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Movie critic Matt Nania reviews "The Last Seduction," an interesting take on classic film noir.

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In this week's political face-off, the College Democrats and College Republicans square off over educational issues.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC shirt draws protests, ban

♦ Students say junior class shirt offensive to ND

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

The Board of Governance addressed the controversial shirts printed by the junior class at its weekly meeting held last night.

The shirt portrays two young girls, one with an "ND" on her shirt, the other a French cross, and a young boy wearing an "ND." The young boy is kissing the girl wearing the French cross with "The Girl of Choice" written below.

Board members attacked the shirt for potentially hurting relations between the two campuses.

"I am appalled by the shirt and work desperately hard to maintain good relations across the street," said

Crissie Renner, student body president. "This represents everyone on this Board and I have gotten numerous phone calls about it. This brings us backwards from where we were going."

"When you put the 'ND' on the shirt, that was a direct attack," secretary Amanda Spica said.

Notre Dame representative Suzanne Lohmeyer agreed, "I can see how it's 'cute,' but one thing can start the whole ball rolling. I do see it snowballing."

Members questioned the stereotypes which the shirt seems to strengthen.

"How can we make certain judgments like that about ND women?" Kristy Sutorius asked.

"A really good friend of mine goes to Notre Dame and if she wore the shirt and the situation were reversed, I'd be really hurt," said Autumn Palacz, senior class president.

Controversy regarding the shirt has been escalating for the past three weeks.

"Since day one I have been worried about complaints," said junior class president, Katy Robinson. "I can't imagine selling the shirts now and only see the situa-

tion getting worse. I don't want to go through with selling the shirts. We're out \$1,300 and I honestly don't know where to go."

Robinson said she was unaware of the final design for the shirt, however. She said she disapproved of the shirt design and instructed the junior board not to print the shirts.

"I told them to take the 'ND' off and the next thing I know, it's printed. It didn't get conveyed the way I wanted it to," she said. "I addressed the issue with the Junior Board and stood alone in removing the 'ND.'" The opportunity to change the idea was offered and some agreed to compromise.

Junior Liz Kocourek said the T-shirt idea came from the students and they should be left to decide if they want to buy the shirt or not.

"You can't all agree on one idea," said Kocourek. "Our meetings are always open to

the student body and it's left to us to decide. If they don't like the shirt or the message, then don't buy it."

Other members argued that it was the responsibility of student representatives to reject ideas that might seem offensive.

"The problem is you are appointed by members of your class," senior Molly Kahn said. "We are entrusted as student leaders with a special responsibility. I can see how it's 'cute,' but it is inappropriate."

"I love Saint Mary's and by no means do I want to minimize the distance we've come," said junior vice president Erin Weldon. "Now we're making the issue public and it's only going to get worse."

Student Activities approved the shirt because it did not go against the Mission Statement or endorse alcohol, drugs or sexism, board members said. Other board members

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"This brings us backwards from where we were going."

Crissie Renner
student body president



Renner

STUDENT SENATE

Resolution to address sex assault

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Last spring, many people on Notre Dame's campus showed concern over the issue of sexual assault and rape.

The issue received attention in the campus media, and the University sponsored a sexual assault panel with rape survivors.

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"BOT report focuses on alcohol"

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Subsequently, the Student Senate passed a resolution at Wednesday night's meeting to create educational presentations in the residence halls to provide information to students about the issue of sexual assault.

"Through talking to several individuals, we learned that the assembly in Washington Hall is not the best way to handle this issue," said Lewis senator Luciana Real. "We believe a more personal setting would be more effective."

The committee on gender issues met with Jeff Shoup, director of

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Remembering Brionne Clary

Friends celebrate 20-year-old cancer victim, former Welsh Hall resident

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

Funny.
Loyal.
Resilient.

This is how Brionne Clary's friends will remember the junior, who died last Wednesday of complications from leukemia.

"She was an amazing person," said Kate Downen, who would have lived across from Clary this year in Welsh Family Hall. "Sometimes she could be crazy, off the wall. She was the most caring, deep-down wonderful person."

Clary loved basketball, and she played on Welsh's interhall team and a Bookstore Basketball squad that reached the Final Four of last year's women's tournament. The Welsh team will frame her number 51 jersey and put it and a plaque in the dorm, said Katie Rak, a teammate of Clary.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Miller

Brionne Clary (right) enjoys a football game at Notre Dame Stadium with friends (from left) Kate Stephan, Elisabeth Parker and Kate Downen.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Picture perfect?

A picture is worth a thousand words.
But are they always the words we want to say? The picture and words on the back of the T-shirt sponsored by the Class of 2002 board said just about everything that Saint Mary's women don't want to hear.

Featuring a crude reproduction of the famous "Il Bacio", the shirt showcased a young boy with a Notre Dame T-shirt kissing the cheek of a girl with a Saint Mary's emblem on her shirt while a forlorn Notre Dame-clad girl looked on. Underneath were the words "Girl of Choice."

Imagine the disgust of the student body.

Fortunately, Board of Governance did the right thing and deserves to be commended for purchasing all of the T-shirts from the Class of 2002, keeping them from being sold. But once the words are spoken, it is hard to forget that some members of the community found this acceptable in the first place.

Gender relations are nothing to joke about at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Over the past three years since the infamous "Parasite" letter, Saint Mary's women have worked tirelessly to break down stereotypes and instill a sense of pride in students for what it means to be a Saint Mary's woman. However, we were reminded today how quickly all of that work could have been undone by the image and words on a piece of cloth.

When we came to Saint Mary's, we made a choice. It wasn't the one reflected in the T-shirt; it was for a first class education, not a man.

The T-shirt not only perpetuated a stereotype of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women alike, it also trivialized the women who made the choice to come to Saint Mary's. In addition, the other idea of "choice" represented in the T-shirt portrays the Saint Mary's women not as being chosen for their mind or as a whole person, but rather as a sexual object by the Notre Dame man.

And it gets worse.

Instead of trying to break down barriers to unite Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women, the T-shirt reinforced the supposed rivalry. We should reach out to the women of Notre Dame to unite on issues that are of common concern to us as women.

It is deplorable on the eve of the week that is supposed to celebrate our identity as Saint Mary's women that some women still have not discovered the meaning of that identity.

We left "girlhood" behind long ago. It's time for the Class of 2002 board to understand what it means to be a woman — a Saint Mary's woman.

That's the picture that says the words we want to hear.

Noreen Gillespie and Colleen McCarthy

Managing Editor and Associate News Editor

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Concert: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 8 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium	◆ Concert: "The Chamber Music of Bach," 7:30 p.m., Haggard College Center	◆ Comedy: "Chicago City Limits," 8:30 p.m., O'Laughlin Mainstage at Moreau Center	◆ Mass: Black Catholic Mass: Celebration of Canonizations, 10 p.m., Log Chapel
◆ Lecture: "Quinceaneras and the Hispanic Woman in USA," 12:15 p.m., LeMans Hall Stapleton Lounge	◆ Film: "The Godfather Trilogy," 8 p.m., 155 DeBartolo	◆ Festival: WVFI's Irishpalooza, bands and food, 5 p.m., North Quad	◆ Concert: Ying Quartet, 2 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium of Snite Museum

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Rental car service supplies rides at Stanford

STANFORD, Calif.

Starting this fall, the Stanford bookstore is offering rental car services to minimize the inconvenience of off-campus travel, particularly for incoming freshmen.

The Class of 2004 is the first to feel the effects of a policy instituted in the spring of 1999 that denies parking permits to all freshmen.

The university has taken measures to make adequate alternative transportation available, one of which is a contract negotiated with Enterprise Rent-a-Car, one of the nation's largest rental car services.

Enterprise will offer Stanford students and faculty a 15 to 20 percent discount off normal rental car rates, as well as special promotional deals set up around the university's academic calendar.



More importantly, Enterprise will allow rentals to students between the ages of 18 and 21, an age group normally denied the privilege because of its high insurance risk. Many agencies will not rent to drivers under 25, and 21 is generally the youngest age people can rent cars.

However, Enterprise will allow rentals to students 18 and over if they provide a Stanford student ID, proof of full insurance coverage and a credit card in their own name.

These criteria may still be difficult to meet for some students.

"The insurance might be a problem for me," said senior Margaret Bruce. "But it still widens my options. I think it will be helpful when friends and family visit me."

Dean of students Marc Wais calls the program a "bold and creative concept."

"I know of no other school in this country that offers their students rental car services," said Wais.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Gay community extends programs

DURHAM, N.C.

Duke's Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Life has begun implementing its five-year strategic plan, created last year, which calls for outreach to the campus and Durham communities.

LGBT officials said they have already begun working toward their goals of creating education and awareness programs with Duke athletics and heterosexuals. "We're doing a fairly decent job [of reaching out], but of course we have a long way to go ... so Duke is a better place for everyone, not just the LGBT students," said center director Karen Krahulik. "We don't only serve undergraduates, graduate and professional students, but serve the staff and community." One of cornerstones of the center's outreach efforts is "Safe on Campus," an initiative developed by LGBT officials to connect with other communities. The program, which identifies heterosexual supporters of the LGBT community, will include a series of training and orientation workshops where "allies" will learn how to relate to issues of LGBT life.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

School deals with race, sex assault

ITHACA, N.Y.

Following news of a racially motivated sexual assault on a female Asian student early on the morning of Sept. 16, outraged members of the Cornell University community have begun speaking out. The assault took place after the victim was verbally harassed with a racial epithet directed at her from a passing vehicle. According to Randall Hausner, captain of Cornell Police, the victim was not physically injured but was traumatized by the attack. Melissa Hu, co-president of the Asian Pacific Americans for Action (APAA), said when she heard about the assault, she "initially felt fear. [An incident like this] makes you paranoid. An Asian woman tried to fight back, and look what happened." Hu said the APAA, in conjunction with several other Asian student organizations, will hold a rally this Friday to "express the concerns of the Asian-American community." "We're trying to take this case as an example of a chain of events that have been happening on campus," Hu said.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Thursday	63	44
Friday	69	51
Saturday	69	53
Sunday	71	54
Monday	73	53

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The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 28.

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Boston	53	39	Lexington	68	44	San Francisco	73	53
Chicago	66	51	Los Angeles	75	59	Seattle	62	53
Dallas	80	50	Miami	86	75	St. Louis	73	53
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Vending machines accept ID cards

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

The University started its newest project that could make carrying cash on campus unnecessary with the installation of new vending and laundry machines that take Domer Dollars.

"The more people with Domer Dollars use the facilities, it'll be like second nature," said Dean Winter, operations manager of Food Services' vending department.

The new machines still take cash and coins, but the added feature is a place to use University ID cards for Domer Dollar purchases.

"You swipe and the reader will show you what's in your Domer Dollar account," said Winter.

Only Knott, McGlinn and St. Edward's residence halls have the new machines, but by the end of the semester 10 dorms will have them, said Winter.

Originally, the vending department wanted to install the machines in one female and one male residence hall, Knott and McGlinn. However the vending department also put new machines in St. Edward's, because they were already installing the dorm's first laundry room and decided to make the washing machines and dryers Domer Dollar accessible as well.

Winter said Zahm Hall, which will soon get its first laundry room, would be the next dorm to receive



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer
With the swipe of their ID cards, students who receive Domer Dollars through their student accounts have access to several vending and laundry machines on campus.

the washing and vending machines that take Domer Dollars. After Zahm, the vending department will finish installations on both West and Mod Quads because of the similar building construction to dorms that currently have the new machines.

The vending department will install machines in other dorms after checking the costs at the end of the year. In January, the department will make plans to install machines in the rest of the dorms.

"It's kind of laborious, and it's expensive so it'll take a while," said Winters.

The vending and laundry machine project is one of the University's attempts to "broaden the usage of the card system," Winters said.

The machines will not take Flex Points so students who want to use the machines must open Domer Dollar accounts with Food Services.

"Flex Points are part of a meal plan and they're

funded by Food Services," said Tina Durski, card services manager of Food Services. "To use Flex Points to wash your socks probably doesn't go [together.]"

Although the new vending machines have been running for only a week, Winter said once students become aware of the Domer Dollar vending machines, they will appreciate the convenience.

"I think it'll be a great service once it gets going," said Winter.

NEWS ANALYSIS

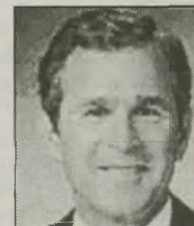
Bush, Kennedy dynasties draw some parallels

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame is not the only institution in America where legacy is important. In the 21st Century, legacy has played a large role in national politics.

When George W. Bush earned the Republican nomination for president, it was the fifth nomination for either president or vice president awarded to the Bush family in recent decades.

These numbers have raised comparisons between the Bush's and another political dynasty of the 21st Century, the Kennedy family.



Bush

"The Kennedys only got one nomination for president or vice president, where the Bushes now have five vice presidential and presidential nominations," said David Shribman, political analyst for the Boston Globe.

However, Shribman said the "Camelot enchantment" surrounding the Kennedys was greater than the Bushes.

"There is less of a mystique with the Bushes but the Bushes have a lot of staying power," he said.

As for staying power, George W. Bush is governor of Texas and currently running for president. His father, George H. Bush, served as vice president for two terms and president for one term.

His brother, Jeb, is governor of Florida and his nephew, George P. Bush, is a Republican activist trying to recruit the youth vote.

During the 1960s and '70s, the Kennedy dynasty had a similar influence in American politics. Joseph Patrick Kennedy, Sr., served as ambassador to England and four of his nine children became politically involved.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., had political aspirations and his father dreamed he would become the first Irish Catholic President of the United States.

However, on August 12, 1944, in England during World War II, his plane exploded, instantly killing him and his co-pilot.

John F. Kennedy then took over the family's political aspirations and was eventually elected the 35th President of the United States. He did not complete his term because he was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. Robert Kennedy, the next Kennedy in line, began his path towards the presidency, but was shot while campaigning for the Democratic nomination in 1968.

Today, Edward "Teddy" Kennedy is a powerful senator from Massachusetts since first being elected in 1962. Grandchildren of Joseph P.

Kennedy also play leading roles in the Democratic party.

Much like Joe Kennedy played an influential role in his sons' political lives, Shribman said George H. Bush has played an important role in his son's campaign.

"I think he played a large role in the selection of Dick Cheney [as vice president candidate]. Cheney is very close to the former president and his son," said Shribman. "The governor knows that any times he needs passionate, reliable advice with no self interests, he can call his father."

Shribman said Bush is not focused on removing himself from his father's shadow.

"It will be very difficult for Bush [to break away from being called his father's son], and he's not inclined to try to," he said.

Regardless of the outcome in November, like the Kennedys, the Bushes have left their mark on American politics.

"You won't be able to write a story about the 21st Century without mentioning the Bushes, just as you could never write a story about this century without mentioning the Kennedy's," Shribman said.

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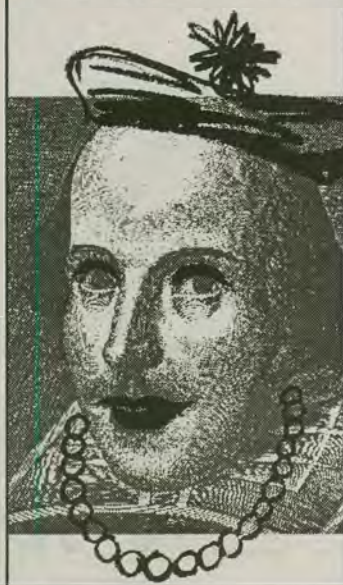
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Clary

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The dorm will also likely have a memorial Mass in her honor later this year, and may plant a tree in her memory.

Clary was sarcastic and sweet at the same time.

"She had a really funny sense of humor," Downen said. "She could say something obnoxious to you but it was completely in love and jest. She was just funny like that."

And that sense of humor showed. During last year's Bookstore Basketball tournament, Clary's team, five Welsh interhall players, came up against a team comprised of the other five Welsh interhall players. The contest got very competitive, and there was tension between the two teams.

"Brionne was the one to step in and say, 'come on you guys, we're friends,'" Rak said. "She just had this personality where, everyone started laughing. She puts on this goofy grin and all of a sudden, they were putty in her hands."

While Clary loved basketball, she also loved her friends. And she was loyal.

"If she was your friend, she was always your friend," said Kate Stephan, who would have been Clary's neighbor this year. "You could always count on her, no matter what; always."

Clary, from Tyler, Texas, had stayed off leukemia once before, when she was in high school. But in August, just a week before she was to return to Notre Dame, the disease came back. No one at Notre Dame had known how serious the illness had been in high school, and Clary did not talk

about it a lot. Her friends said coming to Notre Dame gave her a chance to be remembered for something else.

"She wasn't that person," Stephan said. "She wasn't the person with the disease."

After Clary contracted leukemia for the second time, she fought it off for a month before succumbing. But even during that time, only a few people knew about her illness. That was the way she wanted it.

"So many people didn't know she was sick at all," said her roommate Sarah Miller. "It wasn't anything she wanted broadcast."

Through that time, Clary was, as usual, optimistic, hoping to return in January and making off-campus living plans for next year with her roommates.

"She would say, 'I'm going to try my hardest to get here, I don't know if it'll be next semester, but I'll be back,'" said Ellen Knarr, who also would have lived next door to Clary.

But never seeing Clary sick made her death more difficult to deal with, at least for Rak.

"We didn't get to see her between the time that we heard she was sick and last week," she said. "And that was the hardest thing because we couldn't put a sick face on Brionne."

Several of her friends traveled to Texas for the funeral on Monday, and while there they got a glimpse of where their friend had come from. Clary's high school basketball team came to the service, wearing their red letter jackets, and her strong parents consoled their daughter's friends.

"If she was your friend, she was always your friend."

Kate Stephan
Notre Dame junior



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH MILLER

Brionne Clary (second from right) spends time in a Welsh Hall dorm room with friends, from left, Sarah Miller, Elisabeth Parker, Kate Downen and Kate Stephan.

"That was the amazing thing, they were comforting us," Downen said.

Her friends said the events of the last week have made them look at things a little differently.

"It definitely puts things in perspective. People keep talking about tests and classes and things like that, that doesn't really mean anything to me right now," Rak said. "My friends mean so much to me. It makes you think I should tell that person what they mean to me."

Now Clary is gone. But her friends will remember her for a lot of things — her sense of humor, her love of basketball, her loyalty, her personality.

"Her 20 years are incredible," Stephan said. "She probably lived her 20 years as full as anyone could live their life."

Resolution

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Residence Life, to create the program.

