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Board approves new construction

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

After a one-year moratorium on construction, the Board of Trustees decided during their fall meeting to approve two new buildings — the Jordan Hall of Science and the Guglielmino Family Athletics Center — and resume construction on the security/police and post office building.

The science hall will be located on Juniper Road in front of the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and the 201,783 square foot building will include 40 undergraduate science laboratories, three lecture halls, two classrooms and 22 faculty offices. The groundbreaking ceremony for the building will be Saturday morning and the project should be completed by summer 2006.

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Above, an architect's rendition of the proposed Jordan Hall of Science. At left, the location of the new security building and post office near the Stepan Center.

PHOTO BY
TIM KACMAR

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CAMPUS LIFE

Members form RA task force

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council passed a resolution calling for the formation of a task force to investigate policies and procedures associated with resident assistant training Monday.

The resolution passed 12 to three after a short debate that focused on the need for such an investigation. After the vote, members questioned the procedures surrounding the vote.

"This is not a threatening resolution," said Jordan Bongiovanni, a member of the CLC. "[The Student Senate is] simply asking us, based on massive student opinion, to look into this. This is our purpose."

CLC member and student senator Aaron Zielinski asked for a secret ballot vote — a request that Committee Chairman and student body vice president Jeremy Lao denied. The vote was taken using a roll-call system that some members objected to at its completion on the grounds that it was not protocol and that knowing the members' positions on the issue could taint the makeup of the task force.

"It just doesn't smell right," said Father Paul Doyle, the rector of Dillon Hall.

The issue was brought before the CLC earlier this year after several RAs either

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'60 Minutes' editor to speak on campus

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

Renowned television journalist Mike Wallace will participate in a 60-minute interview and audience question-and-answer session Wednesday on the Notre



Wallace

Dame campus.

University President Father Edward Malloy will introduce Wallace, anchor and co-editor of CBS' "60 Minutes," said University spokesman Matt Storin. Wallace will then participate in an interview with Robert Schmuhl, professor of American studies and director of Notre Dame's John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy. Audience members will be allowed to ask questions at the end of the session.

"He's one of the great legends of our time in television, and I think it's terrific that he is actually adding this event to his schedule while he's in South Bend," Storin said. He said that Wallace is in the area as part of a benefit held by the Suicide Prevention Council of St. Joseph County. Wallace, who has battled depression, is scheduled to speak Tuesday at the Indiana University South Bend campus about his personal experiences with the disease.

"I think all students, whether

they're particularly interested in journalism or not, would get a lot out of hearing about his career and what it took to get him to the elite place that he now is in," Storin said.

Wallace, now in his 36th season with "60 Minutes," has received 20 Emmy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Emmy, which he won this year. He is known for his enterprise reporting and no-holds-barred interviewing tech-

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Elam avoids jail time

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

A former Notre Dame football player convicted of sexual battery in September will not serve jail time but was placed on two years of probation and must complete 200 hours of community service.

St. Joseph County Superior Judge Roland Chamblee delivered Abram Elam's sentence Friday after reviewing pleas

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Golden Knights fall, land with game ball



AMANDA MICHAELS/The Observer

A member of the Gold Demonstration section of the U.S. Army Parachute Team begins his free fall towards Notre Dame Stadium during the game against USC on Oct. 18.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

No defense could touch 1st Sgt. Mike Elliot as he carried the football for over 4,000 yards in less than three minutes during the opening of the Oct. 18 game against USC. But before the record books are pulled out, it should be noted that these were not rushing yards; rather, they were falling yards.

As part of the pre-game spectacle, Elliot, joined by fellow members of the Gold Demonstration section of the U.S. Army Parachute Team dove into the stadium from 12,500 feet, chutes flying, to safely deliver the game ball on the 50-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Diversity doesn't matter

If I'm lying on an operating table, I don't particularly care if the man (or woman) holding the scalpel is black, white, Eskimo or Aborigine. I want the most skilled surgeon available. Makes sense, right? Not if you're for affirmative action.



Matt Bramanti

News Writer

When policy-makers created affirmative action practices in the 1960s, they were trying to rectify past racial injustices. Over 200 years of slavery and nearly a century of Jim Crow segregation laws put blacks at serious economic, political and social disadvantages. Affirmative action was intended to undo the ill effects of racism.

Now, however, affirmative action has become a crusade for racial diversity. The Supreme Court upheld this implementation, despite the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

Scholars at Cornell University have written that "the result of a law is not relevant so long as there is no discrimination in its application."

What they're saying, in other words, is that if a university has a race-neutral admissions policy, and the class ends up being 95 percent white anyway, so be it.

Now I know a lot of people are thinking: "Think of how boring the world would be if everyone was the same."

Here's the problem with that argument. "Diversity" is generally measured by race, but race is a very poor determinant of someone's character. I'm a white guy. Knowing that, what can you figure out about me? Do you know my preferences in friends, religion, movies, politics, music or ice cream?

Of course not. All white people aren't the same, just as all black people aren't the same, all Hispanics aren't the same, and all Asians aren't the same.

Don't get me wrong; I acknowledge that there are plenty of very diverse organizations that have done a lot of good. The United Nations, with members from 191 countries, has been a strong force for peace and security. The Catholic Church emerged from the Middle East, it has thrived in Europe and the Americas, and it's experiencing explosive growth in Africa.

But there are plenty of examples of non-diverse organizations that have achieved great things. The National Basketball Association is about 90 percent black, yet it produces the best basketball in the world. The U.S. Navy's elite SEALs are overwhelmingly white, yet they're some of the finest warriors around.

Basically, diversity is not a good thing. It's not a bad thing, either. It's neutral.

Continuing to obsess about race is just going to deepen the divisions in American society. Instead of pigeonholing our fellow citizens in the name of diversity, let's focus on excellence, and we'll all rise together.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE PAST TWO FOOTBALL GAMES?



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Junior Pangborn

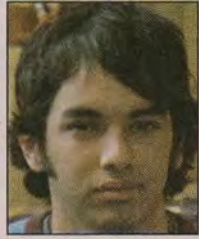
"I went to the beach instead of watching the Boston College game."



Daniel Tweedall

Senior Off-Campus

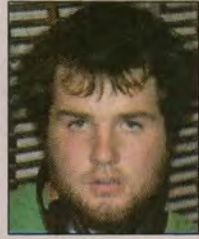
"My old roommate would kill me if I said anything because he's on the team."



Dan McSwain

Junior O'Neill

"I got my hopes up for the USC game, but now I know I don't have to worry about going to a bowl game."



Jake Hamann

Junior Off-Campus

"There was more than one game?"



Krista Seidl

Senior Walsh

"They only showed the last 40 seconds of the Boston game back home, and I wasn't impressed."



Marita Murphey

Junior Welsh

"USC was painful, but at least we rallied in Boston."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Students hold a sign at the Oct. 18 home football game against USC in support of freshman quarterback Brady Quinn. Quinn recently started his fourth football game for Notre Dame at the game against Boston College on Oct. 25.

IN BRIEF

The Filipino-American Student Organization of Notre Dame presents Princess Emraida Kiram of the Philippines. The Princess will give a lecture entitled "Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. A reception will follow the lecture.

"What do we know about Democratization and how well do we know it?" will be the topic of a lecture given by Michael Coppedge, Fellow of the Kellogg Institute and member of the department of political science. The lecture takes place today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Peg Wynn, vice president of human resources at Xilinx will speak on "Corporate Values at Xilinx" today from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in 141 DeBartolo.

The Suzanne Farrell Ballet performs Balanchine's choreography today from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Student rush tickets are available at the door for \$10. See the LaFortune Box Office for more information.

Mike Wallace, long-time anchor and co-editor of CBS' "60 Minutes," will speak Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. Wallace will participate in an interview and answer questions from the audience.

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

OFFBEAT

Toronto man is rock-paper-scissors champ

TORONTO — The cavernous club was filled with hundreds of fierce competitors. Striped-shirted referees kept order during the grueling hand-to-hand combat. In the end, it came down to two men and three "weapons" — rock, paper and scissors.

Rob Krueger, 31, of Toronto, was the winner — hands down — of the second International World Rock Paper Scissors Championship on Saturday night, taking home the \$3,750 first

prize.

Krueger, sporting a wild wig and wraparound shades, triumphed by throwing "paper" to finalist Marc Rigaux's "rock."

Gator gets loose in airliner compartment

NEWARK, N.J. — An alligator was captured inside the baggage hold of an airliner on Monday after escaping from its crate.

The young alligator, just 4 to 5 feet long, remained inside a burlap bag with its mouth bound shut, American Airlines spokesman Tim Wagner said.

Officers captured it with a looped device and put it back in its crate with three other gators shipped from Miami, officials said.

Authorities were looking into how the reptile got out.

The gator was found outside its box when the cargo hold of the Boeing 767 was opened, Wagner said.

Officials said they did not know why the alligators were being shipped. But their paperwork was in order, Wagner said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC presidential candidates to visit

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl updated board members on the Saint Mary's presidential search and urged them to promote the candidates' upcoming campus visits at Monday's BOG meeting.

The Presidential Search Committee has worked diligently in their search for a new president for the college, Jablonski-Diehl reported. One of the most impressive aspects about the process, she explained, is the Board of Trustees' desire to include current Saint Mary's students. Jablonski-Diehl said she has worked extensively with the committee and has met many prospective candidates.

Student trustee Sara Mahoney, who will cast a vote for the new president on behalf of the student body, agreed, saying that students have a sense of the school, which non-students may lack.

"The board is not here everyday and they don't have to deal with the ins and outs,"

Mahoney said. "So they really do want to hear from us."

Currently, the search committee is in the process of narrowing the field of candidates down to a small but unspecified number. Each of those select candidates will be invited to campus during the

month of November. Students will have the opportunity to meet and question the candidates and will then be asked to complete an online survey about them.

The responses will be compiled and review by the committee and the Board of Trustees.

This is an opportunity, Jablonski-Diehl said, which students should not overlook.

"We really need to start getting students engaged because it is amazing that students are getting to meet [the candidates]," she said.

Board members were reminded that the visits to campus would include more than just students interviewing the field of candidates. They will also give the candidates' a chance to be introduced to Saint Mary's.

"This is our chance as much for us to ask them questions,"

said Jablonski-Diehl, "as it is to sell the school to them."

Following the candidates visit to Saint Mary's, the Presidential Search Committee will select and submit three finalists to the Board of Trustees for a vote.

In other BOG News:

♦ BOG voted to provide \$1,440 in sponsorship money to help send 12 students to the Tax Foundation's National Conference in Washington D.C. The students, all junior business majors, will attend lectures at the four-day event.

♦ BOG also voted to give \$765 dollars to a group of nursing students in order that they may attend a suicide prevention conference. The event will take place at the Century Center in South Bend and will outline the signs of depression as well as some techniques for handling suicidal patients.

♦ Saint Mary's RHA is hosting several events for Halloween. Trick-or-treating will take place in the dorms Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. The Haunted Tunnels of Holy Cross, which includes Saint Mary's ghost stories, will take place Thursday evening from 8 to 10 p.m.

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"We really need to start getting students engaged..."

**Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl
SMC student body president**

Board of Trustees re-elects chairman

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The Board of Trustees re-elected its chairman, extending his tenure to 2007, and named a new Fellow at its recent fall meeting.

Trustees originally elected Board Chairman Patrick McCartan in 2000, and he became an ex-officio Fellow. McCartan, a senior partner at the Jones Day international law firm, joined the board in 1989.

"I appreciate the confidence and support of the Notre Dame board and I look forward to helping Notre Dame fulfill the promise of a great University," McCartan said in a statement.

The University's Fellows — six lay trustees and six members of the Indiana province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who are also trustees — named Bishop Daniel Jenky as a new Fellow. The position

became open after Father David Tyson replaced Father William Dorwart as provincial superior of the Indiana province.

University spokesman Michael Garvey said this is one of the four Fellow positions that is determined ex-officio; however, Tyson was already a Fellow prior to becoming the provincial superior and a Fellow position remained open.

The Fellows are responsible for electing the University's Trustees and adopting and amending board bylaws.

Jenky, the bishop of Peoria, Ill., graduated from Notre Dame in 1970. His previous positions at the University include rector of Dillon Hall, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and superior of the Holy Cross community.

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Trustees

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The 95,840-square-foot athletics center, which is slated to be completed by fall 2005, will be adjacent to the Loftus Center and will include football locker rooms, offices and other rooms and space for student-athlete training and conditioning programs and equipment. A groundbreaking date has not yet been set.

Construction will also resume on the security/police and post office building, now located on the former basketball courts near Stepan Center, and should be completed by summer 2005.

Prior to the Board's decision, all construction projects had been halted on campus with the exception of Legends and the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts due to the sluggish economy and the significant decrease in the University's endowment.

University President Father Edward Malloy said in a statement the University would remain "cautiously optimistic" and "exercise fiscal prudence," though funding was available for the three projects.

James Lyphout, vice president for business operations, said the trustees made the decision to continue construction after reviewing the financial and funding situation of the University. The status of

the endowment did not play a role in the trustee's decision-making process.

"We were able to demonstrate that we were able to meet the financing guidelines they established," Lyphout said.

The athletics center will be completely funded by a \$21.25 million donation from the late Don Guglielmino and his wife. Guglielmino attended Notre Dame for the 1939-40 academic year and has made numerous gifts to the University.

The \$70 million cost of the Jordan Hall of Science will be funded by both a gift from John Jordan, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate and trustee, and internal University funds.

Lyphout said the security/police and post office building did not meet the Board's requirements. But the Board still approved the continuation of construction in order to clear the current security/police and post office sites for future construction projects.

Lyphout said definite dates have not been set for the construction of the proposed new hotel on the current security/police building site and the law school renovations on the land of the current post office. Lyphout said the University was also still seeking funding for the Joyce Center renovations.

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were asked to resign or were terminated after missing required training sessions due to schedule conflicts.

In other CLC news:

◆ Members debated the effectiveness of a student government-sponsored presentation before the Board of Trustees on Oct. 16. Lao criticized a headline in The Observer that described the presentation as a failure and noted that the paper's reporter left the meeting early.

"I would not say it was a failure," said David Moss,

assistant vice president of student affairs. "I'd like to commend the committee for weathering the storm. Everyone did a nice job."

Some members, however, expressed concern that they were not informed of the topic of the presentation, especially in light of its focus on CLC. Lao apologized for the lack of communication.

◆ Members of the Senior Privilege Committee are investigating options for student parking privileges. The group plans to meet with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life, later this week.

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Elam

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from both the prosecution, defense, Elam and alleged victim regarding sentencing and said during his ruling he struggled with his decision.

"This is as close to a no-win position as I've found myself in 14 years," Chamblee said according to the South Bend Tribune.

Elam was the only former Notre Dame football player convicted on a charge stemming from an alleged gang rape in March 2002.

Chamblee originally delayed Elam's sentencing from early October until a conclusion was reached in the other three trials.

But a separate jury found Donald Dykes not guilty on all charges, and special prosecutor Maureen Devlin dropped all charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith

after conversing with jurors from the Elam and Dykes trials and experts related to the case.

Devlin said during the sentencing hearing that Elam was told no by the woman but persisted, and should be incarcerated.

Defense attorney Mark Lenyo appealed to the sympathy of the court and argued during

the hearing that Elam's felony conviction should be downgraded to a misdemeanor. Lenyo said a felony conviction prevented his client from accepting scholarships he was offered to complete his education. Elam, who works in a dentist's office and completed his associate's degree in business at a community college, apologized for his actions and asked for the opportunity to contribute to his community and family.

Indiana law would have permitted Chamblee to consider Elam's Class D felony conviction as a misdemeanor for sen-

tencing; however, Chamblee said during sentencing he could not do this in good conscience.

Though the woman said during the hearing Elam should be punished for his individual actions and not for the rest of the group, Chamblee said, "I'm not going to use you as an example. She wants you sentenced for what everyone did."

Chamblee said the defendants had already been punished enough and did not find it necessary to incarcerate Elam. He gave him an 18-month suspended sentence.

Elam, who is from Riviera Beach, Fla., must pay court costs and fees and may serve his two-year probation in his home county.

Devlin said to the South Bend Tribune following the sentencing that the woman was disappointed that Elam will not be incarcerated.

"Abram Elam is a convicted felon as he should be," Devlin said. "Having a felony conviction is significant."

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this article.

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"Abram Elam is a convicted felon as he should be. Having a felony conviction is significant"

Maureen Devlin
Prosecutor

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Three return from space station

ASTANA, Kazakhstan — A wingless space capsule carrying an American, a Russian and a Spaniard undocked from the international space station and began streaking toward Earth, Russian Mission Control said Tuesday.

The 3.5-hour trip was to end in the wide-open steppes of Kazakhstan, only the second time a U.S. astronaut has come home in a Russian craft and landed on foreign soil.

The three on Tuesday's homeward-bound trip were American Ed Lu and Russian Yuri Malenchenko, who flew to the space station nearly six months ago in the same Soyuz, and Spaniard Pedro Duque, who arrived at the station eight days ago on a different capsule.

Since the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia in February put NASA manned space flights on hold, the Russian Soyuz capsules have become the linchpin of the space station program.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate will approve EPA chief

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats, facing an overwhelming vote against them, dropped their opposition Monday to Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Minutes before the Senate was to have held a procedural vote that would have ordered an up-or-down decision soon on Leavitt's confirmation, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said the White House had satisfied her demands.

Clinton and the Senate's three Democratic presidential contenders — Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina — led an effort for weeks to block a vote on Leavitt, protesting Bush administration environmental policies.

Senators now plan to vote on Leavitt's nomination Tuesday morning after an hour's debate.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., who chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said Leavitt deserved speedy confirmation, and it was time to stop partisan election-year politics.

NIH reviews HIV research grants

WASHINGTON — Spurred by complaints from a conservative group, the National Institutes of Health is questioning government-funded researchers about the value of their work on AIDS and sexual practices.

NIH spokesman John Burklow said his agency was responding to a request from Republican lawmakers, who were given a list of 157 researchers with NIH grants.

The Washington-based Traditional Values Coalition compiled the list of researchers whose projects tackled subjects that include teenagers' sexual activity, sex and drug use among truckers and sexually transmitted diseases among Mexican immigrants.

One researcher, Dr. Liana Clark of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said the NIH asked her to describe the usefulness of her research into teenagers' misconceptions about birth control.

LOCAL NEWS

Miller announces governor bid

DANVILLE, Ind. — Conservative activist Eric Miller planned to formally begin his underdog campaign for the Republican nomination for governor Monday evening at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds.

Miller has been unofficially campaigning for two years. His itinerary this week includes stops in Fort Wayne, Mishawaka, and Elkhart.

Mitch Daniels, a former Bush White House budget director, has the backing of much of the state's Republican leadership and is considered the party's leading candidate.

Miller, however, has built up a network of support across the state as executive director of Advance America, a Christian lobby, since 1980.

IRAQ

Baghdad bombings leave 35 dead

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Striking in rapid succession, suicide car bombers bent on death for "collaborators" devastated the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations Monday, killing three dozen people and wounding more than 200 in the bloodiest day in Baghdad since the start of the U.S. occupation.

From north to south in this city of 5 million, the explosions over a 45-minute period left streetscapes of broken bodies, twisted wreckage and Iraqis unnerved by an escalating underground war. The dead included a U.S. soldier, eight Iraqi policemen and at least 26 Iraqi civilians.

"We feel helpless when we see this," said an Iraqi doctor.

Iraqi and U.S. authorities in Baghdad blamed the coordinated quadruple blasts on foreign fighters intent on targeting those they accuse of collaborating with U.S. forces. One captive would-be bomber was said to carry a Syrian passport.

But in Washington, Pentagon officials said they believed loyalists of ousted President Saddam Hussein were responsible. President Bush said insurgents had become more "desperate" because of what he said was progress in Iraq.

The tactics suggested a level of organization that U.S. officials had doubted the resistance possessed. In past weeks, bombers have carried out heavy suicide bombings but in single strikes.

Not only were Monday's attacks coordinated, they also involved disguise: the use of an Iraqi ambulance in the Red Cross attack, a police car and uniform in a police station explosion.

The blasts, which echoed the Aug. 19 bombing of the U.N. headquarters here, left the Red Cross and other aid agencies examining whether they should decrease their presence in



U.S. soldiers guard the site of a car bombing as investigators sift through the wreckage. Monday saw several attacks in resistance to the U.S. occupation.

Iraq. Paris-based Medecins Sans Frontieres said it would reduce its seven-member expatriate team in Baghdad.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he hoped non-government organizations, contractors and the United Nations would stay in Iraq despite the dangers.

