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Olympic gold fencer arrives on campus

By MATT LOZAR
News Writer

Mariel Zagunis knows how to work hard — her gold medal in women's saber attests to that.

Now, the 19-year old freshman from Beaverton, Ore. has to carry that work ethic over to the classroom.

And make up for four days of missed classes.

"I haven't gone to school or class for over a year, but I'm ready to get out there and ready to learn," Zagunis said. "It'll be hard to get used to it again. I think I can handle it, or I hope I can."

Zagunis was scheduled to attend her first classes this

morning, starting with a swim test at 8:30 a.m.

She has been in Europe since Aug. 4 and won the gold medal in women's saber Aug. 17.

"I have been working so hard for this, and it's just a very good example of how hard work pays off and how if you really dedicate yourself to something that you really, really want more than anything in the world, then you are going to get it," Zagunis said. "That's what I



Zagunis

did and that's what happened."

The demanding training schedule made going straight from high school to college impossible. Zagunis signed with Notre Dame in November 2002, but took a year off to concentrate on making the U.S. Olympic team, before coming to South Bend.

"Notre Dame has always appealed to me as a school," Zagunis said. "I had been to tournaments in South Bend. I have been around here before, and I know a couple of alumni and everyone has nothing but good things to say."

"It just always appealed to me. It felt natural and right."

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski knows the transition will be dif-

ficult for Zagunis, but he believes Zagunis' personality has her a step ahead of the game.

"She is a good kid and has good character, which is the best for the team. She can show she's a hard worker. It's not a privilege. She tries to do it [be successful]. I think this is the most important thing," Bednarski said. "Time is divided between studies and fencing. The team has a goal to win. Now she has to step into the other field. It will not be easy. I think it will be a challenge."

Meanwhile, her mother Cathy knows her daughter has had a very emotional past two weeks, and the adjustment to living alone at college is going to be

difficult.

"She's sensitive about it, out of school for a year. I'm concerned already," Cathy Zagunis said. "She's just getting settled as a freshman. She may have a letdown physically and be emotionally drained."

All of the attention Zagunis has received and jetlag that's bound to set in during the next couple of days may lead to a rough first week at Notre Dame.

But now she's ready to just be a college student.

"I'm not here only to fence or party," Zagunis said stumbling over that last word. "I'm here to also go to class, learn and get an education."

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The Show is deemed a success

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

The Show headliners Talib Kweli and Jason Mraz impressed fans and non-fans alike Friday night with energetic performances that included impromptu stage appearances by several students.

Rapper Kweli opened the show with a high-energy number. The lesser known of the night's performers, some students complained about Kweli's lack of notoriety.

"I didn't really know his music," said freshman Shawn Redington. "No one seemed to know his songs."

For many audience members however, his performance more than made up for a lack of familiarity with his songs.

"I was very impressed by him," said junior Shannon Morfin. "I didn't even really know who he was and I don't normally like that type of music that much, but now I am thinking about buying his CD."

Midway into Kweli's set, he asked students to come on stage. When security stopped them because of safety concerns, the rapper threatened to end his performance, turned off his equipment and walked off the stage. Security quickly relented and Kweli invited the dancers to join him up on stage.

Student reaction to Mraz, who reportedly was spotted at Turtle Creek socializing with students later that night, was more unanimous. He wowed a largely female audience with his distinct voice and dance moves.

"Jason Mraz was awesome. It was probably one of the best shows I have ever been to, cer-

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Livestrong bands make bold statement



CHUY BENITZ/The Observer

Five men from Siegfried Hall show off their Livestrong arm bands. The bands have become so popular, many students are having trouble finding places to buy them. Even online, all orders are on backorder, causing quite a stir about the rubber bracelets.

Students wear eye-catching yellow wristbands in support of cancer research

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Actors Matt Damon and Bruce Willis have them. Both President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry do too. Olympians have won gold in Athens wearing them. And, most likely, several have caught your eye in theology class or around LaFortune.

They are the bright yellow wristbands emblazoned with the mantra "Livestrong," a joint product of The Lance Armstrong Foundation and Nike to raise money for cancer research.

The sturdy elastic wristbands pay tribute to Tour de France champion and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Since hitting the stores in May, sales have taken off wildly, far surpassing the initial goal of \$5 million. The current tally of sales

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Legends revamps restaurant and club

By TOM TIBERIO
News Writer

Heading into its second year of operation, Legends' attitude is like that of any new business: eliminate the weaknesses and work on enhancing the strengths.

