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Women make strides in national, campus politics

Professor studies women in world governments

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

Women are taking important strides in establishing long-standing political power and influence, especially as members of parliaments and Cabinet ministers, according to a recent study by Andrew Reynolds, assistant professor of government and international studies.

Reynolds sees a general trend toward positive change, although he admits that it will take time.

"It could take up to 50 years, but eventually politics will become more important than gender," Reynolds said. The perception needs to change to allow women to be seen as managers, CEOs and leaders in a patriarchal society, he explained.

"What happens when the wife is the political animal?" Reynolds asked, noting that the challenge of balancing a career and raising the children presents an obstacle to the potential political leadership of women.

Reynolds found that the number of women representatives in government was not related to the level of democracy in a given country. He points out that women cannot rely upon government to place them in positions of power while conceding that it is very difficult to overcome these obstacles.

"Social and cultural factors are more important than the level of democracy," Reynolds said. He described that this can be broken down by establishing a legacy towards women leaders of which future women politicians can look. A high level of socioeconomic development and the electoral presence of a healthy left-wing political movement are good predictions that a high number of women will be elected.

Reynolds' research said that, among a total of 33,715 legislators worldwide, only 12.5

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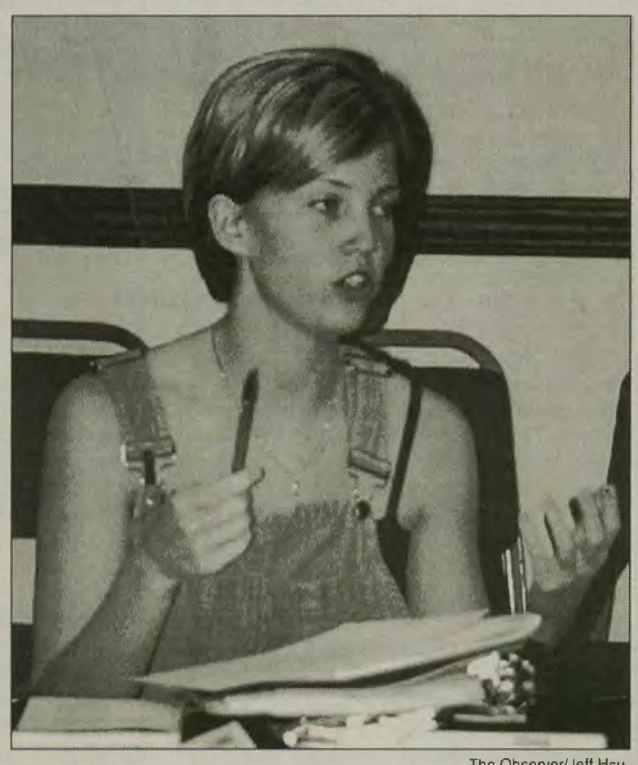

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Lewis Hall student senator Sophie Fortin speaks up at a recent student senate meeting. Women are finding increased opportunities to represent their peers.

Tradition slow to change campus government

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
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Andréa Selak is in a prime position to break down gender barriers.

As vice president of Notre Dame's student government, Selak could be a likely candidate for student government president when elections are held in the spring. Selak, however, could be up against stiff competition: tradition.

In the 26 years since Notre Dame began admitting women to the University, a female has never held the position of student government president.

Running for president is definitely not out of the question, Selak said.

"In the past year since I was elected vice president, people have been asking me if I will run for president, as if it is a huge challenge to overcome," she said. "Now is the time for a woman to be elected."

Andrew Reynolds, assistant professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, recently completed a study regarding women in politics. The study found that women remain underrepresented in government, which hinders the successful workings of government.

Reynolds sees the situation regarding the lack of women in high positions in the Notre Dame student government as something that will take time to change.

"It takes time to get women elected to office and seen as equals," Reynolds said. "Once they get more involved in politics and begin to hold offices, people will say, 'Wow! It's shocking and amazing,' but the novelty wears off."

But Reynolds pointed to several factors which influence why Notre Dame has yet

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Schmuhl: Disclosure of details may favor Clinton

By ROBERT PAZNORIK
News Writer

Since the release of Independent Council Kenneth Starr's report last Friday, speculation and controversy regarding its findings have captivated the nation.

Clinton

Though the long-awaited release finally brings truth to the public, the public has started to question whether or not the graphic details of the report are appropriate to the investigation. Many even argue that the sordid details of the report should not have been made public at all.

"It's a private matter that should be left between the president and his family," said junior government major Steve Kovatis. "The details of the report were totally unnecessary and have no bearing whatsoever on the effective completion of Clinton's presidential term."

Others argue that given the controversy surrounding the investigation, however, public release of the document was the only viable method of quelling the unfounded rumors and hearsay which have plagued the investigation from its start nearly five years ago.

"The Starr report is a government document, and given the interest surrounding it, it is inevitable that it would be made widely available to the public," said Robert Schmuhl, an NBC affiliate and head of the American studies department.

Though most people outside the political circle view the release of the report as the worst-possible case scenario for the Clinton administration, Schmuhl believes that the full public disclosure may actually prove a boon to the floundering Democratic presidency.

"In an odd way, it is probably best to run the entire report and allow people to read it rather than allowing the media to do endless stories about [the report's] specific details," he said.

Many political analysts also agree that current public reac-

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University Provost Nathan Hatch (left) speaks to the student body at the Mass marking the formal opening of the school year. Members of the Liturgical, Folk and Women's Choirs, along with the Brass Ensemble (below) provided music for the event.

Photos by The Observer/Monica Garza

■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Comeback Kids

Michelle Krupa
News Editor

I roadtripped this weekend.

Everybody says you have to do it at least once before you graduate, so we packed the car with friends, blankets, food and drink and headed east on 80/90 to exit 69. We were heading up to East Lansing to watch the Fighting Irish pound on MSU. The wishful itinerary included a beautifully warm, cloudless late summer day, a bountiful banquet of Subway sandwiches and cold ale, and a night spent laughing and celebrating with good friends.

Well, the game didn't quite turn out as we'd planned. The scheduled win that was to move us toward the number-one spot in the Sunday papers eluded the Irish players, sending a dejected message to our little posse and many other dissapointed Irish fans. The end message was clear: Roadtripping to BC might not be so cool now that we're number 25.

But, thanks to some good friends, I didn't have to watch the cruel trick the Spartans turned on the Irish Saturday night.

After a beautifully warm, cloudless late summer day and a bountiful banquet of Subway sandwiches and cold ale (so far so good), we made our way into the fan-filled stadium just in time for the cone-like waving cheer that precedes every kick-off. We enjoyed the first quarter, sure that our boys would come back, and I suppose in some ways they did.

Of course, I don't mean the boys in the golden helmets. Oh no, the boys that eventually came back were the ones I'd traveled to East Lansing with, and at the end of the first quarter, I learned that they wouldn't be coming back without a little crowd support.

So two of my lovely companions and I left the stadium with $200-cash worth of friendship and headed to MSU's police station to make sure our boys would be able to traverse the comeback trail. As it turns out, MSU police do not look kindly upon those fans who have had a little too much of the ale. After dropping names with a few weary officials, we finally found them Ñ well, at least we knew where they would be for the next 10 to 12 hours.

Without a reentry ticket, we walked to our car and listened to the din of far-off voices on campus that were certainly not the victory howl of Irish fans. We found a TV and shielded our eyes from the last few minutes of what seemed to be the steady massacre of our white jerseys. The ride home was definitely filled with laughter Ñ "Ya think they made 'em take out their shoelaces?" And I suppose the celebrating came this morning Ñ a good 10 to 12 hours into this morning.

So I guess our roadtrip was realized, sans the Irish victory, and we really did get more than we bargained for. Some of us didn't have to watch the depressing football tourney Ñ and now we know that they really do take your shoelaces. They also save all your day's bottle caps with your "personal possessions" and don't mind if you sing "Devil Went Down to Georgia" all night long.

We got so much more than we set out for on our roadtrip. You gotta do it at least once.

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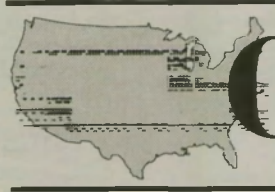

Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Harvard bars student convicted of rape from campus

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Six months after denying charges in the rape and assault of a Harvard undergraduate woman, junior Joshua Elster reversed his earlier pleas and accepted an agreement under which he will serve three years probation but no jail time.

Elster pleaded guilty in Middlesex Superior Court to three counts of rape (for three different types of penetration), two counts of assault and battery and one count of indecent assault and battery.

Under the conditions of the sentence issued by Judge Paul Chernoff, the former Kirkland House resident is prohibited from further contact with the victim and cannot walk on Harvard property or enter University buildings during the three years.

After that time, Elster could legally return, pending approval by Harvard's Administrative Board.

Elster "has realized his education, if he seeks to follow it further, would be at another institution [than Harvard]. This was difficult for him to accept at first,"said Elster's lawyer, Kenneth D'Arcy.

Elster is probably the first Harvard student to be charged and convicted of rape, according to longtime Harvard administrator and former Dean of the College John Fox Jr. Chernoff said that settling a rape case without a trial "makes a judge uncomfortable" but said he accepted the agreement struck by prosecutors and Elster's attorney. "Given the facts in the case the sentence is not the appropriate sentence, but it is the appropriate resolution in this case," he added.

Elster, speaking through his attorney, had contended that he and the victim had engaged in consensual sex.

But Assistant District Attorney Thomas O'Reilly told The Crimson that the prosecution had enough strong evidence to bring the case to trial, including pictures of a bruise on the victim's cheekbone and numerous scratches on her back and chest, reports by doctors and nurses and statements from witnesses who saw her immediately after the incident.

He added he does not view Elster as a serious enough threat to the community to require jail time.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Police issue warrant after explosion

The Duke University police department has requested arrest warrants for three university students wanted in conjunction with an explosive device that caused slight injuries to a Trinity sophomore outside her Wannamaker dormitory room Sept. 8, Maj. Robert, dean of campus police, announced Thursday. Warrants have been issued for senior Peter Murphy, charged with malicious throwing of corrosive acid or alkali, and junior Clark Hamilton and sophomore Matthew Pritchard for aiding and abetting. Both crimes are felony offenses. Now that campus police has obtained the warrants, Dean said, the Durham police department will be responsible for serving the warrants and taking the students into custody. According to the Criminal Magistrate's office, the charge of malicious throwing of a corrosive acid or alkali is a Class E felony, punishable with between 25 and 47 months of jail time. Aiding and abetting is a common law charge — one step below a Class E felony — carrying a sentence of between 16 and 31 months.

■ VASSAR COLLEGE

Eight bodies found near campus

Eight bodies have been removed from the home of Kendall Francois on 99 Fulton Ave. since his arrest Sept. 3. Seven of the eight women whose decomposed bodies were found in the house were reported missing from the Poughkeepsie area in the past 22 months, according to The Poughkeepsie Journal. The other identified woman, Audrey Pugliese, had not previously been reported missing. Of the eight reportedly missing women, six had been arrested for prostitution and several were known drug users. Francois, 27, lived with his parents and teenage sister in the house just blocks away from the college. Lathrop House president Dave Shanies attended a press conference Sept. 3 because he was concerned about rumors concerning the killings that were circulating on campus. "At this point, no one seems to care anymore, but last Thursday I was hearing rumors about how this related to the Vassar campus; I even heard that bodies were being pulled out of the Town Houses," said Shanies.

■ CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Mother of athlete dies during game

In the midst of Saturday's Clemson-Furman football game, Rosa Adams suffered a heart attack near the south fenc of Memorial Stadium. Adams, age 57, fell near one of the restrooms at 2:26 p.m., during the third quarter. According to Captain Daniel of the University's fire and ambulance service, emergency medical technicians were on the scene in seconds. There was a team that was visible from where Adams had fallen. Numerous attempts to revive her were made before she was transported to Oconee Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Adams was the mother of Dymon Adams, a second team running back. He transferred to Clemson from Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa in January of 1998 and is a junior. According to University police chief Lonnie Saxon, members of the University police helped to transport members of the Adams family to the hospital after the incident. According to head coach Tommy West, Adams was on the field and dressed for the game when this occured.

■ LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Hackers create e-mail problems

LSU students experiencing problems with e-mail accounts and Internet access during the first few weeks of school may have computer hackers to thank for it. "We're seeing all kind of hacker activity," said Ronald Hay, executive director of the office of computing services. "There's a hell of a lot of nonsense going on." During the first two weeks of classes, the University experienced problems with Internet access and some e-mail accounts due to hackers, Hay said. "It's not only our site, but our Internet provider, BellSouth, has been having problems, too," Hay said. Approximately 150 accounts were compromised. The e-mail accounts which experienced the problems were Unix1 accounts, mostly held by graduate students and faculty, said Brian Ropers-Huilman, systems analyst. The hacked accounts belonged to students who used easy-to-decipher passwords for logging in. The initial intrusion occurred at the beginning of June.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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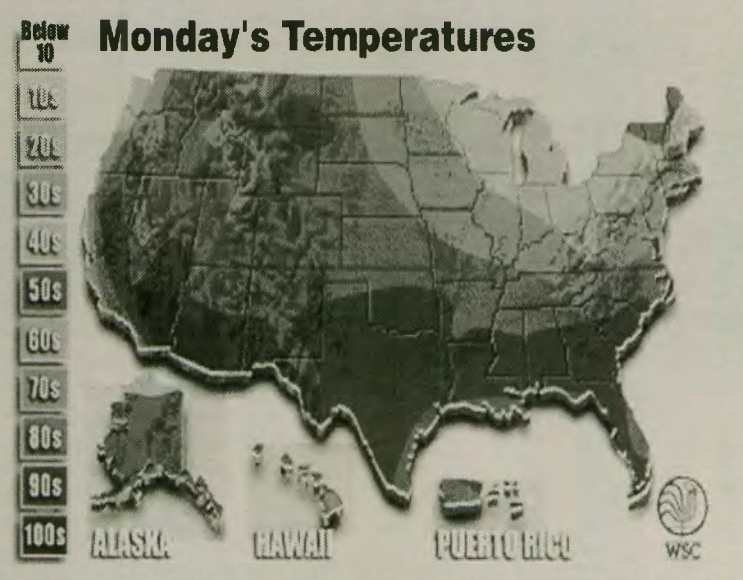

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Professor advances mosquito disease research

New genetic breeds may become disease resistant

FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

When people think of deadly bloodsuckers, leeches, bats and the IRS come to mind.

The most dangerous bloodsucker of all, however, is one that most people dismiss with a flick of the hand: the mosquito, which can carry a deadly variety of diseases, ranging from malaria to yellow fever to encephalitis.

A team of Notre Dame scientists has made advances in fighting these illnesses by embarking on a project to genetically engineer disease-resistant mosquitoes. Recently, scientists at Notre Dame, in conjunction with a team of researchers from the University of California at Irvine, began exploring the new method of controlling mosquito-borne illnesses.

"The work that we're doing is largely based around the concept of insect-transmitted disease control, where the goal is to modify the ability of the insect population to support development of the disease pathogen," said Frank Collins, who heads the University's mosquito-research team. Collins hopes that by adding a new gene to the insect's DNA, it will be physically unable to carry and transmit a disease.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

An open door reveals the interior of the mosquito lab, headed by Frank Collins, where researchers insert DNA into embryos in hopes of breeding mosquitos resistant to diseases such as malaria.

So far, scientists have passed the first crucial obstacle: They have successfully introduced a gene into a Aedes aegypti species that spread the viruses that cause yellow fever and dengue.

Collins said that he is optimistic that his team will produce a mosquito that is genetically resistant to disease in the near future. The most difficult stumbling block so far has been keeping the mosquito embryos alive after the injection of the new genes.

"It's pretty traumatic for the embryo to have a hole poked into the egg and new DNA inserted," Collins said.

Collins and the Notre Dame team are concentrating their efforts on the mosquito Anopheles gambiae, which is the species responsible for the transmission of malaria. Malaria kills over one million people annually, making it one of the world's deadliest diseases.

Over the years, scientists have tried to develop a number of ways to diminish the threat that mosquitoes pose to humans, because vaccines for many of the diseases themselves are unavailable.

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percent are women. In the North American and Caribbean region, this percentage rises to 18.2 percent. Reynolds contended that "the trajectory remains positive," especially when considering that in 1945, less than three percent of the world's leaders were women.

"Fifty years of slow pressure has opened up the political sphere to increasing numbers of newly politicized females who act as role models for the next generation," Reynolds said.

Although the trend shows that the number of women in elected offices is rising, "women remain systematically underrepresented and that hinders the successful workings of government," said Reynolds in a recent press release. He explained that legislation misses making quality decisions when the entire population is not represented.

'IT COULD TAKE UP TO 50 YEARS, BUT EVENTUALLY POLITICS WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN GENDER.'

ANDREW REYNOLDS

"Decisions need to be made as a result of hearing many different views and voices to understand different segments of society," he said.

Since women constitute over half the population, major issues are undoubtedly missed when they are not represented, in the same way that minority groups and youth find themselves underrepresented.

To a certain degree, the religious orientation of a nation is also important to the number of women elected.

"Christian countries suppress women in power less. No religions are gender-equal," Reynolds said.

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tion to the release will be a predominant indicator to the results of upcoming midterm elections. Political speculation on Capitol Hill suggests that expected drops in Clinton's approval rating may become a primary factor in November.

"Even though Bill Clinton is not on the [November] ballot, he will play a major role in the outcome of midterm elections this year," Schmuhl said.

As far as consequences to Clinton's actions are concerned, professional opinion varies greatly regarding the options Congress currently faces.

"The Starr report will ultimately lead to some formal decision by Congress, but it's anyone's guess exactly what that might be," said Schmuhl.

Women

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to elect a woman as student body president.

"The broader campus society is conservative and slightly less progressive on gender issues," he said. "The campus is a mirror image of the US. government. This wouldn't be as big of an issue at Berkeley or Harvard."

Selak agreed with Reynolds and pointed out that only six women have run for president of the student government in the past.

"I think these numbers have to do with the tradition of Notre Dame being an all male school," Selak said. "This is carried over into student government and male leadership roles."

The status of gender issues at the University is another hindrance for men and women, Reynolds said: "Being slightly less progressive on gender issues means there is more of a threshold which makes it harder for women and men to perceive they can be in positions of power."

