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Guster pulls two Notre Dame students on stage during its performance at Stepan Center on Friday.
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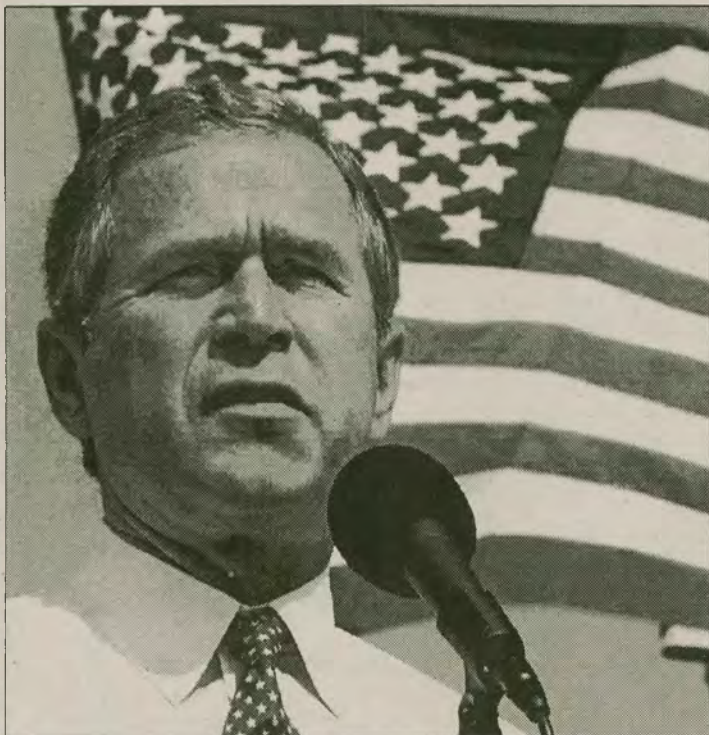
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The Choice 2000



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Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore await results of one of the closest races in history. Results for the presidential election are expected to be in late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

♦ Voter turnout low among 18 to 24-year olds

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Every November, Americans get to decide who their leaders will be on local, state and national levels. But most 18 to 24-year olds don't seem to care.

In fact, 68 percent of Americans in that age bracket chose not to cast their ballots during the last presidential election in 1996. Percentages are even lower in non-presidential years.

Of course, college students are not the only ones not voting. Only about half of all Americans voted in the '96 election. But when U.S. voters are broken down into age groups, the 18 to 24-year-olds have the lowest turnout.

Many observers of this trend, and even non-voters themselves, attribute low turnout to apathy.

"I didn't have any good reason not to vote. I'm just lazy," said Notre Dame junior Nick Lambrecht.

Low voter turnout among this age group, however, involves more than just laziness. For example, many 18 to 24-year-olds simply do not have faith in the electoral

process.

Sophomore Matt Wilkerson, who is also not voting this year, said that main-party candidates position themselves too closely to the political center in order to get more votes.

"I don't really agree entirely with either [Bush or Gore]," he said. "I really don't have much faith in the presidential system."

Similarly, despite labeling himself as "lazy," Lambrecht did have reasons for not voting in today's presidential election.

"My vote isn't going to do anything," said Lambrecht,

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♦ ND design class encourages young voters with posters

By ERIN LaRUFFA
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Concerned about the low voter turnout among 18 to 24 year olds, a Notre Dame graphic design class recently launched a non-partisan campaign to encourage students to vote.

"Arguably, [voting] is one of the most important things you do in your life," said the class's professor, Robert Sedlack, who comes from what he describes as a

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CLC

New 24-hour space guidelines

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Eleven senators attended the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting to support the approval of a resolution to post a policy about 24-hour space in all residence halls Monday.

"We concluded that although a definition of 24-hour space does exist, it still is not abided by in some of the residence halls," said Lewis Hall senator Luciana Reali. "The Senate came up with what we hope to be a solution to this."

The CLC passed the 24-hour space resolution, which the committee on gender issues of the Student Senate initially drafted, that defines 24-hour space as areas available to the hall residents and their guest for all 24 hours. Students must abide by the rules in duLac and exercise "good judgement."

The Office of Student Affairs has to approve the resolution in order to implement the policy, but the CLC is going to further address issues about the 24-hour space policy during its next meeting. However, assistant vice president of Residence Life Bill Kirk had positive comments about the policy.

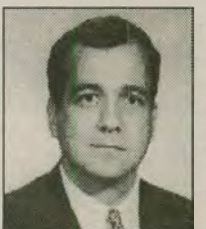
"I think this is a really well drafted and well thought out resolution," said Kirk. "It clearly added something that we're still having a problem with."

Kirk said that while he does not want to make 24-hour space a "passion pit," it is important to address some of the concerns that student have.

According to a survey regarding 24-hour space conducted by the Student Senate the majority of the dorms that lack full 24-hour space by the Senate's definition are female dorms.

"There is a disparity between female and male residence halls," said Reali.

The most apparent distinction is the presence of hall monitors in female dorms and lack thereof in male dorms. Because the hall monitors leave between 6 and 7 a.m., they have been known to ask male guests to leave the dorm when they do.



Kirk

Internet outage frustrates ND community

By TIM LOGAN
Senior News Writer
and SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The Internet outage that lasted from Sunday morning to Monday evening prevented users from viewing Web pages outside of the nd.edu domain and sending e-mail to persons outside of the Notre Dame community, and caused frustration among students.

The way the Office of Information Technology communicated the outage was not satisfactory to some students.

"I wish that they sent out a notice as soon as they found out about the outage, rather than waiting until Monday morning," freshman Aahren DePalma

said.

Service was disrupted when a circuit upgrade at Ameritech's Chicago hub was unsuccessful. As a result, high bandwidth connections, including Notre Dame's, which connects to that hub were cut off. Since the problem occurred off campus with the phone company, Notre Dame's OIT was essentially helpless to fix it, according to Tom Klimek, manager of Telcomm Services.

"We're somewhat at their mercy," he said Monday before the problem was

solved.

Like students, OIT personnel were not pleased with the outage.

"This is a big black eye on Ameritech," Klimek said. "We're not sure what the long-term fallout will be."

Resources outside of the Notre Dame network that professors recommended for projects were unavailable, which created some additional work for students trying to complete assignments that Internet access would have simplified.

Tom Klimek
manager of Telecomm Services

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INSIDE COLUMN

Web dependency

I never really bought into the whole "information superhighway" hype about the Internet. I always thought the Internet was convenient and it was nice to be able to find information quickly and easily; I never really thought it was very revolutionary.

Then the Internet went away and I learned just how much I really rely on the Internet.

When the new college football Associated Press poll came out Sunday afternoon, I was left in the dark. I didn't know where the Irish were ranked in the latest poll and what their chances of a Bowl Championship Series were. I had no idea if my beloved Pittsburgh Steelers were winning. But losing the convenience of readily available sports information was the least of my concerns.

I couldn't email my parents directions to where to meet me when they come up for the Boston College game this weekend. I was effectively cut off from my normal means of communication.

It got even harder when I started working on Monday's Observer. The email system that lets us communicate and send stories back and forth between the two campuses was useless. Gaining even the most basic information was nearly impossible. Our weather service was cut off. We lost our access to national photos and graphics. Everything that made production of a newspaper easy and painless was gone.

Getting stories back from our political reporters in Washington proved to be nearly impossible. Driving back and forth from South Dining Hall to Saint Mary's (where e-mail still worked) as we tried to collect stories and photos from hundreds of miles away.

A system we rely on to make our everyday life easier was gone and we were left scrambling to find a new system.

When the information superhighway broke down Sunday, my life came to a screeching halt. Even finding out information concerning the network breakdown was nearly impossible.

Want to call other colleges to learn if their networks were functioning? It's a lot harder to find a phone number without Yahoo!

What about basic business information about Ameritech and the location of its corporate office? It's all on the Internet.

Not until the information was gone did I realize how easy and convenient the Internet makes my life. The usual reliability of the Notre Dame network made it seem unthinkable that the information would even be unavailable.

For my first two years at Notre Dame, the Internet connection was never a problem. I always had access to the news and information I needed. Now that Internet service has been restored, I just wanted to thank the workers at OIT for bringing the world back to Notre Dame.

I am sure you all have been under a lot of stress trying to bring the network back up. Thank you for the reliable service you have provided in the past and the reliable service I am sure you will provide in the future. You make everyone's lives a lot easier.



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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I think of my dorm as the place where I live, study and work. I'd rather go somewhere else and party."

Meaghan Donovan
Pasquerilla East sophomore

"I noticed that the passion and spirit at Notre Dame was great. I wanted to do some Duke stuff here."

Mike Brey
Men's basketball coach

"We are light years ahead of where we were last year now that we are global."

Adam Frick
WVFI station manager

"We don't think girls dorms should have different rules from guys dorms and vice versa. There should not be any discrepancies."

Kevin Berchou
Sorin Hall senator

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Penn State 'Greens' plan to leave class to vote

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Some Pennsylvania State University students with a flair for the dramatic plan to walk out of classes Tuesday to cast their vote for the next president.

The move, initiated by the local Green Party organization, the Campus Greens, is bipartisan and encourages people of all political affiliations to leave class and head to the polls.

Justin Leto, a student activist, plans to participate in the walkout. Leto said the goal of the walkout is to mobilize more students to get out and vote, and to make voting their first priority on Election Day.

Leto feels that Election Day should be a national holiday, for the entire nation and definitely for Pennsylvania State University.

"We live in a country where 50 per-



cent of the people don't vote. People are always talking about the apathy of the students. This would get more students to vote," he said.

"People should [be able to leave] work or school to concentrate on picking who is going to run the country,"

Leto said. "Since Election Day is so close with Veterans Day, they could mingle the two together and tie in that this is what vets fought for."

At the Centre County Democratic Committee's headquarters, the feelings about a student walkout are mixed.

"We certainly think voting is a great idea. Boycotting classes is never a good thing, although it can be fun. Sometimes it's important to make a dramatic statement," said Bob Shepherd, Centre County Gore 2000 chair.

Shepherd, however, doesn't necessarily think the day should be a national holiday.

"It doesn't take very long to vote, and the polls are open for 13 hours," he said.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Law could ease voter registration

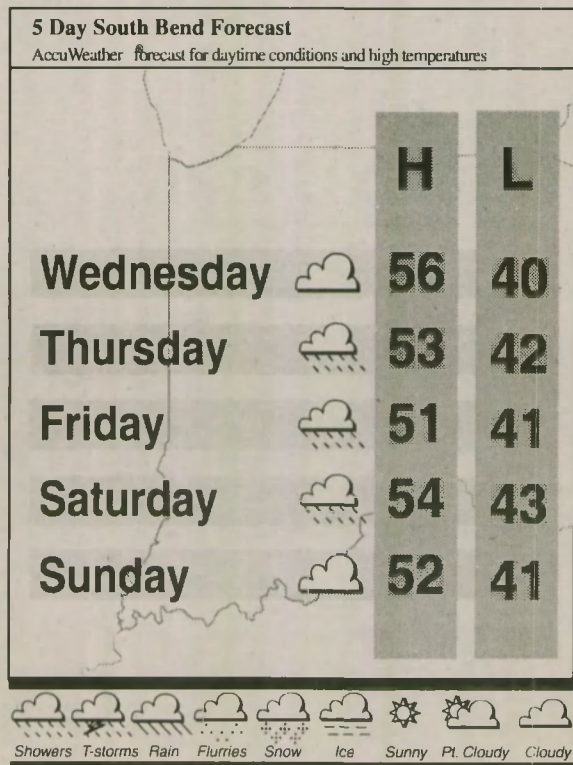
An amendment to the 1998 Higher Education Act should have put voter registration forms at students' fingertips, courtesy of the state. Instead, schools like Northern Illinois University were required to find their own ways to provide forms — and they did. Governor George Ryan decided not to provide the forms to colleges free of charge. Instead, they were offered other options, such as printing their own forms, buying them from a private vendor or asking county clerks to provide them. Though federal law does not require Illinois to provide the forms, the state tries to make them easier to obtain. But schools ultimately are responsible for providing registration forms to students. "If they have not requested forms from the state prior to 60 days before the election, they're subject to financial penalties from the federal government," said David Ormsby, spokesman for State Representative Lou Lang, D-Skokie. If a school requested the forms and was denied, it's not held responsible, he added.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

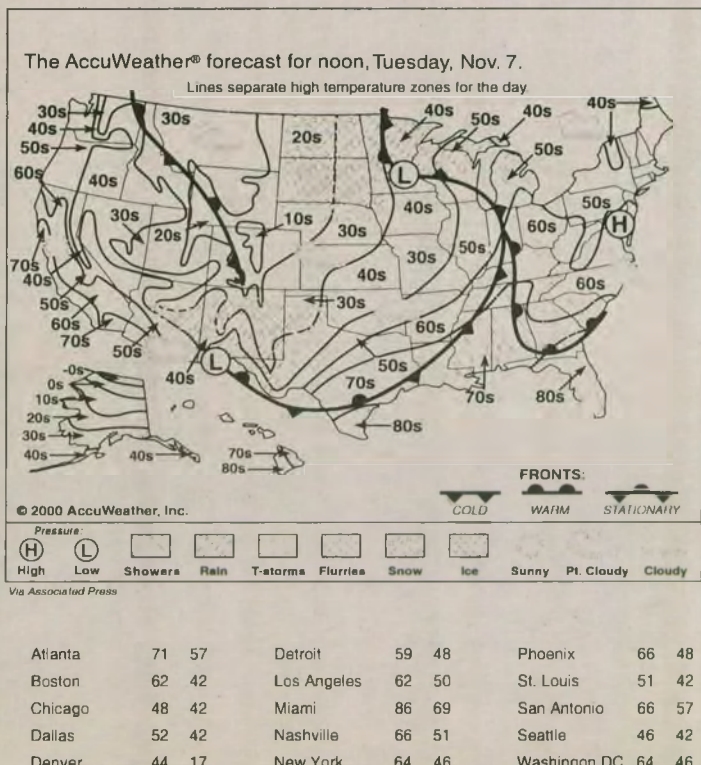
Grad students seek to form union

Should the results of April's Graduate Assistants Union election — which were sealed pending last week's National Labor Relations Board decision — be in favor of a GA union, New York University's only two options would be to bargain with the union or refuse to bargain and push the case into federal court. In the wake of the decision, which gives NYU graduate teaching assistants the green light to form union, university officials say they are deciding what their next step will be. NLRB decisions cannot be directly appealed to federal court. The only way the NYU case could be heard by a Circuit Court judge would be for the university to refuse to bargain, forcing the union to file a grievance with the NLRB. Should the Board determine NYU refused to bargain, it would order the university to negotiate. If it still refused, the Board could take the University to court in an effort to compel it to bargain. NYU could also take the Board to court, asking a federal judge to review the Board's order to bargain.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



SMC welcomes high schoolers to campus

By ALICIA ORTIZ
News Writer

Searching for the right college can be difficult for anyone. Sunday's Fall Day on Campus gave interested high school students an opportunity to view all aspects of Saint Mary's and to assist them in their choice.

