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Leprechaun Mike Brown and the Notre Dame varsity cheerleading squad lead the Irish into the Coliseum where they beat the University of Southern California 38-21 Saturday. The win, Notre Dame's first in Los Angeles since 1992, should place the Irish in a BCS bowl game.

SafeRide faces scrutiny, new system likely

By KIFLIN TURNER
 News Writer

The fate of SafeRide has reached a crossroads, the verdict being that the student run service is ineffective, unorganized and is rarely if at all used by the student body.

Jay Smith, Student Body Chief of Staff said the program is currently under the process of being revamped that will include re-naming based on the negative stigma placed on it because of its inefficiencies in the past.

"It's unreliable; it's inconsistent; and so we're looking towards creating the same type of service which will be reliable and consistent and something that will be able to happen for years to come," said Smith. "We have to figure out ways to publicize it and make it fashionable again and that's one of the reasons we're looking into renaming."

Past problems have been attributed to low worker turnouts as well as low student body participation.

"The first time when I used it sometimes it took a long time, and I think that's maybe why students didn't use it. Honestly I forgot about it because I haven't seen anyone use it all year," said senior Nichole Meyer. "I think that the general perception was still that it was somewhat of a hassle."

In the meantime, while the service is undergoing reconstruction, the concern over whether more students will choose to drive or walk home drunk could possibly become a pressing issue, however many students will go unaffected by its absence.

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Gore contests Bush victory in Fla.

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Al Gore's lawyers contested the certification of Florida's election in court Monday, seeking an order to have him, not George W. Bush, declared winner of the state and therefore the presidency.



Gore

They accused Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris and election commissioners of misconduct for disallowing votes that might have overcome Bush's 537-vote lead.

Gore, speaking publicly, urged the court to look at the challenges raised in his lawsuit and "do the right thing."

But Republicans said Gore

was needlessly dragging out the contest and complicating the presidential transition.

"We can't continue to hold the process up while he is in denial," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

Gore's challenge to the results in Palm Beach, Nassau and Miami-Dade counties was assigned to Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls, known for his swift action, and he held a hearing Monday afternoon.

Sauls ordered Gore's lawyers to provide the Bush team with its evidence and witness list within two days and gave Bush's lawyers two days to respond — meaning the case might not be heard until the week's end.

Exhibiting a folksy demeanor, he told the lawyers he understood their difficulty trying to get the case resolved before the Dec. 12 deadline for selection of electors.

"You're all trial lawyers and trial lawyers live a dreadful existence," the judge drawled.

"You're always in some crisis."

Gore lawyer Dexter Douglass pressed for speed.

"We've got to move this case," he said. "This case will be determinative in all probability of the election."

One issue which threatened to derail progress was a Gore team request to transport some 13,000 ballots from all three counties to Tallahassee in case they need to be examined by the court.

Gore attorney David Boies suggested it might be necessary for the judge to look at the ballots, which Sauls called "an unappetizing prospect." Boies said, "None of us can afford to fail here."

The Bush lawyers opposed moving the ballots. The judge

did not immediately decide.

Barry Richard, the attorney representing Bush, said that by requesting a special master to examine the contested ballots the Gore campaign is essentially asking for another canvassing board. "The law

doesn't contemplate another recount," Barry said after the hearing.

In another development, the Florida Supreme Court asked

for legal briefs by 5 p.m. on Tuesday on whether the justices should review the infamous "butterfly ballot" case in Palm Beach County.

Rather than dismissing the matter on its face, they asked for arguments on "all issues in this case including why this court should exercise its discretion" to hear the case.

The suit was brought by a group of Palm Beach Democrats who complained the ballot was so confusing that they mistakenly cast votes for Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. They want a new election in the county.

Secretary of State Harris, a Bush supporter, certified Florida's decisive 25 electoral votes for the Republican on Sunday. If that stands up, Bush will become the next president.

The U.S. Supreme Court hears Bush's appeal against Florida hand counts Friday. It decided Monday not to let the proceedings be televised.

Gore's Florida lawsuit seeks an injunction to prevent Harris from declaring the winning presidential electors until proceedings are completed in the contest.

It asks the court to examine ballots and order recounts in the three counties, and to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pains, Strains, and automobiles

It is six o'clock in the evening and I am standing on the corner of Michigan Avenue, downtown Chicago, waiting in the cold and rain that feels like ice.

Yes, waiting for the No. 145 bus that is 15 minutes late. In the time my friend and I have been waiting, five No. 151 buses have gone by.

Myra McGriff

We don't take that bus because it goes to the zoo. The question I ask is who is going to the zoo in 20-degree weather and why do they need five buses for it?

News Writer

But I continue to wait calmly and pretend that the wind chill is no big deal and all the people surrounding me like leeches is a pleasant feeling. I watched people armed with shopping bags, umbrellas and bad attitudes steal each others taxi cabs never uttering the words 'excuse me'.

I never knew Chicago natives were so rude. I mean, I was standing almost in the gutter next to a planter, with passing cars splashing me with muck and all the while I have this rather large man trying to squeeze between the planter and me.

With what seems like acres of room surrounding me this man chooses the tightest place to squeeze through and then gives me a crazy look when I refuse to step in the gutter to permit him to pass.

After being knocked about, ogled by people with missing teeth and standing in the freezing rain, I wanted to tell this man where to go. But no, with winter cheer I smiled and let him pass, just to be splashed by a passing cab.

Oh yes, the bus came 10 minutes later and we all pushed and shoved ourselves on like cattle only to be greeted by limited seating.

Like some survival of the fittest experiment people knocked down old women just to get the most coveted seat on the bus. I did not have to go to such extremes, but by this time I was prepared to do battle for a seat.

I didn't dare close my eyes, so I was alert to the bizarre conversation going on between two people standing beside me. But to top it off something was dripping on me from some where, and all I wanted to do was scream.

I managed to get back to my friend's house in one piece but definitely traumatized, bruised, and drained. The lesson being, don't go downtown unless you are wearing your combat boots and ready for hand to hand battle.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"If we were 9-2, you are darn right I think we deserve to go."

Bob Davie
Notre Dame football coach on the BCS before the big win over USC

"It's a diversity of people, but you can see in their eyes it's all the same why they're there."

Junior Rachel Soltis on the School of Americas protest

"Even though our attendance from the community has been great, it was the first time in a while that we truly felt the advantage of playing at home."

Randy Waldrum
women's soccer coach on victory over Harvard

"Regardless of the decisons on hand counts and pending law suits, the election should end now."

Matt Loughran
Notre Dame alumnus

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

University program cracks down on fake IDs

ANN ARBOR, Mich. University of Michigan students, with the help of computers, may be finding more crafty ways to duplicate official forms of identification, but bar owners and managers in Ann Arbor say inferior lamination and missing holograms still are major indicators of a false identification card.

"A lot of people can make good fake IDs with technology, but they can't laminate as well," said Jody Thompson, owner of a local bar.

With many states now manufacturing all identification cards with holograms, an ID with no hologram is another sign it may be fake, said local bar manager Dustin DeSnyder.

Local bars and restaurants have started to crack down more on minors and fake IDs since the start of



Project Spotlight, a program that began in April of last year as an effort to work with establishments that sell liquor to train them in examining fake IDs. One goal of Project Spotlight is to transfer responsibility of underage drinking from bars and restaurants to

minors. Thompson commended the project because it looks to punish minors who are attempting to purchase alcohol rather than the drinking establishments. As part of the project within the past year, undercover officers positioned themselves near the door of the local pub and ticketed those who attempted to enter with false IDs, Thompson said.

"I think it's a good program because if we get 1,000 people in this bar, there's obviously some minors," he said.

Those who check IDs at local bars look at the height and weight and also for fuzzy lettering, incorrect ink color, the quality of the photo and the alignment of the information as additional indications of a fake ID.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Security to post sex offenders

OKLAHOMA CITY The Oklahoma State University Police Department (OSUPD) will post, on its Web site, the names and photos of all registered sex offenders enrolled or employed on campus if a proposed federal bill is enacted, said OSUPD Support Services Lt. Richard Atkins. The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, which passed the U.S. Senate in October and which President Clinton said he will sign, would require states' Department of Corrections to keep a record of registered sex offenders who are employed by or attend a university, and then distribute that information to the campus and local police departments. "Once we have that information, we are going to have it on our Web site," Atkins said. "If someone does not have a computer, then they can come by here (the OSU police department)." Arizona Congressman Matt Salmon introduced the bill and said it would close a loophole in the 1996 Megan's Law, which requires states to notify community members about sex offenders living in their cities.

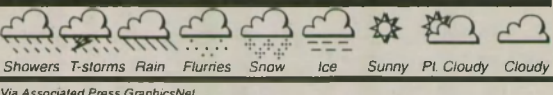
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Faculty claim sexual discrimination

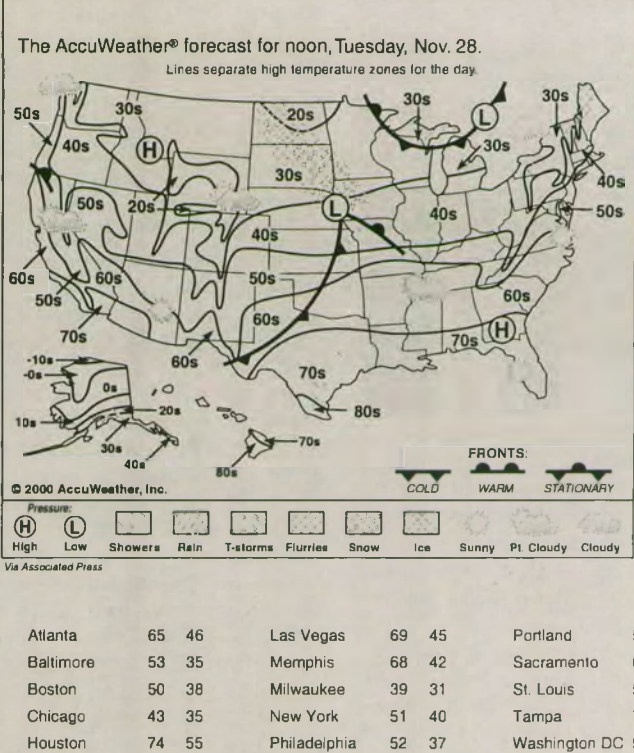
SEATTLE More than 1,000 University of Washington (UW) women professors could be a part of a discrimination lawsuit against the University, originally filed by five women professors in 1997. The suit claims that the University pays female professors less and gives them fewer promotions than their male counterparts. Originally filed by female professors in the dental and medical departments, it has now been expanded to include all UW women faculty employed since Aug. 18, 1994. The suit will include tenure and non-tenure female faculty at the UW's Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma campuses. According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, King County Superior Court Judge Glenna Hall ruled that the case could be expanded into a class-action suit. A trial date is set for January 2002. The Seattle P-I reported that less than 25 percent of tenured faculty are women, while nearly 60 percent of the lower-paid, non-tenured faculty are women.

LOCAL WEATHER

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AccuWeather™ forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures				
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Wednesday		41	26	
Thursday		36	24	
Friday		37	25	
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NATIONAL WEATHER



ND boasts most black trustees

By NICHOLAS SWEEDO
News Writer

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education recently surveyed the best universities in America on the numbers of African-American board of trustee members for each respective University.

Notre Dame topped the list as the University having the most black trustees, with seven, including Angela Smith, the newest African-American trustee, and Condoleezza Rice, a top adviser to Governor George W. Bush in foreign affairs.

"The Board of Trustees is comprised of 53 individuals," said Father Richard Warner, Counselor to the President, Director of Campus Ministry and member of the board since 1979. "Fortunately, we have a significant amount of diversity regarding race, gender and professional careers."

Warner assured that the diversity of the board resulted not from intentionally trying to fill quotas but because the minority trustees were extremely well-qualified.

"It's been amazing. I'm one of the two youngest trustees, yet my opinion is valued and elicited. The quality of the people on the board is amazing," said Smith when asked about her

experience on the Board thus far.

Warner agreed with Smith's assessment of the character of the Board members.

"The Notre Dame Board of Trustees has at the center of their concern the University of Notre Dame: its faculty, alumni and staff — but most of all — the Notre Dame student," Warner said.

They want nothing but the best for their beloved alma mater, and they want to see Notre Dame grow day by day to the full stature of the Catholic university they know it to be and want it to become, according to Warner.

Although being an alumnus is not a requirement to serve on the Board, Warner said about 90 percent of all Board members are alumni. The Notre Dame Board of Trustees, created in 1967, was the first bicameral board in the nation. Before 1967, the University was owned by the Congregation of Holy Cross dating back to the time of

Father Sorin.

In 1967, ownership of the University was passed to the Board of Fellows, a board that is part of the Board of Trustees.

Warner said that in 33 years, the Board of Fellows has never made a decision that was not unanimous. Today, University President Father Edward Malloy chairs the Board of Fellows.

In addition to owning the University, they are responsible for maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic character, the appointment of trustees and control of

University statutes and by-laws that determine how the university is organized and administered.

Each trustee is chosen to serve a three-year term, and the Board meets three

times a year. They form committees in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Finance, Investments, Social Values and Responsibilities, and Nominations and Governance. After meeting in committee, the Board meets as a whole and presents general policy guidelines to the Administration.

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Father Richard Warner
Board of Trustees member



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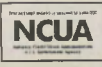
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Snite names Knoll associate director

Special to The Observer

Ann Knoll, former director of the Saginaw Art Museum in Saginaw, Mich., has been appointed associate director of Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art.

Knoll's responsibilities in her new position will include grant writing, accounting and finance, and staff management.

"We're looking forward to the leadership, expertise and organizational skills that Ann will provide during the coming years," said Charles Loving, director of the Snite. "As we seek to make dramatic changes in our collecting practices, exhibition program and facility, we are fortunate to have someone of her high caliber as our associate director."

Knoll, a graduate of the University of Michigan, holds an MBA degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She has worked at the Saginaw Art Museum for seven years, having previously been branch director and associate curator of the Mississippi Museum of Art in Biloxi and an administrator at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Palacios wins cancer research scholarship

Special to The Observer

The Walther Cancer Institute of Indianapolis has awarded the Dr. Karl Ruddell Scholarship for the 2000-01 academic year to Felipe Palacios, a doctoral candidate in the Cell and Molecular Biology Program at Notre Dame.

The Ruddell Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who shows interest and promise in cancer research and who has recently received or is pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in biomedical sciences or biomedical engineering.

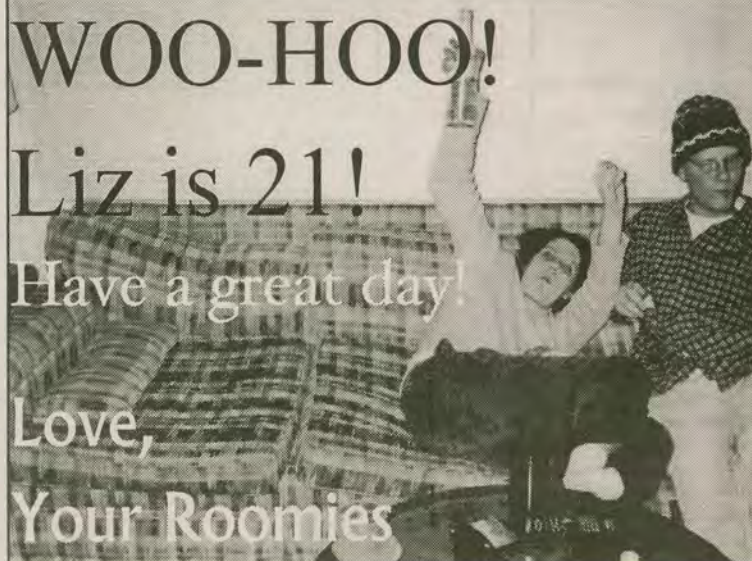
The Walther Cancer Institute is a nonprofit research organization affiliated with several research

institutions in the Midwest. The institute and Notre Dame have teamed to operate the University's Walther Cancer Institute Center of Excellence in Cancer Research, which focuses on prostate and breast cancer with secondary emphasis on bladder, ovarian and endometrial cancer.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree from the University of Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru, Palacios worked for Genzyme Genetics in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Palacios has also conducted research at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Peru.

Palacios entered Notre Dame's program in 1999 and now studies the cell biology of G-proteins.



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Gore

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declare Gore the winner of the electoral votes.

Gore faulted Harris and election officials for failing to accept partial recounts of votes and, in one case, stopping the recounts.

Gore's lawyers said in their brief the refusal to hand count ballots and the certification of results that did not include uncounted ballots amount to "misconduct sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of the election."

In the three-county contest filed by Gore, lawyers alleged that the vote totals reported to the secretary of state Sunday were inaccurate.

In Miami-Dade, Gore lawyers want a count of the 10,000 votes they said could not be read by a voting machine and were not hand-counted.

In Nassau County, Democrats are seeking to add a recounted total that would give Gore 52 more votes.

In that case, the county reverted to reporting its initial postelection total instead of a machine recount because some 200 ballots were inadvertently left out of the recount.

Multiple problems were alleged in Palm Beach County where Harris refused to extend the 5 p.m. Sunday deadline for hand counting and then rejected the partial count submitted.

The brief said the final total, completed at 7:30 p.m., would have added 215 votes to the Democrat.

Beyond that, the brief said some Palm Beach voters did not completely perforate their ballots. No allowance was made for partially perforated or indented chads on the presidential votes unless similar dimples were seen in other races.

In other legal developments:

◆Both sides agreed to move a lawsuit alleging Republican tampering with as many as 15,000 absentee ballots in Seminole County to the circuit court in Tallahassee because that's where the election was certified. The Gore team did not make that complaint part of its own suit.

◆Still unresolved were state lawsuits filed by Bush on Sunday seeking to force Hillsborough, Okaloosa, Orange, Pasco and Polk counties to count a small number of rejected overseas absentee ballots.

◆The Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network filed a federal lawsuit in Miami on behalf of three Miami residents. It says minority voters were disenfranchised because Bush was certified as the winner without a completed Miami-Dade manual recount.

SafeRide

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"I don't know of anything horrible that has happened because someone walked home or hitched a ride with someone else, but I think that it is something that could be helpful if it got up and going again" said Meyer.

The recent car accidents outside of the Linebacker Lounge that have included hitting two Notre Dame students, alum Julia Gillespie, and senior Joe Steirer has raised attention to the importance of SafeRide as a means of injury prevention.

"Our fellow students are not always responsible and the absence of SafeRide may contribute to that but at the same time that type of behavior existed when SafeRide existed," said Smith. "To address the Linebacker situation specifically, historically rather, it is my belief that Safe Ride hardly ever went to the Linebacker because of the location, because of it being so close to campus."

Another concern is one that the Notre Dame administration may hold as well as other authorities in the Notre Dame community — this being the concept that SafeRide is a taxi service catering to drunken, underage students.

"It's some kind of enticement to be irresponsible and not have to worry about how you're getting home — I don't think that's productive to growing up," said Dillon Hall rector, Father Paul Doyle.

The idea of the service perpetuating abusive and potentially harmful

behavior is a concern that will go into the restructuring of the program.

"We don't want to condone student drinking and that's why we're trying to examine some of these different routes and some of these different places that the service might want to go to in addition to the local establishments and off-campus housing," said Smith.

However, members of the community see the service as potentially helpful to students who would otherwise make unwise decisions.

"I think that it's a good safe measure, but I just wish kids wouldn't abuse themselves to the point of not being able to use good judgments," said Lewis Hall rector Sister Annette George. "The best of all worlds would be if people would go off-

campus and come home not intoxicated," said George.

Recently, incentives have been instituted to improve worker participation. With paid workers the program has hoped that mea-

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Father Paul Doyle
Dillon Hall rector

asures to professionals the service will increase accountability.

"There was a lack of communication in the efforts to professionals it last year and with the onset of this administration there was a lack of communication with the previous administration about Saferide and whether or not it was running — in that sense, our office was unable to ascertain numbers as far as participation," said Smith.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mexico's Fox seals cabinet:

Announcing the final part of his Cabinet Monday, President-elect Vicente Fox chose a tough army prosecutor as attorney general and a calm negotiator as interior secretary to smooth the feathers Fox plans to ruffle. As the top military prosecutor, Gen. Rafael Macedo has taken a tough stance against army malcontents and fellow officers accused of drug smuggling. Macedo's appointment as attorney general backs Fox's pledge to return "order and respect" to the country's law enforcement.

Palestinians fire on Gilo:

Palestinians opened fire on the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo in east Jerusalem after nightfall Monday, shattering what had been a relatively quiet day, while Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak scrambled to rescue his government from collapse.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mutated gene linked to autism:

Scientists have long theorized that about 15 different genes play a role in who is born with the severe brain disorder autism — and now they've finally found one of those genes. A study of 57 autism patients found that 40 percent carry a mutated version of the HOXA1 gene, which plays a crucial role in early brain development, University of Rochester scientists reported Monday. The NIH called the finding a significant step in understanding what predisposes people to developing autism.

UNM hospital settles lawsuit:

The University of New Mexico Hospital has paid \$35 million to settle malpractice claims by parents of children treated there for leukemia, acknowledging the survival rate was lower than the national average, according to a newspaper report. Marilyn Duncan, who headed the pediatric oncology division at UNM, was barred from seeing patients at the hospital.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Colleges offer seniors free courses:

Two Indiana colleges are offering senior citizens the opportunity to take courses for free. Under the Senior Scholars program announced Monday, residents at least 60 years of age can enroll in college credit courses tuition-free at all Community Colleges of Indiana, Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University campuses. The community college is a partnership between Ivy Tech and Vincennes University. Senior Scholars can choose from more than 2,000 courses.

