies plays a key aspect in this game, like many recently released role-playing games. Whether it is upgrading your super powers, changing your hair or changing your team's uniforms, most games are playing to gamers' desires to put a

unique spin on their characters. Kingdom Under Fire is no exception. Different weapons and devices lend you and your commanding officers varying skills and abilities.

If you liked the PlayStation 2's Dynasty Warriors, this is the X-Box's answer. More depth and strategy, and of course, better graphics keep it interesting. However, the graphics are not exactly stellar and the music is nothing special either. But at a launch price of \$39.99, it is a game to consider.

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NFL

New York trounces Miami



Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet catches a pass and runs for a touchdown during the first quarter as Dolphins safety Antuan Edwards chases after him Monday night.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Jets gave the Miami Dolphins a little of Curtis Martin, and a little of LaMont Jordan.

They made a perfect combination. The running back duo helped the Jets embarrass the hapless Dolphins, sending their defense to a new low in a 41-14 rout Monday night. Martin and Jordan each ran for 115 yards and a score, and the 275 yards the Jets racked up on the ground are the most in the NFL this season.

"We always talk about being a 1-2 punch," Martin said. "And you could see that from us tonight."

The last time the teams met on Monday night, the Jets erased a 23-point, fourth-quarter deficit for a 40-37 overtime win in 2000 in what is known as the "Monday Night Miracle."

There was no chance of a comeback this time around. The Jets (6-1) scored 34 straight points, stifling the ineffective Dolphins (1-7) on offense and humiliating the proud Miami defense, which entered the game ranked fourth in the NFL.

Chad Pennington threw three touchdown passes and went 11-of-19 for 189 yards before

being lifted for Quincy Carter in the fourth quarter. The Jets finished with 472 yards of total offense.

"They gave us an old-fashioned beating," Dolphins linebacker Junior Seau said. "I tip my hat to them, for not only what they did against us but the whole year."

New York entered the game after its first loss of the season, 13-7 to New England last weekend, but turned in its most complete performance of the year. Jets coach Herman Edwards knew it was important to keep pace with the Patriots and Steelers, both 6-1 in the AFC.

"If you can keep this bottled up, we have a chance to be a pretty good football team," Edwards said.

The last time the Jets had two 100-yard rushers in a game was Sept. 28, 1975, when John Riggins ran for 145 yards and Carl Garrett had 135 in a 30-24 win over Kansas City. Miami last allowed two 100-yard rushers on Oct. 29, 1989, at Buffalo, when Thurman Thomas had 148 yards and Larry Kinnebrew added 121.

Martin, 31, has had a renaissance in his 10th NFL season. He came into the game second in the league in rushing, while carrying the Jets burden on the ground.

That all changed against the Dolphins. Edwards made it a point to use both backs and wear down the Dolphins defense in the second half. Martin finished with 19 carries and Jordan had 14.

"It feels good any time you have a 100-yard rusher and we had two," Jets left tackle Kareem McKenzie said. "How often does that happen? That's something you can tell to your grandkids."

The Jets defense harassed Jay Fiedler the entire game, sacking the Dolphins quarterback four times and picking him off twice. Miami got a meaningless score as the game ended, when Fiedler threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Derrius Thompson. Fiedler finished 20-of-41 for 218 yards.

"When you don't run the football and you don't stop the run, you don't win," Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. "No one understands that more than I do because that's how we've won around here."

The complete humiliation of the Miami defense was perhaps the most confounding part of the game.

Pennington connected on one big passing play after another, repeatedly taking advantage of cornerbacks Sam Madison and Patrick Surtain.

Moss healing slowly

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota's Randy Moss might miss his first career game because of a lingering right hamstring strain that hasn't gotten worse — but isn't getting a whole lot better.

The Vikings will decide later this week whether or not they should rest their All-Pro receiver on Monday night at Indianapolis.

Since being hurt before half-time of Minnesota's game at New Orleans on Oct. 17, Moss has been limited to just 11 snaps over the last 10 quarters. Though he leads the team with eight touchdown catches and his consecutive games streak remains alive at 103, he's gone the last two games without a reception.

"Can we get him back at full speed sooner if we just sit him?" coach Mike Tice said. "Or is he going to be back at full speed the same length of time if we just play him in a limited role — based on the fact that in two weeks he didn't take a step back?"

"So have to monitor that, as the week goes on. We have to do what's best for the team to achieve our goals, which are to win the division and win the world championship. We

can't do what's best for a streak, or anything of that nature."

Players were given Monday off, with the extra day ahead to prepare for the Colts.

Moss was thrown to once in Sunday's 34-13 loss to the New York Giants, and he clearly wasn't able to run hard whenever he went downfield. The Vikings planned to use him frequently inside their opponent's 20-yard line, but the offense sputtered so badly that red zone opportunities were scarce.

Moss' hamstring began to tighten in the second quarter from standing around so much, and Tice decided to pull him out at halftime.

Moss told Tice on Sunday night that he was feeling better, so the seventh-year star will begin the week listed as questionable on the injury report.

Marcus Robinson, who led the Vikings with 91 yards receiving against the Giants and is second on the team with six touchdowns, sprained his left foot and will be listed as probable.

"That puts us in a bind," Tice said, indicating Minn esota would scan the waiver wire this week for wide receiver depth.

Favre set to play

Packers QB to keep starting streak alive

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre has a sprained thumb on his throwing hand, but it won't keep the Green Bay quarterback from making his next start, against Minnesota on Nov. 14.

Favre, who has started an NFL — record 216 straight games at quarterback, had the team doctor check out the thumb, which he broke last season and reinjured Sunday in a 28-14 victory against the Washington Redskins.

"Brett sprained his thumb a little bit. It's not as significant as last time," coach Mike Sherman said Monday. "I don't anticipate the hand or the thumb being an issue for the Minnesota game."

The three-time league MVP injured his right hand against Dallas last week.

Favre, who has a history of playing through injuries, didn't practice last week until

Friday. Now, he can rest some more as the Packers enter their bye week.

"It seems like every year I say, 'The bye week couldn't come at a better time.' But physically, emotionally, it's coming at a good time," Favre said.

This season alone, Favre has played with a troublesome left shoulder, a concussion and a softball-sized bruise on his left hamstring, along with the sprained hand and thumb. He also has had to cope with the death of his brother-in-law and the breast cancer diagnosis of his wife, Deanna, last month.

Against the Redskins, Favre led the Packers on three consecutive scoring drives, then threw three interceptions before Green Bay held on. Sherman said Favre had trouble holding the ball well because of his injuries.

"He couldn't grip a ball really until Friday," the coach said. "And even Friday I didn't get a great feeling that he was able to grip it and deliver it with the velocity that he's used to delivering it."

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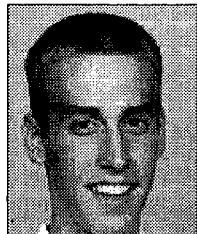
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ND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Isban has lead after 2 rounds in California

Special to The Observer

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Sophomore Cole Isban fired a two-over par 146 on Monday and leads by two strokes heading into the third and final round of The Prestige at PGA WEST, which is being held in La Quinta, Calif., at the par-72, 7,156-yard Greg Norman Course at the famed PGA WEST complex. Isban was one of only six golfers in the 84-man field to shoot par or better in either of Monday's two rounds, carding a 72 over the opening 18 holes before tacking on a 74 in the afternoon session.



Isban

In the team standings, Notre Dame is in 12th place after posting a two-round total of 57-over par 633 (311-322). The Irish had jumped into a tie for fourth place after the opening round, but slipped back in the field during the second circuit. Still, Notre Dame is not far behind some of the tournament's higher-powered squads — 17th-ranked BYU is only four strokes ahead of the Irish in 11th place, while No. 23 Oklahoma is 10 shots in front of Notre Dame in seventh place and No. 10 Tournament co-host UC Davis has a one-stroke lead over 16th-ranked UCLA going into today's final round.

Isban's day got off to an

inauspicious start as he bogeyed two of his first three holes. However, he quickly rebounded to reel off five birdies in his next 20 holes, with only a double bogey late in his first round marring the scorecard. When the day was done, Isban had collected seven birdies and seemingly tamed the monstrous course that ravaged the field to the tune of a 79.96 stroke average through two rounds.

Brown shoots 71 in first round

Stacy Brown carded a career-best one-under-par 71 in the first round of the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate on Monday to pace the Irish as they are tied for third heading into today's final day of competition at the par 72, 5,911-yard Kiawah Island Oak Point Golf Course. The sophomore finds herself two shots in back of the leader and in a three-way tie for third.

Campbell University and Louisville each posted a 10-over par 298 to sit atop the team leader board after Monday's play, which featured 27-holes of play with only the first round of 18 being released. Notre Dame along with its central regional rival Michigan both carded 12-over par 300's to claim stake to third going into the final 36-holes.