"This year, we may just send letters to the residence halls asking them to offer this type of program. A couple of halls have already held this type of meeting, but we want it to be universal starting as soon as possible," Reali said.

During the presentations, students would be informed about acquaintance rape, date rape drugs and how to counsel a friend who is a victim.

"We want to inform students about University policies, so there is no confusion. If a student is assaulted in their dorm room, they need to be aware they will not get in trouble for parietals if they report the crime," Reali said.

The resolution passed unanimously, because most senators said the program is essential.

"I think it is important for everyone to realize that this is not just a female issue," said Zahm Hall senator Ryan Becker. "People don't like to think that this actually happens at Notre Dame, but it does. Education is the most important thing we can do."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Russians charge U.S. businessman:

Russian prosecutors said Wednesday they have officially charged U.S. businessman Edmond Pope with spying, clearing the way for a trial expected to begin next month. Pope, 54, has been held in Moscow's Lefortovo prison since April 5, when Russia's Federal Security Service arrested him and said he had illegally bought plans for a high-speed torpedo. "As the result of the investigation, Pope has been incriminated in espionage," said a statement by the Prosecutor-General's Office. The action was mainly procedural, but prosecutors could have asked for more time to investigate, drawing out the case. Officials have said the trial would take place in October, though no specific date has been set. He faces 20 years in prison if convicted.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Atlantic storm upgraded to hurricane:

Joyce, the tenth Atlantic storm of the season, developed into a hurricane Wednesday while Hurricane Isaac rebuilt its strength after weakening for three days. Both storms were far out at sea and posed no immediate threat to land. However, there was a chance that Joyce, which formed as a tropical storm Monday off West Africa, could reach the northeastern Caribbean islands in five to six days, said James Franklin, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Michigan cop charged with manslaughter:

A policeman was charged with manslaughter Wednesday for shooting to death a deaf-mute who approached officers with a rake in his hands. David Krupinski, 23, fired on 39-year-old Errol Shaw after police were called about a family dispute August 29. The Detroit NAACP called the shooting of Shaw "horrifying and sickening." Shaw was black, the officer is white.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gas tax suspension extended:

Citing continued shortfalls in crude oil across the nation, Gov. Frank O'Bannon on Wednesday extended his suspension of the state sales tax on gasoline for the third time. "While prices at the pump have declined since this summer's peak of nearly two dollars a gallon, supplies of crude oil and gasoline have not kept pace," O'Bannon said. He did not say when the five percent tax might resume. Some Republicans have accused O'Bannon, a first-term Democrat, of using the suspension to boost his re-election chances against Republican David McIntosh. The governor has denied that.

YUGOSLAVIA



Serbian opposition supporters hold a banner with text "he is finished," referring to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. They celebrated the victory of the Democratic opposition of Serbia party and Vojislav Kostunica after elections Wednesday.

Milosevic opponents celebrate loss

Associated Press

BELGRADE

About 200,000 joyful, banner-waving opponents of Slobodan Milosevic flooded the capital's main square Wednesday in a massive show of support for the opposition claim to victory in the presidential election.

The crowd — unseen in such numbers at anti-Milosevic protests in recent years — blocked Belgrade's Republic Square and the surrounding streets.

Throughout Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic, thousands streamed into city streets, celebrating what they say was the opposition's stunning triumph in Sunday's presidential and parliamentary elections.

Demonstrators threw firecrackers and flares, and waved thousands of ban-

ners reading "He is finished" — a reference to Milosevic's poor showing against opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica.

In the center of the square, a note displayed on a digital clock reading "Slobo, where is your courage now?"

"Milosevic can recognize the opposition victory and thus try to clear his image, or to drag himself on in the dust," opposition leader Milan Protic, who is expected to become mayor of Belgrade, told the crowd.

The protesters shook baby rattles distributed by the opposition, to show that Milosevic was a broken figure — playing on a Serbian language expression to describe something defective as "broken like a baby's rattle."

"I can feel a lot of happiness in the air," psychologist Zarko Trebjesanin said

of the mood in Belgrade. "The genie of freedom and democracy has escaped from the bottle and it's impossible to push it back in."

Shortly before the rally, Yugoslavia's foreign minister tried to discourage protests, appearing on state television and alleging other nations were meddling in Yugoslav affairs.

Zivadin Jovanovic said pressure was being applied through foreign media and independent news organizations at home, which he said were trying to present a distorted picture of the country in service of Western enemies.

Opposition leaders, trying not to do anything that might give Milosevic a pretext for a crackdown, did not contest a police order to move the rally from the initial venue — a platform in front of Yugoslavia's federal

assembly — after authorities said it would disturb work of the State Election Commission.

"Our aim is to avoid clashes, but there are hardliners in the state leadership who want something to happen," said Zoran Djindjic, a key Milosevic opponent. Djindjic added the opposition received assurances from the police that they would not intervene. There was no visible police presence as the rally began.

The opposition, using figures from its poll watchers, claimed Kostunica won 52.54 percent to Milosevic's 32.01 percent — enough for a first-round victory in the five-candidate field. But the State Electoral Commission, which is loyal to Milosevic, says Kostunica finished first with 48.22 percent while Milosevic polled 40.23 percent.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The federal government overpays hundreds of millions of dollars a year for drugs through the Medicare program, congressional investigators report.

An 18-month study by the House Commerce Committee found that for dozens of drugs, most of which are used to treat AIDS and cancer, drug companies report one wholesale price publicly, then charge doctors a much lower price to encourage them to use the drug. The federal government

reimburses at a rate similar to the publicly announced price, so doctors can make large profits — a practice the report acknowledged is legal.

The committee chairman, Rep. Thomas Bliley, criticized the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, for not doing more to ensure reimbursement rates are more in line with what drug companies actually charge doctors.

The report found Medicare is overcharged by \$447 million per year.

Bliley, in a letter to the agency's administrator, Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, said the current reimburse-

ment methods are "so deeply flawed that they invite rampant abuse" and the findings have "frightening implications for public health."

The Clinton administration has proposed reducing the amount it reimburses physicians for drugs from 95 percent of the wholesale price to 83 percent of the wholesale price, but the idea has stalled in Bliley's committee.

HCFA does not need congressional approval to reduce the reimbursement for about 50 drugs for which the Justice Department already has determined drug companies were charging doctors artificially low prices.

Report: U.S. overpays for drugs

SMC makes history with triathlon club

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Saint Mary's is on its way to making campus history with the announcement of the first ever Saint Mary's triathlon.

This year Saint Mary's introduced the Triathlon Club, the first club to be sponsored only by Saint Mary's. Other club sports in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community are either co-sponsored with Notre Dame, or are exclusively sponsored by Notre Dame.

The club began meeting last year but became an established club this fall.

"This fall we really feel like a formal club," assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildebrandt said. "We have members who are consistent and uniforms for the women."

Hildebrandt, a tri-athlete, took a leading role in the establishment of the Triathlon Club.

The club will sponsor its first triathlon Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. The course will involve a 400-yard swim, a nine-mile bike ride and a three-mile run.

"It's going to be great," Hildebrandt said. "It will be run very professionally."

Registration for the triathlon may be done as an individual or as a relay team. Individuals must pay a registration fee of \$6, and teams will pay a registration fee of \$12. Proceeds will go to support the triathlon club.

Participants will time the race and the top finishers will receive awards, including the first three individuals and the first team to complete the course.

The race will begin with 20 laps in Regina Pool. Several heats will swim due to the smallness of the pool, so timing will be an important part

of the race.

Following the swim portion of the race, participants will head to the commons in front of Regina where bicyclists will start racing according to their swim times. The bike race and the running event will be continuous.

Although the first triathlon will only have Saint Mary's students for competitors, the club plans to open the next triathlon to the rest of the community.

Due to limited facilities, only 60 individuals or teams can participate in the race.

"I'm a little nervous about turnout," Hildebrandt said. "We just want to get one triathlon under our belt before we open this to the community."

The next triathlon, tentatively scheduled for sometime this spring, will be open to members of the Notre Dame community as well.

"We want to get Notre D a m e involved so that [the Triathlon Club] is co-sponsored," Hildebrandt said.

The addition of Notre Dame to the club would open up additional facilities. Hildebrandt said this would allow the two schools to create a very good course.

"We want to create a quality course for the area," she said. Hildebrandt said the Triathlon Club's event will bring a unique newcomer to the community.

"[The triathlon] should give the club recognition, which is very important," she said. "This is the first time that Notre Dame or Saint Mary's has seen this kind of club."

"In addition, the spring triathlon will get noticed in the community," she added. "There are a lot of tri-athletes in the community that will respond."

STUDENT SENATE

BOT report focuses on alcohol

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

This year's Board of Trustees (BOT) report will focus on student alcohol use and abuse, the Student Senate learned Wednesday night.

"The trustees recommended this issue and this year we have a free flowing discussion format," said Mike Hines, co-chair of the BOT report.

"There's a lot of confusion about all the rules. We want to address concerns brought from students about inconsistency between male and female dorms, what constitutes a seri-

ous offense where the student is sent to ResLife," Hines said.

The report will also discuss [the resident assistant's] role as an enforcer or a resource for students.

Hines said the three goals of the student representatives are to have consistency in the rules, to increase the amount of education each year and to increase the amount of on-campus entertainment.

"I talked to Father Poorman [Tuesday] and he said this is his number one concern," said chief

of staff Jay Smith. "I don't want to put words in his mouth, but

basically he said he is not looking to make major changes. The campus will not be dry any time in the near future."

"There's a lot of confusion about all the rules."

Mike Hines
BOT report co-chair

Smith explained that Poorman wants to address the issue because it is a national phe-

nomenon and Poorman wants to make sure Notre Dame is on the right track.

"We want to make sure the students have a voice on this issue," Smith said.

Shirt

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said that the shirt did endorse sexism.

"I think the shirt says that Notre Dame men hold control of women to choose," said sophomore president Kristen Matha.

"To me that shirt is sexist," agreed Kahn. "We need to confiscate and prevent any distribution of them."

BOG agreed to absorb the cost of the shirts and ban any distribution.

"We don't discredit the Junior Board," said Michelle Nagle, student body vice president. "This is an opportunity to learn and strengthen out relations with Notre Dame."

"You win some, you lose some and this is a learning experience," Renner said.

In other BOG news:

♦The Board approved a statement supporting The Observer's independence.

"We, as members of the Board of Governance, support the Observer's efforts in maintaining their independence," the Board of Governance formally stated last evening.

The Board had tabled the issue last week, but agreed a statement needed to be issued and believe "The Observer should be granted journalistic freedom," said Nagle.

"I don't feel comfortable sitting on the issue when we know they may get banned. Waiting isn't going to help and they need and want to know our position," said board member Julie Frischkorn.

"It's important to endorse The Observer," Kelly Dugan said. "If it comes down to them having no freedom even in editorials, [it] would be a traves-

ty."

BOG's support for has become a more vocalized issue at both the College and University.

"[University President] Father [Edward] Malloy went ahead without addressing Saint Mary's and in doing so may be taking away our paper. It is important to support The Observer and let our voices be heard," said Sutorius.

♦The BOG also discussed the Study Day Proposal, which "has had very positive feedback from the Administration," said Nagle. "It will now be taken up with the Department Chairpersons and looks promising."

♦"The Cider House Rules" will play in Carroll Auditorium Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Saint Mary's in the City and LeMans' Hall dance are Saturday. Pride Week is next week.



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INDONESIA

Bomb rocks office of human rights group

Associated Press

JAKARTA

A bomb exploded outside the office of a prominent Indonesian human rights group Wednesday, just hours before the corruption trial of former president Suharto was set to resume.

There were no injuries in the bombing, the latest in series of blasts in Jakarta. Damage was minimal, police said.

The explosion occurred late Wednesday in front of Kontras, an organization that investigates cases of kidnappings and violence by Indonesia's security forces.

There have been a series of deadly blasts in Jakarta recently, including a Sept. 13 explosion at the Jakarta Stock Exchange that killed 15 people and another outside the Philippine ambassador's home on Aug. 1 that killed two.

Some of the blasts coincided with advances in the corruption case against Suharto, leading to speculation that they were the work of his supporters and elements of the security forces opposed to President Abdurrahman Wahid's democratic reforms. At least 30 suspects have been arrested.

Lawyers for Suharto, ousted

from office in 1998 amid pro-democracy protests, have denied any involvement in the bombings.

Privately owned Anteve television said a group calling itself the "Anti-Communist Movement" had accepted responsibility for Wednesday's explosion.

Munir, the chairman of Kontras, said his office had received several anonymous bomb threats recently. Like many Indonesians he uses only one name.

Suharto, 79, is accused of siphoning off at least \$583 million in state funds to bankroll businesses controlled by his cronies and children.

The former dictator has denied any wrongdoing and has failed to appear at the trial on the grounds of failing health. His lawyers say he is frail after three strokes and cannot face the rigors of a long court case.

Wahid, on a trip to Caracas, Venezuela, said Wednesday that police should allow students protesting outside Suharto's house to vandalize it.

"The most they can do is throw stones at the windows. Leave them be, I mean, Suharto was very corrupt, wasn't he?" Wahid said, according to the state Antara news agency.

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Congressman: Army plots coup

◆ Ex-opposition member defected to Fujimori's party

Associated Press

LIMA

An opposition congressman who defected to President Alberto Fujimori's ranks charged Wednesday that the army high command was pressuring lawmakers to participate in a plot to provoke a coup within 20 days.

Congressman Miguel Mendoza, who defected from the opposition to join Fujimori's Peru 2000 party, said the army intended to permit the return of the president's deposed spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos. He announced Wednesday that he was quitting Fujimori's party, and added that joining it had been a mistake.

"I am denouncing that a group of congressmen from Peru 2000 have been pressured to sign letters of resignation, prepared in the army's high command, to form a congressional group in favor of Vladimiro Montesinos," Mendoza said.

He said the purpose "would be to promote disorder within Congress and throughout the country to unleash generalized chaos and carry out a coup d'etat within 20 days, which would allow the return of ... Montesinos."

The army's information office issued a brief communique Wednesday night calling Mendoza's allegations "absolutely false."

Prime Minister Federico Salas called on Mendoza to submit evidence.

"It's a very serious charge, but it's clear the congressman who made it will have to show proof," Salas said Wednesday.

A meeting between government and opposition representatives was suspended soon after Mendoza made his allegation. The talks are aimed at repairing Peru's damaged democracy and are being held under the aus-

pices of the Organization of American States.

Eduardo Latorre, the OAS' permanent secretary in Peru, who was at the talks, downplayed Mendoza's charge, saying it had been mentioned in passing.

Opposition leader Fernando Olivera said there had been a "unanimous reaction" to Mendoza's charge by both sides to "close ranks and reject any kind of coup attempt."

Montesinos, who fled the country for Panama on Sunday amid a corruption scandal, hand-picked the top commanders of the army, who are believed to be loyal to him.

Fujimori, who ruled for a decade, announced Sept. 16 that he would call new elections in which he would not be a candidate. He said he would relinquish power to a new government on July 28, 2001.

The decision was prompted by a corruption scandal surrounding Montesinos, who was caught on videotape apparently bribing an opposition congressman to defect to Fujimori's ranks.

At least 10 lawmakers from Fujimori's Peru 2000 political alliance have abandoned the party since the scandal broke, including Mendoza. As of Wednesday, Fujimori's legislative bloc held only 54 seats in the 120-member Congress, eliminating the control he maintained during the last eight years of his 10-year presidency.

Congressman Moises Wolfenson, one of the lawmakers who quit Peru 2000 on Monday, said his decision was not influenced by any outside forces. "There was no type of pressure, as [Mendoza] has alleged," he said.

Fujimori lost the congressional majority at the polls in April, but regained it before he swore his oath to a third five-year

term two months ago, amid accusations that Montesinos had used bribes and coercion to gain support from opposition lawmakers.

Former presidential candidate Alejandro Toledo on Wednesday called on Congress to oust Fujimori and install a transitional government ahead of new elections.

"To wait until July 2001 to have a new president is a costly agony that Peru cannot afford," said Toledo, who boycotted a presidential runoff against Fujimori in May because he said it was rigged.

"I am denouncing that a group of congressmen from Peru 2000 have been pressured to sign letters of resignation, prepared in the army's high command, to form a congressional group in favor of Vladimiro Montesinos."

Miguel Mendoza
Peruvian congressman

Meanwhile, prosecutor N i n a Rodriguez said Tuesday she had moved to quash a criminal investigation o f

Montesinos, a shadowy figure whose spy network has long been accused of human rights abuses

and forcefully bending Peru's democratic institutions to Fujimori's will.

Rodriguez, a provisional appointee widely viewed as acting under Montesinos' orders, argued that Montesinos was simply a presidential adviser with no official title, and could not be charged with official corruption.

Montesinos was the de-facto head of the National Intelligence Service but did not hold an official appointment.

"The investigation was conducted in a proper manner, without any outside pressure," she insisted.

Montesinos' request for political asylum in Panama has been supported by the Organization for American States and the Clinton administration, which views his exile as necessary for Peru to repair its shaky democracy.

U.S. Gen. Peter Pace, who was recently appointed commander of U.S. military operations in Latin America, met Tuesday with Fujimori, as well as Peru's defense minister and the commander of Peru's armed forces.

U.S. officials said Pace made the visit to express the "continued support of the United States for democratic efforts in Peru," and that it was part of a routine tour of the region.

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FDA reviews abortion pill RU-486 amid debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With a deadline fast approaching, the Food and Drug Administration was poised to decide, perhaps as early as Thursday, the fate of the long-awaited abortion pill RU-486.

Abortion-rights advocates said Wednesday they expected the pill to be approved under certain restrictions designed to ensure women take it safely.

If so, it would be a long-awaited victory for abortion-rights groups. Anti-abortion organizations have battled to keep RU-486 out of the United States since the drug debuted in France in 1988 — and they pledged Wednesday to continue fighting the drug if it is sold here.

Approval has been long expected. The Clinton administration in 1994 persuaded French manufacturer Roussel Uclaf to give U.S. rights to the pill to the nonprofit Population Council, which hired a U.S. marketing company to apply for FDA clearance. In 1996, the FDA declared RU-486, now known by its chemical name mifepristone, safe and effective for early abor-

tion. But problems passing manufacturing and labeling requirements delayed final approval. The FDA had set Saturday as its deadline to decide, and could accept or reject the drug or request more information.

Studies show mifepristone is 92-95 percent effective in causing abortion when taken during the first seven weeks of pregnancy — earlier than most surgical abortions.