HAITI



Supporters of former Haitian president and current president hopeful Jean-Bertrand Aristide dance in the streets of downtown Port-Au-Prince Nov. 27. They celebrate Aristide's alleged victory on Nov. 26.

Aristide vows for democratic change

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE
Following a presidential election boycotted by all of Haiti's major opposition parties, apparent winner Jean-Bertrand Aristide denied opposition claims that he would squelch democracy and said his opponents would be welcome in his government.

Appearing Monday at his first news conference since 1994, the former president did not explicitly declare victory, but he spoke as if he had been declared president.

"There will be a place for

everyone in my government," Aristide said. "To have a peaceful Haiti, the opposition is indispensable ... It is part of our democratic fate."

Asked if he planned to become president for life, the former Catholic priest said: "It is not in my agenda."

Opposition parties that boycotted the presidential vote, meanwhile, claimed that Aristide has no mandate to govern because most Haitians did not vote.

Opposition leader Herve Denis said the coalition of all major opposition parties that urged voters to shun

the polls would create "a peaceful alternative" to the government of Aristide and his Lavalas Family party.

Denis, a former ally of Aristide, refused to elaborate. But it seemed Haiti's floundering democracy could remain locked in a fight for power that has stymied development and foreign aid and left many Haitians as poor and hungry as ever.

Speaking to a crowded room of journalists, Aristide described the election as a victory for democracy.

"We observed a huge majority of the Haitian people yesterday expressing

their right through their vote," he said. "I am ready to hear what the electoral council will give as a result."

The electoral council disputed claims of a low turnout and said 60.5 percent of more than 4 million registered voters participated. In some areas, they said, every registered voter participated.

"They are hallucinating," Denis countered. "The election was illegitimate. Aristide does not have a mandate to govern. The people's abstention means they refuse to be governed by Lavalas."

INDIA

Prime Minister calls for cease-fire

Associated Press

SRINAGAR
India put a cease-fire into effect in Kashmir late Tuesday night, ordering its soldiers not to fire on separatist guerrillas except as a last resort if attacked.

The unilateral cease-fire during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan was called by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in a bid to end an 11-year insurgency by Islamic separatists that has cost more than 30,000 lives.

An estimated 600,000 soldiers and thousands of other security forces in

India's Jammu-Kashmir state stood guard in sandbagged bunkers, observation towers and along the mountainous frontier with Pakistan. The two countries have fought two wars over predominantly Muslim Kashmir.

Helmeted soldiers with machine-guns slung over their shoulders silently patrolled the streets of Srinagar, the state's summer capital.

"We will sincerely go out of our way to see that the cease-fire is implemented," said Gurbhachan Jagat, the state's police chief. "The people's desire for peace is getting stronger and stronger."

A line of control agreed to by India and Pakistan in 1972 divides Kashmir between the two South Asian nations. India controls two-thirds and Pakistan the remainder. But both have claimed the entire Himalayan territory.

India alleges Pakistan arms and funds Islamic separatists who operate from Pakistani territory. Pakistan says it provides them moral, but not material support.

Vajpayee's offer on Nov. 19, for a cease-fire during Ramadan was met with threats of stepped up attacks by several Muslim guerrilla groups.

Market Watch 11/27

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AMEX	878.52	+1.67
Nasdaq	2880.49	-23.89
NYSE	636.93	+4.84
S&P 500	1348.97	+7.20

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.01	+0.0025	43.94
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-4.17	-1.00	23.12
WORLDWIDE INC (WCOM)	+1.94	+0.30	16.12
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+1.08	+0.75	70.69
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.73	-1.43	51.25

INDONESIA

Flooding, landslides wreak havoc

Associated Press

JAKARTA Landslides and floods have killed at least 119 people on Indonesia's Sumatra island, officials said Monday.

Rescue workers believed dozens more were buried alive after four days of torrential rain triggered landslides throughout the region.

"There are reports of landslides everywhere," said Jual Effendi, head of West Sumatra's search and rescue agency.

Some food aid had reached the worst-affected areas in the provinces of West Sumatra and Aceh on the island's northern half. But relief workers said blocked roads and continuing rains were hampering rescue efforts.

"We are looking for sur-

vivors, but we fear there will only be corpses," said student volunteer Nanang Farid Syam.

Floods have also swamped major towns in the region, about 625 miles northwest of the nation's capital, Jakarta. Power and telephone lines in Aceh's capital, Banda Aceh, have been swept away, leaving thousands of people in the town without electricity, the Kompas newspaper said.

The province of 4.1 million people has been the scene of a bitter war between government troops and separatists who want to set up an independent nation on the northern tip of Sumatra island.

Large parts of Padang, 470 miles to the south of Banda Aceh, also were under as much as three yards of water,



witnesses said.

Landslides in Indonesia are frequently caused by monsoonal rain in areas where land has been weakened by deforestation.

Floods and landslides killed more than 100 people last month in Indonesia's main island of Java.

PAKISTAN

Bombs explode in bus stop, crowded market

Associated Press

LAHORE Three bombs exploded in eastern Punjab province Monday, killing a 4-year-old child and injuring at least 24 other people, police said.

Two bombs went off within minutes of each other at a bus stop in the Badamibagh neighborhood of Lahore, the Punjab provincial capital. Fourteen people were hurt, they said.

The third bomb ripped through a crowded market in Muridke, some 18 miles northwest of Lahore, killing one person and injuring 10 others.

A 4-year-old boy lost both legs in the explosion and later died, doctors said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the series of explosions.

Police suspect the bombs in Lahore were hidden in luggage that had been abandoned. Fire and smoke billowed from burning vehicles, witnesses said.

"People were running and screaming. I don't know who knocked me down but someone ran into me. My legs were on fire," said Mohammed Ashraf, who, like many of the victims, suffered burn injuries.

In Muridke, the bomb was apparently hidden beneath a horse-drawn cart in the middle of a bazaar selling secondhand clothing and household goods, said Jan Mohammed, 40.



Mohammed, who suffered burns to his face and legs, said he was knocked unconscious and awoke in a Lahore hospital. "I don't remember anything after hearing a loud noise," he said.

Muridke is also the headquarters of one of the larger Kashmiri militant groups, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba.

Police said there was no immediate connection between the explosion and the militant group, but an investigation was underway.

There have been a series of bomb explosions in major cities throughout Pakistan in recent months, causing dozens of casualties.

Pakistan routinely blames the explosions on uneasy neighbor India.

TANZANIA

Mandela urges Burundi agreement

Associated Press

ARUSHA Former South African President Nelson Mandela failed Monday to persuade Burundi's president to accept African peacekeepers to guarantee stability during a transition period meant to end seven years of civil war in the

central African country.

Mandela, who has worked for more than a year to broker a peace deal for Burundi, met over the weekend with representatives of Burundi's government, the army and Hutu and Tutsi parties to discuss a cease-fire and the leadership of a transitional government.

He had also summoned Burundian President Pierre Buyoya to Tanzania to discuss installing peacekeepers from Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana and Malawi, as well as Burundian soldiers, during the transition to peace, said Mark Bomani, head of Mandela's negotiation team.

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Ford issues 5th recall on Escape

Associated Press

DETROIT
For the fifth time in a little over a year, Ford Motor Co. told its dealers either to prohibit sales or test-drives of its new Escape sport utility vehicles while they're checked for safety-related problems.

The latest notice to dealers was sent Nov. 18, affecting 51,022 Escapes and about 24,000 Mazda Tributes, which share basic parts with the Escape and are built in the same plant in Claycomo, Mo. Of those, 27,516 Escapes and about 12,500 Tributes have already been sold.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said dealers were told to check for damaged windshield wiper link ball sockets and replace them if necessary. If the sockets were improperly built, the wipers could stop working. Parts to fix the problem "are in the pipeline" to dealers, Vaughn said.

Previous warnings to dealers on the Escape and Tribute, both of which only went on the market in August, have included warnings about the steering wheel coming off, leaky fuel lines, incorrect wheel hubs and a problem with the cruise control that could cause the throttle to

stick.

Although sales of the Escape began in August, some dealers had small numbers of the vehicle in their lots since October 1999 which were used for test-drives.

Vaughn said this was the first Escape notice that had involved a large number of vehicles already sold to consumers. He said the windshield wiper problem was found through warranty claims, and that Ford expects about 6 percent of Escapes to be affected.

"It is a brand new vehicle, and sometimes in the launch product problems erupt," he said. "Our goal is to correct them quickly."

One industry expert said Ford doesn't appear to have been penalized by customers for the recalls so far — but could be if more come soon.

Ford has seen its share of high-profile recalls this year, with the recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires on Ford trucks

leading the list. The company also announced in April that it would pay for failing head gaskets on about one million 3.8-liter V6 engines built in the early to mid-1990s.

Ford executives have said recalls are acceptable to the company as a way of improving relations with customers, a prime directive of Ford CEO Jac Nasser.

"Our philosophy is to constantly monitor the performance of our vehicles, and when we see an issue we move quickly," Vaughn said.

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Ford spokesman

Jim Hall, an analyst with AutoPacific, said the notices cut both ways with customers. While the recalls could hurt Ford's image with potential buyers, they could also improve relations with Escape owners in the first 90 days, when automakers survey customer satisfaction.

"If you have a problem and its not addressed, you're rated poorly," Hall said. "If you have a problem and it is addressed, they remember it well."

Biotech company limits gene-altered corn

◆ Firm acts in response to consumer concern

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Amid growing uneasiness about genetically engineered crops, a major biotechnology company announced Monday it would restrict plantings next year of a type of gene-altered corn and delay commercialization of another variety until 2002.

The moves by the Monsanto Co. are meant to avoid upsetting export markets for U.S. corn and repeating the problems encountered this fall when biotech corn developed by one of its competitors appeared in the food supply without being approved for human consumption.

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Monsanto Company president

Verfaillie, Monsanto's president and chief executive officer.

A variety of corn developed by Monsanto to be resistant to the company's popular Roundup weedkiller will be distributed for sale next year only to farmers in areas where grain is seldom sold for export, Verfaillie said. The corn is approved for food use in both the United States and Japan but not in Europe. Traces of the corn were found this fall in British-made tortilla chips.

The second Monsanto corn variety, which won't be put on the market until 2002, is toxic to an insect pest, the corn rootworm. It is yet to be approved

in either Japan or Europe.

The actions announced Monday don't affect Monsanto's most popular gene-altered crops, which include Roundup-resistant soybeans and cotton and a variety of corn that is toxic to another pest, the European corn borer.

A representative of the National Corn Growers Association, which is especially concerned about losing sales to Japan, praised Monsanto's moves. "We could not jeopardize our biggest corn market by supporting the commercialization of a corn variety that was not approved by that country," said Susan Keith, senior director of public policy for the growers group.

The biotechnology industry was rocked this fall by the discovery of StarLink corn, developed by

Aventis CropScience, in taco shells in the United States. StarLink was approved only for animal feed or industrial use because of unresolved ques-

tions about its potential to cause allergic reactions.

U.S. corn exports have fallen sharply this fall, especially to Japan, the biggest foreign customer for the grain.

Critics both inside and outside the biotech industry say StarLink, the only gene-altered crop not allowed in food, never should have been put on the market without being approved for human consumption.

The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public meeting Tuesday on a request by Aventis to approve StarLink temporarily for food use to avoid further food recalls.

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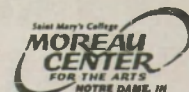
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Citizens question election fiasco

Associated Press

Becky Bretz has raised three kids in Evansville, Ind., and she's sure of two things: George W. Bush won the presidency, and Al Gore is not setting a good example by refusing to concede.

"I don't think it's teaching the kids anything," the 42-year-old receptionist said Monday as she waited on an Evansville corner for her children to take her to lunch. "We try to teach kids, don't be a sore loser, or whatever. It's time for the country to get on with business."

It is time, she said, "for Gore to say, 'I've done my best.'"

Hold on, said George Belcher. "As a poor laborer, I just have more faith in Gore," said the 63-year-old native of Honduras, a hotel housekeeper in Boston.

A new citizen, he has no faith in the Florida results.

"That result is no good. That's a racket down there," he said.

Three weeks after they voted, Americans continued to debate an issue that has never before been an issue — at least in their lifetimes: Who is the president-elect?

More specifically, should Al Gore fight on, or concede? Six in 10 said he should quit, according to an ABC News-Washington Post poll conducted Sunday night.

Conversely, can Bush legitimately consider himself elected president?

Yes, said Tommy Taylor, who watched Gore's televised speech Monday night at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina. "If I was in his shoes, I'd be shrugging my shoulders, and asking myself, 'How many times do I have to win this thing?'"

Gore's "wasting every-

body's time and he's starting to come off like a big crybaby," said Taylor, 45, an IBM employee from Bush's hometown of Austin, Texas.

Manhattan students Reed Burton and Joel Johnstone watched the speech while eating pizza in a eighth-floor residence-hall lounge and agreed only that they liked the pizza.

Burton, 18, of Augusta, Ga., objected to Gore's suggestion that he wanted to unite Americans: "The entire time Gore has not been about uniting people. He simply lifts that line from George W. Bush."

Johnstone, 22, from Milwaukee, complained that Bush was being presumptuous in claiming the presidency.

"It makes me angry that somebody at this ambiguous stage of the election would come forward and say 'I'm president,'" he said. "I think that's un-American."

Not everyone feels so strongly. Earlier in the day, Rick Prowell, 39, an electric

line man digging for equipment in his truck in Little Rock, Ark., said he had no strong opinion. "I guess Bush does have a legitimate right to the presidency, but if I was in Gore's place, I'd probably be doing the same thing he is," he said.

On the outside deck of the campus Free Speech Cafe at the University of California at Berkeley, history major Ben Lemke had the same relaxed attitude. "I think Bush is right in

doing what he's doing. Presidents are supposed to act confident so he's acting confident and saying, 'I'm right. I should be president.' But at the same time it's so close that it's natural for Gore to say, 'Hold on a second,'" Lemke said.

But others said Gore is holding on too long. "It's a sad thing but you can't go back and reinvent the wheel. It's done. It's over. I think Mr. Gore should concede," said Syracuse, N.Y., lawyer James McGinty, pausing in a downtown atrium on his way back to his office for a meeting.

At American Barber Studios in Concord, N.H., Jackie Kenyon took a moment from cutting Peter Greene's hair to say that Bush was right to claim victory. Greene agreed: "I think Gore should give up and say good luck to Bush."

The vice president, said the 21-year-old bank worker, is "putting a negative aspect on the presidency" and should try again in four years.

Waiting his turn in the chair, Dick Kendall, 63, agreed that Bush was the winner. "The votes have been counted three times now and they all come out the same," he said.

But they haven't counted enough, said Mary Clark, a nurse care assistant in Detroit. "I feel they should count all of the ballots. People voted in the election and

those votes should be counted. Otherwise, it's like saying [those] votes didn't mean nothing," she said. Tery Williams, a Detroit lawyer, said Gore should "push it all the way," and she was surprised that polls said 60 percent felt otherwise. "Those people need to give it a rest until Jan. 1," she said.

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Joel Johnstone
college student

U.S. fears Colombian drug operations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A top official said Monday the Clinton administration plans to augment efforts to deal with the possibility that Colombian drug traffickers will transfer their activities to neighboring countries as Colombia develops more effective ways to crack down on the narcotics trade.

The State Department's third ranking official, Thomas Pickering, said attention to this issue will be a "centerpiece" of the administration's counternarcotics assistance requests next year.

Pickering told a news conference that bipartisan support for the existing \$1.3 billion program, directed mainly at Colombia, ensures that the counterdrug effort will continue regardless of who is elected.

"The issue of spillover is real," said Pickering, who spent two days in Colombia last week, along with Gen. Barry McCaffrey, head of the White House narcotics control office.

Pickering said drug operations have spilled into Colombia because highly effective counterdrug operations in Peru and Bolivia forced traffickers to relocate. As a result, production in Colombia has soared, he noted.

The U.S. goal, he said, is to strengthen countries where traffickers already operate or that may be future targets.

Among those are Venezuela, Brazil and Panama. Pickering said, adding that that the spillover could jeopardize the sharp reduction in drug trafficking in Peru and Bolivia.

The United States does not envision a regional anti-drug alliance among these countries, but rather a series of bilateral assistance programs aimed at strengthening their counterdrug capabilities, Pickering said.

The administration lost a key supporter recently when House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman, said officials made a "major mistake" in shifting most counternarcotics assistance for Colombia from the police to the military.

Gilman said the Colombian Army "is incapable" of controlling any of the guerrilla- and coca-infested areas of southern Colombia now or anytime soon.

Pickering said the Colombian police continue to perform a major role.

But, he said, they cannot carry out their mission without the additional security protection of the military "as they go about destruction of laboratories, manual and aerial spraying eradication of crops and interdiction of the movement of crops."

Another critic, Sen. Paul Wellstone, plans to fly to Colombia on Tuesday for an assessment of the administration strategy.



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YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslav tanks approach NATO-patrolled boundary

Associated Press

BUJANOVAC

Yugoslav's army sent tanks and reinforcements near the NATO-patrolled boundary with Kosovo on Sunday, one day before Yugoslavia's deadline for NATO to crack down on ethnic Albanian militants whose attacks have inflamed the region.

Kosovo is a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic, but it has been under international control since last year and many residents want full independence. In the three-mile buffer zone between central Serbia and Kosovo, attacks by independence-minded militants last week left at least four Serb policemen dead.

Yugoslav authorities set a Monday afternoon deadline for NATO to clear out the militants from the boundary region. They have threatened to launch counterattacks after the deadline passes.

In Kosovo, the local television station reported that one ethnic Albanian fighter was

wounded in the contested area Sunday but gave no further details. The ethnic Albanians declared their own, unilateral ceasefire Friday, but it expires at midnight Sunday.

The crisis erupted last week when militants believed to be operating from heavily ethnic Albanian Kosovo killed the Serb policemen and seized key positions just across the boundary from the NATO-patrolled province.

Their action provoked a major crisis for the new government of Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, which took power last month after the collapse of Slobodan Milosevic. The offensive could undermine Kostunica's rule by portraying him as incapable of dealing with ethnic Albanian extremists. However, if Serb police fight back with massive force, they risk a serious incident with NATO.

The crisis also has cast doubt on NATO's ability to control Kosovo, which the Yugoslav authorities believe was used as a staging area for the ethnic Albanian attacks.

The attacks were carried out by the so-called "Liberation

Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac." The rebels want to drive Serb forces from the Presevo Valley, the adjacent

Serb region, and unite it with Kosovo.

Although the area has a substantial ethnic Albanian population, the valley was not considered part of Kosovo and therefore was not included in the June 1999 agreement which sent NATO peacekeepers into the province.

On Sunday, Yugoslav army T55 battle tanks and armored personnel carriers could be seen maneuvering near the buffer zone separating Kosovo

from the rest of Serbia. The reinforcements were kept away from the zone under terms of a June 1999 agreement between NATO and the Milosevic government which bars heavy weapons from the buffer area. American troops patrol the Kosovo side of the zone.

Nevertheless, the presence of additional tanks, armored personnel carriers and infantry was seen as a demonstration of Belgrade's resolve to prevent ethnic Albanian rebels from seizing and holding Serbian territory.

"They are terrorists and bandits and will be treated as such," said Vladan Batic, a leading Kostunica ally who visited the area Sunday. "It is the task of every responsible state to protect its citizens."

In a report obtained Sunday by The Associated Press, the Yugoslav Interior Ministry estimated that about 1,000 ethnic Albanians were involved in the recent attacks and were receiving support from ethnic Albanian sympathizers in nine villages on Serb-controlled territory.

Yugoslav officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the militants had smuggled small artillery pieces and more than 100 small mortars across the U.S.-patrolled boundary into positions on the Yugoslav side of the demilitarized zone.

The Interior Ministry report said Serb police "cannot hold out long unless they receive reinforcements from Serbia proper." It recommended mobilizing Serb men of military age and using them to augment police units already in the area.

In Bujanovac, one of the towns in the contested area, Mayor Stojanca Arsic blamed the attacks on the Kosovo Liberation Army, the ethnic Albanian rebel group which fought Yugoslav forces in Kosovo last year but which NATO says has been disbanded. He urged NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo to "really disarm the supposedly demilitarized Kosovo Liberation Army" and prevent more weapons from reaching the buffer zone.