With plans to change both the tastes and décor of the restaurant, Legends Manager Jim Quirk said they have taken a holistic approach to ensuring change.

"As we enter year two we hope the word's gotten around and [we can again] offer students and non-students alike

a place to congregate and socialize and enjoy a casual atmosphere," Quirk said.

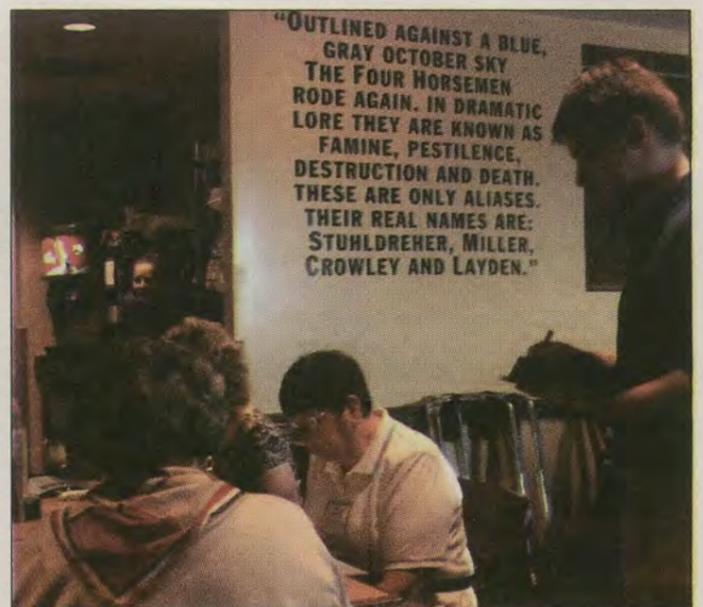
After a summer of large-scale reassessment, Legends plans to revamp both inside and out.

Improvements start with enhancing the menu, and they have brought in the University's newly appointed executive chef, Don Miller, to do it.

Miller, who has 28 years of experience, completely overhauled last year's menu, Quirk said.

"The chef has brought a

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Waiter John Attawat takes orders from guests at Legends. This year the restaurant will offer a broader menu.

INSIDE COLUMN

Bridging the musical gap

Somehow, I landed the most cushy on-campus job at Saint Mary's College. As the choral librarian, I get my own little office, set my own hours, have a great boss and often don't have to work for weeks at a time. When I do, I just crank up the tunes and do my thing.

Nicole Zook

Production Editor

So imagine my surprise when a random professor wandered into my basement office this week. He was confused not to find my boss there.

"You're the one listening to Simon and Garfunkel?" he asked in astonishment. "This is our generation's music."

So that's what it comes down to. All the strange looks from my peers at stoplights, all the comments from my mom about how my music is before her time — it all points to the one thing this professor so clearly stated.

I've bridged some kind of unspoken generation gap in music.

Sure, I like rap. I listen to metal, pop, punk, and even country. But only classic rock hits me where it counts. New music can be great, but nowhere in the realm of Avril Lavigne can you find the lyricism of Paul Simon or Billy Joel. The innovation of The Beatles is lost on kids today. And it's impossible for me to find a modern band that can elicit the same mellow cool as Pink Floyd or the same hard rocking mood as AC/DC.

I know where my love of good music came from, of course. My parents are young, and as a kid I listened to the same music they did. I knew all the words to every Bon Jovi record by the time I was two. I grew up listening to my dad's favorite classic rock radio station. My mom trained me in the fine art of attending concerts. My folks still rock harder than any parents I know.

But somewhere along the line, I went past that. I reached back to before their time, looking to The Doors for a rainy day and Jimi Hendrix for long car drives. Styx, Clapton, Elton John, CCR, Zep, Journey, Aerosmith, The Who, Bob Dylan and The Boss — I began to amass a huge record collection.

Older people still act amazed when they catch me listening to "their music," and all of my little brothers "don't get it." It's strange to think that they don't know the classic songs of the last fifty years, and maybe never will. People our age have been known to mock me for listening to "old people's music."

In the car Friday night before the obligatory visit to Rally, I told my friends they could take out my tape and listen to more party appropriate music. The car was silent for a minute, until they said, "Actually, we like James Taylor."

