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Tragedy strikes Ebersol family



Map of Accident Site

Hospital	Crash Site	Dick and Charlie Ebersol are in stable condition at a hospital in Grand Junction, while the co-pilot is at a hospital in Denver.
COLORADO		
DENVER		
GRAND JUNCTION		
MONTROSE		

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic



Photos courtesy of the Associated Press and the Observer Archives

Right, officials from Montrose Airport and the National Transportation Safety Board search wreckage Monday. Top left, Teddy Ebersol, Susan Saint James and Dick Ebersol attend a movie screening. Middle left, Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol poses for a student government photo.

Plane crash leaves ND senior Charlie, father Dick injured; youngest brother dead

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol survived a plane crash that injured his father, NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, and killed his youngest brother Teddy Ebersol and two crewmen in Montrose, Colo. Sunday.

The family said in a release Monday night that Dick and Charlie Ebersol were in stable

condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo. and are expected to make a full recovery, according to Kim Williams, director of public relations at the hospital.

The private jet, carrying six people, crashed during takeoff from Montrose Regional Airport at approximately 10 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, according to a press release from the Montrose Fire Protection District (MFPD). The

airport is located 185 miles southwest of Denver and serves the Telluride Ski Area.

The pilot and a flight attendant of the CL-601 Challenger plane were killed on impact, the Montrose County Coroner's Office said in a press release.

A body matching the description of Teddy Ebersol, 14, was recovered underneath the wreckage at 5 p.m. MST Monday, following an extensive search of the wooded crash site,

Montrose Coroner Mark Young told the Montrose Daily Press.

The younger Ebersol was ejected from the plane and died instantly, Young said.

"He didn't lay there and suffer," Young said. "The pilot and flight attendant were both ejected from their seats. The only one not ejected was Mr. Ebersol, and his son, Charles, pulled him out."

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University expresses sorrow after crash

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

A testament to the bonds of the Notre Dame community, the University was shaken by the tragedy that struck members of its own Sunday, and is extending its support to the Ebersol family in its time of grief.

The charter plane carrying Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol, 21, his father, chairman of NBC Sports Dick

Ebersol, 57, and Charlie's brother Teddy Ebersol, 14, crashed on takeoff and erupted in flames at Montrose

Regional Airport Sunday.

The Ebersol name is well known on campus and in the wider Notre Dame community, and the family's influence reaches from the wording of the new Student Union constitution to the details of the new NBC television contracts.

In a statement released Monday, University President Father Edward Malloy offered his condolences to the Ebersol family on the loss of their youngest son Teddy.

"The Ebersols have been longtime friends of the

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses updates

Members will send card, prayers to Ebersol family

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed business from last week and coordinated various events being planned for the week Monday.

At last week's meeting student body president Adam Istvan presented a resolution to representatives that proposed changes that the Council felt needed to be made to the new constitution. Before members approved the resolution, Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty had expressed concern with one provision that suggested Financial Management Board meetings take

place on an as-necessary basis, and members chose not to remove it.

COR discussed the issue further Monday, and representatives agreed the current constitutional requirement for FMB to meet on a bi-weekly basis is necessary and no constitutional changes should be made.

Still, hall president's co-chair Claire Fadel, who attends CMB meetings, said although last week's meeting was very effective, many in the past have failed to be productive due to poor attendance.

"If we are going to meet on a bi-weekly basis, then the representatives here are going to have to push the members

of your respective groups to come to our meetings. We cannot vote if we do not have enough members present," she said.

Representatives agreed to do so.

In other COR news:

◆ Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni asked representatives to sign a card for senior Charlie Ebersol and his family, who were involved in a plane crash over the holiday weekend.

"We bought a card to show support for Charlie. Let's all keep them in our prayers," she said.

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Students feel pain of USC losing streak

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

After watching the football team lose to USC on Saturday, Notre Dame students returned from Thanksgiving break saddened by the season-ending loss.

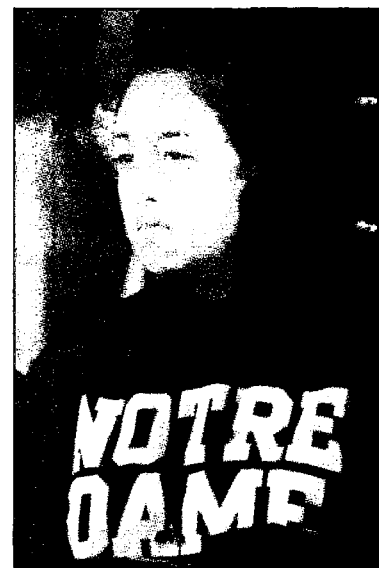
"That was an absolute embarrassment," sophomore Mac Murray said of the football 41-10 loss to No. 1 USC.

Murray, who is from Chicago, traveled to Los Angeles with his family to watch the Irish play the Trojans.

"We shouldn't have even been on the same field with that team," Murray said.

Junior Steve Sweeney, who traveled to USC from northern California with his dad, shared

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

A football fan expresses disappointment after Notre Dame's 41-10 loss to USC.

INSIDE COLUMN

'Saved by the Bell' bliss

In recent weeks, my friends and I have devoted a good chunk of time to watching every episode from every season of "Saved by the Bell." Pathetic? Perhaps a bit. But, watching the show now, when I am mature enough to recognize that I will never actually become Kelly Kapowski and date the ever-desirable Zack Morris, it is interesting to see how our culture has changed in just 10 short years.

The show had a real innocence and sweetness to it. All of the episodes had reassuring morals and the characters always made the right decisions — no drugs, no racism, no sex and no serious problems.

Our generation seems utterly out of control in comparison. And while I am glad that my wardrobe does not consist of fluorescent spandex and tacky patterned dresses, at times, I wish life mirrored "Saved by the Bell" just a little. The perfection of the characters, their relationships and their morals, no matter how "made-for-TV" they may have been, were enviable.

For one, Kelly and Zack's "going steady" was the epitome of pure, high school love. Zack solicited parental permission before asking Kelly out and made deals with her boss to get her out of work early for a dance. A kiss on the cheek was always followed by an "oooooooo" from the audience. Now, such courting and dating is a virtual has-been, while random hook-ups and casual, meaningless relationships dominate high school and college life. When and how did that become the norm?

Jessie took caffeine pills, Screech made fake IDs to get everyone into an 18-and-up dance club, and Zack snuck out of detention. Today, people deal with police citations, court hearings and ResLife trials all the time without blinking an eye. Though at the core the problems seem the same, everything today is in excess and taken much more casually.

When did the innocence disappear? Did it ever really exist? Everything in "Saved by the Bell" was sugarcoated. The real life angst of teens was underplayed and problems were unrealistically resolved in 30 minutes flat. But, I can't help but think that the show set a moral standard — it encouraged hand-holding and courting and sticking up for your friends. As outdated as the show may seem, it manages to touch your heart, and we all end up trying to find our inner Bayside character.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FOOTBALL GAME?




Tim Feldmann
junior
Dillon

"I don't think it's appropriate for the newspaper to print."




Daniel Klauer
junior
Dillon

"D.J. Fitzpatrick is awesome."




Kat Moravek
junior
Caven

"Expected."




Gabriel Samudio
sophomore
Keenan

"Go Irish!"




Roger Knight
junior
Siegfried

"I didn't watch it."



Chris Dougher
sophomore
Zahm

"It was football-rific."



Richard Friedman/The Observer

Notre Dame students eat dinner in South Dining Hall Monday underneath a balcony of new Christmas decorations, which went up across campus over Thanksgiving break.

OFFBEAT

Smiling frowned upon in visa photographs

PITTSBURGH — Imagine being denied a passport for, of all things, your teeth. It could happen, but not because they're crooked. Under new rules for visa photographs that began this summer, the State Department doesn't want to see them at all, according to a story published in Sunday's Pittsburgh-Post Gazette.

The new guidelines permit people to smile for passport and visa pictures but frown on toothy smiles, which apparently are classified as unusual or unnatural expressions.

"The subject's expression should be neutral (non-smiling) with both eyes open, and mouth closed. A smile with a closed jaw is allowed but is not preferred," according to the guidelines

Man shoots cell phones into Swedish prison

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Authorities in Sweden arrested a man who shot mobile phones into the yard of a high-security prison with a bow and arrows, police said Saturday.

The 25-year-old man is charged with planning to aid a prison escape and could get up to a year in jail, police said.

The suspect, whose name was not released, taped two cell phones and a battery charger to three arrows, and fired them over the 12-foot wall into Mariefred prison outside Stockholm on Friday night, police spokeswoman Susanne Abrahamsson said.

The man was not spotted by guards when he fired the arrows, but was arrested after police found his car parked about 650 feet from the prison walls, with a bow hidden underneath it, she said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor a summer service project meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge tonight.

UNICEF will sell Christmas cards and other materials from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library concourse. Proceeds will benefit needy children throughout the world.

Theology professor Bob Krieg will lead a seminar on "Catholic Theologians and Nazi Germany," Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in C-104 Hesburgh Center.

Sally Winn, vice president of Feminists for Life of America, will speak today on the topic "Refuse to Choose: Reclaiming Feminism" from 7 to 9 p.m. in 126 DeBartolo Hall.

Pasquerilla East Hall will sponsor its Silent Night Silent Auction Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include free food, karaoke and a free iPod giveaway.

University of Iowa professor Mary Wilson will speak today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 238 Galvin Life Science building about "Molecular mechanisms of host-parasite interactions in leishmaniasis."

Political science professor Luc Reydamas will discuss "Universal Jurisdiction over Gross Human Rights Violations: Back to Square Zero?" Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

T-shirt apology choice discussed by members

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

After much deliberation about issuing a second apology for Saint Mary's Pride Week T-shirt, the Board of Governance decided Monday that a statement would be released to the student body.

BOG said a second apology was not appropriate because the entire student body did not request a second more specific apology, and some students e-mailed the Student Activities Board stating they would be offended by what they deemed an unnecessary apology.

The Board instead will issue a statement about its intentions. SAB coordinator Lauren Fabina said student government did not wish to ignore students who were not offended by the shirt.

"We are in constant review of our activities to provide the best programs possible. We will keep in mind the opinions of all students and what offended them in the planning of future events," Fabina said.

At the last BOG meeting, the Board considered issuing an apology if SAB opted not to. Student body president Sarah Catherine White and student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran said they considered possible options and discussed them with administrators.

"We gave a lot of thought to how campus felt about these issues as a whole," White said.

Together they decided it would be best not to issue the apology, and agreed SAB had valid reasons not to do so. They said it was best to continue the discussion process and keep holding identity forums to further unite all campus ideas.

"Actions speak louder than words, and keeping the identity forums are the best way to handle this situation," public relations commissioner Ashley Thornburg said.

Board members said they hope students will continue peaceful discussion about the issues brought up by the Pride Week T-shirt.

In other BOG news:

♦ Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. will be the last Service Sunday at the Christ Child Society. Students are encouraged to come and should contact Mary Beth Swyart for more information.

♦ Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said all students are welcome to attend the abroad student send off tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge. The sophomore class will also host the "Big Sister-Little Sister" kickoff event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the west wing of the dining hall, which will include a gingerbread house contest.

♦ The second in a series of identity forums will be held Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Regina North Lounge.

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College reacts to tunnel closure

By NICOLE ZOOK
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For nearly a hundred years, Saint Mary's students and faculty have taken shelter from the South Bend snow and rain by walking through underground tunnels, which are now scheduled to close Dec. 18.

In general, students and faculty said they were concerned about how the closing, which will likely be indefinite, would affect campus.

Junior Elizabeth Voss, a LeMans resident, said she felt the closing would present a safety issue.

She also said the closing would hamper students' ability to move freely from building to building at times when it may be unpleasant to go outside.

"I think it will be a great inconvenience to walk around when we have all become accustomed to using the tunnels, especially at night and in the cold," she said.

Kyra Waltz, a sophomore living in Holy Cross, agreed.

"I use [the tunnels] for when it's raining, or really cold and snowy and icy," Waltz said. "I'm not very happy about it."

Her roommate, sophomore Angela Ellison, said she would continue to live in Holy Cross next year despite the inconvenience of the tunnel closing.

"I'll still live in Holy Cross, even though it's the farthest from everything," she said.

Professor Mark Abram-Copenhaver uses the tunnels to travel from Moreau to Regina Hall between classes "all the time."

"[I feel] a paroxysm of sadness the likes of which have rarely been encountered since Greek tragedy," he said. "It's cold, it's rainy, we have to put on coats."

Besides pushing students and professors outdoors during class hours, inclement weather may affect businesses like the bookstore, the Crossings snack shop in Haggard and Dalloway's after hours.

Voss said she worried about the campus businesses losing customers when the tunnels close.

"As Dalloway's Promotions Manager I am very concerned about the tunnels connecting the residence halls to Haggard being closed," she said. "With many residence hall doors being locked at 6 p.m., I am afraid that students won't be willing to make the effort to walk around to get to Dalloway's in the evenings."

Waltz and Ellison both agreed not having easy underground access would keep them from visiting the campus eateries during such weather.

"As for Haggard, I probably won't go there anymore if the weather is bad," Ellison said. "I usually only go there at night if the weather's too nasty to walk outside to the dining hall."

Many agreed the tunnels are an important part of the Saint Mary's campus and said they would be sad to see closed.

"It is such a wonderful advantage of being at Saint Mary's," Voss said. "I will be very upset if they remain closed permanently."

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Football

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Murray's sentiment.

"We weren't prepared to play with the number one team in the country for four quarters," Sweeney said.

Sweeney pointed out the growing gap in performance between the Notre Dame and USC teams.

"It's amazing how the series with USC has changed in the last three years. Four years ago we beat them - they weren't that good. But they get a new coach and have beat us by 31 every year since," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said he pointed to the administration and head coach Tyrone Willingham for the team's poor performance.

"I feel that the current administration is fine with having a mediocre coaching staff," Sweeney said. "Some people say that Ty's first recruiting class is only in their sophomore season, and that he needs time, but our recruiting classes have been worse now than under [former head coach Bob] Davie."

Freshman Ned Hawley, who lives in Los Angeles, attended the game with family and friends.

"Going into the game, I felt we had a shot," he said. "USC doesn't have the practice that we have in the rain, so the weather was on our side. We had a good turnout for the game, and in the first quarter the ND fans were

much louder."

According to Hawley, momentum shifted once USC settled down and found their offense.

"We lost our energy, and from there it was all downhill," Hawley said.

But students who were upset by the game said they enjoyed USC.

"The SoCal fans were great, very intense, but an amicable rivalry. Outside of us getting pounded, it was a really fun time," said Murray.

Hawley enjoyed himself, but noted the difference between ND and USC fans.

"USC fans don't have the heart Notre Dame fans do - when they're down, they don't cheer. Win or lose, USC football just isn't Notre Dame football."

Sweeney said he has attended Notre Dame-USC games since he was little.

"It's a great rivalry and most USC fans are respectful, at least the ones I've been around," he said.

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Professor edits book on human migration

Special to the Observer

Marc Rodriguez, assistant professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, is the editor of a new book titled "Repositioning North American Migration History: New Directions in Modern Continental Migration, Citizenship and Community."

Published by the University of Rochester Press, the book compares the way international migrants form communities and maintain relationships with their native regions to similar patterns among migrants from within the North American continent. Twelve contributing scholars of North American

immigration analyze the development of migrant networks and institutions in the volume, sponsored by Princeton University's Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies.

Walter Nugent, Andrew V. Tackes Emeritus Professor of History at Notre Dame, wrote the first chapter, "Crossing Borders, Countering Exceptionalism." A noted scholar of the American West, migration and demography, Gilded Age and Progressive Era, and comparative history, Nugent received the Western History Association's Caughey Award for the best book on the American West in 2000.

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University and we are deeply saddened by their loss," Malloy said. "We pray for a full recovery for Dick and Charlie Ebersol, and ask God's grace on their family."

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, offered similar words of prayerful thoughts and support.

"As treasured members of the Notre Dame community, Charlie Ebersol and his family are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time," Poorman said in a statement released Monday. "We all draw strength from our faith, and pray that God will provide healing and hope for the Ebersols."

Students, especially those closest to Charlie Ebersol, are still reeling from the shock.

Clay Nuelle, an RA in Keough — where Charlie Ebersol lived for two years before moving off-campus — said the dorm is banding together for strength, but the lack of solid information has made it hard to cope.

"I think, like with any kind of tragic incident, it's been difficult, especially for the guys that know [Charlie Ebersol] really well," Nuelle said. "They're taking it as well as you can possibly take it, but from talking with some guys earlier, not knowing the whole situation is part of the problem. It's just really difficult."

As a vocal and sometimes controversial figure on campus, Charlie Ebersol faced tough criticism during both of his presidential campaigns and his term at Student Union Board — criticism born from misperception, according to 2004 Notre Dame graduate Tai Romero, who worked as SUB programming director during Charlie Ebersol's run as manager.

"Charlie is probably one of the strongest people I know and he has a very strong spirit that people confuse for arrogance because they don't know him," Romero said. "But everyone who knows him will say that at foundation of everything he does is his family. Those family bonds are what make Charlie the person he is today."

Romero said she wished the outpouring of support for Charlie Ebersol would have come because students came to know his true character, and not because he is experiencing a time of grief.

Charlie Ebersol's closest friends and girlfriend have been keeping in constant contact with each other, so as to give the family privacy and space, added Romero.

During his decade of support for Notre Dame athletics, Dick Ebersol's presence has made as much impact on campus as his eldest son's.

"[Dick Ebersol's] not out here for every football game; but he does come for one or two games each fall, and often has other family members with him as well. You get to know the family beyond business aspect," Notre Dame associate athletic director for media relations John Heisler said. "It's been a tough couple of days in our building, because that's what makes this hard, that it's people you know and not just names in a wire story."

There will be a mass tonight at 10 p.m. in Keough for the Ebersol family.

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Crash

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Young declined to discuss the condition of Teddy Ebersol's body out of respect for his family.

News reports on the status of the Connecticut boarding school freshman were scattered Sunday as local authorities conducted a search of the area, which is covered by brush and cedar trees and contains a large drainage ditch. At a press conference at the airport Monday morning, broadcast nationally by CNN, Montrose County chief deputy coroner Matt Eilts said Teddy Ebersol was presumed dead and that the investigation had been suspended until representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board arrived on the scene. Another press conference was held at 6 p.m. MST after the body was found.

The Ebersols, who own a home nearby, stopped in Colorado to drop off Dick Ebersol's wife, actress Susan Saint James of 1980s television series "Kate and Allie." The family was returning to South Bend after a gathering at Saturday's Notre Dame football game against the University of Southern California, where son Willie Ebersol, 18, is a freshman.

The plane skidded sideways after impact, ripping off the cockpit and one of the wings, eyewitness Chuck Distel told the Associated Press. Though it was snowing at the time of the crash, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer told the Associated Press he did not know if the weather was a factor.

Charlie Ebersol, 21, helped pull his father out through the front of the plane, Distel said.

Another eyewitness, Pro Tow employee Doug Percival, ran to the scene after spotting the plane's tail end going airborne and bursting into flames.

"I ran out and Charlie was standing on a dirt hill screaming, 'My 14-year-old brother's on the plane, please help him,'" Percival said. "I went around the plane and that's when I saw the two [crewmembers] and Dick Ebersol."

The NBC executive was unresponsive and appeared "very badly" injured, with his eyes rolled back in his head, Percival said.

"I tried to reassure him that help was on the way," Percival said.

Percival told the Associated Press that Dick Ebersol sat numbly rocking back and forth on the snow-covered ground.

Aside from a few scrapes on the left side of his face, Charlie Ebersol did not have visible injuries, Percival said.

"I think he was just more in shock than anything else," Percival said, adding the senior grabbed him and told him he had been sitting in the back row of the plane, while his brother had been sitting in the fourth row.

Charlie Ebersol was able to climb into an ambulance, Distel told the Associated Press, while Dick Ebersol was loaded onto a stretcher.

Charlie and Dick Ebersol were taken to Montrose Memorial Hospital and transferred to St. Mary's by Sunday afternoon, while a Flight For Life helicopter transported the plane's co-pilot to a Denver Trauma Center, where he was in critical condition Monday,



Right, an NTSB official carries the recovered flight data recorder box. Eyewitness Doug Percival, top left, and Montrose County chief deputy coroner Matt Eilts, bottom left, speak about the plane crash.

according to the MFPD.

The dead crewmembers were pilot Luis Alberto Polanco Espallst, 50, of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 36, of Coral Gables, Fla., according to a press release from the Montrose coroner's office.

FAA and NTSB officials were investigating possible causes of the crash Monday. The plane's flight data recorder was found in the wreckage, burned on the exterior but protected by a layer of asbestos, according to the Montrose Daily Press. It will be flown to the NTSB's Denver office to conduct a preliminary readout, the results of which should be available Tuesday, NTSB inspector Arnold Scott told the Montrose Daily Press.

"At this point there are still a lot of questions unanswered," Montrose Airport manager Scott Brownlee said in the first news conference, broadcast by CNN.

Brownlee added he did not know if the plane's wings had been de-iced before takeoff, saying it was the pilot's choice.

Steve McLaughlin of MTJ Air Services, which de-ices private planes at the airport, told the Denver Post his company did not de-ice the Ebersols' plane before it took off.

The Challenger plane was operated by Air Castle Corporation on behalf of Jet Alliance of Millville, N.J. Clifford Russell, president of Jet Alliance, issued a statement Monday morning that offered condolences to those involved.

Challenger aircraft have been involved in other recent accidents, including a crash that killed three crewmembers on takeoff in Wichita, Kan. in October 2000, according to the Denver Post.