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Vladan Batic
Kostunica ally

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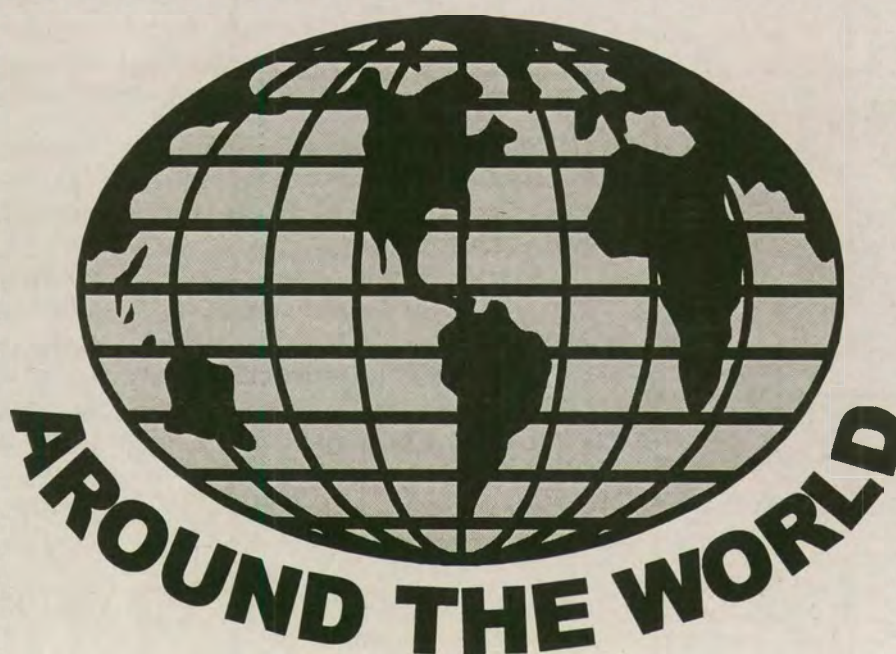
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St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
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Wednesday, November 29, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2
Fatima Retreat Center
Marriage Preparation Retreat #2

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2
Sacred Heart Parish Center
Freshman Retreat #32

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 1:30 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Hall Chapel
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Sunday, December 3, 7:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Advent Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.
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Admittedly, Advent can strike the modern sensibilities as something out of step, an awkward resistance to the festive holiday spirit which begins, at the very latest, on the day after Thanksgiving. Everyplace else Christmas is announced with greater or lesser dignity, but in church we can seem to be stuck in a sort of semi-Lent with the somber tones of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to keep us company till the poinsettias finally show up on the altar for Midnight Mass. It is a fair question: Advent...what's the point?

The layers of Advent give us a window into the thinking and spirit of our ancestors in the faith. Various clans of the ancient Catholic family tree have had their say. Ancient Gallican, Spanish, Roman and even some Germanic influences have shaped the season. Today Advent is dominated by two figures and two themes.

Advent opens with the fairly scary John the Baptist. He eats grasshoppers and wild honey. He lives in the wilderness and dresses in the pelts of beasts. His message is fiery and to the point. Repent! Change your life. Get ready. The Messiah is coming. The point of Advent is to remind us that this world is fleeting and to prepare for the world that is to come. There is a slightly penitential undertone to Advent, in its penance services, in its deep violet vestments, linens and candles. Advent is a call to Christians to get our spiritual houses in order, even as we deck our halls.

The second figure of Advent could not be more contrasting. Mary, pregnant with Jesus, holds a secret in her heart and the Impossible in her womb. She is the First Disciple who has said yes to the Lord, but is waiting to learn all that this could mean. We latter-day disciples wait in joyful hope and anticipation with Mary as the Lord continually reveals to us the meaning and direction of our discipleship.

Advent is as deep as the commercial season can be superficial. Outmoded, Medieval, and out of sync? Perhaps. But, it bears within it the essential stuff no Christian life can do without—reflection on a two thousand year old story, our openness to the Lord and to his call, and the eternal home for which we are all in preparation.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.



RCIA Rite of Welcome

This Sunday at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to be become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These men and women have met together the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

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Lawmakers propose alternatives

♦ Texas analyzes current capital punishment policy

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — As the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear the appeal of a Texas death row inmate whose lawyers say he is mentally retarded, a group of state lawmakers said Monday juries should be allowed to sentence killers to life in prison without parole.

Current law allows Texas juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

"I think we should give them as many options as possible," said Democratic Sen. Eddie Lucio, who is sponsoring a bill to create a life without parole sentence. The Legislature convenes in January.

Lucio said 33 other states, the federal government, and the military have the death penalty with an option for life without parole. Such a sentence might appeal to jurors who fear that a convicted killer could go free or who cannot decide whether to give a death sentence, Lucio said.

Lucio said the bill is not meant to reduce the number of executions in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state, where 37 inmates have been put to death by lethal injection this year.

"I support the death penalty," Lucio said. "I'm not trying to steer jurors away from the death penalty."

But retiring Harris County District Attorney John Holmes Jr. said the bill "would eliminate the death penalty."

"A jury will have a heck of a time giving the death penalty if they have the possibility of locking them up forever," Holmes said. "As a taxpayer, I don't know why I have to take someone who has engaged in such conduct ... and support that guy for the rest of his natural life. You're going to have to build a geriatric prison wing."

Keith Hampton of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association said changing the law would be unlikely to slow the pace of executions in Texas.

"You may see a decrease ... but I think it will be virtually unnoticeable," he said. "They'll still get their death sentences."

Lucio filed a similar bill in 1999. Both it and the House version of the bill died when they never came up for a vote.

Despite that defeat and the fact there has been little change in the Legislature's makeup, the bill sponsors said they felt they should bring it up again.

"I think I think as long as its clear we're not trying to eliminate the death penalty and just trying to give juries a different option it has a decent shot of passing," said Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston.

On Monday, the Supreme Court agreed to consider an appeal from convicted Texas killer John Paul Penry, whose lawyers say he is mentally retarded and has the reasoning capacity of a 7-year-old.

The court said it will use the case to clarify how much opportunity jurors in death penalty cases must have to consider the defendant's mental capacity.

Lucio said he didn't know whether Penry's case would be one in which a jury would have imposed a sentence of life without parole. But a press release distributed by Lucio's office at the same time specifically noted the Penry case as one that could be affected.

"I support the death penalty. I'm not trying to steer jurors away from the death penalty."

Eddie Lucio
senator, (D)-Texas

The death penalty still has strong support in Texas even though recent polls have shown some concern about its enforcement.

A Scripps Howard Texas Poll released in June found that 57 percent of those surveyed believe Texas has put an innocent person to death. Nonetheless, 73 percent of those surveyed favored the death penalty.

A Gallup Poll earlier this year put support nationally for capital punishment at 66 percent, its lowest level since 1981.

Steven Hawkins, who heads the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, said public support of the death penalty erodes when juries are given the choice of life without parole.

"We definitely see life without parole as a positive development because it offers an alternative to the death penalty," Hawkins said.

Law denies GOP transition space

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney deplored the Clinton administration's "regrettable" decision to keep the Republican ticket from using space rented by the government for planning a presidential transition.

But President Clinton said Monday the law prohibits giving up the space until an undisputed winner of the election emerges.

Cheney, the Republican vice presidential candidate, said George W. Bush will begin raising donations of up to \$5,000

each to pay the cost of planning his administration and beginning the search for the thousands of people who will staff it. Normally, government money is used for that purpose. Congress provided \$5.3 million this year.

"This is regrettable because we believe the government has an obligation to honor the certified results of the election," Cheney told a Washington news conference, referring to Florida's certification Sunday of Bush and Cheney as winners there. Vice President Gore is contesting the Florida vote count.

With the election tied up in court, the government's house-keeping agency says Bush doesn't qualify for the \$5.3 million.

President Clinton endorsed the agency's decision but said he didn't guide it.

"The General Services Administration believes that it cannot offer transition assistance to both of them, which is what I would otherwise be inclined to do," Clinton said. "And I think they're going with what they think the law requires."

Clinton said the administration was working to ensure a smooth hand over of the government.

He went over transition planning at a Cabinet meeting and

signed an executive order creating a 12-member "transition coordinating council," including the heads of the GSA, FBI, and IRS, to help the next president ease into office.

But Cheney said, "We will pay a heavy price for the delays in planning and assembling the next administration."

He announced that Bush would set up a nonprofit group in Texas to raise money for the Bush-Cheney transition office here. A 1963 law allows private donations of up to \$5,000 each to help cover transition costs. Clinton raised such money in 1992.

Cheney said Bush would accept donations from individuals but not from corporations or political action committees.

Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., said the House Government Management, Information, and Technology subcommittee he chairs would hold a hearing next Monday to investigate whether the transition law is being fully implemented for an orderly transition.

"It is imperative that the new administration gets off on the right foot," Horn said.

The 90,000 square feet of office space leased by the GSA for the transition will remain locked up as long as "any doubt" remains about who won, said White House Press Secretary Jake Siewert.

"The law is pretty clear," he said.

Siewert said the decision has been left to GSA Administrator David Barram, a Clinton appointee, but the White House also has asked the Justice Department to provide guidance on interpretation of transition law.

Barram is authorized by law to determine the "apparent" winner for the purpose of turning over the office and money.

"We believe that as long as both sides are still pursuing their court challenges there is no apparent winner," said GSA spokeswoman Beth Newburger.

"This is regrettable because we believe the government has an obligation to honor the certified results of the election."

Dick Cheney
Republican vice presidential nominee



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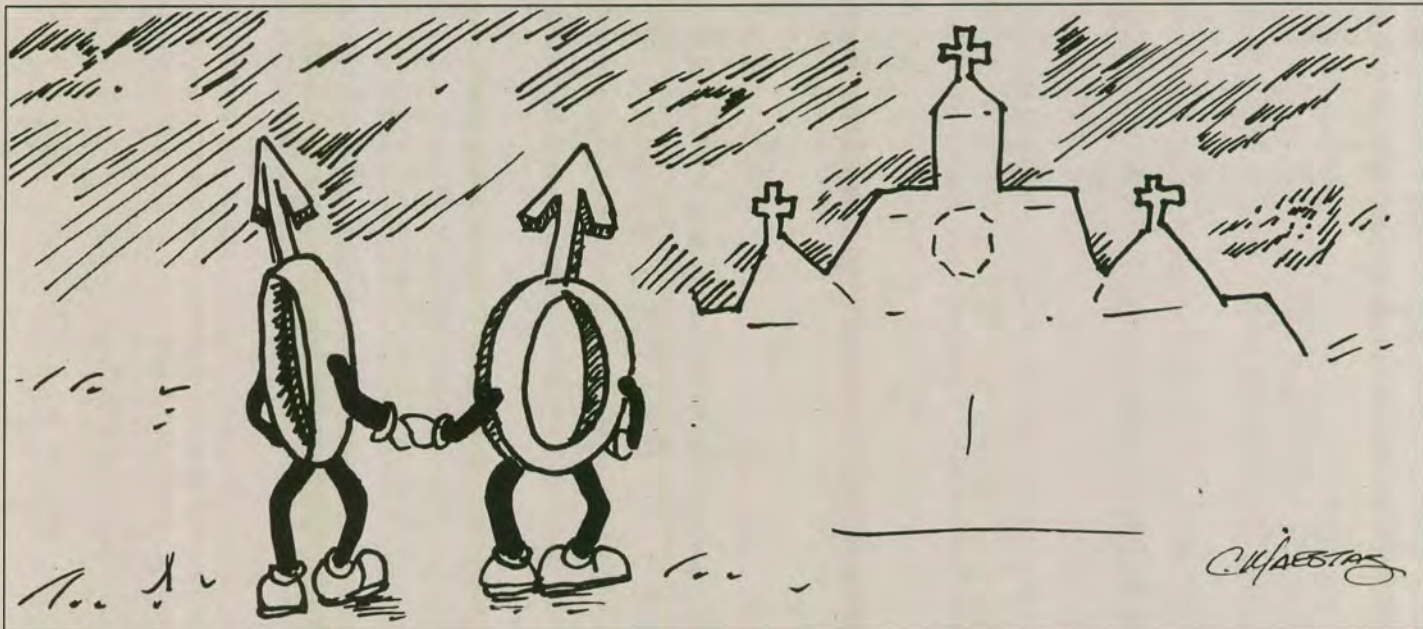
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Recognizing Church teaching on homosexuality

At Notre Dame good things happen from the bottom up. For example, on Nov. 9 the Maritain Center, Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Moore Society sponsored a presentation by Father John Harvey, OSFS, and David Morrison on Catholic teaching and homosexuality.

The Church teaches that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered," according to the Catechism. Homosexuality, or the inclination to such acts, is not itself a sin.

However, as the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II in 1986, states:

"Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a ... tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder." The Catechism states: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition."

Father Harvey and Morrison put this issue in a personalized context. At the request of Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York in 1980, Father Harvey founded Courage, the growing international support group. Courage includes

groups for men and women and a support group for parents, called Encourage.

The Five Goals of Courage, written by the early members, are: "1. To live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality; 2. To dedicate our entire lives to Christ; 3. To foster ... fellowship [to] ensure that none of us will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone; 4. ... [T]o encourage one another in forming and sustaining [chaste friendships]; 5. To live lives that may serve as good examples to others with homosexual difficulties."

Courage members "follow a plan of life that takes the person as far as possible from the gay milieu ... Since Courage is primarily concerned with helping individuals to live a life of interior chastity, it does not require that its members strive to get out of the condition itself. Courage, however, does encourage members who want to do so to seek counsel and group therapy in a context of prayer."

David Morrison, author of *Beyond Gay*, described his "pilgrimage from being a homosexual-rights activist to living life as a chaste Catholic. I had a lover of five years, a condominium in a major urban area, a satisfying job, and a church life as an Episcopalian." The writings of the Protestant, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyred by the Nazis, led Morrison to embark on what became his "journey to the Catholic faith ... [T]he Catholic Church is the only Christian institution that not only preaches the truth of chastity for homosexual people but offers practical, tangible help for achieving it."

"In the act of ... 'coming out,'" notes Morrison, "one sacrifices individual personhood for identity in the group ... [O]nce a person has made a decision that he is not merely homosexually oriented, but is gay, then ... everything else — society, faith, institutions and even God will be viewed ... through

that ... lens. Homosexual orientation is not a choice for most people, but being gay is and it is this choice which motivates homosexual groups ranging from Dignity to ACT UP."

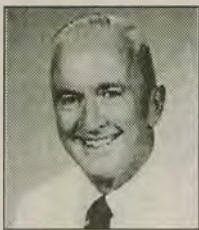
It has not been proven that the homosexual inclination is genetic or otherwise innate. We do not definitively know what causes that inclination. Yet there is abundant evidence that persons of homosexual inclination can lead chaste lives committed to Christ. Neither Father Harvey nor Morrison makes any universal claim beyond that, although they affirm that some persons of homosexual inclination have been able, with counseling and therapy, to go on to marriage and successful heterosexual lives.

The Administration misleads Notre Dame students here. The Administration refuses to admit that the homosexual inclination is disordered. Yet the Administration affirms that "official Church teaching" mandates that the inclination may not be acted upon. This implies that the "Church teaching" is an arbitrary restriction. If the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon? In truth, homosexual acts and the inclination toward them, are "objectively disordered" because they are contrary to the nature built into us by God. The recognition of this reality is the first step toward a coherent approach to this question.

The Administration should invite Father Harvey to form a Courage chapter at Notre Dame. Students could benefit from the efforts of this admirable, perceptive and charitable priest. Political correctness ought not to stand in the way.

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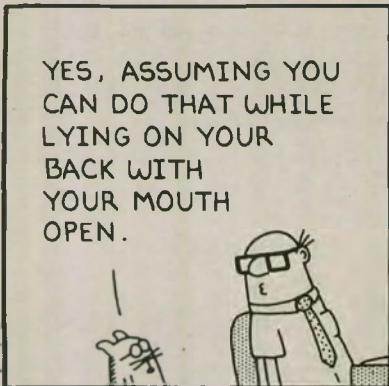
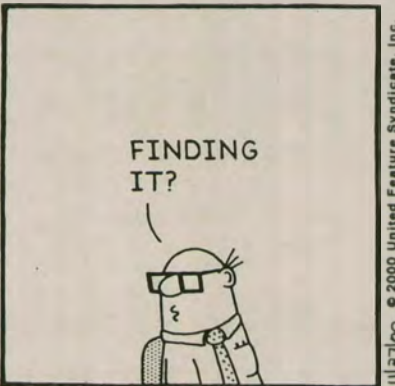
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Charles Rice

Right or
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was taught that the human brain was the crowning glory of evolution so far, but I think it's a very poor scheme for survival."

Kurt Vonnegut
writer

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Do it right rather than rapidly

Last Sunday my host family invited my parents, who visited for Thanksgiving, and I to dine at their home. We arrived at two o'clock and moved slowly to the dinner table, where we enjoyed a wonderful three-course meal consisting of Austrian specialties. Conversation about Innsbruck and Tirol and the Alps filled the pauses between the bites of food and sips of Viennese wine. After eating for an hour and a half we took a walk around their small town of Sistrans located outside of Innsbruck and returned to coffee and Sachertorte, an Austrian chocolate-cake dessert. Classical music hummed in the background as we sat by the fire and finished off the Sunday dinner five hours later with red wine and traditional Tirolien fruit and nut bread.

The afternoon and evening progressed rhythmically and methodically and mimicked those frequently experienced by Innsbruck students invited to their guest family's house for a weekend dinner or weekday lunch. As a friend of mine observed, a European eats one meal in the same amount of time that an American consumes lunch, dinner and the next day's breakfast.

Accustomed to grabbing food in between class and work, I had a difficult time adjusting to the slow pace of these meals that seem to last the entire day.

Americans, like myself, work and eat in environments of speed, sound bites and stress. Commuters inhale their breakfast from McDonald's in the car as they weave in and out of traffic on the interstate. They have lunch in restaurants, where the waiters rush from table to table delivering appetizer and main dishes and desserts quickly and unceremoniously, allowing the diners to come and to eat and to leave immediately. Chain restaurants offer ten-minute lunch guarantees. Parents feed their children Happy Meals after their soccer practices and before their piano lessons. The shelves of grocery stores are lined with 30-minute frozen pizzas, Stouffer's Lasagna in a disposable pan and Uncle Ben's minute rice. An average American meal lasts only 12 minutes.

And in those 12 minutes Americans barely taste the food that they shovel into their mouths.

In contrast, Europeans seem to savor every bite. The Austrian appreciation for good food evidences itself not only in the meals enjoyed at host families, homes but also in the supermarket. In Spar and M-Preis stores, only one

type of reduced fat cookie rests in the snack aisle. Whole milk is readily available, but skim and 1 percent fat milk can be difficult to find. I searched for diet root beer for days, but could only locate one type of diet drink, Coca-Cola light.

The supermarket offerings certainly differ from those in American stores, which sell all varieties of chemical-laden reduced-fat, lower calorie food. And yet, ironically the American, not the European, waistline constantly expands. Perhaps the health of the French lies not in their consumption of red wine, but in their slow, moderate consumption of all food and drink.

In my first semester here in Innsbruck I have found that this appreciation for mealtime parallels the greater appreciation of Europeans for life in general. Everything in Europe seems to move slower than in the United States. Stores in Austria often close for two hours for lunch and the shopper cannot count on the owner of the business to return for the afternoon if he has had good company at his midday meal. Business usually ends at five and work rarely extends into Sunday. Students in no rush to obtain a diploma and to enter the work force study for seven or eight years at the university. The Austrians in general do not miss an opportunity to relax and to enjoy the company of their family.

After three months of residency in this small European country, I have finally found my body and mind adjusting to the slower rhythm of the days and weeks. A trip to a T. G. I. Friday's in Americanized London almost sent my friends and I into culture shock. We watched amazed as our waitress nearly tripped over herself as she brought us numerous refills for our drinks. Our entrees came less than 15 minutes after we ordered. But, in contrast to Austrian waitresses, she also eagerly brought us our bill and whisked us out the door.

I had never realized truly how quickly life moves in the United States. It frightens me that the speed of American life actually increases with each passing moment. Americans strive to complete more tasks, more projects and more chores in fewer days, fewer hours and fewer seconds. Perhaps they should take the lead of the Europeans and aim to fill their life not simply with more accomplishments and more things and more activities, but with more complete accomplishments and better things and quality activities. Undoubtedly, they would lead more fulfilling lives as a result.