Deanette Weiss, student government chief of staff, also sees the tradition of Notre Dame as factoring into why women do not hold more positions of power in the student government.

"Although there has been a lack of women who have run for the position, it does have to do with the heritage of Notre Dame," Weiss said. "Women have come into Notre Dame slowly, but I don't think it is necessarily bad that men hold most of the leadership positions here."

Weiss attributed this to women having been a part of the Notre Dame student body for 26 years.

Looking at the hierarchy of the University also helps to explain the state of campus politics.

"If you look at who's in power at the University, you can see the University is male dominated," Reynolds said. "It takes time for the University to adapt to new realities since it is still a predominantly male preserve."

Every time a woman is put into a position of power at the University, students are able to see them as role models, Reynolds said.

Selak said she does see more women becoming involved in politics at Notre Dame.

"It should come down not to gender but quality and ability to do the job," Selak said.

Although she said she has had numerous positive experiences in student government, Selak commented that she does hear occasional negative comments.

"People will say things like 'Do you really think you'll be student body president next year?' They say they are just joking around though," she said. "I get the feeling sometimes that people have the view of a glass ceiling at this school that a woman could not attain the highest leadership position here."

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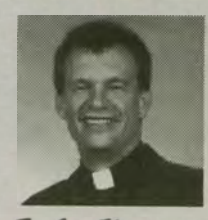

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■ World News Briefs

Tensions flare in Albania

GJIROKASTRA, Albania

Gunmen in southern Albania fired upon police Wednesday while authorities searched a village for highway robbers. Eight officers were wounded in a clash that has political overtones. Police responded to the attack by flying heavily armed reinforcements into the area 90 miles south of the capital, Tirana, but the troops stayed outside the village. The opposition Democratic Party of former President Sali Berisha accused the government of Prime Minister Fatos Nano of trying to provoke residents of Lazarat, a Berisha stronghold. The incident was the latest sign of trouble for Nano's government. The Berisha-led opposition accuses the government of incompetence and corruption, while the government accuses Berisha and his supporters of trying to destabilize it. Berisha, whom Nano defeated last year, has called for protest marches Friday.

Taliban releases five prisoners

CHAKLALA AIR BASE, Pakistan

Five Iranians held by the Taliban army in Afghanistan have been released in a goodwill gesture toward their powerful neighbor, following the disappearance of 11 Iranian diplomats. The Iranians, all truck drivers, landed Thursday evening at the Chaklala military air base near Islamabad aboard a Pakistan air force plane. Tensions between Iran and the ruling Taliban have deepened since the 11 diplomats disappeared in early August after a Taliban takeover of key parts of northern Afghanistan from an opposition alliance. The Taliban have accused Iran of sending arms, ammunition and money to its enemies. Iran says the religious militia is holding 70 of its nationals, including the diplomats and a journalist for the official Iranian news agency.

Death toll climbs in India

LUCKNOW

India's prime minister on Thursday pledged to seek a regional solution to months of deadly flooding that has inundated much of northern India, along with parts of Bangladesh and Nepal. Officials raised the death toll in Nepal to 65 on Thursday. Another 1,692 have been killed in India over the past two months. Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited camps for people displaced by flooding, and announced the federal government would spend $71,000 on flood relief and rehabilitation for the Gorakhpur region, in Uttar Pradesh state. Much of the region is underwater, but rains have begun to taper off and floodwaters are finally receding. Vajpayee said he would meet with officials in Nepal to seek a coordinated response to the devastation.

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■ Bosnia-Herzegovina

Bosnians hold second national election

Associated Press

SARAJEVO

Bosnia's second postwar national election ended Sunday after two days of peaceful voting, but officials said it will take days before they know if voters favored moderates or hard-line ethnic leaders.

International officials who supervised the balloting, the second for national leaders since the end of Bosnia's devastating 3 1/2-year war, hoped the outcome would bolster moderates who favor the Western-backed peace plan that halted the fighting.

Robert Barry, the official in charge of organizing the vote, called it "the most successful elections held here since" the war ended in 1995. Carlos Westendorp, the European overseer of Bosnia, called it a "great day for democracy."

First results were expected Tuesday but the final count could take nearly a week.

Turnout was high and some 62 polling stations allowed people to vote after the official closing time of 4 p.m., according to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which ran the election.

A computer error caused a few dozen of the more than 2,600 polling stations to fail to open Saturday. All but one operated on Sunday.

Bosnian Serb police arrested one man Sunday after a group entered a voting station and damaged a ballot box in the Bosnian Serb village of Lokanj, about 60 miles northeast of Sarajevo, according to U.N. police.

In Banja Luka in the Bosnian Serb republic, police detained a Sarajevo-based television crew for two hours, allegedly for filming the office of republic President Biljana Plavsic without permission.

Barry called the detention outrageous and said it would be investigated as a violation of election rules. Otherwise, calm prevailed for an election considered crucial to the future of the 1995 Dayton peace accord.

"Very clearly these elections were free and fair," said Robert Gelbard, President Clinton's representative in the Balkans.

About 33 percent of registered voters cast ballots Saturday and more than that voted on Sunday.

AFP Photo

Refugee women in the Bosnian town of Tinja wait for election papers to arrive.

"I think these elections are a good chance to finally change the situation in which we are living now. I'm not quite sure how much people from these areas will use that chance," said Senada Malanovic, 25, a Muslim woman in Mostar in southwestern Bosnia.

Under the peace agreement, Bosnia is divided into two entities — a Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation. Voters selected a three-member presidency — one from each ethnic group — along with a national parliament and separate parliaments in each entity.

But hard-line politicians on all three sides and ethnic mistrust have slowed progress. One of the major issues is refugees — an estimated 1 million displaced people still cannot go home to areas.

■ United States

Americans angry with Clinton

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Most Americans want Congress to punish President Clinton in some way, even though they say the president should remain in office, according to weekend polls taken after the release of Kenneth Starr's report.

The president's job approval ratings remain strong, from 59 percent to 67 percent, depending on the poll. And a majority in three polls taken over the weekend and released Sunday — for ABC News, CBS News and CNN/USA Today/Gallup — said they thought the president should remain in office.

'This is not about polls, as both Democrats and Republicans have said. This about getting the truth.'

Mike Collins

But more people had an unfavorable opinion of Clinton personally than had a favorable opinion, a measure of his personal appeal that has dipped in recent weeks even as his job approval has held steady.

The president's sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky was outlined in detail in Starr's report released Friday and made public in newspapers, over the Internet and on news broadcasts.

A majority in the polls said they want Congress to punish the president in some form.

A narrow majority in the ABC News poll, 53 percent, said they favor impeachment hearings, although they are divided on whether Clinton should be impeached. A majority in the CBS News poll, 56 percent, and in the CNN poll, 59 percent, said they favor censure by Congress.

"This entire process is overwhelmingly political in nature and the consensus of the citizens of this country will be the determining factor in the way Congress responds," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Steve Grossman.

The spokesman for the Republican National Committee, Mike Collins, said Americans are just beginning to absorb the detailed report. "But this is not about polls, as both Democrats and Republicans have said. This is about getting to the truth," Collins said.

■ Moscow

Russian prime minister commits to economic reform

Associated Press

Two leading advocates of free-market reforms assailed Russia's new government Sunday as a communist revival, but Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov defended his team and insisted it is dedicated to economic reform.

"The continuity of the course of reforms will be guaranteed," Primakov said in a television interview, his first since taking office Friday. He said communists in his Cabinet would work for the government, not their party.

Primakov was appointed after the Communist Party-dominated parliament turned down President Boris Yeltsin's first choice for prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The new premier, who was Yeltsin's foreign minister, was warmly welcomed by the communists, who will also have an important voice in his Cabinet.

The top economic official in the new Cabinet, Yuri Maslyukov, is a Communist Party member and former head of the Soviet Union's central planning agency, and the new head of the Central Bank is a former Soviet State Bank chief whose previous response to economic trouble was to print more money.

The appointments have enraged some leading advocates of market-oriented economic reforms, who say the country is reversing course.

"The Communist Party is the governing party now" said former Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov in an interview on the Zerkalo television program.

His remarks were echoed by former Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar, considered the architect of Russia's market reforms.

Gaidar was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying it was hard to say how long the "government of communists" would take to "destroy elements of a free-market economy in Russia."

"Unfortunately," he added, "it is clear that it will surely do that."

Primakov insisted that would not be the case. In his interview on the Itogi television program, he was asked about the appointment of Maslyukov, the former central planner, as deputy prime minister for economic policy.

"The appointment of Maslyukov is quite acceptable," Primakov said. "It does not mean that in the government he will accomplish the line that will be dictated by the Communist Party. It's absolutely out of the question."

However, Primakov also said the new government would have a "socially-oriented" economic policy that would balance market reforms with the needs of the public.

He added, without elaboration, that he would seek to correct "some of the mistakes made in the past."

The lurching economic reform efforts of previous administrations have ultimately led to the country's current crisis, in which the value of the ruble has slid and the government has effectively defaulted on its foreign loans.

The new prime minister spent part of his day Sunday meeting with top military officials. He didn't speak about military matters in his interview, except to say he was "categorically against" a military solution to Russia's continuing problems with the renegade region of Chechnya.

He is expected to meet Monday with leading financial executives.

Meanwhile, Maslyukov told the Echo Moscow radio station that he intended to submit a draft of a ruble stabilization program to Primakov on Monday. He didn't elaborate.

■ Mexico

Devestating floods disable towns

Associated Press

TAPACHULA

Helicopters fanned out across southern Chiapas state Sunday as part of what the government has called an unprecedented rescue-and-aid mission to help flood victims.

In Pijijiapan, the town worst-hit by last week's flooding, police with sniffer dogs scanned river banks, and 1,000 soldiers and volunteers were mobilized to try and find survivors.

"We are saving the living. The dead, with all respect, are dead," said civil defense chief Romeo Leon Vidal.

Residents buried a 10-year-old girl. Four people, including a woman paralyzed by injuries, were flown out of Pijijiapan by medical rescue teams from as far away as Mexico City and Monterrey.

President Ernesto Zedillo placed the official death toll in the flooding at 78 and called it one of the worst natural disasters in recent Mexican history.

Along the state's northern coast, 400,000 people whose villages were cut off by the floods now face hunger and the threat of disease due to a lack of potable water.

A fleet of 65 helicopters distributed bottled water and donated food to dozens of towns isolated by downed bridges and washed-out roads after Chiapas was hit by a week of constant rain.

Zedillo said Saturday the rescue operation "has no precedent in our history." Some aid had to be channeled through neighboring Guatemala.

Government officials had originally estimated the death toll at more than 100, and Zedillo said he expected the number to rise above the official count of 78.

Meanwhile, volunteers and police recovered more bodies Sunday and buried them quickly.

Based on the scale of the disaster — which struck a 100-mile stretch of coast, making it inaccessible to everything but helicopters — the daily newspaper, La Jornada, estimated that 115 people had been killed and 157 were missing.

Zedillo said only the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, which killed 10,000 people, was worse. The flooding has created such an enormous logistical problems that thousands of people are in danger of starvation.

In Tres Picos, on a northern stretch of the coast, residents prayed over Herman Lara's sheet-wrapped body under the frail light of the town's only power generator.

The town of 10,000 has been without power since the worst of the flooding hit Tuesday. There is little water, food or medicine there.

Further south on the coast in the settlement of El Arenal, six policemen wearing bandanas around their faces to ward off the smell found a young woman's body Saturday wrapped around some tree roots near a river.

They tried to carry the unidentified body to the local cemetery, but the stench overcame them and they dropped the corpse. She was finally buried in an unmarked grave, wrapped in a sheet of plastic.

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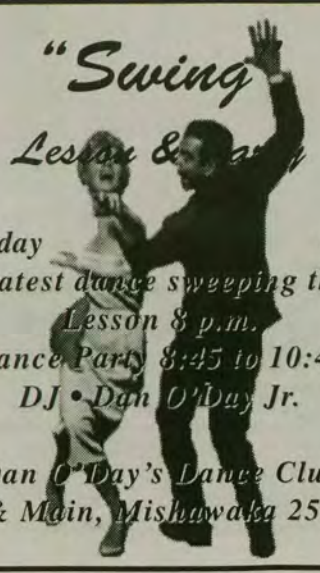

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■ CONGO

Companies unhappy with Congo government

Associated Press

GOMA

For Victor Ngezayo, a Congolese gold and coffee dealer, signing lucrative contracts with President Laurent Kabila proved a bust. The former rebel backed out and awarded the deal to a competitor.

Ngezayo is among many businessmen who initially supported Kabila's takeover of the government, but are now finding him impossible to deal with — nearly as difficult as the notoriously corrupt dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, who Kabila ousted May 1997.

Their unhappiness threatens Congolese hopes for stability and for the development of vast mineral resources to rebuild an economy destroyed during the 32 years of Mobutu's rule.

Businessmen's complaints are many.

In 1997, for example, Kabila signed a deal with Canadian-based Banro Resources Corp. of Toronto, represented by Ngezayo, which invested an initial $340 million in gold mining in eastern Congo.

Less than a year later, Kabila scrapped the contract and awarded the same concession to a newly formed Congolese company. Banro is now suing the Congolese government for $1 billion in damages. The suit was filed in Washington where SAKIMA, a branch of Banro operating in Congo, is registered.

Disillusioned and angry, Ngezayo has returned to his native Goma in the east of Congo where rebels are fighting to oust Kabila and install a new government.

"We couldn't do business under Kabila," Ngezayo said at his lakeside villa, where he is waiting to see how the anti-Kabila rebellion that began Aug. 2 plays out. "That mandidn't respect any laws or any international conventions."

Rebels and businessmen say Congo's 47 million people suffer because of government corruption, a lack of democratic institutions and repeated failures by Mobutu, and now Kabila, to ensure a healthy business environment and a broad-based, elected government.

Mining investments in Congo seem to be the major source of money for the country's leaders, but not necessarily its people.

Congo — one of the richest African countries in gold, diamonds, cobalt and copper — is limping along at subsistence level. Jobs are scarce, state-run economic institutions have crumbled and political upheavals add to insecurity.

An average monthly teacher's salary in Goma is about $15 — but nobody has been paid in years and teachers are charging parents for education. A dentist at Goma hospital, which is supposed to be state-funded, has not been paid for six months.

Even as Kabila was ousting Mobutu, international mining companies rushed to secure deals with the new leader and, in many cases, helped finance his rise to power.

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>
> *VICTOR NGEZAYO*

Arkansas-based American Mineral Fields, for example, flew Kabila in its own jet across the country until he finally agreed to give the company exclusive rights to the copper and cobalt tailings projects. Tailings, the waste material from mining, can be refined into finished products.

Last year, the company filed a $3 billion lawsuit against South African-based Anglo American, alleging the mining company offered cash to Kabila's government to scrap the deal with the U.S. company. Anglo has denied any wrongdoing.

The rebels — ethnic Tutsis, disenchanted members of Kabila's army and opposition-politicians — accuse Kabila of mismanagement, corruption and nepotism, the ills he promised to eradicate.

Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, the rebel leader, accuses Kabila of ruining the little that was left of Congo's economy.

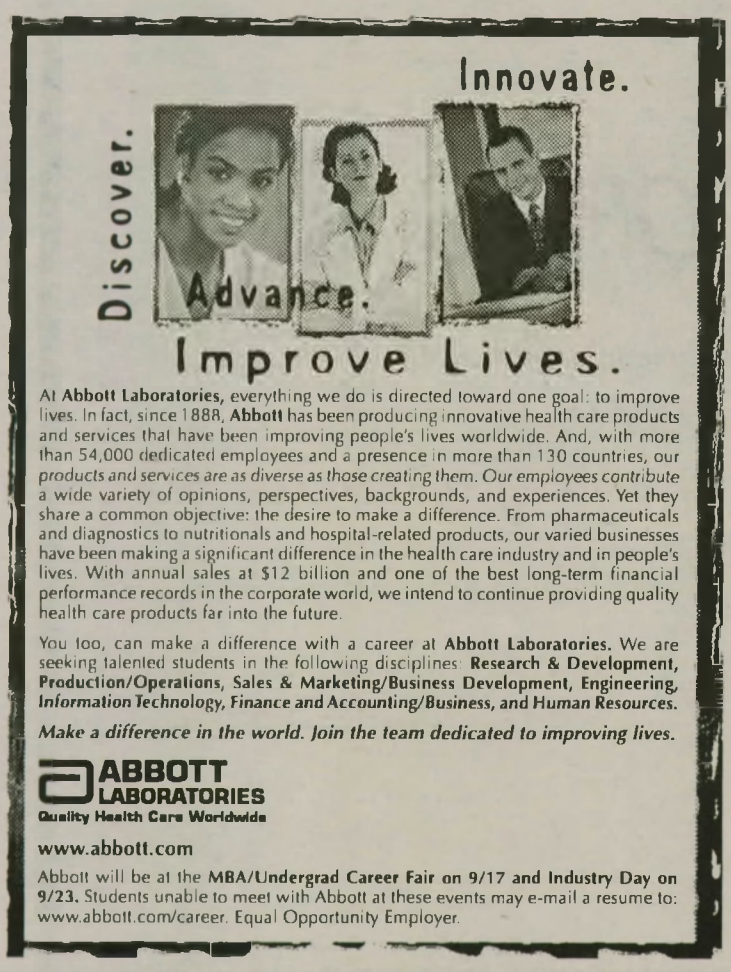
"Mobutu used to take 10 percent of commissions on international business deals. Kabila is taking 30 percent," he said.

Ngezayo and other Congolese businessmen are now waiting to see what the second rebellion in two years can change.

"Everything's paralyzed," Ngezayo said. "I can't do any business. I can't travel. I can't reach my employees. And if this persists, it will be bad for business. Nobody wants to invest in a war zone."

Apart from gold mining, Ngezayo also lost control of a chain of hotels. Three thousand of his employees are unpaid, he said.

"This country can function only with right political leaders," he said. "You can't do business violating legal procedures. You need responsible and accountable authorities."



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Japan trade surplus increases, U.S. calls for open markets

Associated Press

TOKYO

Japan's broadest measure of trade jumped over 53 percent in July from the same month a year ago, the government announced today.