But it does require at least two, sometimes three, doctor visits, to ensure the abortion is complete and finish it surgically if necessary. Women swallow mifepristone, which blocks a hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. Two days later they swallow a second drug that causes uterine contractions to expel the embryo.

"This is an extraordinarily safe and effective method for terminating a very early pregnancy," said Vicki Saporta of the National Abortion Federation, noting studies found less than a 1 percent rate of complications.

Expecting approval, the federation beefed up its national hot line Wednesday in preparation for calls seeking mifepristone.

Cops erroneously stop Clinton aides

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two White House aides said they were traumatized, embarrassed and humiliated when gun-wielding police stopped them in a Washington suburb, erroneously believing they were driving a stolen car.

Bob Nash and his wife, Janis Kearney, both of whom are black, said in a three-page statement Wednesday in response to media inquiries that they were victims of racial profiling and were stopped for the "bogus crime of driving while black."

The incident occurred Sept. 6 in suburban Montgomery County, Md.

The county's police chief, Charles A. Moose, has denied the case involved racial profiling but said during a radio call-in show, "We're very sorry that this happened. We're not perfect."

Describing the incident, the

two White House staffers said after they were stopped by police, who, aiming pistols and shotguns, surrounded their vehicle, patted them down for weapons and handcuffed them.

"Pistols and shotguns were aimed at us until we were handcuffed. ... We were traumatized as a result of the stop," wrote Nash, adding that the incident left the two "embarrassed, humiliated and afraid for our lives."

Nash is director of the Office of Presidential Personnel at the White House, and Kearney works as a special assistant to the president and records manager.

A county police spokesman,

Capt. William O'Toole, said Nash's car was stopped because it was believed to be a car reported stolen in the same area about 45 minutes earlier. He said Nash was handcuffed for "his own safety" and maintained that Kearney was ordered to remain in the car.

Although police denied that Nash and his wife were stopped as result racial profiling, authorities have

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Bob Nash
White House aide

acknowledged that the stolen car was reported to have been taken by a black male.

The incident became public Tuesday when a fellow White House worker asked Moose to comment on it during a radio call-in show.

Judge awards Anna Nicole Smith \$449.7M

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

A federal bankruptcy judge awarded former Playboy Playmate of the Year Anna Nicole Smith \$449.7 million Wednesday in her claim to the estate of her late billionaire husband, Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel Bufford ruled that Marshall's youngest son, E. Pierce Marshall, had deprived Smith "of her expectancy of an inheritance."

Her attorney, Philip Boesch Jr., said Smith was "very pleased" and believes the ruling "puts the matter to rest."

Marshall called the ruling a "miscarriage of justice" and said he would appeal.

Bufford's decision came just a day before jury selection was scheduled to begin in probate court in Houston, in a dispute over the validity of Marshall's will, which left all of the oilman's estate to his youngest son. That case pits both Smith and Marshall's disinherited elder son, J. Howard Marshall III, against E. Pierce Marshall.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Amid concerns that an ongoing turf battle may have led to a school shooting, the mayor sought to turn the discussion toward why children have such easy access to guns.

"Neighborhood and school rivalries are as old as the city. What changes that is when children have access to guns," Mayor Marc Morial said Wednesday. "That takes an innocent shoving match and turns it into a violent incident."

Darrell Johnson, 13, and William Pennington, 15, traded gunshots in the crowded breezeway of Carter G. Woodson Middle School shortly

before noon Tuesday, police said.

Johnson got the gun from a 13-year-old friend outside a chain-link fence and shot Pennington; Pennington then grabbed the gun and shot him in the back, police said.

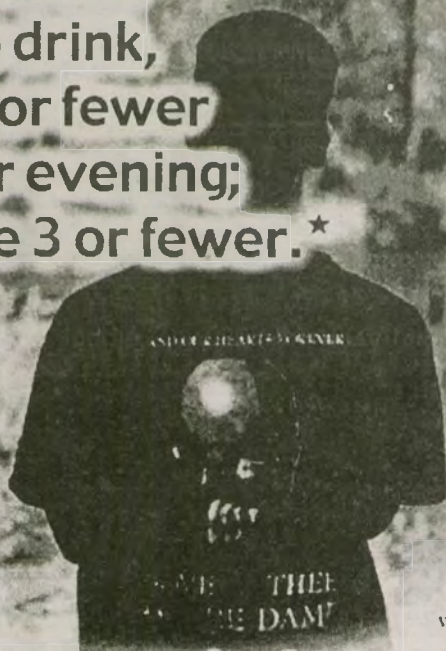
Johnson's mother, Catrice, seemed caught off guard by her son's alleged involvement in the shooting.

"I feel like somebody at school should have known something. My son is not a troublemaker," she said. "I'm not saying he's a perfect kid, but he's not a bad kid."

The boys were upgraded to stable condition Wednesday, said Jean Patterson, Charity Hospital spokeswoman.

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Gore prepares for first debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In the vice presidential dining room, Texas wisecracker Paul Begala drawled zinger after stinging zinger, winning applause as a dead ringer for Republican George W. Bush.

Begala's best lines? Those are kept under wraps, said a Gore adviser, just in case the vice president wants to use one himself in the three debates against Bush that start next Tuesday.

Gore and his full slate of advisers — including wife Tipper, brother-in-law Frank Hunger and daughter Karenna



Gore

— are planning to settle in at Sarasota, Fla., this weekend to finish up preparations that have been going on for months.

It's the same place where, during his 1996 rehearsals to face Republican Jack Kemp, Gore insisted aides replicate the debate hall exactly — right down to room temperature. Gore said he's not going to be as picky this time.

"I don't think it matters that much," he told reporters Wednesday aboard Air Force Two. "I'll be doing some more reading. We'll probably do a couple of practice sessions. It's a unique forum in American politics. You know, you never know what's going to happen. You try to do the best you can."

He admitted some concern that he could score points on substance, but lose to Bush on style. "I think it's the same question people ask about how people vote: do they vote on the issues or on the person? Both.

How do you separate them out? ... It's above my level of expertise. I just feel my way along."

The candidate hunkered down Tuesday night in his Des Moines hotel suite with briefing materials after a dinner of takeout barbecue with Hunger and son-in-law Drew Schiff. But most other debate rehearsals were staged at Washington's Naval Observatory, Gore's official residence, where the dining room is the only room with space enough to set up.

"It's not complicated. You try to guess at the subject areas — the three or four that will come up in each" debate, said campaign chairman William Daley. Beyond that, Daley didn't want to talk debate strategy for fear of giving away intelligence to the other side.

Daley, strategist Carter Eskew and speechwriter Bob Shrum are among the tight circle of advisers involved in debate rehearsals to date.

Poll favors Bush after new shifts in campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

George W. Bush has reclaimed some momentum in the presidential race, attracting women and senior citizens, focusing on his best issues and benefiting from concerns about Al Gore's truthfulness.



Bush

After several weeks when the campaign appeared to be moving in the Democrats' direction, evidence pointed to a Bush comeback fueled largely by his renewed appeal to female "swing voters" and seniors.

"It was a combination of two things," said nonpartisan political analyst Stuart Rothenberg.

"Gore was back on the defensive, back on his heels on the question of integrity and truth-telling. And Bush was back on the issues that he's good on — like education — and not merely reacting to political process, like he was doing for four weeks."

When Bush wasn't talking about education in the past week, he was criticizing Gore's plans for Medicare and energy policy.

A new Los Angeles Times poll,

which gave Bush a 48 to 42 percent lead, suggested senior citizens supported Bush slightly more than Gore — 47 percent to 41 percent. However, the elderly prefer Gore's approach to Medicare and health care generally. Gore was up by almost 20 points among this group in a poll in early September.

Bush and Gore are currently about even in other national polls. Both Republicans and Democrats said Wednesday they feel the race is very close, maybe the closest since 1960.

In the past week, Bush made well-received TV appearances on "Oprah," "Live with Regis" and CNN's "Larry King Live," Rothenberg said, "Next, I expect to see him on the Food Channel."

The Times poll suggested Bush has reclaimed an edge on such personal traits as trust and likability after Gore had pulled even on most personal traits following the summer political conventions. Gore retains the

advantage on such issues as health care, education and Medicare.

The shift toward Bush in recent days is largely caused by a bloc of swing voters not affiliated with either party, a

majority of them women, said GOP pollster Linda Divall. Polls suggest they are often lower-income women.

Democratic pollster Celinda Lake acknowledged: "Bush has understood better than any Republican we've ever seen how to target women voters."

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Stuart Rothenberg
political analyst

GOP, Dems argue about Medicare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans and Democrats in Congress agreed Wednesday that prescription drug coverage for Medicare recipients is more important than partisan politics, then swiftly resumed campaign-season warfare over the issue.

"Democrats were AWOL" when Republicans pushed their legislation through the House earlier in the year, charged Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. As for Vice President Al Gore and his campaign

rhetoric on the subject, Thomas said the Democratic presidential candidate "appears to be a pathological prevaricator" — a liar in plainer, dictionary terms.

House Democrats rolled wheelbarrows piled high with empty drug vials along a sidewalk outside the Capitol in a made-for-television event designed to dramatize the urgency of helping Medicare recipients cope with the high cost of medicine. Senior citizens walked alongside, some holding their pill bottles aloft.

"For months Republicans in Congress have blocked these

benefits in the name of sham bills that don't provide universal coverage — that don't help people who truly need it — and that the president will not sign," said Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "They have blocked these benefits as a favor to the pharmaceutical companies and the insurance industry."

With rhetoric hardening on both sides, the prospect for legislation appeared dim beyond an effort to allow reimportation of drugs from Canada, where they are less expensive than in the 50 states.

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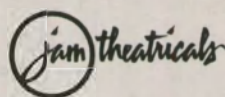
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Same-sex benefits remain in question

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt.

The University of Vermont is giving its gay employees until the end of 2001 to enter a civil union with their partners or they will no longer receive domestic-partner benefits.

The decision was made to treat the "circumstances of married couples and civil union couples consistently," according to a school memorandum sent to 30 affected employees Tuesday and Wednesday.

"If we did one but not the other we wouldn't be very consistent," university spokesman Enrique Corredra said.

Vermont is the first state to allow gay couples to enter into a legal relationship akin to marriage. There is still a dispute, however, as to whether employers in the state are required to provide spousal benefits to couples in civil unions because company insurance policies are primarily regulated by federal law.

The University of Vermont has provided health insurance and other benefits to the domestic partners of its employees since

the early 1990s. Now, with the civil union law in effect, the school says gay employees must enter a civil union by Dec. 31, 2001, if they want the benefits for their partners.

"How odd that UVM should stand out as one of the first workplaces in Vermont to withdraw their same-sex benefits clause," wrote one dismayed staff member in an e-mail to university President Judith Ramaley. "The ink on the civil union law is barely dry."

New employees will have to certify that they are married or civilly unified to get spousal benefits, which include health and life insurance, access to university

facilities and free tuition. New employees from out of state who want domestic partner benefits will have 90 days to enter a civil union to get the benefits.

One employee who will continue to get domestic-partner benefits is Holly Puterbaugh, a lecturer in the math department. She was a plaintiff in the lawsuit that resulted in a state Supreme Court decision that found Vermont's marriage law unconstitutional because it denied the benefits of marriage to gays and lesbians.

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UVM staff member

Computer studies crowd panic

♦ Scientists use technology to simulate hysteria

Associated Press

Mob stampedes have killed thousands of people in recent years, but they are usually explained in terms of psychology. Now, European scientists say they can predict and prevent crowd panic via computer simulations using the laws of physics.

The new computer model relies on distances, sizes and velocities instead of emotional states but produces results similar to actual panics, the researchers said in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

"We think it works particularly well in panic situations because people don't think about what they should do," said Dirk Helbing, a professor at the Institute for Economics and Traffic at Dresden University of Technology.

The computer models reflect the conditions of a room from which people are trying to escape but cannot use or see exits. The virtual victims appear as particles that reflect an average person's speed, size and desired distance from others.

Under normal circumstances, a crowd exits a theater or stadium in an orderly and coordinated fashion because everyone is moving at a leisurely pace and at an adequate distance from one another, the researchers said.

But when the speed of the individuals increases in a panic, they bump into each other, creating friction and violating personal space. As a result, almost everybody moves less quickly.

Eventually, solid arch-shaped barriers of people clump around the exits and even fewer people can pass to safety. Victims collapse and are trampled, creating further obstacles for the others.

"People want to leave faster, but the result is that they are leaving slower and then the tragedy begins," Helbing said. "The question is what can you do about that?"

One solution is to build a partial barrier in front of the exit, the researchers said. It could absorb pressure from the crowd that can become strong enough to crush a person, break a brick wall or bend steel.

"It turned out that we had no injuries," Helbing said of the approach.

As the world becomes more crowded, such simulations will grow more important for architects, event planners and police.

This year, eight people were killed in July at a rock festival in Copenhagen, and a dozen died the same month after a World Cup match in Zimbabwe. Ten years ago, more than 1,400 pilgrims were killed inside a tunnel leading to Mecca.

Helbing and colleagues Illes Farkas and Tamas Vicsek found many causes for panic. In some cases, a crisis like a fire or a poorly planned obstacle can drive the hysteria.

The researchers also used their simulation to devise strategies for surviving crowd panic. In the case of a burning theater where smoke obscures the exits, just acting alone or totally following others can be deadly, they said. The solution is to do

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Dirk Helbing
research scientist

a little of both.

"It requires some individualism to explore the environment, to find the possible solutions and then, if there is someone who found the solution, it is good for the others to follow," Helbing said.

The new computer models are especially useful because they consider individual actions within the group, David J. Low, a civil engineer at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland, said in an accompanying commentary.

Most modern buildings are designed assuming crowds flow through the exits like fluid through a pipe, he said.

"This traditional approach assumes that the crowd is made up of identical, unthinking elements," he said. "A fluid particle cannot experience fear or pain, cannot have a preferred motion, cannot make decisions and cannot stumble and fall."

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, September 28

8:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Hesburgh Library Auditorium*
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Open Swing Dancing, LaFortune Ballroom
8:30 p.m.-Midnight	ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m.	Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
9:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Information Session for Holy Cross Missions, CSC Coffee House
10:30 p.m.	Movie, "Return to Me", DeBartolo 101* and "The Godfather: Part 1", Rm 155*

Friday, September 29

5:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer Game vs. Seton Hall, Alumni Field
7:00 p.m.	Women's Volleyball Game vs. Villanova, Joyce Arena
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
7:30 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Pittsburgh, Alumni Field
8:00 p.m.	Movie, "Return to Me", DeBartolo 101* and "The Godfather: Part 2", DeBartolo 155*
8:00 p.m.	Cinema at the Snite, "Timecode", Snite Museum*
8:30 p.m.-Midnight	ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
10:00 p.m.	Cinema at the Snite, "Timecode", Snite Museum*
10:30 p.m.	Movie, "Return to Me", DeBartolo 101*

Saturday, September 30

5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Irishpalooza: Live Music, North Quad
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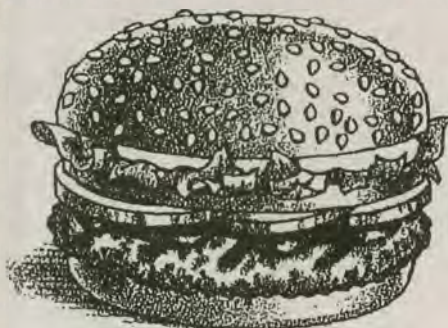
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Lawyer points to major flaws in Lockerbie case

Associated Press

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A defense attorney in the Lockerbie trial sought to discredit the prosecution's key witness Wednesday, claiming his testimony was riddled with "carefully crafted lies."

"I did not lie ... I did not lie," the Libyan witness, who became a CIA spy four months before the bombing on Dec. 21, 1988, said in response to relentless questioning by Bill Taylor.

Taylor's client, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, is accused with co-defendant Lamen Khalifa Fhimah of sending the suitcase bomb that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

Taylor claimed the prosecution's key witness, identified by the pseudonym Abdul Majid Giaka, fabricated evidence about the bombing at the time of the investigation to please his American employers.

"We see the same sequence repeated," Taylor said. "The Americans saying, 'We're not going to pay you money.' You demanding money. The Americans saying, 'You've not come up with anything.' Then you come up with something."

Taylor read from a Sept. 1, 1989, cable from Giaka's CIA handler, who began to have doubts about the Libyan turncoat's access to intelligence. The handler recommended cutting off his \$1,000 monthly salary "until such access can be proven."

"You were giving pretty low-level information and you had to do better, otherwise you'd be cut

off," Taylor reminded the witness.

"I don't remember that I was blamed for anything," said Giaka.

On Tuesday, Giaka claimed that in late December 1988 he saw the defendants carry a brown Samsonite suitcase — similar to the one that contained the Lockerbie bomb — through Malta's Luqa airport, where he was assigned as a Libyan Arab Airlines employee.

Prosecutors say the suitcase bomb was sent from the Mediterranean island of Malta, a regular transit point for Libyan VIPs and intelligence agents.

Taylor pointed out "a deafening silence" in CIA debriefers' reports about that incident, suggesting Giaka fabricated it.

Giaka also testified al-Megrahi and Fhimah stored a cache of TNT at Libyan airline's office in the airport until weeks before the Lockerbie disaster.

But Taylor noted that Giaka's account in court conflicted with what he told CIA debriefers about the explosive in October 1988, shortly after he became an informant.

Although Giaka testified the TNT was still locked in an office desk when he was debriefed, CIA documents record him as saying it had been removed months earlier.

Taylor maintained the story was invented after the fact so as to be unverifiable.

"It is a carefully crafted lie, just like all the carefully crafted lies you've concocted," Taylor said.

The defendants have pleaded innocent to the bombing, claiming Palestinian terrorist groups were responsible.

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Bill Taylor
defense attorney

GREECE

Ferry sinks with more than 500 aboard, British Navy responds

Associated Press

PAROS

A Greek ferry hit a patch of rocks in the Aegean Sea and sank, killing at least 40 of the more than 500 people aboard, who panicked and started jumping overboard, rescue officials said.

A port official also suffered a heart attack and died after hearing news of the sinking, the coast guard said Wednesday. About 46 people were missing.

Justice Minister Michalis Stathopoulos said the accident had been caused by "criminal negligence," and prosecutors ordered the arrest of the ship's captain and four crew members.

Coast Guard chief Andreas Sirigos said 40 people were confirmed dead after the 34-year-old ferry boat Express Samina sank. It hit a large rocky outcrop late Tuesday in rough seas about two miles off the popular resort island of Paros.

A crew member interviewed by telephone said there was an orderly evacuation. But passengers reported a strong collision and then panic.