"What is neat about Fall Day on Campus is so many different departments — dining, athletics, admissions, and current students — come together to make this day happen," said Ann Kearns, admissions counselor, class of '98. "That is what

being part of the Saint Mary's community is all about."

The day began at 8 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The students and their families were formally welcomed in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. Some of the morning's speakers included Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admission and Crissie Renner, student body president.

Following the welcome, parents and students separated to address concerns they might

have about attending Saint Mary's. Students were free to ask current Saint Mary's students about classes, homework, and residence hall living. Parents were also encouraged to ask questions they have about the necessary steps to prepare their students for college.

Mary Nucciarone, director of financial aid, addressed concerns about funding college expenses and applying for financial aid.

After parents and students were treated to lunch in the Noble Family Dining Hall and toured college buildings and residence halls, Fall Day on Campus ended in a faculty and administrator Open House.

There, prospective students learned about majors available at the College.

"[Fall Day] has been extremely helpful. It has given me an idea of what Saint Mary's is all about," said Adrienne Garcia, a high school senior from New Carlisle, Ind. "The people are friendly and I would like to come here next year."

"What is neat about Fall Day on Campus is, so many different departments ... come together to make this day happen."

Ann Kearns
admissions counselor

ND prof honored for dedication

Special to The Observer

James Taylor, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has received the Distinguished Service to Safety Award from the National Safety Council (NSC) for his long-standing dedication and commitment to public welfare.

The award is the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the NSC, a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to the protection of life and the promotion of health. Selected for the award by his peers, Taylor was one of 19 safety professionals to receive the honor Oct. 16 at

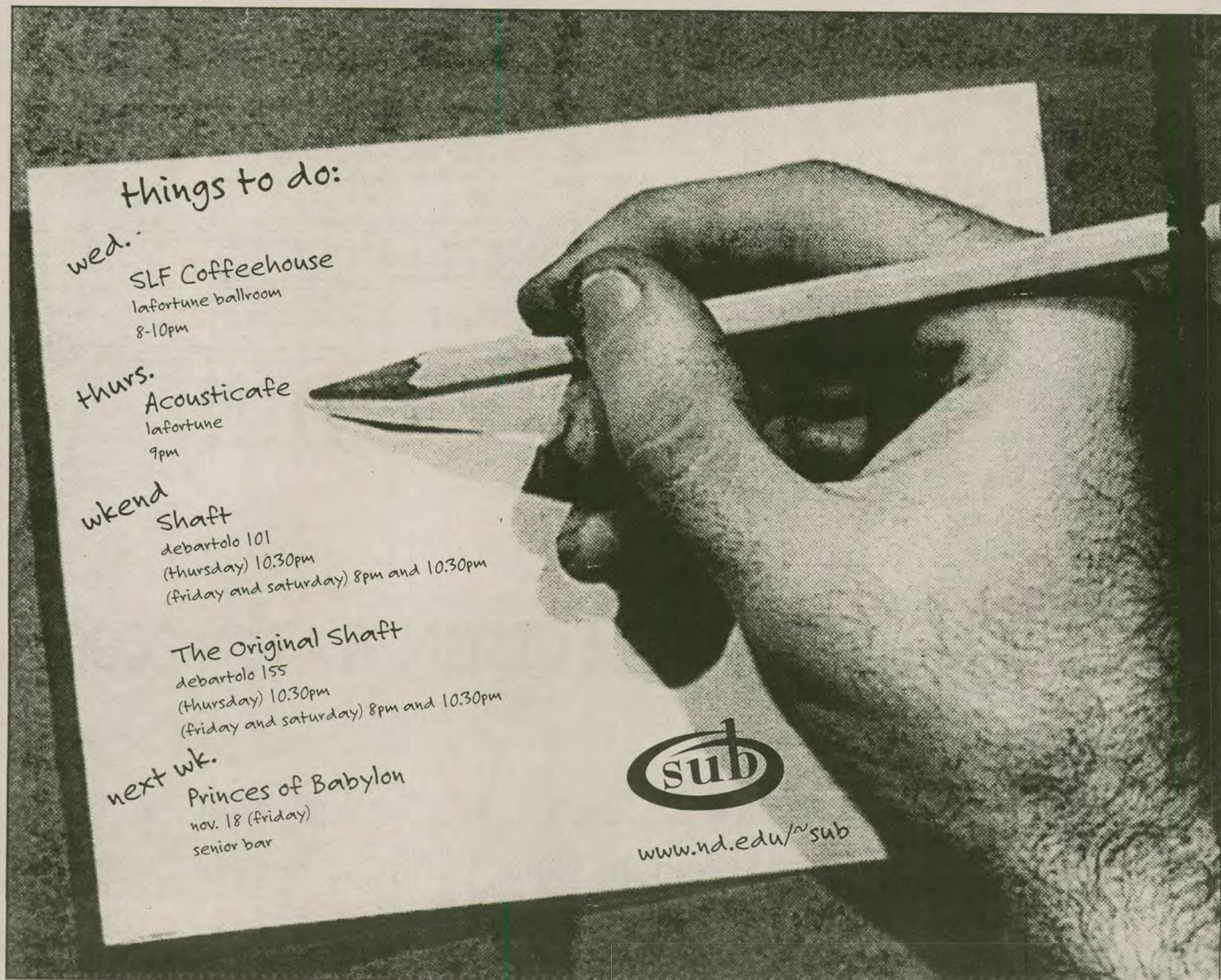
the opening convocation of the NSC's 88th annual Congress and Expo in Orlando, Fla.

Taylor joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1976 as chair of the department of civil engineering and was appointed associate dean of the College of Engineering in 1982. His research interests include transportation, highway safety and engineering ethics, and he is the author or coauthor of more than 30 articles and publications. Taylor has chaired three Transportation Research Board panels and worked with the U.S. Department of Transportation in the selection and evaluation of University Transportation Centers.

The recipient of numerous honors, Taylor received the 1995 Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award; the S.S. Steinberg Outstanding Educator Award from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association; the Daniel V. Terrell Award from the District 9 Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and the Daniel W. Mead Prize from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Taylor received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Case Institute of Technology in 1956 and 1962. He earned his doctorate in civil engineering from Ohio State University in 1965.

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Internet

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DePalma couldn't use PsychInfo, a tool to search psychology journals, to do research for a presentation due next week.

"I'm stuck because I need to use PsychInfo before I go to the library, because I can't look through all of the journals that they have by hand," said DePalma.

Students who went to the library expecting to use online databases to conduct

research also experienced problems.

"A few individuals came in with last minute assignments. I referred them to the print indexes, but they rely heavily on the Internet," said visiting staff librarian Hector Escobar.

"On Sunday, the students' attitude was that

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Hector Escobar
staff librarian

the computers would be up and running on Monday, but

that hasn't been the case," Escobar said before the problem was fixed.

The inability to use Internet databases, however, was not a complete catastrophe because the

library has some print back-ups.

"We have basic things that we can use to get by. We do have print resources, but they take more time to use. We can usually get [the students] something," said reference librarian Doug Archer.

Computer cluster consultants received several questions from students about the outage, but they were unable to provide them with any specific information.

"We hardly ever hear what the exact problem is [from the Office of Information Technologies]. We try to help

the students out, but for the most part it's just frustrating for them," said cluster consultant Xavier Guerrero.

Senior Jennifer Goodwillie will be having family here for the Boston College game, and the inability to use e-mail made it difficult to finalize plans for the weekend.

"They are e-mailing me on my Yahoo account with what restaurants they want to eat at and the hotel they are staying at, but I can't get my messages - it's very frustrating. I'm going to have to make a lot of long distance phone calls," said Goodwillie.

CLC

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However, last year the CLC discussed the issue and since then the hall monitors were supposed to be notified that males do not have to leave the 24-hour space when the hall monitors leave.

"A lot of guys are intimidated to go into 24-hour space of women's residence halls because they're afraid of what's going to happen if they get yelled at by security monitors and they don't even know exist," said Reali.

If approved by Student Affairs, the policy will go in all the residence halls' 24-hour spaces. The policy also allows rectors to amend it if they want more specific guidelines, but these amendments also have to be approved.

"They'll have to get the rules approved by Student Affairs and then they'll be added," Reali said.

Members debated the necessity of posting the policy, but after the non-CLC student senators shook their heads and glanced at each other Reali referred to her fellow senators and said, "I have to support my constituents here. The real spirit behind this was to have something posted."

Even after notifying hall monitors of the rules, Reali said, "It has been a challenge to enforce this policy."

St. Edward's Hall rector Father David Scheidler said he has noticed problems as well.

"My experience with monitors is that they basically make up their own rules," said Scheidler.

Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said in his dorm he has not had problems with the 24-hour space besides people attempting to sleep in it.

"I would rather not post signs anywhere, ever," said Doyle. "I try to inform residents that it's a lounge and not a lodge."

Kirk agreed that the 24-hour space is not for camping out.

"I think that everyone knows that some couples monopolize the space by just hanging out," said Kirk.

However, Kirk said that the 24-hour space policy would at least make it clear for the monitors that they must allow the space to be available to residents and their guests for all 24 hours. He said that within a few years the posted policy wouldn't be necessary because everyone would be familiar with it by then.

"The last thing I want is an institutionalized area where things are posted up and it's like, 'abide by these rules or else,'" said Reali.

However, for the present, the CLC voted to pass the resolution and to clear up confusion in

the use of 24-hour space among the dorms.

"I think every dorm needs some place that can never be taken away," said Scheidler.

In Other CLC News:

The Service, Tenure and Promotion task forces met with Director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Barbara Walvoord to discuss interaction between students and faculty. Student Body President Brian O'Donoghue said the meeting was very successful. The task force also planned a meeting with Dean of First Year Studies Eileen Kolman.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Queen breaks her collarbone: The Queen Mother Elizabeth broke her left collarbone in a fall at her home, her office said Monday. The hugely popular 100-year-old mother of Queen Elizabeth II was treated by doctors at Clarence House, her home near Buckingham Palace, and was not hospitalized after the fall Friday afternoon, her office said. "Her Majesty is reasonably comfortable and has canceled her engagements for the time being," said a Clarence House spokeswoman.

Fatal bus accident in Banos: A bus plunged from a mountain cliff near a resort town in central Ecuador early Monday, killing at least 39 people and injuring 16, the Red Cross said. The bus, transporting local laborers, plummeted 820 feet from an isolated highway into a ravine, 85 miles south of the capital, Quito.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FDA prepares to ban PPA: The government warned Americans on Monday to quit using dozens of over-the-counter cold remedies and diet pills that contain an ingredient that could cause hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women. The Food and Drug Administration is preparing to ban phenylpropanolamine, or PPA, which is found in products from Dexatrim to Triaminic. Legal steps needed for a ban will take a few months, so the FDA asked manufacturers Monday to voluntarily stop selling PPA-containing drugs immediately and replace with a safer alternative.

Teen indicted for hostage-taking: A 14-year-old accused of taking an eighth-grade class hostage at gunpoint last month was indicted Monday. Police say Sean Botkin walked into a Phoenix elementary school classroom Oct. 24 with a handgun and ordered everyone to the floor, holding as many as 30 people hostage before surrendering. No one was injured.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Indianapolis man found dead: Police are trying to identify a man found dead on Interstate 65 last weekend. The man's body was found shortly before 10:30 p.m. Saturday near an overpass on the north side of Indianapolis. An autopsy showed he died from internal injuries. Indiana State Police Sgt. David Bursten said the man carried no identification. Investigators compared his fingerprints to those on file, but found no match in local records. It was unclear whether the man sustained fatal injuries falling from the overpass or from being hit by cars.

YUGOSLAVIA

Inmates protest Albanian prisons

Associated Press

YUGOSLAVIA
Police stormed a state prison late Monday, trying to contain a riot that began as a hunger strike but grew out of hand as Serbian inmates burned their cells and took to rooftops demanding shortened sentences and new management.

Shouts of "Get him" and "Hit him" could be heard outside the prison as police moved into the compound, minutes after guards fired tear gas and what appeared to be warning shots to try to break up the spreading riot. Police later withdrew, but remained deployed outside the prison compound.

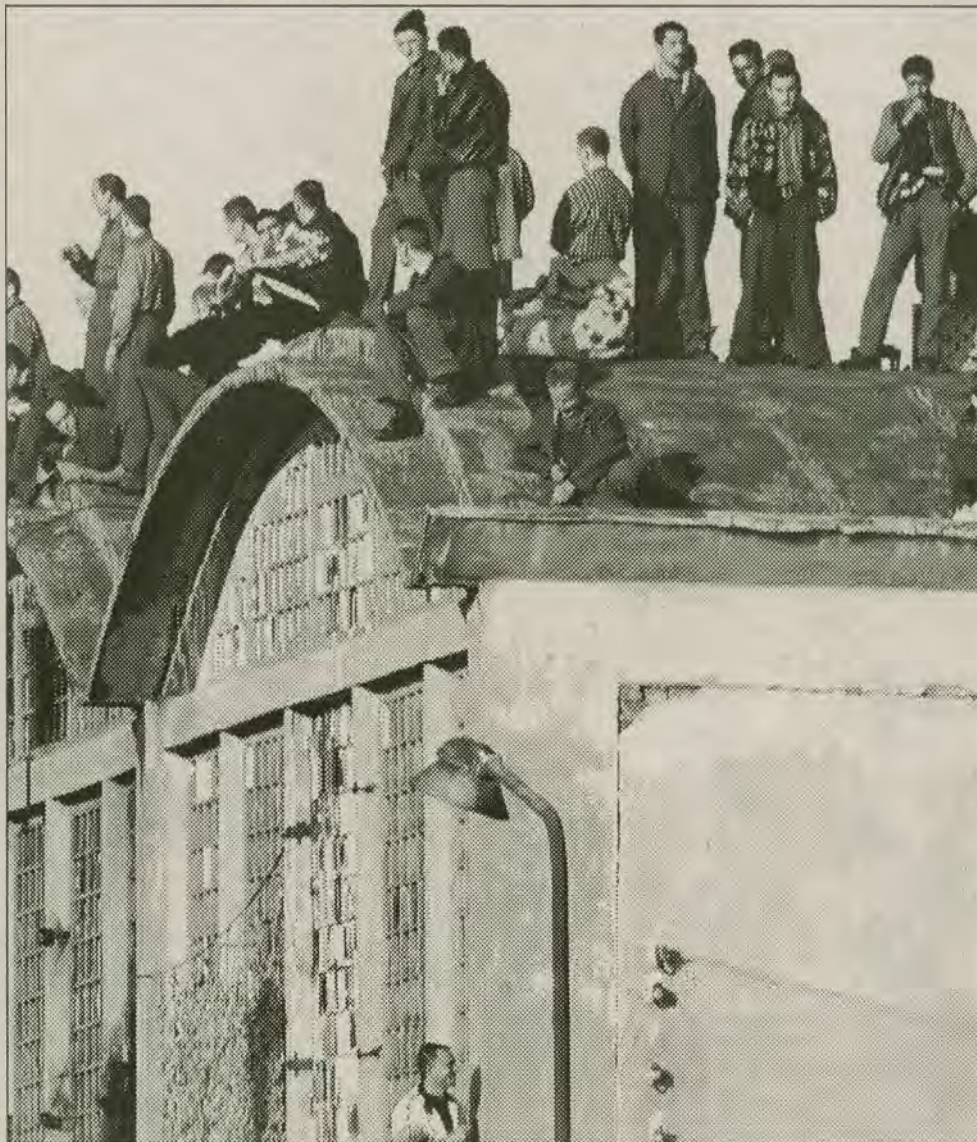
The unrest in the southern city of Nis started as a protest in solidarity for other Serbian inmates in the northern town of Sremska Mitrovica. Those inmates began rioting late Sunday, alleging that they were beaten "like horses" and demanding they share in a proposed amnesty for ethnic Albanian prisoners from Kosovo.