The current account surplus, unadjusted for seasonal factors, was at $10.3 billion in July, the Finance Ministry announced.

The increase, lower than Tokyo-based economists had forecast, marked the 16th consecutive monthly year-on-year increase in the surplus.

The current account measures the difference between income from foreign sources and foreign obligations payable, excluding net capital investment.

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Checks find criminal employees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Government auditors have found evidence that U.S. nursing homes employ a significant amount of workers who have criminal records.

"There is no assurance that nursing home staff who could place elderly residents at risk are systematically identified and excluded from employment," said the inspector general of the Health and Human Services Department, June Gibbs Brown. The report was prepared for a Monday hearing of the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Using FBI records, government auditors conducted criminal background checks on 1,000 employees at eight randomly selected Maryland nursing homes. They found that five percent of the workers had been convicted of crimes "which should raise concern over their employability," the report said.

The employees included nurses and nurses' aides, food service workers, housekeepers and maintenance workers. Among the crimes they had committed were assault, child abuse, robbery with a deadly weapon and illegal drug sales.

The inspector general's report noted similar findings in Illinois, the only state that has done its own criminal background checks of current nursing home employees.

After 21,000 checks, Illinois found about five percent of workers were convicted criminals. Most have been fired.

Aging committee chairman Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said Congress is considering "options for a national background check network."

'Favorite son' Gov. Wallace dies at 79

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY

Former Gov. George Wallace, who declared "segregation forever" and later was paralyzed by a would-be assassin's bullet as he campaigned for the presidency in 1972, died Sunday. He was 79.

Wallace, a lifelong Democrat who late in life began supporting some Republican candidates, had battled Parkinson's disease as well as the lingering effects of his wounds. He had been hospitalized repeatedly.

Wallace entered the hospital Thursday, suffering from breathing problems and septic shock caused by a severe bacterial infection. He also had been hospitalized this summer with similar problems.

The former governor died of respiratory and cardiac arrest, Jackson Hospital officials said. Wallace's son, George Wallace Jr., and one of his daughters, Peggy Wallace Kennedy, were at his side when he died.

"Gov. Wallace has shown tremendous courage for many years in living an active life despite his pain and injury," Gov. Fob James said. "This example is an inspiration to us all. Gov. Wallace now rests with God and with history."

Former President Jimmy Carter issued a statement, praising Wallace for changing his long-held views on race and "his courage in the face of illness and physical handicap."

"With the death of George Wallace, Alabama and the American South have lost one of our favorites sons," Carter said. "His political career both helped to define and to reflect the political life of our region."

As a third-party candidate in 1968, Wallace received nearly 10 million presidential votes and seemed poised to do as well four years later when he was shot.

He had gained national notoriety in the early 1960s when he vowed "segregation forever" and stood in an Alabama schoolhouse door to keep blacks from enrolling. But ultimately he won an unprecedented fourth term as governor with the help of black voters.

"We thought it was in the best interests of all concerned. We were mistaken," he told a black group during his last gubernatorial campaign, in 1982. "The Old South is gone," but "the New South is still opposed to government regulation of our lives."

A political icon in a region long accustomed to fiery oratory, Wallace dominated the state for the better part of two decades before bowing out of politics with the April 1986 announcement that he would not seek a fifth term.

Urging voters to "send 'em a message," Wallace made four runs at the presidency, including the 1968 contest in which he won five Southern states and 46 electoral votes.

He married three times, and put his first wife in the governor's chair when state law barred him from succeeding himself.

As the South reeled from civil rights clashes and the bombing of black churches during his early career, Wallace loomed as a symbol of racial oppression across the region.

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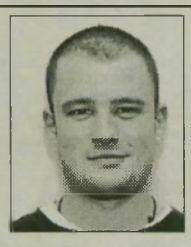
■ FREE BOWS

In Defiance of Any and All Rational Thought

Brandon Williams



I knew something was amiss the first time I drove by Bridget's (may she rest in peace). Where the sign on the outer wall had once read, ever so alluringly, "Bridget Maguire's Filling Station," it now read "Molly Maguires Coffee House." I stared in disbelief and, at that moment, I knew something was wrong.

It turns out I was right.

Unfortunately, it looks like all that underage drinking that sent Bridget's to an early death may have had some unforeseen consequences on some student's capacity for rational thought. Here are just a few examples of what I mean.

Example number one: Paranoia. Take Aaron Kreider's (of Progressive Student Alliance fame) column in The Observer not too far back. Kreider's column sounded like a Monty Python skit, heroicly proclaiming: "If you too are oppressed just give the PSA a call!"

Newsbreak: WE ARE AT NOTRE DAME! Last I checked there weren't any executions in the quad, food shortages, enforced poverty (except in the form of student loans) or even any serious violations of free speech (as Kreider's column suggests). If you are a Notre Dame student, you are getting a great education in a mostly comfortable living space that, generally, offers tremendous opportunities for those that will take them.

The word "oppressed" doesn't need to be thrown around. It's insulting to those who have a valid claim on the word. If you're looking for oppression try going to the Sudan, China, some Latin American countries or many American ghettos ... and fight *it*.

I am not trying to say that injustice does not exist at Notre Dame. It certainly does, and where it exists it should be fought. I gave considerable time last year making some very humble efforts at this. I also think rallies, for a worthy cause, are worthwhile. Last year I helped coordinate, with a number of great people, a rally in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to counter a Klan rally taking place the following weekend. It was one of the coolest experiences of my life and, hopefully, it made a difference.

However, rallies for the sake of rallies are a mockery of the true pursuit of justice. Rallies can't be brought about with some sort of 1-(900) pseudo-commercialization. There needs to be real principle behind them, along with respect and the real possibility of change.

Example number two: Inhibition of logic. Among the litany of politically correct causes that Kreider throws his philosophical weight behind are being Vegan and opposing the censure that the Woman's Resource Center received for providing student access to materials on abortion. I gather from this that Mr. Kreider is pro-choice. Someone please, please explain to me how one manages to be against eating a cow, a pig or a turkey and tolerant of the selective extermination of unborn children. It's not O.K. to kill animals for food, but it is O.K. to kill unborn human beings? Fetuses are at least mammals aren't they? Don't they deserve the same protection that these other oppressed mammals do?

The problems with logic are further revealed in the collective inability of some in the student body to understand the uproar over ND's inviting Bill Bradley to campus. Even when we leave out those from New Jersey (who bear somewhat understandable misplaced loyalties), there still remain some other students who can't quite grasp why people are making a big deal out of this.

It's simple. Senator Bradley consistently voted (notice the verb) for abortion during his Senate career. He even voted to keep partial birth abortion legal! (Very few people can claim that they did the same.)

Notre Dame is a Catholic university. This word, "Catholic" corresponds with certain beliefs. One of these beliefs is that abortion is murder. It's not just sort of a bad thing. Its not just a tiny bit evil. It is murder. The Church believes this because it gives assent to the proposition that the fetus is a human being (if someone can tell me what other species of mammal besides "human" that a fetus might be, please do) and in an abortion that human being is willfully killed.

'SO, WE'VE GOT PARANOIA, LOGICAL INHIBITION AND SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS. IT SEEMS LIKE BRIDGET'S LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE MIND OF A FEW STUDENTS (AND IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS).'

But certainly, we don't check to see what someone's opinion is on this issue before we allow their association with this University? Very true, however, Senator Bradley is not just pro-choice. He has actually voted for, and thereby in this democracy helped perpetuate, the legalized slaughter of human beings.

Perhaps just what this means, from the Catholic standpoint, would be better understood with what would be an analogous and more visually accessible situation. Imagine that there exists places where, every day, thousands of mothers walking with toddlers in their arms go to an individual who relieves them of their toddlers and proceeds to drop those toddlers into acid, or use a high-powered vacuum to dismember them. Perhaps the individual even sticks scissors into the struggling childrens' heads to create a hole through which to suck the child's brains out. Now, imagine that Senator Bradley had voted for the legalization of and government funding for places like this. Does Notre Dame invite him? I don't think there is any question that there would be some justified disquiet in this imaginary situation. From a pro-life standpoint this imaginary situation is very similar to the one in which we find ourselves with Senator Bradley.

This brings me to my final example: Short Term Memory Loss. In another PSA column some good points were made, along with a lot of bad ones, as Bob Kerr recently pointed out. Nevertheless, people truly advocating for the culture of life should, to be consistent, advocate for the lives of all. This includes many antecedent causes — like a just wage and racial equality. Unfortunately, some serious problems arise when the authors start calling for a "socialist consciousness."

Whoa there! Did I miss something? Maybe I misunderstand what they are advocating, but I do know that socialism has been a wee bit discredited in recent years. I'm all for economic justice, but history has empirically shown that the "socialist consciousness" is no solution. Besides, the business majors would never go for it.

So, we've got paranoia, logical inhibition and loss of short-term memory. It seems like Bridget's legacy lives on in the minds of a few students (and in all of our hearts).

My advice, go down to Molly Maguires for a good iced cappuccino. The caffeine might help to get the brain going again. If you can make it on Tuesday, I hear they have penny mochas.

Brandon Williams is a senior history and philosophy major. His column appears every other Monday. Anyone interested in the meaning of "free bows" is cordially invited to contact Liam Knott. They really are free, you know.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ DOONESBURY — GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'To see some of our best-educated boys spending the afternoon knocking each other down, while thousands cheer them on, hardly gives a picture of a peace-loveing nation.'

— Lyndon Baines Johnson

VIEWPOINT

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student Voices Silenced in Move

It was highly disappointing to read the rather flaccid article printed in the Sept. 7 issue of The Observer concerning the removal of Notre Dame's student publications from the LaFortune Student Center to the basement of South Dining Hall. When I was interviewed for the article, I had high hopes that Christine Kraly would finally publically expose the strong-arm approach the administration took toward the move and the publications themselves.

Certainly, I cannot claim to have an objective view concerning this move. However, I was extremely disappointed to realize how ephemeral the article made the damage done to these publications seem. I'm certain the administration, specifically Joe Cassidy and Bill Kirk, was happy to know that the majority of problems expressed in the article could be solved with a few phone calls and a few more dollars. More importantly, I think the student body and administration should know that we will not be appeased by a few more chairs and repairing the leaks. These issues are not the problem.

I was surprised by the pro-administration approach taken by the article. I realize that this writer was simply attempting to maintain an objective balance. Yet, in doing so, I believe central issues were ignored. The students have been ignored and that angers me. The issue is bigger than the "million annoying little things that haven't come together," as Pat Downes, editor-in-chief of Scholastic, was accredited as saying. I believe he knows, as do the rest of the publication staffs, that this move was not at all about students. *Moreover, even solving these million little problems will not* restore these publications to the high level of communication and operation we once possessed in the LaFortune Student Center.

We have been told that the administration is considering moving the publications back to the student center in four years. I really appreciate the administration's savvy approach to this issue. In four years, any student who knows the importance of being in the student center will be gone. Our voices will be silenced. My hope is that some freshman will be browsing through The Observer's archives and find this article. I address the rest of my letter to you dear freshmen:

Dear Future Freshmen,

I wish I were a more naive person. Perhaps then I would more easily accept that separating the voice of the student body from the center of the student body was, in fact, a decision made with our best interests in mind. As for consulting the publications involved, the administration must be deaf because none of the publications wanted to move and were, for the *most part, consulted only after the decision had been made.* Only at that point, once our fate was sealed, were concerns about safety and access to other groups addressed. Don't believe for one second anyone agreed to move. This move was a decision made by the administration for the administration. We never demanded new desks or darkrooms, or 24-hour access for our entire staffs. We suffered through bee-hives and 1970's furniture, but we didn't complain. Our office space was ideal to us. Now, my desk is ideal. Who cares?

By the way, if this move was about the students, why does the administration now occupy 2/3 of the space we formally occupied? Ironic, isn't it? So enjoy your semi-new desk, oh future freshman reader, and know that the administration betrayed interaction with the student body, the most important need in a student publication, for your new desk.

The score: Administration: 1 *Students: 0.*

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ND/SMC Right to Life Explains Position

Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life Club would like to disclaim any involvement with the activities of the Pro-Life Action League during the Michigan football game. We do not believe that a negative campaign against former senator Bill Bradley's presence on campus furthers our efforts to change hearts and save lives on our campus and in the greater Notre Dame/South Bend community.

Though we do not identify with the measures taken by the Pro-Life Action League, we do identify with its objection to Bradley's voting record on abortion. As an organization which embraces the consistent ethic of life, the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life Club has pledged itself to uphold the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

Bill Bradley may have excelled in the classroom, on the basketball court and in the Senate chamber. He may have garnered praise for his prominent role in the areas of tax reform, international trade, pension reform, community building and race relations. But he has an abortion voting record that is nothing short of shameful.

In pointing out Bradley's voting record, we are exercising the same right to which the Notre Dame administration has appealed to justify his presence on campus. Bradley has been given an open forum at Notre Dame to express his ideas on "Six New American Realities," and we respect his right to do so. But we do ask that the Notre Dame students and faculty also educate themselves on another American reality: the 25-year history of abortion on demand in this nation and Bradley's collaboration with that reality.

Bradley has voted to allow our tax dollars to pay for abortion on demand, to lift the ban on fetal tissue from induced abortions for transplant research and to engage in efforts to change abortion laws in foreign countries. Bradley even voted against an amendment to prohibit federal and state governments from discriminating against medical training programs that do not provide abortion training (in other words, in favor of requiring Catholic institutions to provide training for abortion procedures).

Though the House and the Senate voted to ban the gruesome procedure known as partial birth abortion, Bradley was among the ranks of those who voted against the ban. Even typically pro-abortion senators like New York's Daniel Patrick Moynihan were so repulsed by this procedure that they voted to override President Clinton's veto of the ban. Bill Bradley, however, continued to support this abortion procedure that physicians have deemed completely unnecessary, even to save the mother's life.

Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life appeals to both students and faculty to educate themselves on the issue of abortion and its consequences in our society, and to ask yourself whether disrespect for life in the womb is something that enhances or hinders the "New America" that Bill Bradley promotes. Ask yourself if an America that promotes abortion as a quick fix for growing populations in third world countries can call itself a promoter of development. Ask yourself if an America that offers pregnant mothers a "choice" harmful to them and their unborn children can call itself a friend of women. Ask yourself if an America that denies unborn individuals the right to life outside the womb can call itself a nation committed to justice.

Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life Club
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The many (poker) faces of Mr. Damon

"Rounders"

Director: *John Dahl*
Starring: *Matt Damon, Edward Norton, John Malkovich and Martin Landau*

(Out of five shamrocks)

By MIKE MCMORROW
Scene Movie Critic

"Rounders" takes the old sports star-gone-quits idea and applies it to poker. This time, the star is Mike McDermott (Matt Damon), who is a top of the line poker hustler who bets it all on one round early in the film and loses it all — his tuition for law school and his savings. With no other alternative, he quits for a while — appeasing both his own conscience and that of his girlfriend — only to have his rationality broken after the prison release of his old partner Worm (Edward Norton).

Seeing Worm back in action reminds Mike of the reasons that he initially played — the allure, the mind-games, and, of course, the ultimate reason, the money. So the night Worm is released (the story as to why Worm was in the cellar need not be revealed — Mr. Damon does a much better job narrating that himself), he and Mike go to a small-time gig where Mike only has intentions of dropping him off.

But nostalgia for victory with his old sidekick overcomes his loyalty to being on his own poker wagon. Hence, they play all night and we are able to see how they once were everything but unstoppable as a duo.

The most interesting part of "Rounders" does not center around the development of the two lead characters, nor does it center around the standard role of Mike's girlfriend. It centers around poker.

Thankfully, the movie provides only a few deviations from this central point. We get to see the different kinds of hustles — one with a bunch of state troopers, one with the stupid and naive tourists of Atlantic city, one with a friend of a friend, and so on.

Of course, there is the one "big hustle," a joint in the basement of a musty building in New York City, which just happens to be run by a high-flying member of the local Russian mob whom people call Teddy KGB (a John Malkovich with a really gritty Russian accent). This is the guy with whom Worm will eventually get indirectly in trouble, and the guy to whom Mike lost in that first big hit.

There is also the role of Mike's mentor law professor, played by Martin Landau, who loves poker too and is floored when Mike recites everyone's hand at the legal scholar's poker game.

All plot aside, some of the best scenes involve the game itself. How does Mike know so instinctively what cards the other player has? "Rounders" gives its audience a fair bit of credit by letting us figure out the methods and modes that Mike and Worm have for being such consistently good hustlers — what works and what does not work. How far can one go without being caught dealing the cards from the bottom. Who is good enough to catch you? Can you tell who is good enough by the way they look at you when you sit down at the table?

Photo Courtesy of Miramax
In his new film "Rounders," Matt Damon delves into the psychological meaning of being a poker player.

The film pauses before telling us, through Mike's narration, what these methods and modes are (with limited but sufficient detail), in order to give us a chance to deduce for ourselves the genius of good hustling.

Damon and Norton are well-chosen for their respective parts. Playing a character with vast ability is nothing new to Damon, but here he reserves his cockiness to a more subtle, less verbal and certainly less confrontational front.

Norton gives his character a vision in a different direction. Norton is not an actor with the physique nor voice to be intimidating in the traditional sense, but he does succeed in offering a certain cocky, ambitious wimpishness about him that may have the intended effect of making the audience feel a certain sympathy for his poor judgment.

Martin Landau is triumphantly proper, yet down-to-earth as Mike's law school professor who sees through Mike's initial front to be a lawyer, and subtly sways Mike in the direction that he belongs.

The settings are meticulously chosen and lit, showing the contrast between Mike's law school life and his poker life.

Big-time hustles are not always in the most conspicuous of places, nor the cleanest of places, and the film romanticizes nothing in the way of setting. Yet it does not see the arena of poker as a disease but as a way of life.

"Rounders" is not a moralistic statement against the gambling life, although the film says that in order to succeed one must use chutzpah mixed with intelligence and good judgment. There are no prizes for those who break these basic rules, and after seeing "Rounders," you do not have to be a poker player to figure that out.

What would you do in 'paradise?'

"Return to Paradise"

Director: *Joseph Ruben*
Starring: *Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Joaquin Phoenix and Jada Pinkett*

(Out of five shamrocks)

By RICHARD CRIBB
Scene Movie Critic

Philosophers love to revel in logical puzzles.