"The ship fell apart as it sank. There were peo-

ple hanging from the railings. Children were crying and old people were screaming," Zoe Kolida told private Mega television. "I jumped in and looked back after about 50 meters and the ship was gone."

"I thought of the Titanic," another survivor, engineer Stamatis Delavinias, told Mega. "The boat sank in about half an hour. There were old women and others who were afraid to jump in the sea."

Dozens of fishing boats, other vessels and British Navy helicopters rushed to the scene and helped in the rescue.

The ferry's owner said there were 447 tickets sold and 63 crew members aboard, but the exact number of passengers was not known as some may have purchased their tickets onboard and children under the age of 5

are not required to have tickets.

The head of the Paros Health Center, Dimitris Stavakis, said "there a number of young children among the dead." A British Navy helicopter in rescue operations touched down at Paros airport and was seen unloading four bodies, including that of an infant.

"Children were crying and old people were screaming."

Zoe Kolida
survivor

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Touring Notre Dame with a "humpty"

Thirty years ago (when I was young and virile), I regularly played golf with three close friends. Tom was the character in the group. He was 15-20 years older than the rest of us and the celebrity, as a prominent attorney and a member of a well-known Notre Dame family.

Tom was one of those guys who always had a clever quip. When one of us would chili-dip a shot, Tom would yell out "It's the battle of the humpties." When he would sink a putt to win a hole (and the dime per hole we always bet) he would shout

"How the money rolls in!" When I would hit an occasional (OK — periodic) fat shot, Tom would call it a "hump-backed liner."

Tom was always great fun on the golf course. He never took a practice swing, preferring to blast away, right after he placed his ball on the tee. As he uncoiled his 6'5" frame and let loose with all he had, he could hit the ball a mile, or a foot. In both cases, he would continue to talk even while he was in his swing. Nothing flustered him, but he was a "carrier." He flustered us. But, he was so much fun, we loved to have him in our group. You couldn't help but smile when Tom was around.

Tom had been a pretty good baseball and softball player in his youth, so he could really crank out a long drive. I saw him miss a double eagle at Erskine Golf Club by two inches. He left a two iron on the lip, from over 220 yards. As usual, Tom never saw the ball, since he did a complete corkscrew on his swing.

Thirty years ago, at age 43, Tom seemed older than that. He was often befuddled. He never arrived on time,

usually running to join us on the second tee, sometimes telling us he had gone to the wrong course or showed up the day before and waited for us. He usually had some chili spilled on his shirt. No matter how many times we played a course, Tom never seemed to know where the next hole was.

A couple of years ago I learned from Tom's family that he was suffering from Alzheimer's. Tom liked to winter in Florida. His family had to bring him home because he was unable to find a way to walk back across the street when he left his home. Knowing the kind of guy Tom was, I couldn't imagine a worse sentence than to have lost his mind. I remembered some of the things Nancy Reagan has said about President Reagan and how cruel the disease is.

Imagine my surprise, a few weeks ago, when I looked up from my desk in the Security Building and there was Tom. He looked about the same as he looked 30 years ago, like he remained in a time warp (maybe my eyes are no longer young and virile). He walked towards me and said "Hello Capper. You look funny without a golf club in your hands." He asked me about "Pat" my golf partner of 30 years ago whom neither of us has seen in 25 plus years. He asked if Mike and I were still playing golf. It seemed like a miracle had taken place. He asked me about my job at ND. After a while, a friend of Tom's came by and told him they had to get back to "the home." Off Tom went.

I did some checking with Tom's family and learned that he is in that stage where he can be somewhat normal, when zeroed in on the past, but that he has zero short-term memory. When I asked Tom about his five kids, he could recite their names in birth order, but he couldn't remember where they all were.

Tom has an ex-wife, Shirley, who will be on the express train to Heaven when her time comes. Shirley has assumed a big role in looking after Tom. She spends time with him and arranges for friends

and family to look in on him. I volunteered to take a shift on Tuesday. When I pulled up to the Milton Home, across from Memorial Hospital, there was Tom, sitting in the sun, along with an elderly woman. He greeted me just like the old days.

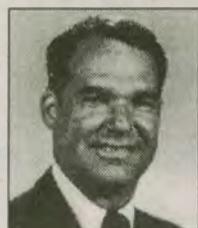
Anyone who saw me driving the Notre Dame Security Golf Cart around the campus on Tuesday afternoon would have seen Tom having the time of his life, waving to all the people we encountered. He really enjoyed seeing the lakes ("I used to go swimming here with my dad," a former Notre Dame professor), the Grotto ("We used to burn up those candles at exam time"), the pretty girls on the campus (it was a chore to repeat the same answer, each time he asked me how many female students we had, every time we passed one) and the football stadium. "So, what do you do here at Notre Dame?" (I could have said that I was the Strength Coach, or the Grand Poobah, because he kept asking).

While I was driving the golf cart back to my car, to drive Tom home, he asked me 10 times where he had parked his car. He thanked me profusely for my time. He called himself a "lost soul." I kidded Tom about the woman who had been sitting in the yard with him. He said, "I'm afraid I've taken the vow of celibacy again" (reminding me that he was once a CSC seminarian).

Tom's brother and I have talked about how Tom's 30 year old befuddlement might have been his easing into the twilight of this awful disease. I'm sorry to see Tom this way, but I'm thankful that Tom can't see it.

Cappy Gagnon '66 sometimes gets chuckles from student workers Fowyn, Liz and Abbie, whenever he confuses their names or acts befuddled.

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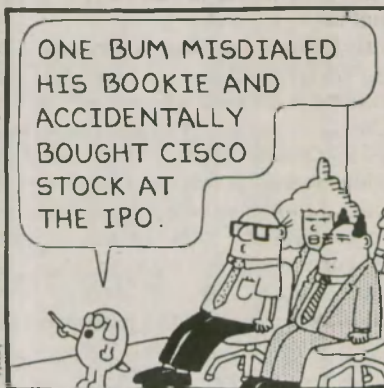
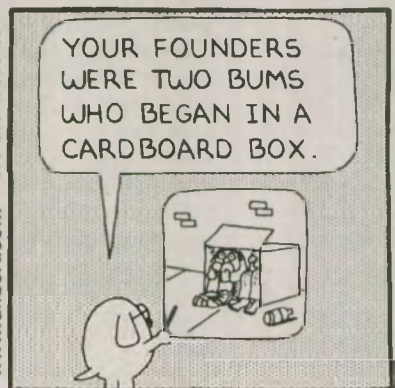
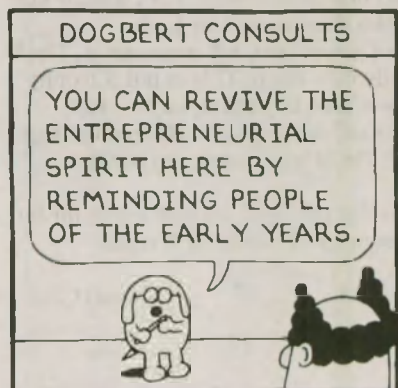
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Friendship is the only cement that will hold the world together."

Woodrow Wilson
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POLITICAL FACE-OFF

Pursuing better education for all

Leaving no child behind

Walk into a public school in a wealthy American suburb. There's a good chance you'll find a school you wouldn't mind sending your kids to.

Walk into a public school in a poor American city. There's a good chance you'll find a place you wouldn't want to send your kids. And you might not even find enough teachers for the kids already going to the school.

Tam Ngo

College Democrats

Public education is a crucial part of American society because public schools provide all Americans with a way to get the skills they need to get jobs. But some of our public schools are failing in their mission.

GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore both have plans to change education in America. While each candidate claims his plan is the one that will revitalize American education, only Gore's plan would truly improve American students.

George W. Bush supports school vouchers, tuition grants that would allow public school students money to attend private schools. Clearly, Bush's support of this issue is conservative but not compassionate — a thinly veiled attempt to get votes by pretending to support equality in education.

School vouchers are problematic in several ways. For example, the Bush plan would give a child \$1,500 per year to spend on private school tuition, clearly much less than the tuition at most private schools. Only parents who could afford to make up the difference would be able to take advantage of school choice.

Even more deplorable about school vouchers is the fact that they would drain money from struggling public schools. Public schools would lose top students and concerned parents that are vital to the success of any school. Under Bush's plan, countless children would be stuck in public schools stripped of resources in the name of sending a small handful of children to private schools.

One really has to wonder how sincere Bush is in his support of education. As Texas governor, Bush failed to improve the performance gap that exists between minority and white students. If Bush really does support education, why did he choose a running mate — former Congressman Dick Cheney — who voted against funding Head Start? Why would Bush oppose President Clinton's plan to allow schools to hire 100,000 new teachers?

Vice President Al Gore, on the other hand, has ideas that would truly improve education for all our children. Understanding that learning begins even before kindergarten, Gore supports universal preschool. He wants to expand Head Start and Early Head Start, two programs crucial to ensuring our children enter kindergarten prepared to excel.

Once kids enter public schools, Gore believes they deserve qualified teachers. Gore is committed to hiring 2.2 million new teachers over the next 10 years. Significantly, Gore also wants to help people get the education they need to become teachers. The vice president also wants to get our children out of failing schools by shutting those schools down and reopening them with new administrators.

And to improve education in all our schools, Gore wants every classroom to have access to the Internet and adequate programs for non-English speaking students. He also wants to provide five million young people with after-school and summer school opportunities.

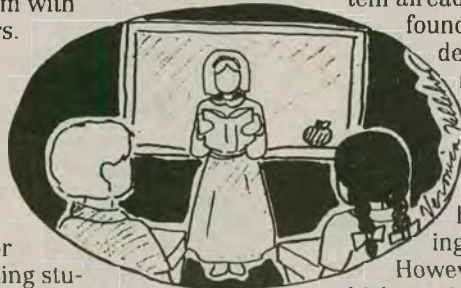
Gore, of course, expects schools and students to be accountable for the investments the government makes in them. Part of that accountability would include high school exit exams in reading and math — ensuring a high school diploma actually means something.

Once students get those diplomas, Gore thinks they should be able to go to college if they so choose. Gore will fight for tax credits and deductions for college savings. He will also work to keep interest rates on student loans low. Gore believes college education and skills training should be available to people throughout their lives. Therefore, he supports a system based on 401(k) plans that would allow parents and working professionals desiring advanced degrees a tax-free nest egg to save for tuition.

Gore sees the inequalities that exist among schools. As president, he will continue to work to end those injustices. Al Gore will protect our public schools, therefore guaranteeing that all our children have access to education.

Tam Ngo is a member of the College Democrats Club. Political Face-Off will run every Thursday until the election.

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Turning around failing schools

Today, under the Clinton-Gore administration, over 70 percent of America's fourth-graders in the poorest schools are illiterate. These students continue their education, while their illiteracy remains undetected until the end of middle school, high school or sometimes remains undetected forever. Often the struggling schools are found in impoverished cities, highly populated by minority students and overlooked in terms of federal aid due to the cyclical nature of their failure.

Lindsey Horvath

College Republicans

A call to a rededication to America's education is necessary to improve a system already in stagnation at best, but found to be in many ways in decline, such as in the national reading, math and science scores.

The current federal leaders claim to commit themselves to tests, rewarding high performance and "turning around" failing schools. However, it is the failing schools, which continue to fail, that actually need the extra attention. Instead, these schools drain the federal government's education funds in their inefficiency. And the tests place foreign federal standards on already displaced schools.

George W. Bush plans to place higher accountability on the states and teachers for the students' performance levels. While instituting a similar plan of action as Governor of Texas, his state has made the greatest gains in education reform. By giving failing schools a certain period of time to change, it forces the schools to act quickly or face closure, resulting in either improved schools or available funds for establishing new public or vocational schools.

States will also be offered freedom from federal control while still being held accountable for their performance. This gives schools the opportunity to work on the specific community needs of schools in their area. While federal programs may target some problem areas, many schools will have different problems that need to be addressed. Over 60 federal programs will be consolidated to five flexible categories, while keeping the emphasis on local control of schools. Thus, maintaining accountability while freeing states from unnecessary federal regulations will more acutely address local educational needs.

Sometimes a school's failure is due to a lack of student interest. Offering vocational schools as alternatives to public

schooling not only focuses adolescents on perfecting a certain task but provides a sense of accomplishment for improved self-esteem. This also removes problematic students from learning environments to increase intellectual stimulation. While Vice President Al Gore has been in office, school safety has increased as a national issue. Placing students who do not want to be in school into programs suiting their interests and developing their talents will help to reduce this problem.

Currently, reforms in Head Start programs focus on earlier education, creating classes for children as young as three years of age focused immediately on schooling. This not only de-emphasizes parental involvement while the child is very young but also creates a compulsory environment, causing children to feel forced to learn instead of encouraged to explore new ideas. Bush's Head Start reform would keep parents informed and have clear, measurable goals for children to seek and accomplish. Also, in early education he will initiate "Reading First," a program providing \$5 billion over five years to aid disadvantaged children in reading by the third grade. Gore's proposed voluntary fourth grade reading tests and voluntary eighth grade math tests do not provide the best answer to repairing the educational system.

To close the achievement gap in terms of minority status, Bush also intends to increase federal funding for historically black colleges and Hispanic institutions. This gap is also something the Clinton-Gore administration failed to close during their two consecutive terms; in fact, it only grew.

Many problems in schools result from a lack of emphasis on character development. Putting youths in stimulating, positive environments will help build their character and decrease problems in schools. Bush plans to triple federal funding in character education and expand community organizations for after-school programs to positively focus children's energies.

The question of education is to actively extinguish what does not work and implement what does. Time does not fix broken clocks and it will not heal America's schools.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stealing the pride and joy of a fan and alum

Disappointed.irate. Disenchanted. As you might expect this has something to do with football, but nothing to do with action from the Stadium. I have known Col. Richard Lochner, '61, for six years. Saturday was the first time I would ever use those words to describe him.

Col. Lochner lives in "the house with the flags" at the corner of Notre Dame Ave. and Angela.

He admirably exemplifies God, Country, Notre Dame. He feels obligated to preserve that corner with all the spit and polish of a good Marine. For all the alumni or friends of the University I have ever met, he fully embodies the spirit of Notre Dame.

What is his reward? Twenty-three flags have been stolen, only to be replaced as quickly as he can fly a new

one up the pole. Never is this Marine to allow another individual tarnish his post.

Recently Colonel Lochner purchased a large banner reading, "Go Irish, Beat — !" The "—" is a velcro portion for each opponent. Most importantly, the banner continued, "The Lochner-Ciancio Families welcome classes of '37, '61, '93, '95, '00! Please stop in and say hi."

His pride swelled when we hung it atop his stone fireplace. One alumnus stopped to have his picture taken after the Texas A&M game. His sole gratification is to make his corner a visible sign of family, our family, the Notre Dame family.

Stolen! Maybe that was to be expected, but what a shameful expectation! Perhaps it was some visitor taking

a trophy of South Bend home. However, I personally suspect it is not far from the shadow of Our Lady.

My suspicions are not important, my message is. Theft by one of his own family cuts deep. This is not a trophy for a dorm wall — this is a testament to family. Get something else to cover off-white paint. Return the sign — no questions asked. Or, if you happen to see it, demand it returned.

Shame on whomever for taking it. Shame on us for letting down one of our own by not making it right.

Dennis Ciancio
class of '95
September 19, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

Life, love and music harmonize in 'Famous'

By GUNDER KEHOE
Scene Movie Critic

At age 15, Cameron Crowe was tasting fame as a freelance journalist for Rolling Stone; shadowing the Allman Brothers, touring with Led Zeppelin and collecting memoirs for the film "Almost Famous," a coming of age story set amidst the heyday of Rock 'n' Roll.

Imagine the opportunities of 1973: the concerts, the after parties laced with drug use, the sexual favors. Now throw in the innocent eyes of a young writer to capture it all. Under the nostalgic direction of Crowe, this atmosphere finds its way on film and exudes an indescribable energy that holds each viewer's head on the screen.

William Miller (newcomer Patrick Fugit) is Crowe's 15-year-old stand-in. Since he's in his senior year of high school, William's social scene never finds its stride. Oh well, at least he has a prodigal writing talent and a job with Rolling Stone as a fallback option.

Armed only with his notepad and a passion for Rock 'n' Roll, William dives headfirst into the hedonist world of Stillwater, an up-and-coming band that's walking the tight rope between fame and failure.

Stillwater's universe is a movie within a movie, a stage where everyone is wearing a mask. Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) is the "cool" lead singer. Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) is the guitarist with mystique and Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) is their self-proclaimed muse who inspires musical riffs.

Although he may look young, William handles his environment with composure and, aside from the occasional orgy, resists booze and recreational chemicals. Besides, he has a mother (Frances McDormand) to track his every move and a legendary music writer, Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman) to warn him of the occupational hazards.

William not only experiences the coolest week-long journey a 15-year-

old could take, he learns a lot about love, life and why musicians make their music.

Fortunately, Crowe's initial big-name cast (which included Brad Pitt) didn't pan out because the ensemble is perfectly balanced. The addition of a movie star could have lopsided the film.

As a novice actor, Fugit is both charming and awkward; but the true stars are Hudson and Crudup, who both radiate a God-given magnetism. It's hard to imagine an actress at the ripe old age of 21 brimming with such confidence, but Hudson shines like a newly polished pearl.

Crudup is what you expect a rockstar to look like: long mustache, shoulder-length hair and a

guitar always straddling his lap. He nails the silent performance of a man who puts all words and emotions into the strumming of his instrument.

Aside from the music, "Almost Famous" captures the adolescent ability to love and admire earnestly without the cynicism that comes with age. William falls in love with Penny, but he's too honest and "uncool" to get his love returned. Everyone can sympathize with falling for that unreachable person who clearly likes you but is afraid to admit it.

William may never get his interview with the elusive Russell, but the rock idol still treats him like a younger brother. It's sweet justice to see the tables finally turn for William. His brush with fame doesn't last long, but it's worth more than four years atop the high school social ladder. For once, he is no longer the runt. He can hold his head up high while strolling with Stillwater. William's peers are in awe of his position, shaking their paper scraps, wishing for autographs from his friends. The outcast finally has his shot at something he's never been: one of the crowd.