"They are needed. Their work is needed. And if they are driven out, then the terrorists win," Powell said in Washington.

The differing theories about who was behind the bombings underscored the confusion generated by two days of bold, stunning attacks, beginning with a rocket barrage on a U.S. headquarters hotel Sunday that killed a U.S. colonel, wounded 15 other people and sent Americans scurrying to safety, including the

visiting deputy defense secretary, Paul Wolfowitz.

Later Sunday, three U.S. soldiers were killed in two attacks in the Baghdad area.

Then, at 8:30 a.m. Monday, on a warm, clear morning beginning the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, the first of four thunderous explosions rocked the city.

A police car, somehow commandeered for a suicide mission and driven by a man in police uniform, blew up after entering the courtyard of the al-Baya'a police station in southern Baghdad, said police Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim, the deputy interior minister.

Officers said the blast killed 15 Iraqis and one U.S. soldier, and the U.S. military said six other Americans were wounded. American

troops have been working with Iraqi police and guarding the stations.

Just five minutes later, a second blast struck the local headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross, a small, three-story building on a quiet street in central Baghdad. This bomber, too, used a subterfuge — an Iraqi ambulance that apparently was able to approach the ICRC offices without suspicion.

"I saw this ambulance driving up toward the Red Cross, and then suddenly it blew up," said cigarette vendor Ghani Khadim. The vehicle stopped 60 feet from the front of the Red Cross building, at a protective line of earth-filled barrels, and disintegrated as it blew a 15-foot-wide crater in the road.

CHINA

American released in PR gesture

Associated Press

BEIJING — Citing his "repentant behavior," China deported a Chinese-born American citizen convicted of obtaining state secrets and put him on a plane to the United States on Monday, less than two years before his prison sentence expires.

Fong Fuming, 68, a naturalized American and a business consultant from West Orange, N.J., had been on a list of 13 prisoners that the U.S. government identified to China as priority cases. Officials as senior as Secretary of State Colin Powell brought up his case with Chinese leaders.

In the past, Beijing has freed Americans or U.S. residents to coincide with visits from top-level Washington politicians. One source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that a U.S. official who deals with human rights arrived in Beijing on Monday.

The ailing Fong "has had his sentence reduced and was deported from China," the official Xinhua News Agency reported Monday night. It referred to Fong's "repentant behavior in jail" but didn't give details.

"It's a happy surprise," said one of Fong's two sons, reached by telephone in New Jersey. He spoke on condition that his name not be used.

"We're just so overjoyed that he's coming home."

Fong, an electrical engineer and one-time power official in China, long denied charges he illegally obtained documents containing state secrets and bribed government officials. He was sentenced to five years in March 2002 after being detained for nearly two years, and was given credit for time served.

Though Fong apparently remains ill, his son said the State Department told him that Fong "appeared to be OK" when he left Beijing.

"It could have been a Greek tragedy. Thank God it isn't," said U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell.

Saint Mary's students travel to Haiti over break

By ANNIE BASINSKI
News Writer

While many students headed home for fall break, nine Saint Mary's students went to Haiti as part of the Poverty and Development Seminar to interact with and learn more about Haitian people and the problems of their country.

A faculty member, a Saint Mary's alumna, and two representatives from Women's Perspective on Faith and Spirituality, a Connecticut-based organization that has conducted many immersions and seminars in Haiti, accompanied the seminar participants. The project was funded largely by a grant from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

Seminar participant and Saint Mary's senior Becca Doll described the experience as "not a missionary trip, but a cultural submergence."

Realizing that they would not be able to make drastic changes to better Haitian society, the participants went to Haiti with the intent to learn more about the effects of

globalization and the role of women in Haiti. Alison Gavin, a Saint Mary's senior who participated in the seminar, said she learned a lot about Haitian people's outlook on their country's present state.

"[We went to Haiti] to listen to the people, to get their perspective on their own situation, and to bring the knowledge gained on the trip back to the U.S., so we can think about how we might be able to make changes for them," Gavin said.

The participants prepared for the trip by attending meetings and discussing readings about the government, economy, living conditions and women's roles in Haiti.

The group began the seminar on Oct. 19 in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. They spent majority of the trip there and in the mountain village Gwo-Jan until they returned late Sunday night.

Several women's organizations spoke with the participants about legal rights and health care issues for Haitian women. The participants also had the opportunity to listen to seven political rape victims speak out about their attempts to seek justice for the rapes by filing

legal suits against the Haitian military.

Jan Pilarski, a justice education professor who participated in the seminar, said the women took a "great risk to speak out" about their rape incidents. Formerly a military dictatorship, Haiti was a country where many citizens gave their lives as a result of standing up for their beliefs. Although the country is now a Democracy, fear of persecution still lingers.

The rape victims have formed a theatrical troupe that shares stories of their tragic pasts through song and dramatizations. The seven women offered the participants not only their stories of sadness, but also their message of hope that they have found by working together to fight for women's rights.

"Haitian women are so strong, so knowledgeable, despite their

poverty," Gavin said. "They are committed to work for change and it is inspiring to learn from them."

Saint Mary's senior Zoë Zelazny said she was personally affected by witnessing the hope many of the Haitian people she spoke with have for the future, even though their living conditions are poor.

"They are family oriented and spiritual people," Zelazny said. "They have hope, warmth, and happiness, despite not having material things."

What little they did have, they shared with the participants.

"Even though they didn't have much food, they gave so much to us," Gavin said. "The people were really welcoming, really warm. They are very community focused."

The participants shared in the community by eating traditional Haitian dishes, learning to cook

Haitian food, and painting using Haitian style.

They also had the opportunity to spend time with babies who live in an orphanage sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, the same order that was Mother Teresa's. The babies are placed in the orphanage either because they are severely ill or malnourished, or because their families cannot support them. The participants held and rocked the babies to sleep, giving them acts of affection that they rarely receive.

Now that the seminar participants are back in the U.S., they say that they plan to make others aware of the problems they observed during their trip to Haiti. Together, they will also reflect on their experiences and brainstorm ways they can impart their knowledge to others so that changes can be made in Haiti.

"Seeing what we saw — you can't not be impacted," Zelazny said. "We will share our experiences with friends and family and try to always keep that a part of us."

"Haitian women are so strong, so knowledgeable, despite their poverty. They are committed to work for change and it is inspiring to learn from them."

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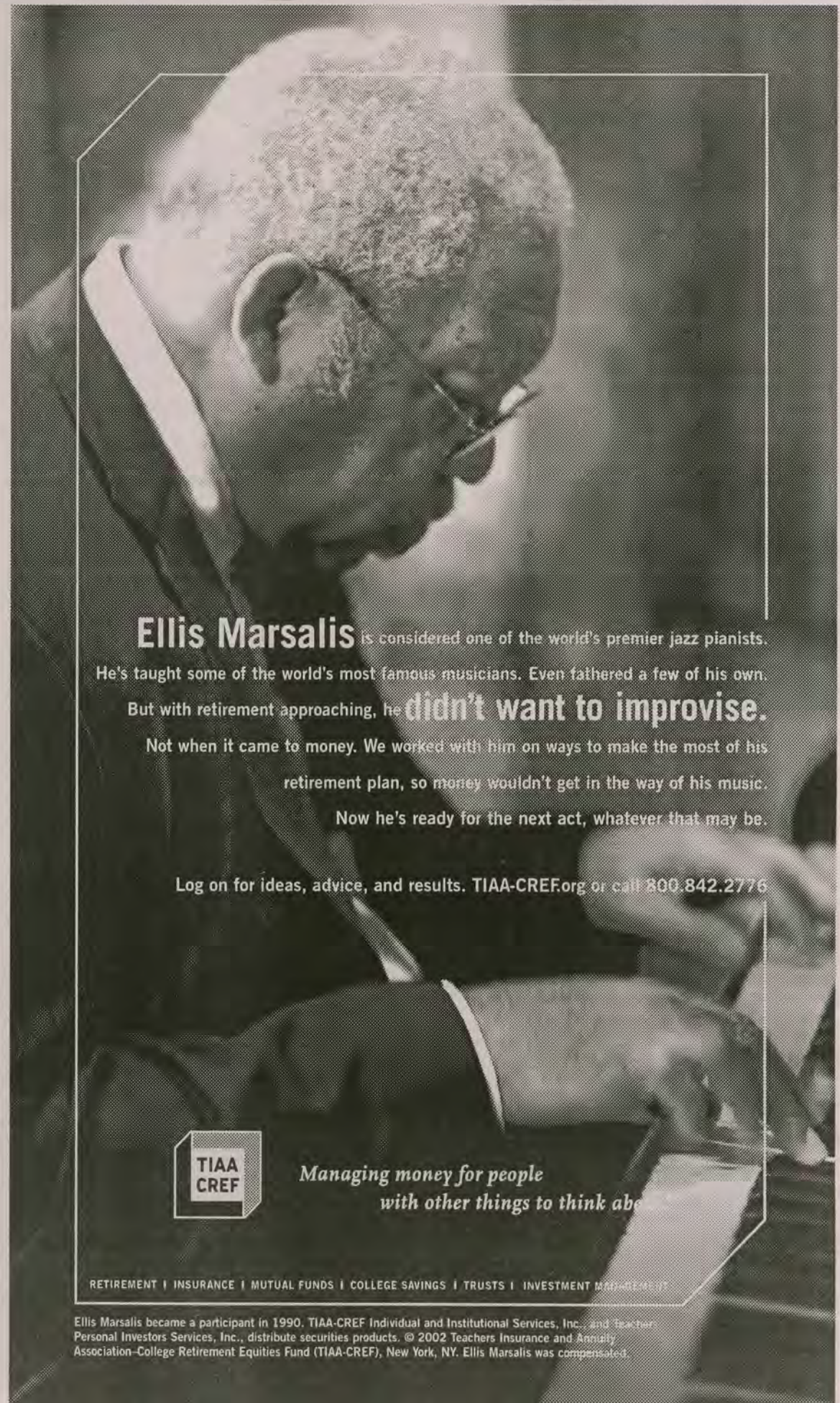
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IN BRIEF

Group of 20 meets to plan after Cancun

MORELIA, Mexico — Finance officials from the European Union and 19 countries, including the United States, wrapped up a two-day meeting Monday with promises to help Iraq lower its debt load and restart global trade talks that collapsed last month in Cancun.

Officials from the Group of 20, meeting in the mountains of western Mexico, were upbeat about the world economy, saying in a declaration that "while risks remain, a global economic recovery is under way."

They also discussed identifying and sanctioning countries that refuse to cooperate in the fight against terrorist funding, though possible sanctions were not outlined.

Mexican Treasury Secretary Francisco Gil Diaz said officials must combat the "lack of cooperation from the famous tax havens," but he didn't name the offending countries.

Two largest Blue Cross PPO's to merge

INDIANAPOLIS — The two largest Blue Cross Blue Shield providers plan to merge in a deal the companies valued at \$16.4 billion, creating the nation's largest managed-care provider with 26 million members from Maine to California.

Anthem Inc. will swallow California-based WellPoint Health Networks Inc., keeping the slightly larger company's name but consolidating its operations at Anthem's Indianapolis headquarters, the companies announced Monday.

Anthem will trade one share of its stock, plus \$23.80 in cash, for each share of WellPoint. In trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, WellPoint shares rose \$7.16, or 8.5 percent, to close at \$91.09, while Anthem shares fell \$6.21, or 8 percent, to close at \$71.05.

If regulators and shareholders of the two companies approve, the merger is expected to close by mid-2004.

The companies said the merger would save their combined operations at least \$50 million next year, about \$175 million in 2005 and at least \$250 million annually by 2006. Each company now has about 20,000 employees.

Bank of America, Fleet announce merger

Buyout will create nation's second-largest bank to serve 33 million customers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Bank of America Corp. announced a \$47 billion deal Monday to buy FleetBoston Financial Corp., swallowing up the last of the big Boston banks that have made the city a financial center since the time of the American Revolution.

The agreement, if approved by shareholders and regulators, would create the nation's second-biggest banking company. Bank of America, currently No. 3, would have about 33 million customers and 2.5 million business clients in 35 countries.

The deal would also bring Bank of America into New England and eliminate the Fleet name.

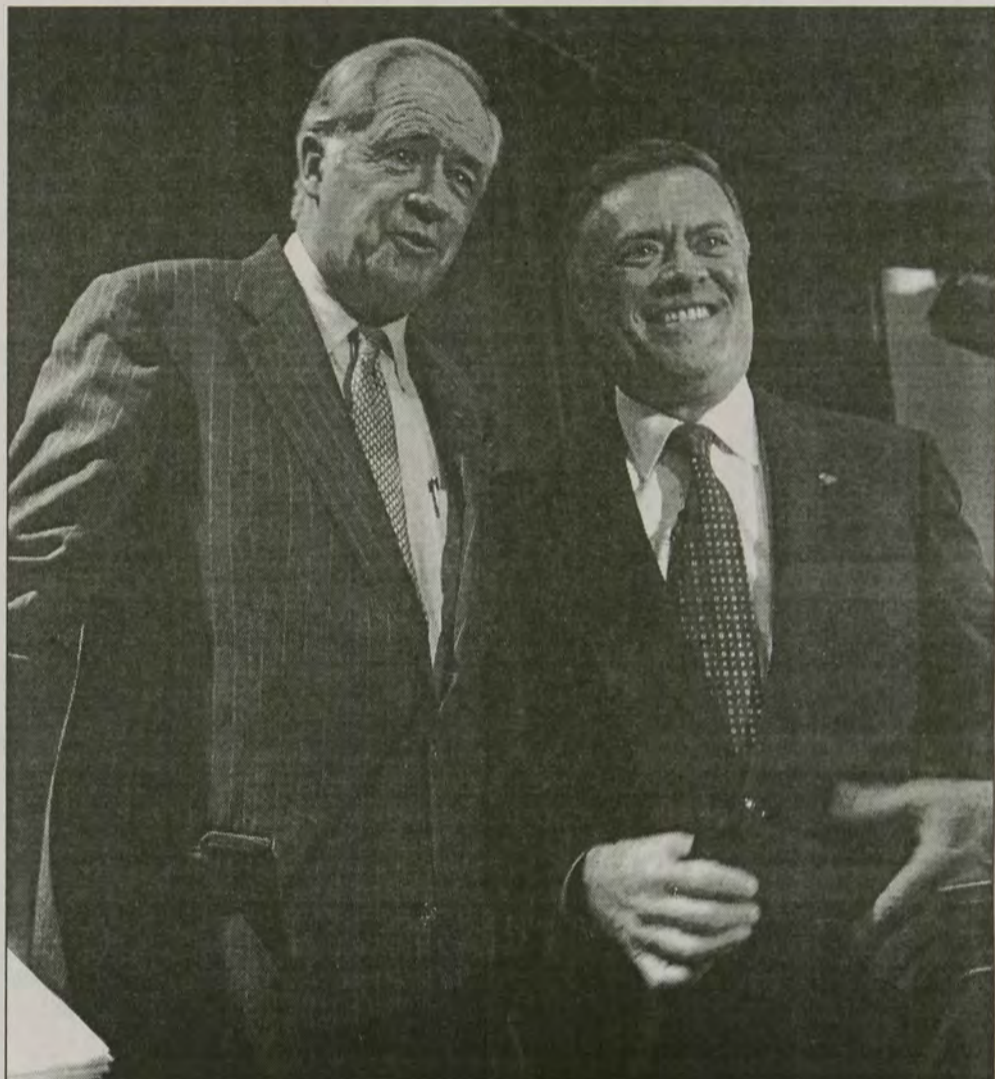
"We are now truly the bank of America," said Kenneth D. Lewis, chairman and chief executive of Bank of America.

Fleet's roots here go back centuries to when Boston banks financed the young nation's shipping and textile industries. In 1784, Fleet, then known as the Massachusetts Bank, became the first federally chartered bank in the United States.

The deal comes less than a month after another Boston institution, John Hancock Financial Services, was bought by Canada's Manulife Financial Corp.

FleetBoston and Bank of America executives said that because the companies had so little overlap, they expect the number of jobs in the Boston area to remain about the same. FleetBoston has a total of 47,700 employees; Bank of America has 133,000.

Charles K. Gifford, FleetBoston chairman and chief executive, said he did not know how the deal would affect the Fleet Center, where the Boston



Charles Gifford, CEO of FleetBoston Financial Corp, left, and Kenneth Lewis, CEO of Bank of America, jointly announce the merger of the two banking giants.

Celtics and Bruins play. The Fleet name is everywhere in New England, from the arena to a waterfront concert pavilion.

The acquisition combines banks with assets totaling over \$930 billion.

Alone, Bank of America has \$737 billion in assets. It is third behind Citigroup, which has more than \$1 trillion, and J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., with more than \$740 billion, according to the trade publication American Banker.

The combined bank will have about 5,200 branches; Bank of America

already has more branches than any other U.S. bank. No. 2 Wells Fargo has about 3,000.

"It's going to be one of the dominant banks in the U.S. banking industry over the next 25 years," said Gerard Cassidy, an industry analyst with RBC Capital Markets.

Bank of America, based in Charlotte, N.C., will pay \$45 a share for Fleet, or about \$13 more than FleetBoston's closing price on Friday.

Lewis will be chief executive of the merged company, to be headquartered in Charlotte. Gifford will

be chairman of the board.

The deal, already approved by both boards of directors, is expected to be completed in the first half of 2004. Bank of America said it expects the merger to save \$1.1 billion.

Analyst John McCune of SNL Financial Corp. said the deal could also signal a new round of bank mergers with large regional banks joining forces with big financial services as the only way to compete.

"No other single bank has the same combined coverage this bank does right now," McCune said.

RUSSIA

Petroleum magnate jailed in Siberia

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Shares in Russia's largest oil firm plunged and dragged the Moscow stock market down with them Monday, the first trading day after the weekend arrest and jailing of the chairman of Russia's biggest oil producer.

President Vladimir Putin defended prosecutors' decision to arrest Russia's richest man, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, whom special forces seized in a stunning operation at a Siberian airport. But fears were high that the move could stall the Russian economy, which recently has seen robust progress back from the 1998 collapse of Russia's currency, the ruble.

"Capitalism with Stalin's Face," blared a headline in the daily

Nezavisimaya Gazeta. "The prosecutor general has been allowed to turn Russia into a VIP jail," echoed the business daily Kommersant.

Khodorkovsky's arrest was an escalation of the probe into the Yukos oil company that began in July and that many analysts and politicians have speculated is political revenge for the tycoon's funding of opposition parties.

Yukos this month completed arrangements to form what would be the world's fourth-largest oil company by merging with Russia's Sibneft, and it carries a huge influence in Russia's economy. Its shares were down 15 percent at the close of trading; the RTS benchmark index of Russian stocks closed down 14 percent.


Earlier in the day, after Yukos shares lost 20 percent, trading on the Moscow exchange was halted for an

hour. The ruble, which this year has made an overall 12 percent rise against the U.S. dollar, dipped 1 percent.

The arrest of Khodorkovsky rattled even risk-hardened foreign investors. Analysts and fund managers in Europe and Russia said that markets badly wanted assurances that the Kremlin wasn't going to reshuffle the privatizations of the 1990s that created some of Russia's biggest companies.

Putin tried to calm fears of a widening government move against prominent businesses.

"Everyone should be equal before the law, irrespective of how many billions of dollars a person has on his personal or corporate account," Putin said at the start of his regular Cabinet session.

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the 50-yard line.

"We've jumped into stadiums across the country, doing this," said Elliot, the team's captain. "It's one of our most popular demonstrations."

Earlier that day, the Gold Team practiced what they termed "dirt dives," or on-ground simulations of what the day's program would be, on the tarmac at the Gary Jet Center. Though the Team boasts 13 experienced members with between 400 and 4,000 individual logged jumps, they never let themselves become complacent.

"If we relax, someone gets hurt. We always have to be a little nervous, always on our toes, no matter how many times we've jumped," said Elliot.

The procedure normally performed at football games is called the Mass Exit show, with all the jumpers exiting the aircraft before joining together to create a geometrical formation and landing one at a time.

Despite the team's experience, high winds threatened to keep the Golden Knights (a nickname for the USAPT) in their C-31 Friendship Fokker — a plane specially built in the Netherlands — though, obviously, calmer weather prevailed.

"We never jump if the wind is gusting too hard," said Sergeant First Class Andy Leake. "We'd just get tossed around out there, and end up

landing in the crowd on national television."

Stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., the Golden Knights were established in 1959, officially recognized by the Army two years later, to compete "in the then-Communist-dominated sport of skydiving," said Staff Sgt. Mellissa Novakovich.