Charlie Ebersol played a vocal role in Notre Dame student government, twice running for student body president and losing by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. Ebersol served as manager of the Student Union Board and a member of the Council of Representatives during the 2003-04 term. He was a key actor in the recent restructuring of student government and the

rewriting of the student union constitution.

A film, television and theatre major, Ebersol lived in Keough for two and half years before moving off-campus.

Dick Ebersol, 57, became president of NBC Sports in 1989, and was a chief negotiator in agreements to televise Notre Dame home football games on NBC. Most recently, he, University President Father Edward Malloy and athletic director Kevin White collaborated on a December 2003 contract extension that granted NBC rights to nationally broadcast the Irish through 2010.

Dick Ebersol also led NBC's successful negotiations to televise the Olympics and NASCAR events, and in the early 1980's he served as executive producer of Saturday Night Live.

The Associated Press, CNN, the Montrose Daily Press and the Denver Post contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congo to send reinforcements

KINSHASA, Congo — Congo intends to send 10,000 reinforcements toward its eastern border with Rwanda, a presidential spokesman said Monday, after credible reports that thousands of Rwandan troops crossed into its territory, raising fears of reigniting a devastating five-year regional war.

A Western diplomat told The Associated Press Monday that thousands of Rwandan troops moved into the remote forested hills of east Congo — an account supported by park rangers and local chiefs near the border of the two neighbors and wartime enemies.

Rwanda refused to confirm or deny the reported incursion, and the U.N. mission in Congo said U.N. helicopter patrols and other sorties had failed to turn up any immediate sign of Rwandan troops.

Victims compensated for torture

SANTIAGO, Chile — Three decades after being imprisoned and tortured during the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, Mireya Garcia is among 27,000 Chileans who will finally get government compensation.

"It's very special for us, who were kept anonymous for almost 31 years, that the state admits that we were tortured," Garcia told The Associated Press Monday. "Telling the nation that we were tortured is the first act of reparation. Little by little, this begins to be a healing process."

While the payments are small — about \$190 a month — they will double the pensions of many former victims. In addition, victims and their relatives will receive free education, housing and health benefits.

NATIONAL NEWS

7 killed in helicopter crash

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, Texas — An Army helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashed and burned in the fog Monday after hitting a support wire on a TV transmission tower whose warning lights had been knocked out in a storm last week, officials said. Everyone aboard was killed.

The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood. The fog was so thick when emergency crews arrived that they could not see more than halfway up the tower, authorities said.

The helicopter was headed to check out equipment being readied for use in Iraq, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division. The names of the victims, all from Fort Hood, were not immediately released.

Medical marijuana laws disputed

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who aren't really sick as it debated on Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders.

Watching the argument was Angel Raich, an Oakland, Calif., mother of two who said she tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she turned to marijuana. She and another ill woman, Diane Monson, filed a lawsuit to protect their access to the drug after federal agents confiscated marijuana plants from Monson's yard.

LOCAL NEWS

Favor for mom leads to death

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman believes her brother was killed Thanksgiving night because of a favor he did for their mother — safeguarding \$140 in cash for Christmas shopping.

Christopher R. Creed, 23, died after being shot multiple times in what police believe was a robbery.

Indianapolis police arrested 27-year-old Alan Collins, a parolee, on Saturday and are holding him at Marion County Jail on preliminary charges of murder.

Bush chooses secretary of commerce

With Senate approval, Kellogg Co. CEO Carlos Gutierrez will join the cabinet

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday chose Carlos Gutierrez, a native of Cuba who rose from truck driver to chief executive officer of Kellogg Co., to be secretary of Commerce.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gutierrez would succeed Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, a Texas confidant of Bush's, who announced his resignation shortly after the Nov. 2 election. The president called the 51-year-old Gutierrez, 51, a "great American success story" and a visionary executive, who understands the world of business from the "first rung on the ladder to the very top."

"Carlos's family came to America from Cuba when he was a boy," Bush said in the Roosevelt Room. "He learned English from a bellhop in a Miami hotel and later became an American citizen. When his family eventually settled in Mexico City, Carlos took his first job for Kellogg as a truck driver, delivering Frosted Flakes to local stores."

Gutierrez, who was joined by his wife, son and two daughters, is the first new member of Bush's economics team for his second term. Bush's chief economics adviser, Stephen Friedman, announced last week that he is leaving. Other changes also are anticipated, although Treasury Secretary John Snow would like to stay.

"The secretary views his service to the president as an honor and a privilege," Rob Nichols, a Treasury Department spokesman, said of Snow. "Like all his Cabinet colleagues, he serves at the pleasure of the president."

Former Michigan Gov. John Engler, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, hailed the appointment.

"Gutierrez understands



With Donald Evans already having announced his resignation, Carlos Gutierrez, CEO of Kellogg Co., will become the new secretary of Commerce pending Senate approval.

every level of manufacturing and he will use that knowledge to further strengthen the U.S. economy," Engler said.

Looking ahead to his second term, Bush is already making changes to his current economics team. And, private economists say it is possible that could include a change at the Treasury post. In early February 2003, Snow, 65, a former chief at railroad giant CSX, replaced Paul O'Neill, who was fired by Bush as part of a shake-up of the president's economic team.

The White House said Bush appreciates the job Snow is doing but refused to say he would remain in his job. "I'm not going to

get into talking about individual members of the Cabinet," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Gutierrez, whose family fled Cuba in 1960 when he was 6, joined Kellogg in 1975. Known for having a strong work ethic and a seemingly endless stream of ideas, he worked all over the world for the company before being promoted to president and chief operating officer in June 1998.

"I believe passionately in your leadership and direction you've set," Gutierrez told Bush. "I believe in your call for a vibrant, growing, entrepreneurial society where everyone has the opportunity to experi-

ence the joy and the pride of ownership, where everyone can contribute and where everyone can benefit. I have had the opportunity to live that American dream, so I know that the president's vision is noble, I know it's real and I know it's tangible."

Gutierrez, Kellogg's CEO since April 1999, is credited with shaping a major corporate and marketing overhaul at Kellogg, narrowing the company's primary focus to cereal and wholesome snacks and reducing the company's debt. Under Gutierrez, Kellogg's net sales rose from \$6.2 billion in 1999 to \$8.8 billion last year, a 43 percent increase.

IRAQ

Insurgent attacks kill American soldiers

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents stepped up attacks on Iraq's fledgling security forces, killing seven Iraqi police and guardsmen Monday in a suicide bombing hours after storming a police station north of the capital. The military reported five new U.S. deaths.

Thirteen Marines were wounded Monday in a mortar south of Baghdad, the military said. No further details were released.

Military offensives in Fallujah and elsewhere have made November the second deadliest month for U.S. troops since the March 2003 inva-

sion, with at least 130 American dead.

Monday's suicide attack occurred in Baghdadi, a Euphrates River town about 120 miles northwest of the capital, where a driver detonated his vehicle near a police checkpoint, police Lt. Mohammed al-Fehdawi said. A hospital official, Hatim Ahmed, confirmed seven police and Iraqi National Guard members were killed and nine were wounded.

Late Sunday, gunmen stormed a police station west of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, looted the armory, commandeered several police cars and fled after encountering no resistance, Iraqi officials said.

U.S. troops went to the police station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people, police said. American officials had no comment. U.S. and Iraqi troops recaptured Samarra from insurgents in September, but the city remains tense.

Two American soldiers from Task Force Baghdad were killed and three wounded Monday in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. One American soldier died and two were injured in a vehicle accident 30 miles northwest of the town of Kut in eastern Iraq, the military said.

LAOS

China forges free trade pact with Southeast Asian nations

Associated Press

VIENTIANE— Rising power China moved Monday to expand its influence in a region long dominated by the United States, signing an accord with Southeast Asian nations aimed at creating the world's largest free trade area by 2010 — a sprawling market of nearly 2 billion people.

China's concerns about securing vital sea lanes and feeding its booming economy's ravenous appetite for oil and raw materials were seen as key motivations for the trade pact with the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations at the group's annual summit in Laos.

But some analysts believe the agreement shows how an increasingly bold China is forging new alliances that would reduce, and possibly eventually challenge, America's influence in Asia.

"China is using its huge market as a bait to lure ASEAN countries away from U.S. and Japan and build closer relations," said Chao Chien-min, a China watcher and political science professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University.

"I think what Beijing has in mind is to forge good economic and trade relations now and then increase exchanges in other areas, particularly in the military and security arena," Chao said.

The agreements signed Monday removed tariffs on goods and created a mechanism to resolve ASEAN-China trade disputes. The accord aims to end all tariffs by 2010, drawing ASEAN's combined economies — worth \$1 trillion — closer to China's \$1.4 trillion economy.

Ong Keng Yong, ASEAN's secretary-general, said trade with China would speed up with the free trade agreement. "So by the time this whole FTA (free trade agree-

ment) is done, as we want to by 2010, it should become quite substantial: \$130 or \$140 billion, perhaps," he told reporters.

In comparison, the annual ASEAN-U.S. trade is \$120 billion and ASEAN-EU trade is \$110 billion per year, he said.

Ong said it would be a long time before China surpassed the United States because the Americans are bigger investors in the region.

China's deal with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was sealed as the 10-nation group agreed to another pact that would build an ASEAN community, much like the European Union, by 2020.

The run-up to the ASEAN summit in the Laotian capital was clouded by concerns that Thailand's crackdown last month on a protest that left 85 Muslims dead could inflame militants, and over Myanmar's failure to deliver on pledges to move toward democracy.

Some member countries indicated they might call those two ASEAN colleagues to task — in a break with the group's tradition of keeping out of domestic affairs. But both issues were kept off the table during the summit's ASEAN-only agenda Monday, Thai government spokesman Jakrapob Penkair said.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had threatened to walk out if the crackdown

was raised at the summit of Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Singapore, ASEAN members Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

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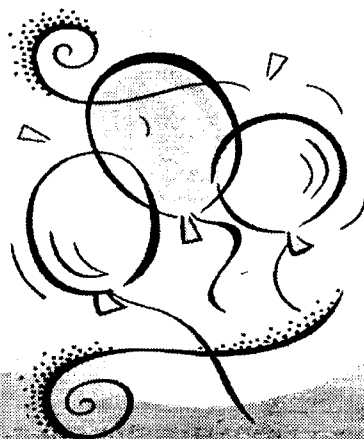
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IN BRIEF

Creditors banned from seizing jets

CHICAGO — A federal bankruptcy court judge has blocked a group of creditors from repossessing up to 14 airplanes from United Airlines, saving the bankrupt carrier tens of millions of dollars.

Judge Eugene Wedoff issued a temporary restraining order Friday barring the group, represented by the Chicago-based law firm Chapman and Cutler LLP, from seizing up to eight Boeing 767s and six 737s.

The group of financiers, which controls about one-third of United's fleet, had threatened to seize the planes as early as Dec. 1 because of an impasse over their leases.

United, the nation's No. 2 airline, is seeking to lower aircraft operating costs by renegotiating its leases with creditors. However, it argued that the Chapman group was violating antitrust laws by renegotiating as a bloc instead of as individual leaseholders, forcing United to accept higher lease rates.

"We believe the court rightly prevented this attempt to pressure United into accepting above-market rates for our aircraft leases," said Jean Medina, spokeswoman for the airline.

Ringback tones debut in US

NEW YORK — Ring tones are so yesterday. If wireless companies have their way, the next multibillion-dollar surprise in the cellular business will be "Ringback" tones.

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Verizon Wireless, a partnership between Verizon Communications Inc. and Vodafone Group PLC, is charging 99 cents per month plus an annual fee of \$1.99 for each Ringback Tone chosen. Other U.S. carriers are said to be considering a similar service.

Verizon subscribers can assign specific tunes for different callers to hear, choosing among 2,200 songs from 13 music genres provided by Warner Music Group and Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

Retailers experience modest start

Spending faded after Friday's surge of shoppers leaving businesses disappointed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The holiday shopping season began with a surge in spending, but consumers faded by the end of the long Thanksgiving weekend and many retailers were facing decent but hardly impressive sales.

Big chains, including J.C. Penney and Sears, Roebuck, were pleased with their sales. But industry leader Wal-Mart said its sales in the seven days that ended Friday were disappointing and it lowered its sales forecasts for November.

The holiday shopping season traditionally begins the day after Thanksgiving.

"Friday overall was strong, but Saturday was weak and disappointing, so together it was only a modest two-day performance," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at International Council of Shopping Centers. "Still, I continue to believe that this is not a bellwether for how the season will end up."

The first weekend of the season, while important, is not as critical as the last 10 days before Christmas. So, despite the lackluster start, Niemira still forecasts a sales gain of 3 percent to 4 percent for holiday period.

Wally Brewster, spokesman at Chicago-based General Growth Properties, which operates 224 malls in 44 states, said sales and traffic were strong Friday but stabilized the rest of the weekend. As a result, he expects sales for the weekend to increase in the low single digits, in line with modest expectations.

Wal-Mart's Thanksgiving weekend sales suffered because it didn't offer the deep discounts it did in past years, hoping to boost profits, analysts said. Penney and Sears did better by wooing customers with two days of big price breaks.

Wal-Mart's shares fell \$1.43, or 2.6 percent, to \$53.89 in early trading



Carolyn Labarba clutches her selections during the early-morning shopping blitz at a Wal-Mart in Texas. Wal-Mart, among others were disappointed in this weekend's sales.

Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Wal-Mart was a big loser because they didn't get the same numbers of early bird shoppers as they did a year ago," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "The retailers that won this weekend were the ones that were super aggressive in special purchases and special pricing."

Wal-Mart said Saturday it now expects same-store sales in November to be up only 0.7 percent, instead of the projected 2 percent to 4 percent.

Without any must-haves in apparel and toys, the main attractions were electronics, particularly flat-

screen TVs and DVD players, benefiting stores like Best Buy and Circuit City. Marshal Cohen, senior industry analyst at NPD Group Inc., a market research company in Port Washington, N.Y., suspects that many mall-based apparel retailers "took it on the chin."

Niemira, who serves as an adviser for ShopperTrak, which tallies sales results from 30,000 outlets, said a clearer picture of how the Thanksgiving weekend fared will emerge Thursday. That's when the nation's retailers report their same-store sales figures for November. Same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least a year,

are considered the best indicator of a retailer's performance.

Total retail sales were up 10.8 percent on Friday compared with the day after Thanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent on Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperTrak said. As a result, total sales for Friday and Saturday combined increased a modest 3.5 percent. ShopperTrak is expected to release sales for the three-day weekend later Monday.

Consumers were clearly hunting for good deals. "I want a flat-screen TV to put in the family room," said Gladys Wright, from Elkton, Md., who was among the crowds.

Icahn to bid on Hollywood Video

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Another possible suitor has emerged in the Hollywood Entertainment Corp. takeover fray: billionaire Carl Icahn.

Icahn's firms have bought 5.1 million Hollywood shares in the last two weeks, representing an 8.4 percent stake in the No. 2 video rental chain, according to papers filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The move has fueled rumors that Icahn could be poised to enter a bidding war over the company. Three companies have already made bids for Hollywood — a Los Angeles buyout firm and the No. 1 and No. 3

video rental chains, Blockbuster Inc. and Movie Gallery Inc.

Analysts say Icahn also could be positioning himself to benefit from a bidding war without having to enter it.

Ranked No. 21 on Forbes Magazine's list of wealthiest Americans, Icahn, 68, made the bulk of his fortune in the 1980s by buying large stakes of companies steeped in takeover wars and profiting handsomely as the stock soared.

"He could be trying to make a quick buck," said Arvind Bhatia, a home entertainment analyst with Southwest Securities Inc. "But the other possibility is that he wants to get more involved — and he might

either side with one of the existing bids, or else come up with another bid, or partner with another financial party."

No one answered calls to Icahn's New York office and home Saturday. A message left at Hollywood's offices was not immediately returned.

In August, buyout firm Leonard Green & Partners offered to buy Hollywood's roughly 60 million shares for \$10.25 each.

This month, the bidding got more heated when Blockbuster offered to buy the chain for \$11.50 a share, followed soon after by an undisclosed bid by Movie Gallery.

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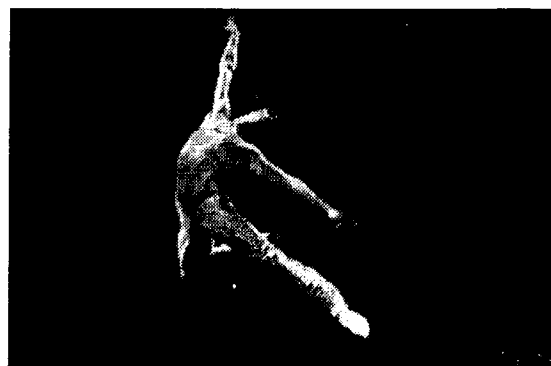
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Court sets aside marriage case

Challenge to same-sex unions law turned aside, appeal declined

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to the only state that allows gay marriages, declining to hear an appeal aimed at overturning the Massachusetts law that prompted a national debate on the legality and morality of same-sex unions.

The decision ended the legal fight over a 4-3 Massachusetts high court ruling last November giving gay couples the right to marry. But both sides say the U.S. Supreme Court's unwillingness to intervene means there will be more fights in courts and legislatures around the country.

President Bush has promised to make passage of an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment a priority in his second term.

"Activist judges are seeking to redefine marriage for the rest of society, and the people's voice is not being heard in this process," said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. "That's why the president is committed to moving forward with Congress on a constitutional amendment that would protect the sanctity of marriage."

Lambda and other gay-rights groups were heartened that the Supreme Court let the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court stand. In the past year, at least 3,000 gay Massachusetts couples have wed.

"The bottom line is nobody is being harmed by the Massachusetts state law treat-

ing all couples equally," said David Buckel, Lambda's legal marriage project director.

Lambda currently is suing in four states — California, New Jersey, New York and Washington — on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage.

Liberty Counsel, the Florida-based conservative group that filed the challenge to the Massachusetts law, argued the state Supreme Court ruling violated the U.S. Constitution because state judges had made a decision more properly decided by elected legislatures.

The high court rejected the appeal without comment.

Liberty Counsel is continuing the fight elsewhere, lobbying more than two dozen states to pass state amendments banning gay marriages.

"We will see legal battles around marriage hashed out in state courts, state legislatures and in state referenda," said Chai Feldblum, a civil rights law professor at Georgetown University.

Gay marriage is opposed by a majority of Americans, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. The poll taken Nov. 19-21 found that 61 percent oppose gay marriage and 35 percent support it.

People are about evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to form civil

unions, which would give them many of the same legal rights as marriage, other polls have found.

Earlier this month, anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives passed in all 11 states that had them.

Massachusetts voters may have a chance next year to change the state constitution to bar gay marriages but allow same-sex couples to form civil unions that make them eligible for the same benefits as married couples.

Legal analysts said the Supreme Court's decision to stay out of the battle wasn't surprising, because the lawsuit made a rarely used claim that activist Massachusetts judges had violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a republican form of government.

Legal challenges elsewhere in state and federal courts — including whether other states must recognize Massachusetts' gay marriages — are likely as the nation grapples with the issue, said Charles Fried, a Harvard law professor who sat on the Massachusetts high court from 1995-99.

C.J. Doyle, executive director of the anti-gay marriage Catholic Action League, called the Supreme Court decision "one skirmish, one battle in a much larger issue."

"The bottom line is nobody is being harmed by the Massachusetts state law treating all couples equally."

David Buckel
legal marriage project director for Lambda

Violence in schools drops over 10 years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Violent crime against students in schools fell by 50 percent between 1992 and 2002, with young people more often targeted for violence away from school.

There were about 24 crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery and physical assault for every 1,000 students in 2002, down from 48 per 1,000 a decade earlier, according to a report Monday from the Education and Justice departments.

The reduction mirrored the trend found outside classrooms — overall crime is at a 30-year low across the nation.

The report found instances of school violence involving students have dropped steadily since a string of fatal shootings in the 1990s, notably the 1999 killings of 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado by two heavily armed students.

"There has been a drop, and we attribute a lot of that to the fact that schools are focusing on the issue more," said William Lassiter, school safety specialist at the Center for the Prevention of School Violence in Raleigh, N.C.

Schools have taken a number of steps, from installing metal detectors and hiring more security personnel to implementing programs aimed at curbing bullying, which can lead to more serious crimes. A recent analysis of more than 200 studies show that school-based violence prevention programs reduce school violence by up to 50 percent, said Dewey Cornell, director of the Virginia Youth Violence Project at the University of Virginia.

"Prevention programs have been quietly successful but tend to get overlooked. If you have one fight at school, it gets a lot of attention," Cornell said.

Others say the scope of the problem is underreported by the federal study, which relies on limited surveys and self-reporting instead of tracking actual reported crimes. In addition, the data used is already outdated, said Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services, a consulting firm.

"To tell the American public that school crime is dramatically declining based upon underreported, outdated and limited data is misleading and creates a false sense of security," Trump said.

The report found students are more apt to be victims of violence outside schools.

In 2002, there were about 659,000 violent crimes involving students at school and

about 720,000 away from school property. For the most serious nonfatal violent crimes — rape, assault and robbery — the crime rates were lower in school than away from school every year from 1992 to 2002.

The report also found that, between 1992 and 2000, students between 5 and 19 were 70 times more likely to be murdered away from school than on campus. There were 234 homicides at school during that time span, compared with more than 24,000 away from school.