Perhaps more than anything, Crowe relishes life and those many small journeys that fade like a dream. William is thrust into this Rock 'n' Roll family and, for no more than a week, they're inseparable, cruising desolate roads of the Southwest and

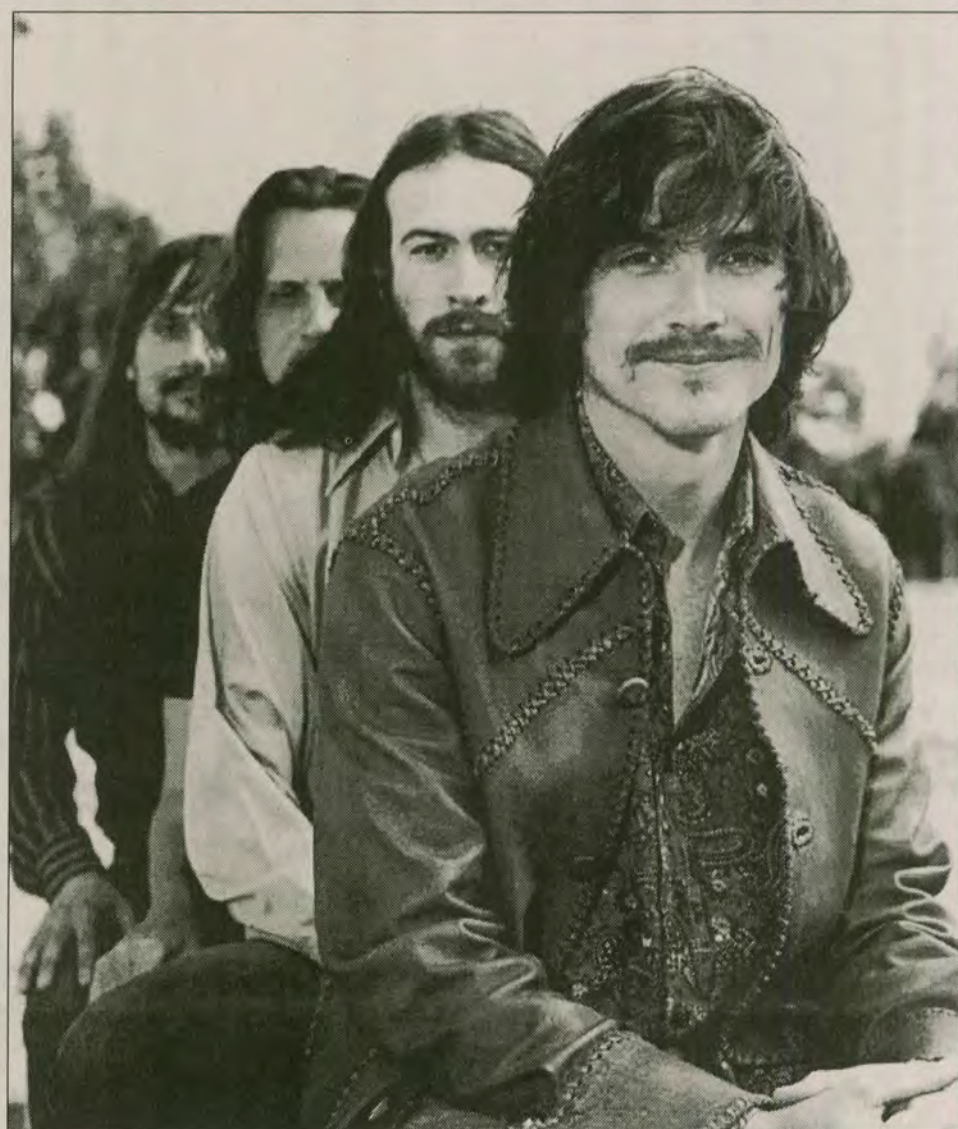


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Billy Crudup (in front) and Jason Lee (center) star as members of Stillwater, a fictional '70s rock band, in director Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous."

smelling death high above the Midwest. Then, he walks up a stairway to his room and he's back in reality. The people are forever scattered and all that's left are blurred memories, a few Polaroid's and scraps of paper that need to somehow fit the pages of Rolling Stone. William's experience should inspire everyone to buy a pen and notepad and begin recording their own life.

At the heart of this sprawling road piece are the sounds of '70s Rock 'n' Roll. Music isn't so much the focus as it is a backdrop for William's journey, but Crowe affectionately treats his music like another character in the story. Whether it's a needle hitting vinyl or young hands sifting through

records, one can see the director's adoration for music on the big screen. Today, music and fast-food are pretty much the same. Both are manufactured quickly and, while they feel good at first, their sensation turns sour. It's refreshing to see an era when "recording artist" was an honest title.

"Almost Famous" is episodic and plays like vignettes of pure character and '70s atmosphere. For some, it might feel choppy, but this is part of the film's charm. We move briskly from scene to scene like they're pages ripped from William's journal. The best part about "Almost Famous" is that, like the music on its soundtrack, it will only play better with time.



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In the semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous," Cameron Crowe enlists the acting talents of Patrick Fugit (far left) to portray William Miller, a young writer thrust into the world of 1970s Rock 'n' Roll. Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) and music critic Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman, on right) aid William on his journey.

Thursday, September 28, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

'Sunshine's' formula is a tasty treat

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

"Sunshine" is based on an original story by director Istvan Szabo. It recounts the tale of the Sonnenschein family, an upper middle class Jewish family residing in Hungary. The movie's opening monologue explains the "sunshine" connection: Sonnenschein is translated as "sunshine" and, in addition, is the name of the family's prized elixir, known for its healing qualities.

The movie explores three generations of the Sonnenschein family, starting with Emmanuel Sonnenschein (David DeKeyser), the father of Ignatz (Ralph Fiennes). As the story progresses, each child of the generation will have to make an important political or religious choice, and bear the consequences of that choice.

Ignatz, craving power after being well received as a judge, moves to change the family name to "Sors," hoping to sound more Hungarian.

Ignatz's son, Adam (Ralph Fiennes in role two), is an accomplished fencer. When the renowned Officer's Club courts him to be a part of their team, Adam wants to join. The group does not allow Jews, however, so Adam converts to Roman Catholicism. For Adam, his Jewish faith is far less important than a shot at the Olympic gold medal.

When Adam dies in a concentration camp, it is because he refuses to acknowledge his Jewishness to the German officers, instead proclaiming that he is "Adam Sors, Olympic gold medalist and officer of the Hungarian Army." In the movie's most dramatic moment, the Germans string him to a tree and cover him with water until

the layer of water freezes around him.

After the war, Adam's son, Ivan (Fiennes in role three), wants to retaliate for all the injustice Hungary brought upon his father and his fellow Jews. Ivan joins the Communist party and works for the Hungarian government. He soon realizes that the government he works for is not interested in helping the Jews. In fact, Ivan is asked to interrogate Jews because the Hungarian government now views them as an organized threat.

Disillusioned, Ivan returns home to find the lost recipe book for the "Sunshine" elixir, hoping to make something of his life.

In his searching, he finds a letter from

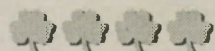
Emmanuel Sonnenschein to his son, Ignatz. In it, Emmanuel explains that the family has been successful for one reason. It is not the short-term financial stability that the elixir brought; it was never a political affiliation, and it was never the fleeting glory of having power. It was a strict adherence to Jewish tradition: a faith and trust in God that has guided the family long before there ever was an Ignatz or an Emmanuel.

The letter was written as a desperate plea for Ignatz to reconsider his craving for power, and Ivan sees this letter as his new spiritual guide. He changes his name from Sors to Sonnenschein, and the movers toss the recipe book in the compressor when Ivan leaves behind the Sonnenschein estate in Hungary.

At three hours long, the movie has an obligation to keep every generation's story interesting. Director Istvan Szabo does a remarkable job weaving the themes of politics, love and religion throughout all three vignettes.

While the story's structure is strong,

"Sunshine"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Istvan Szabo

Starring: Ralph Fiennes, David DeKeyser, Rachel Weisz and William Hurt



Photo courtesy of Paramount Classics

Ralph Fiennes (right) plays three different roles in director Istvan Szabo's "Sunshine," an epic historical drama recounting the lives of three sons.

Lajos Koltai's cinematography is utterly remarkable. Koltai has three scenes that leave a lasting impression. The first is an extreme overhead sequence (done perhaps with a plane) of Ignatz and his lover, naked in the woods. This scene captures the theme of their fear of being caught and their spontaneity.

The second sequence is of Ignatz and his lover diving into the shadows as they escape the watchful eye of Ignatz's landlord.

And the third amazing sequence is the remarkable Hungarian Fencing Championships set. The fencers are in the middle of a striking multi-leveled structure in which, on every floor, captivated observers watch each block and strike. This is a beautiful looking film.

Even more impressive is the multiple roles undertaken by Fiennes ("The English Patient"). Fiennes, already an accomplished actor, is able to build each character's identity uniquely. He gives us three

different roles, each as remarkable as the next. This helps alleviate any confusion when the stories overlap. Fiennes is able to draw out the misery, the euphoria and the passion of every character he plays. No performance is weaker than the other two, and the story thrives on this ability to involve the audience in wanting to witness the fates of Ignatz, Adam and Ivan.

"Sunshine" is well made on so many levels, from its intricate story to its unblemished acting by its star. At three hours, the movie could drag for some viewers, and those already familiar with the political upheaval in Hungary could find the amount of time spent explaining the political situation a bit too much.

However, the power of the three stories should make this a well-liked movie. Those who have seen "Sunshine" and are attracted to the themes of love and coming of age should also explore the 1988 Italian drama, "Cinema Paradiso," which is nothing short of a masterpiece.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

'Last Seduction' offers a modern twist on film noir

By MATT NANIA
Assistant Scene Editor

Despite a title that sounds like a cheap erotic thriller, "The Last Seduction" made over 30 critics Top Ten lists in 1994 — and rightly so. This dark, tongue-in-

cheek film noir puts a new spin on an old genre, audaciously mixing dark comedy and suspense for a unique blend of laughs, lust, betrayal and murder.

The typical classic noir follows the male hero, usually solving a mystery or becoming entangled in one, at the center of which is a deadly woman: the beautiful femme fatale. Here, the plot unfolds from the perspective of the femme fatale: the icily wicked, clever and utterly heartless Bridget Gregory (Linda Fiorentino).

And, like the classic noirs, this one has a lot to say about the blackness at the hearts of women and men. As bad as Bridget is, most of the time, she simply gets what she wants by giving men some version of what they want. Which isn't always pretty.

The first of the luckless unfortunates to cross her is her husband (Bill Pullman), who makes the mistake of slapping her just after they have successfully purloined money in a drug deal.

In retaliation and without hesitation, she flees with the cash and creates a new identity that will protect her from the man she has

betrayed. Bridget chooses a town, a bar and Mike (Peter Berg), a hapless, hockey-playing local who pats himself on the back for his quick pickup of the new girl in town. Big mistake. In Bridget's world, she's the boss and he's the sex object.

It takes Bridget a lot longer to seduce Mike to murder than it did to bed. This final seduction builds to an unbearably clever denouement that is essentially a victory lap for the protagonist.

"The Last Seduction's" plot does have the requisite twists, turns and surprises, but none of them are particularly jaw-dropping. Dahl and writer Steve Barancik are more concerned with tone and character, and deliver in both categories.

But if there is one aspect of the story that is truly impressive, it is what doesn't happen. The formulaic qualities of so many movies have conditioned viewers to expect a comeuppance for characters like Bridget; however, at crucial moments when it seems that she's made a critical mistake, she's still one step ahead.

Most movies give us villains who are wrapped in layers of

complexity that, peeled away, may offer explanations. It's an interesting change to watch Fiorentino create a straightforward, malignant villain who has not one ounce of hypocrisy about her intentions and believes she is entitled to everything she wants.

Although it is as polished as any drama around, "The Last Seduction" was made for and first screened on cable television in the U.S., then went into theatrical release. That's why it was ineligible for Academy Award consideration. This rule is inflexible, which is what the filmmakers found out when they challenged the Oscar Academy in the American courts.

That's too bad, because all three actors showcase their finest work. Bill Pullman ("Spaceballs" and "While You Were Sleeping") is terrific as the husband bent on revenge, and Peter Berg ("The Great White Hype" and TV's "Chicago Hope") is perfect as the

local guy way out of his depth.

But it is Fiorentino's mocking, sharp-tongued meanness that sustains the film. She seems wrapped in a self-confidence that allows her to play Bridget exactly as she is: no excuses, no explanations and no false notes. Her heartlessness is an art.

Which in large part is what makes "Seduction," described quite rightly as "a sexy modern film noir," so enjoyable.

Directed with a steel-honed edge by John Dahl (who went on to direct "Rounders," starring Matt Damon and Edward Norton), "The Last Seduction" is one of the few contemporary movies that remains appealing even though there is nary a single person on screen you actually like, admire or respect.

All you can do is watch, transfixed as Fiorentino works her wiles in the Olympic cruelty competition. She wins. Everybody else loses. That's entertainment.



Photo courtesy of ITC

"The Last Seduction," starring Linda Fiorentino, is available to rent on video.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Red Sox eliminated from playoffs despite win

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Chicago's Cal Eldred didn't stay past the fourth inning Wednesday night. But with a surgically implanted screw near his right elbow, he did show he can still pitch in the major leagues and be effective.

Eldred didn't figure in the decision as the Boston Red Sox — eliminated from the wild card race earlier in the day by Oakland's 9-7 victory over Anaheim — sent the AL Central champion White Sox to their fourth straight loss 2-1.

It was a night for the White Sox to hold tryouts for injured hurlers Eldred and James Baldwin to see if they might be able to rejoin the rotation for the playoffs.

Eldred threw 49 pitches over 3 1-3 innings, reaching the low 90s mph in velocity and giving up two hits and a run on Nomar Garciaparra's 21st homer.

Baldwin (14-6), bothered by shoulder tendinitis, went four innings in relief, giving up an unearned, go-ahead run in the fifth and four hits. They both could pitch again this weekend.

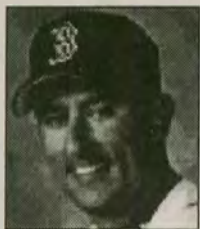
Paxton Crawford (2-1) allowed just four hits and a run in six innings to pick up the victory. Derek Lowe got his 40th save in 45 chances.

Eldred had a five-inch stainless steel screw surgically implanted Sept. 7 to stabilize a stress fracture in his elbow. He hadn't pitched for the White Sox since July 14 when he had to leave a game against St. Louis in the fifth inning because of pain in the elbow.

Eldred, who had elbow ligament replacement surgery in 1995, helped the White Sox jump out quickly this season by winning 10 games, including eight straight decisions before he was hurt.

Eldred was told if he didn't have the surgery, the stress fracture would return next year — he's had it three straight seasons — or he could retire.

Determined to get a chance to pitch in the postseason for the first time, his recovery has been swift.



Garciaparra

After surrendering Garciaparra's homer, Eldred was taken out and got a rousing ovation from another small crowd of just 16,368 at Comiskey Park. He walked one and struck out four.

Baldwin, who hasn't pitched since Sept. 8, gave up an unearned run in the fifth on Mike Lansing's single, a sacrifice, a passed ball on Charles Johnson and sacrifice fly by Trot Nixon.

The White Sox, who've already wrapped up home field advantage for the playoffs, scored in the first on Chris Singleton's single, stolen base and RBI single by Carlos Lee.

Devil Rays 11, Yankees 1

Jose Guillen, Ozzie Timmons and Fred McGriff homered as Tampa Bay once again prevented New York from clinching the AL East.

Cory Lidle (4-6) limited the two-time defending World Series champions to five hits in seven innings. The last-place Devil Rays won for their fourth straight game against a playoff contender.

New York, which lost for the 11th time in 14 games, is assured of at least a tie for first place and can win its fourth division crown in five years with one more victory or losses by Toronto and Boston.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner visited the clubhouse to talk with manager Joe Torre and general manager Brian Cashman before the game, then watched the team drop its fifth straight on the road.

Guillen's three-run homer off Denny Neagle (7-7) was the big blow in Tampa Bay's four-run second inning. McGriff hit his 416th career homer in the third and Timmons added a two-run shot off reliever Randy Keisler in the fifth.

The Devil Rays added three runs in the seventh when Timmons grounded into a force play and John Flaherty followed with a two-run double off Jay Tessmer.

The loss was the third straight for Neagle, who has given up 19 runs in 10 2-3 innings in those outings. Five of the 15 hits he's allowed during the losing streak, which comes on the heels of winning four straight, have been home runs.

McGriff's 26th homer moved him ahead of Cal Ripken Jr. into 28th place on the all-time list. It also gave him 104 RBIs, tying the team record he set a

year ago, and put the Devil Rays up 5-0.

New York trailed 7-0 before finally breaking a streak of 30 consecutive scoreless innings by Devil Rays starting pitchers in the sixth. Scott Brosius doubled and scored on Chuck Knoblauch's single, however the Yankees were unable to do any more damage against Lidle.

Lidle struck out three and walked one before being replaced by Dan Wheeler. Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak is the team's longest since the Devil Rays won a club record six straight from July 26-Aug. 1.

Royals 3, Tigers 0

Jeff Suppan pitched his second career shutout and Mike Sweeney and Joe Randa padded career-best years with solo home runs as Kansas City beat Detroit.

Suppan (10-9), who leads the majors with 36 home runs allowed, held the Tigers to six hits, striking out three and walking three. His only other shutout was on Aug. 3, 1999, when he beat Anaheim 7-0 on a five-hitter. It was his second straight complete game and third of the year.

Suppan also saved the Royals' beleaguered staff the embarrassment of being the first in franchise history not to have at least one starter with double-digit wins.

Sweeney hit a 1-1 pitch from Hideo Nomo (8-12) over the left-field fence leading off the fourth and hiked his team-record RBI total to 142, tying Frank Thomas for the AL lead. Sweeney has 28 home runs.

One out later, Randa hit a 1-1 delivery over the wall in left-center for his 15th homer and career-best 103rd RBI.

Hector Ortiz, who was 3-for-3 with one double and two singles, scored in the seventh on Rey Sanchez's single.

Nomo had his winning streak halted at four games. He allowed with three runs on eight hits in 6 1-3 innings, with one walk and six strikeouts.

With 860 runs this season, the Royals have broken the club record for runs scored for the second consecutive year.

Indians 8, Twins 2

Jason Bere didn't blow another seven-run lead and Manny Ramirez and Jim Thome homered as Cleveland kept pressure on Oakland in the AL wild

card race with a victory over Minnesota.

Bere (6-3) rebounded from a disastrous start in Boston last week when he gave back a 7-0 lead to the Red Sox, who rallied for a 9-8 win.

That loss could keep the Indians awake at night this winter if they're unable to catch the A's, who beat Anaheim on Wednesday and remained 1 1/2 games ahead of Cleveland.