Today, the USAPT is made up of six divisions, including two demonstration teams, two competition teams, the aviation section and the Headquarters element, all of which serve to promote, recruit for and compete in the name of the Army. Jumpers also test new parachuting equipment to certify its safety and evaluate its improvement from previous models.

To become a member of the Golden Knights, an enlisted member must submit a

packet detailing their qualifications, meeting the requirements of at least 150 free-fall jumps, static line certification and a flawless military career. Twenty to 25 new members are chosen each year and then assigned into one of the demonstration or competition divisions to serve a three- to eight-year tour. Both new and old personnel are then taken through two months of rigorous training in Yuma, Ariz., where the maneuvers are perfected for the show.

"Since my first dive, I knew this is what I wanted to do," said Leake, a second-year member of the Gold Team. "The fact that this is my job every day? It never gets old."

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Sgt. Mike Elliot
U.S. Army

Starvation cases raise questions

New Jersey child welfare agency comes under scrutiny

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The body of a 7-year-old boy found in a box in a Newark basement nearly a year ago prompted a shake-up at New Jersey's child welfare agency. The agency reviewed all open cases, hired 366 more employees and received \$30 million in emergency aid.

Despite those changes, four adopted boys — one of them 19 — were found earlier this month malnourished and weighing less than 50 pounds each.

Their adoptive parents were charged last week with starving them, and on Monday, nine child welfare employees were fired and the state announced another review of recently compiled assessments of children in state care.

Social workers had visited the boys' house in Collingswood as many as 38 times. Child welfare officials have doubts about whether the visits took place, said Department of Human Services Commissioner Gwendolyn Harris. The last visit was supposed to have

taken place Sept. 15.

"I had staff that were either incompetent, uncaring or who had falsified records," Harris said. "I have members of this division who have failed children almost to the cost of their very lives."

Gov. James E. McGreevey said Monday the state is investigating whether criminal charges should be filed against the caseworker.

"It's inconceivable how a caseworker could go there and not detect these atrocious conditions," McGreevey said.

Agencies in other states have had similar tragedies and ordered reforms. But New Jersey's child-care system continues to confront such horrific abuses despite additional staff members and emergency funding.

Susan Lambiase, an attorney for Children's Rights who sued the state in 1999, called New Jersey's child welfare agency one of the worst in the nation.

"This was one of the worst I have ever seen. It's still very bad," she said. "We knew it was a system that had been in crisis for over a decade."

We know that a lot has to be done. This horror story that we are all learning about exemplifies that it's worse than we all imagined."

New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services came under intense pressure for reform when the body of 7-year-old Faheem Williams was found decomposed in a storage box in a Newark basement. His twin brother and their 4-year-old half brother were discovered alive but emaciated in an adjoining room.

In 1999, Children's Rights filed a class-action lawsuit against the state to force reforms.

The state settled that lawsuit and agreed to review all child welfare cases — more than 14,000. During those inspections, 31 children were removed from their own homes, foster care and other living arrangements.

DYFS supervises 58,582 children, including youngsters awaiting adoption.

State inspectors said they are reviewing all reports filed by the DYFS caseworkers and managers who visited the Collingswood house.

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technique, and has interviewed such figures Presidents Bush, Reagan, Carter, Ford, Nixon, Johnson and Kennedy, as well as international figures such as

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Catholicism demands 'faithful citizenship'

According to a recent Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life survey, 52 percent of Catholics intend to vote to reelect President Bush in 2004, while 31 percent intend to vote for a Democratic candidate. As far as I am concerned, the 83 percent of us voting Catholics and maybe even the other 17 percent not represented by this study are going to hell.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

Surely, such a statement is extreme and inflated, but my point is that the approaches of many Catholics, even most Catholics, to the political arena are misguided and immoral. There is a tremendous need as we approach the important upcoming election for us Catholics to examine our consciences and our actions in the American political structure. There is a need for true faithful citizenship.

First, the majority of devout Catholics who vote Republican vote based on one single issue: abortion. At first glance, this seems like a legitimate reason for voting Republican, considering that over 40 million abortions have taken place in the United States since 1973. While the Republicans remain committed generally to an anti-life agenda on other issues, the numbers seem to suggest that a utilitarian-for-life would vote Republican. But here's the problem: Catholics cannot accept utilitarianism.

Utilitarianism espouses the notion that individuals and nations can judge their actions by weighing the positive results against the negative results. In other words, throw the relationship between means and ends out the door. Catholicism, to the contrary, espouses a definite right and wrong in regards to means and ends to which Catholics are called to adhere and witness. Catholics cannot accept the sort of moral relativism that goes hand-in-hand with utilitarianism.

For example, the utilitarian would support an action of killing three million people if it would end world hunger, because the number of people who would not die from world hunger would be greater than the three million. Another example is that the utilitarian would vote for a candidate who limits abortion even if that candidate supports the death penalty, harmful economic policies for the poor, and disregard for the just war theory. From a Catholic standpoint, this is unacceptable. The many Catholics who vote Democrat also have their own faults. Democrats make their own utilitarian arguments as they vote for candidates who will promote the welfare of the poor, a more humane foreign policy, and promotion of civil rights, but dismiss the issues of abortion, cloning and assisted suicide. Again, this is not wholly consistent with true Catholicism.

An analysis of the motivations and patterns of Catholics

in the American political framework highlights the need for the Catholics to reevaluate their current course of action and embark on a new road of Catholic faithful citizenship. But what will such a road entail?

A week ago, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a document titled "Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility." In this document, the bishops write, "Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life." They pose a number of provocative questions concerning the modern challenges of Catholic Social Teaching and the ways in which Catholics are challenged to stand up for the poor, the unborn, the voiceless and the suffering.

The major message of this document is that Catholics have a moral obligation to become politically involved. Catholics have to seriously evaluate and challenge political leaders on protecting human life, promoting family life, pursuing social justice and practicing global solidarity. This is an important opportunity to bear witness.

As I see it, this call to Catholic faithful citizenship should manifest itself in three ways in the coming election. If

Catholics are not careful, our actions can be extremely misguided and harmful.

First, if you do not have a solid grasp on the issues and the way in which your faith can guide your voting, do not vote. This is not to say that people should be apathetic; rather, uninformed or indecisive Catholics should turn in blank ballots as a symbol of not accepting the system. Dorothy Day refused to choose a candidate because she felt that Catholics could not find a place in the American political framework.

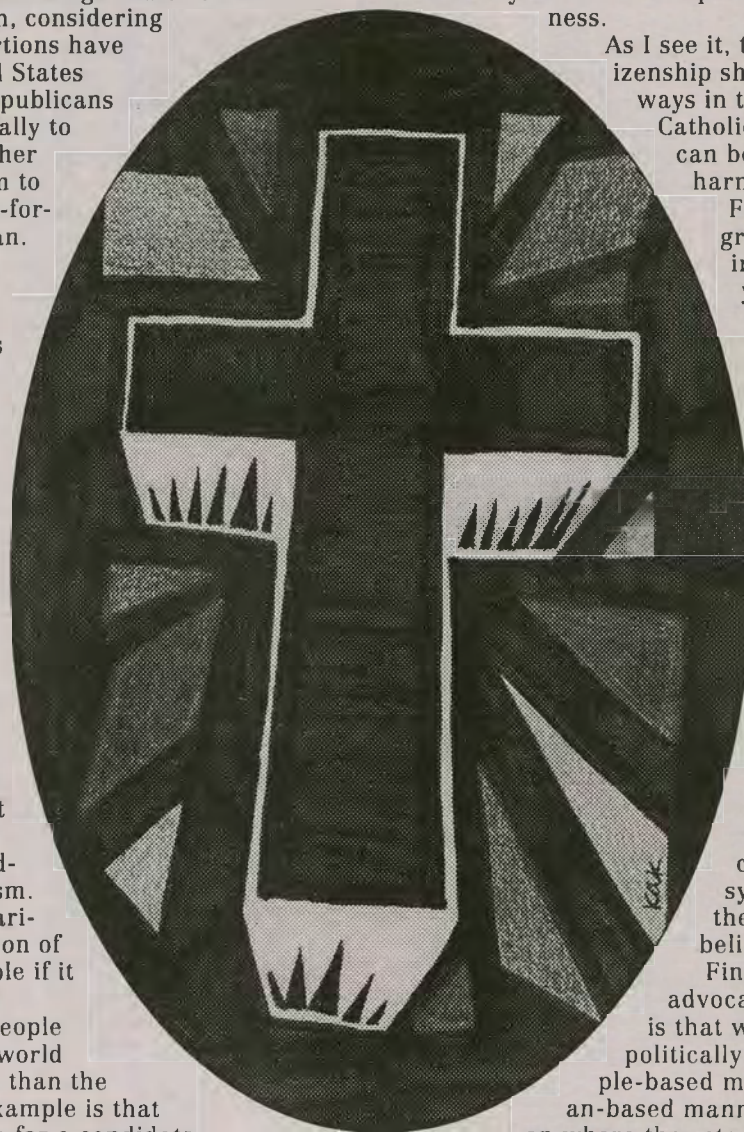
Second, Catholics should present a Catholic candidate who is consistent on issues of Church teaching and doctrine. Obviously, such a candidate would have little chance of succeeding in the political race, but this could also be an important symbol to political parties that they need to take the social beliefs of Catholics seriously.

Finally, the position most clearly advocated by the USCCB and myself is that we Catholics should become politically engaged and vote in a principle-based manner rather than a utilitarian-based manner. Catholics need to be clear on where they stand on the many pressing issues of our time, and then Catholics should vote for the candidate that most clearly represents a direction most consistent with Church teaching, human dignity and the realization of the kingdom of God in this world.

Only if we do this can we curb our current road to hell.

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Samuel Adams
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame rape victims

I was appalled to read Jonathan Retartha's Oct. 17 Inside Column titled "A call for change," which addressed the sexual assault/alcohol policy currently in place at the University. The mere suggestion of telling potential rape victims that they will be prosecuted for alcohol violations in the event of an assault infuriates me.

It upsets me that there are people walking around Notre Dame's campus who are actually trying to justify such a suggestion. No woman is responsible when she is raped. She is a victim of a violent crime. Period. You cannot and should not automatically assume that if she was drunk that the attack would not have occurred. That defies common sense.

"Getting drunk on a first date just is not a good idea, and if Notre Dame insists on prosecuting alcohol violations no matter what, less girls may be apt to drink on a first date, and there would be much less chance of assault," writes Retartha.

The fact that this antiquated and absolutely erroneous assumption still exists is mind-boggling. A rapist is a rapist. A rapist will probably rape regardless of the situation — drunk, sober, whatever. But if alcohol is involved, where is the blame for the rapist? Is he less guilty because he was drunk when he raped? Answering yes to this question is ludicrous — so why is it acceptable to think that a woman is guilty of letting herself be raped because she was drunk?

I'm currently getting my master's in journalism. I'm aware of editorials, free speech, expressing an opinion. But please, Observer, be careful here. Be smart. Be educated. Articles like this are misinformed and perpetuate the very stigma that keeps rape victims from coming forward in the first place. They also shade the reality of what rape is about — power.

Don't ever forget that rape victims are just that — victims. I am not a rape victim, but I am close to someone who is. Her life was turned upside down 12 years ago when she was attacked. A nameless perpetrator who has never been caught almost destroyed her life. I don't get caught up in the details of whether she was drunk. I prefer to focus my attention on the violent criminal who raped her.

The University's alcohol policy currently in place to encourage rape victims to come forward is sound and should remain intact.

And I will not lose sleep at night believing that Notre Dame is full of women who will accuse innocent men of a heinous act just to avoid being punished for an alcohol violation. Retartha writes, "This dangerous exemption opens the door to a possible slippery slope of having violators falsely accuse people of rape just to avoid convictions." Notre Dame women should be outraged at such a statement.

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 Oct. 20

Exposing Hollywood's far-left conspiracy

With President Bush proclaiming a week in October as "Defense of Marriage Week," liberals have secretly solicited the notorious Bouvier sisters, Selma and Patty, as spokespersons. Some consider Selma and Patty to be Hollywood elitists epitomizing everything that is wrong with this nation and our society. They consider it diabolical how the two hide behind their weekly television comedy, "The Simpsons," which places its characters in a church setting more than any program on television. Others think that Selma and Patty's 14-year stature as Emmy winners and celebrity icons mask an agenda as morally bankrupt as that of Rush Limbaugh and Bill Bennett.

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Each actor manipulates her television persona as though it was her actual life. Selma and Patty hope that casual cigarette usage and two divorces make them identifiable with millions of decent, moral Americans who also have a vice or two. They use their television public service careers at the motor vehicles office to falsely connect with viewers who place patriotism above any insignificant civil liberty. These elitist performers are banking on their abilities to lull the public into such complacency that it sets the stage for them to spring their liberal agendas.

Right-wingers see Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson as beacons of conservative light in the mucky sea of liberalism. They must now prepare to counter an orchestrated charade that is part of a scheme concocted by Hollywood for liberal politicians. The West Coast elitist goal is for the Democrats to hijack the institution of marriage in favor of special rights contrary to every value held holy by fundamentalist Christians.

Selma and Patty hope that unsuspecting Americans will view them as sisters when in actuality, they are lovers. Their campaign has nothing to do with marriage, civil unions or being gay. Selma and Patty's backers are pressuring the Democratic Party and its nine presidential candidates to support legal rights regarding health coverage, personal property and child or elderly care based on the sisters' dwelling status, not personal preferences. Supporters believe that by masquerading as sisters, the two can prevent conservatives from changing the issue to one of gay marriage.

Selma and Patty rhyme their goal, "Those who together reside need not have a bride." They propose a legal benchmark that, if applicable to sisters who live together, would solve any dwelling scenario of more than one person without bringing emotion or sex into the conversation. It would guarantee the portability or sharing of legal protections for health coverage, property ownership,

guardianship of children or the elderly and estate survivorship. The proposal would allow any number of persons living in the same dwelling to enter into a legal residential contract.

Patty says that if a mother and daughter or two sisters live together, either should be able to provide health insurance for the other. Patty believes that the United States should be a leader in health-care coverage flexibility. In her stump speech Patty tells audiences that "Americans can be contradictory by expressing both bold and progressive ideas while at the same time remaining closed-minded and blinded by scare tactics."

She goes on to say that if we would stop fighting each other over non-issues created by interest groups, we could solve our differences by including everyone rather than excluding some. Patty sees Americans as happier, more cooperative and tolerant neighbors to each other and the world.

Selma, having been married and divorced twice on her television series, considers herself an expert on marriage. She contends that the current rights of those who live as common law husbands and wives should be the starting point for the partnership plan. Selma contends that institutional religion has nothing to do with marriages performed by captains of ships, justices of the peace or mayors. She counters critics by saying that it is ridiculous for some religious leaders to assert that partnerships violate the sanctity of marriage.

As Selma explains the plan, legal survivorship begins with a person's dwelling arrangement. If that person did not have a will or were to lie comatose, priority would be assigned to those with whom the person chose to reside. Whether a person resides with a mother or sister, with a husband or a girlfriend or a complete stranger of either sex, that person could share health insurance portability and other legal rights. That person's life would be legally equal to married couples or common law couples without diminishing traditional institutions.

Conservatives should beware of the "Selma and Patty Benchmark." These two professed "sisters" could standardize and simplify dwelling rights to the extent that Americans could choose any number of combinations of living arrangements resulting in a better quality of life. The American public would be a big winner leaving the fundraising efforts of the Falwells and Robertsons of this nation as big losers.

Now that's what anyone would call a far-left conspiracy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality not a mental disorder

While ordinarily I would dismiss Michael Gerardi's fringe contentions in his Oct. 17 letter with a roll of my eyes, in this case, I believe three important points need be made.

First, in support of his view that homosexuality is a "psychological disorder," Gerardi cites the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality, a group that promotes the "curing" of homosexuality through "reparative" or "conversion" therapy. It should be noted that no published scientific evidence supports such a view, and all valid health and mental health professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, staunchly oppose any assumption that

homosexuality is a mental disorder.

Second, Gerardi argues against gay families. Initially, he reasons that gay relationships are unstable. Unfortunately, many relationships today, whether heterosexual or homosexual, that are unstable, and most people agree that, sexual orientation aside, children are better raised by parents in stable, as opposed to unstable, relationships. But Gerardi further states that even gay families that maintain loving, stable environments are still immoral because "no end justifies an evil means." Aside from the fact that using the word "evil" to explain why one finds something immoral is an easy and non-persuasive escape from using rational, logical arguments to justify such a position, the use of the word "evil" borders on hate speech, as most people commonly associate evil with the need to elimi-

nate it.

In addition, having spent time working with children in homeless shelters, I have seen abused, malnourished, unwanted, and drug-addicted babies brought into this world. I imagine that many such children, starved for loving, stable environments, would take particular issue with a per se determination that homosexual couples willing to offer love, care, attention, support, devotion and guidance are unfit merely because of how they choose to express their feelings for each other behind closed doors.

Finally, because Gerardi apparently believes that homosexual individuals will die earlier than their heterosexual counterparts, he suggests that intolerance is the best way to keep society from losing so many people before their time has come. I suppose homosexuals around the world should be

thanking him for this consideration. To think that such homophobic comments come from a Notre Dame student representing a University that, according to du Lac, "strives for a spirit of inclusion," "prize[s] the uniqueness of all persons as God's creatures", and "value[s] gay and lesbian members of th[e] community as [it] values all members of th[e] community" is quite disappointing.

I only hope that the remainder of Gerardi's four years at Notre Dame open his mind to the possibility that society's intrinsic wrongs stem not from non-traditional sexual practices, but from people unwilling to accept and eager to condemn others who happen to be different from themselves.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Sylvia' explores heights, depths of poet's life

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

The film *Sylvia* has many parallels with the writings of its subject, poet Sylvia Plath. It is full of dark yet beautiful images, it is at times confusing and frightening in its sheer intensity of emotion, and it leaves you with a resigned sense of despair and a number of unanswered questions. The movie, much like Plath's own life, is not a light-hearted romantic comedy but is instead a fascinating study in how blurry the line between art and insanity can be and how living between these two worlds can inspire one to creativity and drive one to madness at the very same time.

The film traces Plath's life from her college days at Cambridge to her final chaotic years in London, but her stormy marriage to fellow poet Ted Hughes emerges as the central focus of the movie.

Their tumultuous relationship consists of emotional ups and downs stemming from the personal flaws of both characters. Gwyneth Paltrow embodies the role of Plath well — she avoids making Sylvia a pitiable and victimized character and instead brings out the brilliance of her wit, her frequently grating and unlikable nature and believable bouts of insanity.

Ted Hughes, played by Daniel Craig, emerges as a character as flawed and brilliant as Plath herself, with Craig

melding his love, anger, moodiness and unfaithfulness into one equally convincing character. The interaction between the two actors brings the passion and perils of the two poets' relationship to the screen with all of the necessary emotion, which is especially important because there are few other characters in the movie, and none play a particularly major role in the movie.

The film avoids the major pitfall of presenting the relationship between Plath and Hughes in not portraying Plath as the blameless victim of a violent male aggressor. Instead, the film attempts to look at the realities of their relationship. Plath was needy, somewhat bipolar, suspicious and driven to have her poetry embraced by mainstream culture.

Hughes had difficulties with his temper, strayed from his wife and frequently concerned himself only with his work. Neither party is blameless in their tumultuous

relationship and both suffer from and are inspired by their bond between their souls that both ties them together and drives them apart time after time.

The end of the film is no surprise to anyone who knows about Plath's life. The movie seeks not so much to answer the question of, "Why did she do it?" but instead shows the factors that contributed to her desperation and, ultimately, shows the very depths of Plath's



Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig) and Sylvia Plath (Gwyneth Paltrow) exchange wedding vows in the new biographical film exploring the latter poet's life.

"Sylvia"



Director: Christine Jeffs
Writers: John Brownlow
Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Daniel Craig, Blythe Danner and Michael Gambon

MOVIE REVIEW

Coppola lives up to family name with latest film

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Movie Critic

For a director with the last name Coppola, there's a lot on the line. However Sofia Coppola, daughter of legend Francis Ford Coppola, does not disappoint with her second feature film *Lost in Translation*.

While *Lost in Translation* does not dazzle its audience with state-of-the-art special effects and a dramatic score or garner laughs with slapstick antics, Coppola proves that less is more by creating a no-frills film that is as compelling as it is unique and as entertaining as it is mov-

ing. Bill Murray stars as out-of-work actor Bob Harris who is shooting a whiskey commercial in Tokyo. The monotony of his life drives him nightly to the hotel bar where he encounters Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), a college graduate and fellow soul-searcher. As the week progresses and the two restless Americans spend more time together, a unique relationship blossoms between Charlotte and Bob.