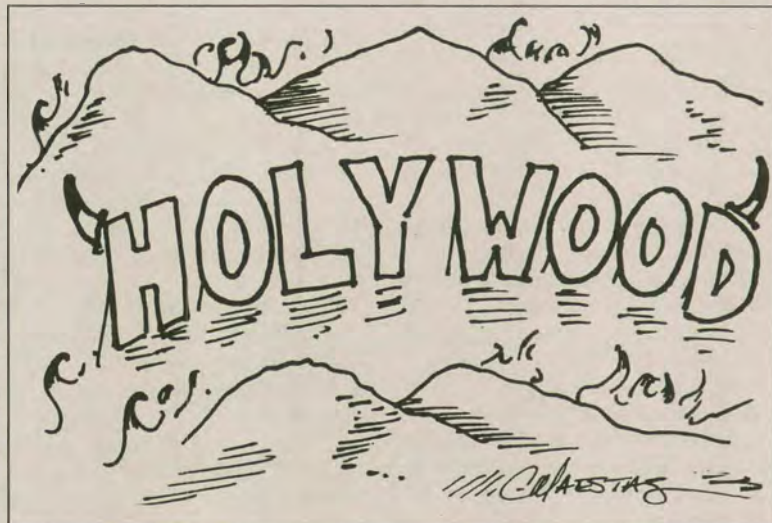
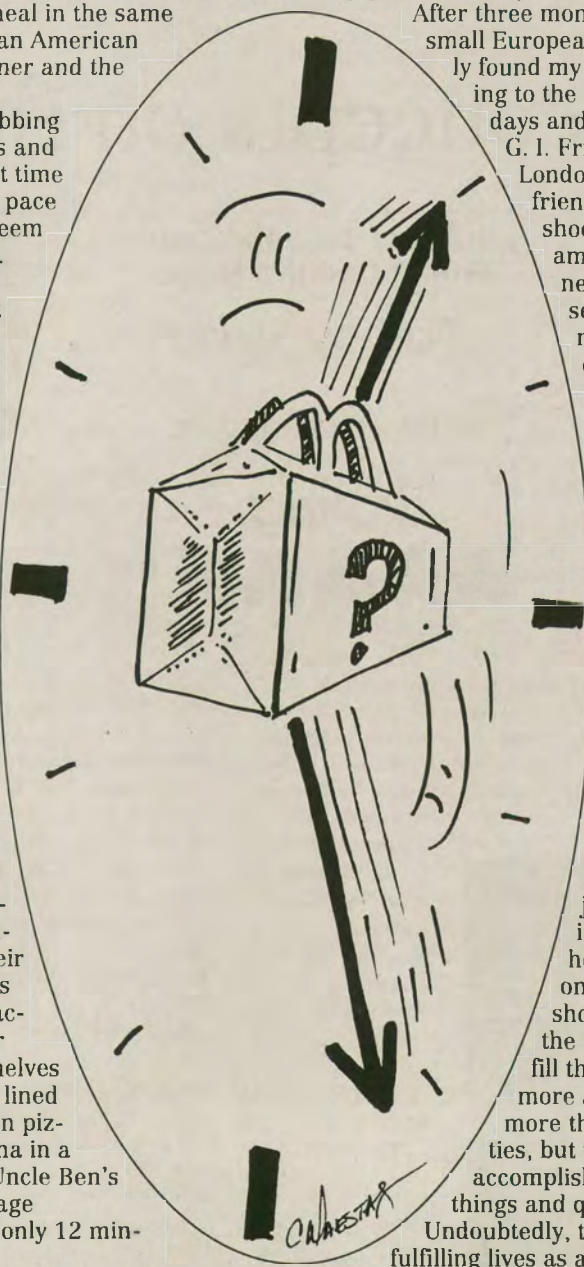
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Religion is scared of Hollywood

STILLWATER, Okla.

Throughout the tornadic fury that was once research for a project, I came across a jewel of an article claiming that Hollywood was in part responsible for the decline in religion across the world. I would have dismissed it, had the article not blamed many of the films I consider to be prominent examples of what cinema should be.

The first example cited by this skewed report was the latest sci-fi psychotic thriller, "The Cell." The author states a crucial piece of the plot by revealing that the killer committed his horrible acts because of a botched baptism. Hence, blaming Hollywood for directly relating religion to the imaginative slaughter of an actor — obviously the intent of the writer, producer and director.

The tirade continues to attack films that decay the once shining white moral fiber of America, claiming that Kevin Spacey led many to abandon their families and smoke pot in their garages. The author also states, "American Beauty" glorifies the dysfunctional family and promotes promiscuous sex and deviancy.

The list went on and on, citing scenes from films such as "Stigmata" and "Dogma," insinuating they defame the image of the Catholic Church and defile any self-sacrifice in the name of freedom of religion.

But the author failed to realize that the entertainment business makes its money from giving people what they want. Hollywood doesn't force people to follow the norms and stigmas exaggerated in their films, because the people supplied the wood for this fire.

Maybe some thought Kevin Smith playfully examined the hypocrisy of the Catholic Church or really enjoyed seeing the little guy win for a change in "American Beauty." Maybe some even find it entertaining to watch an unusual plot unfold about a serial killer. Obviously they do because these films fared very well according to box office returns.

Had the films been the true atrocities they were made out to be, no one would have gone to see them. People would have skipped the matinee and gone to sit through a sermon concerning the decline of morality. But they didn't because they wanted to be entertained. The public wants to be shocked and appalled and see everything turn out all right after an hour and a half.

Movies that are now considered to be boring and dull were once the pivotal stories of a generation. Believe it or not, "Gone With The Wind" met some resistance on the way to the top. Then, it had a great plot, real characters and a universal setting. Now, moviegoers would turn their noses. We have seen the same story rehearsed so many times that we need a surprise every two seconds and enough blood to fill a swimming pool to even watch the trailer.

Things such as films, music and literature are a reflection of the times and state of society. There will always be someone who complains about these things because they have nothing else to hold onto — except the strife they created. Revived McCarthyism won't make the world a second Eden.

Attacking movies, music and books won't prevent the decay of anything. We live in an age that is wealthy with information and advancements — some cannot come to grips with such a blatant reality. If you don't like the movie don't buy a ticket and try not to spoil the show for everyone. And in the now immortal words of Kevin Spacey, "I rule!"

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ALBUM REVIEW

The W proves worth the wait for loyal Wu fans

By TODD CALLAIS
Scene Music Critic

They have made their incredibly loyal fans wait impatiently for 3 1/2 years — which in the rap industry is two lifetimes. And although the Rza has produced a number of solo albums from all of the Wu-Tang members (with the exception of Masta Killa) and the fact that there has been a number of side projects, fans were still yearning for all of the members to get back together for the first Wu-Tang album in almost four years.

Unfortunately, problems hit the band pretty quickly on this venture. The album was supposed to be produced almost a year ago, but the band (which consists of nine or 10 members — depending on whether or not you count Cappadonna) was never able to get together at the same time. Then tragedy struck as one of the band's most popular members, O.D.B. (aka, Big Baby Jesus) found himself inside the confines

of a padded rehabilitation cell. The Rza had also made announcements that this would be the Wu-Tang Clan's final album together. Taken all together, these problems made critics question whether the intensity and heart of the groups previous two albums would be in place this time on The W.

However, with The W, the Clan is quick to put such fears to rest. The W is great. Some fans might have to listen to it a couple of times before they really begin to feel it, but before long, they'll realize just how addicting the power of the Wu is, and the wait is definitely worth the effort.

The W has all of the signature Wu-Tang clan trademarks. It has the light drum beats and clips from old kung-fu movies. But even beyond that, this album provides more than the previous two do in the way of producing. The Rza (who acts both as producer and Clan member) benefited greatly from all of the producing work that he has done over the last three

years. The instrumentation on this album is amazing and this coupled with the sometimes drastic changes Rza makes in the middle of many songs throughout the album, the music is left with a much more complex and innovative feel.

There is not a single song on the album that is bad. Even die hard fans have admit that the Clan's previous albums have had some songs that could have been left behind. The Clan also finally brings in big names like Nas, Snoop Dogg, Redman and Busta Rhymes to rap on a couple of their tracks for the first time. Even Isaac Hayes makes an appearance on one of the tracks.

The album starts off incredibly strong with the song "Chamber Music," which features Raekwon at his best and an awesome chorus by Method Man that only demonstrates why he is the best selling solo Wu-Tang artist. The second song, "Careful (Click, Click)," is really raw but if you listen to it more than once, it becomes almost hypnotic, and will leave fans listening to it over and over. With producing that is probably best labeled as "interesting," and the constant changing of sound levels, "Careful" truly is a great song. The only

The W Wu-Tang Clan

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And in true O.D.B. style, it sounds almost as if it were recorded in a garage (or perhaps in this case, a jail cell).

negative aspect being that the band actually recycled some of their lyrics from the '95 release 36 Chambers.

The fourth song, "Redbull," features possibly the hottest duo in rap today with Redman and Method Man showing off their lyrical superiority to a horn background. And even though it may not be up to the quality of songs that one would hear on the album Blackout, this song's musical divergence from the Wu-Tang norm make it a must listen.

"Conditioner" is another extremely significant song to the album because it is the only song in which O.D.B. actually raps.

And in true O.D.B. style, it sounds almost as if it were recorded in a garage (or perhaps in this case, a jail cell). Snoop Dogg, one of the greatest cameo rappers ever, makes this song more than decent.

"Do You Really (Thang Thang)" is just flat out awesome and will definitely be among the best tracks the Wu-Tang Clan has ever produced. As will "Gravel Pit," a song that features fast lyrics, cool spy music, female vocals and all fans could ever ask from the Wu-Tang.

Overall, the wait was worth it. If this is to be the last true Wu-Tang Clan album, at least they went out with a bang.

ALBUM REVIEW

Slim explores experimental concepts on Halfway

By TOM OGORZALEK
Scene Music Critic

When it comes to the big beats, there is no artist better known than Fatboy Slim. Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars, his first release since his 1998 breakthrough You've Come a Long Way, Baby is more mature and inventive than even that offering (which he called "too Disney").

In Halfway, though it doesn't seem to offer the blockbuster dance hall potential of tracks like "Funk Soul Brother" and "Praise You," it does

seem that Slim — real name Norman Cook — has decided to back away from the formulaic club scene in which he flirted with in the past to explore more experimental ideas.

Halfway takes more from the genre of trance than Fatboy's earlier work. This influence is particularly evident in the hypnotically surreal "Sunset (Bird of Prey)," in which a spoken word sample of Jim Morrison is used to paint a picture of what Fatboy calls "Every sunset I've ever watched."

Cook gets some unbelievably sweet help from the living as well. Macy Gray, fresh off of a breakout of her own, teams with her fellow Brit to provide the vocals on two well-produced tracks, the funky "Love Life" and the more subdued "Demons." Ashley Slater, Bootsy Collins, Roland Clark and Roger Sanchez also con-

tribute to the effort.

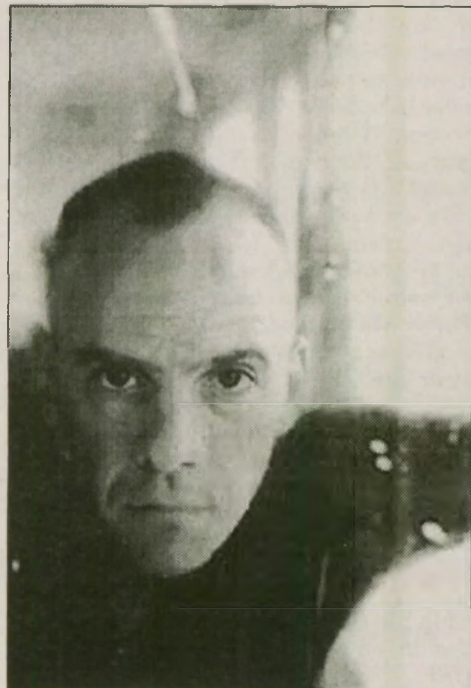
While assembling this roster of talent, Cook also took care to create an album that somehow remains effectively balanced in spite of — or perhaps because of — the myriad of influences that might potentially pull tracks in different directions. He rides a veritable pendulum from straight funk — for the funky — to pensive trance — for the stoned — to a sort of disco-funk fusion that is sure to amuse those in the crowd that want to move and then back to a sort of peaceful floating piano that serves to bring a twisted and uneasy serenity. Throw in lyrics like, "Walk without rhythm, and it won't attract the worm," and Fatboy Slim is once again brewing up a spicy dance stew.

Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars

Fatboy Slim

Astralwerks Records

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On his most recent release, Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars, Fatboy Slim breaks from his traditional formulaic club music, experimenting more with trance music and guest vocalists.

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mindless lyrics and repetitive beats of the typical mainstream electronic artist, Fatboy Slim has proven with Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars that he is more interested in coming up with experimental concepts in electronic sound that are nonetheless pleasing to a wide-ranging audience. And like Moby, he has been able to touch the mainstream without becoming polluted by it. Cook's music remains fresh and dynamic, and he's not afraid to try new techniques and sounds within his work.

Furthermore, this album could be seen as a concept in itself. There is a distinct cohesion, despite its varied internal styles, and it ends as it begins, with a mystical crescendo into a big bright yellow sun.

Anyone interested in the possibilities for fusion of form or creativity within the sometimes cliché world of electronic dance music ought to listen in somewhere Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars.

Tom Ogorzalek's similarly bombastic opinions can be heard on the Notre Dame Blues Experiment, on WSND-FM 88.9 Thursdays from 10 to midnight.

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Notre Dame at USC



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Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio runs for a 1-yard touchdown on fourth-and-goal to put the Irish up 28-14 in the third quarter of Saturday's 38-21 victory by the Irish against the USC Trojans. LoVecchio rushed for two touchdowns on the day as he improved his record to 7-0 as a starter.

Mistake-free Irish punch ticket to BCS

Irish tie NCAA record for least turnovers in a season as they roll to 38-21 victory against the Trojans and a possible bid in the Fiesta Bowl

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES

Winning teams capitalize on opponent's mistakes and make very few of their own.

The Irish proved this theory Saturday afternoon, taking advantage of four USC turnovers en route to a 38-21 victory that likely sends the Irish to a Bowl Championship Series bowl.

"We're not a team that has marquee players," Irish head coach Bob Davie said following the game. "We probably played a football team today that had more talented individuals on the team than we do, but we're a good football team."

Notre Dame broke away early in the third quarter following an interception by Glen Earl. On the first play following the interception, freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio found a diving Javin Hunter downfield for a 48-yard completion that put the Irish on the 4-yard line.

"We've been certainly waiting for Javin to break loose," said Davie. "I think he has the potential that maybe

some of those receivers you saw out there on the other side of the field have."

Following three failed attempts to run the ball into the end zone, Davie decided to go for the touchdown on fourth-and-goal at the 2-yard line rather than kick a field goal. The strategy proved successful as LoVecchio ran the option perfectly, running the ball into the corner of the end zone to put the Irish up 28-14.

"Thank God we've got him," Notre Dame offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said of LoVecchio — now 7-0 as a starter. "You're talking about a kid who's a different guy for an 18-year old. It's not so much in terms of his ability, it's the intangible qualities that he's got in terms of his cool under pressure and his belief in himself."

Notre Dame's first score of the game came after a partially blocked punt by David Givens. Following the block, the Irish took advantage of the field position, marching 40 yards downfield in a drive that culminated in a 1-yard touchdown run by Terrance Howard.

USC tied the game tied the game at seven later in the first quarter, but the Irish took control of the game in the sec-

ond — thanks to two stellar defensive plays.

Walk-on Chad DeBolt's blocked punt — the fifth block punt of the season for the Irish, a school record — put the Irish in the 50-yard line.

Four plays and one roughing the passer penalty later, LoVecchio scored on a 13-yard run down the sideline.

Only three plays later, senior safety Tony Driver intercepted a Carson Palmer pass and returned it 43 yards to the USC 19-yard line. Six plays later, Tony Fisher scored the fourth touchdown of the game for the Irish.

"I haven't seen a special teams team like this in a long time," said Fiesta Bowl selection committee member Evan Paolletti. "I think they're a good team."

After a Nick Setta 39-yard field goal, the Irish were able to run down the clock on their final scoring drive, moving the ball 80 yards on the ground before Julius Jones scored on a 2-yard run to put the Irish up 38-21 with 2:57 left.

"At the end of the game when you have something line 10 or 12 straight running plays and ice the game, it shows that you can run the football," said Davie. "When you can run the ball when

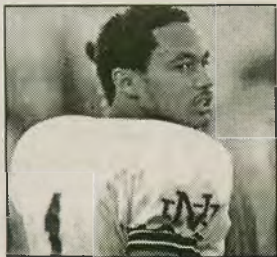
other people know you're going to run it, you're a pretty good rushing football team."

Notre Dame also tied an NCAA record for fewest turnovers in a season with eight. Davie expressed pride in that statistic, a statistic that exemplifies the low-risk offense that Notre Dame plays.

"My first year as football coach we had 12, which was second-lowest in the history of Notre Dame football," said Davie. "My second year we had 13, which was third-lowest in the history of Notre Dame football. Last year we had 30 turnovers, and we went 5-7."

On Friday night before the game, Notre Dame had a ceremony honoring each graduating senior. The team brought out each player's home jersey and had a poster made honoring each athlete. After a highlight reel was played of the player's accomplishments, each player's position coach spoke of the player's accomplishments.

"That's one of my most memorable moments at Notre Dame," said senior wide receiver Joey Getherall of the event. "It showed how much we care for each other. We'd sell our souls for each other."



player of the game

Brock Williams
The senior cornerback played one of the best games of his career. He made six tackles and broke up five passes — both were team highs.

quote of the game

"It's time for this team to get back on the map. I think Notre Dame is back to the old days."
Tony Fisher
junior running back

stat of the game

24 straight running plays
The Irish closed the game with 24 consecutive plays on the ground to finish off the Trojans with smashmouth football.

report card

A **quarterbacks:** LoVecchio — one of Sports Illustrated's five Heisman favorites for 2001 — completed 9-14 passes for 142 yards, rushed for 45 yards and two touchdowns.

A **running backs:** Fisher, Howard and Jones each averaged more than 3 yards per carry and scored a touchdown.

B+ **receivers:** The receiving core was nearly flawless. Its only blemish on the afternoon was Givens' incomplete pass attempt.

B **offensive line:** The big uglies wore down the USC defensive line and ran over the Trojans in the second half. They must stop the false start penalties.

A **defensive line:** USC's leading rusher was Palmer and he only gained 22 yards. The Irish won the battle in the trenches and sacked Palmer four times.

B **linebackers:** Denman, Harrison and Boiman combined for 11 tackles and two for a loss — another quiet but effective game.

B **defensive backs:** Although the Irish backs were beat for a 59-yard touchdown, they were solid for most of the afternoon. Driver and Earl each had an interception while Williams played his best game of the year.

A+ **special teams:** The dominant Irish special teams continued their spectacular play. Two blocked punts in one game is almost unheard of.

B+ **coaching:** Davie, on the hot seat for most of the season, played it cool and has his team ready for a BCS bowl.

3.55 **overall:** The Irish put forth their best effort of the season as they finally beat USC in Los Angeles.

adding up the numbers

number of Notre Dame captains who suited up for the game. **2**
Jabari Holloway and Grant Irons missed the game with injuries.

8 total Irish turnovers in 2000 — a Notre Dame and NCAA all-time record

punts blocked by the Irish this year — including two against USC — all five led to Irish touchdowns **5**

3 consecutive Irish false start penalties in the second quarter

the last year the Irish won in the Coliseum before Saturday **1992**

18 interceptions thrown by Carson Palmer in 2000 — a Southern California record

consecutive games attended by USC sports information director Tim Tesselone before he broke his ribs in a Thanksgiving softball game and missed Saturday's game **243**

31 number of times the USC band played the only song it knows during the game

IRISH INSIGHT



Head coach Bob Davie (left), linebackers coach Jerry Rosburg (center) and senior captain Anthony Denman discuss Irish strategy during a timeout in Saturday's 38-21 Irish win.

Davie's Hollywood ending

LOS ANGELES

Could there have been a more fitting scene?

Here, minutes from Hollywood, Bob Davie completed his transformation from outcast to outstanding.

Shortly after his postgame press conference, Davie spotted Kevin Hickey, the Fiesta Bowl's treasurer, in the corridor leading to the Irish locker room.

Then, following a script straight from central casting, the unlikely duo embraced.

"I saw you guys before that first pep rally," Davie told Hickey after Notre Dame's 38-21 win over USC. "You've been with us the whole way."

And now, three months since Hickey attended the season opener against Texas A&M, Davie and company seem destined for a New Years in Arizona.

"I'm not just jumping on the bandwagon," Hickey said. "I've been here since the beginning."

He's in the minority. On the gloomy Sunday morning (Sept. 10), when Arnaz Battle's navicular bone injury became official, a devastated Davie tried to downplay the incident.

"Although this is a major, major blow it's not going to be an excuse," Davie said on Sept. 10. "No one should feel sorry for us."

No one did. By mid-afternoon, Irish fans basked in Davie's imminent departure.

Less than 90 days remained until the Tom Coughlin Era began, these so-called fans thought.

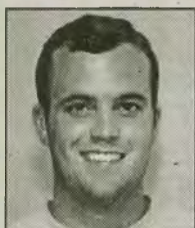
When the end of Davie occurred, one could imagine a 10-Step Method of celebration.

Cue the Victory March. Kiss Rockne's grave. Genuflect in front of the Basilica. Light a candle at the Grotto. Scream across South Quad. Sing the Alma Mater. Dream of the next coach. Shine the Golden Dome. Jump in Stonehenge. Praise Kevin White.

Now? Anyone have extra tickets to Tempe?

And there will be no repeat of the infamous yard sale one former Notre Dame coach had in July.

"I would suspect Bob Davie will be a very successful coach here and he's earned it," said White, Notre Dame's athletic director. "He's moving pretty



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor

dramatically in that direction. I think we're all seeing what Bob's capable of doing."

That includes joining old boss Lou Holtz and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops as one of the three finalists for the Football News 2000 National Coach of the Year Award.

Plus, with a 9-2 record and No. 11 ranking in the Bowl Championship Series polls, the Irish are BCS-eligible. The Big 12 champion has an automatic bid for the Fiesta Bowl. But if top-ranked Oklahoma defeats Kansas State in Saturday's conference championship game, then the Sooners are headed for the Orange Bowl to play for the national championship.

Either way, the Fiesta Bowl has the first at-large pick. Other teams vying for the one or two (if Oklahoma beats Kansas State) spots include Oregon State (10-1), Miami (9-2), Nebraska (9-2) and Virginia Tech (10-1).

The official pairings won't be announced until Sunday. But Notre Dame's choice by the Fiesta Bowl is the worst kept secret since Davie announced Matt LoVecchio as starter.