Prison Warden Miodrag Djordjevic said the prisoners in Nis also wanted to be included in the amnesty and he expected justice ministers to arrive Tuesday for talks.

The riot in Sremska Mitrovica, in one of Yugoslavia's largest prisons, began late Sunday and spread throughout the jail. Prisoners armed with iron bars positioned themselves on the rooftop of one building.

Officials inside the prison said the inmates were angry that a proposed amnesty law could free ethnic Albanian political prisoners but not Serbs convicted of other crimes.

Ethnic Albanian inmates were evacuated from the prison Monday evening and taken by bus to an



Inmates stand on top of prison located outside of Belgrade. Starting as a hunger strike, the riot ignited over officials granting Albanian inmates amnesty. AFP Photo

undisclosed location, the independent Beta news agency reported. Most of their cells were destroyed in the fire, Beta said.

Dragan Subasic, one of three Justice Ministry officials negotiating with the inmates, said three people had been hospitalized with slight injuries suffered during the riots in Sremska Mitrovica, about 50 miles northwest of Belgrade, the capital.

Footage shown on Serbian TV showed two inmates, surrounded by hundreds of other cheering

prisoners, complaining of severe beatings they claimed had been taking place since 1994.

"They used to beat us like horses," an unidentified prisoner with head bandages said, looking at the camera. "People have been destroyed physically, psychologically and morally. They were left with no desire to live."

Others displayed a baseball bat allegedly used by guards to beat inmates and chanted: "Amnesty!" and "Down with the warden!"

In Nis, Djordjevic confirmed that hundreds of prisoners had set fire to their cells, ransacked the jail's offices and climbed onto the roofs of several buildings, demanding the justice ministers meet with them.

A prisoner told The Associated Press that about 1,000 inmates, including 300 ethnic Albanians, had gone on a hunger strike, demanding their sentences be reduced by 30 percent, and the prison management be replaced by Wednesday.

Armed robbers release hostages

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Three armed robbers stormed a Target store before dawn Monday as workers stocked shelves for Christmas, holding dozens hostage before being captured as they tried to escape, authorities said.

No shots were fired, and no one was injured during the 2 1/2 hour siege.

Two men were booked for investigation on armed robbery and may face other charges, authorities said. The third alleged gunman, a teenager, was hospitalized after a police dog bit him.

The siege began at 5:20 a.m. when the gunmen apparently entered the store by a back door. More than 60 employees, many of them stocking shelves for the holiday shopping rush, were ordered to the ground, police spokeswoman Randi Joseph said.

A short time later, store security guard Myron Jenkins called 911 after another worker alerted him to the apparent robbery in progress.

"It was frantic," said Jenkins, who was unarmed. "We couldn't do much. It was out of our control."

About an hour after the siege began, 15 people emerged from the building and two of them, both wearing employee clothing, were arrest-

ed. The standoff ended about 7:45 a.m. when the rest of the employees were freed.

Police believe the teen-age suspect jumped a wall and fled at the same time the second group of employees was running for safety. He was found hiding in a creek bed two miles away and was flushed out by police dogs, police said. He was taken to a local hospital after a dog bit him on the leg. The identities of the men have not been released.

pe of connection because they had knowledge of the operations at this store," Joseph said.

Many of the employees' families learned about the hostage takeover on television news.

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ELECTION 2000

From the Capital

Students 'abroad' in DC experience elections firsthand

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant Managing Editor

WASHINGTON, DC
Cathleen Jordan spends her Sunday mornings in a cold television studio.

As a participant in Notre Dame's Semester in Washington, D.C., she interns three days a week. When her fellow classmates back in Indiana are sleeping in Sunday morning, Jordan is meeting people like John McCain and Jesse Jackson for NBC's "Meet the Press."

The political talk show is where Jordan has met political celebrities and policy-makers alike and where she says she loves to work.

Notre Dame's Washington semester currently boasts 11 participants, an unexpectedly low number this semester, said Peri Arnold, director of the program. The students live in an apartment owned by Boston University and shared with schools like Dartmouth, Michigan State and the University of Pennsylvania.

The program in D.C. is a bit like night school for adults already in the workforce. Students intern Monday to Wednesday, taking some night classes starting when they return from work until 9:30 p.m. They attend one class Thursday and Fridays can be filled with day trips to museums, monuments and legislative offices.

The program format is "perfect," said junior Tim Fallon, because it allows students the chance to enjoy real work experience while still studying and exploring Washington.

"The internship is amazing," Jordan said, mostly because of the people she works with and the responsibilities she has in the show's office.

Her bosses and colleagues "trust me," she said, which is very important for a student working in the fast-paced city of Washington.

"When I first got here, I was really nervous," Fallon said. Learning Washington lingo and policies "took some getting used to," but after a few months in the city, he said, he became comfortable with the city and fell in love with his job.

Fallon is an intern in the Washington bureau office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP), where he works with a staff of five people. The small staff is great, he said, because he is able to perform many hands-on tasks for the organization.

"It's the perfect way to get involved," he said. "It's the perfect door to what I want to do."

Fallon's office is currently working on initiatives to increase public school construction funding, a project Fallon is playing an important role in. He is due to submit a report at the end of the month regarding funding research and meetings on the NAACP's progress in gaining support of the project.

When the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal occurred, Washington interns instantly gained a bad reputation. Notre Dame students, though, are working at a scandal-free time and have only positive things to say about interning in the nation's capital.

And although he had heard that working for a congressman would be difficult and monotonous, junior Bill Fusz has had no problems adjusting to life as a congressional intern.

"The Hill is where the action is," said Fusz, who works in Congressman Paul Gillmor's (R-OH) office.

In an office about the size of a regular O'Shaughnessy classroom, Fusz works with Gillmor's legislative aides on mostly constituent issues.

He mainly helps in responding to constituent concerns, especially with questionnaires that the office has been organizing since July. With the office's small staff the government major says he feels very connected to the people he works with and with the politics occurring around him. Hearing firsthand accounts of the Firestone tire recall case from aides who attended the hearings was especially exciting, he added. But where his job is really important, he said, is with connecting with the people of Gillmor's district.

"It's just neat seeing what issues people care about and why," he said.

He's getting "a really good view at what really matters, which is constituents." He enjoys attending congressional hearings and getting a "broad-based" look at how laws are affecting everyday people. "I didn't realize how much congressmen really do for the people back home," he added.



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Students involved in the Washington DC program intern at various sites, including the American Civil Liberties Union, NBC and Capitol Hill. The program lasts one semester.

The connection between Washington's big-city politics and how they affect the American public is something many Notre Dame students are learning this semester.

"I see on a daily basis how local and national issues congeal," said Kate Caballero, a junior interning for Congressman Jim Davis (D-FL).

As the sole intern in the congressional office, Caballero is given greater responsibilities than possibly someone working with several other interns.

She conducts bill initiative research and attends weekly staff meetings where, she said, "my opinion counts." Caballero said Davis doesn't propose many bills, so her participation in their development is especially important.

And while meeting people like Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential ticket Al Gore and Joe Lieberman is a perk to her job, Caballero's favorite part of her job is the help she's getting in developing her future political goals.

Fallon said participating in the D.C. program has also helped sharpen his focus on his future.

Some of the students, in fact, are hoping their stints as Notre Dame interns in D.C. will lead them to positions as Notre Dame alumni in D.C.

For William Nordwind, '89, working for his hometown con-

gressman was an offer he couldn't refuse.

The government and international studies graduate settled into an aide position in Congressman Fred Upton's (D-MI) office after a few years of working with another congresswoman. When a position opened to work for his home state representative, he said he couldn't pass it up.

He said he enjoys his position working in a fast-paced city like Washington while remaining "plugged to the home fires" of his native Michigan.

For Caballero, too, the flames of the "home fires" burn too bright to resist.

The junior government major is interning with Democratic Congressman Jim Davis who serves Florida's Tampa area district, where Caballero lives. She says she relishes the chance to work with people concerned with her hometown issues.

"I would love to be a congresswoman one day," she added, noting that working in Davis' office has done wonders in developing her ambition.

"[Davis] has done a lot for me," said Caballero who said the congressman is very open to helping with her political future.

"Notre Dame gave me an excellent grounding to do this job," said Ted Brennan, press secretary and legislative director for Congressman Cass Ballenger

(R-NC).

His Notre Dame education, he said, was a "pretty good foundation" for working in Washington, D.C., and prepared him for a future political career of his own.

Brennan hopes to one day run for local office or a representative position and likens his job to "basic training in the military," preparing him for the leadership responsibilities he wants to one day hold.

And although, he said "you're never going to be rich in public service," his job is rewarding in many other ways, such as knowing more about what's happening in Congress than most journalists reporting its news.

"With electronic media, things move so fast around here. You can live and die by the minute," Brennan said, noting that the congressman's office received nearly 1,400 constituent e-mails this past weekend.

Jordan, who wants to be a broadcast journalist upon graduation, says working for NBC has taught her "the ins and outs of putting a television show together." She said the behind-the-scenes experience has helped her realize the high-intensity and stress behind national television.

She said her experience in the program has strengthened her desire to join the field.

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ELECTION 2000

From the Capital

Bishops release statement about role of Church in politics

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC
In an effort to clarify the responsibilities of Catholics in modern American politics, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement entitled "Faithful Citizenship: Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium" last September. This statement does not represent a new step for the Church, which has issued statements regarding political responsibility for every presidential election since the 1970s.

"We believe that politics is enriched, that pluralism is enhanced when people bring their deepest convictions into public life," said John Carr, director of social development

and world peace for the conference. "Our faith has something to say about all our lives, including our public choices."

This year's statement does have a new focus, however.

"[The new document emphasizes that] citizenship is a virtue, that participation is an obligation," said Carr. "It calls people to more, not less, involvement in public life in order to overcome the cynicism of our day."

In that spirit, the document encourages Catholics to consid-

er the Church's constant life ethic when deciding which candidate to support. That ethic includes the Church's opposition to abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia as well as its support for programs that aid America's poorest citizens.

"It's a reflection of American values where believers in religious institutions have the same rights ..."

John Carr
director of social development and world peace

In light of these considerations, the presidential candidates are focusing on the wrong question when asking citizens for their votes, said Carr.

"For believers, the most

important question is not, 'Are you better off that you were four years ago,'" he said. "It's 'Are we all better off? Are the poor better off? Are unborn children better off?' It's not just the economy."

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"It's a reflection of American values where believers in religious institutions have the same rights, no more no less,

than others to contribute to public debate," he said. "What this document is doing is asking Catholics to form a community of conscience in the larger community."

The Church has put forth extra effort this year to make sure that American Catholics are made aware the document exists for their consultation. In addition to its publication on the Internet, Faithful Citizenship is available in print and on video. Each Catholic parish received a kit containing these materials from the National Council last spring, said Carr.

Faithful Citizenship was written by the National Council without direct input from the Vatican, but it is in agreement with all formal teachings of the Church.

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who did not vote this year. "It's too much of a hassle for me when it's not going to change anything."

Although his objections are mainly with the Electoral College, which determines the presidential election, Lambrecht did not vote in any of the other races being decided in his home state of Minnesota this year.

"I'm not knowledgeable about state and city [candidates]," he said.

People in this age group may also feel that it does not matter who is in office.

"I'm in college, so it's not really going to affect me," said Wilkerson. "I don't think either candidate will really accomplish anything."

Wilkerson added that his decision not to vote applies only to this election.

Of course, there are members of Wilkerson and Lambrecht's age group that believe it is important to vote in all elections.

The people in the White House do affect the lives of college students, according to senior Megan Conlon. She is currently taking a design class taught by visiting assistant art professor Robert Sedlack that created posters and buttons to encourage Notre Dame students to vote.

"People simply don't think their votes are going to matter in the long run," Conlon said. "Every vote does matter, and certainly as a group, our vote matters ... We all need to be active as an age group in the political process."

"I think people here are really excited because it's the first election anyone here can vote in," said senior Jeni Harms, academic division head of Notre Dame student government. "Part of being a responsible citizen is voting ... It's a duty."

Harms said that some students find getting an absentee ballot to be a hassle.

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"political family."

In 1996, only 32 percent of young American adults bothered to vote. Among the general population, voter turnout was 50 percent.

"We have the worst voter turnout," said senior Megan Conlon, one of Sedlack's students. "I think that problem needs to be taken seriously."

So Sedlack and his class created a project to address the issue.

The first phase of the project involved creating a poster. Students created several designs, and then the class critiqued each one — along with graduate graphic design students and non-art or design majors from student government.

The poster the group selected to print and display around campus reads, "68% of 18 to 24 year olds do not vote in their federal elections. 68% of this poster is a WASTE OF SPACE. What will you be this year on Tuesday, November 7th? Fill the void."