One of the more famous of these is the Prisoner's Dilemma. In this puzzle, two men who have cooperated in a crime are captured, separated, and given the option of confessing or not confessing. If one confesses, and the other does not, then he will be set free while the non-confessor will serve 10 years. If both confess, they will each serve five years. From a strictly self-interested point-of-view, the best option for each is to confess, hoping that the other does not, and understanding that the worst-case scenario is to serve five years instead of 10.

"Return to Paradise" is a cinematic variation of the prisoner's dilemma, with the difference being that it is possible for one of the culprits to ensure that he is not incriminated. Written by Wesley Strick and Bruce Robinson and directed by Joseph Ruben ("Sleeping with the Enemy"), this film raises ethical considerations about how far one should go in accepting responsibility, helping a friend, and acting for one's own best interests.

The film opens with three recent college graduates — Sheriff (Vince Vaughn), Lewis (Joaquin Phoenix) and Tony (David Conrad) — celebrating one last hedonistic hurrah in the Edenic setting of Malaysia, where there are "girls, cheap rum and good hashish." Unlike recent newsworthy events, it is the last of the three which will be their undoing. On the last day of their vacation, Sheriff precipitates a series of events that will set up the moral conundrum that constitutes the rest of the film.

Jumping ahead two years, the story picks up with Sheriff, now a limousine driver, meeting Beth Eastern (Anne Heche), an attorney. She informs him that after he left Malaysia, the authorities raided Lewis' lodging and found a package of hash in his trash bin, deposited there by Sheriff. Lewis has been imprisoned for the last two years and is scheduled to be hanged in eight days. Beth has worked out a deal, however, to spare Lewis' life if Sheriff and Tony agree to return to Malaysia to assume their share of the responsibility. If both consent to return and accept responsibility, then the three men will serve three years apiece. If only one of the two returns, then he and Lewis will serve six years apiece.

Ironically, it's Tony who consents quickly, despite being engaged, while Sheriff, single but living in style, refuses. Much of the remainder of the film focuses on exchanges between Beth and Sheriff as she attempts to jump-start his conscience.

It will come as no surprise that the film will conclude where it began, in Malaysia, but not without some twists along the way. This time there will be no paradise, however, as the squalid conditions in Lewis' prison contrast starkly with the nirvanic atmosphere of the opening sequence.

The greatest virtue of this film is that it scripts characters who are complex. None of the characters' motives are as purely good or evil as they seem at first. Lewis, the noblest of the trio, admits that he would not return if one of the other two were in his position. Sheriff, admittedly self-centered, demonstrates a disguised magnanimity early in the film when he considers remaining with Lewis in Asia to work with orangutans. Beth, seemingly interested only in the welfare of her client, conceals her own interests which might affect Sheriff and Tony's decision.

Photo Courtesy of Polygram
Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche star in "Return to Paradise."

Vaughn, as Sheriff, turns in a convincing performance as a sardonic egoist who might just let another pay with this life for his own mistake rather than give up three years of his life.

Heche blends the right combination of seductiveness and intelligence to make almost any man begin to feel compunction about not returning to share the blame.

Phoenix, who's on-screen presence is limited to the beginning and end of the film, may not displace Leonardo DiCaprio on the covers of teen magazines, but he incarnates a sullen, disheartened demeanor that elicits the viewer's sympathy and flourishes in roles requiring him to manifest a quirky, mentally-imbalanced personality as he did so chillingly in "To Die For."

Ultimately, the film will be enjoyed more for the ethical debate that it engages and for the study of the conscience-wringing characters it depicts.

In the final act, the film falters a bit with somewhat predictable twists and the aim to dry out every tear-duct in the theater instead of the preservation of the plausible realism it had possessed up to that point. Still, it is a satisfying alternative to the abysmal fare Hollywood has glutted moviegoers with this summer.

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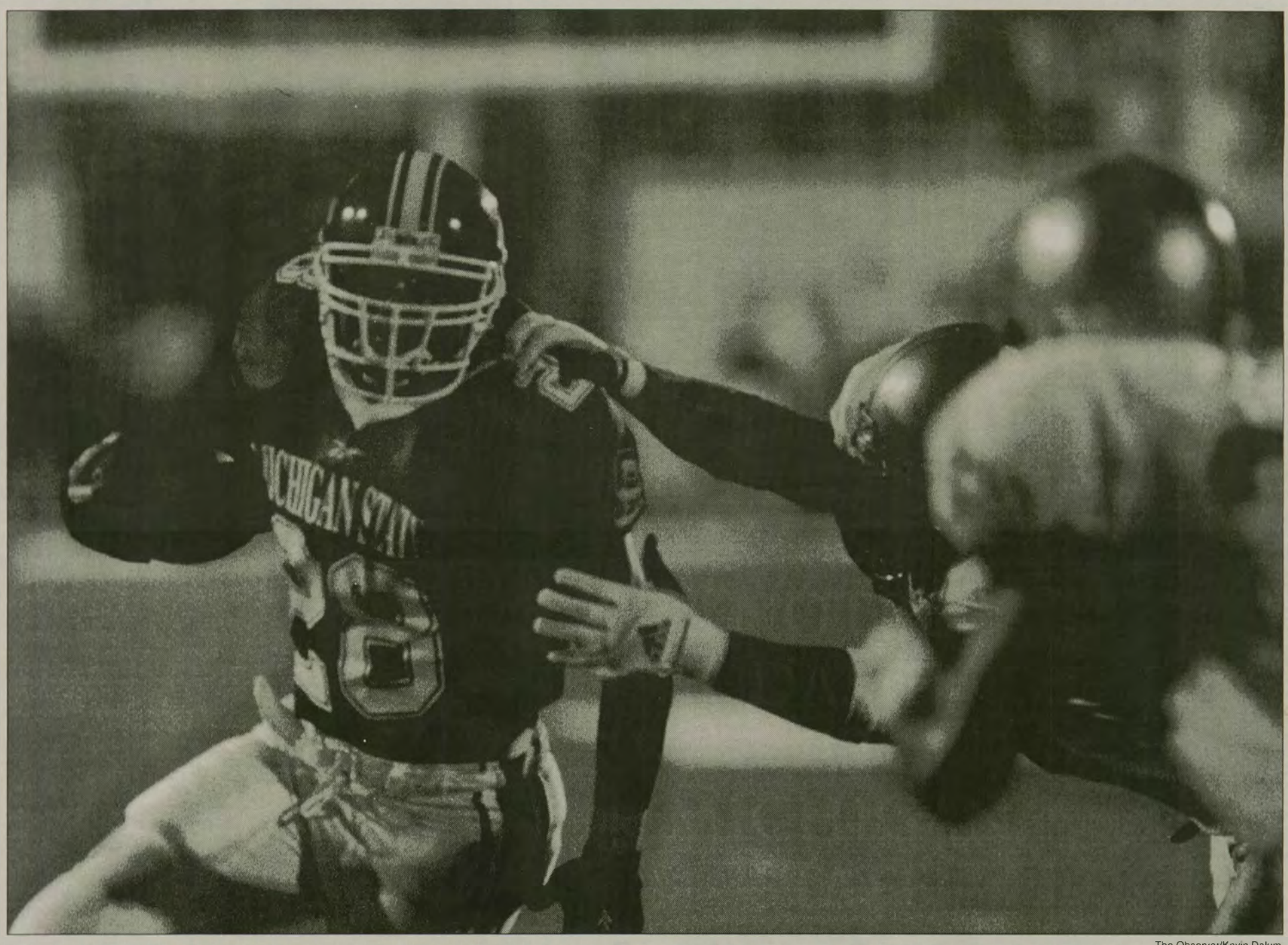

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Junior Leroy McFadden's reception for a 17-yard touchdown in the second quarter gave the Spartans a 35-3 lead. In addition, the fullback rushed for 36 yards on ten carries Saturday.

Spartans way out of reach

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

EAST LANSING, Mich.

It was a day of upsets in college football on Saturday, and in the town of East Lansing there was no exception.

On a day where football powerhouses such as Florida State, Michigan and Arizona State were knocked down by lesser-ranked opponents, it seemed only fitting that another ranked team would fall. Sure enough, the trend continued later that night, when 10th-ranked Notre Dame was upset by Michigan State.

The Spartans set the tone early in the game, when safety Richard Newsome returned a blocked punt for a touchdown less than three minutes into the game. The Irish offense had even less success in their second possession, being forced to punt again without attaining a first down.

"We had a hard time getting the ball to open receivers," head coach Bob Davie said about the first half,"and we had a hard time pitching against hard stops by their defensive ... there was a lot of frustration in the first half."

For the rest of the half there was no stopping the Spartan offense. The home team managed to score on the first four offensive drives of the half, as well as the blocked punt and a 23-yard interception return. The first time the MSU punt team came onto the field was with 3:14 left in the second quarter, after a short three-and-out by the offense.

"When we came in here, they were 0-2 and we knew something would happen early," Davie said about the first half scoring. "But we had no idea that the floodgates would open like they did."

By the second half, the Irish defense received its second wind, while the offense showed glimpses of the dominance it had the week before against the Wolverines. After Brock Williams forced and recovered a fumble at the MSU 29-yard line, Jackson used four quick plays to score the team's first touchdown of the night, capped by a two-yard run by Autry Denson. The defense then forced the Spartans into another punt, curbing the momentum of the game towards the Irish.

"The one thing is that our kids did fight back in the second half, which I was proud of," defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said."That's what we talked about. But our defense isn't good enough right now to give up big plays and still have the chance to compete."

Still, for every step forward, the Irish seemed to take a step back. After completing a long pass to Malcolm Johnson to bring the Irish within scoring position again, Jackson threw another interception — his second on the night — right into linebacker Mike Austin's hands, effectively ending the Irish scoring threat for the quarter and all but eliminating the possibility of a comeback.

"I think our players wanted to win," Davie said."I've got no question about their effort. But when you can't execute any better than we can, you don't even give yourself an opportunity to play."

The Irish put up some fireworks in the final quarter, highlighted by safety Deke Cooper's 96-yard fumble return for a touchdown, but it was a case of too little, too late. Michigan State kicker Paul Edinger hit a 37-yard field goal for the only Spartan points of the half while tailback Darcey Levy ran three yards to finish the scoring for the game.

For MSU head coach Nick Saban, it was the ability of the players that accounted for the team's first win of the season:"I think the players just came together a little bit. I think they all took the challenge of what each one of them needed to do."

On the other end of the field, Davie thought that his team was well prepared going into the game.

"We came in here expecting to play well, and we didn't ... [The team] prepared like I wanted them to prepare. We practiced like I wanted them to practice. We got in the stadium and we just didn't produce and we didn't perform," he said.

Despite a shaky first half, Jackson rebounded to post, going 12-of-30 for 165 yards with two interceptions.

"We just didn't execute," Jackson said about the game."Their offense came out point-blank, and I think we were a little comfortable getting with it."

Spartan quarterback Bill Burke, whose starting job was in question after

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PLAYER OF THE GAME

Difficult to determine in a 22-point loss. Nonetheless, Deke Cooper's 96 yard fumble recovery for a touchdown was a highlight in the Irish-dominated second half. Cooper, who stared at free safety, scored 15 tackles.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

Bob Davie on the game's outcome: "I'm embarrassed, this football team's embarrassed. There's not going to be a whole lot of talk about it. I think we came in here expecting to play well and we didn't. We had no chance because of our execution."

STAT OF THE GAME

Notre Dame allowed 21 points in the first quarter as MSU took a 21-3 lead. The last time the Irish allowed 21 points in the first quarter was against Penn State in 1991.

Underclassmen give Irish new glimmer

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

Amid the embarrassment and disbelief surrounding the fourth quarter of Saturday's lopsided defeat at the hands of Michigan State, a ray of light emerged.

Coach Bob Davie gave his young guns a chance to get their feet wet. Although it was mop-up duty, several freshmen took advantage of their chance to shine in a virtually pressure-free environment.

Backup quarterback Arnaz Battle entered the game in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, and Notre Dame down 45-17. He proceeded to march the offense 80 yards downfield for a touchdown, Notre Dame's final score. Battle exhibited the versalitiy that attracted the Irish to the Shreveport, La., Parade Magazine High School All-American.

The freshman signalcaller passed, ran and showed composure. Battle hit Joey Getherall in stride with a 40-yarder, and carried the ball four times for 22 yards during the scoring drive.

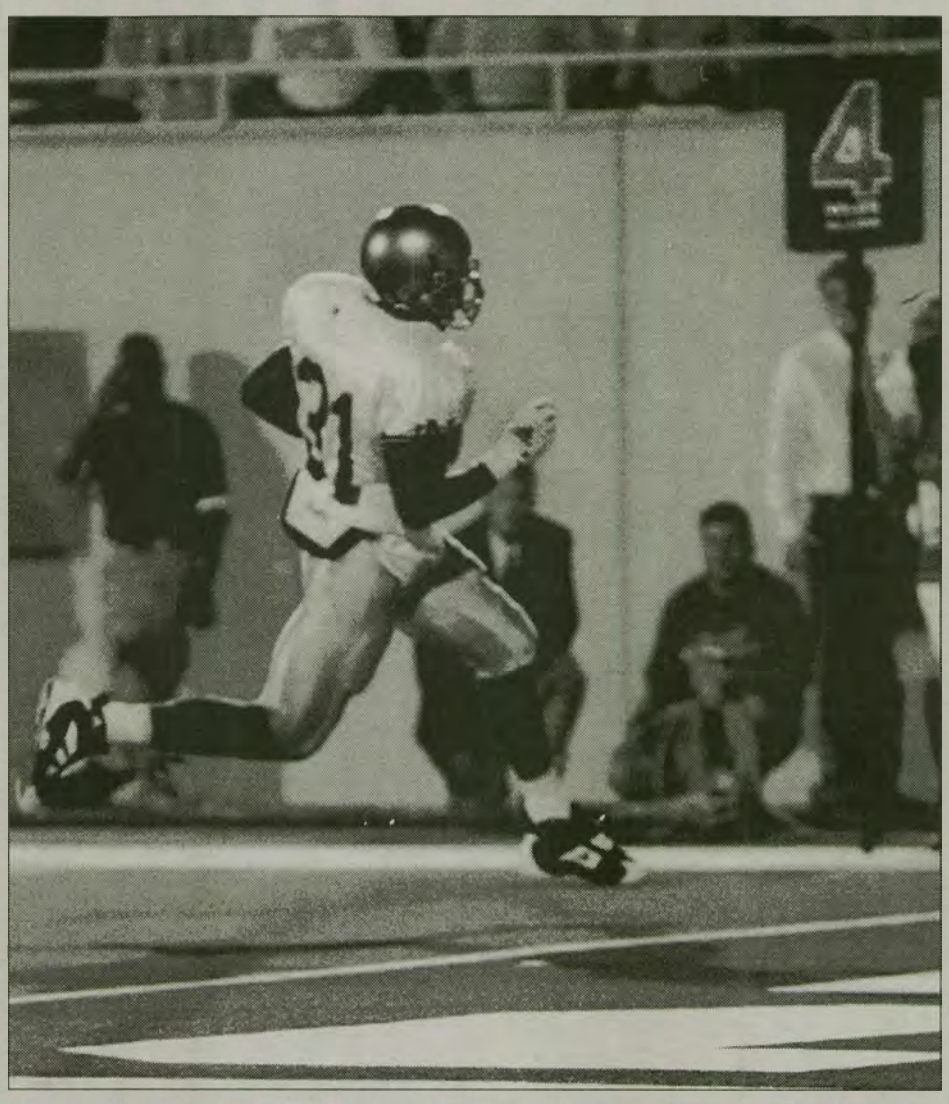
While playing against the Spartan second and third-stringers, Battle's strong showing provided a glimpse of hope for the position's future, immediate and long-term. Just don't expect Battle to take over for Jarious Jackson anytime soon; he's not quite ready for the starting assignment. His incomplete pass in the end zone left the Irish just short of a final two-point conversion.

Receiver David Givens also saw time for the Irish, although the freshman did not fare as well as Battle. Givens felt the pressure playing in the third quarter, as he and Jackson botched a pitch and lost valuable yardage.

"It's obvious we've got to execute a lot better in all aspects of our football team," Davie said. "We got in the stadium and we just didn't execute. We didn't perform, and had no chance because of our own execution."

Defensively, a few players got their first glimpse of college football life, while others took advantage of the opportunity to prove themselves following injuries to the starters.

The defensive line rotation could benefit from sophomore nose guard Andy Wisne's solid play. Wisne made some impressive stops in the waning quarters, finishing with three tackles.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Freshman Darcey Levy runs in for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. It was the final scoring drive of the game for either team.

With Kory Minor watching from the sidelines, Bobbie Howard playing at less-than-100 percent and the loss of Ronnie Nicks and Joe Thomas to early-game neck injuries, freshman linebacker Tyreo Harrison's solid performance and four tackles in limited action may help the banged-up Irish defense down the road.

The most important performances, however, came from two backups in the secondary, Tony Driver and Deke Cooper, who were forced into full-time roles when the injury bug bit both A'Jani Sanders and Benny Guilbeaux.

The Spartans made quick work of the Irish defense, but Cooper and Driver wouldn't go down without a fight. Cooper started at free safety for Sanders and finished with a team-high 14 tackles. He also forced a Michigan State fumble at the Notre Dame four-yard-line and sprinted 96 yards for the score

"I credit our players, they came back and played hard in the second half and tried to finish the football game," said Davie.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Julian Peterson's recorded the only sack for either team in the second quarter of the Michigan State's 45-23 upset of Notre Dame.

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losses to Colorado State and Oregon, went 12-of-19 for 209 yards. Burke threw three first-half touchdown passes, including an 86-yarder to receiver Plaxico Burress, to build up a 39-point halftime lead.

Denson led the Irish rushing attack with 62 yards on 15 carries, overcoming a Spartan defensive line that is touted as one of the best in the nation. MSU running back Sedrick Irvin had 119 yards on 24 carries, his 11th game with gains over 100 yards.