At that moment, I knew I was not standing alone in the middle of the generation gap.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Nicole Zook at zook8928@saintmarys.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU BE WATCHING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION?



Scott Wagner

Junior Alumni

"No. It's basically just a product launch, a giant advertising campaign and a waste of money."



Susan Fath

Junior Howard

"Yes, if my TV gets reception."



James Carlson

Freshman Fisher

"Yes I am. I want to see what the republicans platform will be even though I know it includes tax cuts."



Klrsten Hoelmer

Senior P.E.

"I will not be watching the RNC because I already know I will disagree with most of their opinions."



Will Gartland

Senior Sorin

"Heck yeah. I just want to see how they will answer to the Democrats."



Elizabeth Mierenfeld

Sophomore Pangborn

"No, I'm not very political. I don't really care."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Sophomore Stephen Garcia, a Keough Hall resident, catches up on his reading at God Quad on Sunday.

IN BRIEF

Come to the Notre Dame Activities Night for more information on getting involved with on and off campus activities Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Joyce.

Notre Dame faculty and staff can stop by the second floor of the Security Building on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Wellness Assessment including a blood pressure and body fat screening conducted by ProHealth.

Come to the lecture "Economic, Operational and Ethical Implications of Outsourcing/Offshoring," in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Watch Fahrenheit 9/11 at The Browning Cinema in the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday at 7 and 10 p.m.

Stop by the Saint Mary's Activities Night on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the basement of Regina Hall for more information about 80 different clubs and groups serving Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

See David Pearce Snyder from The Futurist Magazine on Friday from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the lecture, "Extra-Preneurship: Managing to Prosper in Revolutionary Times," in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

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

OFFBEAT

Malaysian woman living with scorpions for record

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian woman who is trying to reclaim a world record by living in a locked glass box with more than 6,000 scorpions has been stung once and scarcely sleeps because the creatures keep crawling over her.

Nur Malena Hassan, 27, said Wednesday she has a "50/50 chance" of reaching her target of being with the poisonous arachnids for 36 consecutive days to set a new record for the longest stay in a room of scorpions.

"I'm feeling so much tension," Nur Malena said from the specially built glass room that she moved into Saturday in a shopping mall.

Thousands of Malaysians have visited the mall to observe Nur Malena in the room, which she leaves just once a day for a 15-minute bathroom break.

Malaysians have displayed a growing penchant in recent years for offbeat records — such as the highest backward climb up a staircase and the largest number of old people at a circus.

German doctors grow new jaw bone in man's back

LONDON — A German who had his lower jaw cut out because of cancer has enjoyed his first meal in nine years, a bratwurst sandwich, after surgeons grew a new jaw bone in his back muscle and transplanted it to his

mouth.

According to this week's issue of The Lancet medical journal, the German doctors used a mesh cage, a growth chemical and the patient's bone marrow, containing stem cells, to create a new jaw bone that fit the gap left by the cancer surgery.

Tests have not been done yet to verify whether the bone was created by the blank-slate stem cells and it is too early to tell whether the jaw will function normally in the long term. The operation is the first published report of a whole bone being engineered and incubated inside a patient's body and transplanted.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 78 LOW 65	HIGH 70 LOW 56	HIGH 78 LOW 56	HIGH 79 LOW 58	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 80 LOW 59

Atlanta 88 / 68 Boston 84 / 68 Chicago 78 / 58 Denver 83 / 55 Houston 91 / 67 Los Angeles 86 / 64 Minneapolis 76 / 57 New York 80 / 70 Philadelphia 84 / 69 Phoenix 108 / 83 Seattle 75 / 58 St. Louis 77 / 59 Tampa 90 / 77 Washington 82 / 64

Community celebrates mass

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's College community celebrated the new academic year with the annual All Campus Mass Sunday. Filling every seat, students, staff and faculty gathered to exemplify the unity of Saint Mary's in

the Church of Loretto. Father David Tyson presided over the ceremony. In congruence with the new school year, he reflected upon the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and faith throughout his sermon.

Tyson challenged those in attendance to use their unique gifts in order to seek truth, and ended with words

of hope for the College. "We do so [celebrate] here at Saint Mary's as a community bettered on wisdom and we pray that Saint Mary's College continues to open the minds and hearts of these women."

College President Carol Ann Mooney thanked those in attendance with her closing words.