"There was initially great concern about school violence, but our report shows that kids are safer at school than they are away from school," said the report's co-author, Katrina Baum of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Overall in 1992 there were more than 3.4 million crimes in school against students between 12 and 18, the report estimated. That included more than 2.2 million thefts — by far the most common serious crime in school — and over 1.1 million violent crimes.

By 2002, the report found the total number had dropped to 1.7 million crimes: just over 1 million thefts and about 659,000 violent crimes.

Teachers are also targets of schoolhouse crime. The report found that from 1998 through 2002 teachers were victims of an annual average of 233,900 crimes at school, more than 90,000 of them violent. That translates to an annual rate of 51 crimes per 1,000 teachers.

The report shows that inner-city teachers are more than twice as likely to be victims of violent crimes than those in suburban or rural school districts, and that male teachers are more often attacked than female teachers. The report does not give year-to-year comparisons because the sample sizes studied are too small, Baum said.

Other findings in the report:

◆ In 2003, 22 percent of students in grades 9-12 reported using marijuana during the preceding 30 days. That compares with 18 percent in 1993 and 27 percent in 1999.

◆ About 45 percent of high school students in 2003 said they had at least one alcoholic drink in the 30 days before they were surveyed, about the same as in 1993 and down from a recent high of 52 percent in 1995.

◆ A third of students in grades 9-12 said that someone had offered, given or sold them an illegal drug on school property in 2003. That number has essentially remained the same over the past decade.

◆ About 21 percent of students in 2003 said that street gangs were active in their schools, most often in urban districts.

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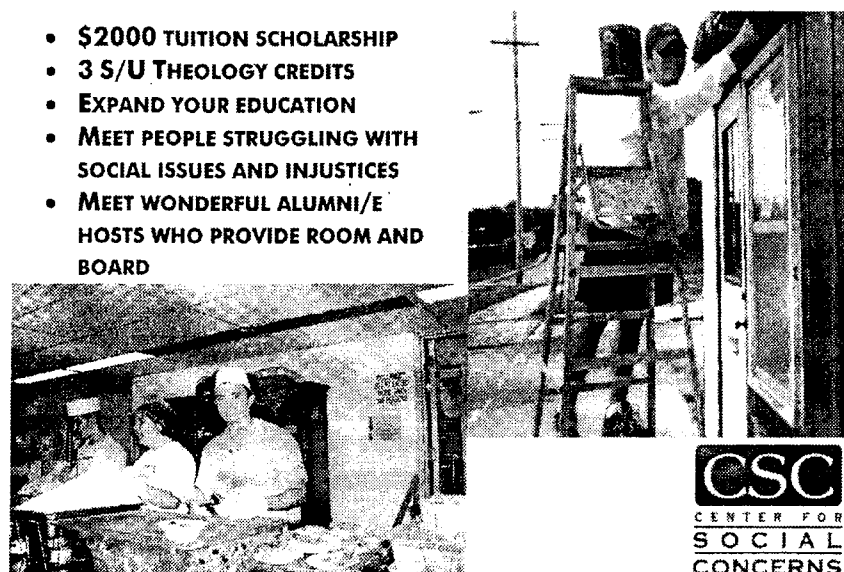
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H.R. 4818: A lesson in 'bringing home the bacon'

I take my assertion of last week back that there is nothing left to rant about in the realm of politics. While it is true the behavior of grown men that act like children is an easy target, by no means is it limited to the NBA. Specifically, our government has sunk to record lows in its quest to squander the hard earned tax dollars of the American people. By no means do I limit my criticism to the traditional Great Society Democrat pork-barrel spender, but the new breed of Republican pork-barrel spender as well.

Tom Rippinger

Confessions of a
Campus
Conservative

Contrary to promises made in 1994 after forty years of Democratic control in Congress, Republicans have gone back on the original promises that regained them the House and Senate. Discretionary spending over the past few years has gone through the roof. In 2003, inflation adjusted federal spending topped \$20,000 per household for the first time since WWII.

Overall for 2003, the federal government spent \$20,300 per household, taxed \$16,780 per household, and ran a budget deficit of \$3,520 per household. Spending outside of defense and Sept. 11-related expenses is increasing 5 percent annually. From 2001 through 2004, discretionary outlays are projected to have leaped 39 percent, from \$649 billion to \$900 billion. Excluding defense and Sept. 11-related costs, discretionary spending increased 16 percent from 2001 through 2003, according to research from The Heritage Foundation.

Of course, it is reasonable to expect a tight budget with increased spending for Iraq and Homeland Security. However, discretionary spending increases of 16 percent are utterly inexcusable. Looking further into the

research done by Heritage's budgetary expert Brian Riedl, I came across an extremely interesting list of what exactly your federal tax dollars are paying for.

I hope all of you like baseball and rock 'n' roll, because almost a million dollars was earmarked in this past spending bill toward both of those Hall of Fames. One and a half million dollars will be used to transport naturally chilled water from Lake Ontario to Lake Onondaga. I also hope you all like grapes as much as I do, because \$3 million is going to a Center for Grape Genetics in Geneva, New York. As well, \$950,000 will go to the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, \$2,000,000 will be given for kitchen relocation in Fairbanks, Alaska, and \$150,000 will fund therapeutic horseback riding in California. Across many states, \$6,285,000 will also go to "wood utilization research."

The list goes on for municipal swimming pools, parks, etc. in red and blue states. Contrary to Democratic assertions, none of these problems have to do with lower taxes or defense spending. They have everything to do with the business as usual politics of Washington. It is a time tested rule of self-interest and common sense that "those who bring home the bacon" to his/her respective district in the form of pet projects will ultimately have much better chances for reelection. Average Joes like to have scenic boardwalks, therapeutic horseback riding programs and beautifully renovated museums.

Politicians from the local level upwards know this fact. Originally, the system of federal grants was set up to award federal money to the most competitive programs in the country. The intention was to give struggling but effective programs some supplement to get by. However, instead of working through the grant process, local projects have bypassed

these traditional mechanisms by hiring lobbying firms.

In what has become a quite lucrative business, an ambitious lobbying firm can bypass the entire process by directly lobbying for an earmark in the next spending bill. As stated in The Heritage Foundation WebMemo #613, "Predictably, an entire lobbying industry has emerged to secure pork projects for those willing to pay for their services. Organizations and local governments seeking federal money can choose between dozens of powerful lobbying firms who can effectively trade campaign contributions for earmarks."

This of course, leads to increases in demands by more qualified recipients. It also leads to a deadly cycle of jealousy as incentives deteriorate to utilize the appropriate channels.

The policy prescriptions needed to fix these problems are not of the mixed message nature proposed by Democrats, or the "please everyone" nature of Republican proposals. What is needed is national public outcry against frivolous government waste in Washington. Being a Republican, I feel there is something wrong when the Democrats can run on a platform of fiscal responsibility. As bitterly divided as the election was, the American people have given Republicans a genuine opportunity to accomplish the conservative vision of limited-government. Hopefully the next few years will be different, and they will begin to put prudent conservative policy before pork barrel waste.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work."

Emile Zola
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pray for the Ebersol family

As many of you may have heard, one of your classmates and my roommate, Charlie Ebersol, and members of his family were involved in a tragic plane crash on Sunday morning after Thanksgiving. I can not begin to fathom what Charlie must be going through right now. The past 48 hours have been indescribably surreal. This horrific experience has reminded me about the unpredictability of all of our lives. I request, from the bottom of my heart, that you pray for him and his family as they attempt to recover and seek closure during this crisis. Whether you acknowledge it or not, Charlie has constantly made efforts to improve the quality of our Notre Dame undergraduate experience. From countless hours dedicated to student government and SUB-sponsored events, Charlie has created student unity and promoted school spirit. Having lived with him for the past four years, I can assure you that few students, if any, have demonstrated a similar commitment to making Notre Dame a better place. His level of compassion, motivation and maturity is a rarity among people. Many individuals have not bothered to personally know Charlie; instead, they opt to base his character on rumors, unqualified opinions or assumptions. However, those who truly know him will agree that he is one of the most selfless and kindhearted people you will ever meet. I know for a fact, regardless of affiliation or impression, he would undoubtedly pray for any of you in this unimaginable situation. Please abandon any preconceived notions and reflect on the magnitude of his loss. Charlie, not only a roommate but one of my best friends, is like a brother to me. As part of the Notre Dame family, please keep the Ebersols in your thoughts and prayers.

Austin Chen
senior
off-campus
Nov. 29

A call for change

We supposedly "returned to glory" in 2002 with our new coach and fancy new offense. Since that first opportunistic season, Notre Dame has won 11 of its last 25 games.

We were beat by BYU (20-17), Pittsburgh (41-38) and Michigan State (22-16); run over by NCS (28-6), Syracuse (38-12), FSU (37-0) and Michigan (38-0); dominated by Purdue last year (23-10) and this season (41-16); and USC, our biggest rival, effortlessly blew us away like never before the last three years, humiliating us by 31 points each time (44-13, 45-14 and 41-10). On a positive note, we're barely above .500 after three seasons. I think that calls for an Irish jig. It's mediocre enough to make one sick, especially considering all the talent on our football team.

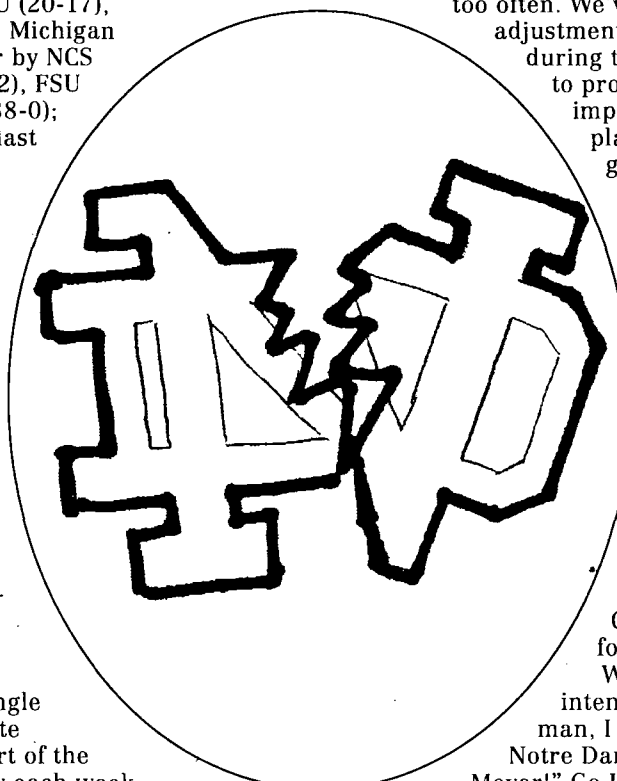
We can't reasonably expect to win every single game. Even great Knute Rockne lost. That's part of the game and why we play each week. What's not part of the game, especially at Notre Dame, is a tragic series of inconsistent appearances with few (if any) signs of improvement, adjustment or driving leadership. That's not acceptable or fair to the players and loyal

fans.

We see a clear and undeniable trend emerging over three seasons thus far. Our team has not been as well prepared as our opponent too often. We've not made crucial adjustments that must be made during the season and games to produce greatness and improve athletes. When we play weak opponents or gain leads, we play to not lose rather than to win. And when clutch decisions have to be made in key situations, there is no confidence or even clear competence displayed. Too often the team looks like a giant chicken with its head cut off, which is why I have finally come to the conclusion that the head must be replaced. Consider this my call for change.

With no disrespect intended because I love the man, I say "Goodbye, Ty. Notre Dame, Hire Urban Meyer!" Go Irish!

Dave Daley
junior
Dillon Hall
Nov. 28



U-WIRE

NASA's new budget doesn't deserve recent harsh criticism

The recent approval of NASA's 6 percent budget increase has taken a lot of flak in the political arena and the scientific community, but both groups, for one reason or another, fail to see the scope of President George Bush's vision for future space exploration.

The House of Representatives voted in favor of the budget increase 344 to 51, but some complained that the two-foot-thick stack of budget documents it came with gave them almost no time to review it thoroughly, according to Florida Today. NASA has been repeatedly given the congressional cold shoulder when it comes to lobbying for investments, but since Bush made his bold announcement that NASA would be getting all the help it needs, it seems that Congress is grudgingly and unwillingly supporting the measure. More than likely, members of Congress would much rather see that money go toward their annual salary increase and retirement pension (congressmen don't use social security).

To make matters worse, many members of the scientific community are opposed to Bush's agenda to put men back on the moon and then on Mars. "A stark financial and resource refocusing is underway at NASA in which robotic efforts will be planned less for pure science and more

for supporting future human spaceflight," said Space.com writer Robert Britt. In layman's terms, scientists are upset because their brilliant robots and ingenious machines of science will be replaced in an unexpected twist of fate by astronauts bound for nearby planets rather than undiscovered ones.

Understandably, they would like to see as much hard science per dollar spent as possible, but without anything tangible to show for their efforts, it's going to be hard to demonstrate a need for a space program in the future. People just don't get excited about space dust like they used to.

When Bush announced his plans for NASA he said, "Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea. We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit." In the shadow of a war, a space shuttle accident and terrorist attacks, one would think seeing an American on the moon again would give the United States something to smile about.

It is true that in the face of tragedy, people come together,

but it doesn't always have to be that way. Perhaps it has been forgotten that the great achievements of a handful of individuals can have the same if not greater effect.

Skepticism is a resource that is inexhaustible, but regardless of what the politicians and scientists think or say, the money being appropriated to NASA should be considered a sound investment. It will supplement the thousands of jobs that NASA has created and, in turn, it will spend more money which will bolster the economy. It will also seed

the ingenuity and creativity of the NASA engineers with which the possibilities are endless. The space shuttles will once again be able to fly until they are decommissioned by their long overdue replacements, and America will once again lead the world in exploration.

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"A stark financial and resource refocusing is underway at NASA in which robotic efforts will be planned less for pure science and more for supporting future human spaceflight."

Robert Britt
Space.com writer

'Poke' this

"Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them." — Francesco Guicciardini

As Internet community and networking sites continue to spring up and prosper in cyberspace, we are reminded that popularity is still a factor in determining one's self-confidence.

Sites like Friendster and, more recently, The Facebook, have enabled students across the country to "network" together to make new acquaintances and reestablish communication with old friends. This, of course, is in addition to connecting to the current friends an individual has.

All the while, the "friend" tally marks keep adding up. And perhaps this is where these sites go wrong: their uses.

The Facebook has received more attention and certainly more users than Friendster and its fore-runners ever did. The site is currently active at well over 100 schools and the Facebook's features are being awaited at many more. With that in mind, the demand for students to be "connected," "associated," "poked" and "Facebooked" with each other has gone from a small Internet trend to university-aged jargon.

But why? Sure, it may be great to be virtually connected to a group of people, let alone friends, but sites like Friendster and the Facebook begin to push quantity over quality. Without a doubt, this was not the sites' original intention, but it slowly has evolved into a major underlying theme of its use.

Certainly the harsh stereotype does not describe all users. If one is truly "loved," though, they do not need an online service to tell them so; and the same goes for friendships.

As many elders would tell us, were we to try to count on our hands the number of truly close, loyal and dedicated friendships we have, we may be very surprised at the amount of fingers we still have down. However, if we still have at least a few fingers up, we should consider ourselves quite lucky.

Simply put, friends are invaluable. And by the way, if you were wondering: Aside from being quotable, Guicciardini was also a politician.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Depp shines as the author behind Peter Pan classic

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

"Finding Neverland" explores the life of Sir James Matthew Barrie (Johnny Depp) and the experiences that inspired him to write the classic story of Peter Pan, the boy who refused to grow up.

Depp's stardom has recently soared to new heights on the incredible success of "Pirates of the Caribbean," a trend that promises to continue with his forthcoming role as Willy Wonka in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and another stint as Captain Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean 2."

But as one of the finest craftsmen in modern American cinema, the depth of Depp's acting extends well outside the Hollywood blockbuster. One's attention is called to another of his nonfictional characters: the brilliant portrayal of eccentric author Hunter S. Thompson in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Depp prepared for that role by spending four months with Thompson, learning his mannerisms and vocal inflection. He borrowed Thompson's car and some of his clothes for the film, and even let the author shave his head. Now that's dedication.

Unfortunately this approach wasn't available to Depp for "Finding

Neverland," as J.M. Barrie passed away in 1937. The famous playwright's absence might actually work to Depp's advantage, however, as he is afforded the opportunity to interpret the character in his own way, adding subtle nuances and really making the character his own.

The resulting performance is another bright gold star on the ever-more-impressive list of cast credits for Depp. He captured the film's prevailing theme of undying youth brilliantly, setting the tone for the rest of the cast — even the children.

Barrie is already a successful playwright in turn-of-the-century London when the film opens. He is just coming off a flop, however, when he meets a widower and her four sons at the park. Before he knows it, he's helping the boys to put on impromptu performances in their backyard. As he becomes more and more a part of their family

he distances himself further from his already unhappy wife. While simply trying to show these kids how to grow up without losing their childhood innocence, Barrie is inspired to write "Peter

Pan." This classic children's tale tells the story of a magical place called Neverland, where children can hold onto their innocence.

Kate Winslet shines as Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, the mother of the four



J. M. Barrie (Johnny Depp) shares a story with Peter (Freddie Highmore), the inspiration for Barrie's classic Peter Pan character, in "Finding Neverland."

boys. Dustin Hoffman also appears as Charles Frohman, the producer of Barrie's plays, but his screen time is unfortunately sparse. "Finding Neverland" is clearly Depp's film from start to finish.

Freddie Highmore does an excellent job playing the character of Peter Llewelyn Davies, the inspiration for Peter Pan. Depp enjoyed working with

Highmore so much that asked director Tim Burton to cast the young man as Charlie Bucket in next year's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Powered by Depp's performance, "Finding Neverland" is as innocent and touching a tale as the original "Peter Pan" classic.

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'National Treasure' anything but buried gold

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Critic

"National Treasure" is as clichéd as any movie that concerns itself with uncovering ancient artifacts in the name of public good, all while fending off foreign bad guys and getting your own government to hate you. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" came out over 20 years ago, and studios are still using the same formula to make a cheap profit.

But at least "National Treasure" isn't afraid to hide the fact that it's recycling the same material again, just as long as its audience understands this and enjoys the capers of the treasure-hunters.

The cast for "National Treasure" is actually quite solid, given the hackneyed plotline: archeologist Benjamin Gates (Nicolas Cage) descends from a family bred to believe that the founding fathers of the United States left clues to the burial of a priceless treasure all across the world. Teaming up with Riley Poole (Justin Bartha) and Ian Howe (Sean Bean), he travels to the Arctic Circle to begin searching for clues regarding the treasure.

After Herr Howe and his cronies turn on Poole and Gates, the pair escapes and heads to Washington, D.C. to warn

officials of a plan by Ian to steal the Declaration of Independence, which apparently contains another clue leading to the treasure. Of course, no one takes them seriously — most notably Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger), protector of the National Archives. Ultimately, Gates has no choice but to steal the Declaration himself to ensure its safety, and ends up dragging Abigail alongside himself and Poole as they race against Ian towards the treasure's whereabouts.

The decision to make a PG version of the film is very smart; there is plenty of action to keep adults interested, but it won't offend younger viewers. For example, instead of killing the security guards at the Archives, the bad guys rely on taser guns to knock them out. The bad guys, obviously, are blessed

with the ability to not hit Gates at point blank range with a semi-automatic pistol, but what else can we expect from a standardized action film?

All the actors in this film turn in decent perform-

ances, but they still seem uninspired. Bartha was really difficult to watch at times because he is forced into the clichéd role of the comic sidekick, working too hard to get laughs from the audience. You wonder, though, what he really could have done with a better part.

Bean, too, has had more interesting roles in the past, and he deserves bet-



Benjamin Gates (Nicolas Cage) tries to rediscover a war chest hidden by the Founding Fathers after the Revolutionary War in "National Treasure."

ter than the carbon copy villain he plays in this film. Cage, meanwhile, has played the unlikely action hero a bit too often, and he's running out of tricks.

"National Treasure" won't come across as anything new to its audience, but it has some good moments, and the tour of American monuments is pretty interesting to watch unfold.

'Tis the season, indeed, for taking a break from weekend shopping, catching a matinee at the mall's cinema and giving your brain cells a couple of hours of rest. At least for that purpose, "National Treasure" will provide some temporary escape from reality.

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Finding Neverland



Director: Marc Forster
Writers: Allan Knee and David Magee
Starring: Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Julie Christie and Dustin Hoffman

National Treasure



Director: Jon Turteltaub
Writers: Cormac Wiberley
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean, Harvey Keitel and Jon Voight

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Southern California 41, Notre Dame 10

California creamin'

Leinart throws for 400 yards and 5 touchdowns as USC destroys Irish 41-10

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Different year. Different teams. Same 31-point result.

Two years after allowing Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer to throw for 425 yards and four touchdowns en route to winning the Heisman Trophy, Notre Dame let Matt Leinart make his own case for the nation's most prestigious award on Saturday.

The Trojan quarterback tallied a career-high 400 yards and five touchdowns while leading No. 1 USC to an easy 41-10 victory in Los Angeles. It was the third straight season USC beat Notre Dame by 31 points.

"They are No. 1 for a reason," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "They demonstrated tonight that if you take something away from them ... they will find some other way of getting past you."

The Irish shut down USC's running attack for most of the game, holding the Trojans to just 91 yards on 28 attempts. But it was USC's passing game — led by Leinart and his arsenal of receivers — that was simply too powerful for Notre Dame.