The Mustangs currently reside in eighth-place out of the 18-team field.

Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki fired the best nine-hole total of the round for the Irish with a 33 on the front nine.

NFL ROUNDUP

Tailbone sidelines Lynch

Associated Press

DENVER — Broncos safety John Lynch will be sidelined at least two weeks and perhaps for a month with a fractured tailbone.

Signed as a free agent after Tampa Bay let him go, Lynch has been a steadying influence on the Denver defense. But the Broncos struggled in a 41-28 loss to Atlanta on Sunday and Lynch went down after being hit in the side by receiver Brian Finneran.

Angry about the hit, Lynch walked toward the Atlanta huddle and started yelling at the Falcons before leaving the game.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said the block appeared legal, "but it was one of those blindside shots that kind of catches you off-guard."

Nick Ferguson will start for Lynch next Sunday against Houston and then the Broncos have a bye.

Porcher retires from Lions

Robert Porcher retired Monday, ending a 13-year career as Detroit's career leader in sacks.

"I've thought about this day for a lot of the last three years," Porcher said. "We all think we can play forever, and I was no different, but now the time has come to step aside."

Porcher, who has 95 1/2 sacks, already had announced this would be his last season, but he ended his career early after being inactive for Detroit's first seven games.

"These last seven weeks have been tough," he said. "I had always been proud of

being part of the solution, not part of the problem."

Panthers Morgan may be out

The team is evaluating linebacker Dan Morgan to see if he suffered a concussion against the Seahawks.

Morgan was plagued by postconcussion syndrome last year, missing five games and parts of four others. Once completely healed, Morgan acknowledged he suffered dizziness and fatigue while trying to play.

So the Panthers are taking it slow this time with Morgan, who left Sunday's loss in the first half.

Coach John Fox said it's possible Morgan might not play this week against Oakland.

"You always err on the side of caution when you are dealing with a concussion," Fox said.

Titans Hall has knee surgery

Defensive end Carlos Hall had surgery on his right knee Monday after the Titans gave him a week of rest, hoping he would heal.

Hall couldn't start Sunday in the Titans' 27-20 victory over Cincinnati and was replaced by rookie Travis LaBoy.

"It still bothered him, so we just went in there and did a routine scope to just kind of clean it out. The doctor said there was nothing significant in there other than wear and tear creating problems for him," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Giants Warner optimistic

Kurt Warner doesn't want to compare the Giants to some of the playoff and Super Bowl teams from his days with the Rams.

There are different players, coaches and teams, and Warner doesn't want to say too much with more than half a season to go.

Nevertheless, Warner is excited about the possibilities for the Giants (5-2) after their stunning 34-13 win in Minnesota on Sunday.

"I still don't think we have played near our best football in all three phases in any game," Warner said Monday. "I think we have seen spurts of it. To play the way we have

and to still be 5-2 despite all that, it's a good feeling."

Offensively, Warner and the offense fixed its red zone problem for at least a week. They scored touchdowns on four of five possessions inside the Minnesota 20.

Bengals reeling after loss

A 27-20 loss in Tennessee left Cincinnati (2-5), the NFL's most downtrodden franchise, stuck in last place in the AFC North, headed in the wrong direction.

The loss wiped away a smidgen of hope sparked by a solid Monday night win over Denver, revealing the Bengals for what they are: a team that rises to the occasion only on rare occasions.

The NFL's worst run defense was at it again Sunday, giving up 163 yards. A unit already missing middle linebacker Nate Webster struggled mightily in its first game without lineman Tony Williams, out for the season with a broken ankle.

Ravens survive without Lewis

After going 1-1 during the two-game suspension of All-Pro running back Jamal Lewis, the Ravens are ready to make a legitimate move in pursuit of a playoff berth.

Lewis served his punishment for violating the NFL substance abuse policy. During his absence, Baltimore handily beat the Bills before falling 15-10 on the road against the unbeaten Eagles.

That left the Ravens (4-3) two games behind the surprising Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC North.

"Now we're going to go forward and see what we're going to make happen over the next few weeks," coach Brian Billick said Monday. "We clearly have to be better in order to re-establish ourselves as a team that has playoff and Super Bowl aspirations."

Chester Taylor and Musa Smith filled in capably, totaling 100 yards rushing against the Bills and 103 versus Philadelphia, but neither can match the credentials of Lewis who last year ran for 2,066 yards.

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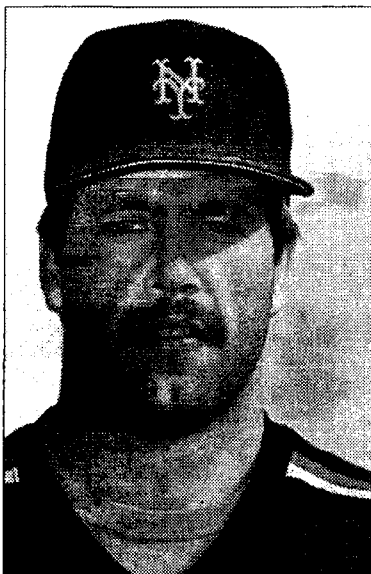
PHOENIX — Wally Backman was the scrappy, intense second baseman for the World Series champion New York Mets 18 years ago. He promises to bring that same style to the Arizona Diamondbacks as their new manager.

Backman, who took himself out of contention for the Mets managing job last week, was hired Monday to take over an Arizona team coming off one of the worst seasons in major league history.

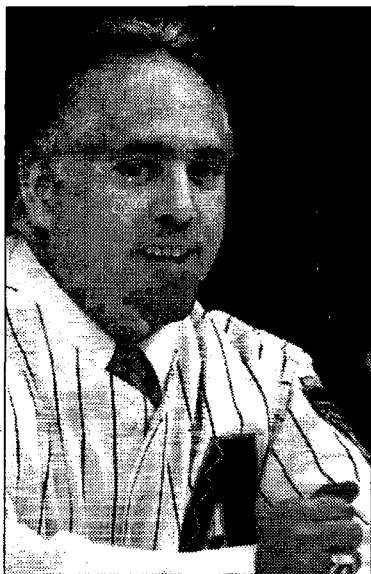
"My style is hard, aggressive baseball," Backman said. "If my brother is second baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers and if it means taking him out at second base, that's what I expect my players to do. That's the way we play the game."

Backman, 45, was selected minor league manager of the year this season by The Sporting News after leading Class A Lancaster to the best record in the California League (86-54).

"This is not a rebuilding program. I'm here to win. That's what I've always been about and that's what the Diamondbacks are about," Backman said. "And we will get back to the Diamondback ways of the past as soon as we possibly can. We will make some



New Diamondbacks manager Wally Backman was a Met, left, in 1987. Backman is introduced at Monday's press conference.



changes and this team will compete. That's one thing that every team that I've ever managed does."

Backman, 45, was given a two-year contract with two team options. He was chosen over former Seattle manager Bob Melvin and Montreal Expos third base coach Manny Acta.

Backman, an all-state wrestler as well as star baseball player at Aloha, Ore., High School, was a first-round draft pick of the Mets, the 16th selection overall. He played 14 sea-

sons in the major leagues, the first nine with the Mets, and finished with a .275 career average with 240 RBIs and 117 steals.

"He expects to win. We expect to win," general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said, "and his players will understand that from the first day of spring training."

He takes over a franchise that dropped to 51-111 last season, the worst record in the history of the Diamondbacks who won the World Series title in 2001.

GM Hunsicker quits, Astros hire Purpura

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tim Purpura has wanted to be a general manager for over a decade. He never expected to get the job, at least not so soon and not in Houston.

When Gerry Hunsicker resigned as GM of the Houston Astros on Monday, Purpura immediately assumed the position vacated by the man who was the architect of five playoff teams in nine years.

Purpura worked under Hunsicker in each of those seasons, never guessing that his boss would leave after one of the most successful stretches in franchise history.

"I have very large shoes to fill," said Purpura, who was Hunsicker's assistant and the team's director of player development. "Realistically, I thought I'd have to go somewhere else to have this kind of opportunity."

Hunsicker, 53, resigned less than two weeks after the team came within one win of reaching the World Series for the first time. He plans to remain with the Astros as an adviser through next season.

"I will look with pride at what we have accomplished," Hunsicker said. "We almost got there, and I know we are going to get there real soon."

Hunsicker came to the Astros in 1995 from the New York Mets, where he was the No. 2 person in baseball operations. He previously worked with the Astros as traveling secretary, minor league pitching coach, scout and assistant to the general manager.

During his tenure, Hunsicker earned acclaim for consistently keeping the Astros competitive despite their budget constraints in a medium-sized market.

Hunsicker's clubs won four NL Central Division titles and finished second three times, including this past season. He might have done his best job this year, signing Andy Pettitte away from the New York Yankees and luring another Yankees starter, Roger Clemens, out of retirement to join his buddy.