With the help of Adworks, Notre Dame's student advertising agency, the class printed and hung over 200 posters around campus.

With the large amount of white space on the poster, some people have found room to write messages of their own on the posters.

"We know it's getting attention when it's getting graffiti," Sedlack said.

In addition to posters, the class decided to incorporate other elements into their project as well.

Students designed three different buttons and produced 200 of them. The class distributed the pins to other students who promised to display them on clothing or backpacks.

The class also designed table tents to be displayed this week in the dining halls. Adworks helped the class to actually distribute these tents.

In addition, the class designed a graphic for the homepage of Notre Dame's Web site. The site offers a link

to the class's own Web site that has additional voter information.

The class also designed ads to appear in The Observer. The project received free ad space from newspaper, as well as funding from the College Republicans and College Democrats, though Sedlack stressed that it was a non-partisan campaign.

While he wants the posters send a message to the entire Notre Dame student body, Sedlack said the project also gave his students a chance to see how their designs can play an influential role in informing the public.

"I hoped that it even moved just one person," Conlon said. She

added that she hopes getting her peers to vote now will get them in the habit of voting, so they will continue to do so throughout their lives.

"You've got a say. You can affect the outcome of elections," said Sedlack. "Ignorance and apathy are not the answer."

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Megan Conlon
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Doctors perform surgery to separate conjoined twins

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Associated Press

LONDON

Surgeons operated Monday to separate conjoined twin girls in a long and complex procedure that doctors said would kill one baby to give her sister a chance of a normal life. The operation followed months of legal wrangling over whether the parents could refuse surgery and let nature take its course.

St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester confirmed early Monday that the operation — involving some 20 staff members — had begun and was expected to take up to 15 hours. The hospital said no details about the surgery's outcome would be released until lunchtime Tuesday.

The girls, identified publicly only as "Mary" and "Jodie," were born at the hospital on Aug. 8 joined at the lower abdomen. Doctors say surgery

could allow Jodie to have a normal life, but that Mary cannot survive once she is separated from Jodie's aorta.

If not separated, doctors said, both girls would die within months.

The twins' parents — identified only as Roman Catholics from the Maltese island of Gozo in the Mediterranean — opposed the operation for religious reasons but decided not to contest a Sept. 22 decision by the Court of Appeal that the girls can be separated.

The court had struggled with the issue of whether the surgery would amount to intentionally killing Mary, whose heart and lungs cannot sustain life. Two medical specialists appointed by the court endorsed surgery.

"The sad fact is that Mary lives on borrowed time, all of it borrowed from her sister," Lord Justice Alan Ward said in the Court of Appeal ruling. "She is incapable of independent existence. She is designated for death."

Pannone and Partners, the law firm representing the par-

ents, said Monday they would not be issuing a statement.

The official solicitor's office, which represents children's interests in court, had provided legal representation for both children.

On Friday, judges rejected a last-minute appeal by the Pro-Life Alliance, an anti-abortion group that wanted the case to be decided in the House of Lords.

The Times of London reported that the Maltese Pediatric Association had urged British doctors to delay the operation, saying it violated common practice that parents of severely disabled babies were given the final say over treatment.

"In this case the parents have clearly expressed the wish that nature be left to take its course," it was quoted as saying.

News reports said the parents have agreed to give a paid interview to Granada TV and will use the money to care for Jodie as she undergoes further treatment. It was not disclosed how much they reportedly will be paid.

In Monday's operation, surgeons were expected to begin by exploring the twins' anatomy, according to testimony to the Court of Appeal. The separation process would start with the pelvic bones and then go to the spines, where the twins were joined.

"Finally and eventually we have a major blood vessel, which is the continuation of Jodie's aorta, which is bringing blood across to Mary. It would need separating, dividing. It is at that point that we would expect that Mary would then die," the court's judgment said.

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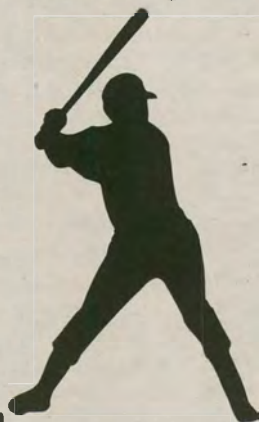
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Abolish Electoral College

With one of the closest presidential elections in history coming to a close today, there is a chance a candidate who wins the popular vote will lose the Electoral College. The Electoral College is an outdated system that reduces the presidential election to a struggle for a few battleground states while most of the country is ignored by the candidates.

When the United States adopted the Constitution in 1789, Americans could not travel and communicate nearly as quickly as we do today. Voters of the 1700s and 1800s did not have the access to the candidates necessary to cast an informed ballot for president. Given these circumstances, it was a wise choice on the part of the men who wrote the Constitution to provide for the election of trusted representatives who could learn about the candidates and cast a well-advised electoral vote for their states.

But in modern America, the limitations that originally made the Electoral College a necessity no longer exist. With the development of airplanes, television and the Internet, each citizen now has an ample opportunity to familiarize himself or herself with the personalities and positions of the candidates. With this information, citizens no longer need to depend on electors to make this decision for them.

Concerns about the right of each state to equal representation in the electoral process are no longer relevant in modern

American. Today, it is more important that each person's vote is of equal value.

Under the present system, each citizen's vote is worth a different fraction of an electoral vote based on the state's number of electoral votes and voter turnout. Every man and woman should cast a vote of equal worth. A vote in one state should not count more than a vote in another state.

In states such as Maine where the electoral votes are divided between the winner and loser, a vote for the candidate who does not carry the state still could translate to some value in the Electoral College. In other states, the losing candidate receives none of the Electoral College votes no matter how close the election might have been.

The Constitution gives the state legislatures the power to determine the rules governing the Electors from each state. There can be 50 different sets of rules for electing a president. A national election should have a national set of rules.

There is no longer any reason for America to continue to choose its President through an Electoral College. Instead, the basic rules of equality dictate that each citizen's vote should be of equal value. This can only be achieved through direct popular election of the President. The United States should eliminate the Electoral College and allow the people to directly choose their leader.

The Observer Editorial

Keeping your computer happy

I'm not going to lie to you. Underneath this saucy facade lies the brain of a computer genius. I can reconfigure your hard drive in just a couple of hours. I'll install an entirely new network for you in a day. And as an added bonus, I'll even teach you how to play Free Cell.

Molly
Strzelecki

Growing Up to
Be a Kid

Ok, so that is a lie. I have very little to no knowledge of computers.

Computers and I, well, we are not one. And I am OK with that. I have mastered e-mail (though I do not get this "sending attachments" thing; it's cut and paste all the way). I know how to surf the web, and I know how to use all sorts of word processing programs for typing papers. So I guess I'm not completely illiterate, computer-wise. But I'm pretty sure some of the three and four-year-olds I know understand the inner workings of most Macs and PCs better than I ever will.

I question whether or not this is a good thing, however. I've noticed that home computers these days are comparable to what cable television was when I was growing up. Time in front of it was limited, lest I ruin my eyes and my brain turn to mush, according to my parents. There is something about today's Internet, and computers in general, that, like cable television, sucks us in, keeping us indoors like vampires hiding from sunlight. Unless, of course, you have a laptop that can give you limited mobility to say, check stock market prices at the beach.

The age of info technology astounds me, really. Who came up with this stuff? We know Al Gore didn't and Bill Gates only sells it, so I'm going with a Big Bang

Theory. It had to have been that one day a dude was sitting at his computer and BANG! his computer slapped him upside the head and yelled, "Use me for something other than typing papers and balancing your checkbook!" Or something to that extent. Hence, the world is now connected through phone wires, modems, networks and all that otherstuff. And it lets us into a variable world of all sorts of stuff.

Frankly, I do not need half the sites and "stuff" that the Internet has to offer. Does that stop me, though, from wasting hours on Hotmail when I should be reading Shakespeare? Of course not. Just like I didn't stop myself from watching the show Double Dare when I should have been memorizing the Act of Contrition.

If I had to choose between television and 500 cable channels and the Internet and five million websites, I would choose television. Because I know how to work it. I even know how to program a VCR! With computers, it is another story. I think my lack of loving for the digital age stems from a deep-rooted fear of those keyboards and hard drives and monitors that tend to go haywire on me at the most inopportune moments. Usually the moments involve a very long paper due in four hours that for some reason has been saved neither on disk nor hard drive. I cannot explain it and frankly, I am not going to try.

I have, however, found a couple of tricks that seem to work, which I will be happy to pass on. If you, too, suffer from computer No-How, try these helpful hints and see what happens, though I'm not going to guarantee you anything:

◆ Whatever you do, do not hit or slap the computer in any way, shape or form. I've found things will start flashing all

over the monitor, which is a sign your computer is getting very angry and that is never a good thing.

◆ Speak words of kindness to your computer, as you would to your grandmother. I've found this works wonders for getting the mouse to unfreeze as well as puts the computer in a most helpful mood.

◆ Never neglect the printer. It needs words of kindness as well and trust me, it will act up just as much, if not more, than the computer. Treat them as your parents treated you and your siblings: with equal love and attention (even if they did like you better than the other ones).

◆ Everyone likes treats and computers are no exceptions. Bring your computer a new treat, whether it is a faster connection or a new batch of cloths to wipe the dust off with. Maybe if you brought brownies that would make your computer oblige. I've found it works with some of my friends.

The most important advice I can give you as to dealing with a computer is to be patient. Be nice. If you don't get it, that is OK. It is neither here nor there who, what, where, why, when or how computers operate, we just need to be on the alert for when they go berserk with 15 page papers and try and take over the world. As for me, I'm going to watch You Can't Do That On Television.

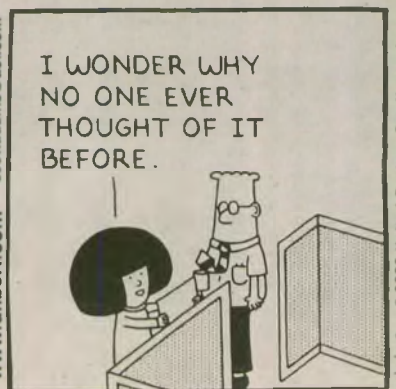
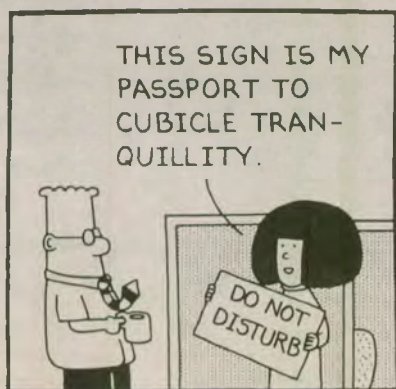
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards."

Aldous Huxley
author

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Working for service after graduation

On the eve of Oct. 26, The Young Leaders of Old Saint Patrick's Church in Chicago held their fourth annual fall dinner and award presentation. The group was indeed, diverse.

**Brittany
Morehouse**

*It's All About
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Among the invited guests were educators of all ages, well-known entrepreneurs, successful figures in the business world, community leaders from the local and national levels, representatives of the religious order and eager students. The gathering was in honor of the "2000 Young Leader Award Recipient for Exemplary Leadership in Chicago." The young man acclaimed as this year's model for leadership is Patrick G. Ryan Jr., Founder and President of the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC), an urban teaching program similar to the Peace Corps.

One by one, representatives of the Leadership Council approached the podium and proceeded to reflect on the award and on Patrick. He received acclaims for his integrity, accolades for his accomplishments, adulation for his heart and approbation for his guts. One friend noted how effortlessly Patrick managed to integrate all of his disparate interests into his life so that not one cause in which he believed had to wait its turn. She added that in addition, through it all Patrick kept in touch — with everyone. He never forgot a name or a face.

One would think after hearing this endless list of praises that here was a man who, must realize his exceptional qualities and thus, must have a slight ego. Yet, when he stepped to the microphone to accept the award, Patrick stood comfortably in the front of the room and after expressing gratitude began his speech that assured his audience this award was not about him. "Don't mistake the match for the fire," he said.

Patrick's words quickly changed the tone of the night. Patrick was able to deftly redirect the spotlight from him self onto the current teachers of the ICTC program who quietly but proudly sat in the back wearing symbolic green carnations. Patrick's passionate pleas for better education in America echoed through the room causing many eyes to brim with tears. He declared that "parents should not have to pretend to live in another city just so that they can provide quality education for their children."

Patrick then profiled one specific teacher by way of showing how much these young people sacrifice when they join the ICTC. He added that only one out of every six applicants is accepted into the program. And 96 percent of the teachers are

from the most elite schools in the nation, such as Notre Dame, Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Given these figures, Patrick said, "many outsiders pose the ultimate question ... why?"

"Why are the most intelligent students from the best schools choosing to commit two years of their lives to service, earning only \$5 a day plus room and board?" Patrick asked. Certainly for the first year, the rewards are few and the challenges are many but graduating students still jump at the chance to teach.

This is a question that seems all too familiar to a large group of seniors at Notre Dame.

When a degree is that much more expensive compared to the average university it is natural to want to make it "worth-while" in terms of capitalism's standards. The mere thought of pronouncing to family members one's desire to do service after having just spent \$100,000 in education is enough to chase a student straight to the hands of big businesses in Chicago where most ND graduates flock together to embark on a fifth year of Notre Dame.

Still, though the call seems tough, there are many that confidently march forward on the path of service, never looking back. Those who pursue the Alliance for Catholic Education are prime examples.

Similar in structure to ICTC, ACE, is in the words of senior Tara Mahnesmith "just awesome." Tara has worked for the office for two years now and over time developed the utmost respect for its people. "These people are some of the most amazing you will ever meet," she says. Tara was so decided on ACE that she spent her fall

break visiting one of the sites, shadowing one of its teachers. Tara returned with an even greater appreciation for the program. She is certain that not only do the teachers make an impact in a way that will change children's lives, but they also find their own lives forever enhanced.

Service after college just might be the best thing you'll ever do. What better time to sacrifice monetary privileges than right after college when we are all used to living at college poverty level? Don't rush the corporate world, sooner or later you'll get tired of it. Service in the form of teaching is even better. Our future is still behind the doors of grade schools and that will never change.