While injuries to all-American candidate Amp Campbell and backup quarterback Ryan van Dyke appeared to cripple the Spartan roster before the game, injuries proved to be more of a problem for the Irish. Linebacker Kory Minor was unable to recover in time from injuries suffered against Michigan, along with safety A'Jani Sanders. Senior Benny Guilbeaux and junior Ronnie Nicks both left the field early on in the game. Still, Davie thought that injuries didn't play a major factor in the game.

"We just didn't play or execute," he said. "That's one thing I told our players. You can lift all the weights and you can have all the chemistry you want, but it's a game of execution."

With this week's game over, Jackson believes the greatest challenge for the Irish lay ahead: rebounding for the next game.

"We got two weeks before the next game, and we've just got to bounce back," he said. "We've got to practice hard these next couple weeks, get a couple guys healed, and just come out and hopefully have a better game."

Game Notes & Quotes

Bob Davie:
"I think our players wanted to win, there's no question to me about their effort. If you can't execute any better than we executed, you don't ever give yourself an opportunity to even play."

Michigan State head coach Nick Saban:
"I'm very pleased to see our players today respond emotionally, psychologically. They played with a little more effort, a little more toughness. This team played a little more into our strength than some of the other teams this year."

Michigan State defensive end Robaire Smith:
"Stopping the option would be the big key to stopping their defense. We made some early big plays that took them out of the game quick."

Mike Rosenthal:
"This is a tough loss for everybody. We came out after the Michigan week and played ourselves into a hole in the beginning of the game and we just never got on track."

MSU QB **Bill Burke** established personal bests in both passing yards (209) and TD passes (3) in the game.

The 86-yard touchdown pass from **Burke** to **Plaxico Burress** tied the fourth-longest pass completion in MSU history. It also was the longest pass completion ever allowed by Notre Dame.

MSU now stands 10-2 under Nick Saban when **rushing** the ball 50 or more times in a game.

The **series** between the two teams stands in Notre Dame's favor by a 41-20-1 margin.

The **attendance** for the second-ever night game at Spartan Stadium was 74,267.

GRADING THE IRISH

Quarterbacks: C-
Arnaz Battle's play during the final minutes was a highlight. Jackson had a subpar performance in the first half that only continued into the second with the strong Spartan defensive line

Running Backs: C+
A couple of missed blocks and key fumbles hurt their performances. Despite a complete lack of openings, they were able to break for small gains.

Recievers: C
While the Irish had twice the yardage of last weekend's game, it took more than three times the number of passes. Malcolm Johnson and Raki Nelson grabbed a couple of clutch passes.

Offensive Line: D
The protection of Jarious Jackson that was consistent last weekend was vitually non-existent this week. Even though they allowed only one sack, the MSU defense was able to pressure Jackson into passing.

Defensive Line: D
You can't give up 42 points in the first half and expect to win. Sedrick Irvin and Lloyd Clemons ran the ball almost at will, averaging five yards a carry.

Linebackers: B-
The first and only line of defense against MSU's rush. Didn't put enough pressure on quarterback Bill Burke, allowing him to go to the air, which they also failed to help on covering.

Defensive Backs: D
While giving up 209 yards passing this week was better than last week's 322, they failed to stop the big plays, which proved costly. Burke completed three touchdown passes, including and 84-yard bomb that was completely demoralizing.

Special Teams: B-
Hunter had another good day, averaging 45 yards a punt. Sanson was solid apart from a missed PAT. Still, the blocked punt was the play that opened the flood gates for MSU.

Coaching: F
As Davie himself put it, "When you play that poorly, the responsibilty goes to the head coach." While the Irish are known to have lackluster performances after major wins, this game's outcome went way beyond that.

Overall: 1.59
The team went into Michigan State not focused on winning. An average game against an 0-2 team would have been enough for a win.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Faltering Irish must focus on improving basics

ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. In the first game that Spartan Stadium hosted under rows of lights since 1987, it was the Irish who played like they were in the dark.

For Irish fans who made the pilgrimage to Michigan State this weekend, the Irish embarrassment at the hands of the Spartans is one that they will try to forget.

If the team wants to finish this season any differently than last year's less-than-impressive record, than they had better not forget Saturday's 45-23 slaughtering by the Spartans. Nor can the Irish forget that they went into the locker room at the half trailing 42-3 against a team that lost both its previous contests, to No. 23 Oregon and unranked Colorado State.

Michigan State, which began the season with 23rd in the polls, was due for a win after two huge upsets against then lower-ranked teams. There couldn't have been a better time for Nick Saban and his Spartans to get a win than against an unprepared and unconfident Irish team.

"Defensively, we played the run a lot better against a football team that ran the ball extremely well," said Saban after the game. "It was very difficult preparation for the defensive players with the option, and then as well as them getting behind. Then, we weren't very well equipped to play pass defense."

It was a good thing for State that the Irish weren't ready to play either offense on Saturday.

From the first Notre Dame drive it was evident that the gameplan that smashed the Wolverines a week earlier was left behind in South Bend. In a page clearly absent from the option playbook, Jarious Jackson began the game with an overthrown pass to Joey Getherall. Part of the problem was that was not so uncommon, even in the Irish win a week earlier.

Against Michigan, Jackson was 4-10 passing with an interception. The Irish didn't strengthen their offense in the subsequent week by building on the passing game; they only resorted to it more. Saturday, Jackson threw the ball 20 more times (30 attempts), yet only recorded eight more receptions.

The biggest factor for the Irish offense was, of course, the option. It was immediately apparent in the game that the State line would not allow Denson to rush for a 58-yard gain like he had for his first carry against Michigan — Denson barely finished with 58 yards the whole game. He checked out with a net 62 yards Saturday.

"We just didn't execute, point blank. The offense came out, I think, a little too comfortable," Jackson said.

State's defense came out ready. The Irish offense did not. The result? Notre Dame rushed for a yard on three attempts in that opening drive.

Then, there was the play that capped that drive and got the Spartan points rolling — the blocked Hunter Smith punt that State picked up and ran to the endzone.

Quite simply, they were ready for anything, and, as a result, got everything their way.

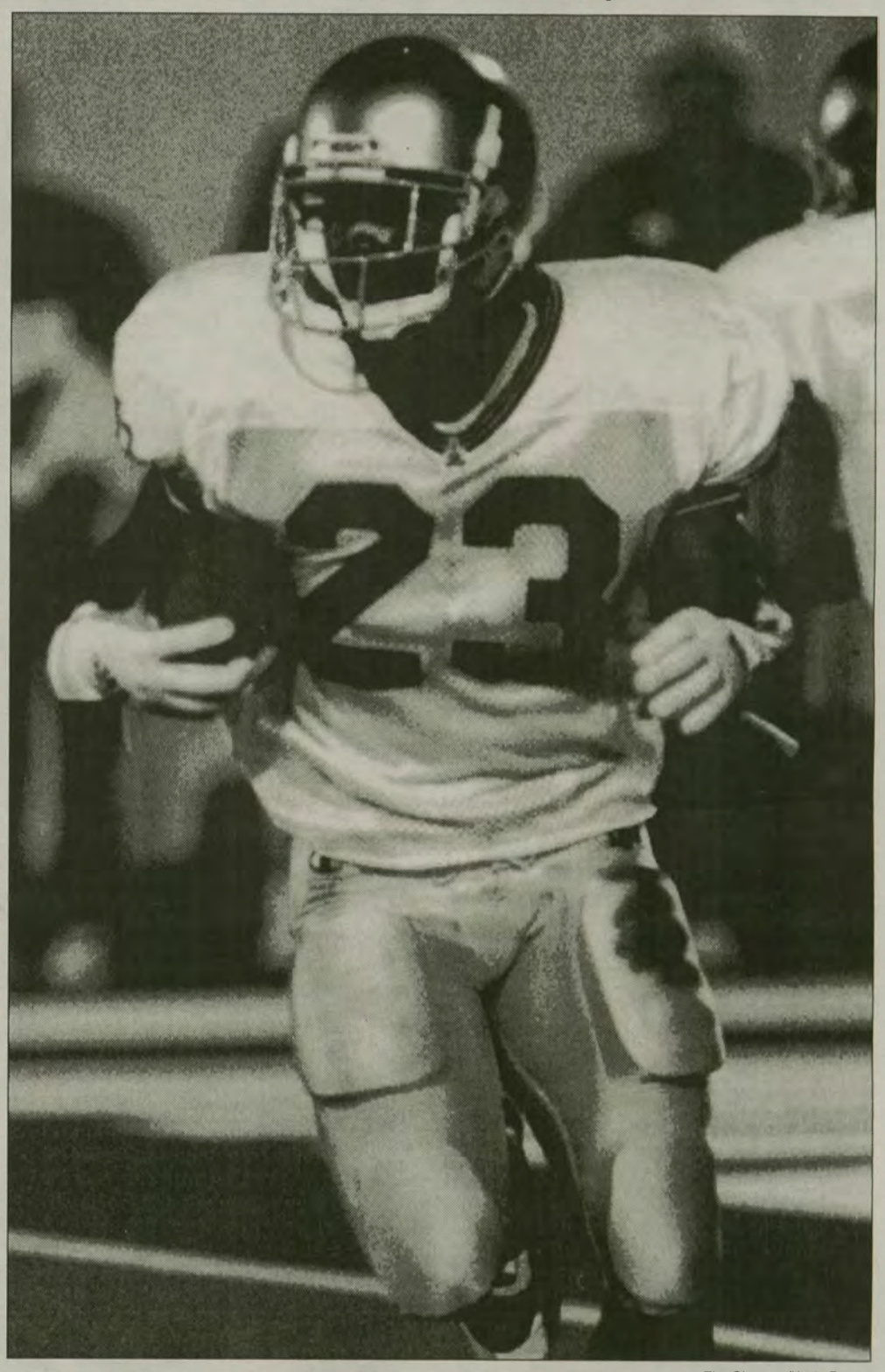
Of course, their offense also went their way. Led by quarterback Bill Burke and tailback Sedrick Irvin, the State offense ended six of seven complete first-half drives with a touchdown, including two by the State defense. The Irish defense a week earlier held Notre Dame in the game in the first half before the option took off and the Wolverines were pushing to the endzone. The defense did not prevent the big plays this weekend.

"Whenever you give up big plays, you have no chance, and our defense isn't good enough to be able to give people big plays and still compete," said defensive coordinator Greg Mattison.

When Michigan threw for 322 yards a week earlier, the Irish knew they had to address working with their secondary. When Burke tosses for three TDs on 209 yards just one week later, Notre Dame has no one to blame but itself.

"I'm embarrassed, this football team is embarrassed, and there isn't going to be a whole lot of talk about it. I think we came here excepting to play well and we didn't. We had no chance because we failed to execute," said head coach Bob Davie.

The total result is an Irish squad that is again the underdog and not the victor. For a team that still had so much to improve on after the season opening win but did not, perhaps this is the best place to be: out of the victor's spotlight so they can focus on improving.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Autry Denson's performance on Saturday is hindered by a poor blocking effort against a Spartan defense ready to battle with the Irish option.

top 25

	Team	Record	Pts.	Pv.
1.	Ohio St.(57)	2-0	1,733	1
2.	Florida(9)	2-0	1,625	3
3.	Nebraska(1)	3-0	1,582	4
4.	UCLA(1)	1-0	1,527	6
5.	Kansas St.(2)	2-0	1,466	5
6.	Tennessee	1-0	1,353	8
7.	LSU	1-0	1,348	7
8.	Penn. St.	2-0	1,283	9
9.	Washington	1-0	1,157	11
10.	Virginia	2-0	1,074	12
11.	Florida St.	1-1	987	2
12.	Georgia	2-0	919	15
13.	Syracuse	1-1	874	19
14.	Wisconsin	2-0	771	17
15.	Colorado	2-0	722	16
16.	Arizona	2-0	608	21
17.	Texas A&M	1-1	562	18
18.	Southern Cal	2-0	520	22
19.	West Virginia	0-1	456	20
20.	N. Carolina	2-0	434	--
21.	Missouri	2-0	330	25
22.	Oregon	2-0	245	24
23.	**Notre Dame**	1-1	199	10
24.	Alabama	2-0	163	--
25.	Mississippi St.	2-0	110	--

■ STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Notre Dame	3	0	6	14
Michigan State	21	21	0	3

Team Statistics	ND	MSU
First Downs	18	21
Rushes-Yards	42-118	53-242
Passing	205	209
Return Yards	96	97
Punts-Avg	6-37.5	4-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-78	9-92
Time of Possession	30:45	29:15

Individual Statistics

Rushing
ND-Denson 15-62, Battle 4-22, Spencer 4-18, Goodspeed 3-12, Levy 3-10, Givens 2-(minus 2), Jackson 11-(minus 4)
MSU-Irvin 24-119, Clemons 16-80, McFadden 10-36, Burke 2-9, Eyde 1-(minus 2)

Passing
ND-Jackson 12-30-2-165, Battle 1-1-0-40
MSU-Burke 12-19-0-209

Receiving
ND-M. Johnson 4-65, Nelson 3-44, Denson 2-30, Getherall 1-40, Brown 1-10, J. Johnson 1-9
MSU-Burress 3-109, Scott 2-47, Baker 2-16, Irvin 2-5, McFadden 1-17, Haygood 1-8, Rainko 1-7

■ SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

MSU-Nowsome 25-yard blocked punt return (Edinger PAT)
MSU-Scott 16-yard pass from Burke (Edinger PAT)
ND-Sanson 32-yard field goal
MSU-Irvin 3-yard run (Edinger PAT)

2nd Quarter

MSU-Burress 86-yard pass from Burke (Edinger PAT)
MSU-McFadden 17-yard pass from Burke (Edinger PAT)
MSU-Peterson 23-yard interception return (Edinger PAT)

3rd Quarter

ND-Denson 2-yard run (failed two-point PAT attempt)

4th Quarter

ND-Cooper 96-yard fumble recovery (Johnson pass from Jackson)
MSU-Edinger 37-yard field goal
ND-Levy 3-yard run (pass failed)

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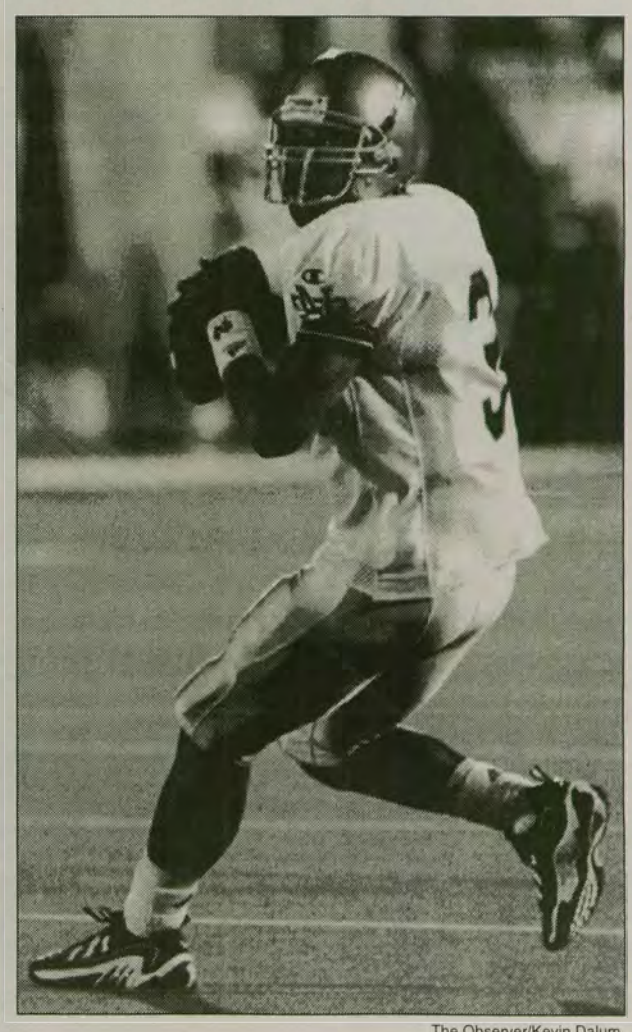

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Video Pick of the Week

By JENELLE WILLIAMS
Scene Movie Critic

Teenage love. Synthesized rock. Big hair and tight jeans.

And of course, what 1980s, coming-of-age, girl-dumps-boy, boy-meets-girl movie would be complete without John Cusack?

Yes, "Better Off Dead" is rather typical of its genre, but not entirely. Avoiding the usual sappy, touchy-feely, warm and fuzzy, tear-wrenching scenes, it contains a healthy dose of charm, a bit of bizarre humor, guitar-playing hamburgers, and of course, music from the previous decade.

John Cusack's character exemplifies the role of an eccentric high school student Lane, the guy who can't seem to find the right girl, or any girl for that matter. While he begins the movie with a relationship that borders on obsession, it does not last 10 minutes into the flick. At this point, Beth, the love of his life, decides that it would be in her best interest to date someone more popular.

Photo Courtesy of CBS Entertainment
John Cusack stars in "Better Off Dead," an off-the-wall comedy from the 1980s about a suicidal guy searching for happiness.

Young Lane, crushed, confused and heart-broken now faces that eternal question — should he commit suicide or win her back? True to the title, he chooses the easy way out. As Lane attempts various modes of killing himself, the movie relies on short scenes and distractions from secondary characters to keep from crossing the line into dark or tragic comedy.

This motley combination of characters includes a spacey mother whose boiled bacon makes the dining hall look appetizing, a 10 year old brother who picks up trashy women, a paper boy hell-bent on receiving his two-dollar tip, a friend who snorts Jell-O to get high, and a cute, female exchange student who speaks no English.

Oddly enough, as each suicidal effort fails and Lane sinks further into his self-loathing state, these people force him back into reality.

With a little help from his friends, and each brush with death, Lane learns more and more about life.

Yes, this coming-of-age and possibly romantic movie portrays classic and tired themes like the importance of self-esteem and the inexplicable ways of the heart. But in doing so, "Better Off Dead" loses no amount of originality. This aspect simply provides a bit of depth to the wacky humor.

Perhaps the only disappointing factor of the movie is the under played role of Charles, Lane's drug addicted friend. Although he appears to be just as dazed and confused as Lane, he possesses the infinite wit and wisdom of the cliché sidekick.

Just when Lane looks determined to complete his lethal mission, Charles offers the thought that, "Dying when you're not really sick, is really sick, you know, really." Although not your average philosophy paper, such comments add levity and some insight into what could be morbid scenes.