"Anytime you can have Notre Dame, they travel very, very well, they're a class group of people to have around and it's rich with tradition," said Hickey, who attended "four or five" other Irish games this year. "Notre Dame is always healthy for any bowl."

How appropriate Hickey would use "healthy" to describe the Irish. During the nightmarish November of 1999, Davie kept referring to the Irish's 21 injured players. At the time, writers (myself included) criticized Davie for his excuses. Besides the health issues, Davie also constantly mentioned his team's lack of talent and difficult schedule.

On Saturday, Notre Dame's head coach commented on the 2001 squad.

"I look forward to next year," Davie said. "This will be the most talented team we'll have since I've been at Notre Dame and we'll probably play the most difficult schedule in the history of Notre Dame."

Instead of a whining fool, people perceived Davie as an honest man. Or they ignored the statement. Winning's a potent cure in this crazy profession.

Consider USC coach Paul Hackett.

Moments after Davie hugged Hickey, Hackett entered the media room. Hackett, who was fired on Monday after compiling a 19-18 record in three years (including a 5-7 mark this season), refused to discuss his uncertain future.

"I'm going to take a few questions," Hackett said, "and then I'm going to hibernate."

Add that scene to The Bob Davie Story. Because popular opinion said Davie would be the one searching the Help Wanted sections in late November.

Not according to tailback Tony Fisher, however.

"We couldn't worry about [the speculation]," Fisher said. "Coach Davie is like a father out there and we're his kids. So we had to go out there and protect our father."

References to "family" routinely arise under the Golden Dome. And Davie may be the campaign's biggest supporter.

Following practice on Oct. 4, I spoke with Davie about offensive guard Mike Gandy's ascension from academic probation to graduation in four years.

After the other reporters left, we talked for nearly 10 minutes, an eternity for the busy coach.

"Coming to Notre Dame is about guys maturing and guys growing," Davie said. "You're always going to have some guys on your team, just like in any walk in life, guys are going to make mistakes. But what you hope is that people in the student body appreciate that as a group they can really be proud of the way our guys go about doing things."

"This isn't always an easy place. There's places where they don't have Davie 101 [a study hall for struggling football players] and you don't have to go to class. But here you do. And in the end, the ones who survive it are stronger for it and better people."

He could have been talking about himself.

But Davie never takes credit (at least publicly) for the turnaround.

"I found out pretty quickly when I became head coach that you better put your own personal feelings aside, you better only focus and concentrate on other people — the players and the coaches," Davie said on Saturday. "You can get so consumed with worrying about your own situation that it changes your personality, it changes how you approach football every day. And I'm never going to do that."

Memo to Davie:

Relax and reflect. Place your head on the pillow, pull the sheets up and close your eyes.

In the dark, with no cameras rolling, no microphones recording. Just you and your thoughts of the past 365 days.

Curse the critics.

Cry tears of joy.

You deserve to.

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

Irish defensive line shuts down Trojan offense

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES
"Student Body Right" may have been torn from the Southern California playbook and "Tailback U" is just a distant memory for the 2000 Trojan fans but the Irish knew that if they wanted to beat the Trojans, they had to stop running back Sultan McCullough.

The sophomore rushed for 1,149 yards before entering the game and averaged more than 5 yards-per-carry. He finished the afternoon with only 14 yards on 10 carries.

"Probably the biggest surprise in the ball game was our inability to run," the now-fired head coach of USC Paul Hackett said after the game. "Without a running game against a team like Notre Dame, you're really going to struggle."

The Irish defensive line controlled the line of scrimmage throughout the game and plugged nearly every hole in the Trojan front. Defensive tackles BJ Scott and Lance Legree along with defensive ends Ryan Roberts and Tony Weaver combined for six tackles for loss. They also sacked USC quarterback Carson Palmer four times and forced a fumble.

The defensive line set the tone for the game on the opening possession. Although the Irish stopped McCullough on two plays — once for a loss of a yard and another time for a 1-yard gain — Palmer moved the Trojans to midfield with two passes.

On second-and-11 from the USC 49, Palmer dropped back to pass. Weaver beat USC right tackle Faaesea Mailo to the outside and smacked Palmer from behind. The sophomore quarterback coughed up the football and Scott recovered to end the Southern Cal drive.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said his defensive front had a lot of heart and they always step up in a big game.

"You've got to turn that switch on when its needed," he



MEG KROENER/The Observer

Irish defensive end Ryan Roberts sacks Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 38-21 victory. Roberts' fifth sack of the year helped stop a late USC drive and seal the victory for the Irish.

said.

Since Notre Dame had effectively shut down USC's running attack, the Trojans were forced to pass on nearly every play.

"It never felt like we went with the run. We had to pass pretty much ever play," USC tackle Brent McCaffrey said. "Our pass protection was pretty solid for the majority of the time."

Unfortunately for the Trojans, the solid pass protection wasn't there when it was needed most.

With Notre Dame leading 31-21 and less than 11 minutes remaining the game, Palmer engineered a drive to the

Notre Dame 41-yard line. On fourth-and-one, Palmer snuck forward for two yards to keep the drive alive and it appeared that momentum might be building for USC. Then the Irish "turned that switch on" again.

Roberts, who stepped in for an injured Grant Irons in the Nebraska game and has started ever since, came around the end to plant Palmer in the turf at the 43-yard line. The sack was Roberts fifth on the year and tied him for second on the team.

Scott sacked Palmer again on the very next play to push USC back to the 46-yard line. Palmer's next pass went out of

bounds and the Trojans were forced to punt. They never threatened to score again.

"The turning point of the game was the fourth down," Hackett said. "We went for it, got it and then had three misfires in a row. We had to punt and they took control of the ballgame."

The Irish offense took over at its own 20-yard line and marched 80 yards on 12 running plays to put the Trojans away.

"We knew that if we could get a big stop we could get the offense on the field and win the game," Scott said about the defensive stand in the fourth quarter.

The pressure from the defensive line also forced Palmer to hurry his passes and make poor reads. The secondary broke up seven passes and picked off two thanks in part to the pressure from the defensive line. Weaver also knocked a ball down at the line of scrimmage. All three USC turnovers — two interceptions and a fumble — could in part be attributed to the defensive line.

The dominant play of the defensive line is nothing unique to this week's game. The Irish defensive line has combined for 22 sacks this year — surpassing the 18 by the entire defense last year.

AP poll

	team (No. 1 votes)	record	points
1	Oklahoma (64)	11-0	1,765
2	Miami, Fla. (6)	10-1	1,696
3	Florida State (1)	11-1	1,640
4	Washington	10-1	1,569
5	Oregon State	10-1	1,472
6	Virginia Tech	10-1	1,407
7	Florida	9-2	1,277
8	Kansas State	10-2	1,230
9	Oregon	9-2	1,183
10	Nebraska	9-2	1,142
11	NOTRE DAME	9-2	1,082
12	Texas	9-2	915
13	TCU	10-1	844
14	Purdue	8-3	785
15	Clemson	9-2	750
16	Michigan	8-3	747
17	Georgia Tech	9-2	742
18	Auburn	9-2	720
19	Northwestern	8-3	499
20	Ohio State	8-3	449
21	Tennessee	8-3	321
22	Louisville	9-2	201
23	Colorado State	9-2	170
24	Georgia	7-4	126
25	Toledo	10-1	73

other teams receiving votes: Texas A&M 71, South Carolina 42, Mississippi 34, Wisconsin 27, Iowa State 25, LSU 18, Mississippi State 18, Air Force 11, Western Michigan 7, Boise State 6, Pittsburgh 5, NC State 3, Arkansas 2, Syracuse 1

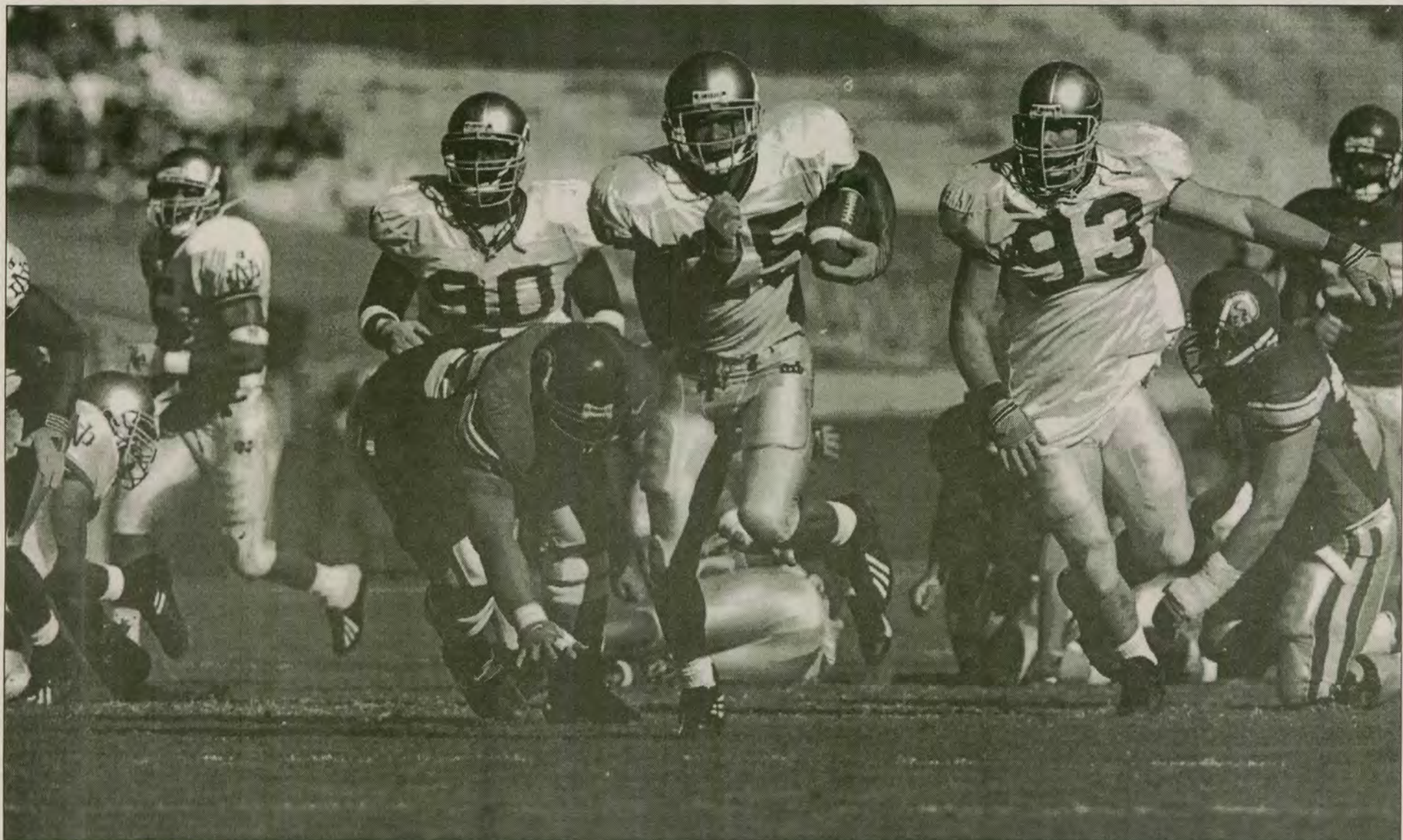
scoring summary & stats

scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	14	7	10	38
USC	7	7	0	7	21
team statistics		ND		USC	
first downs		22		18	
rushes-yards		62-246		30-78	
passing yards		142		251	
comp-att-int		9-15-0		17-35-2	
kickoff return yards		73		134	
punt return yards		21		10	
fumbles-lost		1-0		1-1	
penalties-yards		7-60		7-37	
time of possession		35:59		24:01	
individual statistics					
passing					
ND — LoVecchio 9-14-0, Givens 0-1-0					
USC — Palmer 17-35-2					
rushing					
ND — Fisher 15-74, Jones 20-71, Howard 9-48, LoVecchio 11-58, Getherall 1-18, Murray 1-5, Givens 2-4, Lopienski 1-2					
USC — Palmer 10-22, MacKenzie 5-18, Nickels 1-15, McCullough 10-14, Papadakis 2-6, Pierson 2-3					
receiving					
ND — Hunter 2-57, Givens 2-35, Getherall 1-18, O'Leary 1-14, Fisher 1-8, Howard 1-8, Jones 1-2					
USC — Harris 6-62, Kelly 4-91, MacKenzie 3-44, Stevenson 1-31, Colbert 1-8, Nickels 1-8, Holmes 1-7					
leading tacklers					
ND — Williams 6, Denman 6, Driver 5, Scott 4, Israel 4					
USC — Polmalu 14, Moreno 14, Davis 7, Riley 5, Graham 4					

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team (No. 1 votes)	record	points
1	Oklahoma (49)	11-0	1,458
2	Miami Fla. (5)	10-1	1,410
3	Florida State (5)	11-1	1,368
4	Washington	10-1	1,298
5	Virginia Tech	10-1	1,209
6	Oregon State	10-1	1,181
7	Kansas State	10-2	1,098
8	Florida	9-2	1,026
9	Nebraska	9-2	1,001
10	NOTRE DAME	9-2	871
11	Oregon	9-2	869
12	Texas	9-2	771
13	Clemson	9-2	768
14	Purdue	8-3	675
15	TCU	10-1	620
16	Michigan	8-3	610
17	Auburn	9-2	564
18	Georgia Tech	9-2	490
19	Ohio State	8-3	392
20	Northwestern	8-3	378
21	Tennessee	8-3	281
22	Colorado State	9-2	249
23	Louisville	9-2	137
24	Georgia	7-4	92
25	Toledo	10-1	61

other teams receiving votes: Mississippi State 52, Mississippi 38, Texas A&M 37, South Carolina 31, Iowa State 28, Wisconsin 27, Western Michigan 23, NC State 18, Pittsburgh 9, UTEP 9, Air Force 8, Boise State 7, Southern Miss. 7, Fresno State 3, East Carolina 1

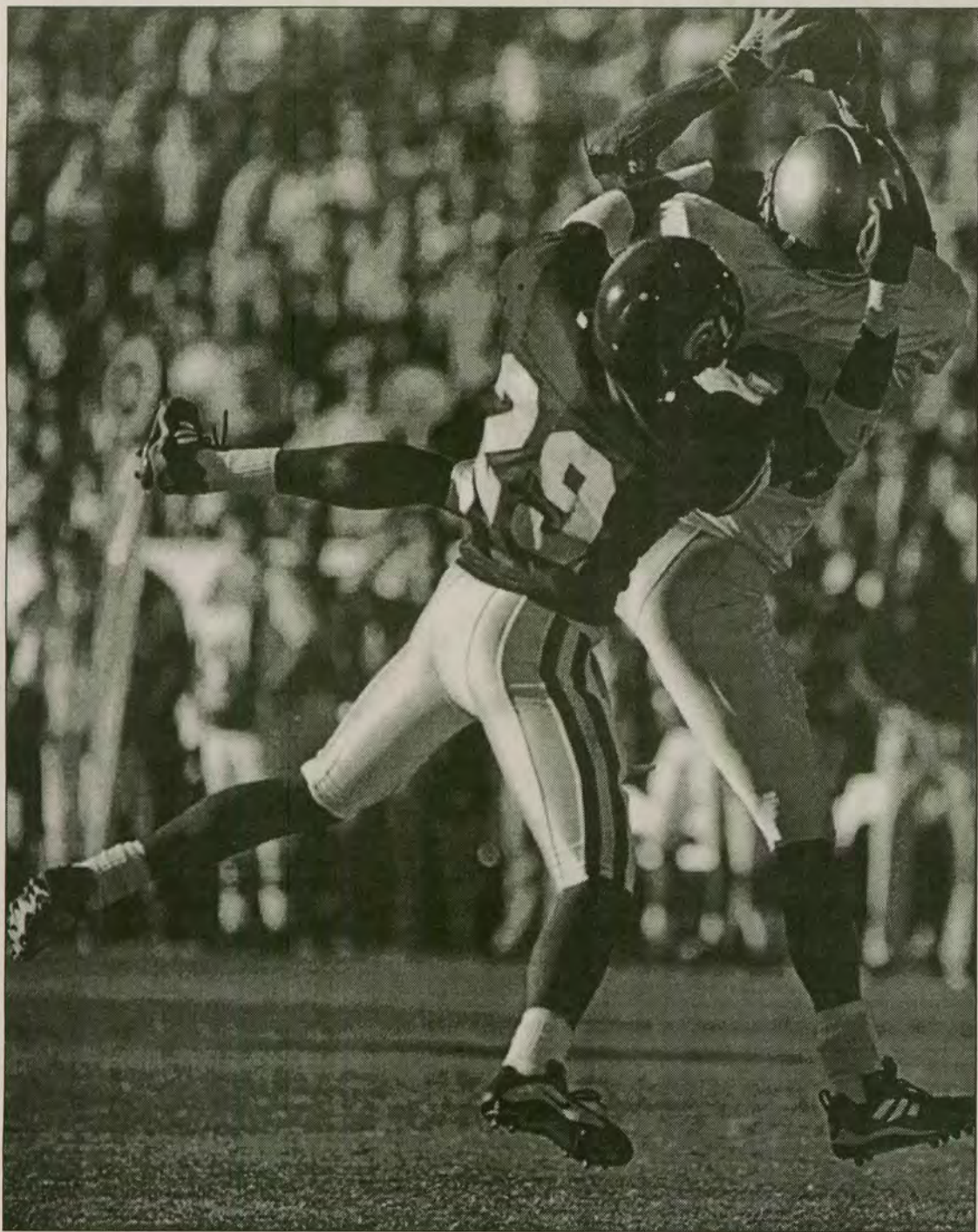


PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Irish safety Tony Driver returns a second-quarter interception 43 yards before Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer tackled him at the Trojan 19-yard line.

HUNGRY FOR A FIESTA

With chants of "BCS! BCS!" echoing from the stands, the Notre Dame players raised their helmets in victory at the Colesium for the first time since 1992. The 38-21 victory made the Irish eligible for a Bowl Championship Series bid as they finished with a 9-2 record and are currently ranked in the top 12 of the latest BCS standings. While no official BCS bowl pairings will be announced until Sunday, two members of the Fiesta Bowl selection committee were seen at Saturday's game and expressed great interest in the Irish playing in Tempe on New Year's Day. If the Irish lock up a Fiesta Bowl Bid, it would be their third trip to the bowl and their first since 1995.



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Junior wide receiver Javin Hunter pulls down a 48-yard pass over Trojan cornerback Chris Cash in the third quarter. Hunter's catch set up Matt LoVecchio's 1-yard touchdown run.



MEG KROENER/The Observer

Irish defensive end Anthony Weaver pulls down Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer from behind in Notre Dame's 38-21 victory against USC. Weaver added to his team-leading eight sacks with two more on Saturday.

ALBUM REVIEW

Boys show off new sense of maturity in new album

By LAURA ROMPF
Scene Music Critic

A lot has happen since the summer of 1999, when the Backstreet Boys released its sophomore album Millennium. The single "I Want It That Way" took the country by storm, and landed in the top 10 of the Rolling Stone/MTV Top 100 Pop Songs of all time.

Boys Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson proposed to their long-term girlfriends and got married. BSB's rival boy band, *NSYNC, released its second album, No Strings Attached, which shattered record sales, selling 2.4 million copies in the first week.

So, nearly a year and a half later, the Boys have a lot to prove with the release of their third album, Black and Blue.

Was "I Want It That Way" the group's musical peak? Or can the Boys get even bigger? Does growing "old" and getting married hurt sales among their primary audience? And finally, will this album sell at *NSYNC's level? Or will the Boys have to settle for No. 2 in the world of boy bands?

The first release off Black and Blue, "Shape of My

Heart," is destined to be a hit. Already at No. 9 on Billboard's Top 100, the song is consistently No. 1 on MTV's TRL video request show. Its medium tempo and catchy lyrics will have audiences singing along in no time.

The Boys newly released single, "The Call" is about a young gentleman who's out for a night of clubbing with his buds and meets a girl. Eventually, he ends up calling his girlfriend at home to tell her

he's not coming home anytime soon, "Listen Baby I'm sorry, just wanna tell you don't worry/ I will be late, don't stay up and wait for me." Although it's about a complete player, it's a lively song, perfect for dancing.

"Get Another Boyfriend" and "Not For Me" are the album's other two upbeat songs. Both are good party hits with lyrics simple enough for anyone to sing along easily. These two tracks provide some much needed variety on the ballad-heavy album.

In an attempt to silence many of their critics, the Boys wrote, or co-wrote, six of the 13 songs on Black and Blue. "Time" is a collaboration of all five Boys and was produced by Babyface. The song describes the Boys' road to stardom, "Time, look where we are and what we've been through. Time, sharing our dream. Time, goes on and on everyday. Time is what it is, come what may."

All five Boys also wrote the song "The Answer to Our Life." And though the song's beat is catchy, its lyrics sound more like Christian rock than that from their normal fun party hits.

And while these songs are decent, their cheesy lyrics may give the band's critics even more to complain about than before the boys even starting writing their own music.

The album also includes several ballads, one of which stands out from the rest. "Yes I Will," co-written by Boy A.J. McLean, is beautiful and will likely be heard at weddings across the country for years to come. "Yes I will, take your hand and walk with you. Baby, I promise you. Yes I will, give you everything you need and someday start a family with you."