As for freshmen, sophomores and juniors, this philosophy applies to you too. Don't ever think you are too busy for service. One of my favorite classes was "Confronting Homelessness in American Society" taught by Professor Ben Giamo. No amount of book reading could replace the lessons I learned from the experimental portion of the course. In fact, in my opinion "Confronting Homelessness" should be a required part of the curriculum, just like Theology and Philosophy. Indeed, as Patrick's adopted motto for ICTC states "You can't just talk the talk; you must also walk the walk." Patrick has, and continues to set the pace.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Congratulating Mr. Notre Dame

Last Thursday, between 800 and 1,000 students attended the first ever Mr. Notre Dame pageant. The winner, freshman Ryan Crochet of Keenan Hall, put on a show for the ages. His talent was a Chippendale-style dance to the Divinyls "I Touch Myself" that had the audience on their feet both cheering and laughing at the same time. By the end of it, he was in black tights and a red bow-tie. Let me not forget one important factor; he's about 300 pounds. The other finalists were quite good, but the night was stolen by Big Ryan as he charmed the ladies during the question and answer section. We've anxiously awaited The Observer's take on the pageant, but since no article as of yet has been printed, we at Keenan Hall would like to give him some well-deserved press. Congratulations to the big fella and we can't wait for a repeat performance next year.

Andrew Warner
freshman
Keenan Hall
November 6, 2000



Allowing for successful concerts

The Executive Members of the Student Union Board would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the Guster concert this weekend.

Our sincerest thanks goes out to the band, the crew, the students and fans who made for a sold-out show and especially the members of the Student Union Board without whose help it would never have been possible.

With everyone's help, we will continue to program quality shows for the future. We hope to see you there.

Becky Hagelin
Liz Efta
Dave Clark
Katie Leicht
Candis Wilkinson

Student Union Board Executive members
November 6, 2000

CONCERT REVIEW

Guster thrills Irish crowd with quality rock show

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

To have a great concert, a couple of things are needed. Obviously a great band that plays amazing live music is at the core of what's required. But sometimes you get lucky, and not only do you get that, but you get a band that is completely unique and the real thing — not a mass-produced, choreographed, accessorized bunch.

A great concert happened at Notre Dame Friday night with the performance of the Massachusetts-based trio, Guster. They are simply a great band live, apt to impress both longtime fans and first-timers.

But that's not all there is to Guster. It is also complete-

ly unique and very real. If there were any doubts to this latter quality, they should have been squashed by the fact that Guster had two Notre Dame students, Kevin Reen and Mike Murphy, play violin and tuba during "Window" and "Bury Me."

This is a typical taste of who Guster is, a band that appreciates its fans, a band that not only reads but replies to e-mails.

As Guster's fan base steadily increases and it opens for musical giants like Barenaked Ladies and Dave Matthews Band, one might fear that Adam Gardner, Ryan Miller and Brian Rosenworcel might get swept away into the spotlight never to return again.

But that is decidedly not the case. As Gardner pointed out before the show, playing bigger venues with large bands is the next practical step. Guster has had a gradual and consistent build since its first release, *Parachute*, which dropped in 1994.

Still the boys are keeping their heads above it all, recognizing the importance of their fan base and keeping those fans as a top priority.

To be a fan of a Guster album or song is one thing, to see them live adds a completely different element to the intrigue. Gardner and Miller jam on their guitars and their voices come through clear. But the presence of Brian "Thundergod" Rosenworcel is enough to cause pause to any music fan.

Rosenworcel is simply amazing, and this becomes wonderfully obvious live. When listening to a Guster recording, Rosenworcel and his bongos offer a great backdrop, but it is no indication of what musical wizardry is going on. Seeing him perform live reveals the absolutely astonishing effort he puts forth with each song. From behind a number of bongos and other percussion devices Rosenworcel does literally thunder through each performance. With hands thick and worn from years of playing, he confidently drives through the songs and does what arguably sets Guster apart from so many other bands.

Despite the rough acoustics that the Stepan Center offers (shouldn't we be embarrassed to offer this venue to a band? It's like offering an artist a space in the garage to display his latest works), Guster still shined.

As is standard, fans longed for songs from *Parachute*, but were only given two songs from the album and a tease of "Happy Frappy." When questioned about this, Gardner explained that *Parachute* is a snapshot of the past, of a younger Guster, and that it has since developed musically.

With a thundering opening of "What You Wish For," Guster effortlessly rolled through 15 songs displaying its growth as a band. When "Demons" ended the show, it seemed too soon for the band to leave. But when it did, a satisfied crowd remained, wondering only how long it would be until Guster would return.

Guster will be on the road until December, when then it will take a leave of absence to write more music; April will see Guter back on the road for a month long tour.

Set List

November 3, 2000
Notre Dame - Stepan Center

Set:

What You Wish For
Happier
X-Ray Eyes
Airport Song
California Dreamin'
Window
Either Way
Center of Attention
Bury Me
Parachute
I Spy
Great Escape
Barrel of a Gun
All the Way Up to Heaven
Demons



SARAH FUCHS/ The Observer

Notre Dame student, Mike Murphy, accompanies Guster on stage during its concert at the Stepan Center. Later that night, the band was seen partying at Turtle Creek.

ALBUM REVIEW

Rock giants U2 continue to grow after 10 albums

By JOHN HEIECK
Scene Music Critic

The new album. Long lines outside of record stores at midnight. Screaming fans. Rock 'n' Roll. No, these phrenzied-fans are not for Limp Bizkit or The Backstreet Boys or Britney Spears. They're U2 fans.

OK, so it's not exactly the Grammy-winning *Joshua Tree*, but *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, U2's 10th studio album, is the most anticipated U2 album since *Achtung Baby*, the follow-up to the *Joshua Tree*. And for good reason.

Rumors began circling early this year about a new U2 album. First of all, U2, known for its last minute-cramming in the recording studio, wrote the majority of the album before even stepping foot in Windmill Lane recording studio, its home away from home. The album, which pays homage to the rawness of *Boy*, its first album, is also the most mature sounding album U2 has ever made.

The band, lead by Bono, the quintessential front-man, and backed-up by The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen, Jr., have had over two decades to

perfect its sound. But it appears now that *All That You Can't Leave Behind* may be U2's last hurrah.

Driven by Clayton and Mullen Jr.'s distinct rhythmic combination, The Edge's haunting guitar personality, and the most intimate lyrics Bono has ever written, *All That You Can't Leave Behind* begins with the already radio-friendly "Beautiful Day" and ends with the soulfully tranquil "Grace."

Left in between is a kaleidoscope of emotions of four hip, middle-aged rock stars just trying to catch a ride home.

"Elevation," reminiscent of the Tokyo club scene Bono is so fond of, is the most synthesized and fun song on the album. "A star lit up like a cigar/ Strung out like a guitar/ Maybe you could educate my mind/ Explain all these controls/ I can't sing but I've got soul/ The goal is elevation."

Bono, heavily considered one of the best singers in rock music, has had problems with his voice the last couple years; however "off-season" conditioning has

greatly helped. "I've found my voice again," Bono has been quoted saying.

That is no more evident than on the soulful "In A Little While," in which Bono melodically belows, "In a little while/ Surely you'll be mine/ In a little while...I'll be there/ In a little while/ This hurt will hurt no more/ I'll be home, love."

The Edge, like Bono, is also responsible for some of the most moving moments on *All That You Can't Leave Behind*. The Edge, named for his distinct echo guitar style, copiously decorates the album with unique guitar solos and transcendent keyboard sounds. The most notable example of The Edge's pristine guitar playing occurs on "Kite," where his surreal solo seems to take the listener to a different world.

Besides the band line-up, there has been one constant on each of U2's albums — "the song." Since "With or Without You" on the *Joshua Tree* album, U2 has had at least one haunting, gem-of-a-song on each album. On *Achtung Baby*, it was the timeless "One," on *Zooropa*, "Stay (Far Away, So

Close)," on *Pop*, it was "If God Will Send His Angels." On *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, this song is "Walk On."

"Walk On," like its predecessors, demonstrates why U2 has remained the world's largest and most enduring rock band. "Home... hard to know what it is if you've never had one/ Home... I can't say where it is but I know I'm going/ Walk on, walk on." In essence, "Walk On" sings of a band that has already conquered the world and is now ready to walk away from it all.

The entire album is littered with such sentiments, sentiments that have lead to the rumors that *All That You Can't Leave Behind*

is the last call for U2. If that is the case, better get your tickets as soon as they are available for U2's next, and probably last, tour.

Rumors are circulating that U2 will tour the U.S. in the spring, Europe in the summer, and then return to the U.S. in the fall. Unlike the ZooTV or Popmart tours, U2's next tour will be a stripped-down version of anything U2 fans have seen in the last 10 years. Although the glitz and glamour will be gone from the stage, U2's goal, through its seemingly infinite music catalog, will be one of elevation. Guaranteed the best show in town.

The album ... is also the most mature sounding album U2 has ever made.

All That You Can't Leave Behind

U2

Interscope Records

Rating



ALBUM REVIEW

Poe returns with haunting sophomore release

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Scene Music Critic

With her father's ghostly voice sampled throughout her newest release, Poe has produced a truly haunting sophomore album.

The album, appropriately titled *Haunted*, tells the story of the stressed relationship Poe shared with her father during his life. While some songs tell of regret and lost chances, others speak of sheer adolescent defiance. Most tracks would be perfect background music for any scary movie.

Poe incorporates samples of her father's voice, taken from cassette-recordings he made during his years as a professor. As she explains in the cover booklet, "Had I resurrected a ghost? In some ways I had. Ultimately I entered into a dia-



Poe

logue with that ghost." This album is her conversation with her dead father.

The album's title track, "Haunted," has a looming sense of fragility. An almost schizophrenic personality emerges as she explores the ghosts inside her head, real and imagined. "And I'm haunted/ by the lives that I have loved/ And actions I have hated." This track is the album's strongest success.

After opening herself up with "Haunted," Poe moves next to "Control" — a song of rebellious assertiveness. She delights in her ability to release herself from her father's demanding grip. "All those things that you taught me to fear/ I've got them in my garden now/ And you're not welcome here." In its own sense, "Control" is a feminist rock anthem.

Poe continues the defiant theme in other tracks as well, including "Walk the Walk," "Not A Virgin" and

"Wild." In these songs, Poe fully expresses the freedom she encountered upon her father's death.

In "Spanish Doll," Poe both scorns and praises her father's memory. "I think I used to be home here/ But the only way I can tell/ Is that I miss you still/ And I cannot find you here/ You left me tattered and torn." Her ability to use contradictions makes her an accomplished and interesting songwriter.

The most interesting track on the album is "House of Leaves," in which Poe explores the possibility that her father was sent to hell upon his death. A sample of her brother's voice expresses the family's concern for her father's soul, uttering "No one should brave the underworld alone."

The album finishes with "If You Were Here," poignantly expressing Poe's resolution with

No song overshadows the others because they all work together to create a solid, cohesive and unique album worthy of praise.

Haunted Poe

Atlantic Records

Rating



her father and his own ability to find peace beyond the grave. "If you were here/ You would know how I treasured every day/ How every single word you spoke echoes in me like a memory of hope." Her father's voice responds to what she is singing.

There are moments on the album when Poe sounds like other prominent female musicians, including Aimee Mann (on "5 & 1/2 Minute Hallway"), Liz Phair (on "Not A Virgin") and Gwen Stefani (on "Haunted"). Despite the occasional similarities, she maintains a unique

vocal advantage and an impressive song writing talent.

All tracks require the listener's attention. She composed and arranged the album to tell a story. No song overshadows the others because they all work together to create a solid, cohesive and unique album worthy of praise. Her's is the voice of the strong female.

With *Haunted*, Poe furthers the personal and experimental edge she attained with her first album. Honesty offers insight not only into her world, but the world of the listener as well.

CONCERT REVIEW

Ben Harper rocks sell-out crowd in Chicago

By NATE PHILLIPS
Scene Music Critic

In a brilliant performance Saturday night, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals displayed their true rock talent at the Aragon Theater in Chicago, Ill.

Harper, who opened for Dave Matthews' summer concert tour, played a wide range of music that appealed to many different types of music fans. Harper is slowly growing in popularity, and has slowly been drawing a larger and larger audience from the Dave Matthews' fan base.

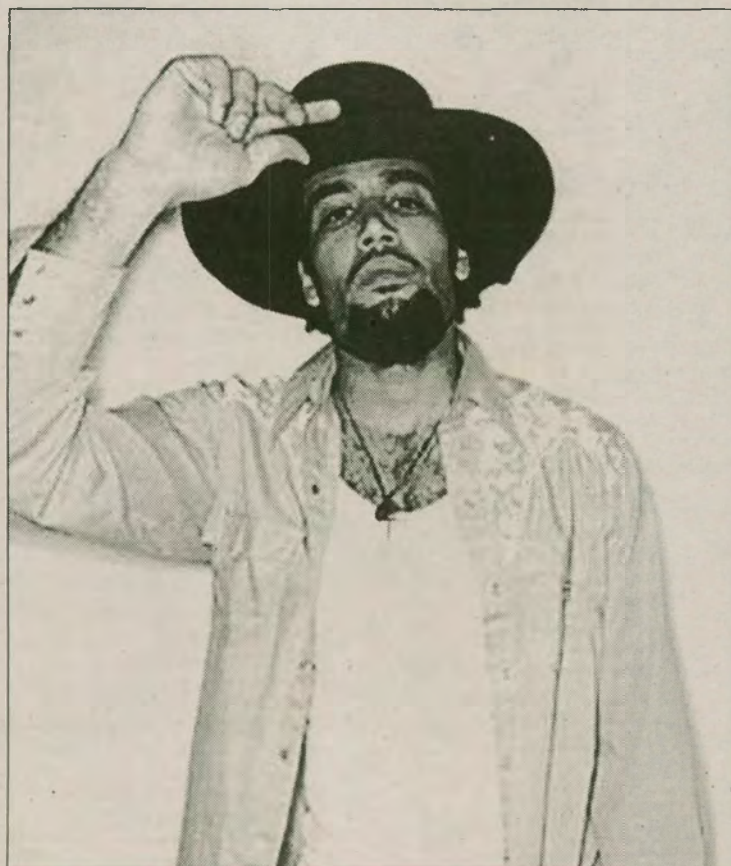


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Proving just why his fan base has been steadily growing in 2000, Ben Harper put on an exceptional — and unpredictable — show.

Harper is known specifically for his grass-roots type of rock, but does a great job of incorporating different kinds of musical techniques into his songs. The song, "Steal My Kisses," which hit it big on the radio, has influences from both rock and hip-hop. A number of his most popular songs simply consist of Harper singing to the sole accompaniment of an acoustic guitar.

Audiences are drawn not only to the variety of musical elements found in Harper's music, but also his soulful lyrics — lyrics that are filled with emotion and reflect aspects of life that most people experience. His most popular songs are dramatic and powerful, often making reference to love lost and found.