The role of Bob fits Murray perfectly. With his artful mannerisms, he adopts a convincing air of despondency, but Murray does not withhold his characteristic humor. Rather, his classic sarcasm and dryness punctuate the film with

laughs. Young Johansson successfully complements this performance with her naïveté. Her natural reactions to Murray's wisecracks prove to be far more entertaining than an overly scripted banter. Overall, the interactions between Murray and Charlotte come naturally and are positively endearing.

However, the true breakout performance is Sofia Coppola's role as director. She strips the film of cliché and gaudy elements and tells her story in the simplest of terms.

By using dialogue and music sparingly (many scenes early in the film lack either), she creates a silence that speaks. Coppola creates empathy for her characters by allowing the audience to observe Bob and Charlotte doing the most mundane tasks.

Likewise, comedic relief only works in this context because, once again, it comes so naturally. Rather than contriving situations for laughs, Coppola lets her characters play off of their surroundings. She recognizes that much of the humor lies merely in the Americans' efforts to communicate and function in Tokyo, and allows subtle humor to stem from this premise.

In addition, Coppola does not try to fill characters' mouths with straight-from-Webster's words and witticisms. While the writing is smart, it's only effective

because the conversations are not a huge stretch of the imagination.

Similarly, Coppola achieves dramatic tension by acting with the same delicacy. Though her protagonists are somewhat dysfunctional by nature, she avoids slipping into typical over-the-top melodrama — the film is completely void of hysterical outbursts, escalating sappy music, and emotional monologues.

Coppola presents nearly all of the character development and mounting tension visually. Additionally, each scene serves a purpose by succinctly (but subtly) offering some insight or plot advancement. In this way, Coppola demonstrates true skill and a style all of her own.

Furthermore, she reminds her audience that film is a medium and what they're watching on the screen is truly a work of art. What's more, unlike most films of this caliber, in spite of being innovative, Coppola's style remains unpretentious.

Lost in Translation may not be action-packed or rolling-in-the-aisles-hilarious, but it is so honest, captivating, and original that moviegoers would be doing themselves a great disservice by missing this film.

"Lost in Translation"



Director: Sofia Coppola
Writers: Sofia Coppola
Starring: Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson



Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson) and Bob Harris (Bill Murray) explore downtown Tokyo together in the new romantic comedy from director Sofia Coppola.

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Boston College 27, Notre Dame 25

Opportunity dropped

Irish come back from 18 points down, only to lose 27-25 to Boston College

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CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — As determined as Boston College seemed to be to give the game away Saturday, Notre Dame appeared just as reluctant to want to win it.

The Irish capitalized on mistake after mistake to rally from an 18-point deficit to take a one point lead, only to see that lead disappear when Sandro Sciortino kicked a game-winning field goal with 38 seconds remaining. The Eagles went on to win 27-25, the third straight year Boston College has beaten the Irish.

By winning, Boston College dealt a serious blow to Notre Dame's already slim postseason bowl aspirations. The 2-5 Irish need to win four of their last five games just to become bowl eligible, and they'll face No. 5 Florida State in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

"The problem at this point is just trying to find a way to win a ballgame," linebacker Courtney Watson said. "We don't want to look at anything too far down the line. We're looking at the wrong things."

A year ago, Boston College capitalized on seven Irish fumbles to deal Notre Dame its first loss of the season.

Despite falling behind early Saturday, Notre Dame had every opportunity to win the game thanks to a ferocious second-half comeback. Trailing 24-6 in the third quarter, Omar Jenkins caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Brady Quinn on the second to last play of the quarter. The 2-point conversion failed, however, and the Irish were down 12.

But a pair of miscues by the Boston College punt unit led to two more Notre Dame touchdowns. A botched snap on a punt gave the Irish the ball at the Boston College 23-yard line, and Quinn connected with Maurice Stovall on the next play for his second touchdown pass of the game. Then, with 3:34 left in the game, Nate Schiccato blocked a punt that Carlos Campbell returned 25 yards for a touchdown. The 2-point conversion failed, but the Irish were still up 25-24.

"I thought that was our time," Schiccato said. "We had



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Notre Dame receiver Rhema McKnight drops a long pass in the first half of the Irish 27-25 loss to Boston College. Notre Dame dropped its third straight game to the Eagles and are 2-5 on the season.

momentum on our side and everything favoring us."

Or at least Notre Dame did until Will Blackman returned the ensuing kickoff to mid-field. In nine plays, the Eagles drove down to the Notre Dame 12-yard line, setting the stage for Sciortino's heroics.

"Too little, too late," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said about Notre Dame's comeback. "We put ourselves behind the 8-ball, and we can't do that and expect to win

every time out."

Notre Dame's coverage gave the Eagles scoring opportunity after scoring opportunity. Only two of Boston College's three touchdowns came on drives longer than 45 yards, and the one that did ended in a 26-yard touchdown pass from Quinton Porter to David Kasha.

The Irish did hold Derrick Knight, the nation's leading rusher, to 43 yards on 23 carries. But they had trouble containing Porter, who scrambled for 41 yards rushing — many times on key third-down conversions.

And for the second straight game, the Irish running game was virtually non-existent. Although Quinn completed 23-of-39 passes for 350 yards, the most yards thrown for by a Notre Dame quarterback since Joe Montana passed for 358 yards in 1978, the Irish only gained 47 yards on the ground.

"I can't put my finger on it," receiver Omar Jenkins said.

"Most of us are tired of not playing the type of football we can."

Now the Irish, who have

failed to win three of their first seven games only four times since World War II, are searching for any way to stop a season dangerously close to spinning out of control. And how can they do that?

"I don't know, I'm guessing it will be pretty tough," Watson said. "We had a huge momentum swing toward the end of the game."

"And when you get a chance to step up and win the ballgame and you don't, that hurts."

So does another loss to Boston College.

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Courtney Watson
Irish linebacker

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Omar Jenkins
Irish receiver

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player of the game

Quinton Porter

Boston College's junior quarterback played well, running for a touchdown and throwing for 199 yards and another score.

stat of the game

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number of losses Notre Dame now has on the season through seven games

play of the game

Sandro Sciortino 26-yard game-winning field goal with 38 seconds left

The kick sent Boston College to its third straight win against the Irish.

quote of the game

"We put ourselves behind the 8-ball, and we can't do that and expect to win every time out."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

report card

- B** **quarterbacks:** Quinn threw for 350 yards and two touchdowns and helped lead the Irish comeback. But his two interceptions were costly, and he missed open receivers several times.
- D+** **running backs:** Jones and Grant managed a mere 47 yards on the ground and failed to break off any big gains. The poor performance put more pressure on Quinn and the passing game.
- B-** **receivers:** McKnight's drop in the first half knocks this down a letter grade right away. The receivers did play well and had two nice touchdown receptions.
- C-** **offensive line:** While the line didn't allow a sack, they couldn't open holes for the backs. The unit allowed the backs to be stopped for losses on first down on numerous occasions.
- C** **defensive line:** The line did a fair job stopping the run, allowing 147 yards on 50 carries. They couldn't record a sack while playing without Campbell for the entire second half.
- B** **linebackers:** Watson led the team with 13 tackles, while Curry added six more. The unit couldn't get a sack but contained the rush fairly well and didn't allow a big play.
- D+** **defensive backs:** Bible got beat by a tight end for a touchdown and the unit couldn't get an interception. They allowed Adams to make several key receptions late in the game too.
- C** **special teams:** This unit hit the highs and the lows Saturday, blocking two punts and scoring a touchdown as well as allowing big returns and the critical 42-yard kick return late in the game.
- D** **coaching:** The Irish weren't prepared for the Eagles and it showed Saturday. They came out flat and couldn't recover from a bad start. The coaches failed to prepare the team for the game.
- 1.96** **overall:** The Irish started lousy and lost again. The team is left without answers and a tough Florida State game on the horizon.

adding up the numbers

- consecutive wins by Boston College against Notre Dame. The Eagles have also won four of the last five meetings. **3**
- number of passing yards by Quinn — the most by a Notre Dame quarterback since Joe Montana in 1978. **350**
- total career punt and kick return yards for Julius Jones — a new Notre Dame record. **2,104**
- the last time Notre Dame started 2-5. The Irish also began the 1963 season with a 2-5 mark. **1997**
- rushing yards — on 34 attempts — gained by Notre Dame Saturday. **47**
- number of times Notre Dame has had the lead at halftime in a game this year. They trailed Boston College 14-6 Saturday. **1**
- yards on the final kick return by Will Blackmon to set up the Eagles game-winning field goal. **42**
- number of coaches who didn't know why defensive tackle Darrell Campbell did not play in the second half Saturday. **0**



Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham looks down in frustration during his team's 27-25 loss to Boston College. It was Notre Dame's third straight loss to the Eagles and the fifth loss of the 2003 season. TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Coaches must find answers

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Irish coach Tyrone Willingham thought his team responded well in practice following its 45-14 blowout loss against USC last week. After watching the Irish make the same mistakes they have all season, a good week of practice didn't make a difference.



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

The Irish had the same miscues and got the same result this weekend, losing their fifth game — this time against a very average Boston College team.

At this point in this dismal season, you have to question what the Notre Dame coaching staff is doing to improve their team, because it's obvious their tactics are failing.

Give them credit, the team did make a nice comeback and looked solid for much of the fourth quarter before allowing Boston College's game-winning field goal. Much of that credit should go to the coaching staff for putting the team in a position to make plays and overcome an 18-point deficit.

But before that comeback, Notre Dame once again came out flat and went into halftime trailing for the fifth time this season. Once again, the Irish ran the ball for negative yardage on numerous first downs and couldn't convert a third-down play. And once again the special teams return coverage, which has had a tendency to give up big yards this season, gave up another one Saturday and put the Eagles in great position for a game-winning field goal.

Were the Irish prepared for Boston College? No. Did the team make the same mistakes as they did in losses to Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and USC? Most definitely.

While it's easy to criticize the coaches and players for their struggling season up to Saturday, you have to give them a chance to right the wrongs. But it's been too many consecutive weekends without improvement or positive consistency, and the coaches are mostly to blame.

An example of the poor coaching was when Willingham and defensive coordinator Kent Baer said after Saturday's loss that neither knew why starting defensive tackle Darrell Campbell had not played in the second half. How those two could not know Campbell's status and ability to return to the game is beyond any comprehension.

A few weeks ago, things didn't seem so gloomy for Notre Dame. After the dominating win against Pittsburgh game, it seemed like this team had turned the corner. They had just beaten a top 20 team on the road, and done so convincingly. But then USC came into town and cut up coordinator Kent Baer's defense like a butcher slicing meat, and the Trojan defense made the necessary adjustments after a rough first quarter to baffle coordinator Bill Dierdick's offense for the remainder of the game.

This week, while quarterback Brady Quinn did throw for 350 yards, the offensive playcalling was very questionable at times. Have the Irish lost so much confidence in their offensive line that they have to fake a punt to tight end Jared Clark on fourth-and-1 in hopes of getting a first down? Apparently, because that's exactly what Willingham had his punt team try — and fail — on Saturday.

After scoring late in the game to

take a one-point lead, Dierdick called for a formation with three receivers right, one receiver left and one tailback, Julius Jones. Instead of throwing the ball, which the team had done successfully for most of the game, the Irish tried to run the ball behind the three receivers. The result of the play? Jones getting pummeled well short of the goal line. If you're going to run, why not simply go off-tackle behind 300-pound lineman, instead of 200-pound receivers?

Give them credit, the team fought back to nearly beat Boston College after trailing by 18 points in the second half. But when some parts of the team did well, other units couldn't respond. This time it was the kick coverage team.

On the kickoff following the Irish go ahead touchdown with under four minutes to play, Boston College's Will Blackmon caught D.J. Fitzpatrick short kick at the 8-yard line, then cut to the right and saw a clean hole. The Eagles blockers successfully sealed off Irish defenders and Blackmon did the rest, racing down the Notre Dame sideline for a 42-yard return that set up the Boston College offense for a game-winning scoring drive.

It's always been one thing or another that's ruined Notre Dame's games this season. After every loss the coaches say the same thing — they will get better in practice and prepare for the next week's opponents.

But talking about getting better and actually getting better are two very distinct concepts. Until the Irish coaching staff figures out the latter, the Irish will continue to not execute and not win.

And their season will continue to go from bad to worse.

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Defense couldn't stop final drive

Unit allows Eagles 39-yard game-winning drive in final minutes of fourth

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CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — The mantra of the Notre Dame defense that always seemed to come up big in clutch situations last year was "bend, but don't break."

This year, it seems to be the exact opposite.

For the second time this season, the Notre Dame defense took the field needing only to stop the opponent's final drive to lock up a win. The first time, against Washington State in the season opener, the Irish surrendered a touchdown but still won in overtime. Saturday, after Notre Dame had taken a 25-24 lead, the defense allowed the Eagles to drive 39 yards to kick a game-winning field goal.

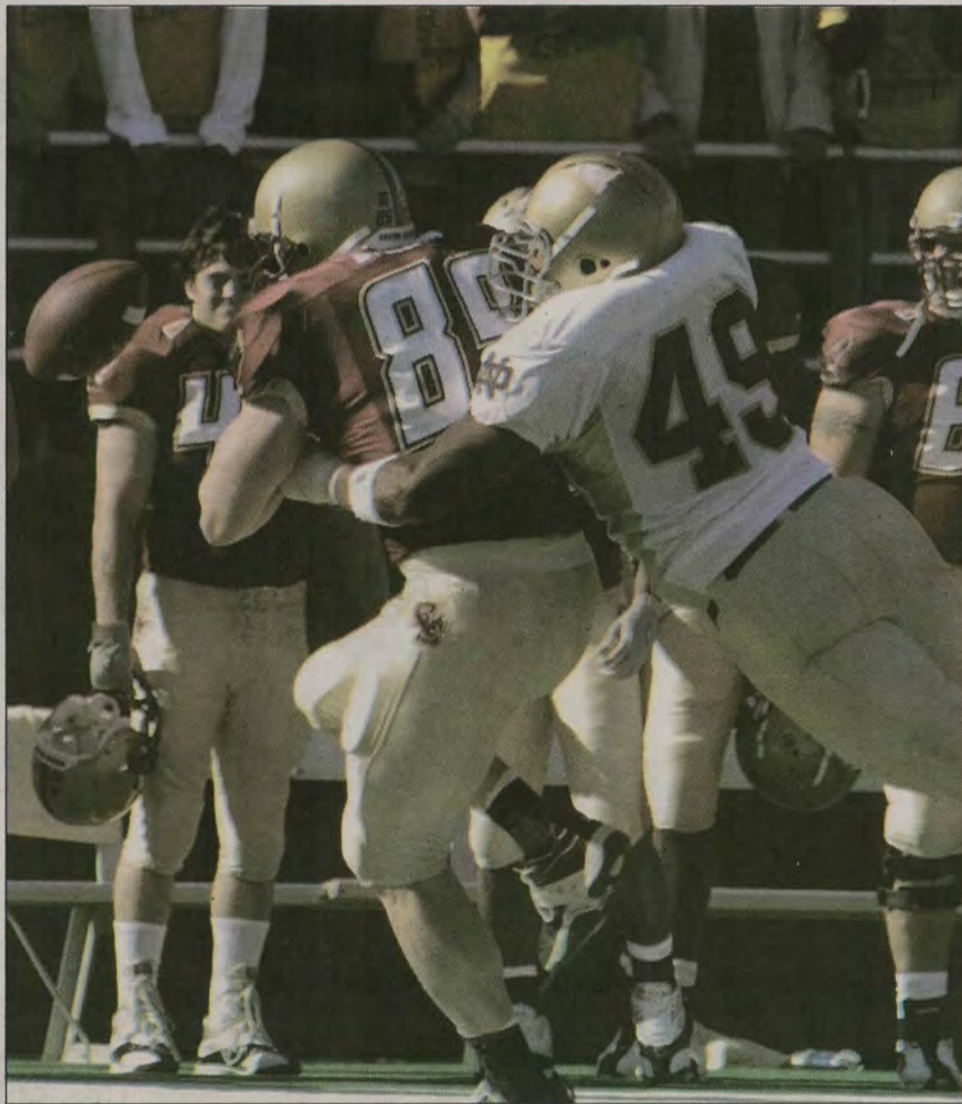
"You go out there and get a chance to win the ballgame, and we couldn't get off the field," a disgusted Courtney Watson said Saturday. "It's very disheartening."

Some of Notre Dame's defensive woes Saturday's game stemmed from a multitude of injuries. Not only did safety Glenn Earl not travel to Boston because of an unexplained injury, but Darrell Campbell sat out the entire second half. And when safety Quentin Burrell hobbled off the field with an injury, Notre Dame was left trying to piece together a defense.

"We were scrambling, all right," defensive coordinator Kent Baer muttered.

The Notre Dame defense, which is ranked 35th in the nation in yards allowed but 73rd in points allowed, has only held Pittsburgh to less than 20 points. Saturday, Boston College quarterback Quincy Porter seemed to pass at will through a Notre Dame secondary in the first half. The Irish cut down Porter's completion percentage in the second half, mostly because they substituted linebacker Jerome Collins for a safety.

Still, Notre Dame used eight different defensive backs in Saturday's game,



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Notre Dame's Derek Curry forces a fumble from Boston College quarterback Quinton Porter. Vontez Duff recovered the fumble for the Irish.

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Courtney Watson
Irish linebacker

including two players who didn't play a defensive down until this year (Freddie Parrish and Quentin Burrell) and one more who has seen only limited action this year (Lionel Bolen). And while the players weren't willing to pin the poor defensive performance on the mix-and-match secondary — "To stand back and say we had too many young guys playing in the secondary, I don't think you're going to see too many on this defense saying that," Watson said — the coaches weren't so

forward.

"We had to create some plays and it pulls you out of your comfort zone," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "When you don't have that, you have to come up with some designs and some things you normally don't practice, things you have to patchwork and play through."

"We made a couple of adjustments, tried to keep things as simple as we could," Baer added later. "But a couple of those kids were put in a bad situation."

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Quinn plays fairly well in comeback

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CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — A bright spot for Notre Dame was the play of quarterback Brady Quinn.

While he made some mistakes, the true freshman led his team on an 18-point comeback and put them in a position to win. Quinn finished the game with the most passing yards since since Nov. 25, 1978 when Joe Montana threw for 358 yards at USC. In that game, Montana led Notre Dame back from a 24-6 deficit to take a 25-24 lead before seeing the Trojans win on a last-second field goal.

It was also the first two-touchdown game of Quinn's young career.

Quinn thought the team would have won if they had just a few more seconds.

"I was trying to stay positive. We just ran out of time. If you give us 10 more seconds I think we get a field goal team out there and we get a field

goal," Quinn said.

Both of Quinn's interceptions came off tipped passes and were caused by miscommunication.

"Both interceptions were the same exact thing. It was miscommunication between the tight end and myself," Quinn said. "That's just something we both need to communicate on better and recognize what the defense is trying to do and what we're trying to do."

Where's the running game?

Two weeks ago against Pittsburgh the Irish offensive line looked great, pushing the Panthers around and opening up holes for Notre Dames backs. In that game, Julius Jones broke a Notre Dame single-game rushing record with 262 yards. Saturday, he and fellow running back Ryan Grant could only muster a mere 68 yards combined.

Jones couldn't explain what the difference was between the Pittsburgh game and the Boston College game.

"I don't know what it was," Jones said.

Jones was especially upset with another Notre Dame loss.

"It stinks. There's nothing positive about losing," Jones said. "The only positive thing was that we played hard in the second half and didn't give up."

Jones also said the team must pick themselves up and focus on Florida State next weekend.

"I think everybody has to motivate themselves," Jones said. "We've lost five games and everybody has to step up and look at the situation and play individually the best they can so we can get some wins."

Irish must wait for another chance

Notre Dame doesn't play Boston College again until 2007, and that might be a very good thing for the Irish.

With their 27-25 loss Saturday, Notre Dame dropped its third straight game to the Eagles and fourth in the last five meetings between the two teams.

"I told the team that everything was excused right now,"

Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said in reference to a question about the Eagles' problematic pass defense and punt protection. "They've beaten Notre Dame four times in five years and three years in a row. It's a tremendous accomplishment."

The Irish lost after allowing two long touchdown plays by running back William Green in 2001, then fumbled six times and saw their national championship hopes die in 2002 when the Eagles won 14-7 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The upcoming schedule has the teams meeting at Notre Dame Stadium in 2007 and Alumni Stadium in 2008.