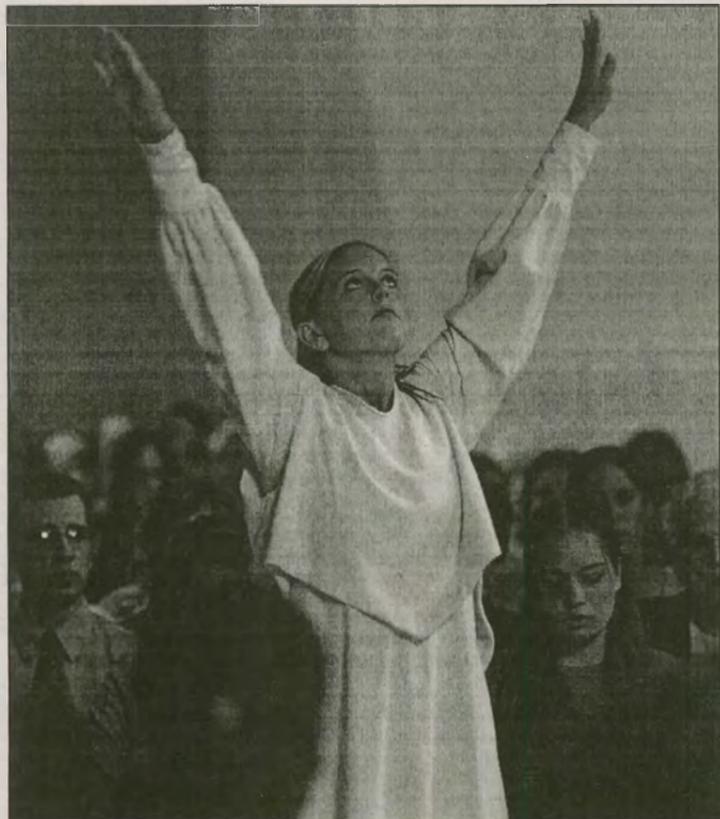
"For Catholics, there is no more visible sign of unity than the mass," Mooney said. "We gather not to refuel but to celebrate the many grace-filled moments in our lives. I pray we cherish not only wisdom of the empirical and analytical type, but also the deep and profound wisdom that comes to us through faith."

Clad in Saint Mary's apparel, students participated in the spirit and unity of the college.

"I enjoy going to mass and can see that Saint Mary's is a tight knit community where everyone looks out for one another," said freshman Ashley Currie.

For seniors like Allison Nickerson and Katie Murphy, mass served as the kick off to their final year as students.

"It's our last year and we love our school," they said. "It's a good way to start out the year as a community and it will be sad when it's over for us."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Interpretive dancing was merely one aspect of this year's Saint Mary's all school Mass, celebrated Sunday at the Church of Loretto.

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Asteroid named in honor of ND trustee

Physics professor returns an old favor to alumnus Ray Siegfried

Special to The Observer

The International Astronomical Union has named an asteroid in honor of Ray Siegfried, a graduate, trustee and benefactor of the University of Notre Dame.

Discovered March 11, 2000, by the Lowell Observatory Near-Earth-Object Search program in Flagstaff, Ariz., the asteroid currently is in the constellation of Gemini near two bright stars, Pollux and Castor.

The suggestion to honor Siegfried came from Terrence Rettig, professor of physics at Notre Dame. The two met in the mid-1990s when Siegfried's daughter, Milann, took an introductory astronomy class taught by Rettig. Siegfried arranged for former astronaut Gen. Thomas Stafford to speak to the class, a favor Rettig always remembered. When Rettig learned of Siegfried's battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), he thought the naming of an asteroid would be an unusual and sig-

nificant way to honor and thank Siegfried.

The IAU formally announced the naming of Asteroid Siegfried, as well as three other recently discovered asteroids, on July 13. Another Notre Dame figure, president emeritus Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, also has an asteroid named in his honor.

A 1965 Notre Dame graduate, Siegfried is chairman of the board of the NORDAM Group, a Tulsa, Okla. aerospace firm with 2,000 employees and facilities in four states and several other nations.

Siegfried has served on the boards of numerous professional, civic, educational, philanthropic and other organizations. He is a member of both the Tulsa and Oklahoma Halls of Fame and was honored by his alma mater in 1995 with an honorary doctor of laws degree.

The Siegfrieds have made numerous contributions to Notre Dame, including funds for a men's residence hall, a chaired professorship and the Siegfried wing of Mendoza College of Business. The Siegfrieds are the parents of six children, five of whom are Notre Dame graduates.