Photo courtesy of backstreetboys.com

The members of the Backstreet Boys took a more involved approach for their most recent release, Black and Blue, helping to write six of the 13 songs themselves.

This ballad could have been even more charming if the entire album wasn't full of ballads. Perhaps the Boys have matured, and these songs about commitment and marriage reflect their current stage in life. However, while that seems to be a nice sentiment, it provides for very little variety on the album as a whole.

So to answer the questions — does any song on Black and Blue compare to "I Want It That Way?" Well, if it doesn't, "Shape of My Heart" comes very close. It's appeal is universal, tempting audiences of all ages to turn up the radio and sing along.

Will the Boys' age make a difference in their album sales? It has created a more mature sound on Black and Blue, but this is what separates the boys from other acts like *NSYNC, 98 Degrees and BBMak.

And finally, will Black and Blue break records? Only "Time" can answer that question, and as the Boys themselves say, "Time is what it is, come what may."

Black and Blue



Backstreet Boys

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Rating



UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

SR-71	Heartland	Dec. 8
Chris Goddard	Lula's	Dec. 8

Indianapolis

Moe	Vogue Theater	Nov. 30
Barenaked Ladies	Conseco	Dec. 4
Marilyn Manson	Murat Theater	Dec. 4
John Hiatt	Vogue Theater	Dec. 7
Medeski Martin and Wood	Vogue Theater	Dec. 10

Chicago

Smashing Pumpkins	United Center	Nov. 29
Tragically Hip	UIC Pavilion	Dec. 1
Aretha Franklin	House of Blues	Dec. 1 & 2
Marilyn Manson	UIC Pavilion	Dec. 2
Buffalo Tom	Metro	Dec. 3
MXPX	Vic Theater	Dec. 3
Joe Jackson	Riviera	Dec. 4
Squirrel Nut Zippers	House of Blues	Dec. 12

Courtesy of ticketmaster.com

NEW RELEASES

Today

Master P - Ghetto Postage
Various Artists - Lyricist Lounge Vol. II

December 5

Rage Against the Machine - Renegades
Alice in Chains - Live
Neil Young, Friends and Relatives - Road Rock Volume I
Roger Waters - In the Flesh
Eve - Scorpion

December 12

Xzibit - Restless
Silverchair - The Best of ... Vol I
Kittie - Paperdoll
Various Artists - Dracula 2000 Soundtrack

Courtesy of wallofsound.com

NFL

Sacks take toll on Tampa Bay's King

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay quarterback Shaun King sat out Monday's workout because of lower back strain, but expects to play against the Dallas Cowboys this weekend.

The second-year pro was sacked seven times during Sunday's 31-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills and four times the previous week by the Chicago Bears, and the pounding is beginning to take a toll.

"It tightened up at some point during the game. It's one of those things that just happened," King said. "It had been sore earlier, but nothing like that. It's just my back getting old."

Dungy said the injury did not occur on any particular play, attributing the soreness to the usual wear and tear of a season. If King can't practice Wednesday, backup Eric Zeier will work with the starting offense in preparation for the Cowboys.

"I don't think it was any one particular blow or anything that happened. It's just something he's complained about the last few weeks and it seems to be getting a little bit worse," Dungy said.

"We'll probably know more Wednesday. ... This is the worst he's felt after a game. I know he's had some X-rays and they've looked at it and we're getting some opinions on it and they don't seem to have pinpointed exactly what it is."

Although King has only thrown for 197 yards the past two weeks, the problems the Bucs had moving the ball against the Bills and Bears were not related to the quarterback's health. Tampa Bay only gained 180 yards against Buffalo with Warrick Dunn accounting for most of that with 106 rushing

and 23 receiving.

Defensive tackle Warren Sapp called attention to the offense's difficulties last week, criticizing offensive coordinator Les Steckel's system and play-calling and saying the unit lacked an identity.

"I guess I don't have all the answers for why our passing game has struggled the last two weeks or we would have gotten it corrected and we would have thrown for 500 yards," Dungy said.

"I think we know what we want to do and I think we can't lose sight of how we win and we can't worry if media-types think that passing for 60 (net) yards and winning 31-17 is bad. We happen to think it's good."

Dungy, who reiterated that he would have preferred Sapp air his frustration in private rather than the media, disputed the contention that the Bucs have yet to establish an identity on offense.

"I think we have an identity. I think our players know what that is and hopefully we'll continue to build on that," the coach said, adding that Sunday's victory in which several players made significant contributions was a perfect example of how Tampa Bay likes to win.

"When we're playing well, that's how we play. Everybody contributes. You never know who it's going to be. This week it was Karl Williams and David Gibson and the defensive line and the next week it may be someone else," Dungy said.

"When it's going well, that's how it is. We can't rely on Derrick Brooks and Keyshawn Johnson every week. You expect big plays from your stars. But to be a good team you've got to get it from everybody when it's needed, and when you get it from everybody you become a good team."

NCAA FOOTBALL

USC fires Hackett after 3 seasons

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Paul Hackett was fired as Southern California's coach Monday after three seasons of mediocrity at a school that has won eight national championships.

The dismissal came two days after the Trojans completed their first losing season since 1991 and just their third in the last 39 years.

"Paul's a very nice human being, someone who I thought was a great leader for our kids," athletic director Mike Garrett said at a news conference in his office. "I'm sorry it didn't work out. It was not an easy decision. We have failed. Our whole objective now is to improve."

Hackett, the fourth USC coach to be fired since 1986, had two years remaining on the five-year contract he signed in 1997 to succeed John Robinson.

It's believed Hackett, an assistant under Robinson at USC from 1976-80, is being paid a buyout estimated at \$800,000.

The Trojans had a 19-18 record under the 53-year-old Hackett, including 5-7 this season.

"For someone who's given three years of his life and for the last six months hasn't slept or eaten, I'm very disappointed," Hackett said. "I'm disappointed we don't get a chance to continue this and complete this. I felt things were headed in the right direction."

"There's no question we took our lumps this year. In the time allotted, we didn't get a chance to make the kind of progress Mike Garrett wanted. I'm sure he'll do the right thing for

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Paul Hackett
former USC head coach

the university."

Hackett and Garrett met on campus Sunday night and again Monday morning to finalize details of the firing.

Garrett, who won the Heisman Trophy as a running back at USC in 1965, said he didn't make the decision solely on the Trojans' record.

"Kids weren't progressing, weren't developing," he said. "All of us have gone through a lot of pain, a lot of suffering. When we don't beat people, it's painful."

Garrett said a search for Hackett's successor would begin immediately, and he hoped to find one "as soon as possible."

Garrett wouldn't identify potential candidates, but responded favorably when three names were mentioned — Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson, Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, and Mike Riley, a former USC assistant now coaching the San Diego Chargers.

Garrett said he has already received calls from interested parties, but wouldn't say how many.

He also said no calls have

been made since the decision to fire Hackett only came a day earlier, and that it's unlikely he'll look at a coordinator.

Hackett was offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs when he was hired.

"Right now, I'm looking for the best coach," Garrett said. "He could be in Cucamonga, I would go see him. I'm not excluding anyone."

Oregon State athletic director Mitch Barnhardt told XTRA radio in San Diego he would give USC permission to interview Erickson if Garrett requested it.

Erickson has been offered a contract extension, but hasn't signed it.

The fifth-ranked Beavers (10-1) have been one of college football's biggest surprises this season.

Riley, who has three years left on his contract with the Chargers, told XTRA he wanted to concentrate on his job in San Diego.

"I want them to want me here, that would be great for me," said Riley, whose team has a 1-11 record.

The Trojans wound up tied for the cellar in the Pac-10 with a 2-6 record, including losses at home to California and Washington State.

"In this day and age, you've got to make it happen quick," Hackett said. "We didn't make it happen quick enough, we didn't make the improvement we needed to make."

USC has won eight national championships, but none since 1978.

The Trojans have played in 28 Rose Bowl games, winning 20, but have played in only one since beating Michigan 17-10 on Jan. 1, 1990.

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Kennedy reasserts innocence

♦ **Co-defendant in Carruth murder trial set to retake stand today**

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

A co-defendant in Rae Carruth's murder trial said Monday he rejected plea agreements twice because he was innocent in the killing of the former pro football player's pregnant girlfriend.

Michael Eugene Kennedy, one of three co-defendants, said he thought Carruth and the confessed triggerman, Van Brett Watkins, should be held accountable in the killing last year of Cherica Adams. Kennedy testified for prosecutors and was due back on the stand Tuesday morning.

"I have no motive and neither does Stanley," Kennedy said, referring to another co-defendant, Stanley Drew "Boss" Abraham.

Kennedy has testified he was driving a car carrying Abraham and Watkins, who shot Adams as she sat in her own car where it was stopped behind Carruth's vehicle.

Kennedy said he felt Carruth had threatened his life. After the slaying, he said, Carruth told him not to talk to police.

Adams was eight months pregnant with Carruth's child when she was shot Nov. 16, 1999, in what prosecutors said was a trap laid by Carruth to avoid having to pay child sup-

port.

Carruth, at the time a member of the Carolina Panthers, has denied involvement in the shooting.

"I have four children," Kennedy said. "Unlike Rae, I would never kill them or pay somebody to kill them. ... Some people might call me a snitch for what I did, but I'm pretty sure nobody in their right mind would have gone down for something they didn't do."

Kennedy said Carruth paid Watkins to shoot Adams. He also said Carruth gave him \$100 to buy a gun.

The 26-year-old Carruth could be executed if convicted of arranging Adams' shooting. Adams, 24, gave birth to a son, then died a month later. The boy is in the custody of Adams' mother.

Watkins has confessed to shooting Adams, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and agreed to testify against Carruth.

Carruth's defense has claimed Watkins shot Adams in anger because Carruth reneged on a promise to pay for drugs and because she made an obscene gesture at Watkins from her car.

Kennedy and Abraham are to be tried separately on murder charges.

On cross-examination, Kennedy admitted to selling drugs, but said he was forced to do it because he was out of work.

"I had lost my job and I did it every once in a while," he told defense lawyer David Rudolf, who tried to discredit Kennedy's testimony.

For more than two hours, Rudolf attempted to impeach Kennedy as a credible witness, asking him questions about past drug dealing and his role in the 1994 shooting of another drug dealer.

He tried unsuccessfully to get Kennedy to say he was testifying without a plea agreement in hopes of earning a more lenient sentence when he goes on trial.

"I just want that family to know the truth," Kennedy said, looking at Cherica Adams' relatives in the courtroom.

At the end of the day, with the jury gone, Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm upheld a motion by witness Candace Smith, who wanted to prevent her face from being shown on Court TV or in still photographs when she testifies.

According to published reports, Smith, a former girlfriend of Carruth, told police he said he disliked Adams so much he wished she was dead. Smith also said Carruth told her he had seen Adams shot and left the scene worrying that he would be implicated.

As testimony opened Monday, Kennedy repeated parts of his testimony from last week's two days of trial to refresh the memories of jurors who had a long holiday weekend off.

He said Carruth told him to follow as he and Adams drove in separate vehicles. Carruth said a friend would be in Kennedy's car who "would know what to do," Kennedy testified.

He said Carruth had talked to him prior to the killing about wanting to avoid child support payments.

NFL

Smith plans to play despite concussion

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

Emmitt Smith had never been knocked unconscious in Pop Warner football, high school, college or 11 years with the Dallas Cowboys.

But on Thanksgiving Day, it happened, and he wound up with a concussion after being hit in the third quarter of the Cowboys' loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

"Some people call it a concussion. I call it a slap knockout," Smith said Monday, talking to reporters for the first time about the experience.

Smith didn't practice Monday, but ran some sprints and expects to go through a full practice when the Cowboys return to the field Wednesday. He said there is no doubt that he will be in the lineup Sunday at Tampa Bay.

Smith, who has missed only three games in his career because of injury,

and coach Dave Campo said that the running back was held out of practice for precautionary reasons.

"Emmitt should be fine," Campo said. "We were going to do some hitting out there with pads on, so we felt for a precautionary reason to keep him out of there. He should be fine for the game."

Smith said he has not experienced any nausea or any lingering side effects. He said he had only a couple of minor headaches over the weekend but felt fine after running Monday.

Smith suffered the concussion early in the third quarter Thursday when he took a handoff right, was slowed by safety Robert Griffith and then hit helmet-to-helmet by linebacker Ed McDaniel. The collision spun Smith around, causing him to fumble the ball and land flat on his back.

After sitting up and being helped off the field by trainers, Smith even asked one of his helpers if he had been knocked out.

But he remembered none of that Monday.

"The first thing I remember is being up in the locker room. I don't even remember walking off the field, walking to the sideline or walking up the tunnel," Smith said. "I remember being in the locker room, somebody was cutting the tape off of my shoe."

Smith has watched tape of the play. He doesn't think he was knocked out by the head-to-head blow from McDaniel as has been speculated, and said he had taken some other hard shots in the game.

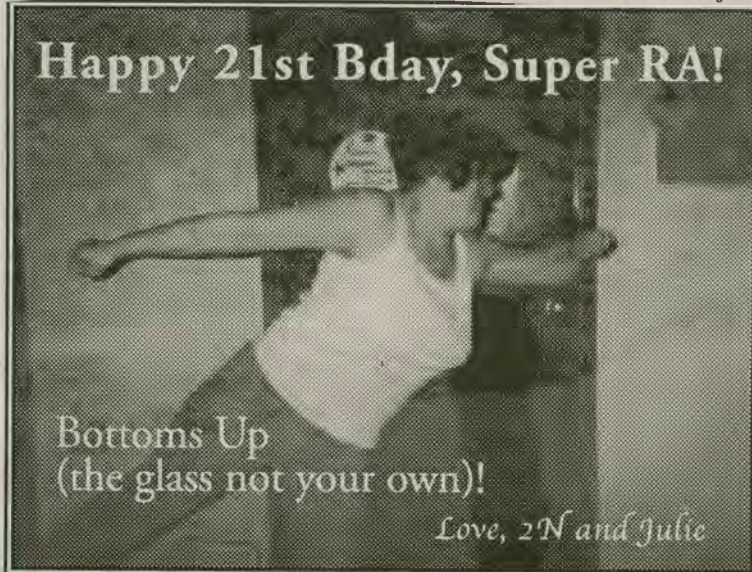
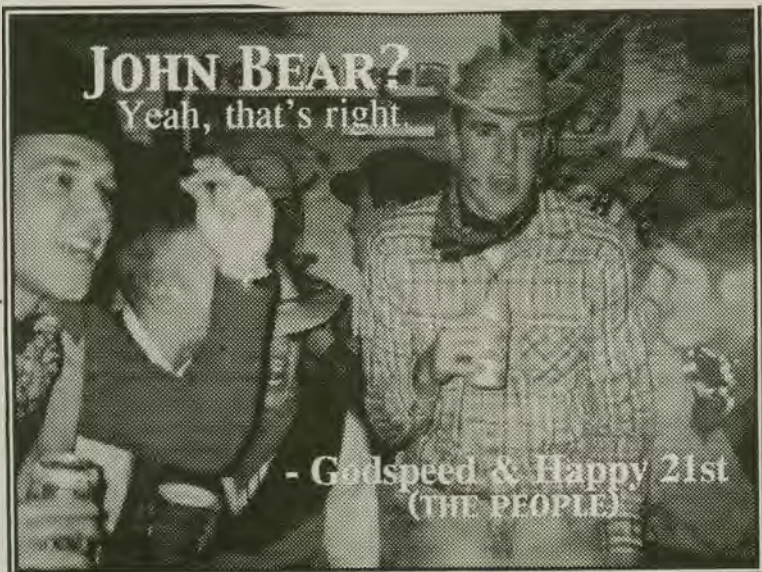
"Right during the hit, there was one blow from the inside left that caught me in the back of the neck. It caught me just right," Smith said.

"I took two shots before that one shot that probably set that shot up," he said. "The very first hit of the game was one that took a whole lot out of me. Then I took another shot and had to come to the sideline and smell some smelling salt. When I get back out there, my brain is already soft."

Smith finished with 100 yards on 12 carries, including a season-long 52-yarder

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NFL

Beurlein's passing leads Carolina to win

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Steve Beurlein has felt personally responsible for several Carolina losses this season. On Monday, he was a major reason the Panthers won.

Beurlein overcame two turnovers to pass for 243 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Panthers to a 31-14 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Beurlein, who only had 13 turnovers all of last season, came into the game with 19 this year. He'd also been sacked a league-high 45 times.

The poor numbers caused the 14-year veteran to take responsibility for several setbacks, especially a 20-10 loss to New Orleans this month, when he gave up the ball five times.

Against the Packers, it looked like Beurlein's turnovers would again hurt Carolina (5-7). He threw two first-quarter touchdown passes to put Carolina up 14-0, but negated those with a fumble and interception in the second quarter that led to Green Bay TDs.

As Beurlein dropped back to pass early in the second quarter, LeRoy Butler pushed the ball out of his hands directly into Nate Wayne's open arms. Green Bay scored 44 seconds later, when Ahman Green ran

26 yards untouched into the end zone to make it 14-7.

Beurlein later wasted fantastic field position when he was intercepted at the 10-yard line.

The Panthers got the ball when Ken Walters' punt dropped between Allen Rossum and Mike McKenzie, and the ball then bounced up and hit McKenzie. Carolina's Karl Hankton pounced on it and the Panthers had the ball at the 20.

But Beurlein was picked off three plays later by Tyrone Williams, who returned it 46 yards. Packers quarterback Brett Favre then hit Donald Driver with a 32-yard touchdown pass that tied it 14-14 with 2:02 to play in the half.

Beurlein finished 22-of-37 with two turnovers and two more sacks. But he came up big when it counted, and for the second year in a row hurt the Packers' bid for the playoffs.

A year ago, he scored on a 5-yard touchdown run as time expired to rally Carolina to a 33-31 win. Several Green Bay players later said that loss cost them a shot at the postseason.

This year, Green Bay (5-7) needed to win to keep their slim hopes alive. The Packers must now win out — against Chicago, Detroit, Minnesota and Tampa Bay — to have a chance to make the playoffs.



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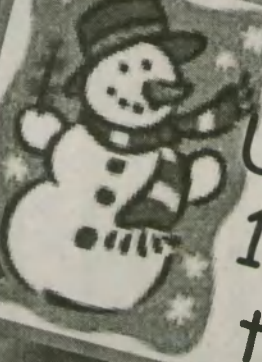
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vols earn fourth win over TCU

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — April McDivitt scored 14 points, including five straight to put Tennessee ahead for good, as the No. 2 Lady Vols overcame a sluggish start and beat Texas Christian 83-61 Monday night.

Tennessee (4-0), which had a 16-hour flight delay after winning the Maui Women's Tournament and didn't get to Fort Worth until early Monday morning, took control of the game with a 16-0 run near the end of the first half.

Tamika Catchings started the game-deciding spurt with a layup that tied the game 25-25 with 4:56 left in the first half. McDivitt followed with five points in less than a minute.

McDivitt made two free throws, and after TCU (1-1) missed a shot, she made one of her four 3-pointers.

She also had another 3-pointer later as Tennessee went up 39-25.

After the Lady Frogs cut their deficit to 56-48 on Kim Walter's strong inside move with 12:35 left, they went scoreless for five minutes.

Ashley Robinson had a couple of inside baskets and McDivitt another 3-pointer as the Lady Vols scored 12 straight points to lead 68-48 with just over 7 1/2 minutes left.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt scheduled the game to allow Catchings to play in front of her family from near-by Duncanville, Texas.

The game was also a home-

coming for Robinson, a freshman who is from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Catchings had 11 points and nine rebounds. Robinson scored 13 points, the highest total in her short career.

Tricia Payne led TCU with 13 points, while Kati Safaritova and Amy Porter had 10 each.

The game was played before a crowd of 7,262, the largest ever to watch a basketball game — men's or women's — on the TCU campus. About one-third of those were wearing Tennessee orange.

Tennessee won the first Maui Women's Tournament by beating Illinois 111-62 Saturday. When their flight was canceled, the Lady Vols slept in the airport and finally checked into their hotel about 1 a.m. Monday.

No. 20 Virginia 116, St. Francis 63

Svetlana Vonaya scored 21 points and Virginia shot 63 percent from the floor as the No. 20 Cavaliers beat St. Francis, Pa.

Chalois Lias added 17 points for Virginia (4-2). Schuye LaRue had 16 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Telisha Quarles scored 13 points and Marcie Dickson added 11 points in only 11 minutes.

Beth Barnabei scored 23 points to lead St. Francis (0-3).

Virginia hit 65 percent of its 3-point attempts, including 7-of-11 in the first half, when the Cavaliers raced to a 59-28 lead.

St. Francis shot 42 percent from the floor and committed 27 turnovers to the Cavaliers' 10.

No. 7 Georgia 85, Georgia Southern 57

Deanna Nolan scored a season-high 19 points and added a career-high seven assists to lead No. 7 Georgia over Georgia Southern.

Center Tawana McDonald had 10 points, 10 rebounds and blocked a career-high six shots.

Georgia (3-2) shook up its starting lineup after three sluggish starts in four games. Three seniors — Nolan, Coco Miller and Tiaunna Briggans — watched at the beginning as Keisha Brown, Camille Murphy and Christi Thomas started.

The Lady Dogs never trailed, but it was 10 minutes into the game before they pulled away from the Lady Eagles (2-2).