A tad off-the-wall and far-fetched at times, "Better Off Dead", a cult classic in its own time, definitely earns a two dollar splurge at the video rental store.

Current New Releases

At the theaters

One True Thing (Universal)

Rush Hour (New Line)

Welcome to Woop, Woop (MGM/UA)

At the video store

Primary Colors (Universal)

City of Angels (Warner Brothers)

Wild Things (Columbia)

Source: Hollywood.com

Chart-Toppers

Top Ten
Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title/(Gross Sales)

1. Rounders ($8.8 million)
2. There's Something About Mary ($8.0 million)
3. Blade ($5.2 million)
4. Saving Private Ryan ($4.7 million)
5. Simon Birch ($3.3 million)
6. Ever After ($2.4 million)
7. Knock Off ($1.9 million)
8. Snake Eyes ($1.7 million)
9. Armageddon ($1.6 million)
10. How Stella Got Her Groove Back ($1.6 million)

Source: Yahoo

Top Ten
Last Week's Video Rentals

Video Title

1. The Wedding Singer
2. Good Will Hunting
3. Jackie Brown
4. U.S. Marshals
5. Wag the Dog
6. The Man in the Iron Mask
7. The Big Lebowski
8. Sphere
9. The Apostle
10. Hard Rain

Source: Billboard Online

Top Ten
Last Week's Video Sales

Video Sales

1. Titanic
2. Austin Powers
3. The Black Caldron
4. Jerry Springer — Too Hot For TV!
5. Spice World
6. Spawn 2
7. Pocahontas II: Journey To A New World
8. Pearl Jam: Single Video Theory
9. Backstreet Boys: All Access Video
10. The Exorcist — 25th Anniversery Special Edition

Source: Billboard Online

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Blue Jays knock of Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Blue Jays have been spoiling a lot of people's fun lately, and Sunday they wrecked what David Cone hoped would be a big day.

Cone, bidding for his first 20-win season in 10 years, was stymied as Toronto rallied for a 5-3 win over the New York Yankees and moved within three games of Boston in the AL wild-card race.

Toronto took three of four from the AL East champion Yankees, and with their 14th win in 16 games, the Blue Jays are as close to the Red Sox as they've been since May 30.

New York, meanwhile, continued its late-season slide. The Yankees are 5-8 in their last 13 and 11-14 in their last 25 games. Derek Jeter drove in two runs for New York.

Kelvim Escobar (6-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings, and Toronto's bullpen combined for scoreless relief the rest of the way. Dan Plesac struck out Paul O'Neill with two runners on in the seventh, and Robert Person, Toronto's fifth reliever, pitched the ninth for his fourth save, retiring Shane Spencer on a flyout to end the game with two on.

Shannon Stewart and Jose Cruz, Jr. homered for Toronto, which chased Cone (19-6) with a three-run sixth.

Cone was ripped for 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings but escaped one jam after another through the first five innings. He recorded a strikeout to end each inning and stranded seven runners in a three-inning span. But the right-hander, who last won 20 games in 1988 for the New York Mets, ran out of luck in the sixth.

After Darrin Fletcher and Craig Grebeck hit one-out singles, Alex Gonzalez bunted his way on to load the bases. Cone fanned Stewart for his 11th strikeout and was lifted after 123 pitches for Graeme Lloyd.

Lloyd, who had allowed only 17 percent of inherited runners to score this season coming in, gave up a two-run single to Shawn Green that tied it 3-all. Jeff Nelson came in and promptly hit Jose Canseco before Carlos Delgado's RBI single off Mike Stanton put the Blue Jays ahead.

Green was thrown out at the plate on Delgado's single by left fielder Ricky Ledee, but the Blue Jays got the run anyway in the seventh when Cruz led off with his 10th homer.

If Cone can get another win, he'll break the major league record for the longest span between 20-win seasons. Jim Kaat, currently a Yankees' broadcaster, had an eight-year interval between a 25-13 record in 1966 for Minnesota and a 21-13 year for the White Sox in 1974.

Cone appeared to be headed for a long day when Stewart drove his third pitch over the wall in right-center for his 10th homer. But Cone responded by striking out the side and then escaped further trouble in the second when the Blue Jays put runners at first and third with none out.

Jeter's sacrifice fly in the first tied it 1-1 and he drove in another run in the third with a triple. O'Neill singled to center to bring in Jeter and give New York a 3-1 lead.

Mets 1
Expos 0

Willie Blair and two relievers combined on a four-hit shutout and Brian McRae threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game, giving the New York Mets to a 1-0 win over the Montreal Expos on Sunday.

With runners at first and second with two outs in the ninth, pinch-hitter Mike Hubbard lined a single to center off John Franco. McRae's one-hop throw to Todd Hundley, who started at catcher for the first time in nearly a year, got Shane Andrews at the plate as Franco earned his 36th save.

Blair (5-16), who replaced Hideo Nomo in the Mets rotation, struck out six and walked two in 7 1-3 innings in his second start for the Mets.

McRae doubled home Edgardo Alfonzo with two out in the eighth for the game's only run as the Mets, who entered play one game behind the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race, avoided a sweep.

Alfonzo drew a one-out walk off reliever Anthony Telford (3-6), advanced to second when Hundley drew a two-out walk, and came home to score on McRae's double off Tim Young.

Hundley, who hasn't caught since Sept. 16 of last year, walked

three times in four plate appearances. He also walked as a pinch hitter Saturday night after being activated from the disabled list earlier in the day.

Blair allowed singles to Fernando Seguignol leading off the second and Andrews with one out in the fourth, before Brad Fullmer doubled to lead off the eighth.

Pinch-runner Mike Mordecai advanced to third on Bob Henley's sacrifice before Dennis Cook struck out pinch-hitter Robert Perez and got F.P. Santangelo to foul out to Hundley to end the threat. Miguel Batista pitched seven shutout innings, limiting the Mets to three singles. He walked four and struck out one.

Cards 3
Astros 2

Fernando Tatis stroked a two-run double in the eighth inning to plate the tying and go-ahead runs, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 3-2 win over the Houston Astros. The Cardinals avoided being swept and ended Houston's eight-game winning streak. The Astros magic number remains at one.

Mark McGwire went 0-for-2 before leaving the game with minor back spasms in the fifth inning.

Kent Mercker (11-11) picked up the win for the Cards, pitching seven innings and allowing two runs on eight hits.

■ U.S. OPEN

Rafter takes home Open crown again

Associated Press

NEW YORK

It was Aussie Rules tennis at the U.S. Open on Sunday and Patrick Rafter had by far the bigger, meaner game.

Rafter retained his title with an awesome display of speed and accuracy, winning an all-Australian battle with Mark Philippoussis in which both players dived to the concrete courts and sent volleys rocketing across the net.

But Rafter had near perfection to go with his power.

The third-seeded Rafter had just five unforced errors in his 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 win over the unseeded Philippoussis, whose usually overpowering serve became a liability. He had just five aces and 13 double faults.

Rafter won the final 10 games of the match.

Rafter, who had to rally from a two-set deficit in the first round but never was threatened again in the tournament, won $700,000 and moved up to No. 2 in the world rankings — just behind Pete Sampras, whom he defeated Saturday in the semifinals.

The match was tied at one set apiece and 2-2 in the third set when Rafter took command. After holding serve, Rafter moved to break point on an incredible point when he raced around the court to return an overhead, a forehand into the corner and a drop shot. He broke Philippoussis' serve on the next point.

Rafter then won the next eight games to close out the match on Philippoussis' 13th double fault.

Rafter, looking like a Samurai warrior with a pony tail and a mangy beard that he grew during the tournament, has a game tailor-made for the hard, fast courts and hard, fast balls of the U.S. Open.

Philippoussis stayed in the match by saving 13 of 14 break points until midway through the third set, but Rafter converted five of his six break points after that.

Rafter faced just three break points in the match and lost his serve only once. His serve was broken only seven times in the seven rounds of the tournament.

It was intense tennis from the start. Late in the first set, Rafter tumbled to the court for a shot. When a ballboy brought over a towel, Rafter dried off the court — not himself. Philippoussis made a similar dive later in the match.

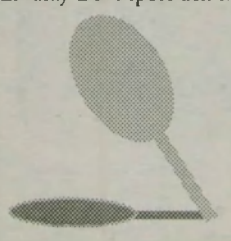
Though the two players are not close and didn't speak to each other most of the summer because of a feud that began when Philippoussis declined to play on the Australian Davis Cup team, there was a gentlemanly air to the match.

When Rafter made bad service tosses and caught the ball instead of hitting it, he yelled, "Sorry, mate," across the net.

US OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles
Patrick Rafter def. Mark Philippoussis 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0

Women's Singles
Lindsay Davenport def. Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-5



Men's Doubles
Sandon Stolle and Cyril Suk def.
Mark Knowles and Daniel Nestor 4-6, 7-6, 6-2

Women's Doubles
Martinsa Hingis and Jana Novotna def.
Lindsay Davenport and Natasha Zvereva 6-3, 6-3

Mixed Doubles
Serena Williams and Max Mimyi def.
Lisa Raymond and Patrick Galbraith 6-2, 6-2

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love, heather

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MK- hope you have a better day!
love, mac

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■ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Favre, White lead Packers to win in battle of bays

Associated Press

Brett Favre threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns on 22-of-33 passing and Reggie White racked up three sacks, as the Green Bay Packers reeled off their 25th straight victory at Lambeau Field with a 23-15 decision over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Green Bay improved to 2-0 — both at home — in the early going, while Tampa Bay fell to 0-2 — both on the road.

Green Bay has not lost to a divisional opponent at Lambeau since 1992, a streak that spans 25 games.

The Packers took the lead for good when Ryan Longwell kicked a 38-yard field goal five minutes into the contest. The hosts built a 10-0 margin when Favre threw a 10-yard TD pass to Tyrone Davis midway through the first quarter.

Longwell made it a 16-0 bulge before halftime by booting 27- and 20-yard field goals in the last 7:51 of the second period.

The Packers turned it into a 23-0 laugher when Favre and Antonio Freeman hooked up on a 38-yard scoring aerial in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter.

Tampa Bay quarterback Trent Dilfer left the game in the third quarter because of a leg cramp. He was replaced by Steve Walsh, who also spelled Dilfer in last week's season-opening setback at Minnesota.

Dilfer did return in the fourth quarter, with the Bucs trailing by the 23-0 score.

Tampa Bay running back Warrick Dunn also left the contest, on a cart, but returned before the conclusion. He settled for 36 yards on 12 carries, but did catch seven passes for an additional 46 yards.

The Bucs failed to reach the scoreboard until rookie Jacquez Green returned a punt 95 yards to paydirt with 6:03 to play. A two- point conversion made it 23-8 Green Bay.

Tampa Bay capped the scoring when Dilfer lobbed a two-yard TD pass to Dave Moore with 1:57 to play. The score sealed a 10-play, 84- yard drive in 2:22.

Green Bay's Dorsey Levens rushed for 43 yards on 18 carries, and caught eight Favre throws for an additional 46 yards.

Dilfer completed 20 of his 36 passes for 211 yards, the TD and one interception.

Denver 42
Dallas 23

Terrell Davis ran for 191 yards and three touchdowns and John Elway threw for a pair of scores, leading the Denver Broncos to a 42-23 victory over the Dallas Cowboys at Mile High Stadium. The Broncos rolled up 515 yards on the way to their second win in as many tries this season, while the Cowboys fell to 1-1.

The Cowboys suffered an even greater loss, as quarterback Troy Aikman left the contest in the first half with a fractured clavicle. He was injured when he fell on his left shoulder during a scramble, and x-rays revealed the fracture. He returned to the sideline with his arm in a sling and is expected to be sidelined anywhere from four-to- eight weeks.

Elway also left the contest in the fourth quarter with a right hamstring strain. He will be evaluated during the week after completing 16-of-22 passes for 268 yards.

The Broncos took a 7-0 lead on their first possession of the game when Elway found Shannon Sharpe for a 38-yard touchdown to cap a seven-play, 84-yard drive. The Cowboys responded just over three minutes later when Aikman hit Ernie Mills with a 36-yard touchdown pass.

Davis then took over. He raced 63 yards for a touchdown and a 14-7 lead with 4:35 left in the first.

Then, on the first play after a Dallas punt, Davis took off on a 59-yard touchdown jaunt to give Denver a 21-7 edge with 3:13 left in the opening quarter.

Emmitt Smith pulled Dallas within 21-14 when he ran four yards for a score early in the second. Elway, though, threw 23 yards to Sharpe for a score and ran one yard for another touchdown, as Denver opened a 35-17 lead at intermission.

Richie Cunningham, who kicked a 30-yard field goal in between Elway's touchdowns in the second quarter, added three-pointers of 54 and 26 yards to pull Dallas as close as 35-23 early in the fourth. Davis, however, ran three yards for a touchdown midway through the final stanza to wrap up the scoring.

Aikman, who completed 5-of-12 passes for 88 yards before leaving, was replaced by Jason Garrett, who failed to engineer a touchdown drive. Garrett completed 14-of-19 passes for 113 yards.

Raiders 20
NY Giants 17

Napoleon Kaufman rushed for 139 yards and a touchdown, and Tim Brown caught six balls for 127 yards and a score to lead the Oakland Raiders to a 20-17 victory over the New York Giants. Each teams has split its first two games of the season.

Jeff George completed 25-of-44 passes and threw for 303 yards and one touchdown.

The Raiders took a decisive 20-17 lead with 1:59 left to play when Greg Davis hit a 26-yard field goal. Davis' winning kick came after a 10-play, 43-yard drive which lasted 3:38.

The Giants were driving with under two minutes to play, but Eric Turner sacked Kanell on third down and then intercepted a Danny Kanell pass on the next play to end it. Kaufman gave the Raiders a 7-0 lead with 14:40 left in the first quarter when he took a handoff and scampered 80 yards, but New York tied it 7-7 when Kanell hit Ike Hilliard with a 10-yard pass. Oakland took a 10-7 lead when Greg Davis connected on a 41-yard field goal with no time left in the second quarter.

Kanell teamed up with Chris Calloway with 11:47 left in the third quarter on a 20-yard pass to give the Giants a 17-10 lead, but Oakland tied it at 17-17 when George hit Brown with a 22-yard pass at 8:03.

Pittsburgh 17
Chicago 12

Jerome Bettis rumbled for 131 yards and a touchdown and Kordell Stewart tossed a score, as the Steelers defeated the Bears at Three Rivers Stadium 17-12. Pittsburgh won its home opener and improved to 2-0 on the season, while Chicago fell to 0-2 on the year.

With the Steelers clinging to the lead late in the game, Chicago mounted a last ditch effort only to see Carnell Lake intercept an Erik Kramer pass inside the red zone.

The Bears hit the scoreboard first, as Kramer found Bobby Engram for a 54-yard scoring strike. The point-after attempt failed, giving the Bears a 6-0 lead.

The Steelers responded with a nine play, 83 yards drive that culminated in a Bettis score from the one-yard line. Norm Johnson's extra point split the uprights to put Pittsburgh ahead 7-6.

The Bears grabbed the lead before the end of the half, as Jeff Jaeger nailed a 19-yard field goal try to push Chicago in front, 9-7.

The Steelers opened the third quarter with a nine play, 49 yard that resulted in a Johnson field goal from 49 yards away for a 10-9 advantage.

Later in the quarter, Stewart led Pittsburgh to paydirt, hitting Andre Coleman for a 14-yard score. Chicago was able to tack on another Jaeger field goal, but the heroic efforts of Lake preserved the victory for the hosts.

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VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame drops two in Wisconsin Invitational

Irish can't handle Badgers and Hoosier offense

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team found out how heavily it relies on senior middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell this weekend, as they fell to Indiana and Wisconsin while Treadwell fought the effects of the flu.

"Lindsay Treadwell was very sick," said head coach Debbie Brown. "She played a lot and gave it her best, but she just didn't have the energy."

At the Wisconsin Inntowner Invitational, the Fighting Irish took it on the chin, dropping their record to 2-3 on the season.

"If we were to identify one skill that we had trouble with, it would be passing," said Brown. "I think that was probably the one skill we broke down on. We definitely have to improve."

Seventh-ranked Wisconsin dominated the Irish Friday, winning three-straight games for the victory, with scores of 15-2, 15-5 and 15-6.

The Irish knew they would have to be at the top of their form in order to overcome the Badgers, who beat the Irish twice last season. Unfortunately, it was the Badgers who were at the top of their form.

Notre Dame could not overcome a dismal hitting percentage of .025, recording nearly as many errors as kills in the match.

They were outplayed in nearly every area by a Wisconsin Badgers team. Wisconsin capitalized on Irish mistakes to raise its record to 5-1.

Saturday's match against the Indiana Hoosiers was a battle to the finish. After the Hoosiers captured wins in the first two games 15-12 and 15-6, the Irish came back to eclipse them in each of the next two games 15-5. But IU pulled out the victory by virtue of a 15-11 win in the deciding game five.