The concert venue at the Aragon Theater was relatively small, and as a result, had little trouble selling out. The audience itself encompassed a wide variety of people from high school students to older hippie fans. The small venue served Harper's personal playing style perfectly though, as it allowed him get the entire audience involved in the show.

Almost as if to prove his musical diversity, Harper had a small rap band

named Black-Illicitious open the concert. They encouraged audience participation, and were a fun and entertaining warm-up to Harper. And though surprising to hear a rap group at a rock concert, it served well to mix-up the usual concert experience.

After a brief lull, Harper finally emerged from backstage to a roaring welcome from the crowd. While his bassist began strumming a guitar, Harper calmly placed a chair in the middle of the stage. Behind him were two drum sets, one for each of Harper's two drummers.

Harper began the concert — from his chair — with a blaring rendition of "Burn One Down," immediately bringing the crowd into the concert.

Following his first song, Harper showed his tendency to have a little fun with his audience by sarcastically dedicated the concert to George W. Bush. He quickly found himself receiving a round of hoots and boos, which he responded to by discussing Bush's tenure as owner of the Texas Rangers.

"I worry about Bush as our possible future president," Harper said. "Anyone who would trade Sammy Sosa to the Chicago Cubs definitely needs some help with his decision making." After each song, a stagehand would run out and give Harper a different style of guitar for the next song. The result of the constant rotation between electric and acoustic guitars was that every song was unique and different. The concert maintained a fresh and exciting feel throughout.

For the first hour, Harper belted out a number of different songs. Throughout his first set, Harper focused on songs that were relatively unknown, leaving his music with a distinct rock feel, though the songs remained upbeat and energetic.

Once he had finally settled in, however, Harper began to vary his music, ranging from softer upbeat music to harder more emotional songs like "Please Bleed."

The first set climaxed with a fresh rendition of "Steal My Kisses," which involved a rap portion of the song. Harper sang the first several verses from his chair, and then, placing his guitar on a stand, began to dance around the stage leaving a rapper, whom Harper had brought out from backstage at the start of the song, to take over. As "Steal My Kiss" was quickly transformed to a hip-hop song, Harper ran

around the stage working up the audience. By the time the song ended, the entire arena was brimming with excitement.

Harper, however, took this time to walk off of the stage with his band. But it didn't

take long for the demanding cheers from the audience to produce their desired result, as Harper again emerged backstage, this time, alone.

He sat down on his same chair and pulled out an acoustic guitar. For the next hour, Harper softly played his guitar, and poured his heart out with rich and entertaining lyrics.

The entire atmosphere of the concert had changed once again — mellowing out the audience as they enjoyed the soft sounds of Harper's solo performance. When finished, Harper thanked the audience, and again left the stage.

The crowd immediately began chanting for another encore, and the band emerged once more in full force for a third set. It launched into music dominated primarily with the electric guitar and loud drum solos. The set finished with a dramatic rendition of "The Woman in You." And then the band thanked the crowd for a final time, and walked off of the stage for good.

Overall, Harper's performance was exceptionally impressive. He offered a wide range of music — appealing to all members of the audience. The crowd itself was fun and highly energetic, which served as a catalyst for the energy and excitement of the experience as a whole.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Arizona ranked No. 1 in first AP basketball poll

Associated Press

Arizona, with all five starters back from a team that was a top seed in the NCAA Tournament, edged Duke on Monday as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll.

The Wildcats, who were the preseason No. 1 in 1997 after they won the national championship, had a sizable lead in first-place votes from the national media panel, but finished with just four more points than the Blue Devils.

"This one has fewer question marks than probably any team that we've had," Arizona coach Lute Olson said of the group that features the sophomore backcourt of Jason Gardner and Gilbert Arenas and junior forwards Richard Jefferson and Michael Wright.

Senior center Loren Woods, who missed the end of last season with a back injury, has been impressive returning from off-season surgery.

"We've got everything," Gardner said. "We've got an inside game. We've got an outside game. We've got quick-

ness. We've got strength. It's going to be hard for anybody to match up with us."

Arizona, which finished 25-7 last season and lost to Wisconsin in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, had 37 first-place votes and 1,753 points.

Duke, which has four starters back from the team that was No. 1 in the final poll and lost in the round of 16, was first on 29 ballots, and its 1,749 points were 260 more than defending national champion Michigan State.

The Spartans, who lost three starters from the team that won it all, received five first-place votes and was just two points in front of Stanford.

Maryland received the other first-place vote and was followed in the Top Ten by North Carolina, Kansas, Illinois, Tennessee and Seton Hall.

Florida, which lost to Michigan State in the championship game, was 11th, followed by No. 12 Kentucky, No. 13 Utah, No. 14 Connecticut, and Arkansas and Notre Dame, which tied for 15th.

UCLA was 17th, followed by

Cincinnati, Wisconsin, Wake Forest, DePaul, Oklahoma, Southern California, Virginia and Iowa State.

The big conferences dominated the voting with eight leagues supplying all 25 teams. Six conferences had at least three teams each with the Atlantic Coast Conference's five — Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Virginia — leading the way.

Last year's preseason No. 1

was Connecticut, while Michigan State was third in the opening poll. The only teams to be ranked in the Top Ten all last season were Arizona, which got as high as No. 2, and Cincinnati, which was No. 1 for 12 weeks.

Four of the schools in this year's poll weren't ranked at any point last season.

Arkansas and Wisconsin were both in the Top 25 during the 1998-99 season, while Virginia was last ranked on

Dec. 2, 1996.

Notre Dame was out of the rankings the longest. The last time the Fighting Irish were in the Top 25 was the first regular-season poll of 1989-90.

Arizona continues the longest run of Top 25 appearances, having been in each one since the preseason vote of 1995-96 — 90 consecutive polls. Stanford and Duke are tied for second at 73, a run that started with the preseason poll of 1996-97.

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seconds, Verlin also claimed first in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:55.71.

Four swimmers were individual event winners for the Irish. Freshman Matt Oberlin had a key performance for the Irish, capturing the 200-meter individual medley in 2:03.12. Freshman J.R. Teddy put another Irish first place on the board in the 400-meter freestyle, finishing in 3:48.04. Senior Dan Szilier clinched the first place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke in 2:12.08, and junior David Horak took the 200-meter backstroke in 1:55.28.

Friday's meet was a different story, with the Irish lagging behind Oakland University, capturing only five of 15 events. There were some bright spots for the Irish, however, especially in the distance events.

Junior Jonathan Pierce clinched victories in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:00.45, and in the 500 freestyle in 4:40.99. Sophomore diver Andy Maggio kept the divers undefeated in dual meet action, winning both the one and three meter board events. Szilier took first in the 200 breaststroke in 2:07.02.

But the middle part of the meet was the crunch, where the Irish found themselves falling to Oakland's sprinting forces, dropping both the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

"This is just going to be a year where we just have to keep working on sprinting," said head coach Tim Welsh. "But our times were better this time. We're making progress, but we're not done," he said.

The Irish now take a break from competition, not returning to the competitive scene until the Notre Dame Invitational, Nov. 31 through Dec. 3. The hiatus gives the team the opportunity to prepare well, Welsh said.

"This gives us a couple of weeks of very intense preparation," Welsh said. "We are only going to be as good as our level of improvement — this break is to our advantage."

VOLLEYBALL

Bomhack named player of week



Marcie Bomhack (left) talks with her teammates in between a point during a match earlier this season.

ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Special to The Observer

Junior outside hitter Marcie Bomhack was named the Big East Player of the Week on Monday, Nov. 6, for her performance in three Notre Dame victories last week.

Bomhack was instrumental in the three Irish sweeps over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence, pushing the Notre Dame 2000 season record to 21-5 and 10-0 in the Big East Conference. She hit .540 in the three matches with 36 kills (5.1 per game), 23 digs (3.2 per game) and seven blocks (1.0 per game).

Against BC on Friday, Nov. 3, Bomhack had six kills while playing just two games on .417 hitting. She also had a team-high nine digs in the contest.

On Nov. 4, she posted 16 kills on .483 hitting against non-conference opponent North Carolina. She also had five blocks and five digs in the contest, including a game-winning solo block to score the deciding point of the second game to give the Irish a 2-0 lead in the match.

Taking on Providence on Sun., Nov. 5, she continued her hot hitting with 14 kills on 20 attempts without committing and error, while also having five digs, an ace and a block.

Bomhack becomes the third Irish player to earn player of the week accolades from the Big East. Senior setter Denise Boylan earned the honor on Sept. 4 and senior outside hitter Christi Gorton was a double-award winner on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

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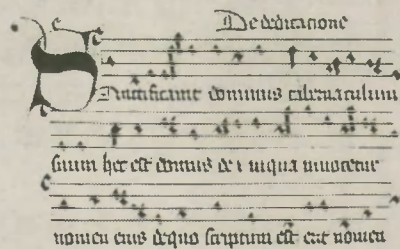
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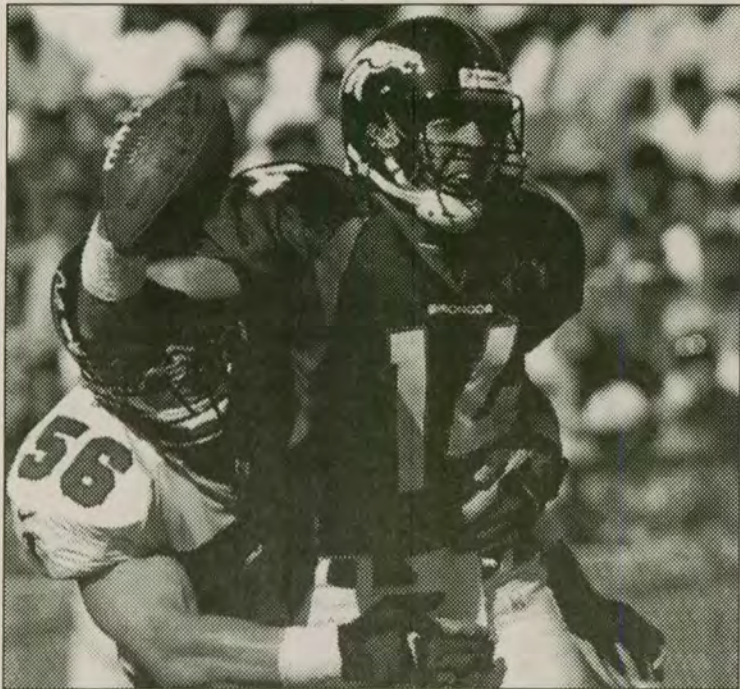


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NFL



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Broncos' quarterback Brian Griese gets dragged down in a game against Atlanta earlier this year.

Griese compared to Montana by coach

Associated Press

DENVER

His coach compares him favorably to Joe Montana. While that might be premature, Denver Broncos quarterback Brian Griese, in only his second full season as a starter, is putting up Montana-like numbers.

Never was that more apparent than in the Broncos' 30-23 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

Griese was outstanding, completing 22 of 35 passes for 327 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

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In those critical situations, Griese was 13-for-16 for 225 yards and two scores. He accounted for 12 first downs, and his third-down passer rating was 158.3 — the maximum rating possible.

For the year, Griese leads the AFC and is second in the NFL with a passer rating of 104.9, trailing only St. Louis' Kurt Warner.

He has thrown 18 touchdown passes compared to three interceptions, a 6-to-1 ratio that would break the NFL record of 5.75-to-1 set by Kansas City's Steve DeBerg in 1990.

Such precision brings to mind another passer named Griese, Brian's father, Hall of Famer Bob Griese.

Obviously a proud papa, the elder Griese, who became emotional while doing television commentary on his son's Michigan team in the national championship game in 1997, prefers to let his son's career stand on its own.

Contacted at his Miami home on Monday, Griese said, "I really don't want to comment. He's got his own career going there."

And what a career it has become!

Emerging from the long shadow of John Elway, whom he succeeded as the Broncos' quarterback in 1999, Griese is quickly making his own imprint.

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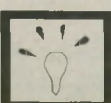
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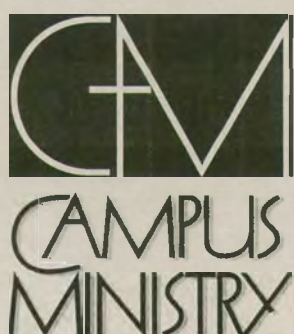
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NFL

Drained Ross resigns as Lions' head coach

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich.

The Detroit Lions replaced a burned-out coach with one who wore out his welcome less than 70 miles away.

B o b b y Ross, mentally and physically drained after 3 1/2 years, resigned Monday and was replaced by assistant coach Gary Moeller, who was fired as Michigan's coach in 1995 days after his arrest during a disturbance at a Detroit-area restaurant.



Ross

"I really think I can put less pressure on myself," Moeller said Monday after signing a three-year contract. "But I'm not sure, you know what I mean? You get into it, things start to tighten and the screws start to tighten."

"This honeymoon is going to end tomorrow, probably in two or three hours. I think I can deal with that and deal thoroughly with it."

Ross' resignation is the third coaching change in the NFL this season, but it's the first with a team that is having a relatively successful season.

The Lions are 5-4 with a chance to earn a playoff berth. Two weeks ago, Arizona fired Vince Tobin and replaced him with Dave McGinnis. On Sept. 25, Bruce Coslet resigned in Cincinnati and was replaced by Dick LeBeau.

Ross has one year remaining on his five-year contract with the Lions. Vice president Chuck Schmidt said details of the contract buyout have not been determined.

Schmidt said Ross had thought about resigning before Monday.

"This isn't the only time he felt this way," Schmidt said. "He doesn't get too high, but he gets down pretty low."

"I can't say I talked him out of it before, but has he thought about this? Sure."

In his fourth year with the Lions, Ross compiled a 27-30 regular-season record and an 0-2 mark from playoff appearances in 1997 and last season. He replaced Wayne Fontes, who was fired in December 1996.

The 63-year-old Ross, who did not attend the news conference, submitted a letter of resignation to owner William Clay Ford.

"I am sorry, also, for not giving you the championship trophy you so richly deserved. Your strong support was my constant motivation throughout my time here," Ross wrote.

Ford said Ross resigned on his own.

"I think he felt that he just burned himself out physically and mentally, that he didn't have any more to give," Ford said. "I think he made the right decision."

The news of Ross' resignation surprised the Lions.

"We've seen how frustrated he's been and we understand his feelings," Herman Moore

said. "But I don't think anybody saw this coming."

Ross does not want to coach again, according to Moeller.

The highlights of Ross' career occurred before he came to Detroit in 1997.

He led the San Diego Chargers to the 1995 Super Bowl, five years after taking Georgia Tech to the national championship.