With Georgia nursing a 20-17 lead midway through the half, Thomas started a 17-6 run with a turnaround jumper in the lane and a put-back. Nolan's jumper in the lane at 3:13 put Georgia up 37-23. Georgia led 41-29 at the half.

Georgia Southern's Sharon Mitchell scored 11 of her 13 points in the first half.

The Lady Dogs put the game away with an 18-2 run early in the second half with seven points from Nolan, building to a 63-33 lead with 12:32 remaining.

Georgia also got 12 points from Miller and 10 from Thomas.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Beamer plans to return to Hokies

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — North Carolina's whirlwind courtship of Frank Beamer is over, and Virginia Tech and its football coach are still together.

Beamer said Monday that he will return for a 15th season as coach of the No. 6 Hokies, ending a frantic day and a half that included an interview with North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour, a widely reported job offer from the Tar Heels for as much as \$1.4 million and a series of meetings with Virginia Tech officials.

"What I really want to do is keep this thing going here," Beamer said at a news conference.

"Sometimes it just takes you a little time to realize what a special thing we have here."

Virginia Tech boosted Beamer's salary by 25 percent, to more than \$1 million. He also will receive a \$200,000 bonus if the Hokies earn a Bowl Championship Series berth, \$100,000 for any other bowl invitation.

"This is the university doing what it feels is right," Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver said. "The university feels strongly that Frank Beamer should be among the highest paid coaches in the country, because he certainly is one of the best, if not the best."

But Beamer said money was not the biggest consideration.

"There's been a lot of talk here about money, but I can tell you relationships and the guys we have here in this program and the people I have helping me in this program is what's really important," he said.

Beamer's assistants also will benefit. Virginia Tech added \$100,000 to raise assistant coaches' salaries.

"I wanted to make sure our coaching staff was compensated at a level that was the highest in the country because I think they are the

best in the country," Beamer said.

His success at Virginia Tech has made him a frequent target of other programs, with Clemson and Alabama among the schools that have courted him.

He was the near-consensus national coach of the year last season after leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season record and the national championship game.

The Hokies capped a 10-1 regular season on Saturday with a 42-21 victory against rival Virginia, and are in contention for a BCS berth. It would be their fourth trip to a major bowl in six years, the best such stretch in school history, and highlights the Hokies' remarkable turnaround.

Beamer, nearly fired in 1992 after compiling a 24-39-2 record in his first six seasons at his alma mater, has guided the Hokies to a 74-21 record since. Tech will extend its bowl streak to eight years this season, has won three Big East championships in the past five seasons and become a fixture in the national polls.

For a time Monday, it looked as if Beamer was leaning toward the Tar Heels, who have a glistening new athletic facility and a football history similar to Virginia Tech's.

Earlier in the day, Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster said Beamer met with his staff and was "struggling" with the possibility of leaving after 14 seasons.

"I think the bottom line is we're with him whatever he decides," said Foster, a member of Beamer's coaching staff since 1981, when both were at Murray State.

"He has a lot of loyalty to his staff and with his staff," said Foster, who turned down Florida's defensive coordinator job before last season. "He's a guy that knows how to run a successful program, it's not one guy. We as his assistants appreciate that."

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Griffin shines as No. 8 Seton Hall crushes St. Peters

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Freshman forward Eddie Griffin had his third double-double in as many games, getting 26 points, 21 rebounds and seven blocked shots as No. 8 Seton Hall beat St. Peter's 104-85 Monday night.

The 6-foot-9 Griffin, one of the most highly recruited high school players in the nation last season out of Philadelphia, had 18 points and 16 rebounds at halftime as the Pirates (3-0) took a 57-38 lead.

He scored half the points in Seton Hall's 24-8 run to close the opening 20 minutes and each basket was different as he scored on a rebound, a turnaround, a short jumper, a dunk, a reverse dunk on an alley-oop pass and a layup with five seconds left after his teammates made four passes to get the ball in perfect position for him.

Darius Lane had 24 points for Seton Hall, while Samuel Dalembert had 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting and eight blocks and Ty Shine added 16 points. Freshman point guard Andre Barrett had seven points and 13 assists.

Seton Hall finished with a 49-23 rebound advantage against the injury-riddled Peacocks (1-3), who were no match inside against Griffin and Dalembert.

Melvin Robinson had 24 points for St. Peter's, while Rodney Rodgers added 20.

St. Peter's was within 33-30 with 5:41 left in the first half when Griffin keyed the closing run to the first half. The Pirates opened the second half with an 11-4 run to take their biggest lead, 68-42, with 17:59 to play.

Griffin had four points in that run, the last coming when he was credited with the basket when Regis Devonish of the Peacocks batted a rebound into his own basket.

St. Peter's didn't quit and got within 88-77 on a 3-pointer by Devonish with 4:50 left. But Barrett and Shine each had a 3-pointer in a quick 8-2 burst that put Seton Hall back in command.

It was Seton Hall's fifth straight win over the Peacocks and 14th in their last 15 meetings.

No. 2 Kansas 92,**Middle Tennessee 66**

Jeff Boschee led a balanced scoring attack for No. 2 Kansas with 19 points as seven players reached double figures in the Jayhawks' win over Middle Tennessee.

Eric Chenoweth recorded his third double-double of the season for Kansas, with 15 points and 12 rebounds, as the Jayhawks (6-0) outrebounded the Blue Raiders 49-27. Point guard Kirk Hinrich also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Nick Collison had 14 points, Kenny Gregory and Luke Axtell scored 11 points apiece in reserve roles, and Drew Gooden finished with 10 points for Kansas. Boschee and Axtell had three 3-pointers each, and Hinrich hit both of his 3-point attempts.

All three of Boschee's 3-pointers and 11 of his points came in the first seven min-

utes of the second half, as Kansas built its 17-point half-time lead to 67-37.

Fernando Ortiz hit three 3-pointers and scored 12 points to lead Middle Tennessee (1-1), which shot just 39 percent (22-for-57) from the field. Freddie Martinez and Bryant Mitchell added 11 points each for the Blue Raiders, and Lee Nosse had 10.

Kansas shot 51 percent (35-of-69).

Middle Tennessee missed nine of its first 10 shots — compared to Kansas' 6-for-10 early shooting — and trailed 19-6 after eight minutes. But Ortiz hit three 3-pointers as the Blue Raiders cut Kansas' lead to 28-24 with less than 6 1/2 minutes to go in the half.

Collison's dunk with 6:23 left and Axtell's 3-pointer 20 seconds later ignited an 11-0 run for Kansas, part of a larger 17-4 surge that gave the Jayhawks a 45-28 halftime lead.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers in the first half, Middle Tennessee committing 13 and the Jayhawks 12. Each team committed five turnovers in the second half.

Marshall 77, Detroit 69

Travis Young scored 21 points and Tamar Slay had 14 of his 19 points in the second half as Marshall defeated Detroit.

Marshall (2-1) won the game at the free-throw line, making 22-of-26 attempts (85 percent). Detroit made 5-of-9.

The Thundering Herd took the lead for good, 67-66, on a Slay jumper with 2:34 left to start a 12-0 run. Slay scored six points during the run.

Junior college transfer Latece Williams added 17 points and J.R. VanHoose had 11 for Marshall. Each had nine rebounds, although Marshall was outrebounded 48-36.

Willie Green kept the Titans (3-1) in the contest with 21 points on 10-of-15 shooting.

Terrell Riggs had 16 points and 13 rebounds while Rashad Phillips, last year's Mid-Continent Conference player of the year, scored all 16 of his points in the second half.

No. 7 Tennessee 98,**Austin Peay 65**

Tony Harris scored 20 points and had a career-high 12 assists as No. 7 Tennessee beat Austin Peay.

Vincent Yarbrough scored 15 points and Marcus Haislip added 14 for the Volunteers (4-0), who have won 32 straight non-conference home games. Harris Walker scored 12 points, and Isaiah Victor and Jon Higgins scored 11 apiece.

Austin Peay (4-1), the pre-season pick to win the Ohio Valley Conference, has never beaten the Vols and lost for the first time this season after the school's best start in 15 years.

Trenton Hassell, who drew 20 NBA scouts to the game, finished with 22 points. Nick Stapleton added eight points.

Austin Peay kept the game close early, cutting the Vols' lead to three at 28-25 on Kevin Easley's basket with 7:33 to go before halftime. That was as close as the

Governors would get the rest of the way.

Tennessee pulled away with a 23-9 run to finish the first half with a 17-point lead. Harris led the first-half charge with 15 points and nine assists. During the run he connected with Victor on three straight alley oops, with the third making it 39-27 with 4:51 remaining.

Ahead 51-34 at halftime, Tennessee started the second half with a 19-5 run to take a 31-point lead. A 3-pointer by Hassell ended a 3 1/2-minute scoreless drought for Austin Peay, but that would be his last basket of the game.

NBA scouts attended the game, the only matchup between Austin Peay and a current Top 25 team the rest of the regular season. Hassell, who was averaging 23.2 points per game, had 15 points in the first half, shooting 6-of-11 from the floor. He made just two more baskets the rest of the way.

Tennessee is 36-2 all-time against teams from the Ohio Valley Conference.

Butler 71, Ball State 48

LaVall Jordan scored 20 points to lead Butler over Ball State.

Jordan was one of four Butler players in double figures, with Thomas Jackson and Rylan Hainje adding 13 points each and Brandon Miller scoring 11. Hainje also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Butler (3-0) never trailed in the game and led by as many as 12 points in the first half.

Ball State (1-2) went on a run with about 11 minutes

remaining in the game, drawing to within five points on a 3-pointer by Patrick Jackson, which made the score 46-41.

But several minutes later, Butler's Jackson made two consecutive 3-pointers to boost the Bulldogs lead back up to 12. They never looked back from there.

Theron Smith led Ball State with 14 points and eight rebounds. The Cardinals outrebounded Butler 35-25.

No. 10 Florida 100,**Florida Atlantic 42**

In what might have been the mismatch of the month, if not the season, Matt Bonner scored 21 points to lead No. 10 Florida to victory over Florida Atlantic.

Like most big-name teams, the Gators (2-0) have a series of soft marks on their early schedule. A 2-29 finisher last year in the Trans-America Athletic Conference, Florida Atlantic (1-4) fit right in.

This is former UNLV and NBA star Sidney Green's second season as coach of the program based in Boca Raton, and with his recruiting plans clearly in their infancy, Green might still be the best player on the Owls bench.

They could have used him in uniform for this one.

The Gators recorded the fourth-largest victory margin in program history, and allowed the fewest points since the shot clock was introduced.

The ugliness began early — Teddy Dupay hit a 3-pointer just 6 seconds into the game — and continued in full force, as the Gators trapped the

Owls into nearly as many first-half turnovers (15) as they scored points (17).

Meanwhile, Florida suffered no early malaise, the way some teams do when they know they've got an over-matched opponent. They scored 13 of the first 15 points and led 41-8 with 6 minutes left in the first half. Within 15 minutes, Green had used four of his five timeouts to try to slow the onslaught.

Florida's only lull came midway through the second half. When Robert Williams tipped in a teammate's miss to cut the lead to 73-34, Gators coach Billy Donovan sent all five starters back to the scorer's table to check in.

The Gators led by 51 points just four minutes later, a rally that included an ugly little scene — Daryl Dingle's rough intentional foul on Florida's Udonis Haslem. As a result, Haslem went after Dingle, but was restrained by his teammates.

Justin Hamilton scored 12 points and got the most highlight-reel clips out of the game. He had four thundering dunks, including a swooping jam from the baseline that put the Gators ahead 57-17.

Florida got 17 points each from Brent Wright, Haslem and Dupay. Haslem added 10 rebounds. Highly touted recruit Bonell Colas saw his first action of the season and scored six points.

Jeff Cowans led Florida Atlantic with 13 points, but shared the same shooting woes as the rest of his teammates. He shot 4-for-17, and the Owls made just 26 percent of their shots from the field.

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while blocking six shots and snagging seven boards.

Bearcats guard Kenny Satterfield hit a 3-pointer to bring his team to within five at 54-49. But Graves eased in three of his 17 points to set off a 14-0 Irish spurt. Next up, Murphy rolled in a short bucket on the spin move to put the Irish ahead by double digits.

Following a Cincinnati timeout with 4:34 to go, Irish forward Ryan Humphrey showed some versatility, draining a jumper from the free throw line. The final four minutes were just for show, as Notre Dame all but had its win chalked up.

Cincinnati couldn't generate any offense, shooting just 33.8 percent from the field.

"We couldn't score any points," said Huggins, whose team hadn't scored fewer points since a 1993 victory over Alabama-Birmingham. The 18-point loss for Cincinnati was the largest margin of defeat since a 20-point loss to Xavier in 1997, and the third-largest of Huggins' career.

The Irish didn't help the Bearcats' cause any, denying them second chances at the hoop.

"We just buckled down defensively," Graves said. "We're a year wiser and a year better this year."

In the second stanza, the Irish outrebounded the supposedly more athletic Bearcats squad 27-10, only allowing the Bearcats one offensive board. Humphrey dragged down 12 rebounds for Notre Dame, 10 of which came at the Bearcats' end of the court.

"It was kind of a program game," Brey said. "Their program's thought of as better than ours. For us to start to get some respect, or to earn some of the respect we got in the preseason, we have to be able to handle these teams."

Notre Dame's win was largely a five-man show.

The Irish did not get a single point out of its bench, which saw little action. Of the starters — Murphy, Humphrey, Graves, Matt Carroll and Ingelsby — only Humphrey logged less than 37 minutes of playing time, and that was due to his picking two fouls up early on.

While the Irish walked away

celebrating a large victory over a top-ranked program, they didn't play their best basketball of the season.

"I don't think this is the best this team can play," Murphy said.

Notre Dame turned the ball over 17 times in the game, although only one was by Ingelsby. The Irish shot the ball 40 percent, barely half as well as they shot in their victory over the Loyola Ramblers Wednesday.

Notre Dame 107,

Loyola (Chicago) 68

Lightning rained down on Loyola (0-2) from 3-point land last Wednesday, as Notre Dame hit a school-record 16 treys in its cakewalk victory.

"We had no idea they were going to shoot the ball so well from the outside," Loyola coach Larry Farmer said. "When they started raining [3s], it was very difficult to match up with them."

Carroll, a sophomore guard, led the Irish in their long-distance shots. He hit five 3-pointers and shot 8-for-10 from the field, leading to a SportsCenter highlight saying, "We're going to keep watching until this kid misses ... and watching, and watching."

He tied a career-high with 22 points and dished off a new career best nine assists to go with Ingelsby's 11.

"No one's been more consistent than him," Brey said. "One play sums it up. We're up 40 in the second half, and he dives for a loose ball in front of the Loyola bench."

Joining Carroll behind the arc were Graves and Ingelsby with three treys apiece.

Four other players knocked down at least one trey, and the team's 3-point shooting percentage — 73 percent — set a school record.

The Irish crushed the Ramblers, leading 62-26 at halftime, allowing Brey to call in the reserves early in the second half. It wasn't until the final few minutes, with all the starters on the bench, that Notre Dame's shooting dropped below 70 percent.

The win marked only the second time in history Notre Dame has scored 100 or more points in back-to-back games.

Murphy led the Irish with 23 points and four blocks. In addition to Murphy and Carroll, Humphrey was good for 16 and Graves for 18.

"We want to show to all the people in the country that we're for real this year," Murphy said.



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Ryan Humphrey goes for a layup Saturday in Notre Dame's win against Cincinnati. The junior forward picked up two early fouls, but still managed to lead the Irish with 12 rebounds.

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LISA VELTE/The Observer
Junior forward David Graves protects the ball in Notre Dame's 69-51 win Saturday at Cincinnati. Graves scored 17 points in the win over the No. 17 Bearcats.

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Dame to finish third in their division of the Big East behind Seton Hall and unranked Georgetown. Perhaps a win like this will help make them believers.

"Given all the preseason hype, we backed a little bit of it up, especially in the second half," said Brey, whose Irish outscored the No. 13 Bearcats 38-25 in the final 20 minutes. "We played defense, rebounded and got them in one-and-done situations. We were really poised and methodical with how we built our lead. We understand how to use our weapons to build a lead."

They built that lead by continually feeding the ball to the best player on the floor. Murphy scored 15 of his 30 points in the final 13 minutes of the contest to help the Irish pull away.

"That was a huge confidence builder," Brey said. "That's what big-time programs do down the stretch. They know whose hands to get the ball in."

This year's Irish squad has the chance to be something special. Last year, they were considered lucky when they knocked off Ohio State or swept the season series with defending champ Connecticut. But now people can come to expect extraordinary things from this group. And there is good reason. The Irish are a lot better than they were last year.

"They talked about what they wanted to do even before I was hired," Brey said. "I'm just trying to point them in the right direction."

"We're a year older and a year wiser," forward David Graves said. "Everyone has really bought into what Coach brings to the table."

Aside from experience, there are several other reasons why this year's basketball team is better than last year's. Transfer Ryan Humphrey is the real deal and the missing piece of the puzzle. Murphy is the most valuable player to his team in the country. Senior Martin Ingelsby is a better point guard than Jimmy Dillon. He's 9-of-11 from 3-point range this season and he had an 8-1 assist to turnover ratio

against the Bearcats while being guarded by Naismith candidate Kenny Satterfield.

Graves and Matt Carroll are incredible shooters and smart role players. And perhaps the most important reason is that Brey has the Irish playing man-to-man defense.

Matt Doherty's zone allowed players like Providence's Donta Wade to knock down a Big East record 10 3-pointers and score 38 points. That won't happen this year.

And for those reasons, Notre Dame is expected to beat teams like Sacred Heart and Loyola by 40 points. And it is no longer an upset when the Irish beat the Bearcats by 18.

"It was kind of a program game," first-year head coach Brey said. "Their program is thought of better than ours. They've gone to the NCAA tournament for nine straight years and we haven't been there in 11 straight years. But we still have a long way to go

and a lot to do. For us to earn what we've gotten in the preseason, we have to beat teams like this. It's definitely something to build on in the third game of the season."

And with three more of what Brey likes to call "program games" ahead on the slate, the Irish have a chance to crack the top 10 and continue to build a name for their program if they can avoid upsets by Vanderbilt, Indiana and Miami (Oh). With five cupcake games against teams like Long Island and Canisius following this challenging three-game stretch, the Irish could be staring 10-0 in the face before opening Big East play.

The sky seems to be the limit for this year's Irish squad.

"We played well but I don't think this is the best this team can play," Murphy said following the win over Cincinnati. "It was a good beginning but we need to continue to get better. It's nice to have all these things in the preseason, but we need to continue to win games. We're listed as one of the top teams, but we want to be there in the end."

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ed a great goal."

Erikson got the ball deep in the Broncos' box on a cross pass from freshman Randi Scheller. Erikson knocked the ball past Santa Clara goalkeeper Crystal Gordon for the score.

It was the second time this season, and the third in 13 months, that the Irish defeated the Broncos. They beat the Broncos 6-1 in September on Notre Dame's Alumni Field, but Santa Clara was missing top players Anna Kraus, Aly Wagner and Danielle Slaton. Last year, Notre Dame knocked Santa Clara out of the tournament in the semifinals with a 1-0 victory.

As in last year's playoff game, Santa Clara outshot Notre Dame by a wide margin, this time 18-4. But it didn't matter, because Santa Clara's shots were stopped by Irish goalkeeper Liz Wagner, who recorded eight saves.

"I think Liz Wagner is the best goalkeeper in the country this year," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "The fact that she doesn't get the recognition she deserves has been kind of amazing to me."

Wagner leads the nation in goals against average at .302. Behind her defense of the box, Notre Dame has given up just eight goals while scoring 75, and no team has scored more than one goal against the Irish.

Notre Dame took the early lead on a shot by forward Ali Lovelace at the 16:31 mark.

Irish defender Monica Gonzalez swiped the ball from Kraus, then dribbled it downfield before heading it off to Erikson. Erikson sent the cross to Lovelace near the middle of the field, who drilled the ball into the upper right hand corner of the net with a spinning kick.

It was Lovelace who scored the gamewinner in '99 over then-No. 1 Santa Clara.

Following Notre Dame's first score, Santa Clara let off a flurry of offensive shots. Midfielder Veronica Zepeda, forward Kristi Candau and midfielder Devyn Hawkins each had a go at scoring, but Wagner kept each shot out of the goal.

The game became a defensive battle after that. Notre Dame did not take a single shot on goal in the second half, and although Santa Clara took 11, all but one were turned away.

It was the final shot, at 87:12, that brought the Broncos back into the contest. Unassisted, Kraus delivered a rebound shot into the upper left corner of Notre Dame's goal, just out of Wagner's reach.

"With the goal coming so late," Waldrum said, "and with all the pressure they were putting on us, I was worried that we might feel too deflated. But I'm so proud of how we came back in the overtime and created the opportunity to get the game-winning goal."

Santa Clara's goal sent the game into overtime, where neither team had lost this season.

"We've been pretty successful in overtime this past year," said Slaton, who competed on the 2000 U.S. Olympic women's



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior forward Meotis Erikson dribbles the ball past the Bronco defense Friday in Notre Dame's 2-1 win against Santa Clara. Erikson scored the game-winning goal in sudden-death overtime.

soccer team. "I think we went into overtime four times, and this was unfortunately the first time we had lost."

In overtime, the Broncos quickly took the offensive.