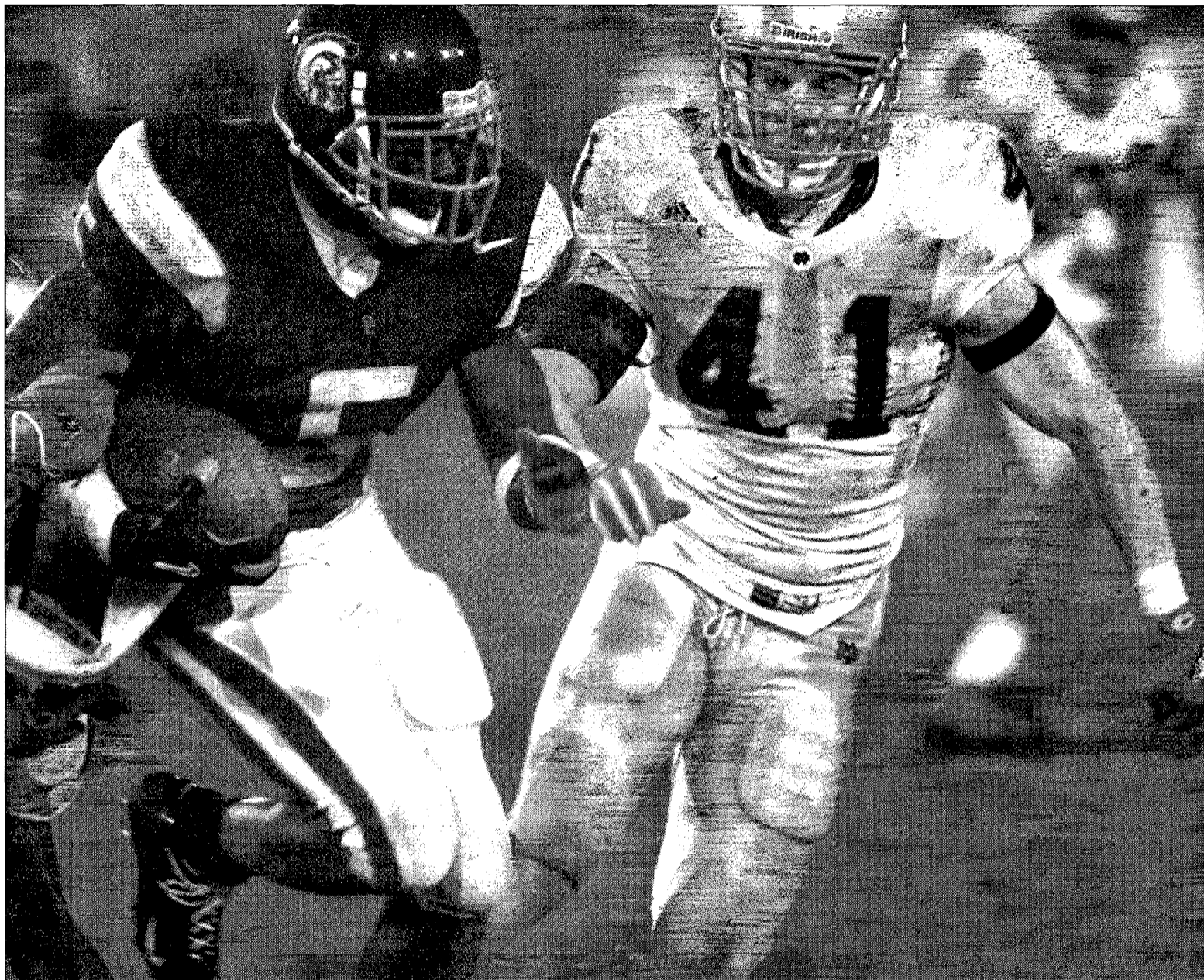
Leinart threw two touchdown passes to 6-foot-5 freshman Dwayne Jarrett of 12 and 57 yards, a 69-yarder to Reggie Bush, a 35-yarder to Steve Smith and a 23-yarder to Jason Mitchell.

"What we have to do is make the plays," Willingham said. "They made big plays tonight. We had opportunities in some cases and we didn't live up to them. To me, that was the difference."

Notre Dame began the game like a team poised for the improbable upset. Behind 6-of-7 passing from quarterback Brady Quinn, the Irish marched 92 yards in 13 plays to take a 7-0 lead. On fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line, Quinn found tight end Billy Palmer for the score.

Southern California added a field goal on the ensuing drive to cut the Notre Dame lead to 7-3. The Irish outgained the Trojans 124 to 72 in the first quarter.

Steadily, throughout the game, USC made adjustments and began taking control midway through the second quarter. Down 10-3, Leinart led the Trojans on a seven-play, 80-



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby pursues USC running back Reggie Bush during Notre Dame's 41-10 loss to the Trojans Saturday. Bush scored a 69-yard touchdown in the third quarter, one of five passing touchdowns from quarterback Matt Leinart.

yard touchdown drive, capped off with a 12-yard pass to Jarrett on a slant pattern.

Southern California's defense held Notre Dame on its next possession, and Leinart went back to work, this time finding Jarrett for a 57-yard score. The freshman wideout streaked through a leaky Notre Dame secondary and Leinart tossed a near-perfect strike for the go-ahead score.

"They have some great receivers and some great speed," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "We

were in positions at times, but we just didn't make the plays. That's the bottom line.

"I thought we did some things that probably confused them at times, especially in the first half. But they're a pretty good second half team."

The Trojans dominated the Irish in the second half as Leinart continued building a strong resume for the Heisman Trophy. When the junior signal-caller found a streaking Bush for a 69-yard touchdown with 3:06 left in the third quarter to put USC ahead 27-

10, the game was all but over.

"Matt played great tonight," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "He made some great throws and had some great protection. We had guys running down the field and he found them. He just made another statement tonight. He's done it all."

Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offense struggled after its promising first quarter.

Quinn finished the game 15-of-29 for just 105 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions.

The Irish rushing attack gained a more-than-respectable 195 yards, but that wasn't enough to win.

"We just didn't make the plays we needed on defense and then we didn't make the plays we needed on offense,"

Irish running back Darius Walker said.

Leinart's five touchdown passes ties for the most ever against Notre Dame. The Irish yielded five scores to Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko on Nov. 13 in a 41-38 Panther victory.

"I know coming into this game, everybody really believed we could win, that we were going to win. I think you saw that in the first half," Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "Coming out in the second half, they were more successful than us — bottom line."

"All I can say is there's a reason [Leinart's] a Heisman candidate and there's a reason they're No. 1."

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player of the game

Matt Leinart

The USC quarterback was 24-for-34 with five touchdowns and 400 yards.

stat of the game

38

number of unanswered points scored by USC after the Irish took an early 10-3 lead.

play of the game

Reggie Bush's third-quarter touchdown

The speedy back's score made the margin 27-10 in favor of USC and all but eliminated any chance at the upset.

quote of the game

"It was kind of like taking candy from a baby."

Matt Leinart
USC quarterback referring to Reggie Bush's third-quarter touchdown

report card

- C+** **quarterbacks:** Quinn had one of his least productive games this season, throwing for only 105 yards. He didn't turn the ball over, but also only had one touchdown.
- A-** **running backs:** Despite the work of Ryan Grant (94 yards) and Darius Walker (64 yards), the Irish were still only able to muster one touchdown. You can't blame the backs for that.
- D+** **receivers:** Palmer was the only receiver with a touchdown, and nobody had more than two catches. Stovall and Holiday each had some drops at key points in the game.
- B** **offensive line:** The offensive line did a good job opening holes for the backs but allowed three sacks.
- B-** **defensive line:** The line only managed one sack, and didn't provide too much pressure on Leinart. They did shut down the Trojans running game, making White a non-factor.
- B-** **linebackers:** Goolsby and Hoyte each had five tackles, and this unit did a good job of stifling the USC rush. They weren't very successful at stopping short passes.
- F** **defensive backs:** This unit was probably the most disappointing. Parish and Ellick were each burned several times, and Leinart put on a passing clinic.
- B-** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick was outstanding on punts and kickoffs, keeping the ball away from Bush all day. The return game struggled yet again and Fitzpatrick's missed field goal was costly.
- C** **coaching:** The Irish looked great in the first quarter, then seemed to lose it for the next 45 minutes. The team was prepared, but couldn't sustain momentum from a positive start.
- 2.26** **overall:** The Trojans are a good team, but the Irish should have kept this one closer. Losing by 31 points to anybody is embarrassing.

adding up the numbers

number of third down conversions out of 15 chances by the Irish Saturday — Notre Dame converted 3 of its first 4 first downs in the game

4

20

number of games in USC's current winning streak

minutes left in the third quarter when the game's first penalty was accepted

3:18

73.5

completion percentage for Matt Leinart (50-of-68) in his last two games against the Irish

number of times the Irish have allowed an opposing quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in the team's history — both have come in the past two games

2

174

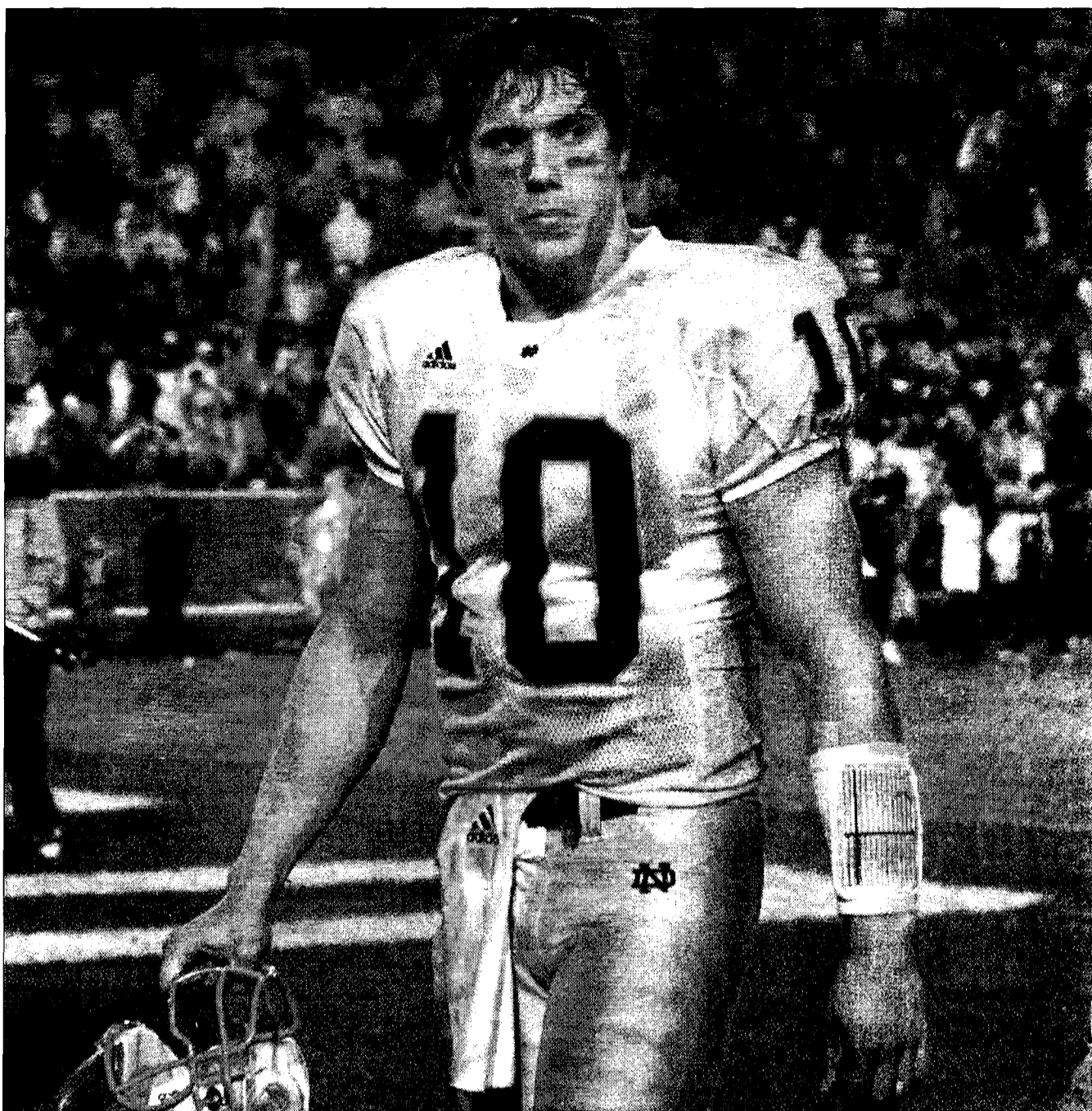
number of yards gained by USC in the second quarter after getting only 72 in the first

margin of victory in points for each of USC's last three wins over Notre Dame

31

1

number of times a Notre Dame athletic director lost his seat in the press box to a Scholastic writer



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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn walks dejectedly off the field and looks in the direction of the USC fans after Notre Dame's 31-point loss to the Trojans Saturday. The Irish have made a habit of losing big under the direction of coach Tyrone Willingham. Notre Dame has lost eight games by more than 21 points in the last two years.

Blowouts a disturbing trend

LOS ANGELES — Coming into a game as more than a 20-point underdog.

Allowing five touchdown passes to an opposing quarterback for the second consecutive game, after it never happened before in Notre Dame history.

Losing by more than 21 points to eight opponents in the past two years.

This is what Notre Dame football has become.

It's becoming the standard for the Irish under coach Tyrone Willingham.

Since the 8-0 start in 2002, the Irish are 13-15. Bob Davie's worst 28-game stretch was 15-13 while Gerry Faust's was 14-14. You have to go back to the Joe Kuharich era to find a darker period.

The trilogy of 31-point losses to USC in the past three years is the biggest combined margin of defeat to a team that has beaten Notre Dame in three straight years.

The previous mark was 89 points by Miami over Faust's teams from 1983-85.

In those three years, Faust beat USC all three times.

Prior to Willingham taking over, the Irish lost eight games by 21 points from Nov. 16, 1985 to Sept. 29, 2001.

Take it one step further — the Irish have lost by 31 points or more five times in Willingham's 36 games as head coach in South Bend. Davie,

Lou Holtz, Faust, Dan Devine and Ara Parseghian had four such losses combined in 38 seasons under the Golden Dome.

Think back to Saturday night's game and what was more surprising — the Irish leading 7-3 over the No. 1 Trojans after the first quarter or the end 41-10 result?

Matt Leinart essentially wrapped up the Heisman Trophy by dismantling the Irish secondary. Reggie Bush blew past Brandon Hoyte off the line, cut left to avoid Quentin Burrell and outran Dwight Ellick for a 69-yard touchdown. The Trojans eventually cruised to win their 20th straight overall and 21st consecutive at the Coliseum and moved to one game away from playing for their second straight national title.

Those events weren't shocking — they were expected.

The talent gap isn't to blame for these embarrassing losses. The wins over Michigan and Tennessee defeat that argument.

The schedule isn't too difficult. Yes, the Irish have one of the toughest slates in the country, but it's not unreasonable, and they had two weeks to prepare for USC.

The coaches and the players are saying what they've said all the time in these blowouts — it comes down to big plays on Saturday.

"What I look at is our inability, overall in all the areas, not just one in particular area, to really make big plays and sustain drives," Willingham said. "That's where I think we fell short."

But it's hard to believe only big plays are the reason USC is 31 points better than Notre Dame.

More than one player has questioned the attitude and focus of the

team in weeks where the opponent wasn't a big name.

Just watching the teams come out after halftime, the Irish showed few signs of life despite being down by only seven points and getting the ball.

The Trojans came out fired up, and you could just see them smelling blood. They went for and got the kill.

With an opportunity to knock off the best team in the country, the Irish seemed defeated before the second half even started.

Not only have the results taken a 180-degree turn since the Return to Glory, but so has the attitude to play four quarters of Notre Dame football.

"The attitude, that 60-minute mentality, I think we played a great 15 minutes in the beginning, there were times we pieced 30 seconds of it together," Irish center Bob Morton said. "We just didn't have the mentality in here to go the entire game."

How can anyone say progress has been made in the past three seasons? How can the University expect students, fans and alumni to continue to support a team that looks more like a team that belongs in the Insight Bowl and watching on New Year's than playing on Jan. 1? How can the coaching staff expect top recruits to commit when after this loss an ESPN analyst is saying Notre Dame came to play?

Something needs to change.

If not, it's realistic to expect more games like Saturday's and more seasons like the past two.

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Sports Writer

Leinart makes his case for Heisman

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES — It took 117 years before Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko became the first quarterback to throw for five touchdowns against the Irish.

It only took two weeks for USC's Matt Leinart to repeat the feat.

Leinart passed for 400 yards and five touchdowns Saturday as he made his case for the Heisman Trophy in No. 1 USC's 41-10 rout of Notre Dame.

"He played an excellent ball game," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of the Trojan quarterback. "What he was so strong at was that he did not turn the ball over. [USC] is No. 1 for a reason."

The Irish all but stopped the Trojan ground game, keeping running backs LenDale White and Reggie Bush corralled for only 83 rushing yards.

But Leinart was more than up to the task, shredding the Irish secondary as he completed 24-of-34 passes with no interceptions. His 400 yards Saturday were also a career high.

"I was very proud of the way we played," Leinart said. "We knew that [Notre Dame] had a very tough defense, especially their front seven, and so we had some difficulty running the ball at times."

"We just kept pounding and knew that things would start to open up eventually."

Leinart was aided by a bevy of talented and speedy wide receivers — headlined by true freshman Dwayne Jarrett, who had two touchdowns of 12 and 57 yards. Sophomore running back Reggie Bush, and wide receivers Steve Smith and Jason Mitchell also scored for the Trojans.

Leinart's touchdown pass to Bush was perhaps the play that broke Notre Dame's resolve. The quick back lined up in the slot on third-and-two and caught a short pass from Leinart before outrunning Irish defensive backs Quentin Burrell and Dwight Ellick to the end-zone.

The touchdown made the score 27-10 in favor of USC, and all but eliminated any hope the Irish would pull off the upset of the top-ranked Trojans.

"We ran that play earlier in the game and this time when they lined up we knew that [Notre Dame] was in man-to-man," Leinart said of Bush's touchdown. "I could tell that they were in man-to-man coverage when they motioned out, and all I had to do was get [Bush] the ball and he'd do the rest."



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USC quarterback Matt Leinart looks for an open receiver during Notre Dame's 41-10 loss to the Trojans Saturday. Leinart threw for 400 yards and five touchdowns.

Leinart's performance Saturday evoked memories of USC quarterback Carson Palmer's game against the Irish just two years earlier.

Palmer threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns as the No. 6 Trojans defeated No. 7 Notre Dame 44-13 in Los Angeles on Nov. 30, 2002. Palmer's performance all but wrapped up his Heisman Trophy award, and Leinart's impressive showing could do the same for him this season.

But Leinart and his Trojans still have bigger fish to fry. With a victory this week against rival UCLA, USC will finish the season No. 1 and head to the

Orange Bowl, the national championship game.

"We're going to relish this victory, but then we have to get ready to play against [UCLA]," Leinart said. "I wouldn't really focus on [talking about the Heisman]. I just wanted to go out there and do the same thing I've done for this team all season — lead the offense, make plays, hit the open guys."

"All that other stuff is more what other people say; I just want to go out there and help this team to win games."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	3	0	0	10
USC	3	14	10	14	41

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, USC 0

Billy Palmer 1-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 6:24 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 13 plays, 92 yards, 6:24 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, USC 3

Ryan Killeen 39-yard FG with 1:26 remaining
Drive: 13 plays, 46 yards, 4:58 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 10, USC 3

Fitzpatrick 28-yard FG with 11:51 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 73 yards, 4:35 elapsed

Notre Dame 10, USC 10

Dwayne Jarrett 12-yard reception from Matt Leinart with 5:53 remaining (Killeen kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 2:39 elapsed

USC 17, Notre Dame 10

Jarrett 57-yard reception from Leinart with 2:06 remaining (Killeen kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 73 yards, 1:55 elapsed

Third quarter

USC 20, Notre Dame 10

Ryan Killeen 42-yard FG with 9:16 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 49 yards, 3:33 elapsed

USC 27, Notre Dame 10

Reggie Bush 69-yard reception from Leinart with 3:06 remaining (Killeen kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 78 yards, 1:38 elapsed

Fourth quarter

USC 34, Notre Dame 10

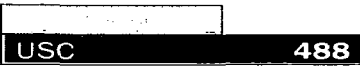
Steve Smith 35-yard reception from Leinart with 12:27 remaining (Killeen kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 67 yards, 2:41 elapsed

USC 41, Notre Dame 10

Jason Mitchell 23-yard reception from Leinart with 6:57 remaining (Killeen kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 79 yards, 3:43 elapsed

statistics

total yards



rushing yards



passing yards



return yards



time of possession



37-195	rushes-yards	28-83
15-30-0	comp-att-int	25-35-0
8-43.9	punts-yards	3-35.7
2-0	fumbles-lost	1-0
3-36	penalties-yards	2-10
16	first downs	23



passing

	15-30-0	Leinart	24-34-0
Quinn	0-1-0	Cassel	1-1-0

rushing

	15-94	White	14-51
Grant	11-64	Bush	8-25
Walker	8-30	Leinart	3-7
Quinn	1-5	Reed	1-2
Wilson	1-2	Dennis	1-(-1)

receiving

	3-10	Jarrett	6-102
Walker	2-25	Smith	4-96
Fasano	2-17	Holmes	4-44
Wilson	2-13	Byrd	4-23
Shelton	2-9	Mitchell	2-38
Collins	1-17	Bush	1-69

tackling

	5	Tatupu	8
Tuck	5	Grootegoed	6
Goolsby	5	Cody	6
Burrell	5	Bing	5
Hoyte			

Irish surprised by USC's fake punt

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

With a comfortable 34-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter Saturday, Southern California coach Pete Carroll surprised Notre Dame by calling a fake punt with the Trojans facing a fourth-and-three at the Notre Dame 39-yard line.