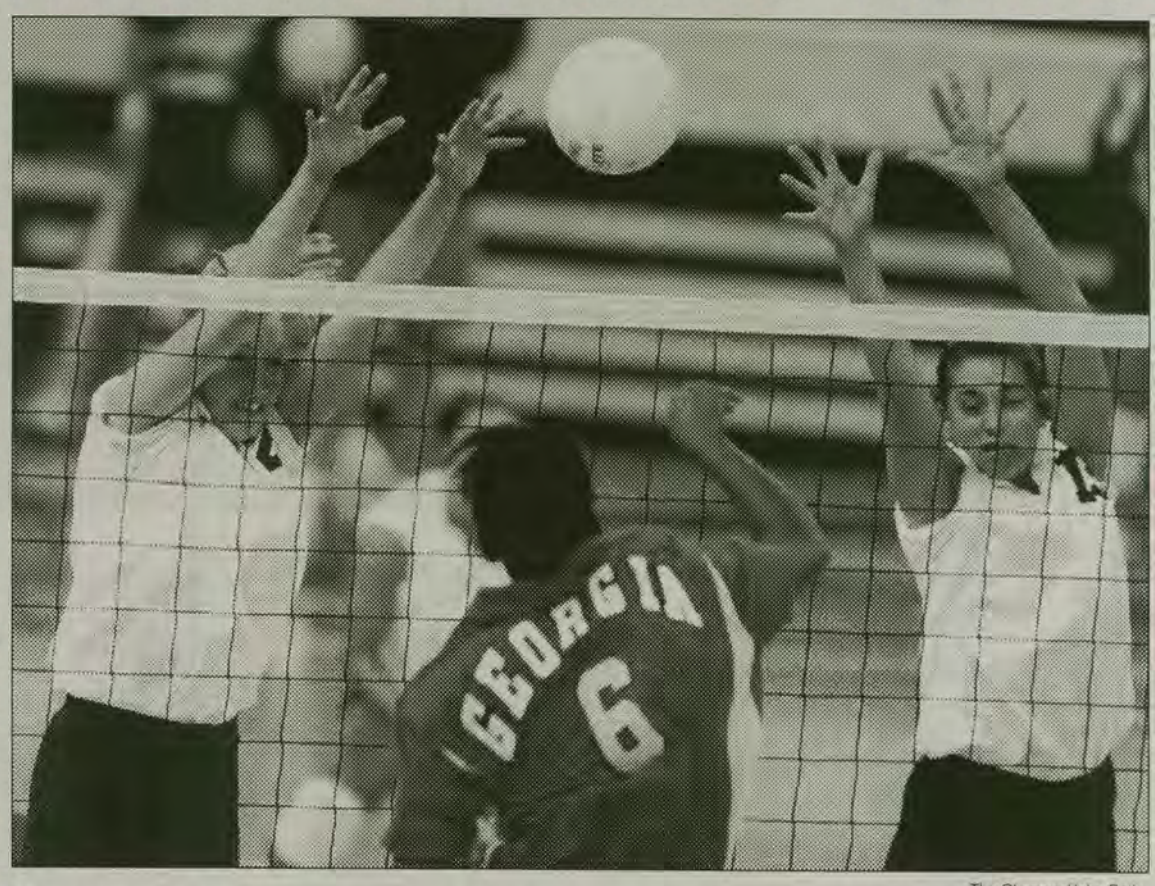
"Particularly in the first two games against Indiana, we were really tentative, playing more with a fear of losing than trying to go out and get the win," Brown said. "Indiana's strengths were defense and ball control. They do pass really well."

A close match in every sense, Indiana was simply the team to have a hot streak at the crucial time the end of game five.

The two teams played evenly, with each team coming out on top in different aspects of play. Notre Dame had far fewer errors, more blocks and a higher hitting percentage than Indiana. But the Hoosiers took advantage of the fact that they recorded more kills and assists than the Irish on their way to upping their record to 3-2 on the season.

The Irish hope to turn their play around this week with the return of a healthy Treadwell.

They will play three matches next weekend against New Hampshire, Utah and Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., in the Michigan State Tournament.



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Denise Boylan (left) and Lindsay Treadwell hope they can rebound from this weekend's losses.

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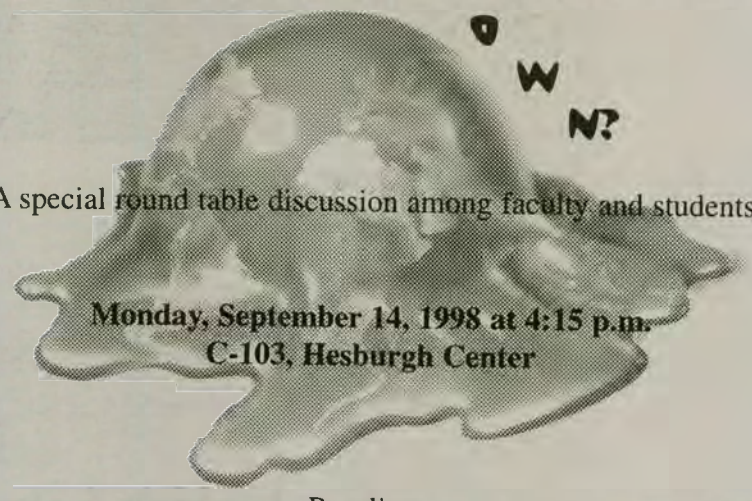

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Oct. 18	vs. Seton Hall	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Providence	3 p.m.
Oct. 24	at BC	11 a.m.

■ MEN'S SOCCER

The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Freshman Shane Walton looks for room against Pittsburgh but Notre Dame couldn't break up the tie.

Notre Dame forced to settle for tie

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Even undefeated teams can have an off day as Notre Dame proved in it's disappointing 2-2 tie with Pittsburgh.

In the middle of scorching Alumni Field, it seemed that both the Irish and the Panthers looked to serve the other team their first loss of the season. Instead, Pittsburgh was left unresolved and Notre Dame disgruntled after two empty sudden-death overtimes in the Big East match up.

"We're never happy with a tie. It was a game we should have won," said head coach Mike Berticelli. "I think we were a little too reluctant to be aggressive. We weren't as sharp as we should have been, and I don't know why. We had our chances, though."

Opportunity knocked for both teams in the first half.

All four goals were tallied within the first 31 minutes, while the second half and overtimes proved unproductive.

After 12 minutes, Panther Drew Kopp blasted a shot into the left corner just out of Irish goalkeeper Greg Velho's reach.

Just four minutes later, junior forward Ryan Cox responded off an assist by freshman Shane Walton to tie the game at 1.

Ben Bocklage and Cox then supplied for Walton, whose fifth goal of the season gave the Irish a 2-1 edge.

Walton has now scored in all four games this season and established himself as a mainstay in the Irish lineup.

"He's provided in every game," Berticelli said. "That's unknown as a freshman."

Kopp produced the tying and last point for either team at the 14-minute mark when his header made it past Velho again into the left corner of the net.

"We were lackadaisical," said Walton, whose three assists led the team along with Matt McNew. "Even our coach said before the game, he could tell our heads were not in the game."

The Irish did seem conscious in the second half, but it was the Panthers who owned the ball and kept it in Irish territory.

Even Velho's season-high nine saves can be partly attributed to Pittsburgh's dominance of control.

In just the first half, the Panthers out-shot the Irish 10-6. Overall, Pittsburgh made 20 attempts to Notre Dame's 13.

"I felt pretty drained, especially in the first half," said Velho, who gave up only two goals in the three previous games. "The energy level just wasn't there. Overall, defensively we did not have a great game."

In the second half, the Irish had three shots on goal to Pittsburgh's five. Neither team could capitalize—even in two sudden death overtimes, where Irish midfielder Antonio Bernal almost pulled out a win with two shots on goal.

Part of the Irish inability to connect may have to do with the injury list.

Andrew Aris and Scott Wells were limited from injury and Bocklage also suffered a knee injury in the first half.

"We had more guys not dressed than in the game," Berticelli said. "It's not an excuse but without Aris and Wells ... We had to use some young players and that may have cost us some consistency."

The Irish, now 3-0-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the Big East, will try to regain their consistency on Friday at Rutgers.

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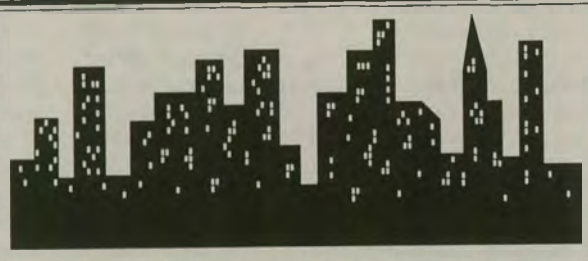

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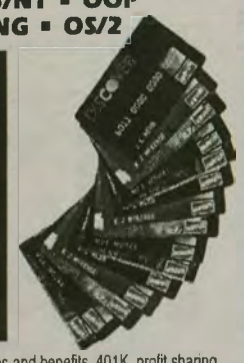

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■ AP Poll

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1)Ohio St.	2-0	1,733
2)Florida	2-0	1,625
3)Nebraska	3-0	1,582
4)UCLA	1-0	1,527
5)Kansas St.	2-0	1,466
6)Tennessee	1-0	1,353
7)LSU	1-0	1,348
8)Penn St.	2-0	1,283
9)Washington	1-0	1,157
10)Virginia	2-0	1,074
11)Florida St.	1-1	987
12)Georgia	2-0	919
13)Syracuse	1-1	874
14)Wisconsin	2-0	771
15)Colorado	2-0	722
16)Arizona	2-0	608
17)Texas A&M	1-1	562
18)Southern Cal	2-0	520
19)West Virgina	0-1	456
20)NC State	2-0	434
21)Missouri	2-0	330
22)Oregon	2-0	245
23)Notre Dame	1-1	199
24)Alabama	2-0	163
25)Mississippi St.	2-0	110

■ ESPN/Coaches' Poll

Format:		
1)Ohio State	2-0	1,537
2)Florida	2-0	1,432
3)Nebraska	3-0	1,425
4)Kansas State	2-0	1,324
5)UCLA	1-0	1,289
6)Tennessee	1-0	1,171
7)LSU	1-0	1,170
8)Penn State	2-0	1,134
9)Washington	1-0	1,020
10)Virginia	2-0	952
11)Florida St.	1-1	901
12)Georgia	2-0	879
13)Syracuse	1-1	683
14)Wisconsin	2-0	680
15)Colorado	2-0	661
16)USC	2-0	495
17)Arizona	2-0	490
18)Texas A&M	1-1	424
19)Missouri	2-0	342
20)West Virginia	0-1	333
21)Virigina Tech	2-0	245
22)Alabama	2-0	165
23)Oregon	2-0	165
24)NC State	2-0	159
25)Notre Dame	1-1	156

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'I'm really choked up right now.'

—Joe Paterno
Penn State Coach
on his 300th career win

Paterno notches 300th career win

Legendary coach joins elite ranks with win over Bowling Green

Associated Press

AFP Photo

Penn State head coach Joe Paterno gets a ride from his team after his 300th win.

University Park, PA

Penn State's legend of the fall, head football coach Joe Paterno, recorded his 300th career victory on Saturday when his ninth-ranked Nittany Lions mauled the Bowling Green Falcons, 48-3, in front of the typical capacity crowd at Beaver Stadium. Paterno became the fourth man to secure 300 wins at the Division 1-A level, joining Bear Bryant (323), Pop Warner (319) and Amos Alonzo Stagg (314) in the exclusive club.

Paterno, who became the quickest to 300 wins (380 games), is the first coach to tally all of them at one Division 1-A school. Bryant reached the 300-win plateau in 393 contests (300-77-16).

"So many people come to mind, so many great athletes, coaches and administrators, the good seasons and the bad ones," Paterno said as the crowd chanted "Joe Pa!"

"I'm really choked up right now," he added.

Penn State is now 2-0 in the early going. The Lions opened their season last week with a 34-6 drubbing of then-21st-ranked Southern Mississippi in Happy Valley.

The 71-year-old Paterno, who took the Nittany Lion coaching reins from Rip Engle in 1966, improved his record to 300-77-3 (.796). Paterno's resume includes two national championships, five unbeaten, untied seasons, and six teams that have finished number-two or three in the final rankings.

Paterno holds the record with 18 bowl victories (18-9-1), and he is the only man to win all four of the traditional four major bowls (Rose, Orange, Cotton and Sugar). He is also 6-0 in the Fiesta Bowl, including a win over top-ranked Miami-Florida in the 1986 national title game.

The Lions scored the first two times they touched the ball Saturday.

Penn State's first play of the game resulted in a 77-yard TD run for tailback Cordell Mitchell, and the next time the hosts touched the pigskin, Bruce Branch produced an electrifying 73-yard punt return to paydirt.

Branch eluded several tacklers on his way to the quick 14-0 lead.

It became a 21-0 laugher in the first quarter when linebacker LaVar Arrington returned an interception 16 yards for a score, which ballooned to 34-3 by the break. Mitchell scored again, this time from 16 yards out, and Mike Cerimele, who scored twice against Southern Miss last week, plunged in from one yard out for a 34-0 bulge.

PSU pushed its margin to 48-3 early in the third quarter when Omar Easy scored from five yards out and cornerback Joe Dawkins returned an interception 30 yards for a TD.

Penn State quarterback Kevin Thompson threw for 133 yards on 8- of-13 passing. Mitchell ran for 104 yards and the two TDs on six carries.

Orangemen keep Wolverines reeling

Associated Press

Ann Arbor, MI

Donovan McNabb threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, leading 19th-ranked Syracuse to a 38-28 victory over 13th-ranked Michigan before 111,012 fans at Michigan Stadium — the largest crowd in college football history.

The Orangemen (1-1), coming off a heart-breaking one-point home loss to Tennessee last week, sent Michigan to its first 0-2 start since 1988 and just their second since 1959. The Wolverines, who shared the national championship last year with Nebraska, became the first defender to start 0-2 since Penn State was 0-3 in 1983.

The Orangemen scored the first 24 points of the game and never looked back, building a 38-7 lead after three quarters before the Wolverines scored three touchdowns against the Syracuse reserve in the fourth quarter.

The Orangemen raced out to a 17-0 lead in the first quarter behind strong play from the offense, defense and special teams.

McNabb guided Syracuse to a touchdown on its first possession, completing all five of his passes and capping the 78-yard march with an option toss to Kevin Johnson, who ran six yards for a score just 4:56 into the game. David Byrd then picked off a Tom Brady pass at the Michigan 31 on the first Wolverine possession, and McNabb hit Rob Konrad with a 26-yard touchdown pass with 8:28 left in the quarter for a 14-0 lead.

The Syracuse defense forced a three-and-out by the Michigan offense and the offense took over again near midfield. The Orangemen netted three points out of the field position, as Nate Trout kicked a 33-yard field goal with 5:23 left for a 17-0 lead.

Syracuse then blocked a Michigan punt and took over deep in Wolverine territory, but receiver Quinton Spotwood was ruled out of bounds on a pass into the end zone. The Orangemen came up empty as Trout missed a field goal attempt.

The Wolverines finally picked up their initial first down of the game late in the first quarter, then caught their first break of the game early in the second when McNabb fumbled a snap. Michigan recovered at the Syracuse 23, but couldn't move the ball and settled for a field goal try that turned into a fake. The Orangemen read the play and stopped it short of a first down with 12:42 left in the first half.

Syracuse took the ball and marched in for another touchdown. McNabb capped the drive by eluding the Michigan defense and taking off down the left sideline for a 19-yard touchdown run to give the Orangemen a 24-0 lead with 5:36 left in the half.

Michigan took the ball right back down the field and had a first-and-goal at the Syracuse eight, but failed to produce any points. The Orangemen sacked quarterback Drew Henson on fourth down with an all-out blitz.

The Orangemen could not pick up a first down and gave the ball back to Michigan at the Syracuse 34 with just over a minute left. Brady then led the Wolverines to the end zone, firing a four-yard touchdown pass to Tai Streets with 28 seconds left in the half.

Syracuse added two touchdowns in the third quarter, as McNabb hit Johnson and Konrad with nine-yard scoring passes for a commanding 38-7 advantage.

Michigan's three fourth-quarter scores came on touchdown runs of one and five yards by Walter Cross and a 19-yard pass from Henson to Marcus Knight.

■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Blue Devils succomb to Irish pressure

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Chapel Hill, NC

The second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team got off to a slow start, but used speed and ball control to outlast the No. 14 Duke Blue Devils 3-0 in the four-team Nike Carolina Classic at Fetzer field.

"I think we played really well against a team that's legitimately a top 10 team," head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "They're very talented, but I thought they would put up more of a fight."

At 29:12, Meotis Erikson slid a Jenny Haft cross from the left corner past Duke goalie Dana Piper to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

"We have been working on getting our crosses toward the far post," Heft said when asked about the assist. "I just turned on the ball as fast as I could and knocked it into the box knowing we had runners and Meotis just knocked it home."

Duke failed to get off a shot until 30 minutes into the game.

"I thought it would be a good game," junior defender Jen Grubb said. "We came out ready to play and I thought the defense stepped up in both halves."

The Irish defense was suffocating, allowing just one Duke shot in the first half.

Jenny Streiffer had a chance to build on the Irish lead before the half, but her shot from 18 yards out was knocked away on a diving save by Piper.

In the second half, the Irish continued to pressure Duke on both sides of the ball.

Just five minutes into the half, Shannon Boxx found Erikson who then punched the ball past the Duke backline to Heft who sprinted past the defenders. Piper came out of the net to try to cover the ball, but Heft beat her to it, made a quick move, and put it in the open net.

Notre Dame continued on the offensive and once again it was Heft who found the back of the net.

At 66:36, Streiffer played a through ball right to Heft who beat Piper in the right-hand corner of the net again for her second goal of the game.

Following the goal, Isis Dallis replaced Piper in net and held the Irish scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Observer/John Daily

Freshman midfileder Lindsay Jones' steady play helped the Irish to a 3-0 victory over the Blue Devils this weekend.

"Jenny [Heft] turned the game around," Petrucelli said. "We needed someone to score goals and she really stepped up for us."

Notre Dame controlled the tempo of the game and totaled 17 shots in the 90-minute contest.

Duke, on the other hand, never really figured out how to get past Grubb and company, as they could only manage four shots all game.

"This is the most defense we had to play," Petrucelli said. "I think it just goes to show the quality of players we have here and their athletic ability."

Heft's two goals give her seven on the season. She leads the team in goals (seven) and points (16).

Notre Dame improved to 4-0 on the season while Duke dropped to 2-2.

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Senior midfielder Shannon Boxx heads a ball in yesterday's game against North Carolina in which the Irish fell 5-1 to the two-time defending National Champions.

UNC

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in with just eight seconds left in the half.

Petrucelli and Gerardo argued the call and both received yellow cards.

"I was surprised they stopped the clock," said North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance. "It could have been a huge dufference in the game. It did give us the momentum going into the half."

Petrucelli downplayed the impact of the controversial goal.

"That goal was not the reason we lost the game," said Petrucelli. "We gave up four others. It didn't change the momentum. We just tried to survive out there."

The Irish didn't survive in the second half.

Carolina continued to take it to Notre Dame in the second half, scoring three more goals to finish the game with five unanswered.

UNC consistently beat the Irish players to the ball, taking advantage of their speed and athleticism.

At 57:35, Kluegel took a pass from Cindy Parlow and crossed it to Rebekah McDowell who scored from 12 yards out.