The Indians have four games left and the A's four, plus a possible makeup against Tampa Bay on Monday, if necessary.

Bill Selby, getting a rare start at DH, had two RBIs when the Indians broke it open with a five-run fourth off Brad Radke (12-16).

Thome, in one of the worst slumps of his career, homered for the first time since Sept. 5 — a span of 83 at-bats in the sixth.

Bere has either been real good or good bad in his 11 starts for the Indians since coming over in a July trade with Milwaukee.

The right-hander allowed two runs and five hits 5 2-3 innings.

Cleveland came to bat in the first inning against Radke (12-16) just seconds after Oakland's 9-7 win over Anaheim was posted on the left-field scoreboard, and Ramirez quickly put the Indians up 2-0 with his 34th homer.

Kenny Lofton opened with a bunt single, and two outs later, Ramirez connected for his fifth homer in 47 career at-bats against Radke.

It's frightening to think what Ramirez may have done if he hadn't missed 44 games this season with a hamstring injury. Since returning, he's batting .372 with 22 homers and 71 RBIs in 67 games.

And his numbers rise, so does the dollar amount it could cost the Indians to re-sign him as a free agent.

With David Segui resting his sore right foot, Selby made his first start as the Indians' DH and triggered the five-run fourth with a two-run single.

Ramirez singled, and one out later, Travis Fryman got a double when right fielder Matt Lawton slipped and fell on the rubberized warning track. Selby followed with his base hit to make it 4-1.

Sandy Alomar, Kenny Lofton, Omar Vizquel and Roberto Alomar each followed with singles as the Indians built Bere a 7-1 lead.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

M's to discuss future of Piniella, Rodriguez

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Mariners CEO Howard Lincoln plans to sit down with manager Lou Piniella and All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez after the season to talk about their futures in Seattle.

Piniella is in his last year of his contract and Rodriguez is eligible for free agency after the World Series.

"We're going to sit down with Lou after the season," Lincoln said before Wednesday night's game between the Mariners and Texas. "We'll do the same thing with Alex."

He denied a report in the Toronto Globe this week that said sources close to Mariners general manager Pat Gillick and Boston manager Jimmy Williams already have an informal agreement that Williams will be named Seattle's manager after the World Series.

"That story is total nonsense. It has no basis," Lincoln said. "It really does everyone a disservice. Besides, Jimmy Williams is under contract in Boston and we're not in the tampering business."

Piniella, 57, is in his eighth year in Seattle. He reportedly is earning \$1.3 million to manage the Mariners this season.

Under Piniella, the Mariners are trying to win their third AL West title. Piniella managed Cincinnati to a World Series title in 1990, and managed Seattle to division crowns 1995 and 1997.

Piniella has hired an agent and said he doesn't want to think about his future until after the season.

"We're going to sit down with Lou and have a glass of wine and see what we're going to do," said Lincoln, who said Gillick and team president Chuck Armstrong also will be at the meeting. "I think he's comfortable with that."

"Lou's done a tremendous

job this season," Lincoln said. "He's done a great job of managing."

The Mariners promised Rodriguez, 25, a four-time All-Star and the first player taken in the 1993 June draft, that they would not talk contract during the season. Lincoln said in spring training that the team, if it was in contention, would not trade Rodriguez this season although there was the risk of losing him as a free agent at the end of the season.

"We'll talk to Alex and see where it goes from there," Lincoln said. "I feel good about our decision in spring training. We felt the best way to keep Alex was to have a winning team and we've had a winning team. We'll see where it goes from there."

Seattle has lost two franchise players in the past three seasons.

Hurt dies in Toronto hotel

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Bob Hurt, the driver who broke his neck trying to qualify for the 1968 Indianapolis 500 and became a paraplegic, has died.

He was 61.

Hurt died in his sleep in a Toronto hotel room Sept. 23, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced Wednesday.

At the time of his death, Hurt was fighting prostate cancer in Toronto while taking outpatient treatments.

Hurt's death ended a 32-year battle against paralysis.

"He was a tough guy," said his brother, Doug Hurt, of Gaithersburg, Md.

Hurt never accepted being a paraplegic for the rest of his life.

Since the accident, he made trips to Russia and Sweden to undergo radical

experimental treatments and also participated in special treatments in the United States.

Born in Champaign, Ill., Hurt was a star high jumper and played on two Illinois state championship basketball teams.

He turned to auto racing at 19, driving modified stock cars and sports cars.

He drove his own Ferrari to victory in the Puerto Rico Grand Prix in 1962 and competed in a Lotus 18 as well as driving USAC stock cars in 1963.

Hurt never drove in the Indy 500.

In 1964, he passed his rookie test but did not make an attempt to qualify.

In 1967, Hurt qualified at 161.261 mph, but he was bumped from the field by a faster qualifier.

Before his accident he drove in 21 champ-car races, with a best finish of sixth in the Trenton 200 in 1967.

In 1968, rain marred practice and qualifying for 23 consecutive days, so an extra qualifying day was added May 27 to fill the field.

Hurt was injured in the morning practice period.

Hurt was taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where he spent nearly two months before being transferred to the Rusk Center Institute of Rehabilitation in New York City.

During his long ordeal, Hurt never once blamed racing or lost interest in the sport.

He regularly appeared at the Indianapolis 500.

In 1999, Hurt received cancer treatment in Toronto and then was driven to Indy in time for the race.

Survivors include his brother, Doug; and sisters Ann DeFranceaux of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Linda Andrieux of Paris.



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Mariucci puts Owens incident to rest

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Steve Mariucci spoke to Terrell Owens on Wednesday for the first time since the San Francisco coach suspended Owens for a week.

Now Mariucci hopes he can stop talking about Owens — at least until the 49ers' top receiver returns to the team following San Francisco's game against Arizona on Sunday.

"He's going to have some time to sit back and reflect on the week, and I trust that he'll come back in here full speed ahead and blend right back in," Mariucci said Wednesday. "Hopefully we can finish this off."



Owens

That may be easier said than done. Mariucci "excused" Owens from team activities for a week and fined him \$24,294 Monday after Owens' flamboyant touchdown celebrations in Dallas on Sunday drew widespread condemnation and embarrassed many of his teammates.

The controversy doesn't appear ready to die just yet, with the 49ers' players seemingly divided on the appropriateness of Mariucci's punishment and Owens remaining less than contrite about his actions.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Owens said he didn't feel he had done anything wrong by twice running to the center of Texas Stadium and celebrating on the Cowboys' star logo. Owens also said he thought media pressure factored into Mariucci's decisions.

Mariucci said the 49ers have been inundated with

phone calls, letters and e-mails about the happenings, and he said public opinion was running in favor of his decision.

"There's a lot of passionate fans out there, a lot of people who care," Mariucci said. "It sure has stirred up a lot of tension and interest nationwide. I find that real interesting. We're going to get over it and get through it, and then we'll go forward."

With Owens out of sight, the 49ers turned their minds to replacing him. Much of that responsibility will fall to forgotten receiver J.J. Stokes, who has caught just six passes this season — only one from starting quarterback Jeff Garcia.

Stokes has grown frustrated with his performances this season and lobbied for a bigger role in the offense, but he said he was as surprised as anyone by the way in which he earned an expanded role at the expense of one of his

closest friends on the roster.

Stokes said Owens was the first person he saw at the 49ers' practice complex on Monday, and Stokes thought Owens was joking when Owens said he had been suspended for a week.

"I have the opportunity to make a lot of plays this week, and I'm only focusing on that," Stokes said. "Everybody has to step up their game to make amends for (Owens' absence). It was a harsh decision the coaches made."

There seems to be a sharp divide among the 49ers as to the appropriateness of Mariucci's punishment. Fullback Fred Beasley stopped short of condemning Owens but said he agreed with the suspension, while Stokes refused to make any comment, saying only that "Terrell is with us in spirit."

"It doesn't really matter what any of us think, because he's the coach and it's his call," Garcia said.

MLB

Marlins hoping for new park

Associated Press

MIAMI

Florida Marlins owner John Henry told fans Wednesday that he is hopeful a new state commission will help the team get a new ballpark.

Henry, GM Dave Dombrowski and other members of the Marlins' front office held a hour-long meeting with 30 season-ticket holders, allowing them to ask questions ranging from the team's finances to how fast Marlins players were developing.

Henry said he is "encouraged" by the formation of the Community Improvement Authority, a new panel set up by Gov. Jeb Bush to look into finding ways to build a new stadium.

He expects the panel to be formed within 4-5 weeks.

"The only way to get new revenue streams is to get a new ballpark," Henry said. "We are watching to see what happens."

Henry noted that as of Aug. 31, the team lost approximately \$10 million.

He said it will take a "community effort" to get a new facility built.

The Florida Marlins attempt to privately finance a new stadium was deemed unprofitable earlier this year, Henry said.

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Monday-Friday, September 25-29
103 Hesburgh Library
Sign-up, Notre Dame Encounter
Retreat #63 (Nov. 3-5, 2000)

September 25-October 30
103 Hesburgh Library
Sign-up, Freshmen Retreat #31
(Nov. 3-4, 2000)
Targeted Dorms: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Keough, Howard, Dillon, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, Sorin

Friday-Sunday
September 29-October 1
Fatima Retreat Center
Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #62

Thursday, September 28, 9:00 p.m.
Center for Social Concerns Coffee House
Information Session on Holy Cross Mission in
Coachella, CA

Sunday, October 1, 1:30 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Robert Pelton, csc

Sunday, October 1, 4:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Hill
Sophomore Class Mass
Presider: Rev. Ted Hesburgh, csc

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 p.m.
Log Chapel
Rejoice! Mass
A Celebration of the Canonization of
Blessed Katharine Mary Drexel and
Blessed Josephine Bakhita

Monday-Tuesday, October 2-3
11:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, September 30 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. William A. Wack, c.s.c.

Sunday, October 1 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Thomas V. Bednar, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings
for this Coming Sunday
1st Reading Num 11: 25-29
2nd Reading Jas 5: 1-6
Gospel Mk 9: 39-43, 45, 47-48

Two Worlds. One Faith.

The Canonization of American Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel and African Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita

By Chandra J. Johnson

On this Sunday, October 1 at 10:00 p.m. in the Log Chapel, a Mass will be celebrated to rejoice the canonization of American Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel, and African Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita, women who used their lives as opportunities for change. On Sunday, their life and ministry will be solemnized by Pope John Paul II in Rome, and parishes nationwide. It is a time in our Church history when two Catholic women, one black, one white, one wealthy, one a former slave, will be honored for their meritorious and Christ-centered Catholic witness. Born a decade apart in opposite parts of the world, Blessed Katharine and Blessed Josephine will take their place among other extraordinary yet ordinary Christians who lived lives dedicated to the uplift and honor of the human experience.

Born in 1858, Blessed Katherine Drexel became a millionaire at age 28. Her father, a wealthy Philadelphia banker of Austrian and German origin, died, and left his children a trust worth \$14 million dollars. She used her inheritance and influence in the Catholic Church to evangelize Native and African Americans at a time when doing so was looked down upon, in some circles. But Blessed Katharine was taught at an early age that being Catholic meant much more than going to Church every Sunday. Being Catholic meant casting one's vision and experience beyond what was comfortable and socially acceptable.

In 1887, she began looking for missionaries to help her in her work. During a private audience with Pope Leo XIII, he encouraged her to become a missionary herself. In 1889, after much prayer and reflection, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, with the intent of founding a religious order dedicated to the Catholic formation of Indians and African Americans. On February 12, 1891 at age 33, she made her profession as the first member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. Throughout her lifetime until her death on March 3, 1955, she founded 14 schools and parishes in 9 different states, including Xavier University of Louisiana, the only Black Catholic university in the nation, and catechetical and social centers on reservations in the rural South and in large urban areas, to insure that people of these races, who, proud of their own culture and heritage, would become leaders in the nation and the Church. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Half way around the world in 1869 in Sudan, Africa, Blessed Josephine Bakhita was born into a loving and prosperous East African family. At nine years old, she was kidnaped and sold into slavery, and suffered humiliation, torture, and mutilation for the next several years. At age 13, she was sold to a Turkish general whose mistress administered a horrendous tattooing ordeal in which 60 designs were cut into Blessed Josephine's breasts, stomach and arms. In her words, "...it was a miracle of God I didn't die."

Blessed Josephine was sold twice more between 1883-85. She was taken to Italy as nursemaid for her mistress' child who attended a boarding school run by the Daughters of Charity. It was there that Blessed Josephine began to learn about the Catholic faith. Several years later, Blessed Josephine learned she was being sent back to Africa. She announced her intention to stay with the sisters, be baptized and have an opportunity to practice her new faith. Despite her mistress' anger, with the help of the sisters and Italy's prohibition against slavery, Blessed Josephine was permitted to stay. Baptized in January 1890, she took the name Josephine and studied for four years. On December 8, 1896 at age 41, she took her final vows as a member of the Daughters of Charity. She spent the rest of her life as a cook, seamstress, sacristan and doorkeeper. When her life story was published in 1930, she became a renowned example of charity and holiness. At her death at age 78 in Italy on February 8, 1947, she lay in state for three days, as mourners touched her body and prayed for her blessing. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in May 1992.

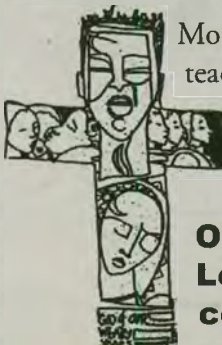
Two women, different cultures, different experiences, same faith. Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita and Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel have much to teach us. We have much to learn from them. Join us as we celebrate their lives and recall the memories and impact of their faith in action. All are welcome!



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets clinch wild card with victory over Braves

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For the first time ever, the New York Mets are going to the playoffs in consecutive years.

Rick Reed limited Atlanta to four hits in eight innings and pinch-hitter Darryl Hamilton singled in the go-ahead run in the fifth as the Mets beat the Braves 6-2 Wednesday night to clinch the NL wild card berth.

After slumping for the third straight September, the Mets survived and will open the playoffs Oct. 4 at San Francisco or St. Louis. The NL East champion Braves start a day earlier against the Giants or Cardinals, with the matchups depending on final records.

The Mets celebrated in low-key fashion on the field with hugs and handshakes, much like the Braves did the previous day when they clinched at Shea Stadium. There was champagne waiting for the Mets in the clubhouse, though.

Last year, New York needed to beat Cincinnati in a tiebreaker playoff on the day after the regular season was scheduled to end. This time, the Mets clinched with four games to spare, eliminating Los Angeles, its final wild card rival.

A night after the Braves beat the Mets to clinch their ninth straight division title, New York clinched the wild card by beating its rival for only the 13th time in 42 games over three years, including a 4-2 loss in last year's NL championship series.



Reed

Before last year, the Mets' only trips to the playoffs were in 1969, 1973, 1986 and 1988.

Reed (11-5) struck out seven and walked one. Armando Benitez allowed Andres Galarraga's leadoff homer in the ninth.

Kevin Millwood (10-13) finished the poorest of his three full seasons in the major leagues, giving up five runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings and forcing in the Mets' first run with three walks in the fourth. He was 17-8 in 1998 and 18-7 last year.

With the score 1-all in the fifth, rookie Timo Perez lined the ball into right field and stretched it into a triple. Hamilton, batting for Derek Bell, who was hurt in the top of the inning, blooped a pitch into short center for a 2-1 lead and Edgardo Alfonzo lined the next pitch into the left-field bleachers for a two-run homer.

Jay Payton hit an RBI single in the sixth after Robin Ventura tagged and went from first to second when former Met Bobby Bonilla was slow throwing the ball back following Todd Zeile's fly-out to left.

Ventura added an RBI double in the seventh off Scott Kamieniecki.

Andrew Jones' first-inning homer had given Atlanta the lead, but Millwood walked Zeile with the bases loaded in the fourth, tying the score.

Cubs 1, Phillies 0

Kerry Wood closed his comeback season with eight scoreless innings, striking out 10 to lead Chicago over Philadelphia.

Sammy Sosa singled home Wood for his 137th RBI as the Cubs won for only the sixth time in their last 26 games.

Wood (8-7), who missed all of last season following elbow surgery, gave up

eight hits and two walks in eight innings. He threw 125 pitches, the most in any of his 23 starts this season.

The 1998 NL Rookie of the Year ended with a 4.80 ERA, totaling 132 strikeouts in 137 innings. In his previous start Sept. 22 against St. Louis, Wood walked eight in only 1 1-3 innings.

Travis Lee, who entered the game hitless in six at-bats against Wood with five strikeouts, had four hits off the right-hander, including a pair of doubles.

Tim Worrell pitched the ninth for his third save in six chances.

Despite the loss, Randy Wolf (11-9) finished as the Phillies' leader in wins. He gave up one run on six hits and three walks over seven innings, striking out six.

Wolf is the first Phillies left-handed pitcher to reach 200 innings in a season since Danny Jackson threw 210 in 1993, totaling 206 1-3 innings in 32 starts.

The loss was the Phillies' eighth in their last 10 games.

Wood singled to lead off the Cubs third and reached second on Eric Young's single. One out later, Sosa singled.

Cubs left fielder Gary Matthews Jr. made a run-saving catch to end the Phillies seventh and strand runners at first and second.

Marlins 6, Expos 3

A.J. Burnett hit an RBI triple to spark a four-run fifth-inning and also pitched 6 2-3 strong innings to lead Florida to a win over Montreal.

Burnett (3-7) allowed two runs — one earned — three hits and five walks to help Florida win for the fourth time in five games. He also struck out seven as Montreal lost its fifth straight.

Tied at 1 in the fifth, Sandy Martinez doubled off the wall in right-center for Florida. Burnett worked the count full against Tony Armas (7-9) before burning the Expos' drawn-in outfield with a drive to left-center for his first career triple. Burnett is batting .280 (7-of-25).

Luis Castillo then singled in Burnett to make it 3-1. Mark Kotsay walked and Cliff Floyd greeted reliever Julio Santana with an RBI single. Mike Lowell followed with a run-scoring infield single to make it 5-1.

Armas allowed five runs, four hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings, snapping his three-game winning streak.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 43rd save in 47 chances.

The Marlins tied it at 1 without a hit in the fourth. Castillo walked, stole second and advanced to third on a ground-out before scoring on Floyd's sacrifice fly.

Michael Barrett's double set up Montreal's run in the third inning. Burnett walked three batters in the inning, including Wilton Guerrero to force in a run.