"We've been looking for a chance to do that for weeks," Carroll said. "Finally the right opportunity showed up and we were able to execute the play perfectly. We'd like to have run it earlier in the season, but the right situation never came up."

Irish defensive back Mike Richardson was called for defensive pass interference, which resulted in a 16-yard penalty. The Trojans scored on the next play when Leinart found receiver Jason Mitchell for a 23-yard touchdown.

After the game, Notre Dame coach Tyrone

Willingham said he did not fault USC for calling the fake punt.

"That's their call," Willingham said. "It was a good play on their part. I thought we were in pretty good position. I have no problems with them doing that."

Palmer grabs first career touchdown

On Notre Dame's first drive of the game, the Irish faced a fourth-and-one at the 1-yard line. Who did the team throw to?

Billy Palmer.

The fifth-year senior tight end scored on a play-action fake to put the Irish ahead 7-0.

It was Palmer's first career touchdown, third catch of the season and fifth reception of his career.

"It was definitely a good experience," Palmer said. "Obviously I wish the outcome of the game would have been different, but it was definitely a thrill. I'm happy the coaches had the confidence

to call the play."

Parish gets start, gets picked on

Freddie Parish figured USC would throw his way all game Saturday, in the sophomore's first-career start. He figured right.

The Trojans threw nearly every pass on their first several drives to Parish's side.

"At the beginning I felt they were coming at me, but I had no problem with it," a visibly dejected Parish said after the game. "Bottom line, I should have stepped up."

"They gave me the opportunity that I had been asking for — it was time for me to put up or shut up, and I didn't make enough plays."

Parish, who hadn't played the cornerback position since junior year of high school, said the coaching staff helped him get ready for USC's outstanding passing attack throughout the week.

"[I] had to learn as much as possible, and I think [the coaches] prepared me well," he said.

Fitzpatrick punts well

D.J. Fitzpatrick wasn't supposed to let Trojan star returner Reggie Bush catch the ball on punts and kickoffs on Saturday.

Mission accomplished.

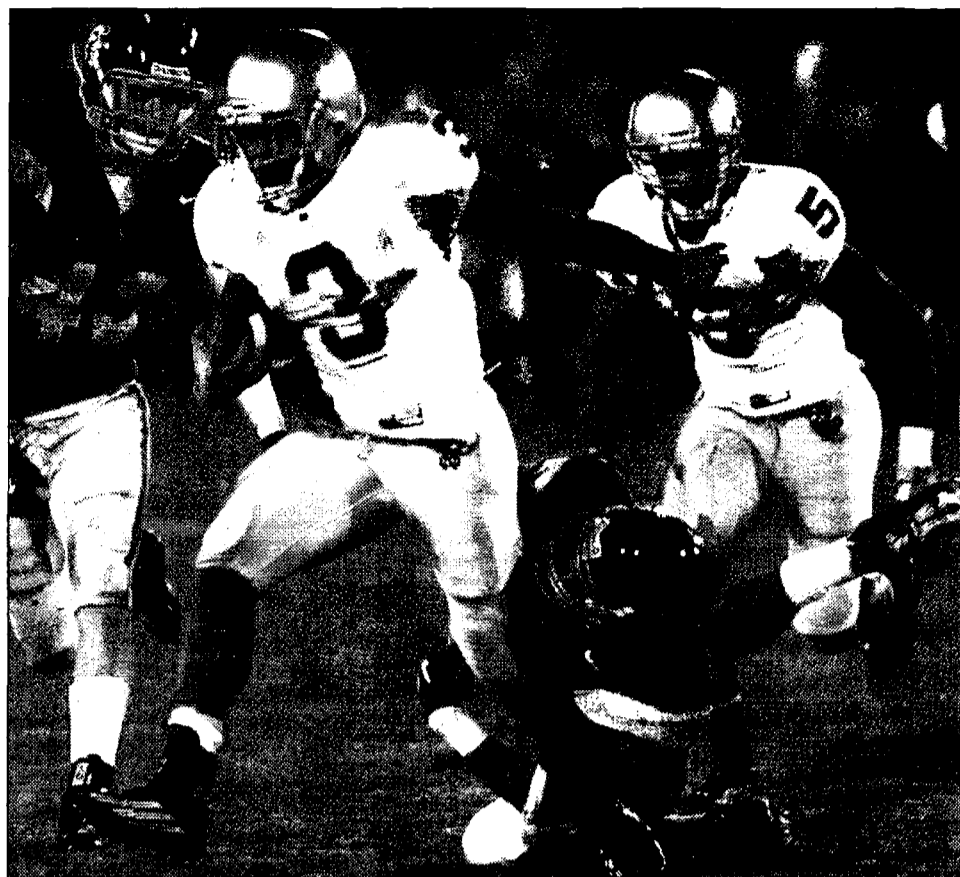
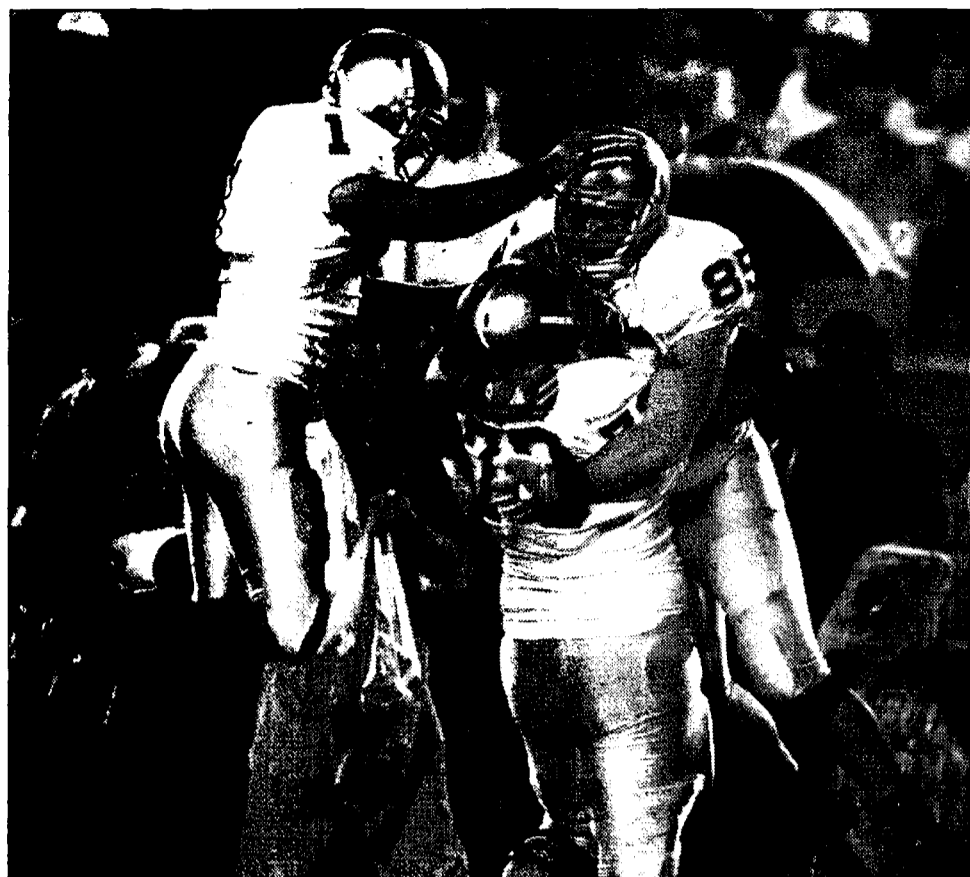
Fitzpatrick boomed eight punts for a 43.9 average, including a long of 59. More importantly, Bush did not return a kickoff or punt during the entire game.

"The kickoffs we tried to kick them high and to the right and I don't think he had a return on kickoffs," Fitzpatrick said. "Punting the ball, we wanted to keep it away from him, put it on the sidelines and put enough hang time on it so he has to fair catch it. I think we did a pretty good job tonight."

Gameday captains

The captains were running back Ryan Grant, linebacker Mike Goolsby, defensive end Justin Tuck and wide receiver Carlyle Holiday.

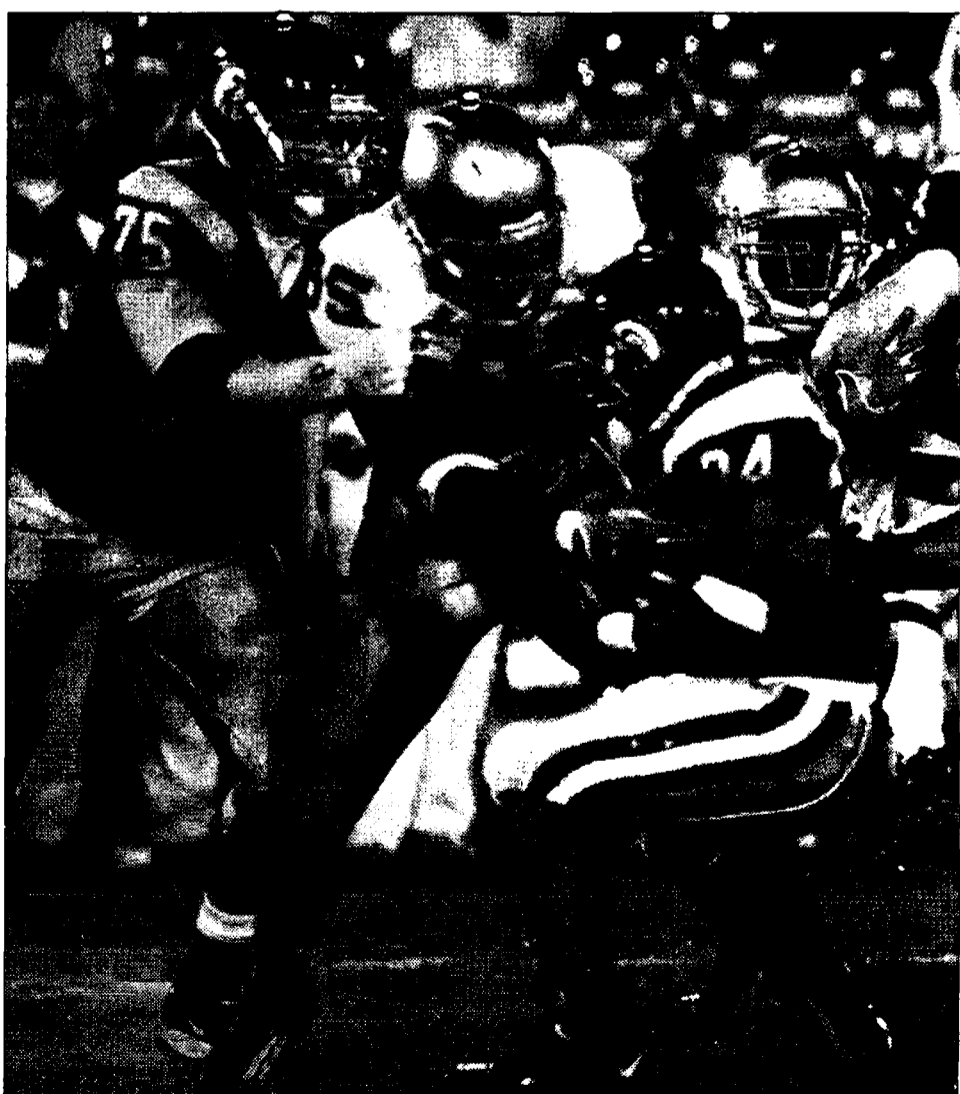
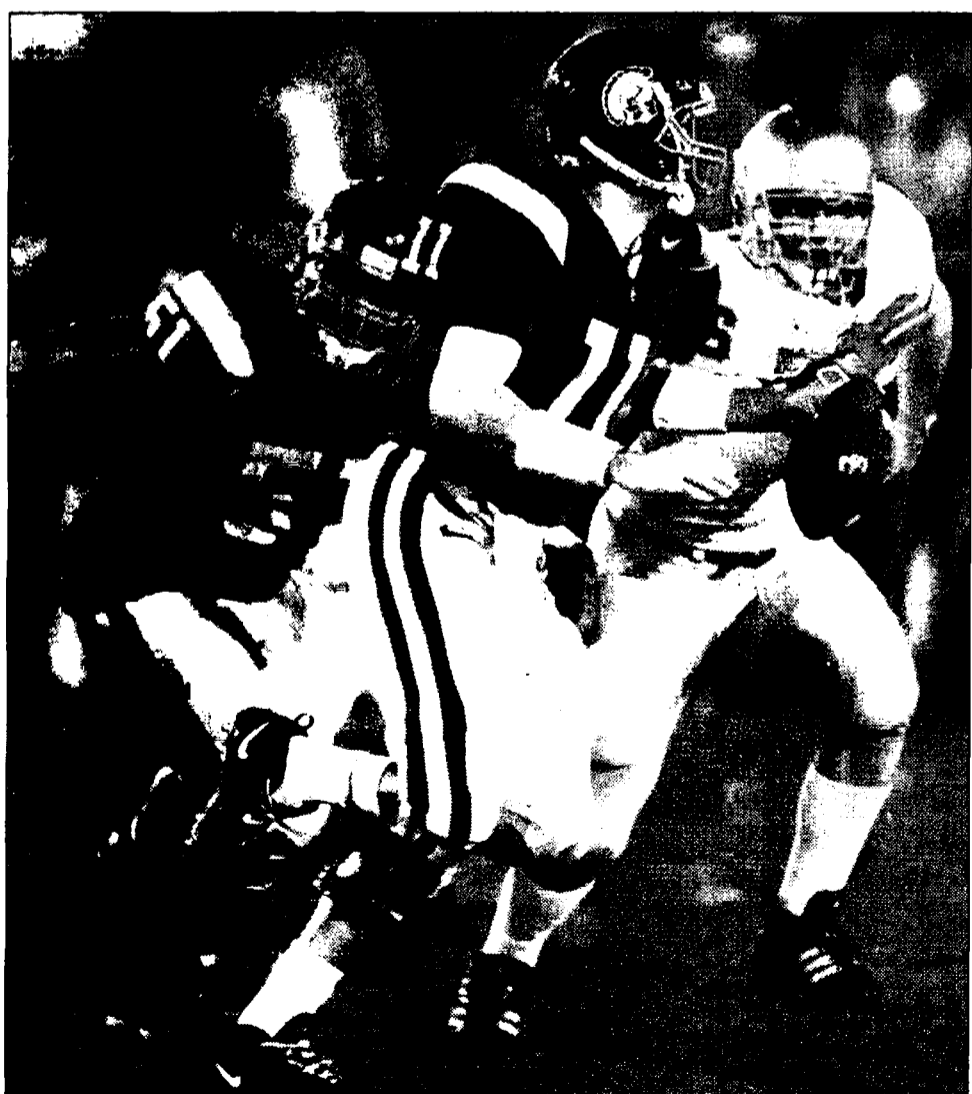
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LOSING THE TROJAN WAR

Notre Dame went to Los Angeles in hopes of pulling off the biggest upset of the year. Instead, USC showed its No. 1 ranking is no fluke, dismantling the Irish secondary en route to an impressive 41-10 victory. It was the third year in a row Notre Dame lost to the Trojans by 31 points, and the second straight game the Irish have allowed an opposing quarterback to throw for five touchdowns. After scoring the initial touchdown of the game, the Irish simply could not get anything else done on offense and couldn't stop

Heisman candidate Matt Leinart and the rest of the Trojans.



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Clockwise from top left, Jared Clark, left, and Mark LeVoi, center, celebrate Billy Palmer's first career touchdown in the first quarter. Darius Walker tries to break a USC defender's tackle. Notre Dame defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri tackles USC running back Herschel Dennis late in the game. USC quarterback Matt Leinart is flushed from the pocket and pursued by Notre Dame defensive tackle Derek Landri. USC defensive back Darnell Bing tries to strip the ball away from Irish running back Ryan Grant.

DVD REVIEWS

Darker, scarier 'Potter' is the best of the series

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Adolescence isn't easy, particularly if you're Harry Potter. Not only does the young wizard experience the feelings of angst and embarrassment that all teenagers face, but he is also hunted by an escaped murderer, followed by a group of soul-sucking wraiths known as Dementors, finds a werewolf on the grounds of his school and has some experience with time travel.

The third installment of the internationally popular series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," finds the appropriately darker tone and gothic sensibility that was present in the books but missing in the earlier movies, thanks in part to an edgy new director, Alfonso Cuarón ("Y Tu Mamá También"). This "Harry Potter" proves to be the best so far in the series. The actors continue to grow into the roles and display their experience and growth in this latest installment. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" also benefits from a solid screenplay that dares to stray slightly from J.K. Rowling's novel.

The film opens with Harry (Daniel

Radcliffe) discovering that Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) escaped from Azkaban prison, and is coming after him. He and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) have to deal with finding Black, as well as the mysterious werewolf that has been spotted around the Hogwarts school grounds. On top of juggling the usual school-work, the trio also finds themselves facing the menace of the Dementors, the soul-sucking Azkaban guards who prowl Hogwarts searching for Black. The plots intertwine at the end, and all is resolved with a little help from Hermione's newfound means of time travel.

The third film suffers from what seems to be the curse of all the "Harry Potter" films, which is being unnecessarily long and slow moving. But the writers do a much better job with adjusting the plot for the big screen. They are less obsessively faithful to the original text and help translate a difficult plot effectively to the screen.

The DVD for "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," like the two films before, is definitely aimed at a younger audience. The first disc includes the movie, a cast list, trailers from all three of the movies, scene

selections and subtitles. The second disc is all extras, including deleted scenes, commentary from various members of the cast and crew, a memory game, 360-degree tours of various sets from the movie and a few "making-of" featurettes. There is no audio commentary or full-length documentary

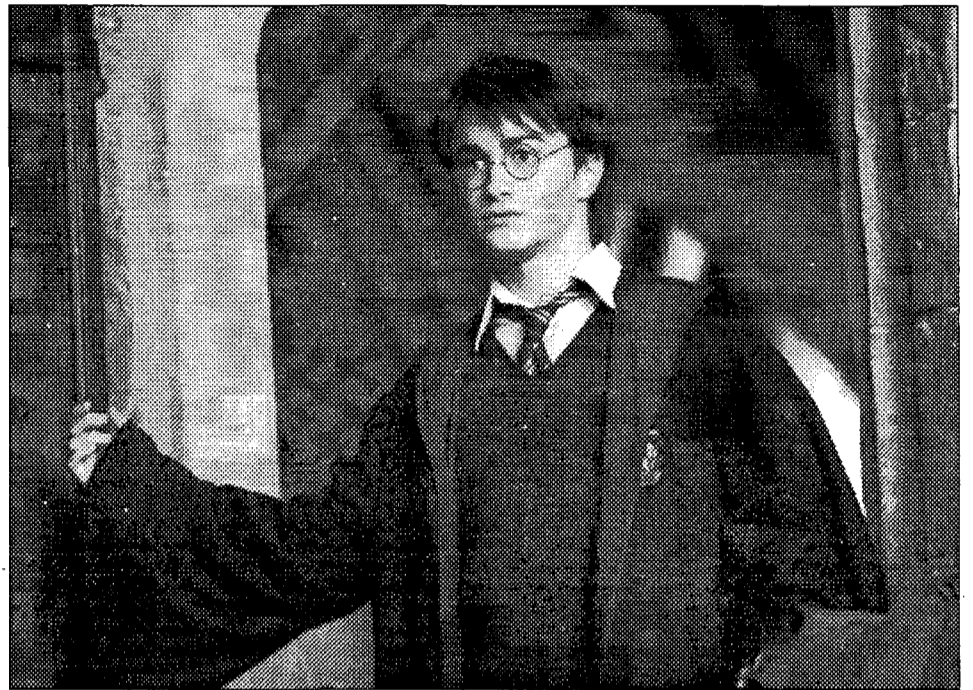


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Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) faces the threats of an escaped convict, a werewolf and soul-sucking wraiths in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

because of the emphasis on attracting younger viewers.

The sound for the DVD is Dolby 5.1, and it is effectively used for the subtle background noises, like the wind whipping through hallways and distant howling, which adds to the darker atmosphere that the film strives to create. The video quality is good, and the dark tones, like blues and blacks, turn out especially well. The previous two "Harry Potter" films came in cardboard fold-out cases, while this one is in a typical DVD hard case. This decision makes sense because it is more

durable and streamlined.

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" is definitely not a perfect movie, but it is the best so far in the series. It finally captured the darker tone of the books and used it effectively to parallel Harry's transition into adolescence. Hopefully, the "Harry Potter" films will continue to improve with each successive film and find that intangible quality that makes the books so appealing.

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Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban

Warner Bros.



Animated antics, characters soar in beloved sequel

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

Most students are familiar with the typical fairytale. A princess is taken and locked in a tower guarded by a ferocious dragon. It is the duty of the honorable, perfect rescuer, Prince Charming, to slay the dragon, rescue the princess and win her heart. The original "Shrek" took a slightly different route, with the princess being rescued by an ogre, and his sidekick falling in love with the dragon. Those twists from the ordinary were a big reason for the original film's charm and success, both at the box office and with critics.

Well, "Shrek 2" begins with Prince Charming finally arriving at the tower to rescue the fair princess. Needless to say, he is a little irked to find her missing, having already been rescued by someone else. And then the scene is set for the rest of the movie.