When the Astros went into a midseason slump, Hunsicker swung a trade for All-Star center fielder Carlos Beltran and fired manager Jimmy Williams. He turned to Phil Garner, who had been out of baseball for two years after spending 10 seasons managing terrible teams in Milwaukee and Detroit.

The move worked. Houston reeled off 36 wins in the final 46 games to clinch the NL wild card.

Lowe, Varitek among 10 Red Sox filing for free agency

Morris leads trio of Cardinal free agents; Martinez still eligible

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Right-hander Derek Lowe and catcher Jason Varitek led a parade of 10 Red Sox who filed for free agency Monday, two days after they were honored in Boston following the team's first World Series title since 1918.

Shortstop Orlando Cabrera and backup catcher Doug Mirabelli also filed along with right-handers Curtis Leskanic, Ramiro Mendoza and Scott Williamson; left-hander Mike Myers; first baseman Dave McCarty and second baseman Pokey Reese.

Leskanic filed after Boston declined a \$1.25 million option, electing to pay a \$100,000 buyout.

Thirteen Red Sox have filed for free agency since Boston won the World Series last Wednesday, and three more are eligible, including pitcher Pedro Martinez.

Three players from the NL champion St. Louis Cardinals filed: second baseman Tony

Womack, right-hander Matt Morris and left-hander Steve Kline.

The New York Mets declined a \$15 million option on Richard Hidalgo and opted to pay the outfielder a \$2 million buyout. Hidalgo then filed for free agency along with right-handers Kris Benson and Ricky Bottalico, left-hander John Franco and first baseman Todd Zeile, who plans to retire.

"We are open-minded to speaking to Richard about coming back next year," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

Hidalgo, acquired from Houston on June 17, hit .228 (74-for-324) with 21 homers and 52 RBIs in 86 games with New York.

New York has spoken with the agent for Benson, obtained from Pittsburgh in late July. The Mets have said they would like to resign him.

Franco, the 44-year-old team captain, probably won't be asked back.

Tampa Bay declined an \$8 million option on Tino Martinez and will pay him a \$1 million buyout.

The Devil Rays, his hometown team, remain interested in re-signing the 37-year-old first baseman.

The Devil Rays obtained Martinez from the Cardinals in a trade last winter and he hit .263 with 23 homers and 78 RBIs in 138 games this year.

Also Monday, right-hander Kevin Appier asked to be reinstated from the voluntary retired list by the Kansas City Royals and filed for free agency.

Forty-three players filed Monday, including Philadelphia left-hander Eric Milton, Chicago Cubs outfielder Moises Alou, Houston second baseman Jeff Kent, Arizona first baseman Richie Sexson and Anaheim designated hitter Andres Galarraga.

A total of 170 players have filed for free agency, and up to 46 more are potentially eligible to file by the Nov. 11 deadline.

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BCS Standings

	team	record	points
1	USC	8-0	.9895
2	Oklahoma	8-0	.9648
3	Auburn	9-0	.9238
4	California	6-1	.8050
5	Wisconsin	8-0	.7579
6	Utah	8-0	.7429
7	Texas	7-1	.7370
8	Tennessee	7-1	.7124
9	Georgia	7-1	.7019
10	Miami	6-1	.6530
11	Michigan	8-1	.6086
12	Boise State	8-0	.5488
13	Florida State	6-2	.4738
14	Virginia	6-1	.4563
15	Louisville	5-1	.4182
16	West Virginia	7-1	.4160
17	LSU	6-2	.3235
18	Arizona State	6-2	.3169
19	Oklahoma State	6-2	.2965
20	Virginia Tech	6-2	.2556
21	Iowa	6-2	.2299
22	Texas A&M	6-2	.2219
23	Southern Miss	5-1	.1284
24	UTEP	6-2	.0769
25	Boston College	5-2	.0451

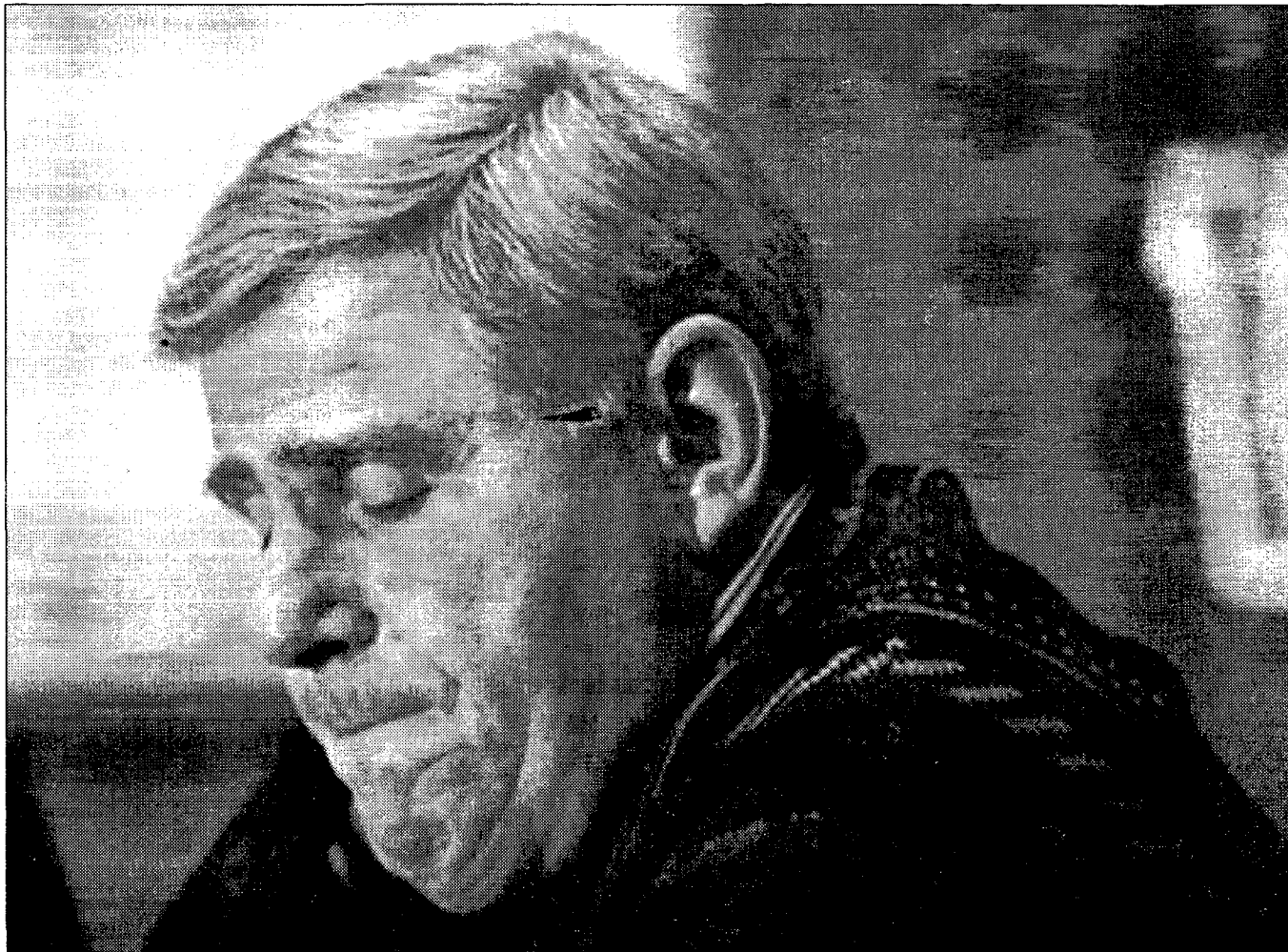
Men's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	UNC Greensboro	14-0-1	1
2	Virginia	13-2-0	3
3	SMU	12-3-0	4
4	UCLA	9-2-2	13
5	NOTRE DAME	12-2-2	5
6	UC Santa Barbara	12-2-1	2
7	Creighton	12-2-0	7
8	Indiana	11-3-1	8
9	St. John's	9-3-4	10
10	Boston College	10-3-1	12
11	Wake Forest	9-3-1	15
12	Maryland	10-4-1	25
13	New Mexico	11-1-1	5
13	Seton Hall	10-5-1	17
15	James Madison	13-1-1	9
16	Washington	10-3-2	18
17	UAB	9-4-0	25
18	Hartwick	9-2-3	20
19	Penn State	8-3-5	NR
20	Memphis	10-3-1	22
21	Rhode Island	10-5-1	NR
22	Duke	13-3-0	19
23	Santa Clara	11-3-0	22
24	Virginia Commonwealth	9-4-1	16
25	Binghamton	10-1-5	24

Women's Volleyball Division I AVCA Rankings

	team	record
1	Washington (63)	19-0
2	Hawaii (2)	20-0
3	Nebraska	19-1
4	USC	14-3
5	Minnesota	21-3
6	Penn State	19-2
7	Ohio State	21-1
8	Florida	20-2
9	Colorado State	20-2
10	Texas	19-2
11	California	12-7
12	Stanford	15-6
13	St. Mary's (Calif.)	19-2
14	Texas A&M	14-5
15	Tennessee	21-2
16	UCLA	14-7
17	Utah	18-3
18	Kansas State	14-7
19	UC Santa Barbara	16-3
20	Santa Clara	16-4
21	San Diego	16-4
22t	Louisville	20-2
22t	Arizona	13-8
24	Florida A&M	20-2
25	Illinois	15-6

NCAA FOOTBALL



Washington football coach Keith Gilbertson listens to a question during a news conference Monday. Gilbertson, whose Huskies are suffering their worst season in 35 years, will resign at the end of the season.