Gameday captains

The gameday captains were Vontez Duff, Omar Jenkins, Billy Palmer and Derek Curry for Notre Dame.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	3	3	6	13	25
Boston College	7	7	10	3	27

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Boston College 0
D.J. Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal with 12:29 remaining

Drive: 5 plays, 58 yards, 2:31 elapsed
Boston College 7, Notre Dame 3
David Kashetta 26-yard reception from Quinton Porter with 0:21 remaining (Sandro Sciortino kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 39 yards, 2:22 elapsed

Second quarter

Boston College 14, Notre Dame 3
Horace Dodd 4-yard run with 11:21 remaining (Sciortino kick)

Drive: 6 plays, 39 yards, 1:54 remaining
Boston College 14, Notre Dame 6
Fitzpatrick 27-yard field goal with 6:34 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards, 4:47 elapsed

Third quarter

Boston College 17, Notre Dame 6
Sciortino 30-yard field goal with 9:12 remaining

Drive: 8 plays, 35 yards, 3:06 elapsed
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 6
Porter 1-yard run with 3:27 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 44 yards, 3:23 elapsed
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 12
Omar Jenkins 10-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 0:03 remaining (Quinn pass failed)

Fourth quarter

Boston College 24, Notre Dame 19
Maurice Stovall 23-yard reception from Quinn with 12:42 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 1 plays, 23 yards, 0:08 elapsed
Notre Dame 25, Boston College 24
Carlos Campbell 25-yard blocked punt return with 3:34 remaining (Julius Jones run failed)
Boston College 27, Notre Dame 25
Sciortino 26-yard field goal with 0:38 remaining
Drive: 10 plays, 43 yards, 2:56 elapsed

statistics

total yards

ND	397
BC	346

rushing yards

ND	47
BC	147

passing yards

ND	350
BC	199

return yards

ND	127
BC	153

time of possession

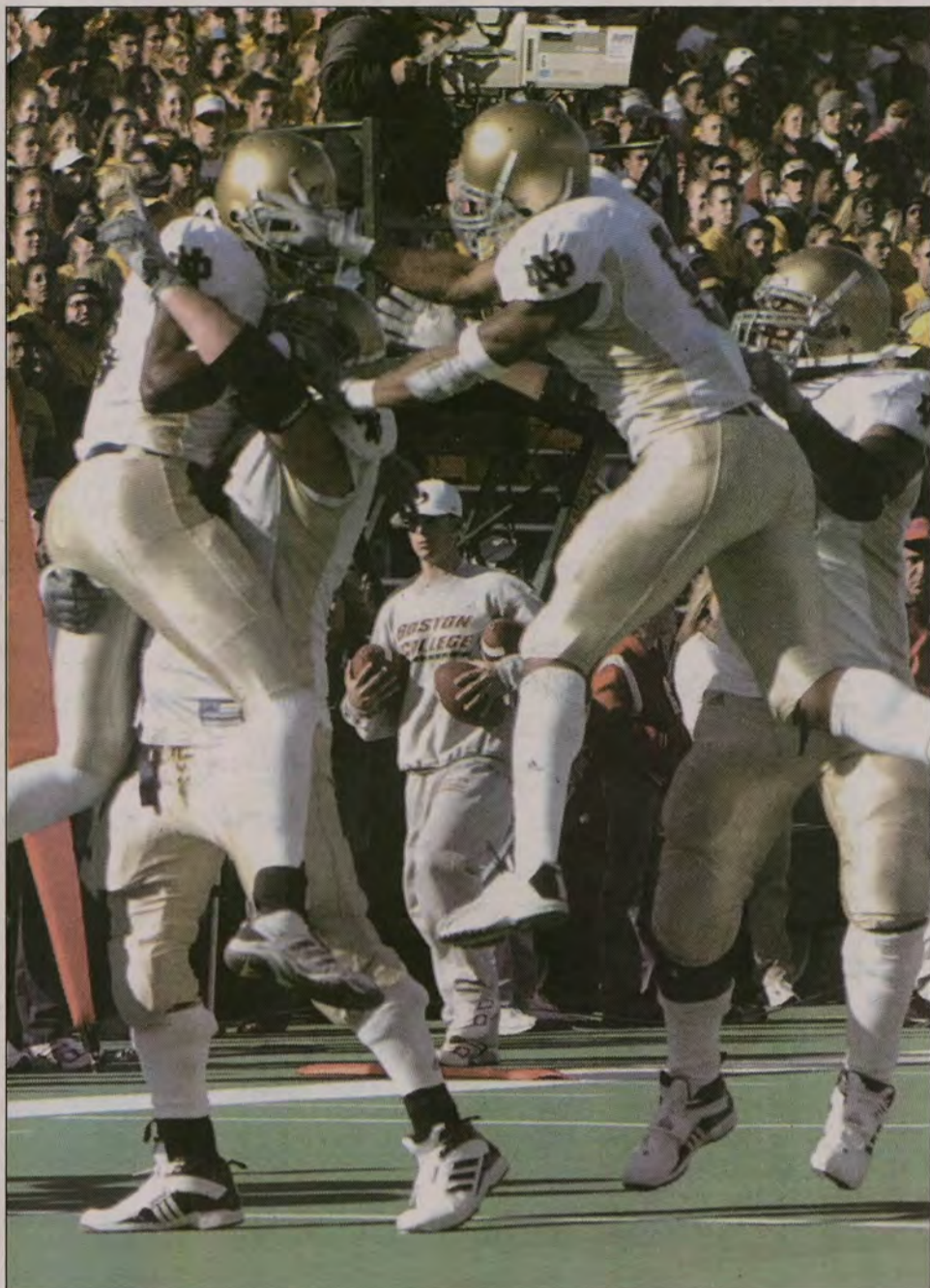
ND	28:23
BC	31:37



34-47	rushes-yards	53-147
23-39-2	comp-att-int	13-25-0
5-33-0	punts-yards	6-32.7
1-0	fumbles-lost	2-1
2-20	penalties-yards	6-40
20	first downs	18

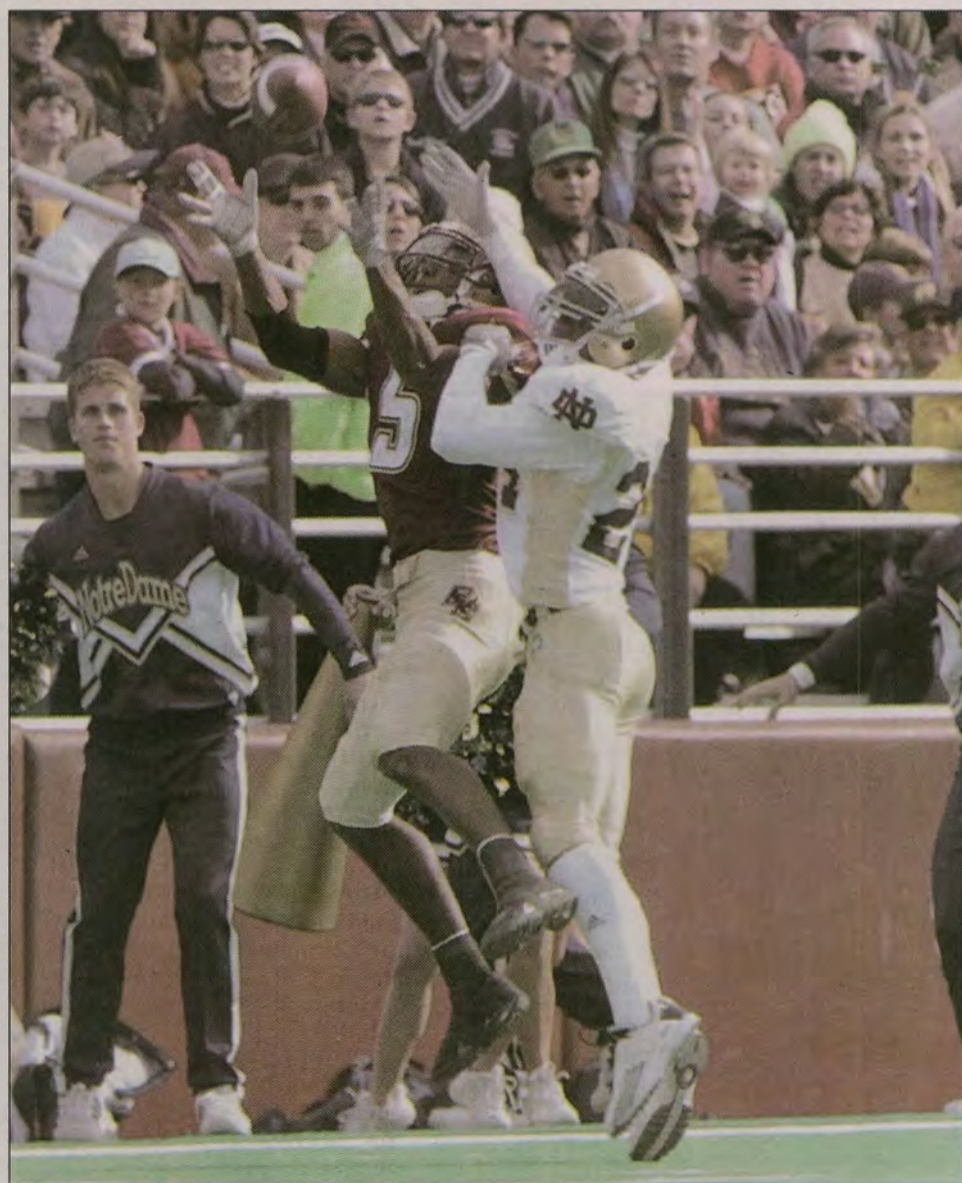


passing			
Quinn	23-39-2	Porter	13-25-0
rushing			
Jones	15-40	Dodd	12-64
Grant	10-28	Knight	23-43
Powers-Neal	1-3	Porter	16-41
receiving			
McKnight	4-121	Adams	4-103
Fasano	4-48	Knight	3-23
Stovall	3-80	Kashetta	2-41
Schmidt	2-16	Total	2-2
tackling			
Watson	13	Henderson	6
Curry	11	Glasper	6
Burrell		Flores	6



Notre Dame came out slow and fell behind 24-6 before coming all the way back and taking a 25-24 lead, only to see Boston College kick a 39-yard field goal with 38 seconds left to win 27-25. The Irish now look towards a home meeting against No. 5 Florida State to try and rebound after their fifth loss Saturday. The Eagles have won three straight from Notre Dame and four of the last five meetings between the teams.

JUST NOT ENOUGH



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Notre Dame celebrates after Maurice Stovall's 23-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter Saturday (top left). Brady Quinn fires a pass just before getting smacked by Boston College's Douglas Goodwin (top right). Irish defensive tackle Darrell Campbell celebrates after tackling Quinton Porter (bottom left). Boston College's Grant Adams catches a pass over Dwight Ellick during the first half Saturday (bottom right).

MOVIE REVIEW

Eastwood crafts a powerful masterpiece

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Assistant Scene Editor

Clint Eastwood will forever be typecast as an American film legend for his work in some of the greatest Westerns that Hollywood had to offer, specifically for the 1992 film *Unforgiven*. Eastwood has since strayed from that genre to direct films like the acclaimed *Bridges of Madison County* and the mediocre films *Blood Work* and *Space Cowboys*. It has been more than a decade since his Oscar win for best director in *Unforgiven*, but his latest effort, *Mystic River*, is a tour de force for his directing abilities and he weaves an emotional powerhouse into the darker side of human emotions.

Childhood friends Jimmy Markum (Sean Penn), Sean Devine (Kevin Bacon) and Dave Boyle (Tim Robbins) have drifted apart over time despite continuing to live in the same rough neighborhood in Boston. Their distance is due to a disturbing and violent episode that occurred during their childhood when one of them was captured by a child molester. Even now, as adults married with kids, they have never managed to overcome their fear and guilt about what happened. Dave, now a handyman, and his wife, Celeste (Marcia Gay Harden), still live next door to Jimmy, who is an ex-con operating a

corner store and is married to Annabeth (Laura Linney), his second wife and a very tough woman, and has three daughters.

When Jimmy's oldest daughter is brutally murdered, the homicide investigation is led by Sean and his partner Whitey (Laurence Fishburne). But when the difficult and disturbing investigation doesn't seem to be progressing, Jimmy gives the police a deadline to solve the case or threatens to take matters into his own hands. The three protagonists soon find themselves embroiled in a web of lies and secrets as the film heads to its chilling conclusion.

Eastwood and his production crew managed to pull a winning cast composed of veteran actors who are all at the

"Mystic River"



Director: Clint Eastwood
Writers: Dennis Lehane and Brian Helgeland
Starring: Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon, Tim Robbins, Laurence Fishburne, Marcia Gay Harden and Laura Linney

top of their game in this dark drama. Of the six principal actors, five have been nominated for an Oscar in the past. Every one of them has proved to be perfectly capable of carrying a Hollywood film on their own, but in this case they are cast in roles that play to their individual strengths and the film boasts an undeniable chemistry among the cast mates, especially between the triumvirate of Penn, Bacon and Robbins.

The dynamics between the three principal actors form the backbone for the film as each has his own inner



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Jimmy Markum (Sean Penn) is restrained by a legion of Boston police officers after he finds out that his oldest daughter has been brutally murdered.

demons to wrestle with — demons that throughout the film seem on the brink of engulfing each of them once and for all. The film does an excellent job of exploring the darker side of human emotions and how we can never truly escape the consequences of our past as it forges us into the men and women we will always be.

The scene where Penn discovers that his eldest daughter has been murdered is one of the most harrowing scenes in any film of recent memory. Restrained by a legion of police officers, every line of Penn's face is etched with smoldering rage and

helplessness as he realizes that he was unable to protect the one person who forced him away from his previous criminal lifestyle and inspired him along the difficult journey to becoming a doting father and husband.

Mystic River is nothing short of a complex, haunting masterpiece that will likely stay in the minds of audiences for some time to come.

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'Scary Movie 3' brings franchise back to life

Associated Press

The *Scary Movie* franchise has risen from the grave, with part three of the horror-spoof series opening as the top weekend flick with \$49.7 million, the best October debut ever.

Scary Movie 3 bumped the previous weekend's No. 1 movie, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* to second place with \$14.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Premiering in third place with \$14 million was the feel-good drama *Radio*, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. in the real-life story of a mentally disabled man befriended by a high school football coach (Ed Harris).

Angelina Jolie — whose career had been on the skids with the flops *Original Sin* and *Life or Something Like It* plus a weak return on last summer's *Tomb Raider* sequel — delivered another turkey with *Beyond Borders*.

A downbeat story of doomed romance between humanitarian-aid workers (Jolie and Clive Owen), *Beyond Borders* opened at No. 11 with just \$2 million.

The overall box office soared, with the top 10 movies taking in \$121.1 million, up 39 percent from the same weekend last year.

Scary Movie 3 was a lesson in resurrecting a declining franchise. Created by the Wayans brothers, *Scary Movie* was a surprise hit in summer 2000, with a total gross of \$157 million.

Their *Scary Movie 2* the following spring smacked of a rush job and did less than half the business of its predecessor.

Miramax, whose Dimension banner releases the *Scary Movie* flicks, tapped David Zucker, part of the team behind the disaster-film spoof *Airplane!* and the police parody *The Naked Gun*, to direct *Scary Movie 3*.

The audience was mainly younger than 25, but Zucker's involvement helped bring in older adults, Miramax co-founder Bob Weinstein said.

"David Zucker almost semi-invented this genre," Weinstein said. "You have those people who loved *Airplane!* but said, ah, *Scary Movie*, that's not for me, then going, oh, Zucker's doing it?"

Miramax also broadened the audience to younger teens by toning down the raunchy sight gags, holding *Scary Movie 3* to a PG-13 rating. The first two *Scary Movie* installments were rated R.

"The traditional wisdom is you don't mess with a franchise formula because you run the risk of alienating the core audience," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "In this case, the exhibitor of retooling it and making it more accessible with a PG-13 rating was a perfect combination."

Zucker is returning to direct *Scary Movie 4*, due out late next year, Weinstein said.

Disney's latest animated flick,



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Anthony Anderson, Simon Rex and Charlie Sheen brandish shovels against a threat in 'Scary Movie 3'. The film brought in \$49.7 million over the weekend.

Brother Bear, debuted impressively in limited release, taking in \$285,000 in two New York City and Los Angeles theaters.

The movie, which features the voice of Joaquin Phoenix as an Inuit boy seeking to undo misdeeds that have transformed him into a bear, opens in wide release of about 3,000 theaters this coming weekend.

Also opening strongly in limited release were Jane Campion's dark

murder thriller *In the Cut*, starring Meg Ryan, and Gus Van Sant's *Elephant*, featuring a group of loosely teed actors in a drama loosely inspired by the Columbine school shootings.

In the Cut took in \$95,000 at six theaters. *Elephant*, the top prize winner at last spring's Cannes Film Festival, grossed \$90,000 in six theaters.

CLUB SPORTS

Water polo loses in conference final

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's water polo club came within inches of capturing the Great Lakes Conference Championship and a berth in the nationals this weekend, with a 7-6 loss to nationally ranked Grand Valley State in the finals.

The weekend started off with bracket play, with the Irish surgically dismantling undersized and undermanned teams from Toledo and Western Michigan. The Irish used their suffocating defense to their advantage in both games to spark their counterattack and their offense.

The Irish defeated Toledo by a score of 13-3 while the WMU final tally was 15-4. The successful bracket play set up a championship match-up against rival and defending champion Grand Valley State University.

Playing off the tremendously enthusiastic crowd at Rolf's, grad student Jay Nunez got the Irish the early lead with a dazzling shot that baffled the GVSU goalie, while the Notre Dame goalie Scott Tagwerker gave the Lakers fits early on, stopping three straight shots.

After the Lakers managed to tie the score at one, the Irish took the lead on a goal by grad student John Penilla off a pass from senior captain Danny Wiederkehr. Two possessions later, the Irish added another tally as freshman sensation Steve Shepard blasted home a look-away shot that beat the Laker goalie to the near side.

However, the Irish knew the game was not over and, as expected, GVSU clawed its way back and tied the game at three before halftime on a pair of counter-attack goals in the closing 37 seconds of the half.

The second half was a see-saw battle as the teams traded goals throughout. Junior captain Mike Grow tied the score at four after GVSU took the lead and Shepard again found the back of the cage to give the Irish a 5-4 advantage. Yet again, the Lakers fought back to take a 6-5 lead. However, the strong two-meter play of the Irish

hole-men paid off big time late in the fourth quarter, as Penilla drew a penalty shot. On the shot, the goalie had no chance as he guessed to one side of the goal and Penilla calmly threw the ball to the empty net, tying the score at six.

On the next possession GVSU scored, and the Irish hopes looked dim, trailing 7-6. But Nunez was able to draw a man-up situation with 25 seconds remaining. Unfortunately, despite two good looks, the Laker defense was up to the task and denied the Irish the equalizing goal. The final disappointment came with four seconds remaining as tri-captain Deimel, who had been sensational all game, fired a point blank shot that slammed the post with four seconds remaining, thus ending the Irish comeback.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame / Saint Mary's Equestrians captured another reserve high point team honor this weekend at IUPUI. First place Purdue featured high point rider Christina Walsh, while Notre Dame's Liz Bell earned reserve high point rider accolades. Bell, Andrea Oliverio, Walsh and two other riders needed to participate in a ride off to determine the individual awards. Bell garnered first in intermediate flat and second in intermediate jump, while Oliverio claimed first in novice flat and second in novice jump.

Other team members who contributed to team scoring included Chelsea Brown, third in intermediate jump and sixth in intermediate flat; Lauren Ball, fourth in both novice jump and novice flat; Lauren Croall first and Kristen Lasota sixth in advanced walk trot cahter; and Kendall Anderson third in beginner walk trot.

The club will compete this coming weekend at Taylor University.

Figure Skating

Lisa Horstman represented Notre Dame at the 2004 Upper Great Lakes Regional

Championships in Figure Skating Oct. 16-18 in Bloomington, Minn. After qualifying during the first day of competition, Horstman placed fifth in the short program on Thursday, and finished sixth in the free skate Friday, for an overall sixth place showing.

Women's Ice Hockey

Due to a scheduling conflict, the women's ice hockey club had to play two conference games over fall break. The league games were not scheduled until recently and most of the team was unable to return for the games. Only eight players dressed for the game, with a forward having to step into goal for the first time. As expected, the Irish lost two games to Northern Michigan, 15-1 and 6-1. However there was marked improvement from the opening face off through the end of the second game.