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Livestrong

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approaches the \$10 million mark, and they remain on backorder.

Armstrong's record-breaking sixth Tour win this summer undoubtedly boosted public knowledge and interest in the wristbands. In addition, at the price of only \$1 each, many are buying the wristbands in bulk.

"I actually bought 20 because I thought it was a good cause, so I just passed them around to people,"

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Jess O'Brien
freshman

freshman Jess O'Brien said. The bright wristbands are easily spotted around campus and have attracted much attention.

Even students who do not have the bracelets are talking about them.

Junior Vanessa Gonzalez wrenched a wristband when a distributor visited her mother's U.S. Oncology office, and says it has been a major conversation starter this year.

"It's really funny, someone always says 'Oh I have that,' or 'I really want one of those,'" said Gonzalez. "I feel like everybody com-

ments on it." Like the rest of the country, students are having a hard time getting their hands on the bracelets. Many say they have tried to order them online, but have been unsuccessful.

In Armstrong's hometown of Austin, Texas, where the wristbands are especially popular, junior Jonathan Spadea said he saw them on everyone, and the stores were empty.

"I was looking for one all over," said Spadea. "Eventually a mom of a friend gave hers to me."

Spadea, whose father battled cancer, is one of many students who wear the wristbands in honor of a loved one

who has fought cancer. Cancer awareness has long been a major concern of the student body. This fall, many will participate in the Domer Run on Sept. 18, which benefits ovarian cancer research and education, and the Campus Relay for Life on Sept. 17 and 18, which supports the American Cancer

"I was looking for one all over. Eventually a mom of a friend gave hers to me."

Jonathan Spadea
Junior

Society. For more information, students can visit the Lance Armstrong Foundation at LAF.org.

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tainly one of the top five," said junior Amanda Caddy.

Freshman Brett Adams agreed. "[He] put on a great show," said Adams. "I hadn't really heard his music much, but it was still pretty cool."

Much to the audience's excitement, Mraz also shared the stage with students at one point in the show. Three fans familiar with the lyrics were invited to help him sing his best-known song, "The Remedy," karaoke style.

An annual event, The Show's goal is to bring in big-name performers while keeping tickets prices affordable. Although its effectiveness is often questioned, the event is presented to students as an alternative to Rally in the Alley and drinking, according to show chairman Jimmy Flaherty.

This year, in addition to Rally in the Alley, The Show faced a scheduling conflict with the inaugural pre-season football scrimmage. Flaherty said the scrimmage was mislabeled as competition for the show.

According to Flaherty, the committee had been working with the Athletic department since July to co-promote the events. While Flaherty was unable to provide a specific number, he described turnout for The Show as "unbelievable."

"The director of student activities and vice president of student affairs were more than thrilled with the attendance," said Flaherty.

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Legends

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level of culinary excitement that maybe we didn't have the first year," he said.

While favorites like nachos and wings remain, added are peel-and-eat shrimp and fried potato sticks, which Quirk said come with three different types of "exotic" ketchups.

Dinner entrees include shrimp Santa Fe and deep-fried shrimp, and a streamlined "build-your-own" burger section, which Quirk hopes customers will find more

agreeable.

And for dessert, a deep-fried cheesecake strudel a la mode or an old-fashioned root beer float are just a few of the new delicacies available. Half of the new menu, which features a modified version of the barbeque pulled pork sandwich, has already been implemented. The rest is scheduled for the end of September.

"The chef has brought a level of culinary excitement tht maybe we didn't have the first year."

Jim Quirk
Legends manager

Quirk said they have already received positive feedback about the new items.

As with modifications to the eatery, the Legends staff hopes to improve the social scene by focusing on what has

been successful. In addition to Senior "Margaritaville" Thursday nights, the bar will have specials Monday through Friday nights.

They will also bring in student bands and outside acts that were popular last year, Quirk said.

Quirk also hopes to augment business on football weekends and during basketball games by adding a beer garden inside the fenced-in area behind the building.

The restaurant side of the building will resemble more of a sports bar, and will include a visual time line highlighting Notre Dame sports history, to stretch from the front of the building to the back upper level.

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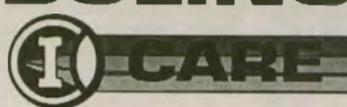


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomber blasts poll station

GROZNY, Russia — The Russian government's choice for president of war-ravaged Chechnya appeared to be the victor Sunday in an election tainted by charges of fraud and shadowed by last week's terrorist destruction of two airliners.