Moeller had a lot of success in five years at Michigan before he was fired.

He was 44-13-3, with three Big Ten titles and four wins in New Year's Day bowl games. The Wolverines won a Big Ten-record 19 straight conference games and were unbeaten over a span of 22 games from 1990-93.

Moeller pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct and assault charges and was fined \$200 in connection with a drunken outburst at a Detroit-area restaurant that ended with Moeller punching a police officer. Michigan wanted Moeller to resign, but when he refused, he was fired.

Moeller served two seasons as Cincinnati's tight-ends coach before being hired in 1997 as the Lions' running backs coach. This year, the 58-year-old Moeller has served as an assistant head coach and linebackers coach.

Jim Brandstatter, a former Michigan lineman who is an analyst for Lions' radio broadcasts, believes Moeller is equipped to deal with the rigors of being a head coach in the NFL.

"I think one of his more telling statements was that he's learned how to deal with pressure better," Brandstatter said. "Since being at Michigan, he's learned lessons on his own and through observation as an assistant at Cincinnati and now in Detroit as it relates to dealing with pressure."

Moeller is taking over a franchise that hasn't won a world championship since 1957 and is 1-9 in the playoffs since.

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system. Ramsey also won the 500 yard freestyle.

The Belles had a meet full of in-season bests and strong swims, Hildebrandt said. "Because the longer [distance] events were new to the freshmen, I looked at how they swam the race — not just their times. I am very happy with their performances. They swam smart, consistent races."

Smart and consistent times couldn't help the Belles come out with a win against

Western Ontario Saturday afternoon. Struggling to notch high place finishes, the Belles could only capture two first place finishes. Ramsey continued to shine, placing on top in the 400-yard freestyle, and the 400-yard freestyle squad also wrapped up the meet in first.

This was the Belles first time competing against Western Ontario and they weren't sure what to expect, admitted Hildebrandt.

"Even though we couldn't put a win in our column, we gained some valuable experience," said Hildebrandt.

Other top performances this weekend were seen from

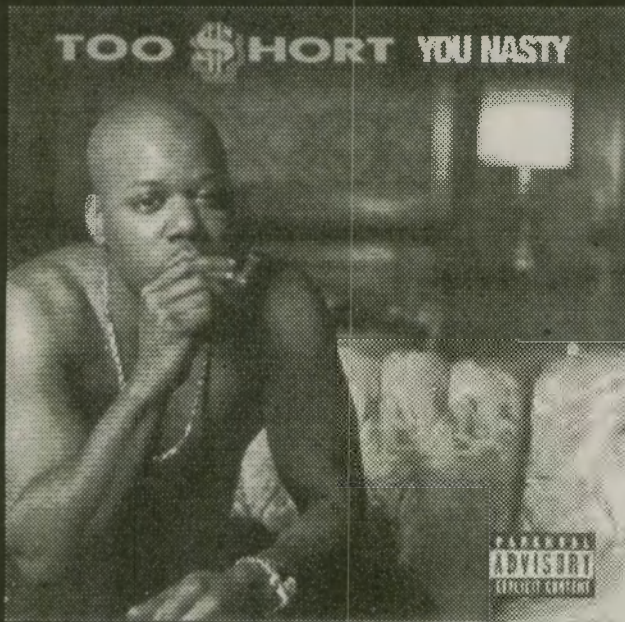
Elizabeth Doro on Saturday with a second place finish in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

The Belles sole diver, senior Ryann Cox debuted a front dive with a full twist Friday night and contributed first place points for the Belles.

"She was truly amazing. She went out there and did dives that she had never attempted before. She's a trooper," said Hildebrandt.

The Belles will not see league competition until Nov. 14 when they face off against Olivet. In the meantime they will travel to Wabash over the weekend to compete against the women of Transylvania.

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NFL

Giants sit atop NFC East standings with 7-2 record

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Forget that the New York Giants haven't beaten a good team all season. Just look at the standings.

The Giants (7-2) have won four games in a row after beating Cleveland on Sunday, and suddenly have a 1 1/2 game lead over Philadelphia and Washington in the NFC East.

With seven games left in the regular season, Jim Fassel's team has a shot at winning home-field advantage for the playoffs.

And, everything seems to be going the Giants' way right now.

Take a look at New York's next two games, both at home. They've got the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams (7-2) this Sunday and the Detroit Lions (5-4) the following week.

After losing to Washington

and Tennessee earlier this season, those games looked more like losses than wins for New York.

But hold on.

The Rams have lost two of their last three games, and will be without quar-

terback Kurt Warner and half-back Marshall Faulk at the

Meadowlands this weekend.

The Lions also are in a slide that led to the retirement of coach Bobby Ross on Monday.

Fassel says he isn't looking past the Rams this weekend.

While he admits he has glanced at the possibilities if the Giants keep

"All I care about is that we keep getting better and keep getting better."

Jim Fassel
Giants' head coach

winning, it's only been for a split second.

"All I care about is that we keep getting better and keep getting better," said Fassel, whose team hasn't made the playoffs since 1997, his rookie season. "There is a formula to how you win in this league. You've just got to keep getting better and you've got to win all those games and keep creeping up on those teams that everybody says are better."

The Rams are one of those teams, although Fassel doesn't want to overemphasize the importance of the game. He doesn't want his team feeling like it has arrived if they beat the Rams or that it isn't good enough if it loses.

Fassel is also trying to downplay the absence of Warner and Faulk.

"If you think for one minute that this football team or myself or this coaching staff is going to look at these guys any differently — with or without Marshall Faulk — you're crazy," Fassel said. "You guys may do it. We're not."

"These guys are still the heavyweight champion of the football world," he said. "They can still move that football and score a whole lot of points. Until somebody else takes their throne away from them, that's who they still are and with a heck of a record."

Fassel thinks these Giants are better than the team that lost 34-10 to the Rams in St. Louis last season.

New York is faster on defense with the addition of Mike Barrow at middle linebacker, and with cornerback Jason Sehorn seemingly ready to return from a broken rib.

The Giants also feel the need to prove they are as good as their record.

"You look at what we've done and there are only a couple teams in the whole league with a better record," Fassel said. On the other hand, we'll just keep on marching through. We don't have to beat the drum right now. Hopefully we'll make a bang at the end."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Seminoles ranked ahead of Hurricanes in BCS poll

Associated Press

Miami may be ranked No. 2 in the media and coaches polls, but Florida State is second in the ratings that count most — the BCS standings.

The Seminoles, despite a 27-24 loss to the Hurricanes last month, were in second place behind Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series released Monday, a scant .39 points ahead of Miami.

The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings released Dec. 3 will play in a national title game in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. The standings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, schedule strength and number of losses.

Florida State (9-1) came out ahead of Miami (7-1) this week based on a stronger computer rating.

In the eight computer rankings used, the Seminoles — third last week — had an average rating of 2.14, while the Hurricanes — fifth last week — were at 3.57. On Saturday, Miami beat a then-second-place Virginia Tech 41-21; Florida State defeated a then-13th-place Clemson 54-7.

Next week, Miami could pull ahead with an impressive win against Pittsburgh (5-3). Florida State plays Wake

Forest (1-8). But schedule strength could help Florida State in the end — the Seminoles close against Florida (8-1), fifth in the BCS standings, while Miami has games against Syracuse and Boston College.

Nebraska (8-1) is in fourth place this week.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, naturally, was thrilled with the new standings.

"It makes us very happy," he said. "We're apprehensive about the future, but it makes you feel like if you can win the rest of your games you've got a great shot of getting into the championship game."

Miami coach Butch Davis took the keep-winning, things-will-work-out-approach.

"We told the kids winning is the only thing we have control over and we'll let the results speak for what needs to be spoken for," Davis said. "You just want to give yourself a chance to be in position to play for a national championship."

If Miami is upset, how about Washington? The Huskies (8-1) beat the Hurricanes 34-29 on Sept. 9, but are in sixth place.

"It's so convoluted," Davis added. "I don't know the strength-of-schedule things. We have three games left, all against teams having good years. We'll just keep playing and not worry about it."

Oklahoma totaled 2.76 points

Bowl Championship Series Rankings					
Team	Poll Avg.	Comp. Avg.	Schedule Rank	Losses	Total
1. Oklahoma	1.0	1.00	0.76	0	2.76
2. Florida St.	3.0	2.14	0.28	1	6.42
3. Miami, Fl.	2.0	3.57	0.24	1	6.81
4. Nebraska	4.5	3.29	0.88	1	9.67
5. Florida	4.5	5.00	0.68	1	11.18
6. Washington	6.5	6.71	0.16	1	14.37
7. Oregon	6.5	6.86	0.64	1	15.00
8. Va. Tech	8.0	8.14	0.48	1	17.62
9. Oregon St.	10.0	10.00	1.80	1	22.80
10. Purdue	9.0	11.00	1.28	2	23.28
11. K-State	13.5	8.86	1.92	2	26.28
12. Notre Dame	11.5	13.86	0.40	2	27.76
13. Ohio State	13.5	12.14	1.16	2	28.80
14. Miss. State	15.5	13.00	0.56	2	31.06
15. Northwestern	15.0	14.71	1.00	2	32.71

this week — one point for poll average, one for computer rank average, 0.76 for strength-of-schedule and zero for losses. The Sooners (8-0) beat Baylor 56-7 on Saturday.

Florida State had 6.42 points — 3 for poll average; 2.14 for computer rank average; 0.28 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

Miami had 6.81 points — 2 for poll average; 3.57 for computer rank average; 0.24 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

The BCS was created two years ago to come up with a national title game without instituting a playoff. After the top two teams are decided, the remaining BCS games — the Rose, Sugar and Fiesta bowls — select from the remaining pool of qualified teams.

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backstroke.

"We weren't quite finishing our races the way we needed to," Van Saun said. "I'm not going to say that I'm not upset, but losing one meet is not going to ruin our entire season."

The Irish did have bright spots in the weekend, however, sweeping a quad meet at University of Miami-Ohio against Miami (Ohio), Kenyon, and Pittsburgh on Friday.

Key performances were Van Saun's first place in the 200 yard freestyle, Labosky's 1,650 yard freestyle win, junior Kelly Hecking's double backstroke victories, sophomore Amy Deger's first places in the butterfly events and Mattingly's double wins on the boards.

Irish backstrokers made the biggest dent in the competition, soaking their opponents with a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the 100 backstroke.

Led by Hecking, freshmen Lisa Garcia, Jessica Roberts, and junior Tiffany O'Brien sealed the event for the Irish.

O'Brien and Hecking's per-

formances were crucial, Weathers said. O'Brien posted "some of her best" times this season, Weathers said, and Hecking, who bounced back from illness, was a solid contributor.

"[O'Brien] had some of her best swims outside of the Big East [Championships] since she's been at Notre Dame," Weathers said. "Her swims were pretty incredible. With [Hecking] being sick, her times were incredible."

The Notre Dame swim team will take a week off, and return to competition at the Indiana University Invitational Nov. 17-19.

FOOTBALL

Irish seek revenge against Eagles

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Sounds like a scene straight from Hollywood.

Notre Dame had just lost 27-21 to Michigan State on Sept. 23, fallen to 2-2 and faced the possibility of losing its starting quarterback for the remainder of the season. Facing an uncertain future, coach Bob Davie met with the entire squad, put the rest of the schedule on a board and spoke from the heart.



Davie

"That was the last time and really the only time that I talked about anything like that," Davie said on Monday. "I thought at that time it was realistic because of the attitude of this team to say that we could win and we could have a successful season."

And now, after four straight victories the Irish are steadily climbing the rankings. They stand at No. 11 in the Associated Press poll, No. 12 in the USA Today/ESPN poll and, most importantly, No. 12 in the latest Bowl Championship Series standings. If Notre Dame wins their three remaining games, an invitation to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans or the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. is a strong possibility.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for this football team," Davie said. "But everyone realizes after watching college football this weekend how topsy-turvy things are and how every week is a different challenge."

Davie's cautious attitude stems from the past two seasons, when his "November to

Remember" motto became more forgetful than memorable. In 1998, one week after Jarious Jackson injured his right knee, Notre Dame's 10-0 loss to USC ended their BCS chances. Then last year, after four straight victories, the Irish lost their final four. Included in the stretch was a 31-29 loss to this week's opponent, Boston College. Notre Dame entered the game at 5-5 and could have qualified for a bowl berth with a victory.

Following the game, several Boston College players returned to the field and celebrated by tearing up pieces of grass from the Stadium.

"I remember vividly [former Boston College defensive lineman] Chris Hovan picking up grass and running around," senior offensive guard Jim Jones said. "You don't like to see that on your home field."

Whereas the Eagles came to South Bend in 1999 with a formidable defense, a 7-2 record and a No. 25 national ranking, this year's squad has struggled against quality opponents. Their 6-3 record includes wins over teams with a combined 15-33 record. But the Eagles have lost by an average of nearly 17 points a game against West Virginia (4-4 on the season), Virginia Tech (8-1) and Pittsburgh (5-3). Boston College has won two straight, including a 31-3 victory over Temple on Saturday.

"They cost us a bowl game [last year]," senior tight end Jabari Holloway said. "As far as them celebrating that's going to come when you beat Notre Dame. Beating Notre Dame is a life-crowning achievement."

And for Holloway, one he hopes does not occur again in 2000.

Hasselbeck out for game

One year after playing arguably the best game of his career, Boston College quarterback Tim Hasselbeck will be a spectator on Saturday.

The Eagles starter suffered an medial collateral ligament injury in his left knee during the second quarter against Temple. On Monday, Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said "whether it's two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, we don't know right yet. But he definitely cannot play this weekend."

Brian St. Pierre, who threw for 118 yards and a touchdown after replacing Hasselbeck on Saturday, will start against the Irish. St. Pierre, a sophomore, has played in all nine games this year and has completed 30-of-45 passes for 369 yards. He has also rushed seven times for negative 17 yards and a touchdown.

"It's not like he's a typical backup quarterback," Davie said. "Anytime you lose your starting quarterback it's difficult but I think in their situation, they have about as close to having two starters as anyone in college football does."

Hasselbeck completed 20-of-30 passes for 272 yards and gained 60 yards on 15 carries in last season's victory.

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November, BCS adds excitement to college football

It felt like Bowl Championship Series season.

When I woke up on Saturday morning and felt the 85 degree heat hanging in my room like a Joey Hildebold punt, I thought I had magically been flown to Miami or Tempe during the night.

Even though the warm weather just turned out to be my radiator gone mad, there was a lot that went on in college football that kept all of us asking the same question we've been asking all year: What's going to happen next?