A Notre Dame foul set up a free kick for Santa Clara. With Wagner, Slaton and Heather

Aldama all in position to take the kick, Aldama took the shot, but it sailed wide right and Liz Wagner tipped the shot away. Wagner picked up two more saves on Broncos' shots by Chardonnay Poole and Kerry Cathcart.

"Liz made some incredible

saves," Gonzalez said. "It doesn't matter how well the defense plays. If they get one shot and one goal, they win."

But Wagner was rock solid, and the Irish are on their way to San Jose. They will face the North Carolina Tar Heels Friday.

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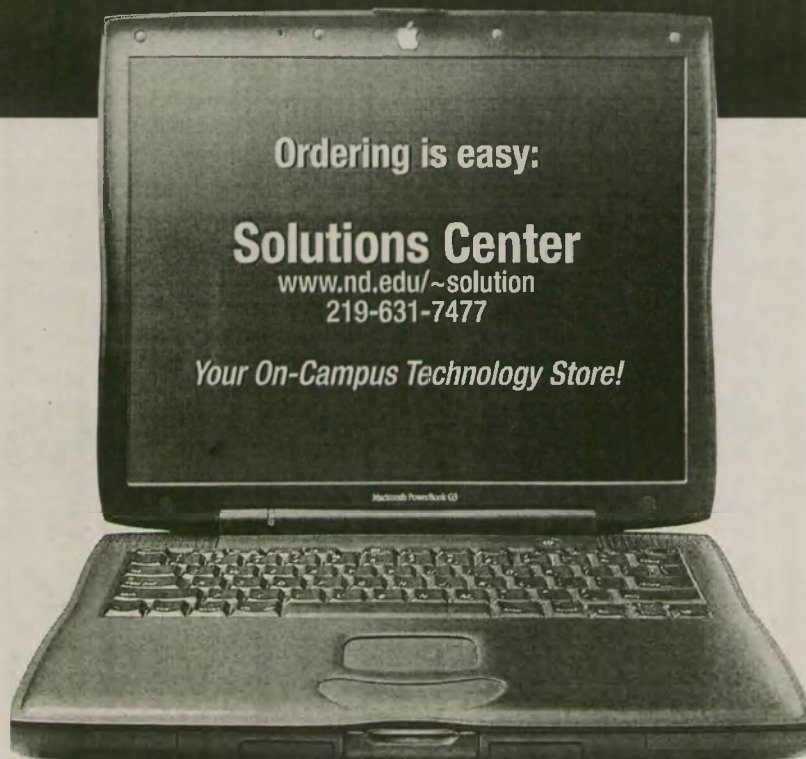


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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 4 Irish dominate in 89-44 routing against Rams

By TIM CASEY

Assistant Sports Editor

She warned Ruth Riley before the season.

Muffet McGraw's message: when the All-American center committed her first foul of the game, she would be benched.

And less than seven minutes into Monday night's game against Fordham, McGraw kept her promise.

Riley sat for the rest of the half after an offensive foul. But even without its star, Notre Dame outscored Fordham by 18 points in the next 13 minutes on their way to an 89-44 victory. The Irish won their 25th straight game at the Joyce Center in front of announced crowd of 3,107.

"I wanted to see what we did without [Riley]," said McGraw of her center, who scored six points and grabbed four rebounds in 15 minutes. "It was a good opportunity for us to really focus on the bench and to see what they can do."

The reserves responded. In Notre Dame's 75-73 win over Georgia on Saturday, the starters scored every point. But competing against an overmatched Fordham squad, the four bench players tallied more than 1/4 (26) of the Irish's points.

Forward Meaghan Leahy recorded career-highs with 16 points and 14 rebounds. After scoring only two points in the first 20 minutes, the 6-foot-4 forward connected on 12-of-14 from the foul line as the No. 4 Irish remained undefeated (5-0) on the season.

"Coach had spoken with me about giving me opportunities," Leahy said. "I've been focusing on contributing and playing hard."

With the Georgia victory, the Irish achieved their highest ranking ever when the polls came out on Monday. In the ESPN/USA TODAY poll, Notre Dame is only one point behind No. 3 Duke.

"The rankings really mean absolutely nothing at this point," McGraw said. "It doesn't mean a thing. We want to be ranked in March and we want to be ranked No. 1."

Notre Dame began the second half on a 21-4 run to expand its



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Senior guard Imani Dunbar dribbles upcourt in Notre Dame's 89-44 win over Fordham. The Irish improved to 5-0 with the win.

lead to 68-30 in the opening 11 minutes. A full court pressure attack and aggressive man-to-man defense caused 22 Fordham turnovers. The Rams shot just 6-of-28 (21.4 percent) from the floor in the second half and missed 16 of 18 3-point attempts in the game.

"We have a goal to keep teams under 50 points," said forward Kelly Siemon, who had 14 points. "That's always in the back of our minds."

At the 16-minute mark of the first half, with her team ahead 9-8, an animated McGraw yelled at point guard Niele Ivey for her sloppy play. Ivey, who was named MVP of the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament last weekend, sat down for less than three minutes before going back on the court after Riley's first foul.

When she returned, Ivey regrouped and led the Irish attack. The senior finished with

14 points, 8 assists and nailed a trio of 3-pointers. Her backcourt mate, Alicia Ratay scored 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Ratay's three 3-pointers give her 16 (on 23 attempts) for the season.

But it was Leahy and company who sparked the Irish.

"Those are great numbers for Meaghan," Siemon said. "And I'm not surprised at all. It was a great game for the bench."

Fordham arrived in South Bend with a 0-2 record, one year after finishing 4-24. Nailah Wallace led the Rams with 13 points on Tuesday night but scored only one in the second half.

"Notre Dame's a dynamite team," said first-year Fordham head coach Jim Lewis. "Everybody knows about their national rankings but when you look at them face-to-face and see the kind of things they're capable of doing, they're really a great team."

♦ McGraw's squad earns win over first ranked opponent Friday

By NOAH AMSTADTER

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In their first competition against a ranked opponent this season, the Irish women's basketball team proved to be a force to be reckoned with, defeating then No. 6 Georgia 75-73 on Friday to win the championship game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in Madison, Wis. The Irish also topped host Wisconsin 83-56 on Wednesday.

"Beating a top 10 team — Georgia is probably a top five team — really helps you see your potential," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw told the Associated Press following Friday's victory. "We don't need to get too excited, but it's nice to win a big game like that."

Friday's game was tight all the way through. After falling behind 22-9 early, the Bulldogs stormed back to take a 63-57 lead with less than eight minutes left. At that point, Niele Ivey hit a 3-pointer to start an 11-0 run that saw Notre Dame go up 68-63.

Georgia pulled back, taking a 71-70 lead with 1:58 left before Alicia Ratay took over.

Ratay hit a jumper over Georgia star Coco Miller to put Notre Dame up by one. She then deflected a Georgia pass to Ivey, who was then fouled. Ivey hit both shots from the line to put the Irish up by three.

"It's sad when you're one deflection, one steal, one offensive rebound, one charge away from a victory," Georgia coach Andy Landers told the AP. "But we don't try to make plays every possession. So you come up short."

Miller hit a jumper to cut the lead to one, and

Georgia had an opportunity to take the lead when Ivey threw the ball away on the next possession. Irish All-American center Ruth Riley blocked the path of Bulldog Deanna Nolan, and the Irish got the ball back with seven seconds left.

Georgia immediately fouled Irish forward Kelley Siemon, who hit one of two shots to give the Irish their final tally of 75 points — all of which were scored by the five starters. Ivey and Riley each scored 19, Ratay added 16, Siemon chipped in with 13 and Ericka Haney scored eight.

The loss drops Georgia to 2-2 on the season. The Bulldogs fell to No. 7 in the latest ESPN/USA Today coach's poll, while the Irish went up one spot to No. 4, behind only Duke, Tennessee and Connecticut. Georgia's other loss was at the hands of Connecticut, falling by 29 points.

In Wednesday's victory over Wisconsin, the Irish dominated the game offensively despite getting only 17 total points from Riley and Ratay.

Ivey led the way with one of the best games of her collegiate career. The fifth-year point guard scored 22 points and added nine rebounds and seven assists.

Siemon — who came off the bench last season — added 21 for the Irish, while small forward Haney scored 14.

"I think we have a great balance," McGraw told the Associated Press. "That's the kind of balance you need to succeed and go far in the NCAA tournament."

The Irish dominated the game in the first half, building a 41-26 lead at the half. Leading the opening charge was Ivey, who hit three 3-pointers and scored 17 points in the opening half.

"I just felt confident in the first half," she told the Associated Press. "Tonight I was concentrating a lot more than I did in the past."

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HOCKEY

Wildcats pounce on Irish

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team entered this past weekend with high hopes of making some headway in the CCHA standings.

But those hopes were dashed as the Irish finished the weekend with a loss and a tie to the Wildcats of Northern Michigan.

After a brutal early schedule in which the Irish played three teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, Notre Dame had a 3-6-2 record and three points in the CCHA standings.

Predictably, Notre Dame was in dead last coming into this weekend's series against Northern Michigan. But the Irish didn't make up the ground that they needed to.

On Friday night the Northern Michigan Wildcats came out strong, handing the Irish a 3-1 loss.

Dave Inman got Notre Dame going early as he scored five minutes into the game to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. While Notre Dame controlled the momentum for much of the first period, that was all the goals they were able to muster. In the second, momentum shifted to Northern Michigan. The Wildcats got the equalizer with 4:20 left in the second period, and the teams went into the second intermission deadlocked at one goal apiece.

Northern Michigan was able to capitalize on a Notre Dame turnover at the 12-minute mark of the third for the eventual game-winning goal. The Wildcats added an insurance goal three minutes later for a 3-1 score.

Saturday night's game featured much of the same back and forth momentum swings as Friday night's game did. Northern Michigan jumped on the Irish early, putting two quick goals on the board. Irish coach Dave Poulin then decided to pull sophomore goalie Tony Zasowski, in favor of senior Kyle Kolquist. Kolquist responded in kind, holding the Wildcats scoreless for the next 43 minutes of the game.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame chipped away at the Northern Michigan lead. The Irish got a goal from freshman Rob Globke with five seconds left in the first period to pull to 2-1. Notre Dame then got the equalizer by Aaron Gill five minutes into the third period. This set up a wild finish which left teams locked in a 3-3 tie. Ryan Dolder scored for the Irish with just 1:15 left in the third period to put Notre Dame ahead 3-2.

Northern Michigan furiously fought back to score with just 45 seconds left to send the game into overtime. Neither team could score, and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

"We were disappointed with our performance this weekend," said sophomore left wing Michael Chin. "We have played a lot of good teams, and we have played well against them, but we haven't found a way to win. That is something we need to learn to do."

There are some bright spots for the Irish, though. Globke and Aaron Gill have been solid contributors since the beginning of the season.

"The guys have been doing a good job of incorporating us into the system and treating us as they treat everyone else," Gill said.

In addition to the freshmen, Notre Dame has killed off 23 straight penalties in their past five games. The last time Notre Dame gave up a power play goal was on Oct. 27 against Michigan State. That is something the Irish will need to continue to do to win some hockey games.

Notre Dame will also need to outwork their opponents.

"Coming off the BC game I felt good about the season," said Chin. "We outplayed them, but still lost. So we were hopeful [coming into this weekend's series against Northern Michigan]. The bottom line is we got outplayed by Northern Michigan."

Notre Dame will get to test its work ethic this weekend when it travels to Lake Superior State for a two game series with the Lakers.

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Player and senior captain Julie Norman joined Matha on the All-Tournament Team.

"I think [Matha] is such a leader by example," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "She lays it all out on the court. She has really stepped up and played well."

And lay it out she did. Matha led the team with a remarkable 23 points and 19 rebounds in Saturday's victory against Marietta. Although she only had four rebounds in Sunday's tournament championship, she did turn in 17 points for the Belles. Matha, however, contributes her title to her teammates.

"There is no way I would have gotten [the title] without my teammates," she said. "It really reflects our team more."

Following that performance, Matha was also named MIAA Conference player of the week. Norman also turned in a star performance at the Turkey Shoot Classic.

During the Marietta game, Norman fouled out in overtime. Although she scored 14 points for the team, she was looking for redemption on Sunday.

"With Julie fouling out, she was very frustrated," Smith said. "Sunday she was very determined to win that game."

Norman turned in 19 points and nine rebounds on Sunday. The tournament championship pitted the Belles against the Lady Crimson of Oberlin College. The Belles and the Crimson traded the lead during most of the game.

"It was close most of the game," Smith said. "It really came down to the last three minutes."

In that last three minutes Saint Mary's pulled ahead, ultimately defeating Oberlin and claiming the Turkey Shoot Tournament trophy.

The Oberlin defense managed to keep Matha to only four rebounds, the first

time that has happened all season. Anne Blaire stepped up for the team defensively with 15 rebounds, giving her the second highest number of rebounds in the MIAA. Matha currently holds the one spot with 19 rebounds in this weekend's victory against Marietta. The tournament heated up when Saint Mary's took on host school Marietta. The Belles and the Pioneers of Marietta were evenly matched.

"They were a great penetrating and passing team," Matha said. "We stuck with it."

The Belles were down most of the game, by as much as seven at one point. With less than one minute to play Saint Mary's was down by a basket.

Sophomore point guard Sean Russell penetrated the Marietta defense and passed to Matha who scored the game-tying basket.

During overtime, Saint Mary's players Norman and Anne Blaire fouled out. Mary Campione came in for Norman and Elizabeth Linkous took Blaire's spot. was definitely a team effort," Smith said.

After Matha hit two foul shots, the Belles pulled ahead by five points. They kept that margin and won the game 74-69. Earlier in the week, the Belles took their only loss of the holiday break. Saint Mary's faced 25th ranked Franklin College, and dropped the game 61-85.

Saint Mary's stayed with Franklin for the first half and the game and Franklin had no substantial lead until the second half.

"They had a lot of depth and a lot of height," Matha said.

The Belles will have a week off to recover before hosting a tournament this weekend. Friday will mark the first home game of the year and the Belles are looking forward to coming into it with a winning record.

"Everyone expects us to lose," Matha said. "But we've been going out there and winning. This is the first time we've had a winning record in a long time."

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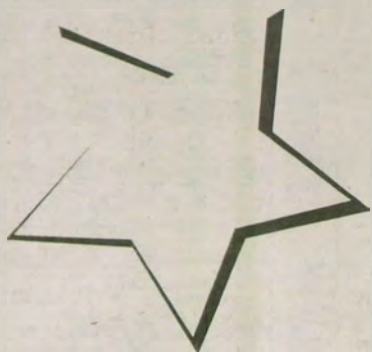


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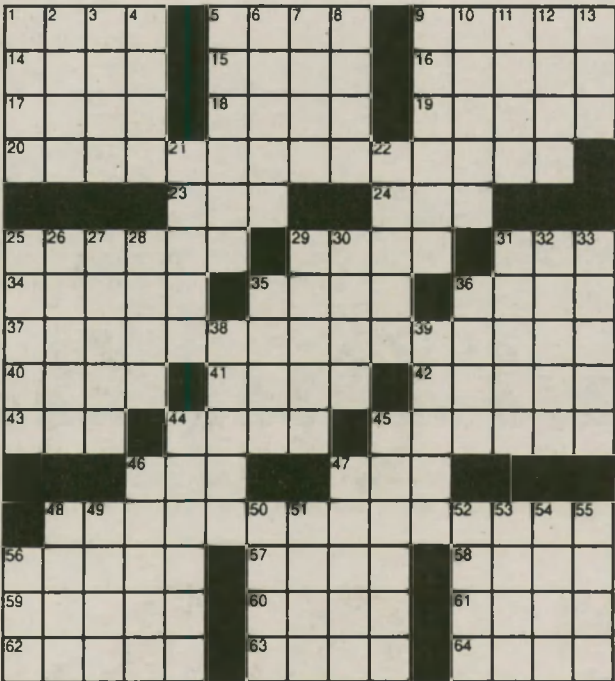
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romantic encounters will unfold if you go out with friends. You'll be in a talkative mood; it will be a good day to get your point across. It will also be easy to write letters. ○○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have no problem with financial dealings. It is best to try to finalize deals and sign on the dotted line. You can make career moves and work well with your colleagues. ○○○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Investments may not be in your best interests. Someone around you may try to take you for granted. Look into joining a club that offers individual sports. ○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make those changes to your home. A move or just changing things around will lift your spirits. Expect people to drop by to see you at home or at work. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to get together with friends or at least phone them to catch up on all the latest happenings in their lives. Talk about commitment with the one you love; it could lead to matrimony. ○○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Disruptions may cause you to stop what you are working on. Make arrangements quickly and carry on with your job. Problems with co-workers indicate that you should not rely on others. ○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have no problem influencing others when it comes to your beliefs and opinions. Put some effort into self-improvement. You will have a tendency to be overindulgent. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be well-organized today. Learn to delegate less important duties to those around you. You have a knack for taking on too much and then getting frazzled trying to do it all. ○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make new friends and meet an individual who could possibly become an important partner in the future. Doing things with children is favorable today. ○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find that those you least expect will rally around to aid you in achieving your goals. Don't forget to show your gratitude if you wish them to offer their assistance again. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with children may be difficult. Do things that involve physical activity. Shopping sprees will be a learning experience. Don't buy things you don't really want. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone you work with cannot be trusted. Don't be so open about your personal life or your feelings about co-workers. Changing your professional direction is not a bad idea. ○○

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Blazing a trail to San Jose

*No. 1 Irish top
Broncos in
quarterfinal
overtime contest*

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish forward Meotis Erikson wasn't thinking.

Erikson, a senior, has her greatest success when she's too focused to say, "What if?", and that's what she did Friday, knocking in the game-winning goal against Santa Clara for the 2-1 sudden victory overtime win.

"I wasn't thinking, and that's the best thing usually for me," Erikson said. "When I think too much, I mess it up, so I was just glad that I wasn't thinking on that play."

Thanks to Erikson's shot, the Notre Dame women's soccer team (23-0-1) is on its way back to the Final Four of the NCAA Championships for the sixth time in seven years.

"In overtime, it's about who's going to catch a break and take advantage of it," Santa Clara (16-7-1) coach Jerry Smith said. "And Notre Dame did that. They caught the first break and creat-



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Monica Gonzalez controls the ball in Notre Dame's win Friday against Santa Clara. The Irish travel to San Jose Friday to take on North Carolina in the NCAA semifinals.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles nab tournament victory

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's basketball team had more than good food to be thankful for this weekend.

The Belles finished the Thanksgiving holiday with a 2-1 record and a tournament championship.



Matha

"Coming into the tournament everyone expected us to finish last," said sophomore forward Kristen Matha. "But we came in and won and that was great."

Saint Mary's took home the trophy for the Turkey Shoot Classic at Marietta College, defeating host school Marietta 74-69 in the preliminary round and then defeating Oberlin College 80-70 in the Championship game.

But a trophy was not the only result of this weekend's tournament. Matha was named the tournament's Most Valuable

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Unbeaten Irish pick up wins against Loyola, Cincinnati

◆ Murphy leads Irish in 69-51 win over No. 17 'Cats

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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INDIANAPOLIS

After season opener routs of Sacred Heart and Loyola (Chicago), first-year head coach Mike Brey said, "We were really poised and methodical with how we built our lead."

Ahead by five at halftime, Notre Dame (3-0) struggled to match Cincinnati (2-1) point for point to open the second stanza.

The smallest guy on the court, 5-foot-11 point guard Martin Ingelsby, shook the Irish out of their slumber, driving the ball straight down the paint for a layup. His basket put the Irish up 41-36 and jolted the crowd from a seated lull to a standing roar.

Then Irish junior David Graves picked Cincinnati's pocket, and after the two teams exchanged turnovers, Graves nailed two free

gritty defensive effort from the starting five.

"That's certainly something to build on for us," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "We were really poised and methodical with how we built our lead."

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throws to give Notre Dame a 43-36 edge.

Down the road, the Irish kept finding a way to hit their top target Murphy.

"He's our first option all the time," Ingelsby said. "They kept fouling him, and we just kept pounding it in there and pounding it in there."

The 6-foot-11 All-American power forward sunk a 3-pointer after Ingelsby dished off one of his eight assists. Donald Little came back for the Bearcats with a slam dunk, but Murphy answered with a jam of his own, again on an Ingelsby assist.

Murphy, a junior, kept the scoring coming, knocking down two free throws, then muscling down the lane for an easy bucket. On the afternoon, he scored 30 points

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◆ Irish make huge strides with stellar season start

INDIANAPOLIS

Have you heard? Notre Dame is ranked No. 11 in the latest poll.

And I'm not talking about the BCS or any other football rankings. The men's basketball team is checking in at No. 11 in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and the AP Poll.

If you've seen the Irish so



Brian Kessler

Sports Writer

far this season, you've already realized that these guys are good. And after putting up 100 points against Sacred Heart and Loyola (Chicago), they took a huge step forward with Saturday's 69-51 victory over Cincinnati in the inaugural John R. Wooden Classic in Indianapolis.

"It does a lot for our program to beat a team like Cincinnati," Big East co-player of the week Troy Murphy said. "A lot of people said we hadn't really been tested. We've been given a lot in the preseason. It was good to be tested today, and play like we did."

There has been a great deal of hype surrounding the Irish this year, but there are still some doubters, like the coaches who picked Notre

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