Gilbertson resigns as Huskies head coach

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington coach Keith Gilbertson will step down at the end of the season, ending a difficult two years as Rick Neuheisel's replacement.

"Coach Gilbertson and I have talked for several weeks about the football program and we mutually agreed that it needs an immediate boost," Washington athletic director Todd Turner said in a statement Monday. "Keith will finish this season as our head coach and has agreed to assist me beyond that time to develop a strategy for reinvestment

by our university in its football program."

An afternoon news conference was scheduled.

The Huskies lost 31-6 at Oregon on Saturday, dropping to 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the Pac-10. It's the worst season in 35 years for a school that shared the 1991 national title.

The 56-year-old Gilbertson, a Washington native, is 7-13 in his second season at Washington.

"I want to see this program succeed and get rolling again. Whatever I can do to help, I'll do," he said. "Sure I wish we had been more successful and won more games. But

there was never a day I didn't enjoy coaching over the past two years.

Turner said the search for Gilbertson's successor would begin immediately.

Gilbertson took over the Huskies six weeks before the start of fall camp in 2003 under tough circumstances.

Neuheisel was fired in July 2003 for gambling on NCAA basketball, leaving then-athletic director Barbara Hedges little time or options for filling the job.

Hedges said at the time that Gilbertson was chosen because he was the only member of the staff with

head coaching experience.

Gilbertson previously coached Idaho (1986-88) and California (1992-95) and is 55-48 overall in nine seasons as a head coach.

The Huskies went 6-6 last season and 4-4 in the Pac-10, barely avoiding the school's first losing season since 1976. Washington lost at home to Nevada and was blown out by California and UCLA.

The only win this season was over San Jose State, and Washington is winless in the Pac-10. The last time the Huskies went without a league victory was 1973, when they were 0-7 in the old Pac-8.

IN BRIEF

Sixers seek to trade veteran forward Glenn Robinson

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers placed 11-year veteran Glenn Robinson on the injured list Monday with left ankle tendonitis and will try to trade the former No. 1 pick.

Sixers general manager Billy King indicated that he and new coach Jim O'Brien had reached the conclusion that trading the 31-year-old forward would be the best thing for all parties.

"With the direction we want to go and the way Jim wants to play, it may not benefit Glenn," King said. "I don't think Glenn's lost any of his skill level. It's just the way we're going as an organization."

Robinson, who played at Purdue and was Indiana's 1991 high school Mr. Basketball from Gary Roosevelt, averaged 16.6 points per game last season — down from his career average of 20.8.

O'Brien said Robinson needs a change of scenery for the third time in his career.

"He needs to start for a team and put up numbers," O'Brien said. "I think he could fit. He's just not fitting in our starting lineup."

Robinson, who had been replaced in the starting lineup by first-round pick Andre Iguodala, took the news in stride.

"They want to go with the younger guys and play Andre at small forward and that's fine," Robinson said.

Rockets sign McGrady to multiyear extension

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets signed two-time NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady to a multiyear contract extension on Monday.

Terms of the deal were not released.

Before being traded to the Rockets from Orlando in June, McGrady had vowed to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract, which had three years remaining. The clause was to go into effect after this season.

"I'm pretty happy about that. It's one thing I can get off my mind,"

McGrady told Houston television station KRIV.

Rockets owner Les Alexander said in a statement that team officials now would direct their efforts on All-Star center Yao Ming.

Shaq uncertain for season opener against Nets

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal remains bothered by a strained left hamstring, yet the 11-time All-Star center hopes to play Wednesday when Miami opens its season at New Jersey.

O'Neal missed most of Miami's practice Monday, sparking concerns that the injury is worse than feared. The Heat, however, did not place O'Neal on the injured list, indicating they believe the problem is minor.

Still, Heat coach Stan Van Gundy was clearly disappointed that O'Neal — who sat out practices Friday and Saturday, and missed three of Miami's seven preseason games — wasn't able to participate in Monday's workout.

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CLUB SPORTS

Field hockey sweeps Kent State, Ashland

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's field hockey club swept a pair of games this weekend at Kent State and Ashland. Rebecca Mosca, Eleanor Bradley, and Leigh Madeira each scored two goals for the Irish while Kaitlin Moran and Mary Davis rounded out the balanced attack in an 8-0 whitewash of Kent State. Moran and Madeira shared goaltending duties, as well. In Moran's first stint between the pipes, she registered two saves.

In Sunday's action, the Irish continued their dominating play with a second shutout, 5-0 over Ashland. Madeira played goal the entire game, making six stops. Bradley and Davis ripped home two goals apiece, with Moran adding a final goal to her three assists.

Men's rowing

The Notre Dame rowing club faced rocky weather and tough competition from over 40 different clubs and organizations this weekend at the Head of the Elk Regatta in Elkhart. The novice team had a strong showing in the eights, rowing a blistering 16:37 despite the choppy water conditions and being a man down in the boat. They earned a fourth-place finish and came in only 15 seconds behind the No. 1 Purdue boat.

The open four event proved to be another big event for the

Irish. They had strong showings in the A, B and C heats. The highlights of the races were a fourth-place finish in the B heat with a time of 16:21.4 and a medal-earning third-place finish in the C heat with the line up of Bill Blosky, Dan Kettinger, Dan Robertson, and Joe Blakely and coxed by Kim Genesio.

The men's lightweight competition played out with intense action as well. The two Notre Dame boats put up good numbers of 19:34.9 and 18:06.6 despite a collision with Michigan State and other fierce competition from University of Michigan, Northwestern University and Mercyhurst College.

The big event of the day was the men's open eights competition. Notre Dame posted stellar scores in both the A and B heats.

Bowling

Van Koppersmith's 182 average and personal high game of 221 led the Irish to a 21st place finish in the season opening league competition in Pittsburgh this weekend. Vance McClenton and Jim Talamo rolled games over 190 and Pavan Sadarangani provided strong depth with a five-game average of 166. J.B. Bertumen and Tom Talamo were among the top five Irish bowlers and helped the squad break 800 in three of its five games, narrowly missing in the two other games. The Irish are closing the gap on the league

leaders as they look to continue advancing up the league standings.

Squash

Notre Dame's squash club was recognized this year by the Collegiate Squash Association as an emerging team member of the CSA. Led by team captain Sereeparp Anantavrasilp, the Irish journeyed to Penn State to participate in three matches on Saturday. With only seven players making the trip, the Irish had to forfeit matches at number 8 and 9 in every contest. The Irish fell to Penn State 8-1, Haverford 8-1 and Colgate 6-3 in the finale.

Irish freshman Mike Gelinas, playing at number 2 in the line-up, swept all three of his matches, 3-0, 3-2, and 3-1. Sophomore James Zhang, a member of the Singapore national junior team, played number one and dropped two close matches before winning his third, 3-0 over Colgate. Team captain Sereepart Anantavrasilp was a solid number three for the Irish and also won his third match, to give the Irish wins at the top three spots against Colgate.

Collin Donovan, Mike McConnell, Anish Thomas and Mary Winegart played competitive matches despite coming up short, and gained valuable experience. Donovan and Thomas both won games against Penn State in a pair of lengthy matches.



Courtesy of Club Sports

Field hockey player Erin Burke controls the ball in a 5-0 shutout of Ashland Sunday.

Equestrian

The ND/SMC Equestrian team placed second at the IUPUI show this weekend, earning reserve high point honors. In a closely bunched finish, the Irish 32 points finished just behind IUPUI with 34 points and just ahead of Earlham's 31 points.

In individual performances, Claire Freeman and Katie Baron took second and fourth in open fences. Caitlin Landuyt earned 1st in intermediate fences, followed by Molly Schmiede, second, and Ana Richter sixth.

Freeman earned second in open flat, with teammates Julia

Burke and Baron tying for third and Elizabeth Bell and Molly Kopacz tying for sixth.

Andrea Oliverio garnered another first for the Irish in intermediate flat, with Schmiede second, Landuyt third, Marina Cardona Maldonado fourth and Richter fifth in an event dominated by the club.