While a lot of sequels are content to star the original characters in an unin-

spired plot, "Shrek 2" continues in the vein of the first by consistently being original and fresh for the viewer. The characters include everything from an assassin cat to a 100-foot Gingerbread Man named Mongo. All of the original characters return, so fans of the original will not be disappointed.

Since the first movie established the main characters, and the roles that they play, it was the job of the sequel to place the characters into new situations that would shake up their roles. This is done very well as all the returning characters are given a chance to shine in humorous situations that keep "Shrek 2" fresh and distinct from the original.

This keeps the movie from getting stale, and falling into the typically bad sequel realm. However, this movie keeps the same formula as the first; meaning if you didn't like that one, this one has little to offer.

The picture quality on this DVD is excellent and is one of the finest transfers ever released on DVD. With the entire film generated completely by computers, the film is of the highest clarity. Typical hard points to animate, such as water and hair, are done with ease within "Shrek 2." The movie is beautiful, and could be seen for that reason alone.

The sound is also very good, with all of the audio coming through clearly. However, the



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Shrek (Mike Myers) thinks Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) is just an adorable little cat and decides to keep him in the animated film, "Shrek 2."

sound doesn't play evenly on all the speakers. There appears to be an emphasis on the front speakers. But that should only bother the harshest of DVD critics, not the average Notre Dame student.

The special features mirror those found on the original's DVD, with commentaries, behind-the-scenes documentaries and specials. The commentaries are a little flat, as they consist of people talking about the technical aspects of the film. None of the stars participated in the commentaries, although they did make appearances for some of the interviews.

In response to the first film's inclusion

of a karaoke snippet starring all of the characters from the movie, "Shrek 2" has "Far, Far Away Idol." A parody of a certain popular television show and starring the notorious Simon Cowell, this one is pretty humorous and gives the audience a chance to listen to the characters within the movie sing their favorite songs.

"Shrek 2" is a great movie, filled with parodies and humor. No fairy tale is spared, nor any piece of pop culture. It would almost be impossible to watch and not enjoy it.

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Shrek 2

Dreamworks



CLUB SPORTS

Irish end seasons with solid performances in various fields

Men's water polo finishes 13th at Championships

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame finished 13th in the Collegiate Water Polo Association national championships, hosted two weeks ago at Rolfs Aquatics. The Irish dropped their opener to top seed Michigan, 10-3. Down 4-0 at the half, Matt McNicholas tried to lead a comeback with a pair of goals, but the Irish were not able to match the speed of the Wolverines. Ryan Wyatt, one of two Wolverines on the first team all-tournament team, led all scorers with three goals.

The Irish dropped a heart-breaker in their second round to Florida International, 6-5. The Irish were up 4-1 at the half, but FIU goalie Alex Martinez made 13 saves to spur the comeback. Captain Mike Grow rifled home two goals for the Irish. Grow continued his hot scoring with three goals in the season finale for the Irish, as the team defeated

Western Illinois 7-1.

In the championship game, Cal Poly earned a record fourth national title, and third in the past four years, with a 7-5 victory over Arizona. Finishing below Cal Poly and Arizona in order were Michigan, Yale, Grand Valley State, Miami (Ohio), Villanova, Oregon, North Carolina, Florida International, Texas, Middlebury, Notre Dame, South Dakota and Western Illinois.

Men's volleyball

The Notre Dame men's volleyball club captured its own invitational two weeks ago, as the Irish stormed back to defeat Michigan State in the feature match of the day. The Irish A team, the Gold Squad, opened with successive sweeps of Northwestern, 25-23, 25-13, Grand Valley State, 27-25, 25-21, Cincinnati, 25-23, 25-21 and Miami (Ohio), 25-17, 25-16 to set up the showdown with the Spartans.

Captain Mike Giampa, setter Brad Weldon and outside hitter Dan Zibton, one of the best of a promising group of freshmen, led the Irish throughout the tournament. But in a seesaw struggle with the MSU squad, it was the

play of John Tibble and Nolan Kane on the critical point of the match that swung momentum and victory to the Irish. After dropping the opening game 25-19, the Irish won 25-22 to force the deciding game to 15. With both teams giving everything on each point, the moment of truth came at 9-8, when MSU struck what all expected would be a winning kill. However, Tibble raced to track down the ball and on the second hit, from 30 feet off the court, kept the ball in play. Kane then ran down that save to place an unplayable ball on the other side of the court. The Irish then rode the momentum to a 15-11 victory and a tournament championship.

The Irish B team, the Blue Squad, placed third in the field, with victories over Miami (Ohio), 20-25, 25-23, 15-11; Indiana, 25-23, 25-22, Northwestern, 25-20, 18-25, 15-11, before falling to Michigan State, 25-18, 25-16. Kevin Overmann at setter and Rob Dombrowski at 3rd receiver led the squad to its strong showing in the nine-team field.

Equestrian

Notre Dame's equestrian club

captured high point honors two weeks ago in a show at Purdue. The Irish edged the host Boilermakers 32-30 to claim first place in the field. Hayden Piscal capped a great individual performance by participating in a ride off for individual high point honors for the event.

Top Irish performances included Piscal and Kristin LaSota tying for first in novice flat, with Catherine Linn second, and Piscal tying for first with Mary Dorgant in novice fences. Liz Bell and Molly Kopacz claimed first and fifth respectively in open flat, while the Irish nearly swept the field in intermediate flat as Caitlin Landuyt took first, Chelsea Brown second, Andrea Oliverio fourth and Ana Richter fifth. Landuyt and Oliverio also tied for second in intermediate fences. Strong performances by Katie Baron and Kelsey Ostberg earned them a tie for third in open fences. In a down-to-the-wire contest where every point was pivotal, the Irish also scored in walk trot as Joanne Arfanis finished second and Nicole Gonsalves sixth; and in advanced walk-trot-canter, as Heather

LaDue and Katy Booth tied for sixth. Liz Bell, one of the Irish top performers, also earned a sixth-place ribbon in open fences.

Squash

Notre Dame's squash club continued to cut its teeth in its formative stages as it competed in the ISRA League play two weeks ago. Youth and inexperience were costly as the Irish line-up featuring two freshman and two sophomores fell to Purdue 3-2, and Lakeshore, 5-0. Against the Boilers, James Zhang and Mike Belinas garnered 3-0 wins at the top two spots, but it was not enough as the Irish dropped the next three. Team captain Sereparp Anantavasilp played a very close match at the third spot, before falling 3-1. Mike McConnell and Randall Rainosek picked up valuable playing experience, but dropped matches at four and five respectively.

The Irish were blanked by Lakeshore, both Zhang and McConnell both won games against veteran players. Lakeshore Club's lineup consisted of former collegiate players who have played the Chicago tournaments for several years.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles post 3-game winning streak over holiday break

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's extended its winning streak to three against Monmouth College Sunday with a 69-54 win.

The Belles opened up an insurmountable 13-point half-time cushion and comfortably coasted to a 15-point victory over the Fighting Scots.

Bridget Boyce had a career-high 24 points, shooting 9-for-15 from the field and 4-for-5 from three-point land. Maureen Bush snagged 11 rebounds for the Belles, and Bridget Lipke netted 12 points.

Saint Mary's shot 64 percent from the floor in the opening half, including 3-of-4 from long distance.

The win put the Belles over .500 for the first time in more than three years, as they are now 3-2.

Saint Mary's 60, Knox 43

The Belles faced Knox College in the opening game of the Pizza Hut-Econofoods Classic

on Sunday, and Saint Mary's used all of its players in its 60-43 win.

Lipke and Bridget Boyce paved the way for the Belles, scoring 15 points apiece. Emily Creachbaum added 14 points and seven rebounds.

A stingy Belles defense forced 28 turnovers and held the Prairie Fire to just 45 total shots.

Lipke had four steals to tack on to her 15 points, and Creachbaum thieved the Prairie Fire three times in the game.

Bridget Boyce was impressed by her teammates success on both defense and offense.

"We really played well together; we were clicking well on the floor," she said. "Right from the get-go we were really good on steals, fast breaks and lay-ups."

Saint Mary's 68, Manchester 52

Alison Kessler and Emily Creachbaum stepped up and delivered big in the second half to lead Saint Mary's to its first win of the season last Tuesday.

The pair combined for 12 of the Belles first 13 points of the

final period as Saint Mary's extend its four-point halftime lead over Manchester College to a comfortable 12-point margin with eight minutes left in the game.

Creachbaum began the second half with consecutive three-pointers, each after a Manchester bucket had cut the Belles lead.

Kessler shot 9-for-9 from the free throw line in the second half en route to a breakout 13-point, six rebound performance. Her skill at the line was emblematic of Saint Mary's success all night in converting opportunities into scores, as the Belles went 24-for-27 (89 percent) from the stripe.

For Saint Mary's, double-teaming Manchester's Erica Sewell in the second half played a pivotal role in preventing a comeback. Sewell scored 15 in the first half, but only five in the second.

"We really wanted to double team her to start the game," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We got it done in the second half."

Saint Mary's is back to action soon, as the Belles hit the road Wednesday when they travel to Albion for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

SAINT MARY'S 68, MANCHESTER 52 at the ANGELA ATHLETIC CENTER

SAINT MARY'S (1-2, 0-0)
B. Boyce 3-12 7-8 14, Creachbaum 8-12 3-4 21, Bush 2-6 0-0 4, K. Boyce 0-4 0-0 0, Lipke 4-5 1-1 12, Kania 0-0 0-0 0, Kessler 2-6 0-1 9-9, S. Broderick 0-0 0-0 0, Malone 0-0 0-0 0, B. Broderick 0-0 0-0 0, Mullen 1-3 2-2 4, Mangin 0-0 0-0 0, Baum 0-0 0-0 0.

MANCHESTER (2-1, 0-0)
Ward 2-9 2-4 6, Sewell 8-10 4-5 20, Quinn 1-3 0-0 2, Conwell 0-3 0-0 0, Kane 0-0 2-2 2, Kriasiak 0-3 0-0 0, Clapp 2-10 1-5 5, Estridge 3-5 0-0 8, Freed 3-7 0-0 6, Henn 1-4 1-2 3.

	1st	2nd	Total
SAINT MARY'S	27	41	68
Manchester	23	29	52

3-point goals: SMC 4-7 (B. Boyce 1-2, Creachbaum 2-2, Bush 0-1, Lipke 1-1, Kessler 0-1), Manchester 3-12 (Ward 0-1, Conwell 0-1, Kriasiak 0-1, Clapp 1-5, Estridge 2-3, Freed 0-1) Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 35 (Creachbaum 7), Knox 43 (Grana 15). Assists: Saint Mary's 15 (Lipke 5), Knox 5 (Drummond 2, Peterson 2). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 19, Knox 14.

(Conwell 4). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 14, Manchester 20.

SAINT MARY'S 60, KNOX 43 at Galesburg, Ill.

SAINT MARY'S (2-2, 0-0)
K. Boyce 0-5 2-2 2, Lipke 6-13 0-0 15, B. Boyce 6-17 1-1 15, Bush 3-3 0-1 6, Creachbaum 6-9 2-3 14, Kania 0-0 0-0 0, Kessler 0-10 4-4 4, S. Broderick 1-2 0-0 2, Malone 0-0 0-0 0, B. Broderick 0-4 0-2 0, Millen 0-0 0-0 0, Mangin 1-6 0-0 0, Baum 0-2 0-0 2.

KNOX (0-1, 0-0)
Grana 2-4 3-6 7, Drummond 0-5 0-0 0, Widaman 1-6 0-0 0, Peterson 1-4 0-0 2, Fondow 1-4 7-9 9, Finley 0-2 0-0 0, Burke 3-7 0-2 8, Goltz 0-0 0-0 0, Perkins 1-3 0-0 2, Colgan 0-0 0-0 0, Allison 6-10 1-1 13.

	1st	2nd	Total
SAINT MARY'S	29	31	60
Knox	19	24	43

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 5-17 (K. Boyce 0-1, Lipke 3-6, Boyce 2-8, Kessler 0-1, B. Broderick 0-1), Knox 2-17 (Drummond 0-1, Widaman 0-3, Peterson 0-2, Fondow 0-1, Finley 0-2, Burke 2-5, Perkins 0-1, Allison 0-2) Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 39 (Creachbaum 7), Knox 43 (Grana 15). Assists: Saint Mary's 15 (Lipke 5), Knox 5 (Drummond 2, Peterson 2). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 19, Knox 14.

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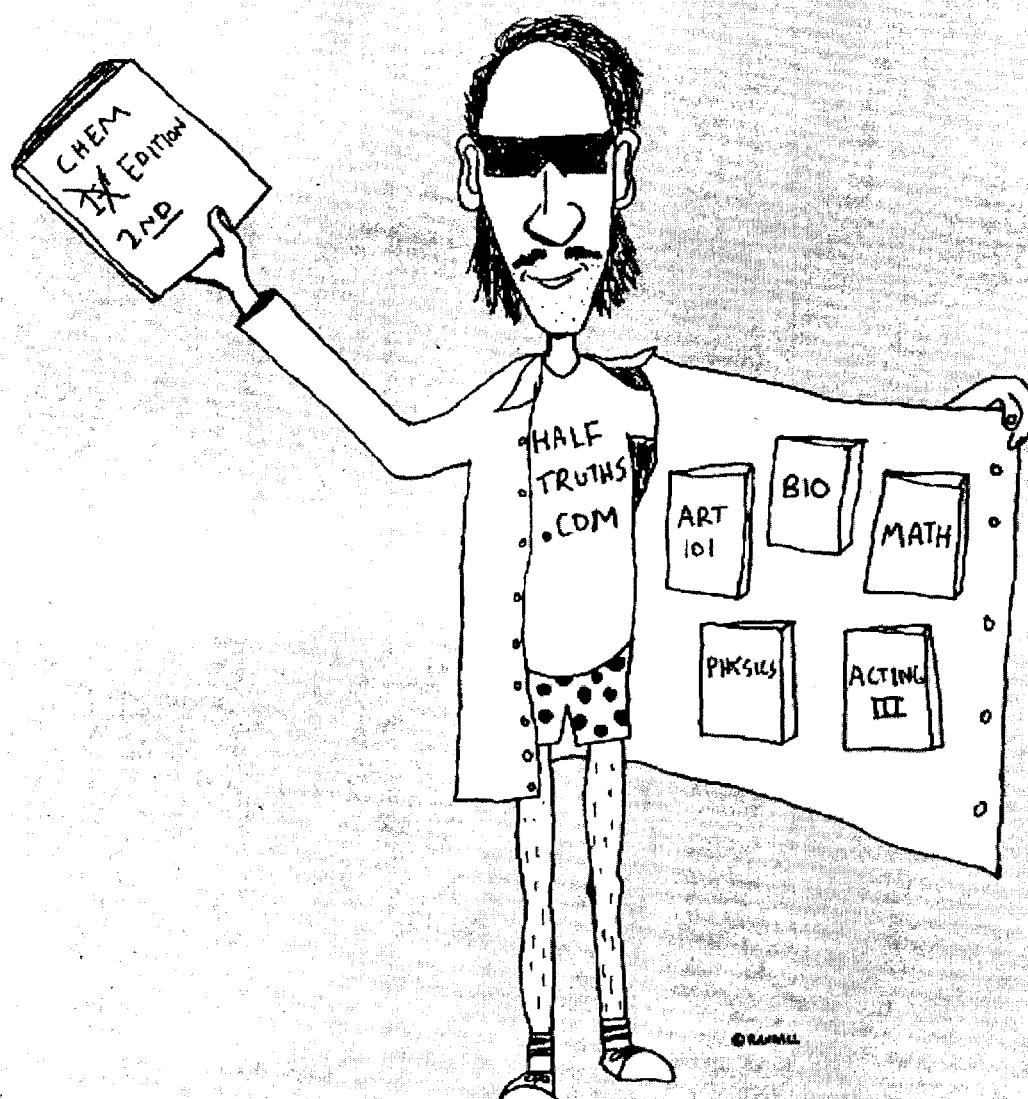
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AP	team	Coaches	team
1	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	1
2	Kansas	Kansas	2
3	Syracuse	Illinois	3
4	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	4
5	Illinois	Syracuse	5
6	Oklahoma State	Connecticut	6
7	Connecticut	Oklahoma State	7
8	Kentucky	Kentucky	8
9	North Carolina	Michigan State	9
10	Duke	Duke	10
11	Michigan State	North Carolina	11
12	Maryland	Maryland	12
13	Pittsburgh	North Carolina State	13
14	Washington	Pittsburgh	14
15	Mississippi State	Texas	15
16	North Carolina State	Washington	16
17	Louisville	Louisville	17
18	Texas	Florida	18
19	Florida	NOTRE DAME	19
20	NOTRE DAME	Arizona	20
21	Arizona	Mississippi State	21
22	Alabama	Alabama	22
23	Iowa	Wisconsin	23
24	Virginia	Cincinnati	24
25	Wisconsin	Virginia	25

Women's Basketball Top 25

AP	team	Coaches	team
1	LSU	Tennessee	1
2	North Carolina	LSU	2
3	NOTRE DAME	Georgia	3
4	Tennessee	Texas	4
5	Stanford	Stanford	5
6	Georgia	NOTRE DAME	6
7	Texas	North Carolina	7
8	Connecticut	Connecticut	8
9	Baylor	Duke	9
10	Duke	Ohio State	10
11	Ohio State	Texas Tech	11
12	Texas Tech	Baylor	12
13	Vanderbilt	Purdue	13
14	Purdue	Michigan State	14
15	Michigan State	Vanderbilt	15
16	Rutgers	Kansas State	16
17	DePaul	Minnesota	17
18	Minnesota	Rutgers	18
19	Kansas State	DePaul	19
20	Boston College	Boston College	20
21	Louisiana Tech	Louisiana Tech	21
22	Maryland	Maryland	22
23	TCU	Oklahoma	23
24	Villanova	Arizona	24
25	UCLA	Villanova	25

Men's CCHA Hockey Conference

team	CCHA	Overall
Ohio State	7-2-1	9-4-1
Michigan	7-1-0	9-4-1
Nebraska-Omaha	5-4-1	7-4-1
Bowling Green	4-2-2	7-3-2
Northern Michigan	4-3-1	6-4-2
Lake Superior	4-5-1	4-7-1
NOTRE DAME	3-4-3	4-5-4
Alaska Fairbanks	4-4-0	5-5-0
Western Michigan	3-6-1	7-6-1
Miami Ohio	3-6-1	5-8-1
Michigan State	3-5-0	6-7-1
Ferris State	1-6-1	4-9-1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Stanford head football coach Buddy Teevens watches his team lose a home game to Oregon 16-13 in the rain on Oct. 23. Teevens has been fired after three straight losing seasons.

Stanford's Teevens fired after 3 losing seasons

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Three years ago, Ted Leland thought he'd found the right offensive football mind for Stanford in coach Buddy Teevens.

The results eventually told the athletic director otherwise, and Teevens was fired after three straight losing seasons.

"It was an extremely difficult decision, but I simply felt that the program was in need of new direction and leadership," Leland said Monday. "It's a tough day that we find ourselves in, a tough place, I guess. I am comfortable with the

process we've gone through. I am comfortable with the decision."

Leland, a close friend of Teevens, met with the coach last week after the Cardinal finished 4-7 for the second consecutive year. Stanford lost 41-6 to archrival California in the Big Game on Nov. 20 for its fifth straight defeat, ending a season that began 4-2 with hopes of a bowl game.

The 48-year-old Teevens, who had two years remaining on his contract, is the first Stanford football coach to be fired since Jack Elway was dismissed in 1988 after going 3-6-2. Teevens learned of his fate Sunday

morning, then met with his players Monday afternoon.

Respected for his class and loyalty, Teevens even showed up for the official announcement of his firing.

"Unfortunately, it's a win-loss business and I didn't win enough ballgames," Teevens said. "The attitude I have is I do believe I improved the quality of the program. I appreciate the opportunity. When you look back, there are a lot of things that are could have, should have."

Leland said a search for a successor would begin immediately, but he doesn't have a timeline for making a hire. His focus is an

offensive-minded coach.

Stanford has six recruits coming to campus this weekend and Leland wanted a decision on Teevens' job status to be resolved before then.

"The things that he's built here, they're going to stay," linebacker Jon Alston said. "He started the boat rolling. Unfortunately, with the nature of this business, 10 wins in three years at Stanford is just something that people don't tend to accept. The outlook is very positive among the team."

Fans and alumni seemed to lose faith in Teevens for good following the embarrassing Big Game defeat.

IN BRIEF

Police suspect identity of Pistons' chair thrower

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Police believe they know the identity of the man who threw a chair in a brawl between players and fans during the Indiana-Detroit game on Nov. 19.

Police did not identify the man Monday, though they said he is a 35-year-old Pistons' season-ticket holder. He has not been interviewed and is not in custody. Police Lt. James Manning said police have met with the man's attorney.

The lawyer, Kenneth Karasick, did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

The fight among spectators and players broke out near the end of the game after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Indiana's Ron Artest, who then charged into the stands and began beating a man he thought had done it.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcey has said the man who threw

the chair, which hit several people including a police officer, could be charged with felony assault. Other participants could be charged with misdemeanor assault and battery.

Hokies, Hurricanes prepare for new league

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — After years of battling for supremacy in the Big East, Miami and Virginia Tech will now do the same in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

In their first meeting as ACC rivals, the Hokies and Hurricanes will play Saturday with a conference title and Bowl Championship Series bid on the line.