Carolina held a 3-1 advantage until Raven McDonald padded the lead when she slid a Karvelsson pass into the net at 78:39.

Anne Remy closed out the scoring and recorded her first collegiate goal with a shot from the box that went just beyond the outstretched hands of Beene.

The Irish allowed an uncharacteristic two goals in the last 12 minutes of the game.

"I think their depth was a key factor in the heat," said Petrucelli. "Their top kids didn't have to play 90 minutes. I think our fatigue showed late in the game."

The Irish only made one substitution and were without one of their best players, Anne Makinen, who was in Moscow helping Finland qualify for the World Cup.

Notre Dame was clearly not the same team without Makinen and Carolina definitely took notice.

"This is not the best team they have," said Dorrance. "They were without Anne Makinen, who's one of the players I've ever seen. If we were without Parlow, there might have been a similar result the other way. The true test will come when we have our team and they have theirs."

"I don't think we can draw anything from this game," said Parlow. "They were missing their top player, who's not just the best collegiate midfielder, but maybe the best in the world."

The loss drops the Irish to 4-1 on the season, but gives them a good idea of what they have to shoot for. As for now, the Irish will try to recover from the devasting loss.

"This is a hard loss to get over since they dominated us so much," said Petrucelli.

Notre Dame will look to regain its confidence when they return to conference play this weekend. The Irish, however, know that North Carolina looms down the road if they hope to make a run at the title.

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Head coach Chris Petrucelli and co-captain Monica Gerardo each were given yellow cards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Beene making name for herself in Irish net

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For the second-straight season, LaKeysia Beene has been the last line of defense for the Notre Dame women's soccer team.

Her presence in the net has intimidated opponents for over a year now, but yesterday, she faced a ball that she couldn't deflect — a North Carolina team that launched 33 shots against her in the final game of the Nike Carolina Classic at Fetzer Field. The 33 shots allowed tied a Notre Dame record that dated back to 1989, when Wisconsin also took 33 shots against the Irish.

Beene was able to stop 12 of those shots, but couldn't get her hands on the five Carolina shots that found the net. Both those statistics were career highs for the junior first-team all Big East player, but ones a goalie doesn't want to boast. Prior to yesterday's game, the most she had ever faced was 11 in last year's North Carolina game, and the most goals she had given up was two, which happened in that same Carolina game and in last year's Final Four semifinals against Connecticut.

Yesterday's matchup, however, couldn't have been summed up any better than by the words uttered by Beene immediately following the game: "They completely dominated us."

The Irish will be back though.

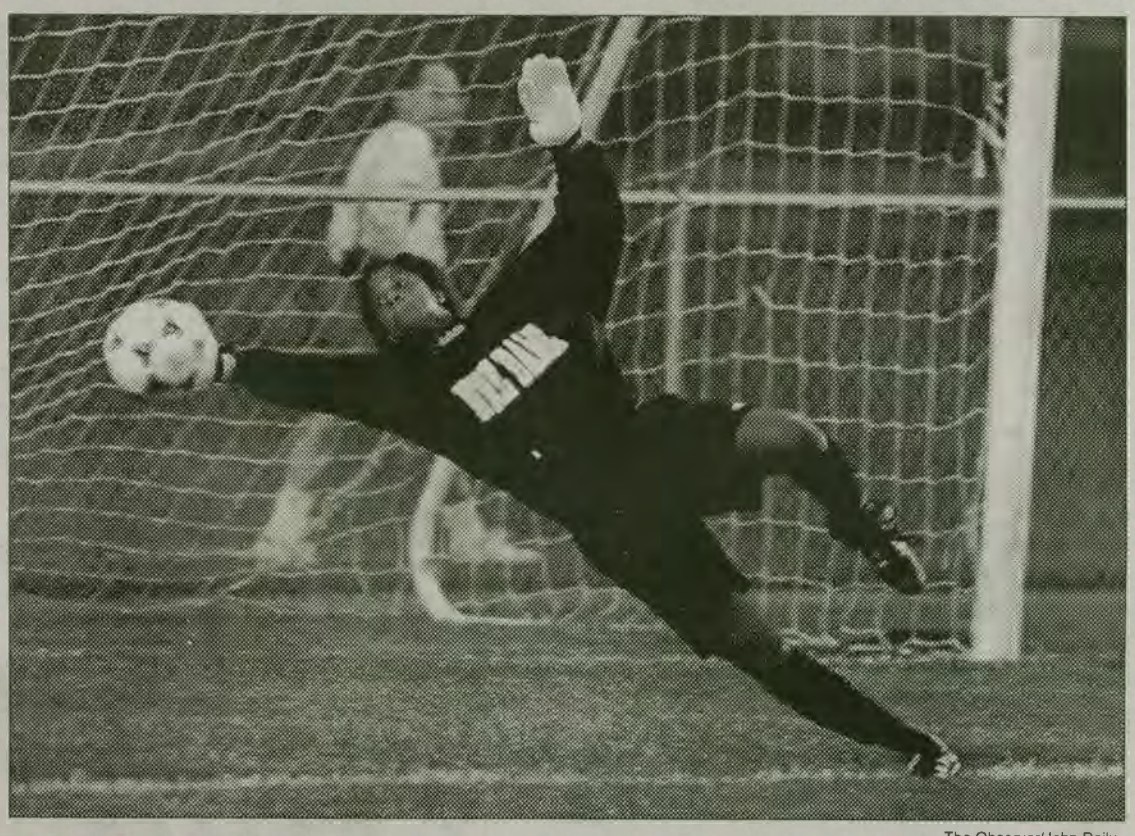
"I'm glad we had this game early in the season," said Beene. "It gives us a chance to get our confidence back and to see what we need to work on."

Notre Dame will bounce back and they will be sure to rally around their all-American goaltender. After all, Beene does hold school records for season bests in shutouts (18), goals against average (0.36), and consecutive shutouts (6), all coming in 1997, a season in which she played every minute of every game.

"It's pretty obvious that we are talented in net," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "I don't think anyone would argue that LaKeysia Beene is the best goaltender in the country. She has improved in her couple of years here. Her footwork and decision making are better, but what makes her good is her athletic ability to come up with a big save that can win a game."

Although her 12 saves weren't singlehandedly enough for an Irish victory yesterday, she did show flashes of brilliance.

With 3:30 remaining in the first half and the score tied 1-1, Beene made a diving save on a blast from National Player of the Year Cindy Parlow. In fact, Beene held Parlow scoreless for the entire game, even though the forward got off a total of nine shots.



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LeKeysia Beene, seen here warming up for a game earlier this year, has been the Irish's goalie ever since the graduation of all-American Jen Renola in 1997.

During a rapid-shot sequence at about the 70-minute mark, Beene once again showcased her talent when she stopped four consecutive shots in a span of about 15 seconds. Beene showed her quick recovery time and athletic ability in stopping all four Carolina shots.

In the second half, Beene also made an acrobatic save in which she leaped to deflect Rebekah McDowell's shot over the net.

Following the game, Petrucelli was supportive of his goaltender: "I think Beene played a great game."

Beene has been sensational for the Irish so far this season. In her four previous games, she boasted a 0.28 goals against average and recorded shutouts against Michigan State, West Virginia, and most recently, No. 14 Duke on Friday.

Beene and the Irish are back in action on Friday against Rutgers, but the goalkeeper already has the next matchup with Carolina in the back of her mind.

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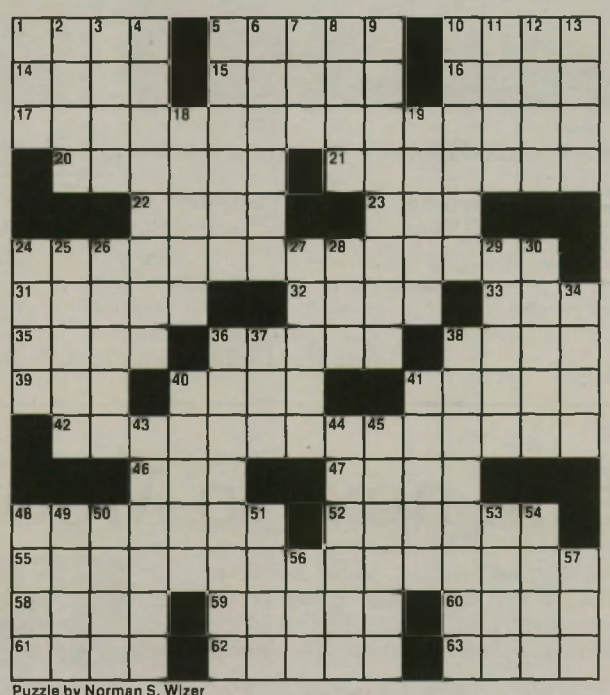

Puzzle by Norman S. Wizer

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute).

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YOUR HOROSCOPE — EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jacqueline Bisset, Claudette Colbert, Peter Cetera, Mel Torme

Happy Birthday: Don't take on too much this year or you'll fall short of your goals. It's a time to focus on what you do best and let others tend to the other tasks that surround you. Your emotions may stand in the way of your better judgment this year, so ask a trusted friend for his or her opinion if you think you may make a mistake along the way. Your numbers: 2, 10, 14, 23, 32, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spend time getting into physical activities with your lover. Too much talk will lead to disagreements. Refrain from using the highway as a race track. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is not the day to be extravagant. Children may be overly demanding and entertainment may cost a lot more than you can afford to part with. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be quite erratic regarding a personal relationship. Don't evade issues or twist the truth around. You may find that your mate is well aware of the circumstances. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push your luck with authority figures. Secret affairs will eventually backfire on you. You may not get your facts correct today, so double-check before you make statements. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can work well with detail today. Enlist the help of peers in order to get the job done on time. Getting together with friends will be worthwhile, not to mention stimulating. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't jump the gun or you may find yourself getting angry with the wrong person. Be careful what you say, or you'll regret every word for some time. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Passion is about the best way for you to relieve your tension. Deep discussions will only lead to discord. "Make love, not war" should be your new motto. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get involved in joint financial ventures. You'll have a problem dealing with groups. Stabilize your own position by locking up your savings. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make plans to spend some time with the ones you love. Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Don't forget to let your mate know how much you care. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be ready to jump on anyone that gets in the way of progress today. You are in a high-energy, get-it-all-done mood and you'll have little patience with those who slack. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't jump into investments too quickly. Loss is evident if you don't consider all the angles. You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. ✪✪✪✪✪

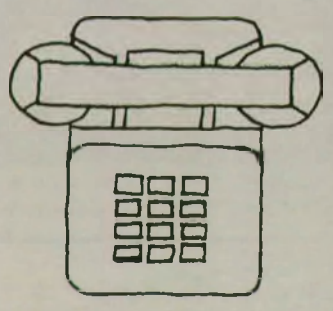
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Temper tantrums will flare up at home. Problems with fire, gas or oil may cause disruptions and annoyances. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. ✪✪

■ Of Interest

Post-Graduate Service Information Session-Today at 5 p.m. an information session will be held at the Center for Social Concerns for students interested in post-graduate service programs. Speakers will include returned volunteers. Resources will be given and strategies discussed for the Procter & Gamble Service Fair.

The Nanovic Institue for European Studies in cooperation with the Department of Government and International Studies presents Jurgen Gebhardt, senior professor of Political Theory of the University of Erlangen, Germany will lecture on "Religion and Politics in the Modern Age." The lecture will take place tomorrow at 4:15 in 213 DeBartolo.

Wanted: Reporters, photographers and editors.
Join The Observer staff.



Suggestions, anyone?

Student Resources is open to all suggestions concerning the better improvement of the new food areas on campus: Burger King, South Dining Hall, and Reckers. They are more than willing to work hard to improve these service areas at all of the students' requests. Call Brett Smith at 4-3507 or Student Resources at 1-6283. They are eager to hear from you!!!!

SPORTS

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall head over Heels 5-1

Top-ranked UNC squad explodes in second half

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Coming off a 3-0 shutout over the Duke Blue Devils in the opening game of the Nike Carolina Classic at Fetzer field, the second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team was ready to find out just how good the top-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels were.

The Irish were confident that they could knock off the two-time defending National Champions. They thought they could put an end to North Carolina's 48-game unbeaten streak.

Yesterday afternoon's 5-1 loss to Carolina in the marquis matchup of women's college soccer, however, will definitely make the Irish rethink what it is going to take to end UNC's streak and return the National Championship to South Bend.

Early in the contest, it appeared like Notre Dame was ready to play. Less than a minute into the game, junior co-captain Jen Grubb played the corner kick right to senior forward Monica Gerardo, who headed it past North Carolina's all-American goalie, Siri Mullinix, giving the Irish a 1-0 lead at the 55 second mark. Notre Dame, however, only managed one more corner kick and two more shots.

North Carolina, on the other hand, controlled the next 89 minutes of the game. At 17:36, the Tar Heels got on the board when Irish goalie LaKeysia Beene failed to gain control of a ball played by Carolina midfielder Laurie Schwoy and Meredith Florance scored in the left corner of the open net from 18 yards out.

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Kara Brown (No. 3) and the Irish could not slow the powerful Carolina attack as they suffered their first loss.

Carolina continued to apply the pressure for the remainder of the half, but couldn't take advantage of scoring opportunities.

With 10 seconds left in the half, Irish defender Laura Vandenberg fouled which set up a free kick for Carolina. Since there's a running clock in soccer, head coach Chris Petrucelli argued that time should have expired. Referee Paul James stopped the clock, however, claiming that the foul was a stalling tactic.

The clock stoppage allowed Carolina to set up a free kick by Rakel Karvelsson which Jena Kluegel headed

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Sosa's shots place him next to McGwire in history

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Goodbye Babe, so long Roger. Slammin' Sammy ain't done yet.

Sammy Sosa hit home runs Nos. 61 and 62 on Sunday to tie Mark McGwire, rekindling a race for one of the most glamorous records in sports during one of baseball's most unforgettable seasons.

Sosa connected twice against the Milwaukee Brewers to help the Chicago Cubs to an 11-10 victory in 10 innings on a wild afternoon at Wrigley Field. Mark Grace's home run with one out in the 10th gave the Cubs their second straight victory after trailing in the ninth.

Sosa and McGwire now have two weeks left in the greatest home run derby of all time.

"It's unbelievable. It was something that even I can't believe I was doing," Sosa said. "It can happen to two people, Mark and I."

For his part, McGwire went 0-for-2 against the Astros in Houston on Sunday night before leaving the game in the fourth inning with minor back spasms. He is just 1-for-1 since breaking Roger Maris' record with home run No. 62 last Tuesday against the Cubs in St. Louis.

Sosa, who trailed McGwire 24-9 in late May, homered off Bronswell Patrick in the fifth inning, sending an 0-1 pitch 480 feet onto Waveland Avenue behind the left-field fence. He hit another 480-foot homer in the ninth, a solo shot off Eric Plunk.

That one dropped Babe Ruth into fourth place on the single-season list with 60, which he hit in 1927. Maris passed that mark with 61 homers in 1961. Now, amazingly, a record that had stood for 37 years has been passed twice in less than a week.

With tears and sweat running down his face as he sat in the dugout after his second triumphant tour around the bases, Sosa came out for three emotional curtain calls. Fans littered the field with paper cups and other debris while chanting "Sammee! Sam-mee!" causing a delay that lasted six minutes.

"I don't usually cry, but I cry inside. I was blowing kisses to my mother, I was crying a little bit," Sosa said.

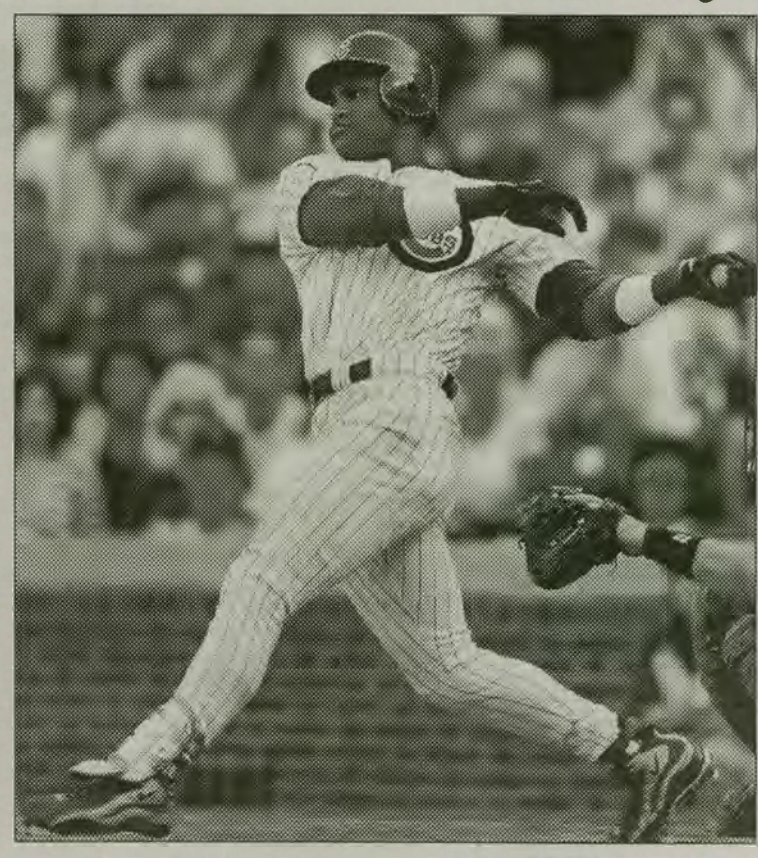
"I have to say what I did is for the people of Chicago, for America, for my mother, for my wife, my kids and the people I have around me. My team. It was an emotional moment."

Randy Maris, one of Roger's sons, phoned to congratulate Sosa.

"He wished me good luck and said he was going to watch me," Sosa said.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who was in St. Louis last week for McGwire but was not at the Cubs game, also phoned. The Rev. Jesse Jackson and comedian Bill Murray were at the game to offer congratulations.

In Sosa's hometown of San Pedro de Macoris, where his mother watched the game, residents flooded into the streets to celebrate. It was there that Sosa once shined shoes and sold oranges to help support his family.



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Sammy Sosa joins Mark McGwire atop the record books in Cubs win.

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