Mary Dorgant and Kristen LaSota finished second and fourth respectively in novice flat. Heather LaDue and Lauren Croall tied for second in advanced walk trot canter, with Marta Ascadi and Kay Booth taking fourth and fifth.

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Women's

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Despite interceptions to halt two of Breen-Phillips' first-half drives, the Whirlwinds weren't able to get the ball into the end zone. Frustration reached its highest mark when Hoeck tripped to the turf just several yards shy of the end zone as the first half ended.

"The turning point for me was at the end of the first half," Hoeck said. "Not getting the touchdown got me pretty angry, and I play better angry."

Hoeck's anger seemed to spread through the rest of the Whirlwinds, as the team jumped out to a fast start in the second half. An efficient passing game and tightened defense combined to build a 22-13 lead.

Welsh Family's successful two-point conversion attempt on its final touchdown, as Sands found Hoeck yet again in the back of the end zone, would prove to be invaluable as the game moved into its final stretch.

Determined not to go down so easily, the Babes rallied back, reaching the end zone on an 18-yard pass in the game's final minute.

Needing a three-point conversion to stay alive, the Babes took the ball from the 15-yard line in attempt to tie the game in a fashion unique to the women's inter-hall league.

The quarterback's subsequent pass toward the end zone was deflected near the 10-yard line, but then corralled by a Babes' wide receiver. As the receiver lunged toward the end zone, the Whirlwinds' secondary coverage and pulled off the flag at the 2-yard line, sending the Welsh Family sideline into a frenzy.

Despite the difficult loss, Breen-Phillips captain Jaimie Feltault was happy with her team's performance.

"I think this game shows that the teams probably weren't ranked the way they should've been," Feltault said. "We gave them a run for their money."

The Whirlwinds have another stiff challenge ahead, as they take on Walsh Hall Thursday night in the semifinals.

Sands, a junior, knows the challenge that lies ahead.

"We haven't been to the stadium since my freshman year," Sands said. "It's do-or-die time."

No. 1 Cavanaugh 28 No. 8 Badin 6

If defense wins championships, teams waiting to face the undefeated and top-ranked Cavanaugh Chaos have reason to worry.

Cavanaugh avenged its loss in last year's semifinals to Badin, beating the Bullfrogs 28-6 Sunday afternoon in the quarterfinals.

Cavanaugh showed up with 45 players and a rather large and

noisy fan section, while a smaller Badin squad only had 19 players. But when great defense met a few big offensive plays Sunday, an expected close game turned into a rout.

Until 1:38 remaining in the first half, this game looked to be a defensive struggle, if not a stalemate. There had only been a combined 42 yards of total offense, and the only scoring drive thus far had been 10 yards by Cavanaugh. With the clock winding down in the first half, Cavanaugh scored on a 41-yard pass to sophomore Julia LaPointe.

But Cavanaugh was not done.

With only eight seconds left, the Chaos returned an interception 24 yards for a touchdown. Badin fought on in the second half, managing to score on an impressive 30-yard drive, while holding Cavanaugh to six points in the second half. But they failed to convert the three-point conversion.

Cavanaugh's defense was stellar, with two interceptions leading to 15 points, three sacks — including one on fourth down — and just six yards rushing allowed and 81 yards total.

Badin had a terrific effort holding the vaunted Cavanaugh offense to 162 yards, 87 of which came on two long touchdowns.

But Cavanaugh still avenged last year's loss with a convincing victory.

No. 4 Pangborn 19 No. 5 Lyons 0

Pangborn's victory over Lyons was pure domination as the Phoxes forced the mercy rule to end the quarterfinal-round game with three minutes to play.

Three touchdowns from quarterback Katie Mooney were more than enough to advance to the semifinals.

"We just came out really strong," Mooney said. "Our running and passing was strong, but there are still some things to work on for Cavanaugh on Thursday."

Mooney went 9-for-13 passing, throwing for over 125 yards. On the opening drive of the game Mooney connected with Trish Conneely for the first score. But the Phoxes missed the extra point.

Before the end of the half Mooney connected again, this time with Meagan McGinley. Pangborn was successful on its extra-point attempt.

The final nail in the coffin came with another touchdown from Mooney to Katie Riemersma. This put the Phoxes up 19-0, and it was only a matter of time until the mercy rule came into play.

Quarterback and captain Traci Kazmerski went 15-for-25, throwing for more than 110 yards. Despite the yards and the solid completion percentage, Lyons failed to score due to a non-existent running game.

Even with a solid victory under

their belt, the Phoxes are planning on making some changes before they face Cavanaugh.

"There's always stuff to work on," coach Roby Coly said. "We need to rework the offense some. We're going to have to play much better to beat Cavanaugh. Our backfield action wasn't as strong, and we need to be sharper with the fake."

But those changes will make Pangborn a contender against No. 1 seed Cavanaugh.

"We know Cavanaugh can throw the ball. They have a huge team with a lot of depth," captain Katie Murray said. "I think everything came together today, we executed perfectly."

No. 3 Walsh 12 No. 6 Pasquerilla West 7

The Wild Women of Walsh knew they had to get on the board early in order to beat Pasquerilla West, and that's exactly what they did.

The Walsh offense scored twice in the first half, putting the Weasels in a 12-0 hole that they never managed to climb out from.

"We wanted to attack them right away, stop their offense immediately and get our offense on the field," Walsh captain Carrie Campbell said.

Leading the way for the Wild Women on offense was freshman quarterback Mary Sullivan, who ended the day with two touchdown passes.

Sullivan connected with Charlotte Low for a 50-yard touchdown strike early in the first half. Walsh failed to convert on the extra point, but the Wild Women were not done yet.

On their last drive of the first half, Sullivan again went deep, this time hitting her mark for a 20-yard gain.

Two plays later she found Laurie Wasikowski in the end zone, putting Walsh up 12-0. The Wild Women again failed to convert the extra point, but the 12-point lead was all they would



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Pasquerilla West intercepted Breen-Phillips, above, in the regular season, but the Weasels defense had less luck against Walsh.

need.

The Weasel offense struggled early on, as junior quarterback Heather Van Hoegarden had trouble connecting with her receivers.

"We had never seen their quarterback before, so we were nervous about that early on," Campbell said.

Pasquerilla West managed to put a long drive together in the closing seconds of the first half, but the Walsh defense would not crack. The Weasels were stopped at the Walsh 10-yard line as the half ran out.

The Weasels had multiple opportunities in the second half, but again failed to take advantage of them.

Van Hoegarden marched the Weasels downfield in an impressive drive during which she competed five or her first six tosses of the second half. But once again the Walsh defense refused

to break, and the Weasels were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

An interception by Brigid Bolsin left the Weasels with great field position again, but the Walsh defense held firm behind linemen Karla Bell and Mary Ellen Botta.

The Weasels did find the end zone late in the second half as Van Hoegarden connected with Maureen Spring, but it was too little too late.

"I think we did a fantastic job because we scored two of the three touchdowns scored on Walsh all season," Weasel senior captain Laurie Moore said. "That's a credit to their defense."

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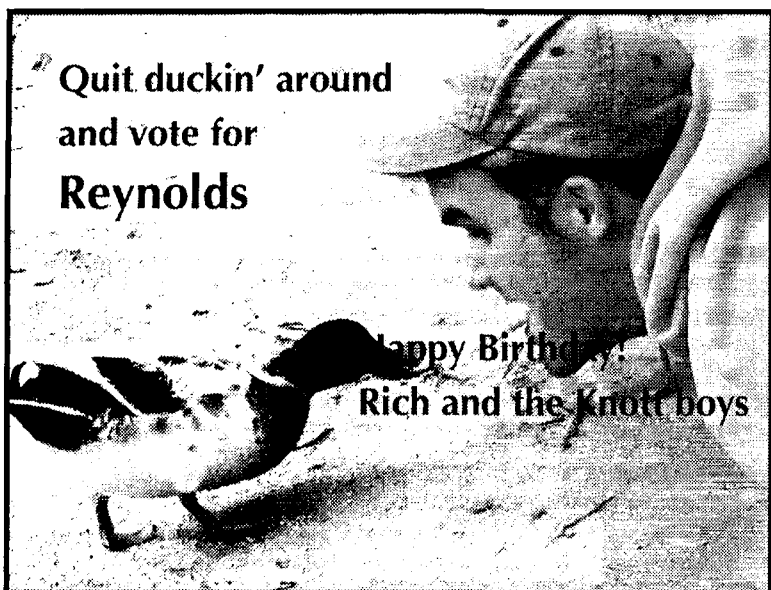
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Men's

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He called a trick play. Keenan quarterback Eric Laumann rifled a 7-yard pass to wide receiver Danny Zenker who flipped the ball to Reed Langton. Langton gained another nine yards.

"It got people into the game," Downey said. "That's what I wanted. We needed to call something to get us sparked. It woke us up a little bit and got everybody into the game."

The drive went on. Running back Alex Staffieri barreled his way into the end zone from 20-yards out with 1:20 remaining in the third quarter for the game's only score.