No. 10 Virginia Tech (9-2, 6-1) will claim the outright ACC title if it beats Miami for the second straight year; the Hokies eased past the Hurricanes 31-7 last year in Blacksburg, Va.

If No. 9 Miami (8-2, 5-2) wins, it'll finish in a three-way tie atop the league with the Hokies and Florida State — which would have at least a share of the ACC title for the 12th

Clemson, South Carolina players suspended for fight

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Six Clemson players and six South Carolina players were suspended one game by their conferences Monday for brawling during a game between the in-state rivals Nov. 20.

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference handed down the punishment.

"The actions of these suspended student-athletes violate the letter and spirit of the SEC and NCAA rules and regulations of sportsmanlike conduct," SEC commissioner Mike Slive said. "These suspensions are intended to send a clear and unequivocal message to all student-athletes in the Southeastern Conference that this conduct will not be tolerated now or in the future."

Both schools declined bowl invitations last week as punishment for their teams.

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Dame's 26th postseason appearance, and its first in the Insight Bowl. The payout for the bowl is \$750,000 for both teams.

Willingham hopes the bowl game will give the Irish positive momentum for next season.

"It makes the winter a lot easier," Willingham said of a possible bowl win. "You finish on a higher note, as opposed to finishing with that losing taste in your mouth. Even though our season should provide great motivation for us through the winter — because it was a season in which we didn't reach our expectations — but you like to go into the next season feeling good about where you are."

Notre Dame has not won a bowl game since they defeated Texas A&M, 24-21 in the Cotton Bowl following the 1993 season. Willingham recognized this and said the seniors can use this game as an opportunity to leave their legacy.

"Of course, the big thing there for us is to win a bowl game," he said. "That's something that Notre Dame hasn't done in about 11 years. So, it would be a great way for the seniors to leave something very positive

with this program."

Despite the fact that with a win over USC, the Irish could have possibly been participants in the Jan. 1 Gator Bowl due to Boston College and West Virginia's losses, Willingham sees the Insight Bowl as a good opportunity for players.

"Number one, it's a chance to get a win," Willingham said. "It's also a great opportunity for our underclassmen to continue their preparation because what

we hope and believe is there are great things on the horizon for this football team. So, this is an opportunity to continue that because you can't get better sitting in the dorm. You can only get better by practicing and performing on the football field and this is an opportunity to do that."

The Irish will have to wait until this weekend's games in the Pac-10 Conference, California against Southern Mississippi and USC against UCLA, to see who they will face.

"I think that this team, coming off of two losses, is hungry for a win," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "But at the same time, there's a lot of things that we need to fix within ourselves, fix some things that we weren't executing to the best of our ability."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish struggle to score, still come away with win

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Mike Brey was disappointed after his team scored only 66 points against Harvard. He said if the Irish were going to average 65 points a game this season, they would be in serious trouble.

After three games, Notre Dame is averaging 64.3 points.

But despite offensive problems in the first half against Charleston Southern Friday, No. 19 Notre Dame held the Buccaneers to the second-lowest opponent point output in Joyce Center history and won, 54-38, to improve to 3-0.

"I'm just glad we held them to 38 points," guard Chris Thomas told the South Bend Tribune Friday. "We had to play good defense. I felt like we did that."

The record low point total for an opposing team in the Joyce Center was a 35-point outing from Rice in a 50-35 defeat at the hands of Notre Dame on Jan. 23, 1984.

On Friday, the Irish shot just 26.9 percent from the field in the first half. But Notre Dame held its opponent to the same shooting percentage in the second half and limited Charleston Southern — with no free-throw attempts in the game — to 16 points in the final 20 minutes of play.

The Buccaneers' Thomas Harrison tied the score at 29 with a 3-pointer at the 13:30 mark. But Irish forward Jordan Cornette scored on a put-back off a Thomas miss and ignited a 14-0 run from which Charleston Southern would never recover.

Chris Quinn, who has led Notre Dame in scoring in all three games thus far, scored 14 of his team-high 17 points in the second half. Thomas added

15 points. The senior point guard also had four steals, six assists and no turnovers.

The Irish did not shoot well from 3-point range (5-for-20) or from the field overall (18-for-48). But the guard play was the difference. Notre Dame got just 10 points and 11 rebounds from the frontcourt of Rick Cornett, Torin Francis and Dennis Latimore. Francis, who committed four turnovers to match his four points, sat the bench in the second half and played just 14 total minutes.

"I wasn't active on the defensive end so coach took me out, put in a smaller lineup and they were effective," Francis told the South Bend Tribune.

But Francis and Latimore had their day in Notre Dame's second win Nov. 23. Unlike Friday's game — when Quinn and Thomas were the only two Irish players in double figures — Tuesday's 73-45 win over Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) saw four players score in double figures.

While Quinn led Notre Dame with 15 points, Francis scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Latimore had career highs of 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Thomas had his best game of the season so far, scoring 10 points along with 11 assists and only one turnover.

Notre Dame shot 50 percent from the field and 43.8 percent from 3-point range.

NOTRE DAME 73, IPFW 45
at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (2-0, 0-0)
Cornette 1-4 1-2 4, Francis 4-9 3-5 11, Latimore 6-11 0-0 12, Thomas 3-8 4-4 10, Quinn 5-7 2-3 15, Israel 1-2 0-0 2, Cornett 1-3 4-6 6, Falls 3-4 0-0 9, Nickol 0-1 0-0 0, Kurz 1-1 0-0 2, Carter 1-2 0-0 2.

IPFW (2-2, 0-0)
Hawkins 2-4 0-0 4, Butler 2-6 0-0 4, Malone, B. 3-9 0-0 9, Carouthers 0-6 0-2

0, Bauer 4-12 2-2 12, Mutzfeld 0-0 0-0 0, Bourne 0-0 0-0 0, Malone, J. 1-3 0-2 3, Campbell, P. 4-7 0-0 9, Campbell, C. 2-4 0-14, Egeric 0-0 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	30	43	73
IPFW	18	27	45

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-16 (Quinn 3-4, Falls 3-4, Cornette 1-4, Thomas 0-2, Carter 0-1, Nickol 0-1), IPFW 7-21 (B. Malone 3-5, Bauer 2-7, P. Campbell 1-4, J. Malone 1-2, Carouthers 0-2, Hawkins 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 39 (Latimore 11), IPFW 26 (C. Campbell, Butler 5). Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Thomas 11), IPFW 11 (Bauer 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 12, IPFW 16.

NOTRE DAME 54,
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 38
at the JOYCE CENTER

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	22	32	54
Charleston Southern	22	16	38

NOTRE DAME (3-0, 0-0)
Cornette 1-5 0-0 2, Francis 1-1 2-2 4, Latimore 2-8 2-2 6, Thomas 5-14 4-7 15, Quinn 7-13 0-0 17, Israel 1-2 2-2 4, Cornett 0-2 0-0 0, Falls 1-3 2-2 5, Nickol 0-0 0-0 0, Kurz 0-0 1-2 1, Carter 0-0 0-0 0.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-2, 0-0)
Cain 1-1 0-0 2, Rice 5-13 0-0 10, Ball 2-12 0-0 4, Moore 1-3 0-0 2, Harrison 3-9 0-0 9, Lane 0-4 0-0 0, Williams 3-4 0-0 7, Covington 0-2 0-0 0, Stiglbauer 0-0 0-0 0, Falls 0-0 0-0 0, Jegdic 2-4 0-0 4.

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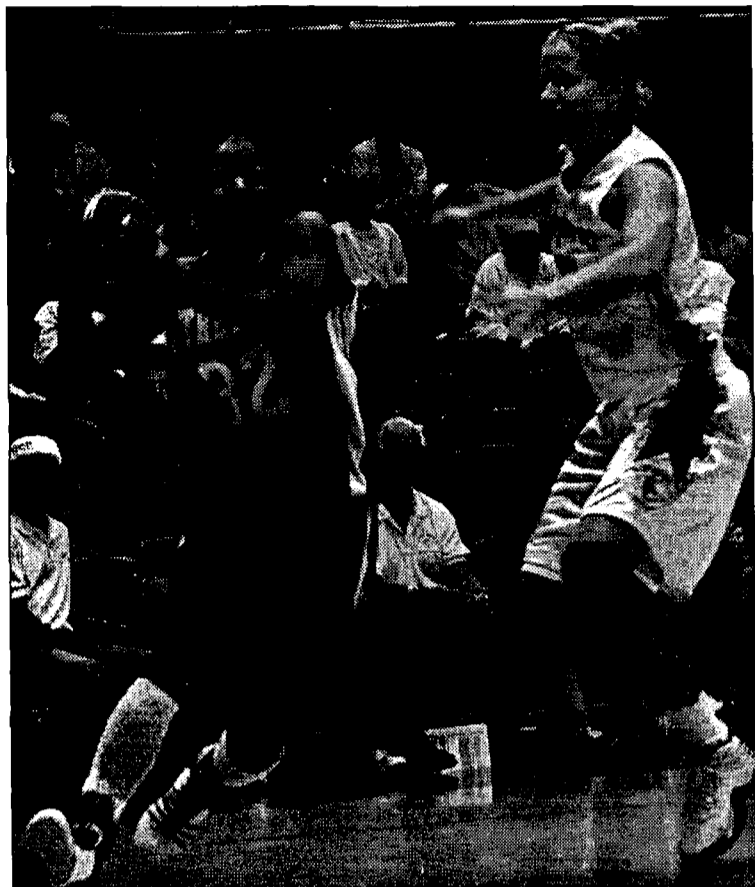
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish don't play well at USC, but survive



Irish guard Breona Gray takes the ball to the basket against USC in Notre Dame's win Friday night.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

LOS ANGELES — Muffet McGraw looked like a helpless leader Friday night, watching her team slowly fall apart to a less-talented, more-energetic USC squad.

She paced. She shook her head. She yelled and screamed. But little McGraw did not change Notre Dame's performance.

Trailing by five points with seven minutes remaining, Notre Dame looked dead.

In a game like this last season on the road, the Irish would have surely lost. But Friday, Notre Dame picked itself up off the Los Angeles Sports Arena floor after blowing a nine-point halftime lead in less than four minutes to make the big plays and ultimately sneak away with a 60-56 victory.

The team can take much from this hard-fought victory.



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer

The good news — the Irish faced stiff adversity, and came out on top in their first road game of the season. The bad news — Notre Dame looked nothing like the team that beat top-10 Duke and Ohio State just a few days ago.

For much of the contest, it appeared like the Irish had taken out the blueprint from the 2003-04 season on 'How To Lose Road Games,' and then followed it to a T. The Irish made uncharacteristic turnovers, couldn't hit key shots, didn't rebound, missed free throws, got into foul trouble and didn't play anywhere near their potential.

Breona Gray summed up most of Notre Dame's night when she stole a pass with 7:13 left in the game. Gray raced down the court for the basket, looking to cut the Trojan lead to one. Instead of making a seemingly easy layup, Gray lost control of the ball out of bounds — despite not being touched.

Much like that play, Notre Dame shot themselves in the foot time and again Friday against a much weaker opponent.

Yet, the Irish didn't quit or fold. They didn't panic when USC sprinted to a 20-7 run to begin the second half. Instead, Notre Dame found a way to win.

"We weren't running our offense. Mentally I don't think we played a great game," McGraw said. "But you have to accept that for the first road game. I think they're still a little gun-shy on the road, so this gives them a lot of confidence."

The biggest surprise about this come-from-behind victory was that Notre Dame's freshmen led the charge. Specifically, Melissa D'Amico.

With Notre Dame's lead cut

to 18-16 in the first half, the center checked in and promptly scored five straight points — including a 3-point play — then blocked a shot that lead to a breakaway layup for Jacqueline Batteast. Just like that, the Irish had a nine-point edge at 25-16.

D'Amico and the Irish played with resilience in their first road game of the season. They struggled for much of the game, but never quit. It takes a certain level of toughness to win on the road and the Irish showed that Friday evening.

Courtney LaVere battled in the paint all game, before painfully hitting the court after spraining her ankle in the second half. With tears in her eyes, LaVere hobbled to the end of the bench, stuck watching her team during the final minutes.

Guard Megan Duffy got jacked in the neck with an elbow, which limited her speaking abilities for some of the second half. Despite that, she performed the best of any Notre Dame player.

Simply put, Notre Dame wouldn't allow USC to win. The Irish made the big shot when it mattered the most. They created the crucial turnover when USC started to regain momentum. They secured the key rebound when the Trojans desperately needed another shot.

"We really showed our poise at the end," McGraw said.

That they did. The Irish found a way to pass their first road test of the season — albeit barely. But a 'W' is a 'W' — no matter how ugly or painful it is to watch.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Spikers sweep over weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

After this weekend's success, coach Debbie Brown has been counting her blessings.

The Irish (20-8) gave her much to be thankful for last weekend, as they swept UC Irvine 3-0 on Friday and edged out Long Beach State on Saturday 3-2. Brown said she is proud of the team's competitive spirit and the team's ability to shine under pressure.

"All around everyone played with a lot of confidence this weekend," Brown said. "At different times during the matches, different people would step up when we needed them to."

Brown added this weekend served as a final prep for the competition the team expects to face in the NCAA tournament this weekend.

"It was good to play teams stronger than those in the Big East and still have success," Brown said. "It was just perfect for what we needed going into the NCAA's."

UC Irvine (18-10) gave Notre Dame its first test of the weekend, but the Irish cruised to a victory, sweeping the Anteaters 30-23, 30-28, 30-27.

Notre Dame dominated defensively, registering 13 blocks for an average of 4.33 per game and 13 digs. Additionally, the Irish limited the Anteaters, who were vying for an NCAA bid, to a .146 attack percentage.

Junior Lauren Brewster led the Irish effort, taking part in eight of the team's 13 blocks and just missed a triple-double. Further, she finished with 11 digs and 10 kills with .333 hitting.

Junior captain Meg Henican also played a crucial role in the team's success, collecting a team-high 13 digs.

Long Beach native Ashley Tarutis helped the Irish to a .287 hitting percentage and matched her season high for assists with 41. The hometown crowd also saw Tarutis lead the Irish to a .409 attack percentage in the last game.

Leading the Irish hitters was junior Lauren Kelbley, who totaled 14 kills on .357 hitting. Freshman Adrianna Stasiuk and senior Emily Loomis followed up her efforts with Stasiuk posting 11 kills and Loomis adding eight kills.

"We played really steadily against UC Irvine," Brown said. "[Cooper] had some unbelievable blocks and I think as a team, we have become a lot more confident."

Capitalizing on a five-point run after trailing 14-11, the Irish quickly seized control of the first game.

UC Irvine encountered much of the same in the second game, plagued by Notre Dame's ability to sustain runs and defensive efforts. The Irish held their opponents to 13 kills on a .049 hitting mark.

Although UC Irvine looked as though it could make a comeback in the third game, the Irish slammed shut their window of opportunity, thanks to the combined efforts of Cooper, Loomis, Kelbley and

Tarutis.

Loomis continued to impress on Saturday in the Long Beach State match, helping the Irish edge out the 49ers 30-28, 22-30, 25-30, 30-22, 16-14. In one of her best career performances, Loomis swung for a match-high 29 kills and had a season high .414 hitting percentage.

Defensively, Loomis continued to dominate, taking part in a match-high three solo blocks and six total blocks.

"Loomis was absolutely outstanding," Brown said. "She made some great swings and blocks. She was really the difference maker."

Teammate Kelbley also proved to be an offensive standout, collecting three crucial fifth-game kills after the Irish faced match point. Kelbley became the 15th player in the history of the program to record 1,000 kills, totaling 1,006 career kills by the end of the match.

Cooper also showcased her offensive capabilities, collecting 12 kills and recording a .462 attack percentage.

Long Beach State freshman Alexis Crimes, the Big West Rookie of the Year, proved to be a challenge for the Irish, as she ended up with nine blocks and 27 kills on .469 hitting.

Henican led the Irish defense with 25 digs and brought her total digs to 513 for the year to break a school record from 1993.

The first game demonstrated just how tight the matchup was, with 17 ties and each team holding no more than a three-point margin. The Irish relied on Loomis, who had eight kills and .636 on hitting and Cooper, who had six kills on .667 hitting to lead the offense.

But Notre Dame was able to pull it off in the fifth game, through a team effort.

The Irish take the courts again this weekend in the first round of the NCAA tournament, facing Valparaiso, who defeated them earlier this season.

NOTRE DAME 3, UC IRVINE 0 at THE PYRAMID

NOTRE DAME	30	30	30
UC Irvine	23	28	27

NOTRE DAME — Kills 49 (Kelbley 14), Assists 46 (Tarutis 41), Digs 51 (Henican 13), Blocks 13 (Brewster 5), Hitting percentage .287 (Kelbley .357), Aces 3 (Kelbley, Tarutis, Herndon 1)
UC IRVINE — Kills 45 (Wing 14), Assists 41 (Hain 35), Digs 47 (Wing 14), Blocks 3 (Wing, Cash, Norman 1), Hitting percentage .146 (Kurzbar 429), Aces 2 (Hain, Wing 1)

NOTRE DAME 3, LONG BEACH STATE 2 at THE PYRAMID

NOTRE DAME	30	22	25	30	16
Long Beach State	28	30	30	22	14

NOTRE DAME — Kills 81 (Loomis 29), Assists 72 (Tarutis 62), Digs 78 (Henican 25), Blocks 18 (Cooper 7), Hitting percentage .295 (Cooper .462), Aces 6 (Stasiuk 3)
LONG BEACH STATE — Kills 82 (Crimes 27), Assists 75 (Mazzarella 64), Digs 95 (Laudato 40), Blocks 16 (Miramontes 10), Hitting percentage .255 (Crimes .469), Aces 4 (Lawlor, Kroneberger, Miramontes, Laudato 1)

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HOCKEY

Irish split series over weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The score was the same but the winners reversed as Notre Dame (3-6-4, 2-5-3 in CCHA) split a two-game series with Alaska Fairbanks (6-4-0, 5-3-0) this weekend, winning 3-2 on Friday before falling to the Nanooks 3-2 on Saturday.

"We played well all weekend," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We wanted more than two points."

Notre Dame's win Friday was the second consecutive road win for the team, as David Brown made 35 saves on the night, with many of those saves coming on nine UAF power plays. The Nanooks were held scoreless on those power plays.

"I would say it was David's most consistent game," Poulin said. "He was really solid. I always tell our guys to just let in one less than the other guy."

The Irish picked up goals from Tim Wallace, Tony Gill and Jason Paige in the contest. Paige and Wallace's goals both came on the power play as the Irish went 2-for-5 in the game Friday.

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first, as Wallace deflected a Brock Sheahan shot past UAF goalie Wylie Rogers at 17:40 of the first period.

The Irish increased their lead in the second period as Gill, the younger brother of last year's captain Aaron Gill, scored the first collegiate goal of his career at the 13:08 mark of the period.

Noah Babin broke up a UAF rush at the Irish blue line and dumped it along the right wing boards to center where Josh Sciba fed the puck ahead to Wallace. Wallace carried the

puck deep and fed it to Gill in the low slot, who then fired a low wrist shot that beat Rogers for the goal.

The Nanooks got back in the game at 18:15 of the second, with defenseman Darcy Campbell beating Brown with a slapshot. But it took only 52 seconds for the Irish to respond with their second power play goal of the night.

Mark Van Guilder slapped a shot from the left wing that Paige was able to deflect past Rogers' five-hole for a 3-1 Notre Dame lead.

"Our penalty killing was tremendous," Poulin said. "The special teams are different on the Olympic rink. It's a very different game. That's one of the advantages they have up there."

UAF scored a late goal at 18:07 of the third period as Corbin Schmidt beat Brown with a hard slapshot to the stick side, but the Irish were able to hold on.

Notre Dame picked up the victory despite being outshot 37-16. Brown was especially sharp in the second period, stopping 16 of 17 shots he faced.

The Irish were not as successful Saturday, falling behind 3-1 before rallying late but still losing to the Nanooks 3-2.

Curtis Fraser, Jason Grinevitch and Ryan McLeod all scored goals for UAF against Notre Dame goalie Morgan Cey, who finished with 22 saves.

Fraser scored on a rebound goal in the first period, picking up a power play tally for the



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Irish goalie Morgan Cey makes a save against the USA National Team Nov. 19.

Nanooks at the 7:01 mark. Grinevitch scored on a 3-on-1 odd-man rush in the second, slapping a hard shot that beat Cey high to the glove side at 2:05 of the second period.

The Irish broke through on Rogers in the third, as Evan Rankin scored his fourth goal of the season, beating the UAF goalie with a wraparound goal on the power play at the 6:23 mark.

The Nanooks answered right back just 1:26 later as McLeod scored on a 2-on-1 rush. A late goal with 40 seconds remaining by Notre Dame's Josh Sciba gave the Irish hope, but they fell short in their bid for a third straight road win.

Notre Dame will face the CCHA's second-place team in Michigan this weekend, taking on the Wolverines in a home-and-home series. The Irish travel to Ann Arbor, Mich. Friday, then return home to face Michigan at the Joyce Center Saturday night.

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To get to that point, the Irish had to deal with Mother Nature as well as the Pilots. Before the game, a plow had to clear a layer of snow off the field to make conditions playable. However, the ground had not yet frozen, and the field quickly turned to mud.

"It just was really really wet," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said, "But it really didn't seem to change the quality of the game that much. We really moved the ball well and kept it more on the ground than I thought either team would be able to."

Irish players were forced to deal with the adverse weather conditions after South Bend saw snow all day Wednesday.