Brewers 10, Reds 6

Scott Sullivan's wild pitch allowed the go-ahead run to score in the seventh as Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

The last night game in Milwaukee County Stadium history was followed by a fireworks show. The teams close out the venerable stadium's 48-year run with a sold-out afternoon game Thursday.

With Marquis Grissom at the plate and Luis Lopez on third with two outs in the seventh, Sullivan uncorked the Reds' 94th wild pitch of the season, tying a major league record set by the Texas Rangers in 1986.



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Faine

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Though he never played in a game, Faine served as senior John Merandi's backup. When spring came, Faine was thrust onto the first team. He joined veterans Jim Jones, John Teasdale, Mike Gandy, Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers and soon became the natural replacement for Merandi.

Faine was the first member of a strong group of offensive linemen in the Class of 2003 to see action.

Three of the quintet (tackle Brennan Curtin, guard Ryan Gillis and guard Sean Milligan) are currently reserves while Neal Ambron left school in the spring.

Besides the obvious need for a center, Faine also believes his high school background has helped him adjust to a quicker, more physical game.

"I was fortunate to have a good weightlifting coach [in high school]," Faine said. "A lot of offensive linemen come in that aren't as strong, that aren't as muscular. I'm not saying I'm that muscular. But I had a pretty good base when I came in."

Thus far this season, Faine has started every game. And in addition to the pounding he takes each day, Faine also feels mental anguish as the anchor of the line.

"There's a lot of calls for the center to make," Faine said. "We base off all of our protections and make a lot of calls on the run. So it's a pretty heavy mental game."

Last week against Michigan State, Faine sprained his ankle in the first half and struggled,

according to coach Bob Davie.

"He had some missed assignments," Davie said of Faine's play against the Spartans. "But overall, if I assess his performance [for the year], it's been pretty darn good."

That includes his off-the-field life as well. Faine has switched majors from engineering to an undeclared arts and letters discipline, maybe economics. His study habits have improved and he is on the verge of becoming another great Irish offensive lineman.

But whether he becomes an All-American or just a solid starter, Faine will never forget those first few months last year.

"I wish every freshman knew that it's as tough as it is," Faine said. "You're going to be away from home. You don't know anybody. You don't know who's your friend or enemy. But in the end, you find everybody's here to support everybody else."

Irish Items:

♦ The quarterback position remains open for competition. Matt LoVecchio, Gary Godsey and Jared Clark all took equal snaps at Wednesday's practice, according to Davie. "It will probably be a game time decision," Davie said. "I don't want it to be but we've got a long, long way to go. That thing will probably be an ongoing issue the rest of this football season."

Despite the indecision, Davie said LoVecchio is "probably" in the lead. "Right now it looks like Matt LoVecchio, as I've said before, has a slight edge," Davie said. "He's a little more mobile and he played pretty well with his opportunity."



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Sophomore center Jeff Faine gets set to snap the ball in Notre Dame's victory over Texas A&M earlier this season.

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Soccer

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The Last Entry

Waldrum's last recruiting victory of last year may prove his biggest yet. Oddly enough Warner was a virtual unknown as late as last winter, when most schools have already decided who they would target for the February signing period.

In a case of blind luck, assistants Edwards and Chura stumbled upon Warner at a Christmas tournament in Florida. There they saw a player, who unlike most high-caliber high school players, had no Olympic Developmental Team experience. And she was taking the tourney by storm.

Warner, a lightning-quick sparkplug from New Mexico just might have been the best player nobody had ever heard of.

Because she also competed in track while in high school, Warner never made a full-time commitment to soccer and therefore went unnoticed for the vast majority of the recruiting period.

The Florida tournament served as her coming out party. Edwards and Chura rushed back to headquarters with the news — Warner was a player they thought was for real and a player they very much wanted.

Waldrum went to see Warner for himself in February after pleading with her not to sign with anyone else before he did so. By this time Warner was being deluged with phone calls from all over the country. Her secret was out.

Waldrum was a believer almost instantly.

"She was the real deal," he said. "You just knew she was going to make an impact."

Warner, too, needed little prodding to play in the shadow of the Golden Dome.

"I think she always kind of wanted to come here," he said.

Finding their niches

Landing the recruits, Waldrum knew was only the first step. Knowing full well the hardest thing for freshman to do is to adjust to the college game, Waldrum decided to take advantage of an NCAA rule that allowed teams to take a foreign tour once every four years.

In going south to Brazil, Waldrum hoped to provide his stars in waiting with a chance to make the adjustment. The experiment was a success.

"I think it was a great experience," Waldrum said. "Amy was used to being the key player on her club teams so she had to learn how to play with 10 other good players on the field at the same time."

Warner was able to make the adjustment rather rapidly as was Guertin who also enjoyed the trip.

"It was a great bonding experience," Guertin said. "It gave us a good chance to get to know all of the veterans."

Beyond expectations

While Waldrum expected both Guertin and Warner to make an impact, he could never have imagined how good they would be in just their freshman years.

Warner is among the team leaders in scoring and is a threat to find the back of the net every time she touches the ball.

"She's played such a huge part in the offense," Waldrum said. "She brings a ton of athleticism and speed."

Warner's ability to run forces teams to play extremely cautiously in their own half of the field.

"She is so fast," Waldrum said. "She can beat you anywhere from one half of the field to the other."

Indeed many of Warner's



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Amy Warner dribbles upfield in a game earlier this season. She has been an impact player in her freshman campaign for the top-ranked Irish.

goals have been worthy of the late night highlight films. Time after time she has demonstrat-

ed an uncanny ability to juke past a swarm of defenders on her way to the net.

While impressed by the speed of Warner, Waldrum has been equally taken with the composure demonstrated by Guertin.

"She is tremendous around the goal," Waldrum said. "She has such a calmness to her."

Though only in her first year, Guertin has played like a veteran. With an even keel nature, Guertin has scored

several huge goals for the Irish already this season.

Last Friday, tied with the West Virginia Mountaineers in overtime, Guertin struck for the game winner, a play most freshman just aren't supposed to be ready to make.

"I'm not sure how many first year players could do what she has done," Waldrum said. "We never anticipated how fast Amy and Amanda would impact our team."

Obviously Guertin and Warner aren't most freshmen.

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9/25.	Monday.	The Rock	0930 PM.	
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9/26.	Tuesday.			
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9/26.	Tuesday.	The Rock	0830 PM.	
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9/28.	Thursday.	Hesburgh LA	0800 PM.	
Swing Club Open Dance				
9/28.	Thursday.	Lafortune Ballroom	0830 PM.	
Women's Volleyball				
9/29.	Friday.		0700 PM.	
Women's Soccer				
9/29	Friday.		0530 PM.	
In-Hall Dances:				
9/29.	Friday.	PW, Morissey, Cavanaugh, Walsh, Alumni, Fisher, Sorin, BP		
"Timecode"				
9/29.	Friday.	Snite	0800-1000 PM.	
9/30.	Saturday.	Snite	0800-1000 PM.	
Domer Run 2000				
9/30.	Saturday	RecSports	1100 AM.	
Keough Chariot Race				
9/30.	Saturday.	McGlinn Fields	1200 - 0300 PM.	
IRISHPALOOZA				
9/30.	Saturday.	North Quad	0500 PM. - 1200 AM.	
In-Hall Dances:				
9/30.	Saturday.	Farley, Pangborn, Keough, Knott, McGlinn		
Flipside Dunes Trip				
9/30.	Saturday.	Library Circle	1200 PM.	

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 - 7

Sophomore Class Mass			
10/1.	Sunday.	Holy Cross Hill	0400 PM.
Saint Mary's College Pride Week			
10/2 - 10/7			
ND/St. Mary's Right to Life			
10/2.	Monday.	Grotto	0830 PM.
East Coast Swing Lessons			
10/2.	Monday.	The Rock	0930 PM.
"Shine"			
10/3.	Tuesday.	Snite	0800 PM.
Rumba Lessons			
10/3.	Tuesday.	The Rock	0830 PM.
Notre Dame Founder's Day			
10/5.	Thursday.		
Movies: High Fidelity. Chicken Run.			
10/5.	Thursday.	101. 155. DeBartolo	1030PM.
10/6.	Friday.	101. 155. DeBartolo	0800PM & 1030PM.
10/7.	Saturday.	101. 155. DeBartolo	0800PM & 1030PM.
AcoustiCafe.			
10/5.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle	0900PM-1200AM.
Notre Dame Invitational			
10/6.	Friday.		0415 / 0500 PM.
Flipside Haunted House Trip			
10/6.	Friday.	Library Circle	0800 PM.
In-Hall Dances:			
10/6.	Friday.	St. Ed's	
ND vs. Stanford			
10/7.	Saturday.		0130 PM EST

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FUTURE EVENTS

ND Glee Club 85th Reunion	
10/8.	Sunday.
University of Notre Dame Fall Break.	
10/14 - 10/22.	
Project Warmth begins.	
10/23.	Monday. CSC

WOMEN'S GOLF

Belles take second in tourney

By KATIE MILLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf team took second in a league tournament on Wednesday.

Following Albion College's low score of 356, the Belles' overall total was 370. Hope College followed with a total of 378 while Kalamazoo came in fourth.

Coach Theresa Pekarek was pleased with the results.

"It was a difficult course and our scores were low today," Pekarek said. "We proved that we could finish first in the future. We can definitely play better."

Team captain and senior Kyle Veltri placed fourth overall in the tournament with 87, the lowest Saint Mary's score. Junior Mary Clare Hathaway followed Veltri with a 92. Veltri was pleased to see the team reach second place.

"I was very pleased to see where we were standing as a team," Veltri said. "I feel it's been a consistent season. We set goals as a team at the beginning of the season and we are where we want to be at second in the conference."

Both Pekarek and Veltri look forward to Saturday's tournament at Winding Creek Golf Course.

"Winding Creek Golf Course is fairly simple considering weather conditions," Veltri said. "I'm pretty sure everyone will play well and maintain standings."

"I think that we will do well. We had never seen the Medalis where we played today. We are familiar with Winding Creek, and I expect we'll do as well. Hopefully, we will finish first."



ALLISON DOHERTY/The Observer

A Saint Mary's golfer prepares to pitch the ball from the rough during a practice round earlier this season.

LPGA TOUR

Sorenstam taking aim at Webb

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY, Ohio
Annika Sorenstam can't wait. She gets her shot at Karrie Webb.

"I'm fired up," Sorenstam said. "I don't like being in second place, and for me to have a chance to beat Karrie, I've got to put in the time and I've got to play some flawless golf. I really think I'm on the right track."

The two go at each other beginning Thursday in the New Albany Golf Classic, the second year of the \$1 million tournament. Last year, Sorenstam won and proceeded to turn around her season.

Despite raw, windy weather, she birdied six of the last nine holes of her second round, giving her the lead she never lost. She went on to shoot 19-under-par 269 and won by three strokes over Mardi Lunn.

It started a streak that has carried over to five victories this year — one fewer than

Webb.

"When I came to Columbus and the way I played, that was the best I'd played in a really long time," Sorenstam said. "I realized how much I enjoyed playing well. It was so much fun, and I just wanted to go back to work and grind and play like this all the time, because I love being in the top spot."

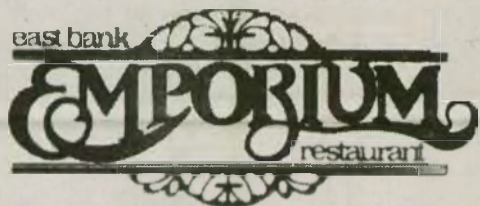
The Swede will have to work hard to defeat Webb, whose six wins include two majors — the Nabisco Championship and the U.S. Open. Webb has earned more than \$1.6 million, about \$500,000 more than Sorenstam.

"I've really had a good year," Webb said. "I've played very consistently and I've been in contention a lot. And that's all I can ask, just to give myself as many chances as I can and try to close the deal."

Sorenstam finished fourth at last weekend's Safeway Golf Championship in Portland, Ore.

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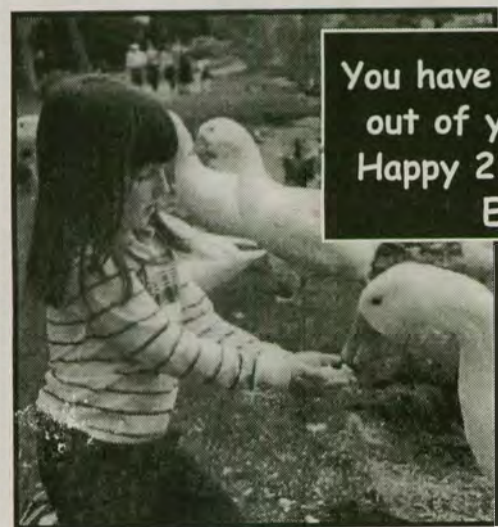
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VOLLEYBALL

Kreher serving up sensational season for Irish

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Junior Kristy Kreher has come out from the shadows of second and third in Irish volleyball statistics to set the pace as she has finally topped the lists for Notre Dame.

Even as the statistical leader of the Irish, Kreher still gets plenty of advice and criticism from her teammates.

"During matches we have a team policy where people on the sidelines let us know what we're doing and what we need to do better," Kreher said. "We get constant feedback from the team. If I'm not pulling my weight on the court, someone will let me know. It's a team effort in every game."

As a freshman Kreher was named as an all-Big East Rookie as she totaled a .264 hitting percentage with an average of 2.07 kills per game. She racked up 272 kills in 1999 out of 592 attempts with just 85 errors for a .316 percentage, the third highest on the team, while also finishing the season with 198 digs for the second-highest team total.

Kreher rounded out 1999 by being named to the all-Big East second team with the third highest hitting mark at .377 in the conference.

Following her sophomore year, Kreher moved into second in Notre Dame's career hitting percentage mark with a .294 percentage in two years.

Following a spectacular season in 1999, Kreher now leads the team statistically in 2000. This year Kreher has come out on top to lead the team with 172 kills on 364 attempts with 59 errors for a .310 hitting percentage in the 13 matches played so far in 2000. Kreher also leads the team with 106 digs.

"It's exciting," Kreher said. "I don't feel myself as any different in this year as compared to past years. It's cool to know that

teams will look at you and think that this is a player that we have to watch. But I don't feel that my role is that much different. I still want to go out there and get as many kills for the team as I can and do my job for the team."

"To be able to do that I need my team behind me. As long as our team is doing well, I feel that I can do well. Volleyball is such a team sport that you can't have just one good player on the team, you have to have six or even 12."

Kreher also topped the 1997 record of kills in a four-game match with 32 kills in the Notre Dame versus Loyola Marymount match on Sept. 21.

She was named to the Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team and the adidas Invitational all-tournament team, both played earlier in the 2000 season at the Joyce Center.

"I think that the reason I'm getting a lot of kills is due to Denise [Boylan]," Kreher said. "I'm used to her consistency in getting me the ball. That's one of the things that has helped me a lot. I give a lot of credit to my teammates and my coaches. Being pushed by my teammates in practice is one thing that has helped. Sometimes I'm up against harder things in practice than in games."

"I want to improve in every aspect of my game. I'm struggling right now with blocking and defense, so I've been trying to get better at that in practice," Kreher said. "I want to keep improving my all-around game."

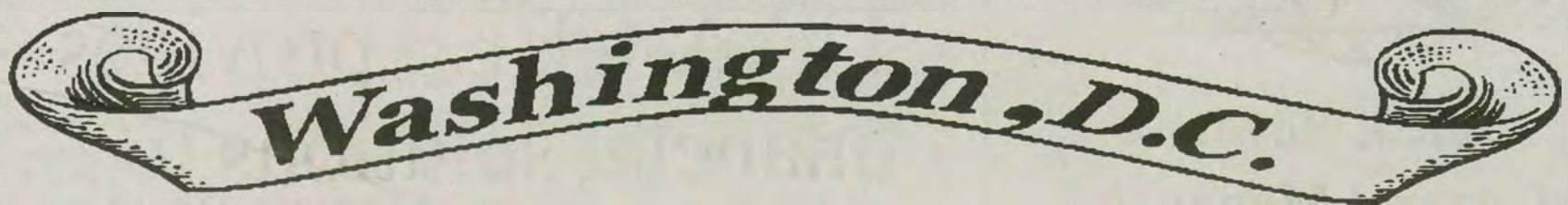
Kreher will have her chance this weekend as the Irish volleyball team faces Villanova and Georgetown in the first Big East matches of the season.

"It's very exciting for our team this year. I feel that we've improved so much," Kreher said. "We've been playing such big powers across the country now and it's exciting that we can play with the top teams in the country. We just have to keep battling every day."



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Junior Kristy Kreher is having a sensational season for the Irish. She leads Notre Dame in nearly every statistical category.



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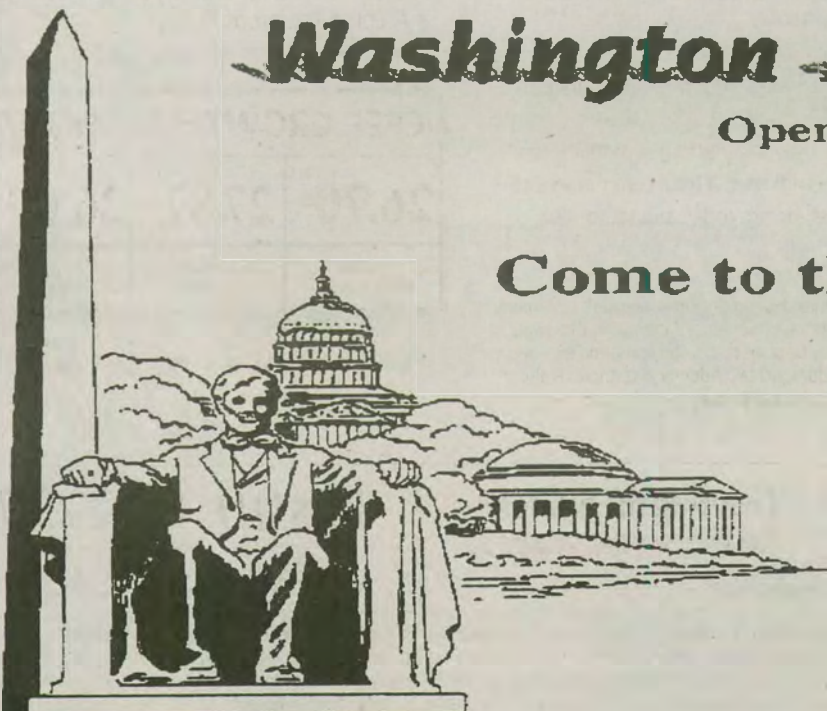
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

BP keeps playoff hopes alive with 18-0 victory

By ANTHONY BISHOP,
KATIE HUGHES and BRIAN
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Sports Writers

In a game that could propel one team into the playoffs and destroy all hopes for a postseason for the other, Breen-Phillips defeated Farley, 18-0.