"He was hurt all week," Downey said. "We weren't sure if he was going to be able to play. He came through for us."

The Keenan defense took over from there. Morrissey threatened with nearly seven minutes left in the game, when quarterback Pete Sprietzer dropped back to pass from the 18-yard line, but Keenan defensive back Mark Munninghoff picked off the pass in the end zone.

"Luckily, we just came up with a big play," Downey said. "It was one of those bend but don't break situations. It came to fourth down. We needed to make a play, and we made one."

With 4:15 left to play, Keenan defender Jon Wood sealed the game with another interception off Knight.

"We were obviously disappointed," Morrissey running back Nick Klein said. "We thought we played them tough. [But] they are a good team. They work hard."

"I think they'll be in the stadium," Ronsheim said.

After falling in a semifinal match up last year, the Knights aren't satisfied with simply an appearance.

"We were here last year. We're in the same spot," Downey said. "This is where we got bounced last year. Hopefully the way we played in the first half serves as a wake up call."

No. 7 Knott 10, No. 2 Carroll 6

Knott overcame turnovers and penalties to upset Carroll and advance into the Interhall semifinals.

After a fumble ended Knott's first drive prematurely, the Juggs defense — as it would throughout the game — picked up the slack and held tight. Time after time, when Carroll threatened, the Knott defense came through.

Justen Cheers had a sack, and the defensive backs came up big, as well.

Carroll's defense also played effectively, and it appeared for a while that neither team would score. This changed when Knott quarterback Justin Gillett, who passed for over 130 yards on the day, found Willie Patrick in the corner of the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown pass. The extra point made it 7-0 Knott.

With little time remaining in the first half, the Juggs drove downfield in a furious attempt to tack on to their lead. A 29-yard pass to Matt O'Connor put Knott on the 6-yard line and allowed Eric Wooldridge to kick a 23-yard field goal as the first half expired to put Knott up 10-0.

The Carroll offense tried to respond in the second half and relied primarily on the arm and legs of quarterback Kory Wilmot.

In the second half, the Carroll offense mounted a sustained drive that — with the benefit of several Knott penalties — put the ball on the Knott 2-yard line with time running out in the third quarter. At that point, the Knott coaches felt officiating became an issue.

Throughout the game the Knott coaching staff was upset by the referee's performance. The Juggs questioned several penalty calls. For the game, Knott was

penalized five times for 50 yards.

On the final play of the third quarter, Wilmot tried to break through the line for a touchdown and was apparently stopped in the backfield. But the referee spotted the ball with a gain of a half-yard. On the next play, the Vermin scored their first touchdown, but missed the extra point.

Knott sealed its victory when Patrick picked off a Wilmot pass late in the fourth quarter.

No. 5 Siegfried 7 No. 4 Fisher 0

Siegfried and Fisher battled hard Sunday, but the Ramblers pulled out a close call over the Green Wave, 7-0.

"Every time we play Fisher it's a battle," said Siegfried captain John Hughes. "They knew what to look for. We are just two teams that know each other pretty well."

The first half of the game was scoreless, as both gave up an interception, and both fell just short of a touchdown.

"[Fisher] threw a lot more passes," Hughes said. "We had to prepare for that. Our coach prepared our defense well."

In the second half, Siegfried scored the only points of the game on a Steve Uphaus pass to wide receiver Johnny Kaup for the touchdown. The extra attempt was good, and the score was 7-0. It would stay there.

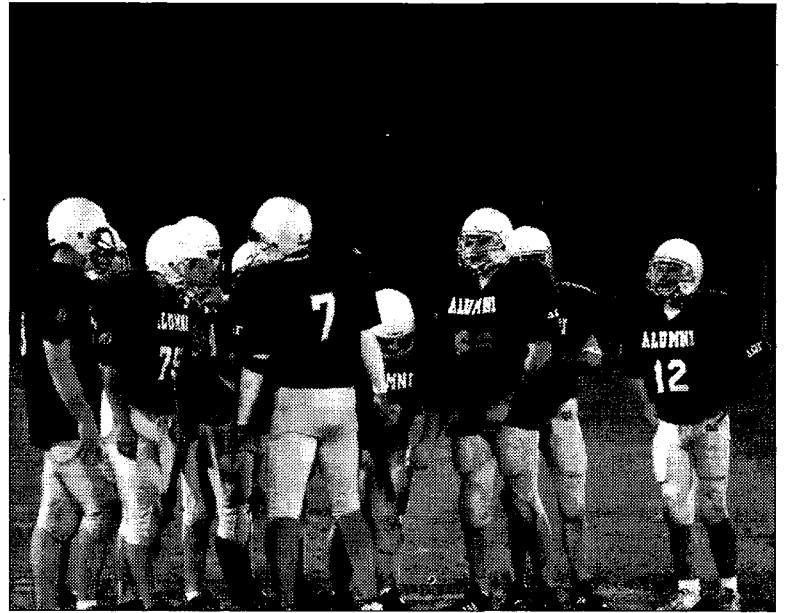
"The wind was blowing. It makes it tough to throw the ball," Hughes said about Uphaus's performance. "He had a couple of nice scrambles too."

Kaup had an interception, as well. Fisher also had an interception on its own five-yard line to prevent a first half Siegfried score.

Other Siegfried players who played well were offensive and defensive linemen Eric Cherney and Kevin Phipps, as did guard/linebacker Kyle Reis.

"[Reis] played a great game as linebacker," Hughes said.

Fisher played hard in the game and had a good season. They fin-



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

The Alumni football team, seen above huddling during its first game against Dillon, defeated the Big Red in the first round, 7-6.

ished with a 3-1 regular season record before losing to Siegfried.

Siegfried will face Keenan at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"Next week is a big game," Hughes said. "They've been playing good all year. They are not anything we can't handle. We're ready to kick [butt]. We have some of the best guys in the league. We've been in the stadium every year I've been here."

No. 6 Alumni 7, No. 3 Dillon 6

Alumni didn't need a third try as the second time proved to be the charm in their 7-6 win against Dillon.

It was the second straight week that the two teams faced off. While last week's game ended in a 6-6 tie, it was Alumni who snatched away a close victory against their rivals this time.

"Obviously, we would have liked to beat them both times," Alumni captain A.J. Remen said. "Any time you beat Dillon, it's always sweet. The rivalry is always big because you have friends that are on Dillon's team but during the game, they're not your friends. It was definitely a sweet win today, no doubt about it."

In the first half, Dillon looked dominant as their option offense picked up huge chunks of yardage against a porous Alumni defense. The Big Red took the early lead with a rushing touchdown that put them up 6-0, a lead they were able to hold until early in the fourth quarter.

"Their option and their wing offense is probably the best in the league, and they do a really good job at trying to confuse the defense," Remen said. "Their line did a really good job at sealing off and making holes for the running backs."

But key defensive plays brought Alumni storming back into the game. Pat Higgins recovered a costly Dillon fumble at the end of the third quarter near the Dillon 20-yard line. Using the good field position to their advantage, Alumni freshman quarterback Brent Locey threw a five-

yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Ryan McGettigan, and Andrew Breslin kicked the extra point to put the Dawgs ahead.

"Our defense has played hard all year," Remen said. "Going into that halftime, we kind of got a little frustrated with the defensive line because they weren't making the reads and plays that we knew they could make. We made some adjustments at halftime and started doing some defensive line stunts. I think our defense rallied as a unit and gave the offense more opportunities and excellent field position to get in the end zone."

After falling behind by a single point, Dillon tried but could not close the slim gap. The two teams traded possessions. The Big Red tried to use their passing game to make up the lost ground. But their final Hail Mary fell short and Alumni escaped with the close win.

"For us, we were trying to make them pass," Remen said. "What we accomplished in the second half was being able to shut down the run and make them have third-and-long situations where they were forced to pass. We were then able to bring in another defensive back to cover their receivers."

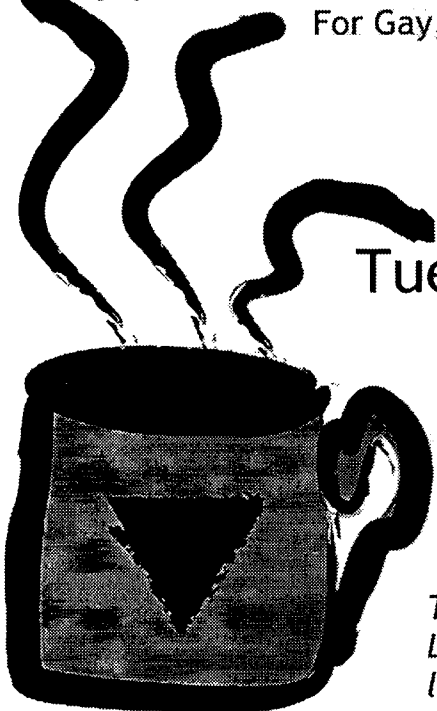
With their first win of the post-season under their belts, the Dawgs now look to take the second step towards playing in the Stadium and competing for the interhall title.