After being peppered for 10 goals in the first period, the Irish goalie adjusted well and made 11 saves while giving up just five goals during the final two periods of play. Saint Mary's Megan Mattia scored the lone goal for the Irish on a breakaway pass from Tori Blainey with 24 seconds remaining in the first period.

Saturday's game was much more balanced, although the Irish couldn't stay out of the penalty box and gave up five shorthanded goals in losing 6-1. After trailing 3-0 at the end of the first period, the Irish recorded 13 saves in a scoreless second period. The Irish dominated possession in the third period, but only scored once on sixteen shots, while Northern Michigan was scoring three goals on four shots. Emmy Venechuk scored for the Irish, assisted by Blainey and Mattia.

Men's Rowing

The Notre Dame men's rowing club competed in two regattas over the fall break. On Oct. 18 the novice team along with one varsity boat competed in the Head of the Eagle in Indianapolis. A first place finish by the varsity four and a second place finish by

the novice eight were the high points in what turned out to be a solid day of racing for the entire team.

In the first event of the day, the novice eights raced well against crews from Purdue. Both boats showed noticeable signs of improvement from their regatta the week before. The 'A' crew finished second with a time of 14 minutes, 46 seconds, while the 'B' crew was not far behind finishing fourth, only eight seconds behind the third place crew, with a time of 15:14.

The novice four, despite being hit twice by other boats during their race, also fared well finishing fourth with a time of 18:39. In one of the last races of the day the varsity four of Trisha Black (cox), Dave Mercante (stroke), Evan Donoghue (3), Jordan Frankel (2), and Dan Bak (bow) took home first place with a time of 15:00.

The varsity team built on the success of the novices with a strong showing at the Head of the Elk in Elkhart on Sunday. In the open four events the Irish 'A' crew of Abbi Dougherty (cox), Rich McIver (stroke), Dan Robertson (3), Nick Mathew (2), and Mike Kaupa (bow) finished 12th with a time of 15:52. The 'B' crew of Trisha Black (cox), Brad Voler (stroke), Dave Mercante (3), Dan Bak (2), and Jon Mack (bow) finished ninth in their event with a time of 17:00.7.

The lightweight four competing against some of the top lightweight crews in the Midwest had an exceptionally good row. Led by cox Trisha Black the crew of Dave McCormick (stroke), Larry Bailey (3), Mark Bohay (2), and Jordan Frankel (bow) finished 10th with a time of 16:57.2.

In the open pairs event the two Irish pairs of Joe Blakely and Evan Donoghue, and John Chin and Nick Catella placed within a second of each other with times of 17:37.2 and 17:37.9 respectively. In the men's open eight both Irish crews raced well. The 'A' crew finished sixth with a time of 13:30 while the 'B' crew finished fifth with a time of 15:07.

FOOTBALL

Dolphins defeat Chargers

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — With their home stadium being used as an evacuation center and the nearby hills in flames, the San Diego Chargers moved their long-awaited Monday night game 365 miles to the east — and fell flat.

Brian Griese, in his first start for Miami, completed 20 of 29 passes for 192 yards and three touchdowns and the Dolphins intercepted Drew Brees three times in a 26-10 victory over the Chargers.

Griese, at least for one night, lived up to the heritage that his last name carries in Miami. He completed his first six passes and was 13-of-14 for 145 yards and three scores as Miami built a 24-3 halftime lead.

Patrick Surtain had two interceptions, setting up Miami's first touchdown with the first and stopping a San Diego scoring threat with the second.

Less than 24 hours before kickoff, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue decided to move the game to Sun Devil Stadium because of the deadly wildfires that have devastated the San Diego area.

Admission was free, and the place was rocking and rowdy. There was no official crowd count, but all 73,014 tickets were distributed. Five Arizona Cardinals players helped collect donations for the San Diego Fire Relief Fund at the stadium entrance.

The game, San Diego's first on Monday night since 1996, was supposed to be the celebrated return of Junior Seau, who was the heart and soul of the Chargers for 13 seasons before he was traded to Miami before this season.

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I hope we beat Navy, although they are 5-3 and have almost beaten TCU which does not have a loss his season

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And Rocket too

NBA

Bryant likely to miss opener against Dallas

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant said he probably will miss the Los Angeles Lakers' season opener against Dallas on Tuesday, and again lashed out at teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

"My knee is not strong enough to play yet. I know it. When it is, I will play," Bryant told ESPN by phone on Monday.

"I probably won't play tomorrow night or until I'm ready."

Bryant, coming back from offseason knee surgery, and O'Neal traded barbs through reporters over the weekend. Neither spoke with reporters after Monday's practice, although Bryant did a telephone interview with ESPN.

A call to the Lakers on Monday night was not immediately returned.

Bryant said he didn't need O'Neal's advice on how to play hurt.

"I've played with IV's before, during and after games. I've played with a broken hand, a sprained ankle, a torn shoulder, a fractured tooth, a severed lip, and a knee the size of a softball," Bryant said.

"I don't miss 15 games because of a toe injury that everybody knows wasn't that serious in the first place."

O'Neal was hampered by an

arthritic right big toe throughout the 2001-02 season and underwent surgery on Sept. 11, 2002.

O'Neal missed the first 12 games of last season — nine of them losses.

Bryant had knee surgery July 1 in Colorado.

He faces trial on a charge of sexual assault that allegedly occurred the night before his operation. He has acknowledged having sex with a 19-year-old resort worker, but claimed it was consensual.

The latest in a series of feuds between Bryant and O'Neal flared up over the weekend when O'Neal said Bryant needs to be more of a team player based on Bryant's play in two exhibition games.

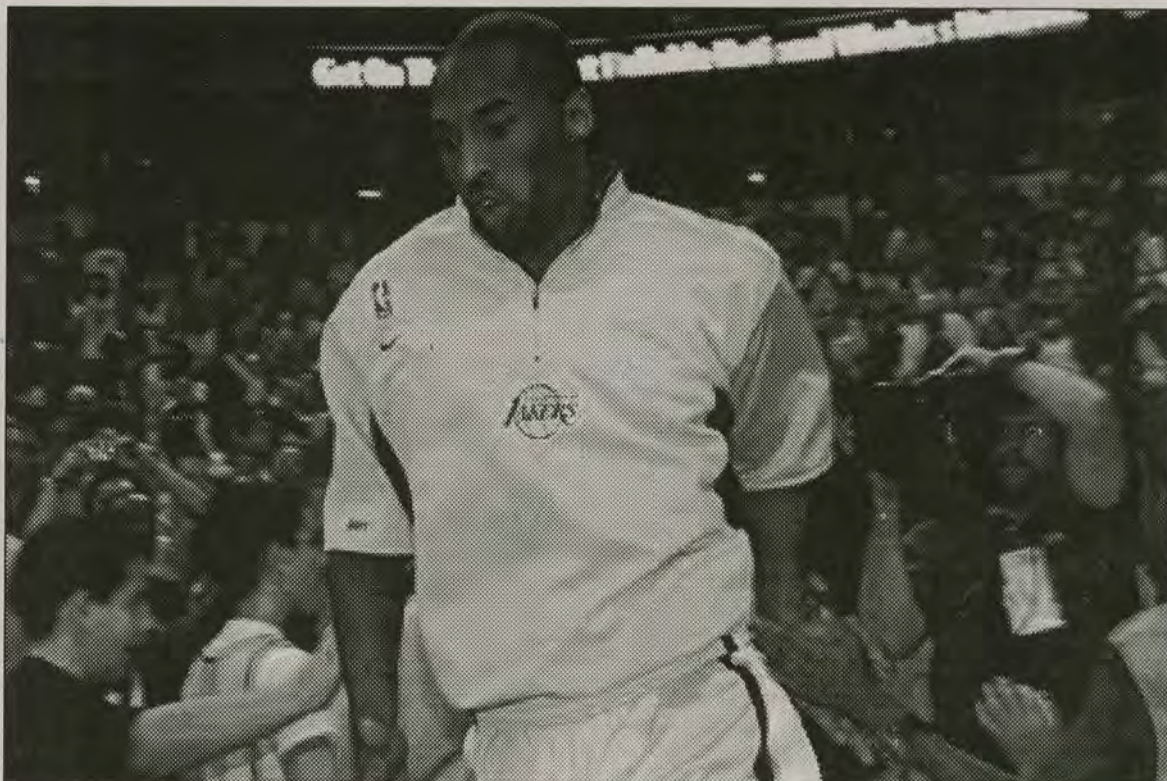
Bryant responded by saying he didn't need O'Neal's advice on how to play.

Bryant has said he intends to opt out of his contract after this season, which would allow him to become a free agent.

O'Neal said that's fine with him — since it's his team, anyway.

"It doesn't matter whose team it is. But this is his team, so it's time for him to act like it," Bryant told ESPN.

"That means no more coming into camp fat and out of shape, when your team is relying on your leadership on and off the court.



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant shakes hands with kids as he runs onto the court before the team's NBA preseason game against the Sacramento Kings.

"It also means no more blaming others for our team's failure, or blaming staff members for not over-dramatizing your injuries so that you avoid blame for your lack of conditioning.

Also, 'my team' doesn't mean only when we win, it means

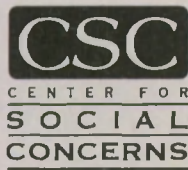
carrying the burden of defeat just as gracefully as you carry a championship trophy."

O'Neal and Bryant led the Lakers to three straight championships, but they were eliminated by San Antonio in the Western Conference semifinals last May.

Coach Phil Jackson and first-year Lakers Karl Malone and Gary Payton spoke at length after Monday's practice.

There was no mention of the possibility that Bryant wouldn't play in the opener.

Malone said O'Neal and Bryant were getting along.



Happenings



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Father Elias Chacour will speak on "Peace & Reconciliation Efforts in Palestine."

Fri., Oct. 31, from 4-5 pm. CSC Coffee House.

Fr. Chacour has been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize, and was honored with the World Methodist Peace Award and the Niwano Peace Prize.

"Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines" presented by Princess Emraida Kiram

Wed., Oct. 29, at 4 pm. Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Reception to follow.

Ms. Kiram will speak on the Muslim Secessionist Movement in Mindanao, its political and religious implications, and possible resolutions of the conflict.

"The World's Forgotten Wars and the Witness of the Community of Sant'Egidio"

Mon., Nov. 3, 4:00 pm. Coleman Morse Center, Hammes Student Lounge.

This lecture will bring to

light the immense suffering endured in the many wars that receive little attention in the headlines and focus on approaches to peacemaking.

"The Christian Gospel and Friendship with the Poor: The Witness of the Community of Sant'Egidio."

Mon., Nov. 3, 7:30 pm. St. Augustine Catholic Parish, 1501 W. Washington Street, South Bend.

This lecture will discuss this special history and witness Community of Sant'Egidio, a public lay association of the Catholic Church that prays and serves the poor all across the world.

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	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma	8-0	1,578
2	Miami	7-0	1,517
3	Florida State	7-1	1,265
4	USC	7-1	1,436
5	Georgia	7-1	1,348
6	Ohio State	7-1	1,209
7	LSU	7-1	1,166
8	Washington State	7-1	1,237
9	Nebraska	7-1	984
10	Michigan State	7-1	968
11	Iowa	6-2	757
12	TCU	6-0	816
13	Michigan	7-2	893
14	Oklahoma State	7-1	664
15	Tennessee	5-2	457

Women's Volleyball AVCA/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC	20-0	1,625
2	Hawaii	22-1	1,549
3	Florida	22-1	1,506
4	Georgia Tech	22-0	1,411
5	Pepperdine	17-2	1,354
6	California	18-2	1,311
7	Kansas State	20-3	1,179
8	UCLA	16-4	1,147
9	Stanford	16-6	1,121
10	Washington	15-5	1,100
11	Nebraska	18-3	940
12	Northern Iowa	18-3	865
13	Loyola Marymount	21-3	794
14	NOTRE DAME	17-2	781
15	Santa Clara	14-8	662
16	Colorado State	18-4	572
17	Penn State	16-4	473
18	San Diego	15-6	456
19	UC Santa Barbara	13-6	415
20	Wisconsin	16-5	391
21	Texas A&M	16-5	320
22	Louisville	13-4	272
23	Minnesota	15-7	262
24	Missouri	16-4	213
25	Illinois	17-3	130

Eye on Irish Opponents

Friday

Bolton State at BYU (4-5)

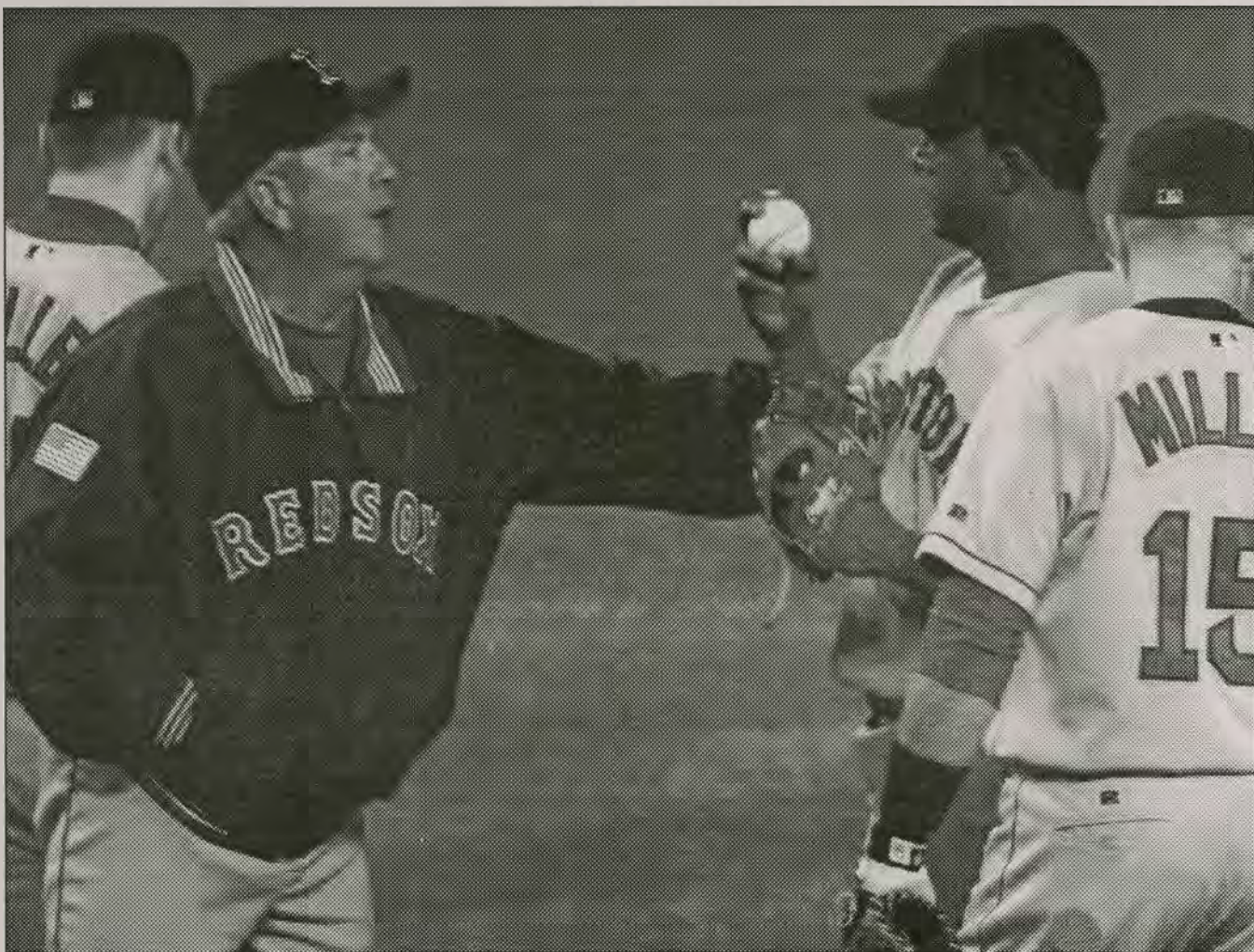
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 Northwestern at PURDUE (6-2)
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 Tulane at NAVY (5-3)

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SYRACUSE (4-3)

MLB



Red Sox manager Grady Little talks to Pedro Martinez in the eighth inning of the teams' Game 7 loss to the New York Yankees of the American League Championship Series. The Red Sox will not renew Little's contract next year.

Red Sox decide to end Little's contract

Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox manager Grady Little will not be back next year, paying the price for his decision to stick with Pedro Martinez in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

The Red Sox let Little go on Monday, less than two weeks after Boston blew a chance to play in the World Series when its ace couldn't hold a lead against the New York Yankees.

The Florida Marlins beat the Yankees in the Series that wrapped up Saturday, ending base-

ball's embargo on major moves and freeing the Red Sox to cut Little loose.

Little's contract expires Friday, and the team decided not to exercise its 2004 option.

Team president Larry Lucchino said team officials notified Little of the decision in a telephone conversation Monday morning.

"He took it very well," Lucchino said. "He was very gracious. There was no anger or raised voices. On the contrary, he thanked us for the opportunity he had been given to manage the Red Sox and to manage in the big

leagues."

General manager Theo Epstein declined to discuss Little's possible successors, but Jim Fregosi, Bud Black, Glenn Hoffman, Charlie Manuel and Jerry Remy have been mentioned as candidates.

"We're going to take as long as necessary to find the right manager," Epstein said.

The Red Sox won 93 and 95 games in Little's two years as manager, reaching the playoffs this year for the first time since 1999. They lost the first two games against Oakland, then swept three

straight to advance to the ALCS, and Little's job seemed secure.

The Yankees took a 3-2 lead in the Series as it headed back to New York, and Little seemed to be making all of the right moves.

He left struggling Nomar Garciaparra alone, and the shortstop snapped out of his slump with four hits in Game 6, helping force a seventh game. And, because Little chose not to use Martinez on short rest, he had his ace available for the decisive game.

Boston staked Martinez to a 4-0 lead, and he led

IN BRIEF

Hesburgh receives NCAA athletic leadership award

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh was named Monday as the first recipient of an NCAA award honoring leadership and advocacy for collegiate athletics.

NCAA President Myles Brand will present the award, named after former President Gerald Ford, at the 2004 NCAA Convention on Jan. 11. Ford is expected to attend.

"Rev. Hesburgh's 35-year career as president of one of the most prestigious universities in the country enabled him to be a major influence on the evolution of higher education in the last half of the 20th century," Brand said. "He also is one of the strongest advocates for the contribution intercollegiate athletics can make to the academy."

Hesburgh, 86, was named the president of Notre Dame in 1952 at age 35, stepping down in 1987.

He was educated at Notre Dame and the Gregorian University in Rome and has received 150 honorary degrees.

Guerrero, Tejada, Sheffield file as free-agents

NEW YORK — Vladimir Guerrero, reigning AL MVP Miguel Tejada and Gary Sheffield filed for free agency Monday along with pitcher Bartolo Colon.

Relievers Keith Foulke, LaTroy Hawkins and Armando Benitez also were among the 71 players who filed on the second day following the World Series, raising the free agent total to 106 among the approximately 225 players eligible.

Others who filed included Rafael Palmeiro, Ruben Sierra, Mike Cameron, Rickey Henderson, plus the Philadelphia relief duo of Jose Mesa and Mike Williams.

Five players filed from the San Francisco Giants: first baseman J.T. Snow and shortstop Rich Aurilia, plus Andres Galarraga, Tim Worrell

and Eric Young.

Guerrero, Tejada and Sheffield figure to be among the most prized hitters in the free agent market, and Colon is one of the top pitchers.

Colon rejected a three-year offer from the White Sox. His agent, Mitch Frankel, said the pitcher hasn't ruled out returning to Chicago.

"We will still continue to talk to the team and see if there's something that can be worked out," Frankel said Monday. "He does like Chicago. He liked the players on the team. He would welcome the opportunity to come back. If something could equitably be worked out, he would stay in Chicago."

Colon was only 15-13 with a 3.87 ERA this year and made \$8.25 million.

"If you look at the other free agent pitchers that are available, Bartolo has pitched more innings, won as many games, had as good an ERA over the last three years," Frankel said.

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NASCAR
Featherlite Southwest, 3:00 p.m., FOXCH 22

FOOTBALL

Trojans blow out Irish for second straight year

USC's 31-point win keeps Irish from getting revenge

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Notre Dame players said they were determined to avenge a 31-point loss to USC a year ago that knocked them out of BCS contention.