"Your first step is obviously not going to be as fast as normal, but we actually played pretty well," defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir said. "We're probably more used to playing in conditions like that than Portland. We dealt with it real well."

Despite the messy conditions, Cinalli got Notre Dame off to a quick start when she scored in the game's fourth minute. Junior Annie Scheffer took a pass from Thorlakson and then lifted a high crossing pass which Cinalli headed in to the left side of the net. She notched her second goal with just over 15 minutes to play in the first half. This time Thorlakson set her up right in front of the goal to give the Irish a 2-0 halftime lead.

"The first half, [Portland] rarely even got out of their end," Waldrum said. "It was huge to go into the locker room up two goals."

However, the Pilots responded in the second half with a much more aggressive offensive attack. Portland's player-

of-the-year candidate Christine Sinclair cut the Notre Dame lead in half with a goal 12 minutes into the second half.

But the Irish put the game with a goal from its own player-of-the-year candidate. Thorlakson scored directly off of a corner kick just five minutes later to halt Portland's momentum. The kick curved as it headed towards the goal and snuck in under the crossbar for Thorlakson's team-leading 22nd goal of the season.

"We picked it up right after [the Portland] goal and started playing well again," Gunnarsdottir said. "They had a span of maybe 20 minutes when they had [control] in the game but after that we just picked it up."

The Notre Dame defense played its usual solid game despite yielding its first goal of the NCAA tournament to Sinclair. The defense still limited the Pilots to only three shots on goal and only two corner kicks.

Meanwhile, the Irish offense was in high gear, led by the play of Cinalli. The three goals were the most the Pilot defense has allowed all season.

"It says how well Amanda has really done this year. Ten goals [on the season] for a freshman is incredible," Waldrum said.

"My teammates make it easy," Cinalli said. "The passes they gave me for the goals were beautiful passes."

Her two goals produced a win that has a two-fold significance for her coach. The victory gives Waldrum 300 wins as a collegiate head coach and also marks the third time he has advanced to the Final Four in his six-year coaching tenure with the Irish.

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Escape

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got that."

Jacqueline Batteast scored Notre Dame's first six points en route to the Irish opening up a 16-9 lead seven and a half minutes into the game. The Irish then scored two points in the next 7:18 as the Trojans closed to within two at 18-16.

Searching for some offense, McGraw inserted Melissa D'Amico into the Irish lineup and the freshman sparked a 7-0 run by scoring five points and blocking a shot that led to an easy Batteast layup.

"I thought she was the difference in the first half," McGraw said. "She came in, she was strong in the post, blocked a shot, got a couple of rebounds and scored. That's what we needed her to do."

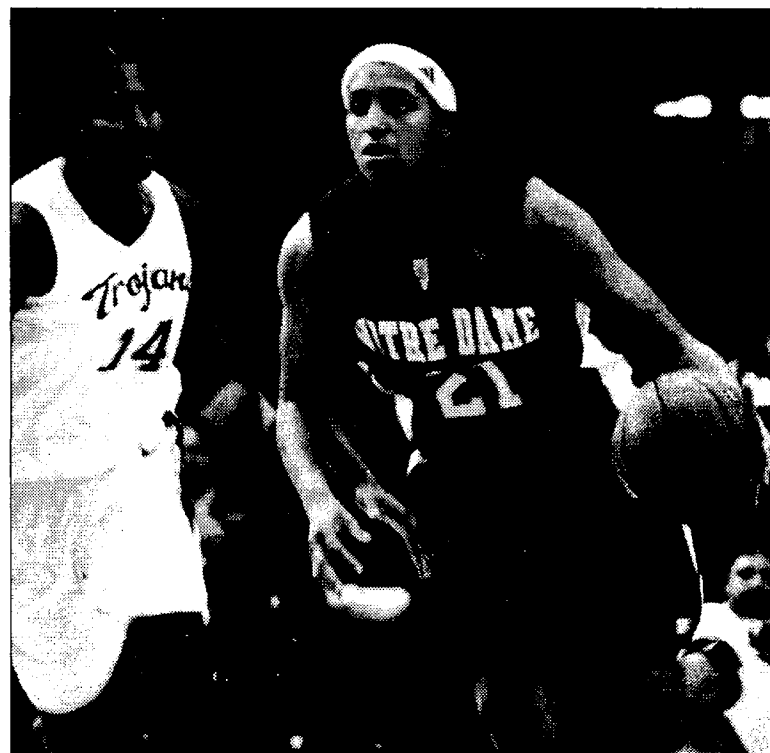
With a 29-20 halftime lead, the Irish came out cold scoring seven points and making two field goals in the first nine minutes of the second half. The Trojans used a 20-7 spurt to gain a 40-36 lead.

The Irish tied the game at 40 only to see the Trojans open up their biggest lead of the game at 45-40. McGraw called a timeout and had a simple message for her team.

"[I told them to get back to] running our offense, we were going one-on-one too much. I thought we were putting too much on Jackie — save us, [by] throwing her the ball," McGraw said. "Then we got into the offense we did the triple hand off where Megan [Duffy] got the layup. That's what we need to do."

With 7:59 left in the game, the Irish followed McGraw's message, were patient with their offense and then clamped down on defense. Using a 10-0 run, the Irish built a 50-45 lead in the next four minutes.

USC never got closer than three the rest of the way, and the



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Jacqueline Batteast, who led the Irish with 18 points and four assists, drives down the court against a USC defender.

Irish made all six of their free throws in the last 26 seconds to close out their sixth straight win to open the season.

The Irish return to the court tonight at Valparaiso.

Notes

♦ Duffy was hit in the neck in the second half and had trouble talking for the rest of the game. She went to the bench a couple of plays after getting hit, but returned later and finished the game.

♦ Forward Courtney LaVere injured her right ankle in the second half after making a jump shot with 4:49 remaining in the game. She did not return to the game.

♦ Irish freshman Tulyah Gaines saw her first action since the season opener early in the first half of the game against the Trojans and played 14 minutes overall. Gaines had missed the past four games due to a neck injury.

NOTRE DAME 60, USC 56 at Los Angeles, Calif.

NOTRE DAME (6-0, 0-0)
Batteast 7-20 4-4 18, LaVere 1-5 0-1 2, Borton 1-3 0-2 4, Duffy 2-6 8-8 12, Gray 1-5 2-2 4, Gaines 1-2 0-0 2, Allen 2-3 2-4 6, Powers 0-0 0-0 0, D'Amico 2-2 1-1 5, Erwin 4-5 1-2 9.

USC (1-2, 0-0)
Woodward 4-12 0-0 8, Funn 6-9 1-5 13, Gipson 4-8 4-5 12, Hagiya 0-4 0-0 0, Gnekow 1-10 0-0 2, LeNoir 2-8 0-1 5, Cameron 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 5-12 0-1 3, Kaskowiak 0-2 0-0 0, Kerr 1-1 2-5 4.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	29	31	60
USC	20	36	56

3-point goals: Notre Dame 0-3 (Duffy 0-3), USC 3-19 (Murphy 2-6, LeNoir 1-3, Jaskowiak 0-1, Gnekow 0-5, Hagiya 0-3, Woodward 0-1). Fouled out: Kerr. Rebounds: Notre Dame 36 (Batteast 5, LaVere 5, Borton 5), USC 42 (Gipson 9). Assists: Notre Dame 12 (Batteast 4), USC 6 (Gnekow 2, LeNoir 2). Total fouls: Notre Dame 20, USC 21.

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Loss

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whatever reason, because I think the team played well," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "There were a lot of positives and they played very hard."

The Irish fell behind early, yielding arguably their softest goal of the year three minutes, 31 seconds after the opening whistle.

Corralling a booming punt from Buckeye goalkeeper Ray Burse, Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year Justin Cook fired from inside the box and beat Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer for an early 1-0 Ohio State lead.

"They got a goal early and that obviously settled them," Clark said. "It was a disappointing goal from our point of view. [Burse] just got it, raced to the edge of his box and hit this enormous punt and [Cook] latched on to it, made a good run behind our two central defenders and finished it very well."

Although Notre Dame held a 5-4 advantage in shots at the half and dictated the pace of the game, the Irish had trouble producing quality scoring opportunities in the game's first 45 minutes.

"When looking at the video, we actually didn't do so badly in the first half," Clark said. "We controlled the first half without making a lot of chances — we had about 70 percent of the possession."

Faced with the prospect of early elimination, the Irish fought back in the second half. After forward Tony Megna and midfielder Nate Norman nearly put Notre Dame on the scoreboard, defender Christopher High headed home a free kick off the foot of fellow defender Kevin Goldthwaite to provide the equalizer just over 13 minutes into the second half.

"It was a set piece," Clark said. "The boys had worked on it in the days before the game. [High] made a good run and connected with the free kick. It was a good goal, well-taken."

With the score knotted at 1-1, the Irish continued to play inspired soccer, consistently pressuring the Ohio State goal.

The Buckeyes, on the other hand, only recorded one shot in the second half to Notre Dame's eight. One was enough.

With just under 15 minutes to play, Ohio State's Ryan Kustos picked up a loose ball off a Buckeye free kick and pounded it into the net, marking only the second time this season Sawyer and the Irish have allowed more than a single goal.

However, the go-ahead goal didn't come without its share

of controversy.

"The whistle [to begin play] went after the kick was taken," Clark said. "Their player didn't know he had to wait until the whistle."

"He took it, and just after he took the free kick, the ref, who wasn't looking at the ball — which didn't make sense — blew his whistle. [The Irish defenders] hesitated because they didn't know why the whistle had gone then and somehow the ball ended up through a lot of players [and into the net]."

Feeling slighted by a questionable turn of events and playing for its tournament life, Notre Dame kept its composure, yet ultimately was unable to find the back of the net for a second time.

"Even after the [Ohio State] goal, we kept our dignity," Clark said. "In a game where the outcome means so much and you seem to get a tough call, it's very easy for teams to dissolve, and I think they hung tight and continued to play tough and well within the rules of the game."

Regardless of the score, the belief that the Irish were the better squad only added insult to injury.

"It was a little bit like last year — without taking anything away from [Ohio State], we felt that we were the better side," Clark said. "I think Ohio State has a good team — you don't win a share of the Big Ten without being a good team — but at the same time I think that we were the better side, and we showed that."

While the wounds from Nov. 23's upset are still relatively fresh and need time to heal, it would difficult to classify a season in which the Irish claimed their first Big East regular season title in program history as anything other than a success.

"I think if you give it another week's time, it will seem a pretty decent season," Clark said. "It's a tough pill to swallow when you see everyone still playing and you say, 'we should still be playing.' When you get a loss like that, the only thing that will make it seem better is time."

Although the 2004 campaign has come to an abrupt, unexpected close, it won't be long until the Irish return to the pitch.

"When we come back from after Christmas Break, we're going full at it again," Clark said. "We usually try to give them about six weeks off so we'll get them a little break — maybe lifting and some easy running just to stop them from putting on too many pounds from the Christmas turkey. We'll do that and then it's time get ready for the 2005 season."

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Running

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Men's coach Joe Piane was upset with the team's performance, despite the fact it was better than anybody expected at the start of the season.

"I was very upset, we did not run up to our potential," Piane said. "To a man, each guy, to the seven that competed, each could have run a little better. Some could have run a lot better."

Piane attributed part of the disappointing finish to certain runners simply not doing what they were supposed to do.

"A couple guys didn't do what they were told to do, and that certainly did hurt them," Piane said.

The culmination of their brilliant season was slightly disappointing, but considering where they were at the beginning there is something to be proud of.

"At the outset of the season, if you had said, 'Coach, you could be No. 11 in the country,' I would have said 'Thank you' and walked away a happy man," Piane said. "But after the way the season went, which went exceptionally well, that was disappointing."

Piane compared the team's loss to a situation where the

football team is expecting to go 6-5, and suddenly finds themselves at 11-0, only to then lose in the BCS championship.

Meanwhile, the women had a lot more success in the race as they finished fourth.

"There were a whole lot of them that were far from 100 percent, they just ran and gave everything they had," Irish women's coach Tim Connelly said. "It was a great effort."

Stephanie Madia led the Irish with a 23rd place finish overall, running a 20:58. Sunni Olding and Kerry Meagher were not too far behind Madia, finishing 32nd and 34th, with times of 21:10.

All three were All-Americans.

Molly Huddle, who was running on a broken foot, finished in 40th place for the Irish.

"We were really happy, I mean going in we had a couple kids injured, and we really didn't know what to expect," Connelly said. "Our kids competed really, really well."

Connelly spoke at length about how proud he was of his team, a team that had a season full of injuries and problems that had to deal with on a weekly basis.

"It's kind of funny because a year ago, we had a great season all the way through and then at the end we kind of fell apart at nationals," Connelly said. "This year the whole season was a

struggle ... and at the end they were able to put it all together and really accomplish something great."

Connelly also discussed how the attitude of the team slowly changed because of the injuries over the course of the season.

"At the start of the year, our goal was to be top three or four in the country, and to be quite honest going into nationals we had stopped worrying about that," Connelly said. "Our goal wasn't to where we going to place, it was just to have seven people coming out of that meet feeling like they ran as well as they could. That was the most important thing that we accomplished the other day."

Both the men and the women should be excited for 2005.

"We're bringing back some great kids," Connelly said. "Our expectation is to every year be one of the better teams in the country, and whether that means top four or top-10, that's kind of our expectation."

Piane agreed.

"We should be pretty strong next year. We retain six of our top seven, but the fellas that were eight, nine, 10 and 11 are also all back," he said. "So that gives us 10 of our top 11 back."

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51 Muscat, for one

54 Tallinn native

59 Anise-flavored liqueur

60 Gambling senator?

62 Stink
- DOWN**

1 Shoelace problem

2 Brontë heroine

3 In ____ (actually)

4 Téa of film

5 Steakhouse offering

6 Sidewalk stand beverages

7 5-Down, e.g.

8 Follow with a camera

9 ____-mo

10 180° turn

11 Henry Winkler role, with "the"

12 Sask. neighbor

13 Piece next to a knight

18 Barbershop boo-boos

21 1,002, in old Rome

23 Some of them are secret

24 "Iliad" locale

25 Fat cat

26 Muscat native

27 Michael of "Monty Python"

29 ____ public

30 Maine college town

63 Hearing-related

64 Teetotalers' org.

65 Campbell of "Party of Five"

66 Feel blindly

67 Cold-shoulder

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ONRYE	SARAN	DAB
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EMOTED	SMAZE	
DUBLIN	SCOOPER	
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MALL	FRUIT	CART
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INCA	YOGA	ESA
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Puzzle by Adam Cohen

31 Taken wing

32 Bone-chilling

33 You'll get a rise out of it

35 Asian city-state

39 Humane grp.

43 Popular disinfectant

45 Work of praise

46 Fight it out

50 Has memorized

51 "Tell me more"

52 Like some awakenings

53 Sea of ____ (Black Sea arm)

54 Eliel's architect son

55 Quick pic

56 Cast wearer's problem

57 Westernmost Aleutian

58 It may be proper

60 What "it" plays

61 Capek play

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Happy Birthday: Prepare to take advantage of the creative opportunities just ahead of you. Don't let anyone discourage you from following through with your dreams. This is the year to discover who you are and what your potential really is. Believe in yourself. Your numbers are 8, 15, 19, 28, 33, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Things are becoming hectic, but don't let that lead to a confrontation with someone you are at odds with. Don't let anyone take advantage of your ability to get things done. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Family and friends will be on your mind. Call or e-mail someone that you don't get to see often. Your kind gesture will result in something good. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can get a lot accomplished and even add a little extra detail to your work today. You will be rewarded for your hard work and dedication. Focus on advancement. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put negativity behind you and do your best to impress the people who really count, rising above those who are critical. Your professionalism will shine through. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money ventures are looking good. Prepare your books for year-end and don't leave anything to chance. Be secretive about your findings. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get involved in volunteer work and you will make a needy family happy. Give to receive this year by offering your time -- you will realize something special about yourself. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Watch out before someone broadsides you with negativity. Don't lose sleep or neglect your work. Your own success will ward off anyone trying to hold you back. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Everything will turn out just fine if you follow your gut feelings. Love and romance are in a high cycle. A short trip or planned vacation will turn into the best time ever. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An investment made today will bring fabulous results this time next year. Check over your finances and see what you can do to ensure that your future is financially secure. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It won't take much to get you off track or angry. Try your best to control negative actions. Children may test your patience. Consider taking a break. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is turning in your favor, but that doesn't mean you can slack off. Put on the pressure and you will turn a little progress into a milestone in your life. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll get the most from pampering yourself and doing something that you have wanted to try for a long time. It's time to revamp your life.*****

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FOOTBALL

Team accepts invitation to Dec. 28 Insight Bowl



By HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After closing out the regular season with a 41-10 loss to USC Saturday, Notre Dame announced Sunday it has accepted an invitation to the Insight Bowl Dec. 28, in

Phoenix.

"We're excited and I think our young men are excited," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said Sunday evening. "There are a lot of places in this country where you could spend the holidays and Phoenix will be a delightful spot for our team and our fans."

"Hopefully, we can go in there

with a positive mindset and a lot of energy, and get a win. I think it gives our football team another opportunity to play football and I think they will enjoy doing that. I believe the game gives us that feeling that we still have some business to take care of and we'd like to be able to do that."

The Irish finished the regular

season 6-5 and will face a Pac-10 opponent, who will be announced Dec. 5. The game will be held at Bank One Ballpark, capacity 42,915 and home of the Arizona Diamondbacks of Major League Baseball.

The bowl appearance is Notre

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Finally, four

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The Irish shouldn't have to deal with any more snow where they're headed.

Fourth-seeded Notre Dame (23-1-1) will make the trip to Cary, N.C. for the Final Four of the Women's College Cup following Friday's 3-1 NCAA quarterfinal win over fifth-seeded Portland (20-4-0) at Alumni Field.

Despite the cold and sloppy conditions, Irish freshman Amanda Cinalli lit up the scoreboard with two goals and teammate Katie Thorlakson tacked on a goal and two assists to send Notre Dame to its seventh national semifinal appearance in program history.

"It's indescribable, this feeling," Cinalli said. "I don't think it's hit me yet, I don't think it will until I get [to Cary]."

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HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Annie Schefter carries the ball upfield against Providence earlier this season. The Irish advanced to the Final Four.

MEN'S SOCCER

Another first-round loss ends Irish season

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Welcome to Upsetville. Again.

For the second consecutive tournament, the Irish bowed out in their first contest as No. 5 seed Notre Dame (13-3-3) dropped a 2-1 heartbreaker to Ohio State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Alumni Field Nov. 23.

In their previous match Nov. 6 — also at home — the conference-favorite No. 1 seed Irish were upset by Seton Hall (0-0, 8-7 in penalty kicks) in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championships.

The Irish joined No. 12 seed Old Dominion and No. 10 seed Penn State as the only seeded squads to fall in the second round of the NCAA Tournament — 16 teams received seeds at the beginning of the tournament.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Kevin Goldthwaite traps a ball in his final game for the Irish.

"I think it was a day that we weren't destined to win for

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish runners finish among nation's best

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

As the Grateful Dead once sang, "What a long strange trip it's been."

No truer words could be spoken about the men's cross country team, who started the year unranked, ran its way to No. 5 in the nation, and then finished 11th in the NCAA championships Monday, Nov. 22 in Terre Haute. On the other side, the Irish women finished fourth in the nation, an impressive finish.

For the men, Kurt Benninger led all Irish runners with a time of 31 minutes, 54 seconds, which was good for 42nd place. Tim Moore finished right behind Benninger in 43rd place, with a 31:56.

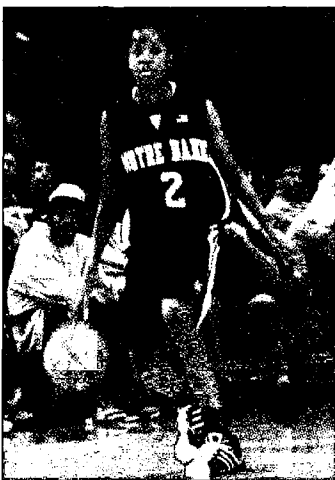
Kaleb Van Ort and Sean O'Donnell finished 96th and 97th, respectively, with identical times of 32:32.

Ryan Johnson, Vincent Ambrico and AJ Andrassy also ran for the Irish, finishing 189th, 224th, and 240th overall.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Close USC game is Irish victory



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Charel Allen dribbles upcourt against USC.

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Last season it took five games.

This season it only took one, but it wasn't pretty.

Struggling in its first road game of the season, Notre Dame (6-0) was able to put it together late in the second half and escape with a 60-56 win at Southern California (1-2) Friday night.

"I thought they played a great defensive game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They are terrific defensively. They are physical, strong inside, rebound like crazy. I thought that was the difference in the game."

USC outrebounded the Irish 42-36, including 18-7 on the offensive boards. The Irish committed 23 turnovers and the teams combined for 48 overall.

"It was a little bit of a track meet especially in the beginning," McGraw said. "We want to run too, but maybe a little smarter. ... I did expect a very physical game, and we certainly

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame 3, UC Irvine 0
Notre Dame 3, Long Beach State 2

The Irish won two on the road.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame and Alaska Fairbanks split series

After winning Friday, the Irish fell 3-2 to the Nanooks on Saturday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 73, IPFW 45
Notre Dame 54, Charleston Southern 38

The Irish improved to 3-0.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Teevens fired from Stanford

Stanford's head football coach was fired after going 4-7.

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo places 13th in nation

Irish club sports tally solid performances in all areas.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's wins three in a row

The Belles capped a three-game winning streak with two road victories.

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