Going into Saturday's games, there were only three undefeated teams left in Division I: Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, and Texas Christian. Coming out of Saturday, the only one left was undisputed No. 1 Oklahoma.

Before its 27-24 loss to San Jose State, TCU had only been able to climb to No. 9 in the BCS rankings because of a schedule slightly softer than a

vat of goo. Many of us wondered how fair the BCS could be if the Horned Frogs went undefeated but never got a shot at the title.

Fortunately for the coordinators of all the hoopla, this isn't an issue anymore. As for TCU, it goes from legitimate BCS contender to third place in the WAC, awaiting a game against UTEP with huge Holiday Bowl implications.

The other previously undefeated team, BCS No. 2 Virginia Tech, went down to south Florida to square off with BCS No. 5 Miami in what was in effect the Big East championship game.

Miami won easily, 41-21, snapping a five game losing streak to the Hokies. However, the man many regard as the best player in college football, Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick, was only able to play about one ineffective quarter because of an ankle sprain suffered against Pitt the week before.

Could the Hurricanes have won if Michael Vick had been healthy? That's one question we'll never really know the answer to.

But another interesting question involving the 'Canes is looming bigger and bigger with each passing week: could Miami be No. 2 in both the

Coaches and AP polls, beat Florida State head-to-head, and still have to sit back and watch as the Seminoles take the No. 2 spot in the "national championship" game at the Orange Bowl?

It's possible. Miami already beat FSU. They're already No. 2 in both polls.

But going into this weekend, they were still two spots behind their in-state rivals in the BCS rankings. Florida State didn't do them any favors either, pasting BCS No. 13 Clemson 54-7.

But for all of this to ever become an issue assumes a lot, too. Just look at all the stuff that could still happen.

I said the Miami-Va. Tech game was "in effect" the Big East Championship game because those two squads are both in the top ten in the country. But while Virginia Tech's conference season is over, Miami still plays Boston College, Syracuse, and, probably most dangerously, the frequent flyer mile gathering air show of Pitt. One loss and the

BCS is off the hook again. An improbable two losses and the Hokies win the conference crown. After all, Miami is a team that beat Louisiana Tech by a lopsided 11 points last week.

Even if none of that happens, Oklahoma and Nebraska could meet up again in the Big 12 Championship. Oklahoma scored 31 unanswered points to win the first meeting 31-14. Huskers don't forget that sort of thing.

Then, you would have the three way debate between Miami, Nebraska and Florida State to see which two would go to the national title tilt. That is, of course, assuming Florida State beats another in-state rival in Florida, who also has a shot at the Orange Bowl.

Confusing? Yes. Fun? You bet.

Where does all this leave Notre Dame? They're moving up, thanks to games like Northwestern's win over Michigan, a 54-51 final that featured more scoring than a lot of Big Ten basketball

games. Had TCU been able to climb to sixth in the BCS standings and had Notre Dame been able to win out, then some sort of contractual thing would have given the Irish one of the at-large bids in the BCS. Notre Dame can still win out, but the computers don't take TCU's losses to unranked teams too well.

Nine wins will most likely place the Irish in the top 10 of the BCS, so hopes for a Fiesta or Sugar bowl berth are still alive. If not, then maybe they'll grab a return trip to the Gator Bowl after a one year hiatus.

Unless, of course, Big East No. 2 and Heisman hopeful Michael Vick go there. But then again, that assumes Miami wins out.

So many possibilities, and they leave only one possible conclusion: college football is cool.

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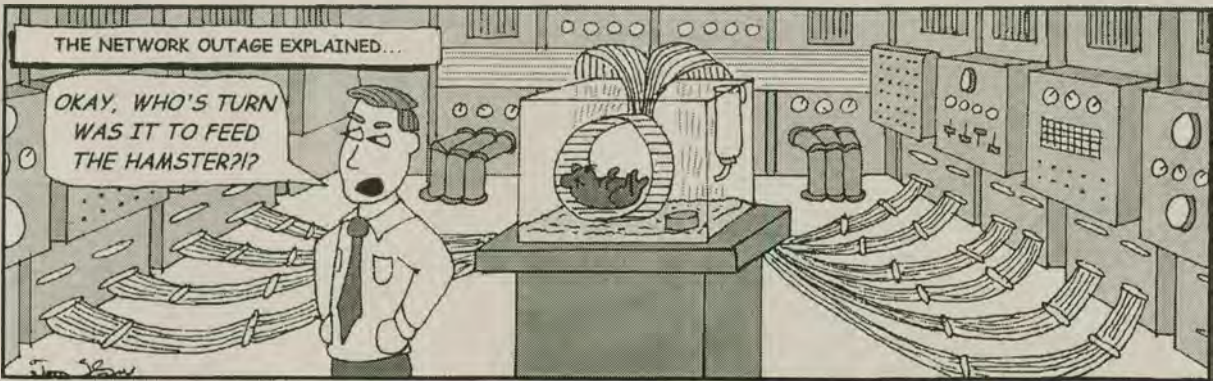
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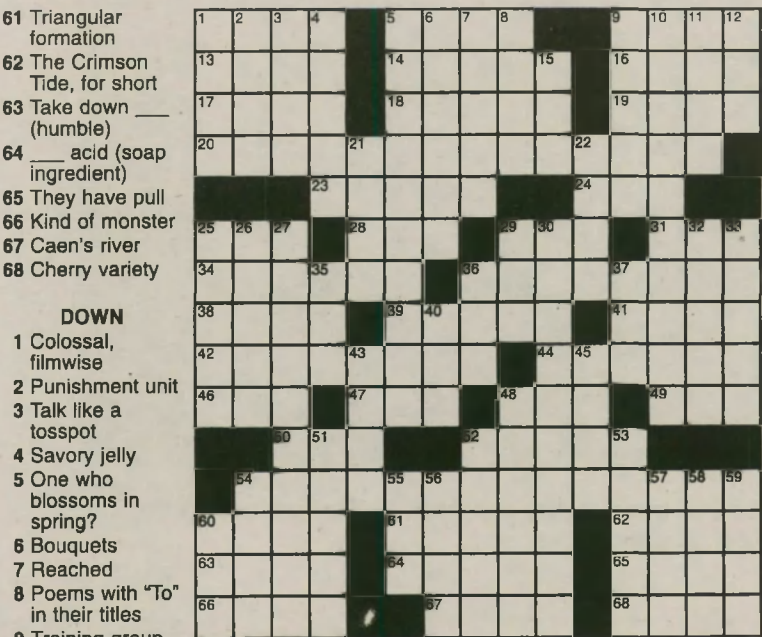
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame splits weekend dual meets

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Losses aren't taken in stride on the men's swim team.

After dropping their second dual meet of the season 136.50-101.50 Friday night at Oakland University, Saturday's dual with University of Western Ontario became a chance to avenge Friday's loss.

And avenge they did.

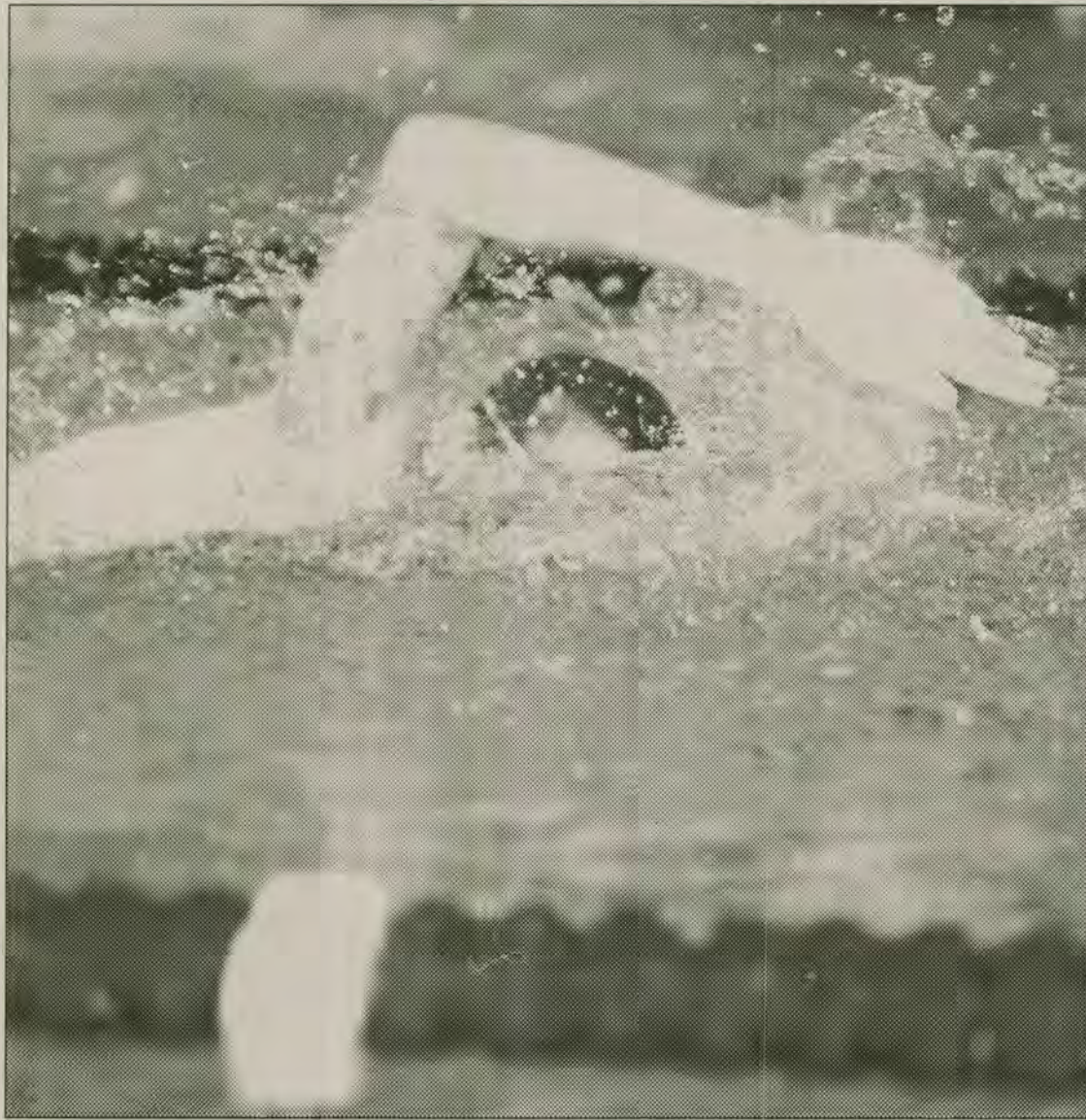
Rising to the challenge, the Irish shut out Ontario in a swift 103-62 final tally, notching a victory and solid season times that affirmed they have the speed they need. Bouncing back from Friday, the Irish upped the win column to go 3-2 on the season.

"Coming off the loss the previous night, we knew it would be important to maintain our focus," said senior co-captain Ryan Verlin. "It's easy, especially coming off a loss, to be down and be negative — the guys realized that we had to put the loss behind us and use this meet as a new opportunity for a win."

"We realized that every race is a battle," Verlin said.

The Irish posted individual victories in six of 11 events Saturday, with Verlin leading the way, winning two events for the Irish. Securing a first place finish in the 800-meter freestyle in 7 minutes, 57.56

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Junior freestyler Jonathan Pierce races in a meet earlier this year. Pierce won the 1,650 and 500-yard freestyle events Friday against Oakland University.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Time glitch costs Belles new records

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

Sometimes, every second counts.

Every second certainly counted this weekend for the Belles swimming and diving team, who faced off in two separate dual meets with

the University of Chicago and the University of Western Ontario. Clinching close races, the Belles defeated



Ramsey

UIC Friday 149-69 with some record-shattering swims. But while the Belles cut the seconds where they needed to, the new records didn't count.

A glitch in the timing system Friday night at Roll's meant all races would be manually timed with a stopwatch, instead of the technologically superior touchpad system. The touchpad system allows a swimmer to be timed "on the touch" in the water.

While the stopwatches revealed that the Belles 400-yard medley relay team had broken last year's record, because it wasn't a touchpad finish, the record was thrown out.

"With watch timing, times can be slower than actual or faster. It all depends on the person with the watch," commented Gretchen Hildebrandt, head coach.

The 400 yard medley relay team of Lane Herrington, Lauren Smith, Megan Ramsey, and Colleen Sullivan thought their first place finishing time of four minutes, 15 seconds was a new school record.

But under the circumstances the 11 second faster time could not be counted. Smith, Ramsey, and Sullivan joined with Chloe Lenihan to challenge the record again Saturday, but missed by .6 seconds.

Ramsey faced the timing challenge again in her individual race Friday night in her 200 yard butterfly.

Her first place time of 2:15.87 broke the 1995 school record by over three seconds, but was discarded because of the timing

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Women suffer first dual-meet loss in two years

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Losing isn't a familiar feeling for the women's swimming and diving team.

They've won Big East Championships four times. It had been nearly two years since the team had experienced a regular season loss, resulting in last year's undefeated dual meet run. Going into Saturday's dual against Purdue University, their 2000-2001 season had the makings of another undefeated dual meet campaign.

But Purdue had other plans. Ready for the No.18 ranked Irish squad, the Boilermakers handed the Irish their first dual meet loss

in two years, edging them 161-138.

"The meet was more important to them than we realized," said women's head coach Bailey Weathers.

"There's a natural rivalry with Purdue and Notre Dame that carries into all the sports. It was a critical meet for them."

Purdue got off early, defeating the Irish from the get-go in the 200-yard medley relay. The Purdue team, which featured Sydney

Olympian Ginger Lakos, beat the Irish in a new pool record, finishing in one minute, 46.20 seconds. The Boilermakers victory cracked the team's racing strategy, which was to soundly defeat Purdue in the first five races, said senior co-captain Kristen Van Saun.

"We're not used to losing that medley relay," Van Saun said. "It kind of ruined our game plan. We had talked about how they were going to be ready — we knew we had to go in and win the first four or five events and try to jump

on them from the beginning."

The Irish refused to give Purdue an easy victory, however, combining the talents of underclassmen and newcomers to notch solid performances.

Freshman Marie Labosky took the 1,000 freestyle in 10:14.61, and earned another win for the Irish in the 200 individual medley in 2:06.46. Junior diver Heather Mattingly put on a spectacular show from the boards, clinching both the one-and three-meter competitions. Individual winners included junior Allison Lloyd in the 100 yard breaststroke, Van Saun in the 500 yard freestyle and junior Kelly Hecking in the 200 yard

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