Another 31-point loss 10 days ago wasn't exactly what they had in mind.

Keyed by an explosive offense that generated 551

yards of offense, the Trojans blew out the Irish for the second straight year, winning 45-14 Oct. 18.

"We had great respect for their offense," said head coach Tyrone Willingham, whose team gave up 610 yards of offense to the Trojans a year ago. "But I don't think I anticipated that they would be able to perform in that manner."

The two teams essentially picked up where they left off a year ago, with USC's high-powered offense moving at will against a beleaguered Irish defense. The Trojans drove 80 yards on their first

three touchdowns of the game and never looked back.

In fact, the only difference between the 2002 game and the 2003 game was that the Irish offense managed to move the ball effectively. After USC wide receiver Kearney Colbert caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Matt Leinart, Julius Jones capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive — the longest

Notre Dame touchdown drive of the year — with a 22-yard touchdown run.

Then, after Reggie Bush ran 58 yards for USC's second touchdown, Anthony Fasano caught a two-yard touchdown pass from Brady Quinn to tie the score at 14.

After that, though, it was all USC. The Trojans shut down the Irish offense the rest of the way, and USC offense, led by Leinart's 351-yard passing day, exploded.

"We just broke down," Jones said. "We were playing good the first couple of drives, after that, we fell apart."

Willingham thought that the

"We're not anywhere near where I hoped or expected for us to be."

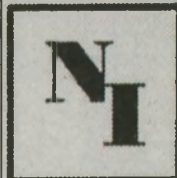
Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame coach

Irish, as they did in Los Angeles last year, looked tentative. They missed tackles, missed open receivers, missed blocks and missed a chance to avenge last year's embarrassing loss. But as to why the Irish played so lackluster, Willingham had no answer. "If I knew, we would have solved that before the final second ticked off," he said.

The Irish offense, which only recorded 109 yards a year ago, managed 279 yards in the 2003 meeting. It wasn't enough, though, as the Irish season continued to spiral downward.

"We're not," Willingham said, "anywhere near where I hoped or expected for us to be."

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—Desiderius Erasmus (1469-1536), 16th-century Catholic scholar and reformer

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles split four matches over break

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Saint Mary's went 2-2 over fall break, collecting a much-needed conference win and a win over non-conference opponent Rose-Hulman. The Belles' record now stands at 15-12, with a 4-9 MIAA record, good for sixth place in the eight-team conference.

The Belles traveled to Alma Oct. 17 and came away with a loss in straight sets by the score of 17-30, 25-30, 25-30.

Outside hitter Kristen Playko led the Belles in kills with 10 and tied for the team lead of 15 digs with defensive specialist Alison Shevik.

It was a good defensive game for the Belles, with four Saint

Mary's players finishing in double digits for digs. Setter Lauren Temple led the team with 18 assists and also led with three service aces.

As a team, the Belles hit .152 for the match, compared to the Scots' .229 hitting percentage.

Saint Mary's continued its road trip last Tuesday as the Belles traveled to Hope to participate in the Hope College Triangular, facing two conference opponents while at the tournament.

In the first match, Saint Mary's defeated Olivet in three games by the score of 30-17, 30-15, 30-15. The Belles defeated Olivet earlier this year as well.

Playko again led the team in kills, collecting 17 for the match, and also chipped in a team-leading 11 digs. Shevik followed closely behind with 10 digs.

Libero Michelle Gary had one of the best serving games all year for the Belles, collecting six service aces. Middle hitter Emily Seif added four more aces, and the Belles as a team collected 14 aces against the Comets.

Temple led the team with 32 assists.

The Belles were unable to keep their winning streak going against host Hope in the second match of the tournament, however, falling by a score of 17-30, 28-30, 25-30.

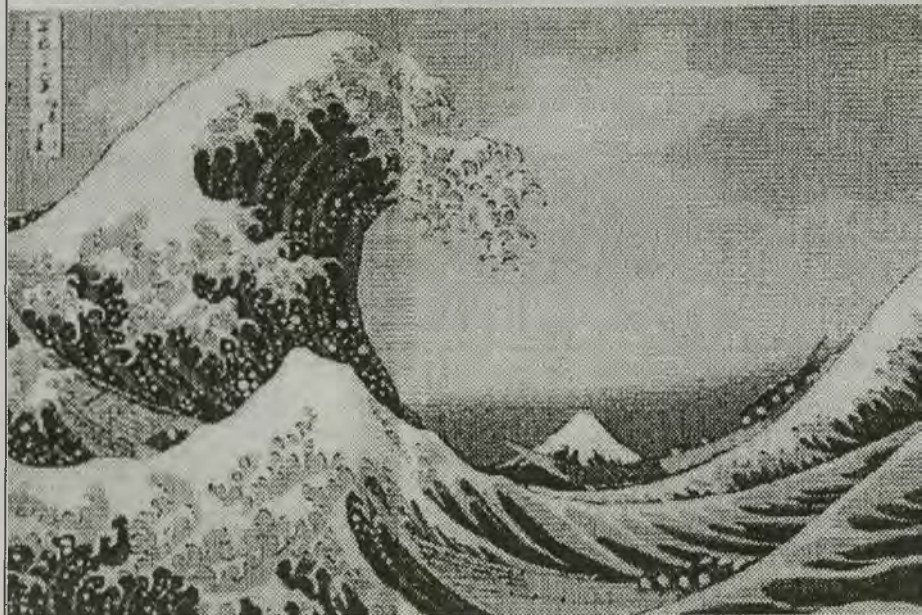
Middle hitter Elise Rupright led the team with 11 kills, and Playko led all Belles with 16 digs. Again, Saint Mary's had a solid defensive game, with four players finishing the match with 10 digs or more.

Saint Mary's completed its final road trip of the season with a trip to Rose-Hulman Thursday. The Belles defeated the Engineers in four sets.

The Belles have only one more match in the regular season, a conference match up at home against Albion this Friday. Saint Mary's then awaits its seed for the MIAA tournament, to be held beginning Nov. 3.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Very few scoring goals against Irish

For their first seven years in the Big East, the Irish won the conference tournament, usually knocking off Connecticut in the finals. They also made the Final Four six times in seven years covering roughly the same time period.

Andy Troeger
Sports Writer

Then last year the Irish did not even qualify for the Big East Tournament, losing three games within their division to finish tied for fourth in the division. It appeared that maybe the rest of the conference was catching up with the Irish.

Maybe not. The Irish returned to their old ways this year, steamrolling through their conference slate. They won all six of their games within the Mid-Atlantic Division and beat Miami and St. John's of the Northeast Division. As if that were not enough, they also played Connecticut in a non-conference game and beat them too.

You say you're not impressed yet? Well the Irish also accomplished another feat in those nine wins by not allowing a single goal in any of those nine games. The Big East is a solid conference, as the Irish wins included a 2-0 whitewashing of then No. 5 West Virginia and another 2-0 blanking of then No. 15 Connecticut. All told, the Irish scored 22 goals and gave up none in those nine games.

With one more game to go before the postseason tournaments begin, the Irish stand at 18-0-1, having now won 12 in a row since playing Stanford to a score-

less tie. The last ten of those wins have also been shutouts, as the Irish have not allowed an opposing goal since North Texas scored a late tally in an 8-1 rout.

Through 19 games, the Irish have allowed only five goals, three of which have come after the Irish had taken dominating leads. Only once has Notre Dame trailed all season, with that deficit coming early against Arizona State, who led the Irish for all of seven minutes before becoming succumbing 3-1.

Not surprisingly, the Irish are ranked No. 1 in the nation in goals-against average at 0.26 goals per game. Goalkeeper Erika Bohn's personal average is even lower at 0.22. Her streak of not allowing a goal in 989 minutes ranks fifth all-time for the longest such streak in NCAA history. Since 1989, only the 1998 Santa Clara team has compiled a longer shutout streak (14) than Notre Dame's current 10 game streak.

The Irish task is not nearly done, however. To accentuate their regular season title, they must win the Big East Tournament, to be held over the next two weeks. First up in that tournament will be Miami, who fell to the Irish 3-0 at Alumni Field a few weeks ago. The Irish will be looking for a similar result this weekend in the rematch as they hope to keep surging through the postseason.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andy Troeger at atroege@nd.edu.

Streak

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Heading into their final regular season game of the year, the Irish led the nation in goals-against average, with goalkeeper Erika Bohn riding a 989-minute shutout streak that dates back to a Sept. 21 game at Santa Clara.

The Irish opened the break by dominating No. 15 Connecticut 2-0 at Alumni Field. The Irish got their first goal from Katie Thorlakson on a corner kick sequence, with defenders Christie Shaner and Melissa Tancredi getting assists. Freshman Lizzie Reed, playing forward for the first time this season, provided the Irish with instant offense by registering the second goal. The Irish closed out the Huskies by not allowing a shot on goal in the final 60 minutes.

The Irish then went to Pittsburgh and won 1-0 on junior Mary Boland's team leading 12th goal of the season, as Shaner again got the assist. The Irish outshot the Panthers 18-6, but missed the defensive presence of Tancredi who was held out of the game with a nagging leg injury.

For their efforts in those two games, Shaner was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week and Bohn was named Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

The Irish got off to a strong start against Rutgers, notching two goals in the first four minutes of the contest. Thorlakson and Tancredi combined for three goals and an assist as the Irish won 3-0.

Thorlakson scored the first goal off of Amy Warner's team leading 10th assist of the season. Thorlakson then lofted a corner kick into the box for

Tancredi, who gave the Irish a 2-0 lead. Thorlakson then scored the game's final goal later in the first half. The Irish held the Scarlet Knights to only one shot on goal in the game.

Warner became the eighth Irish player to score multiple goals in a game in a 2-0 win over Seton Hall. She registered her first goal only 90 seconds into the contest on a pass from freshman midfielder Jill Krivacek. Warner used her speed to get to the right side of the box and shot inside the right post for the 11th game-winning goal of her career. Warner then added the final margin via assists from Thorlakson and junior defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir.

With the strong weekend, Warner now leads the Irish with 30 points on ten goals and ten assists, with her ten assists putting her in tie for fifth in the nation.

The Irish will conclude the regular season at Alumni Field against Michigan Wednesday, before hosting Miami in a Big East Tournament quarterfinal at Alumni Field. The winner of that game will head back to New Jersey for the rest of the Big East Tournament.

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NOTRE DAME 2, SETON HALL 0 at SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	1	2
SETON HALL	0	0	0

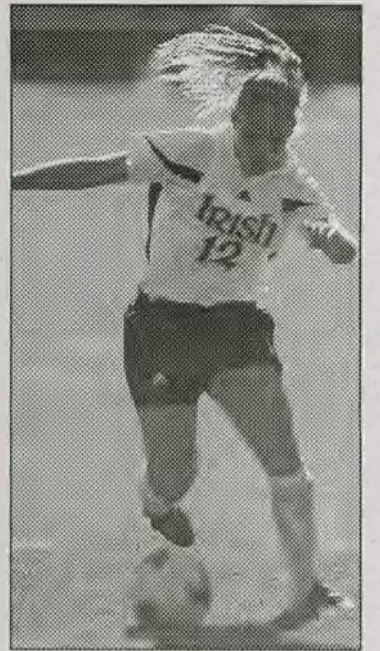
Scoring Summary

ND — Warner, Amy (9), 1:30 (Krivacek, Jill)

ND — Warner (10), 84:35 (Thorlakson, Katie, Gunnarsdottir, Gudrun)

NOTRE DAME — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 18 (Warner 5), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 11

SETON HALL — Saves 8 (Buffy Wojciehowski 8), Shots 6 (Rita Massot 2), Corner kicks 3, Fouls 11



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Amy Warner dribbles against Miami Oct. 12.

NOTRE DAME 3, RUTGERS 0 at PISCATAWAY, N.J.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	3	0	3
RUTGERS	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Thorlakson, Katie, 2:44 (Warner, Amy)

ND — Tancredi, Melissa, 3:53 (Thorlakson)

ND — Thorlakson, 31:27

NOTRE DAME — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 9 (Thorlakson 2), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 13

SETON HALL — Saves 3 (Robyn Jones 3), Shots 4 (Courtney Hudson 2), Corner kicks 5, Fouls 13

NOTRE DAME 1, PITTSBURGH 0 at INDIANOLA, PENN.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	0	1
PITTSBURGH	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

ND — Boland, Mary (12), 21:03 (Shaner, Christie)

NOTRE DAME — Saves 3 (Erika Bohn 3), Shots 18 (Boland 7), Corner kicks 4, Fouls 15

PITTSBURGH — Saves 7, Shots 6, Corner kicks 1, Fouls 10

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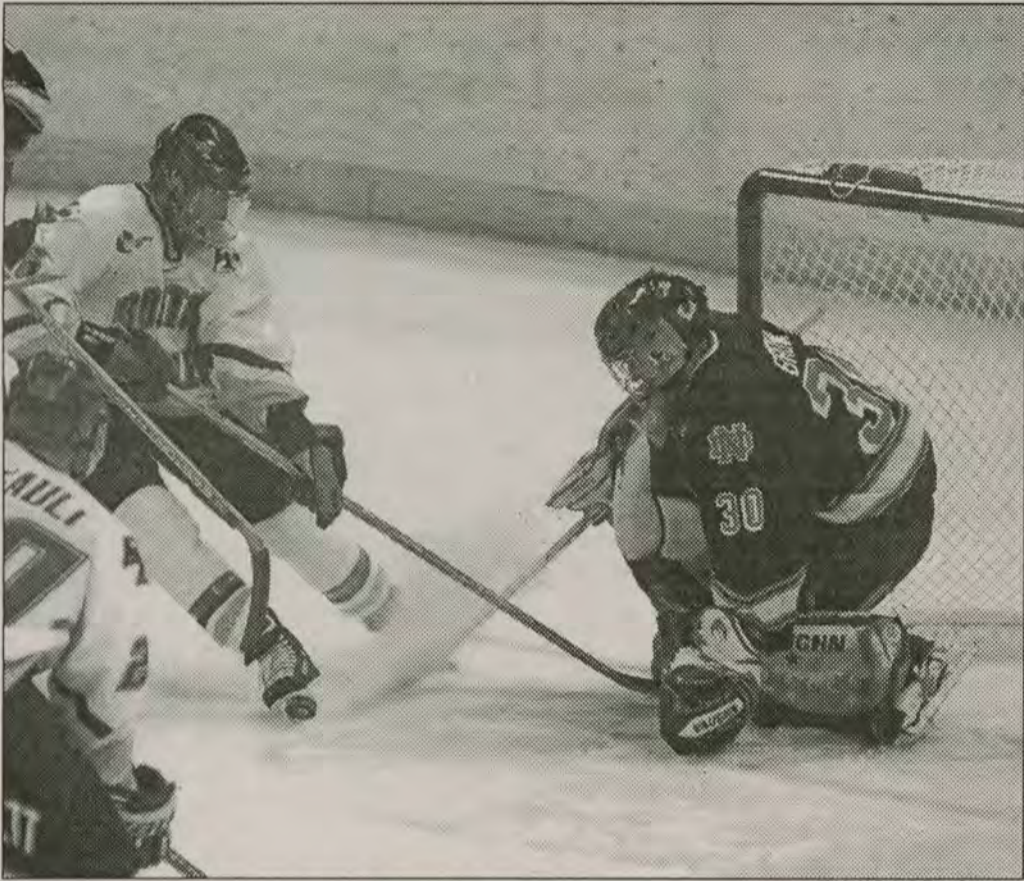
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Notre Dame goaltender Dave Brown makes one of his 27 saves against Boston College Friday night in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Hockey

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period, then made a crucial stop with 2:08 remaining in the period by pouncing on the puck just in front of the net.

Boston College's Patrick Eaves had a one-on-one opportunity early in the second period, but Brown knocked the shot away, preserving the 0-0 score. Throughout most of the middle of the second period, Boston College had a few long shots, near the blue line but none seriously threatened Brown.

One of the Eagles' best chances came with 4:48 left in the second period when Ryan Murphy took the puck at the left circle and fired a shot to Brown's left. Brown couldn't react in time, but the puck ricocheted off the crossbar.

After Brown made a glove save with 1:25 remaining, the Irish had two shots to score but couldn't convert either thanks to a Kaltianinen save and a poor pass on a two-on-one break.

After going back and forth for much of the third period, the Irish finally broke through for a goal. With just over five minutes left in regulation, Notre Dame's Aaron Gill won a face-

off in front of the Boston College goal. Gill got the puck to Walsh who fired a low shot toward Kaltianinen's left, just under his left side for the only goal of the game. It was Walsh's third career goal and second of the season.

But the Eagles didn't quit after the Irish goal and had several shots to tie the game near the end of regulation.

With 1:30 remaining, Boston College's Joe Rooney had a shot go high and to the left. Brown made another good save in front of the net with 1:05 left, then stopped a flurry of shots in the final minute to send Notre Dame to 3-2 on the season.

"This was a big win for us tonight," Poulin said. "It came early in the season and should give us confidence the rest of the way. We don't have to talk about playing well, but losing. They showed what they can do against an outstanding hockey team."

Notes:

- ◆ Brown has not allowed a goal in his last seven periods, covering a span of 120:44.

- ◆ The win was Notre Dame's first against the Eagles in their last nine meetings, dating back to 1994.

- ◆ All three of Walsh's goals have been game-winners for the Irish.

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HOCKEY

Stats don't tell story in split with Bowling Green

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After a disappointing start at home, the Irish needed someone to step up and inspire the team to play better. Youth was served as freshman goaltender David Brown and sophomore forward Mike Walsh answered the call.

After shoddy play in net by Irish goaltenders in a 5-3 loss at home Oct. 17 against Bowling Green, Brown posted back to back shutouts for Notre Dame in a 3-0 victory over Bowling Green on the road the following day and a 1-0 defeat

of top-ranked Boston College on the road last Saturday.

Walsh collected the game-winning goal in both games.

"Mike really missed his entire freshman year with injury and mononucleosis," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We've basically got a first-year player in Michael and we have very high expectations for him."

"I think it took him a while to get going, but he's starting to really come around now. He looks more comfortable and has a nice start for the year."

Brown stopped a total of 67 shots in the two games, and currently has a shutout streak

of 120 minutes, 44 seconds.

He became the second Irish goaltender to post back-to-back shutouts in team history. Junior Morgan Cey did it last year against Miami (Ohio) in the first round of the CCHA playoffs. Cey also holds the Irish shutout streak with 147:19 seconds, which he set in those same playoffs.

Brown and sophomore Rory Walsh have handled the goaltending duties for the Irish this year while Cey recovers from off-season surgery.

"David's made a lot of big saves and some very timely saves," Poulin said. "I'd like to ultimately have the best group

of goaltenders in the NCAA, because that means you have depth."

"We're all in this for the same goal, and that's to win hockey games."

The win against Boston College was especially sweet in view of Notre Dame's previous series against Bowling Green in which the Irish did not play particularly well.

It was an odd series, in which goalies proved the primary difference in both games. Falcon goaltender Jordan Sigalet stopped 56 shots in his team's 5-3 win over the Irish, despite the fact that Notre Dame outshot Bowling Green 59-25.

In Saturday's game on the road, Brown provided a nearly reciprocal performance, stopping 40 shots despite the fact that Bowling Green outshot the Irish 40-17.

"While those games look numerically the same, I really think we were dominant at home Friday night, but we weren't dominated on Saturday either," Poulin said. "The number of shots in Saturday's game is very misleading, because a lot of shots were outside the zone."

"Again Friday, though, we just couldn't solve Jordan Sigalet. I suppose the closest analogy would be a pitcher dominating a baseball game, because a goalie can really dominate a hockey game."

D'Arcy McConvey, Rich Meloche, Ryan Minnabarriet, Kevin Bieksa and James Unger

each had solo goals in the Falcon victory. Notre Dame got goals from forwards Michael Bartnett and Cory McLean and defenseman Wes O'Neill in the loss.

The Irish penalty kill unit, which to that point had been flawless, allowed two power-play goals to the Falcons out of six opportunities.

Notre Dame's goaltenders never seemed to get into the flow of the game. Walsh started and gave up three goals on 13 shots through two periods before giving way to Brown, who did not fare much better with two goals on nine shots.

"I need better play from my goalies," Poulin said after that game.

His statement must have been heard by his netminders as Brown came back with a vengeance against the Falcons in the next day's shutout.

Forwards Mike Walsh, Josh Sciba and Rob Globke all scored for the Irish, who scored two goals in the first two minutes of the game before Globke's goal early in the third period extinguished any hope of a Bowling Green comeback.