Top play by both teams lit up the field in a defensive battle that was broken loose by a few big plays. Unfortunately for the fans of Farley, the big plays seemed to only bounce into the hands of the BP offense.

The first half was defined by strong play from the lines of both teams.

The BP offense was led by the strong arm and swift feet of quarterback Katie McFarland. After a Farley fourth down blitz, McFarland was forced to scramble and weave her way downfield nearly 40 yards before she was caught from behind inside the 20-yard line.

That was as far as the offense ever got as the Farley defense regrouped and stopped the BP drive on the 7-yard line.

BP didn't seem phased by the defensive stand as they came up big themselves with great pressure from their defensive line, forcing Farley to punt. The defenses came up with play after play for several drives until the end of the half.

Led by two long runs from McFarland, BP was able to punch in a last minute touchdown before half time. McFarland connected with Kelly Deckelman for a short pass into the back of the end zone that just went past the outreached hands of the Farley defensive backs.

The point after try was batted down, leaving BP with a 6-0 lead going into halftime.

The second half only went down hill for the Farley squad as the BP defense dominated the game. It looked at first like Farley would make an early comeback with quick passes from quarterback Jenny Geraci to several receivers.

At about midfield, however, the defensive backs from BP seemed to awaken and batted down a couple balls until a final interception by Gina Montenegro.

On the ensuing play, a quarterback switch between Deckelman and McFarland set up a 25-yard pass play to McFarland that brought BP within striking distance yet again. Two plays later, a Farley blitz forced McFarland

out of the pocket and looking for a target.

With a desperation throw into the end zone, three people touched the ball but only BP wide receiver Tricia McFarland gained possession. Another failed PAT attempt gave BP a 12-0 lead.

Breen-Phillips never looked back after this point. The defense consistently shut down the explosive Farley offense including great plays from lineman Natasha Potter and defensive back Donna Conlon.

Another interception for BP by Keppel gave the ball back to the offense for one more late attack. After a few strong run plays and a couple short passes, McFarland finally connected with Montenegro for the third touchdown making it 18-0 with less than two minutes to go. The refs then called the game a victory for BP in accordance to the "mercy rule."

The loss dropped Farley's record to 1-3, which still leaves hope for the postseason.

The Farley squad played particularly well but were unable to come up with a few breaks. Captain Becca Glatz is hoping the team plays hard the rest of the season and will be looking for some losses by teams ahead of them in the rankings. Farley's next game is on Sunday against Off-Campus.

This victory gave Breen-Phillips their first win of the year, advancing its record to 1-1-1 and keeping playoff hopes alive.

The BP coaches attributed the victory to the hard work and leadership of the upperclassmen as well as their ability to create big plays on offense and defense.

BP returns to action on Sunday against McGlinn.

McGlinn 6, Walsh 6

There are no crazy Nebraska game-like overtime rules in women's interhall football, but the McGlinn girls didn't seem to mind.

They huddled in excitement after their 6-6 tie against Walsh on Tuesday night, ecstatic to have kept it so close the whole game.

Mary Lenzini scored a touchdown very early in the first half for the Shamrocks, setting the mood for an intense game.

"I was thinking, I really hope I catch the ball," Lenzini said. "Then I was thinking, holy s---, I caught the ball."

McGlinn's key plays came from Sarah Vatterott's four completions and a great running game by quarterback Jody Greaney.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Badin quarterback Prissy Clements looks to throw on the run in last night's scoreless tie against Off-Campus. The tie was Badin's third of the season.

"I was sick of losing. I don't take losing well," Greaney said. "We weren't sure what to expect from McGlinn. All we knew was that their record wasn't that strong."

Said Walsh captain Melissa Beiting: "We had two 10-yard penalties and that made us a little sensitive. We had to get out there and refocus."

Tight end Jennifer Lynch was Walsh's wildest woman on Tuesday, scoring a mid-second half touchdown to tie the game.

McGlinn hopes to build on the momentum generated by the game.

"We're not losing again this season," Lenzini said.

Badin 0, Off-Campus 0

A hard-fought game on Tuesday night at Stepan between Badin and Off-Campus resulted in a scoreless tie.

In what is becoming the

theme of both teams' seasons, the defenses kept both teams in the game. The 0-0 tie was the second scoreless game that both teams have been involved with, each starting the season with one: Badin against PW and Off Campus against Walsh.

The tie pushed Off-Campus's record to 1-0-2 and Badin's record to 0-1-3.

Off-Campus's physical defense has held their opponents to a total of six points in three games, the lone touchdown scored by Breen-Phillips.

"We were expecting to do better than we had in the previous game," Off Campus co-captain Katie Leicht said. "This was not a good showing from the offense. We didn't capitalize on the opportunities that we had."

Badin moved the ball up and down the field all day, repeat-

edly getting first downs. Even though Off-Campus's defense bent, it refused to break. Defensive backs Erin Place and Anna Benjamin both had acrobatic goal-line interceptions to save touchdowns.

After two ties and a loss, Badin desperately needs to win their next two games to return to the playoffs for the second straight year.

"We are tired of ties and losses," Badin free safety Beth Rimkus. "We want wins."

After a bye week, Badin looks to rebound against Farley before closing out their season against McGlinn.

Off-Campus is also looking to finish the season strong in order to also qualify for the playoffs.

"We need to get more out of practice," Leicht said. "Our toughest games are coming up. We have to get our act together."

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Are you hungry?

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you... *I am the bread of life*, he who comes to me shall not hunger. Jn 6: 27, 35

Are you weary?

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest*. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mt 11:28-9

Are you lost?

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. Jn 14: 6

Are you lonely?

I will not leave you desolate; *I will come to you*... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Jn 14: 18, 27

BASEBALL

USA dismantles Big Red Machine to claim gold



USA pitcher Ben Sheets celebrates after recording the final out in a 4-0 victory over Cuba in the gold medal game.

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

It took a ragtag band of minor leaguers to bring down a dynasty and finally bring home the gold for America.

Led by Hall of Famer Tom Lasorda, a collection of draft picks and major-league misfits beat mighty Cuba 4-0 on Wednesday for the United States' first Olympic gold medal in baseball.

The team known as the Big Red Machine got only three hits off Ben Sheets, then had to stand and watch in disbelief while he and his teammates rolled in the dirt as part of their joyous celebration.

"Cuba is supposed to be the best baseball team in the world," shortstop Adam Everett said. "We just proved we are when it counts."

The long-awaited matchup of baseball archrivals was remarkably free of the dust-ups and disputes that have colored virtually all of the other games they've played through the years when Cuba won the only other baseball gold medals at the 1992 and 1996 Olympics.

Also unlike those other games, this time the United States won - and won convincingly.

"They come out and try to intimidate you," Everett said. "That's not our game. We don't come out and play that way. We just come out and beat you."

They found all sorts of dramatic ways to win: two walk-off homers and an eighth-inning grand slam. Their only loss was 6-1 to Cuba on Saturday, a game remembered for angry exchanges and cleared benches.

There were no dust-ups this time, no late-inning dramatics. Right from the start, it was no contest.

Mike Neill hit a first-inning homer as the Americans cranked it up early instead of late. Ernie Young - at the center of Saturday's bench-clearing inning - more than got even with a bases-loaded single.

Catcher Pat Borders, who was spiked at home in that first game, also had an RBI double as an exquisite payback.

Those hits put the upset on the fingertips of Sheets, an unflappable right-hander who got 16 ground-ball outs in the first eight innings, setting up a pulsating ninth.

With the Americans standing on the front step of their dugout and a U.S. flag hanging behind the bench, Sheets strode calmly to the mound to start the inning.

He got Cuba's first two hitters swinging - Luis Ulacia threw his helmet at the side of his dugout after going down for the second out.

When Neill made a sliding catch of Yasser Gomez's fly in left field for the final out, Sheets fell to his knees and raised his arm in celebration as players streamed toward him for a huddle on the mound.

Soon, they piled up near the dirt at third and Lasorda - wearing a U.S. flag over his left shoulder, hugged his coaches while the players took a victory lap.

"I can't believe how great I feel!" Lasorda shouted as he ran off the field.

The Cubans sat stunned in their dugout, knowing their dynasty was done.

The best team in international baseball had its 21-game winning streak snapped with a loss to the Netherlands during the tournament, then had its hold on the gold broken by its biggest rival.

The long-awaited matchup had the trappings of a seventh World Series game - and all the finality. Flashbulbs twinkled around the stadium as the U.S. team stood on the first base line and the Cubans assembled along the other one for pregame introductions.

Lasorda, who wanted to beat Cuba for the exiles in Florida, walked over and shook the hand of manager Servio Borges in front of the plate.

Moments later, the Americans spilled out of the dugout after Neill's tension-breaking homer in the first - his second big homer of the tournament.

WRESTLING

USA's Gardner upsets Russia's Karelin to win gold

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia
Rulon Gardner did the unthinkable. He beat the unbeatable. He proved that Alexander Karelin isn't perfect - and he won a gold medal that virtually nobody in the world thought he could win.

Gardner, an American with no major title to his name, never a world medalist, ended Karelin's string of three Olympic gold medals and the Russian's 13-year unbeaten streak by winning the Olympic super heavyweight wrestling gold medal 1-0 on Wednesday.

"When did I think I could beat him? About 10 minutes ago," Gardner said. "I kept saying, 'I think I can. I think I can.' But it wasn't until it was over that I knew I could."

Karelin is universally considered the greatest Greco-Roman wrestler of all time, a man who had never lost in international competition, who had not conceded a point in 10 years.

And Gardner beat him, stunning a crowd that included IOC

president Juan Antonio Samaranch, who had come to present Karelin with his fourth gold medal - the medal he will never get.

"What does this mean? He just beat the best wrestler in the history of wrestling - a wrestler who had never been beat," U.S. national Greco-Roman coach Steve Fraser said.

The upset was so stunning that virtually no one in the crowd in the Sydney Exhibition Hall, outside of Gardner's immediate family, could believe it. Nor could Karelin, who, Gardner said, "Mumbled a few words at me in Russian toward the end. I don't know what he said."

"He's so big and nasty, it's like a horse pushing you," Gardner said. "I'm not as strong as him, not even close. I knew if I let him push me around, get even two or three points on me, it was over."

But Gardner, a former University of Nebraska wrestler, who walked onto the football team but quit to wrestle full-time, said beforehand that he had a strategy to



Rulon Gardner of the USA, bottom, holds off the challenge of world champion Alexandre Kareline of Russia to win the gold medal in the 130kg class in Greco-Roman wrestling.

counter Karelin's dreaded lifts and relentless pressure. That he even expected to "have some fun with Karelin."

Gardner, his chest spilling out of his tight blue U.S. singlet, proved early that he

wouldn't be outmuscled by a man whose last loss of any kind came in the 1987 Soviet championships.

Karelin, whose throwing skills are so renowned that he has a lift named for him, tried

to throw Gardner around in the first two minutes but couldn't. Gardner stayed chest-to-chest, shoulder-to-shoulder, never letting Karelin get leverage or a chance to toss him to score points.

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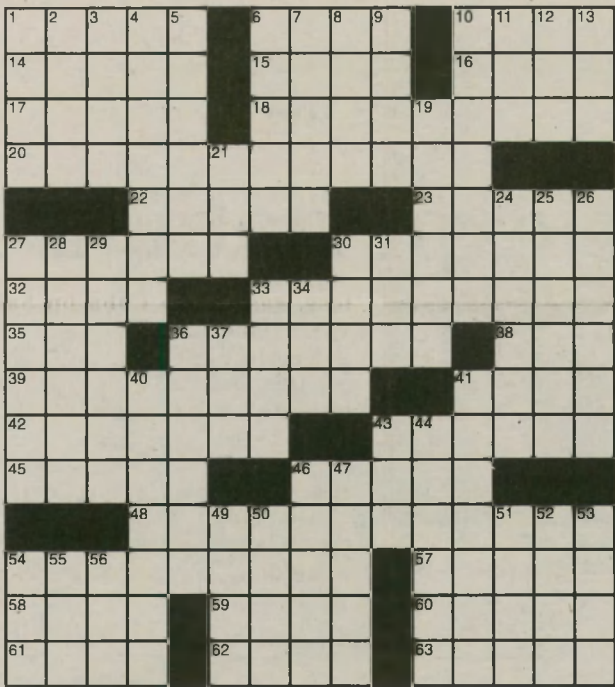


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 - 17 Sylvester's "Rocky" co-star
 - 18 Most close
 - 20 Plan B
 - 22 "When you get (parent's reply)
 - 23 Russian retreat
 - 27 Formed fuzzballs
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- 33 Denizen of the deep
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 - 38 Guitarist Paul
 - 39 A toddler may go on one
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 - 42 Get ready for a comeback tour
 - 43 Doesn't hold back
 - 45 Captain Hull, known as "Old Ironsides"
 - 46 Maintenance mate
 - 48 Football play
 - 54 Act of betrayal
 - 57 Gen. Powell
 - 58 Enchanted prince, perhaps

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| 36 High points | 50 Coleridge work | 54 See 2-Down |
| 37 N.Y.C. subway | | 55 Samovar |
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Marcello Mastroianni, Brigitte Bardot, Gwyneth Paltrow, Moon Zappa, Erik Comas

Happy Birthday: Put your best foot forward this year, and you will have outstanding success. With your good instincts for making choices, you can excel professionally if you are willing to put yourself on the line. Put all your knowledge, dedication and hard work into play, and you will see just how far you can go. Your numbers: 4, 15, 22, 29, 37, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't turn down any invitations. You will attract love interests if you get out. Your fun-loving approach to life and youthful nature will be admired by those of all ages. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be emotionally upset. Don't expect your mate to do things for you, and you can spare yourself a lot of anguish. Do things that will make you feel better about yourself. ☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Criticism will be devastating. It is best to do your own thing. You should socialize only with individuals who have been loyal and trusting friends. You need positive support, not negativity. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider making a career change that will involve dealing with homes or services or items for the home. Look into the possibility of starting your own business. ☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check your house before you go out. Problems with gas, oil or water may disrupt your routine. Someone you live with will be irritable. It is best to do your own thing and leave him or her alone. ☺☺

Birthday Baby: You are charming, intuitive and always trying to please. Your dedication and loyalty will bring you popularity and an impeccable reputation.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have trouble handling the innuendoes of your friends and relatives. You can accomplish great things if you put your efforts into your career and not into secret affairs. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your contributions will enhance your reputation. Your intellectual approach will be well-received, but don't let others talk you into making a financial donation that you can't afford. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have demands put on you at work and at home. Try to be patient and do what's necessary as quickly as possible. There is no point in arguing or trying to receive help from others. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be on the road. Travel will be in your best interests, regardless of whether it is for business or pleasure. An adventure will result in added knowledge. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on someone else to pay your way. You need to clear your debts so that you can start over. Your moneymaking ability is beginning to turn around again. ☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your partner will overreact if you have to spend too much time at work. Don't back down, but don't fuel the fire. Let the frustration spill out, and then do something nice for him or her. ☺☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Underhanded tactics may be present if you trust an unreliable colleague. It is best to work diligently on your own for the time-being. Keep your thoughts to yourself. ☺☺☺

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Frosh Guertin, Warner making immediate impact

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Oftentimes recruiting in college sports is a bit like playing the lottery. A coach will target a select group of players he thinks will best help his team, before sitting and waiting, hoping his efforts pay off. That being the case, Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum hit the jackpot when he took to the recruiting trails last year.



Waldrum

This year's freshman recruiting class has been nothing short of sensational.

The likes of first-year players Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner

have combined to produce a potent scoring tandem that has allowed an Irish team that was supposed to rebuild to instead remain a national power.

The Problem

When Waldrum and his assistants, Amy Edwards and Barb Chura began recruiting in the summer of 1999 they knew they were facing a formidable task.

Knowing that the coming year would be their last with All-Americans such as LaKeysia Beene, Jenn Grubb and Jenny Streifer, the coaches knew they needed nothing short of a blockbuster recruiting class.

The pressure was squarely on the coaches to find the players that could make a seamless transition to the college level, players who could make an immediate impact.

Waldrum's recruiting strategy is like

that of many of his counterparts. He divides the country into four regions and assigns his assistant coaches to chart two of those sectors apiece. After Edwards and Chura have done much of the preliminary work, Waldrum steps in to do the majority of the official recruiting, visiting the players while trying to steer them in the direction of Notre Dame.

"Amy and Barb do such a great job," Waldrum said. "I give them a lot of credit."

The First Step

Waldrum needed little help in landing one of the first major recruits of the class of 2004. Indeed Waldrum had his eyes on Guertin for almost five years. Guertin hails from Grapevine, Texas, which is close to Waldrum's home. Always on the lookout for talent, the Irish coach kept tabs on Guertin throughout her high school

career. When it came time to decide whether or not to officially recruit Guertin, Waldrum had no doubt of her abilities.

"It was a no-brainer," he said. "I considered her the best player coming out of Texas."

But recruiting a player is only half the process.

After the player has heard the sales pitch the decision is hers alone to buy the product. For Guertin the purchase was easy.

"I've kind of always had a thing for Notre Dame," Guertin said. "When Coach Waldrum came there from Baylor that just kind of made things perfect for me."

The cooperative, eager Guertin was Waldrum's first recruiting coup of the season. The freshman was also pursued by national powers such as Stanford and Santa Clara.

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FOOTBALL

Faine living up to expectations in second year

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Jeff Faine felt the pain.

Around this time last year, as a freshman, Faine sat on the bench during games, was getting knocked around on the practice field and struggled in the classroom.

Not exactly what the high school All-American anticipated.

"For the first half of the first semester [last year], I didn't think I had to study," Faine said. "When that first test came out..."

Just say he studied after that. For Faine, currently Notre Dame's starting center, receiving the grade on the exam was the culmination of a rocky freshman campaign.

He arrived here with all the typical honors: first-team All USA Today, consensus top 100 national prospect, All-State selection. But like many of his teammates, Faine had second thoughts about his college choice during summer practice.

"Two a days are not fun," Faine said. "Every day I came home [to his dorm] wanting to go home. I was everything coming in, then when we were here with just the freshmen, I was still everything. When the first day of pads came, with the varsity coming back, I went to the back of the line."

He did not stay there for long.

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Sophomore center Jeff Faine celebrates during Notre Dame's victory over Texas A&M in the season opener. Faine has started all four games at center this season.

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