"We're taking it one week at a time but everyone is pumped because we're one win away from getting to the Stadium," Remen said. "We're going to go out there and work hard and try and improve. Just get better and do the best we can and go from there."

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cally. The result of the set-up is amplified, louder sound and the appearance of closer fans.

"From what I hear, [Neyland] might be [the toughest place for a team to play]," Irish defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "One-hundred-and-four thousand people and the stadium goes straight up in the air — it's just a crazy atmosphere from what I've heard."

Notre Dame will do its best to simulate noise conditions at practice this week in order to prepare for the orange partisans at

Neyland. The Irish also have to develop special signals and silent counts to overcome the

decibel level.

But one Irish advantage is they have had eight games to implement their silent communication, so execution shouldn't be as large a problem as it might have been playing in a place like Neyland earlier in the season.

"As far as the communication standpoint goes we've already

been working on [our hand signals] already before, so right now it's not really a factor," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said. "I just need to make sure that I'm doing my job communicating to the guys up front and that they're communicating to each other as well."

While playing on the road brings its share of challenges, the Irish have the mentality to

face those obstacles head on. In 2002, Notre Dame traveled to Tallahassee, Fla., and silenced a crowd of 82,000 tomahawk-chopping Florida State fans en route to a 34-24 victory.

One reason the Irish were able to win that game and silence the Seminole fans was a quick score — Notre Dame's first

play from scrimmage was a 65-yard touchdown pass from Carlyle Holiday to Arnaz Battle.

Irish running back Ryan Grant participated in that game and knows it will take a similar early spark to quiet the Tennessee fans Saturday.

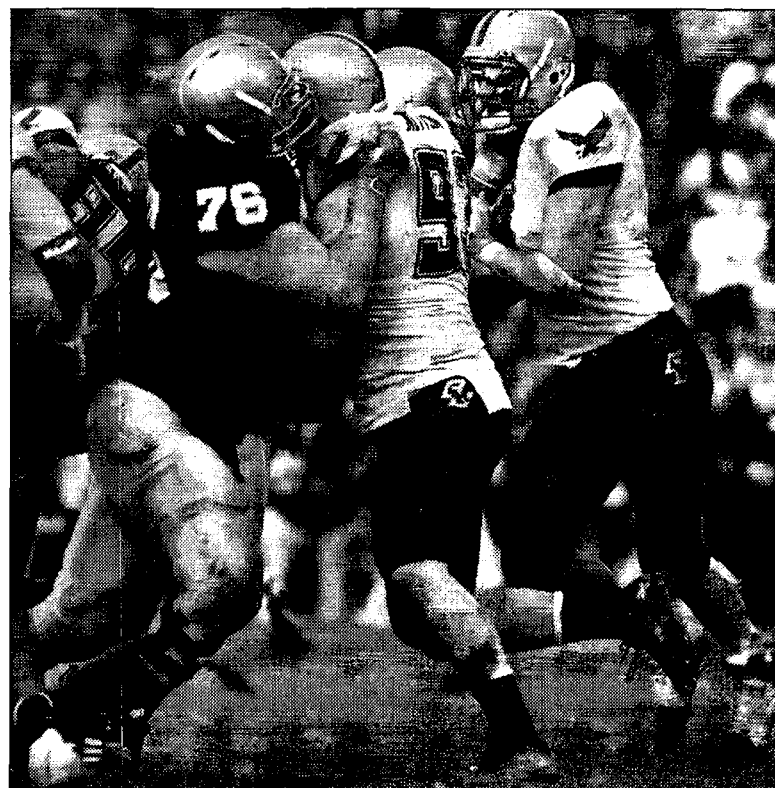
"You've got to score points to take the crowd out of the game," Grant said. "It doesn't get much simpler than that — score."

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Ryan Grant
Irish running back

"It's just a crazy atmosphere from what I've heard."

Kyle Budinscak
Irish defensive end



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Irish offensive lineman Bob Morton fights to block Boston College's Phillip Mettling in a 24-23 home loss Oct. 23.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish postpone Spartans due to player sickness



Courtesy of UND.com

John Moushino earned his first Big East conference award.

Moushino named co-Big East Player of the Week

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The Irish are sick. And for once, that's not referring to their skills on the field.

Today's game against Michigan State, the regular season finale, was canceled due to a

stomach virus that has put most of the team out of commission.

"More than half the team was in the infirmary today with ... some type of stomach bug," coach Bobby Clark said. "I just don't think there would be enough players to play the game."

The Spartans have tentatively rescheduled the game for Wednesday, but Clark said the situation depends on the health of the players.

"We'll talk to Michigan State, we'll reappraise the situation

[this] morning once we see exactly what's there," Clark said. "I'll listen to the medical staff at Notre Dame [Health Services] and decide whether it makes sense to play the game on Wednesday or if there are any other options."

Practice was cancelled Monday because of the state of the team's health.

"It was a decision throughout the day," Clark said. "It got worse and worse with more and more people going down, and it just didn't make any sense [to

play the game]. I don't think we'd have enough players to get a team together. Something obviously went through the whole team."

On a more positive note, forward John Moushino — who scored the insurance goal in Saturday's 2-0 win over Connecticut — was named co-Big East Player of the Week, the first conference accolade for the freshman.

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Tri-State

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advantage in that game, they will be on the road today against Tri-State, where the Belles have lost their last five straight.

"It's been difficult playing on the road this year," MacKenzie said. "Four out of those five road losses, we gave up a penalty kick and only lost by one goal. It happened so frequently that it can be frustrating. Winning on the road has been difficult because of things like that, where we can't control what happens."

In the end, the inability of the Belles to earn victories on the road was the key factor in not being able to capture a MIAA title, especially considering their 7-1 record at home.

"We had our chances sometimes, and I guess maybe we didn't display enough mental toughness to overcome those obstacles on the road. No matter what our record, we played hard on the road and very rarely did we get outplayed," MacKenzie said. "Half of our losses were times when little things going differently could have meant wins. I'm disappointed to not be in the hunt for the MIAA title, but we'll use

it as motivation for next year."

Looking to next year is one of the few things the Belles can do at this point with their hopes for the playoffs already gone.

"As a team, we feel like we didn't accomplish what we set out to accomplish. Hopefully with the returning players, there will be a strong motivation and desire to work hard in the off-season," MacKenzie said. "The seven seniors leaving the program set a pretty high standard with their play and work ethic. They have definitely raised the level of play to a higher caliber for our program."

Entering into a soccer program that consistently finished near the bottom of the MIAA, the current seniors have been the core of a team that has slowly brought the Saint Mary's program to prominence.

"As a coaching staff, I feel we were very fortunate we got the senior class to start our tenure here at Saint Mary's," MacKenzie said. "They are one of the best senior classes ever to play here, in terms of talent, leadership skills and love of the game. They love the program and their teammates, and it comes through every day."

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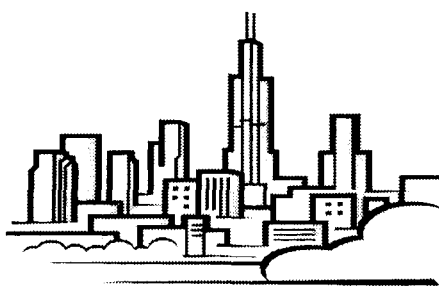
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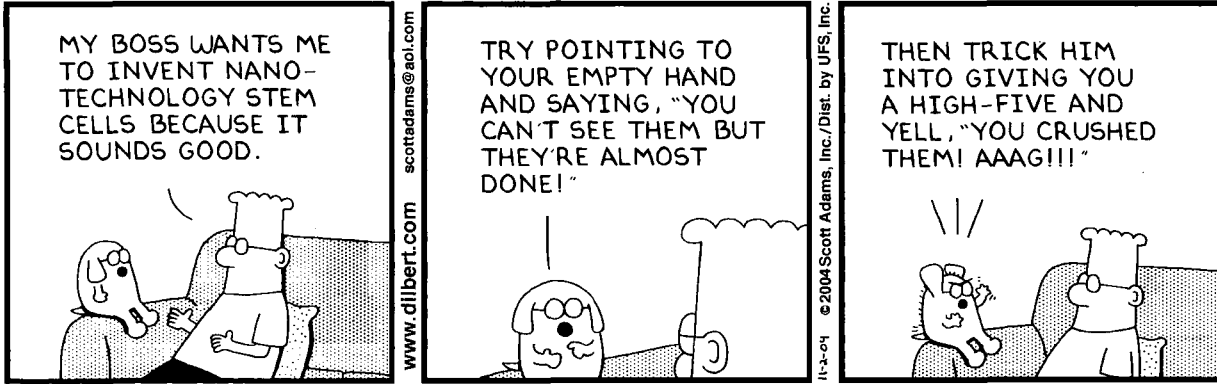