Notre Dame returns to CCHA action next week with a pair of home games against the Nebraska-Omaha. That series will begin Thursday with a 7:35 p.m. game. Friday's game is also set for 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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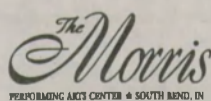
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish take two of three in Barbados

By **MATT LOZAR**
Associate Sports Editor

While most students get a tan over spring break, the Irish changed that trend and came back from fall break with tans of their own.

A trip to Barbados allowed the Irish to play three games and hold some practices. It was the men's basketball program's first trip since an excursion to Italy under former coach John MacLeod.

But the trip wasn't all work; the Irish got to hang out on the beach, go snorkeling and even take a cruise.

"During practice days, we usually practiced early in the day so we had a lot of free time during the day because we understood it was business down there," Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette said, "but at the same time, Coach [Mike Brey] knew we wouldn't have a chance to go on breaks like that, especially to a place like Barbados."

The Irish played a club team from England, the Milton Keynes Lions, last Sunday and Wednesday nights. In the first game, the Irish simply dominated the Lions en route to a 93-67 win. But Wednesday night was a different story.

Playing their third game in four nights in a hot and humid gymnasium, the Irish lost to the Lions 77-74 in their final exhibition game in Barbados.

That loss to the older English club team could help this Irish squad down the road, in the middle of its schedule against a Big

East opponent in a hostile environment.

"I think in ways it was, but the numbers weren't as high as a Big East game. At the same time, there weren't any fans cheering for us," Cornette said. "It was all of them against us out there. In that respect it was like a Big East [road] atmosphere."

On last Tuesday night, the Irish beat the Barbados National Team 112-65, a team that didn't provide nearly the challenge the English team did.

"It was definitely great to just get into a game situation. The teams are quality teams," guard Colin Falls said. "We lost Wednesday night when we didn't play well. The European team was very good. The Barbados team didn't have as many players, probably because they aren't as big of country."

Falls was part of the lineup experiments Brey and the coaching staff tinkered with in Barbados. A main purpose of this trip was for Brey to find out, earlier than in previous years, about what the style of this team would be. According to Cornette, that was accomplished.

"We more or less got a feel for what our team will be like this year," Cornette said. "I think we learned a lot of things about our team and what our strengths are and what our weaknesses are."

The Irish play their first exhibition game in the United States at the Joyce Center Nov. 5 against the Hoop Group.

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games in her fourth start of the season. She contributed seven kills and six digs.

Defensively, Jessica Kinder led the way with 11 digs, her 12th match of the season hitting double digits.

The road trip concluded with a trip to bitter Big East rival Boston College (15-6, 2-3), Friday night. There, the Irish overcame poor hitting to defeat the Golden Eagles in three games (30-26, 30-21, 30-23).

Despite the poor hitting performance (.165 hitting percentage on the match), the Irish registered 19 blocks.

Once again, Brewster was unstoppable, getting in on 11 blocks, seven assists and four solos. She missed the Notre Dame record for blocks in a three-game match by two, and the record for solo blocks in a three-game match by one.

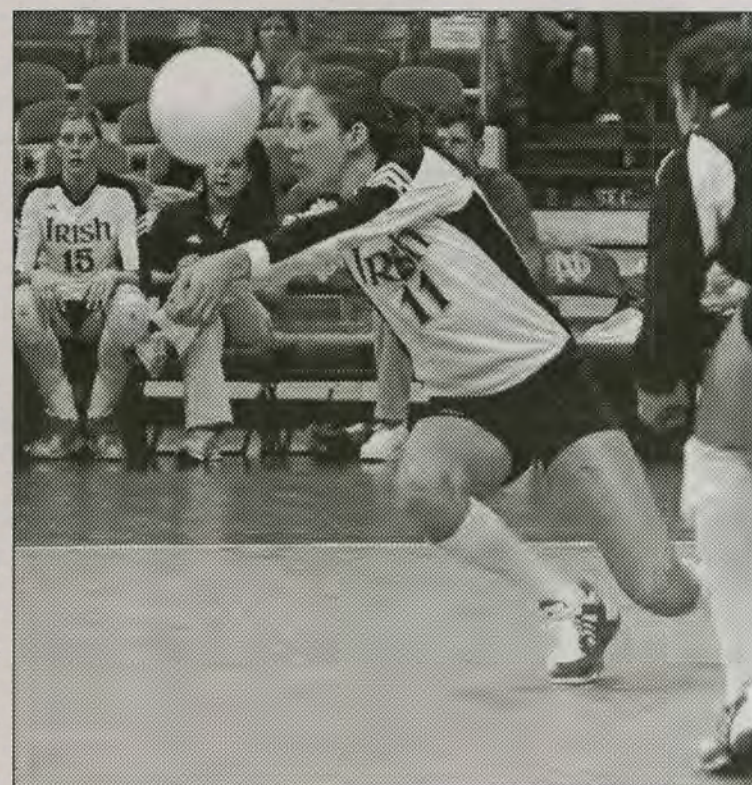
This was the fourth time this season she had 10 or more blocks in a match. Before the match, she was third in the country in blocks per game, with 1.67.

Boston College, meanwhile, finished with a .007 hitting percentage, as the Irish net play was too much for them to handle.

The Irish attack was led by Loomis, who had 11 kills on .333 hitting, and Brewster, who had seven on .353 hitting percentage.

Notre Dame is now off to its best start since 1994, and has won 25 of its last 27 games.

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Danielle Herndon digs a ball against Seton Hall Oct. 10. The Irish have not lost a match since Sept. 24.

NOTRE DAME 3, BOSTON COLLEGE 0 at CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.

NOTRE DAME 30 30 30
BOSTON COLLEGE 26 21 23

NOTRE DAME — Kills 33 (Emily Loomis 11), Assists 30 (Kristen Kinder 27), Digs 38 (Meg Henican 10), Blocks 19 (Lauren Brewster 11), Hitting percentage .165 (Brewster .353), Aces 2 (Loomis, Lauren Kelbley 1)

BOSTON COLLEGE — Kills 40 (Dorota Niemczewska 12), Assists 31 (Verena Rost 26), Digs 38 (Allison Anderson 11), Blocks 4 (Alison Shepp 3), Hitting percentage .007 (Niemczewska .231), Aces 0

NOTRE DAME 3, RHODE ISLAND 0 at KINGSTON, R.I.

NOTRE DAME 30 30 30
RHODE ISLAND 20 23 20

NOTRE DAME — Kills 46 (Lauren Kelbley 10), Assists 35 (Kristen Kinder 30), Digs 43 (Jessica Kinder 11), Blocks

11 (Lauren Brewster 6), Hitting percentage .311 (Brewster .412), Aces 6 (J. Kinder 3)

RHODE ISLAND — Kills 35 (Amy Kauppila 9), Assists 35 (Mary Kate Reardon 16), Digs 36 (Kaleena Miller 10), Blocks 5 (Abby Thornbladh 5), Hitting percentage .070 (Reardon .375), Aces 5 (5 players with 1)

NOTRE DAME 3, NORTH CAROLINA 1 at CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

NOTRE DAME 30 26 30 30
NORTH CAROLINA 27 30 21 26

NOTRE DAME — Kills 61 (Lauren Brewster 20), Assists 56 (Kristen Kinder 50), Digs 64 (Jessica Kinder 24), Blocks 17 (Brewster 10), Hitting percentage .215 (Brewster .361), Aces 6 (K. Kinder, Emily Loomis 2)

NORTH CAROLINA — Kills 62 (Dani Nyenhuis 16), Assists 58 (Norma Cortez 55), Digs 67 (Molly Pyles 21), Blocks 7 (Katie Wright 5), Hitting percentage .165 (Aletha Green .316), Aces 4 (4 players with 1)

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish clinch spot in postseason tournament

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior forward Justin Detter chipped the ball over Chris Harrison's head seven minutes into overtime, and all the Virginia Tech goalkeeper could do was watch.

Harrison had saved nine of the 10 previous Irish shots, but the 11th snuck by.

The Irish (10-3-3, 5-3-1 Big East) ended a pivotal 11-day, four-game road trip Saturday with a 2-1 overtime victory over No. 9 Virginia Tech.

Detter scored twice in the contest to tie teammate Devon Prescod with a team-high eight goals on the season.

Since Oct. 14, the Irish had been 2-1 on the road trip, defeating Cleveland State, 6-0, and Providence, 2-0, but losing to Connecticut, 1-0.

The much-needed win over Virginia Tech vaults the No. 13 Irish into third place in the Big East standings, clinching a spot in the postseason conference tournament. Notre Dame still must finish in the top four to receive home field advantage in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, but Detter's overtime goal could go a long way to securing that home field.

"These last two games are very important," coach Bobby Clark said. "It helps to be in

the top four because you play one of the bottom four teams. In theory you should be getting an easier team, though that is not always the case. This conference is very competitive, and there is no way you can take any team lightly."

The Irish did not take Virginia Tech lightly. They knew coming in that the Hokies were still in a position to take the conference.

So Notre Dame took the lead early when Detter scored his first goal of the match off an assist by defender Kevin Goldthwaite (5) just 6 minutes, 40 seconds into the game.

Virginia Tech roared back to tie it with Scott Spangler's fifth goal of the season just over four minutes later. Play was relatively even the rest of the first half.

Notre Dame then set the tempo and controlled play throughout the second half and into overtime.

Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer made eight big saves to stave off the Hokies attack until Detter put the game away seven minutes into the extra period.

Still, it was the Irish on the offensive throughout most of the second half.

"It was more a case of them holding off our [attack]," Clark said.

"We were the team pressing to win the game.

It had been fairly even in the first half. They had better chances at beginning of second half. But near the end there was only one team pushing hard to win it and that was Notre Dame."

The Irish out shot the Hokies 16-11, including a convincing 4-0 in overtime.

Notre Dame moves to 4-0-3 in overtime games this season.

The loss to Connecticut last Saturday, however, was the first time the Irish dropped a contest that potentially would have serious effects on their postseason hopes. With a victory, Notre Dame could have moved ahead of the Huskies in the standings.

Shots were even at 11 and Sawyer made four saves, but Connecticut's Adam Schuerman made five saves. The Huskies' Easton Wilson scored his first goal of the season at the 42-minute mark.

Late chances by midfielder Greg Martin and defender Greg Dalby were not enough as Notre Dame suffered its second straight Big East loss.

The team regained its footing four days later at Providence, winning a 2-0 decision at Glay Field.

Goals from Martin and forward Prescod sealed the victory in the team's seventh shutout of the season and the first home loss for the Friars.

With the win the Irish had 13

points in the Big East, putting them one point behind Connecticut and two behind Virginia Tech and Rutgers.

A clutch performance when the team needed it most against Virginia Tech Saturday boosted the Irish to third in the conference.

Although St. John's has secured the first seed, the next three home field advantage seeds are wide open to a field of six teams: Rutgers, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall, Connecticut and Providence.

Notre Dame and Seton Hall have one Big East game remaining.

Virginia Tech, Connecticut and Providence still must play two conference match ups.

The Irish will play No. 25 Villanova Friday at 7:30 at Alumni field. Villanova recently knocked off a Rutgers team that beat Notre Dame Oct. 11 at home.

"The win against Virginia Tech puts us in a good position," Clark said. "This game on Friday is another huge game.

It is the first time Villanova has been ranked, so they are very excited.

It should be a good matchup."

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NOTRE DAME 2, VIRGINIA TECH 1
at BLACKSBURG, VA.

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	0	1	2
VIRGINIA TECH	1	0	0	1

Scoring Summary

ND — Detter, Justin, 6:40 (Goldthwaite, Kevin)
VT — Spangler, Scott, 10:49 (Nason, Ben)

ND — Detter, 96:01
NOTRE DAME — Saves 8 (Chris Sawyer 8), Shots 16 (Detter 6), Corner kicks 9, Fouls 8
VIRGINIA TECH — Saves 9 (Chase Harrison 9), Shots 11 (Spangler, Nason 3), Corner kicks 6, Fouls 11

NOTRE DAME 2, PROVIDENCE 0
at ALUMNI FIELD

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	1	1	2
PROVIDENCE	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

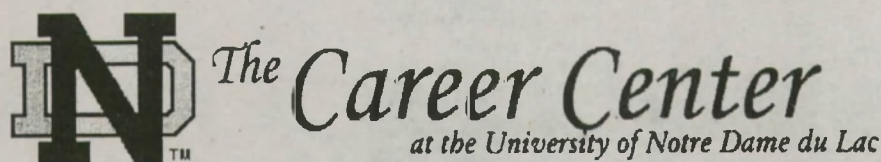
ND — Martin, Greg (4), 1:40 (Goldthwaite, Kevin)
ND — Prescod, Devon (9), 78:00
NOTRE DAME — Saves 3 (Chris Sawyer 3), Shots 15 (Justin Detter 5), Corner kicks 3, Fouls 14
VIRGINIA TECH — Saves 8 (Jeff Newman 8), Shots 6 (Foin Lynch 2), Corner kicks 14

CONNECTICUT 1, NOTRE DAME 0
at STORRS, CONN.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
CONNECTICUT	1	0	1

Scoring Summary

UCONN — Wilson, Easton (1), 41:15 (Moloi, Mpho)
NOTRE DAME — Saves 4 (Chris Sawyer 4), Shots 11 (Kevin Goldthwaite 4), Corner kicks 8, Fouls 8
CONNECTICUT — Saves 6 (Adam Schuerman 5), Shots 11 (5 players with 2), Corner kicks 3, Fouls 8



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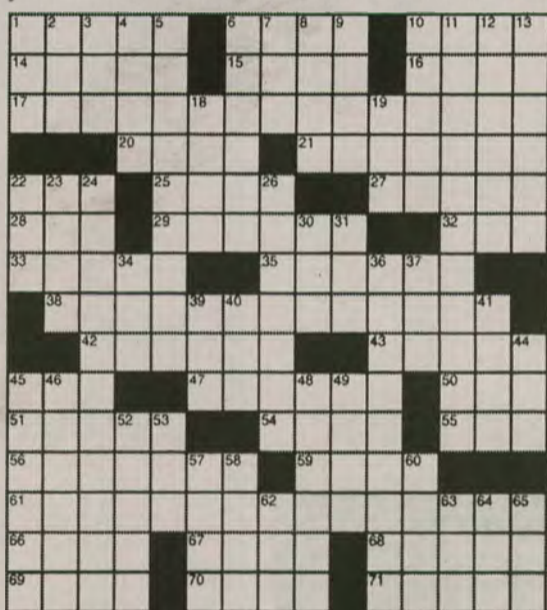
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wheelchair-accessible routes
 - 6 Either end of a gate
 - 10 Is in the red
 - 14 Love, in Roma
 - 15 Subject of fission
 - 16 Crooked
 - 17 Homer
 - 20 Become lively, with "up"
 - 21 Poor movie rating
 - 22 Calligrapher's need
 - 25 Frost's "The ___ Not Taken"
 - 27 Ecu
 - 28 Become extinct, with "out"
 - 29 St. Francis of ___
 - 32 Prefix with natal
 - 33 Birthplace of a hurricane
 - 35 Ford popular in the 1970's
 - 38 Homer
 - 42 Bowl sites
 - 43 Easy out
 - 45 Beer buyers' needs, for short
 - 47 Gas, to a Brit
 - 50 Explosive initials
 - 51 Yale students since 1969
 - 54 Needing some kneading?
 - 55 "For ___ a jolly good fellow"
 - 56 Got free
 - 59 Gamma preceder
 - 61 Homer
 - 66 "A Death in the Family" author James
 - 67 Biblical sibling
 - 68 University of ___ Island
 - 69 Understands
 - 70 Ogles
 - 71 Iron Mike

- DOWN**
- 1 "Let's go, team!"
 - 2 Friend of Pierre
 - 3 Bon ___
 - 4 Skull in "Hamlet," e.g.
 - 5 Pay after a layoff
 - 6 Warm jackets
 - 7 Hall-of-Famer Mel
 - 8 Manhattan district
 - 9 Some feds
 - 10 Corpulent plus
 - 11 Explained thoroughly
 - 12 Pen
 - 13 Less than quadraphonic
 - 18 Son of Aphrodite
 - 19 Presidents' Day mo.
 - 22 Words Pres. Buchanan never said
 - 23 Pleasing
 - 24 What a blabbermouth can't do
 - 26 Quick reads
 - 30 Witness
 - 31 Drive up the wall
 - 34 Subject of E.P.A. monitoring



Puzzle by Michael Doran

- 36 Fruit pastry
- 37 Head of England?
- 39 Econ. statistic
- 40 Norma ___
- 41 Adjust, as a radio
- 44 Goals, e.g.: Abbr.
- 45 Swelling reducer
- 46 Amount to be taken
- 48 Signs of spring
- 49 Subjects of assays
- 52 July 4, 1776, and others
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HOCKEY

Irish stun top-ranked Boston College

Freshman goalie Dave Brown fills in for Morgan Cey and leads the major upset

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — It was only freshman Dave Brown's second career start at goalie and it just so happened to be against the No. 1 team in the nation, in their home opener in front of nearly 8,000 fans.

But Brown didn't seem bothered by the circumstances, en route to stopping 27 shots while left wing Mike Walsh scored off a face-off with 5 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in the third period to lead Notre Dame to a 1-0 upset victory against No. 1 Boston College Friday night.

"We wanted to get respect and we wanted to get confidence," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "But those are things that people can't give you, you have to take them. It wouldn't have been enough for us to

come out of this game by just playing well. We took the next step and beat them."

The key for the game was Notre Dame's defense and the goal play by Brown. The Irish defenders interfered with Eagle passes throughout the game and cleared the front of the net for Brown to get good looks at Boston College's shots on goal.

"I would have never been able to do this without the team in front of me and having them play so well defensively," said Brown, who recorded his second shutout in as many collegiate starts. "It was a great team effort overall."

The Irish came out aggressively in the first period and controlled the puck, but failed to get any serious shots on Boston College goaltender Matti Kallianen.

From the 6:00 mark until the end of the first period, Boston College took control of the puck and had several good shots against Brown. The freshman made two key saves early in the period, then made a crucial stop

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

The Irish mob goaltender Dave Brown after their 1-0 victory over the No. 1 Golden Eagles at Boston College Friday night.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Shutout streak at 10 games

Goalie Erika Bohn hasn't allowed a goal in 989 minutes

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

One year after missing the Big East Tournament due to a 3-3 record in the Mid-Atlantic Division, Notre Dame completed its sweep through the conference by beating Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Seton Hall over the fall break.

The Irish continued their dominating play, shutting out all four opponents in running their school record shutout streak to 10 games. The Irish did not allow a goal to a Big East opponent all season, outscoring their conference opponents 22-0.

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Forward Amanda Guertin dribbles upfield in a match against North Texas on Sept. 28.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Three more victories puts win streak at 10

Irish haven't lost in over six weeks

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Sept. 14 was over a month ago. It was also the last time the Irish lost a match, when they lost 3-1 to South Carolina at the Joyce Center. The Irish have done nothing but win, as they won three matches over break, extending their winning streak to 10 matches.

This success has been in large part due to middle blocker Lauren Brewster. Last Tuesday, in the first match over fall break, Brewster racked up a career-high 20 kills and 10 blocks to lead the Irish (17-2, 7-0 in the Big East) over North Carolina (15-7). The Irish took the match in four games (30-27, 26-30, 30-21, 30-26), as they beat the defending ACC champions.

Senior Katie Neff was also in on seven blocks for the Irish, who finished with 17 team blocks. This upped the team average to 3.59 blocks per game, leading Division I.

Meanwhile, Jessica Kinder led the team with 24 digs and Meg Henican added 19. Offensively, Emily Loomis added 10 kills.

In the second game of the break, Brewster came up big once again, with nine kills on a .412 hitting percentage to go along with six blocks, as the Irish swept Rhode Island (9-14) in three games (30-20, 30-23, 30-20) Thursday evening. Setter Kristen Kinder ran the offense for the Irish, finishing with 30 assists and leading her team to a .311 attack percentage.

Middle blocker Lauren Kelbley also added five blocks to go along with ten kills on .333 hitting, while senior Kim Fletcher played all three

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Notre Dame 2
Virginia Tech 1

The Irish defeat the Hokies and win two of three games over break.

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Mike Brey takes his team to Barbados where the Irish won two of three games.

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Notre Dame 14

For the second straight year, the Trojans beat the Irish by 31 points.

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The Belles split their four matches over the past week.

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Grand Valley St. 7
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The Irish lose in the championship match of the Great Lakes Conference.

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Boston College 27
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Down 24-6, the Irish rally to claim the lead, but the Golden Eagles win on a late field goal.

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