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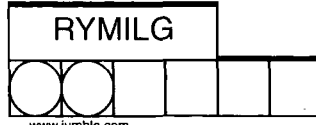
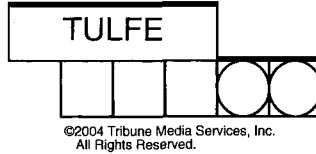


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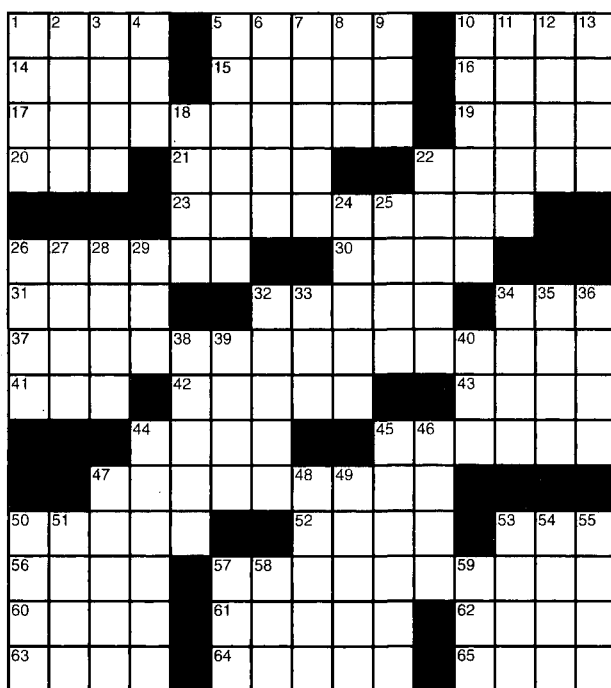
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- Unconsciousness
 - Govt. security
 - Tell all
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 - Leave in the dust
 - Player of Ginger
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 - Kind of scene in a movie
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 - Inspirations
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 - [Woe is me!]
 - Social historian Jacob
 - Charles Lamb, pseudonymously
 - Desist
- DOWN**
- Ewe's cry
 - Classic sitcom that debuted on 9/26/1964
 - Sauce
 - Blue-haired lady of TV cartoons
 - Ye Shoppe
 - 7-Eleven, e.g.
 - Adorable "bears"
 - Player of Thurston Howell III
 - Half-man/half-goat creatures
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 - Slow-boil
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- Shiny on top?
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- Dress
- Actor Chaney
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- Lost
- Result of squeezing, maybe
- Mild cigar
- Japanese form of fencing
- Partner of starts
- Latin 101 verb
- Prefix with nautical
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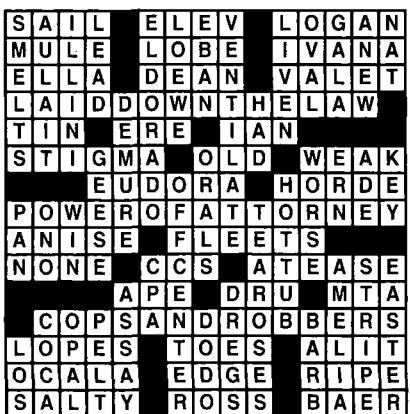
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FOOTBALL

Parting the orange sea

104,079 screaming Vols await Irish at Neyland Stadium

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Sea of Green, meet the Sea of Orange.

The Irish had a bye week to prepare, and this Saturday they take on not just No. 9 Tennessee but also one of the most hostile road venues in college football.

Neyland Stadium, home of the Volunteers, has a capacity of 104,079 fans and is currently the third-largest stadium in the country behind Michigan Stadium (107,501) and Penn State's Beaver Stadium (107,282).

And when the Volunteer fans break into a rendition of Tennessee's signature song "Rocky Top," the Irish are going to know about it.

"I know it's a really big stadium. It's one of those stadiums that's stacked really high and has a lot of noise," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "There's going to be a lot of orange and a lot of energy, but what better place to go and play? What better place to go out and show the country what kind of team you really have?"

"The energy that [their fans



The Tennessee band plays "Rocky Top" within the confines of a capacity crowd at Neyland Stadium, one of the largest and most intimidating venues in NCAA Division-I football.

are) going to create is actually going to help our team as well."

Last year, the Irish traveled to Michigan Stadium to take on the Wolverines at the "Big House," falling by a score of

38-0 in front of a crowd of over 107,000. While the Neyland crowd is slightly smaller, it may be even more of an obstacle for a team to overcome because of the way the stadium is configured.

Unlike Michigan Stadium, which is built low to the ground with seats expanding outward, Neyland is built in layers with seats stacked verti-

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SMC SOCCER

10 wins in reach for Belles

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

With a roller-coaster season full of ups and downs already behind them, the Belles will look to end their year on a high note when they head back to the road for today's match-up against Tri-State University.

Saint Mary's enters the game with a record of 9-6-1 and hopes for a 10-win season, while Tri-State has had a much more difficult season, going 2-14-1, including 0-13-1 in conference play.

"I'm hoping we can get a lot of players on the field for our last game of the season," coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "Our track record on the road hasn't been great this year, but I still feel good about being able to get a lot of people in for our game against Tri-State."

Saint Mary's emerged victorious in the first meeting between the teams this year, an 8-1 victory that included two goals by both Carrie Orr and Ashley Hinton. Though the Belles enjoyed home-field

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL QUARTERFINALS

Scares, upset plague top playoff seeds

No. 1 Keenan survives first round

By TOM DORWART, JOHN EVERETT, ABBY RICHARDSON and RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writers

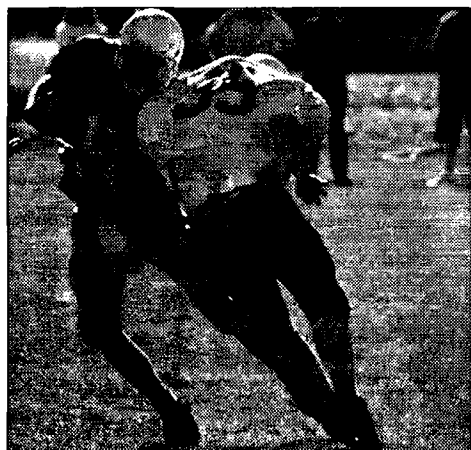
In a physical, defensively dominated first half, the No. 8 Morrissey Manorites looked poised to hand the No. 1 Keenan Knights their first loss and an early exit from the playoffs. But the Knights defeated Morrissey's upset bid with a 7-0 victory.

"We were a few plays away [from beating Keenan]," Morrissey captain Aaron Ronsheim said.

Keenan made a strong push in the second half after a scoreless first 24 minutes Sunday at Stepan fields in the first round of the playoffs.

"We realized if we didn't play a good second half, we'd be turning in our pads that afternoon," Keenan captain Patrick Downey said. "It was a good motivator. We turned up the intensity."

The revved up Knights forced and



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
Keenan quarterback Eric Laumann takes a hit in an earlier game.

recovered a Morrissey fumble at the Keenan 36-yard line. Downey knew his team needed some more firing up.

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No. 2 Welsh mounts late comeback

By MIKE LASKEY, TOM BARR, PETE CRACCHIOLO and MIKE TENNANT
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The Welsh Family Whirlwinds just couldn't seem to get it going. The defense was soft and confused. There were dropped balls, costly slips and botched opportunities.

Then, in the second half of their playoff game against the Breen-Phillips Babes, the Whirlwinds turned it all around.

Led by quarterback Melissa Sands's three touchdown strikes — two to wide receiver Lauren Hooeck — and an instantly revitalized defense, the No. 2 seed Whirlwinds erased a 13-0 halftime deficit to defeat the No. 7 seed Babes 22-19 Sunday afternoon in the quarterfinals of the women's interhall football playoffs.

The first half for the Whirlwinds was frustrating from the start, as Breen-Phillips scored on a 65-yard touchdown pass on the game's second play. Later in



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
Cavanaugh's defense has smothered opponents all year.

the half, a perfectly executed reverse fooled the Whirlwind defense, setting up a 15-yard touchdown pass one play later.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish postpone Michigan State

Coach Bobby Clark postponed this afternoon's scheduled game due to player sickness.

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Isban leads field

The sophomore Irish golfer leads The Prestige at PGA WEST by two strokes.

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Backman named Arizona manager

The former World Champion with the New York Mets joins the Diamondbacks.

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10 Red Sox file for free agency

Right-hander Derek Lowe and catcher Jason Varitek are among a slew of Boston players filing for free agency.

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Lynch sidelined by broken tailbone

News around the NFL also shows the Baltimore Ravens could be on the rise.

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NY Jets 41 Miami 14

A pair of 100-yard rushers helped the Jets dismantle a struggling Dolphins team at the Meadowlands.

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