Little more than two hours after polls closed, acting Chechen president Sergei Abramov said preliminary results showed Maj. Gen. Alu Alkhanov, the republic's top police official and the Russian government's new choice, had passed the 50-percent mark needed to win, the Interfax news agency reported.

Violence shadowed the balloting. A man blew himself up near a polling station after trying to enter it carrying a package, officials said. Worries about terrorism were stoked by the crashes of two Russian airliners five days before the election; officials said traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, and there are suspicions two Chechen women conducted the suicide attacks.

Shiite and US forces battle in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. military officials and representatives of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr held talks Sunday aimed at reducing violence in the restive Baghdad slum of Sadr City, a day after clashes there killed 10 people, officials said.

British forces in the southern city of Basra, also the site of recent fighting, held similar talks with al-Sadr officials there.

Both areas had erupted in violence after U.S. forces and al-Sadr's militants began fighting in the holy city of Najaf three weeks ago, and the talks Sunday appeared to be an effort by both sides to expand on the peace deal that ended the Najaf crisis Friday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Major storm slams South Carolina

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Tropical Storm Gaston sloshed ashore in South Carolina Sunday with near hurricane-force winds, spinning sheets of rain that flooded roads as the storm knocked out power to thousands of people.

Gaston made landfall near McClellanville, a small fishing village that was walloped by Hurricane Charley earlier this month when it came ashore for a second time after devastating southwest Florida.

Gov. Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency Sunday and encouraged "folks to stay in their homes for the time being so damage-assessment crews, utility crews and debris-removal crews can do their jobs."

Men plot to bomb subway in NYC

NEW YORK — A U.S. citizen and a Pakistani national were arrested in an alleged plot to bomb a subway station in midtown Manhattan and possibly other locations around the city, police said Saturday.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the men were not thought to be connected to al-Qaida or any other international terrorist organization, although he said they expressed hatred for America.

The arrests came two days before the start of the Republican National Convention, which is drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the city.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana unlikely to endorse drug

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana isn't likely to join the growing number of states that are adding links to their government Web sites to connect users to Internet pharmacies in Canada that sell low-cost prescription drugs.

Neither Gov. Joe Kernan nor his Republican challenger Mitch Daniels want the state to put its stamp of approval on Internet drug buys from Canada.

With the click of a computer mouse, visitors to government Web sites in four states can fill orders for prescription drugs from private pharmacies in Canada.

Thousands gather to protest Bush

Republican National Convention sparks 100,000 protesters to rally in Manhattan

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bearing flag-draped boxes resembling coffins and fly-swatters with President Bush's image, more than 100,000 protesters swarmed Manhattan's streets Sunday on the eve of the Republican National Convention to demand that the president be turned out of office.

Flanked by police in riot gear, the protesters moved through the fortified city, loudly and exuberantly chanting slogans such as "No more years." They accused the White House of waging an unjust war in Iraq, making the country poorer and undermining abortion rights.

There were no reports of major violence and about 200 scattered arrests, most of them unconnected to the main protest.

Police gave no official crowd estimate, though one law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, put the crowd at 120,000; organizers claimed it was roughly 400,000. In either case, experts said it was the largest protest ever at a U.S. political convention.

The five-hour march snaked in a circular route around midtown Manhattan, shutting down dozens of blocks and bringing out hordes of police.

"They chose New York, where they're universally hated," said writer Laurie Russo, 41, from New York. "They should have gone somewhere they're more welcome. They exploited 9-11 by having it in New York at this time."

In the largest set of arrests, some 50 protesters on bicycles who stopped near the parade route were carted away in an off-duty city bus. Fifteen people were arrested and two police officers were injured when someone set a paper dragon float afire near Madison Square Garden, and nine demonstrators were charged with assault



Protestors stand with mock coffins signifying American soldiers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan during a march to the Republican National Convention on Sunday.

after trying to stop police from arresting the culprit, authorities said.

In a smaller protest, police used clubs briefly to disperse a handful of demonstrators holding a "kiss-in" not far from Times Square. There were no immediate details about injuries or arrests.

"There's been a few minor arrests," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "It has been peaceful."

Residents leaned from windows along the demonstration route to shout their support. Scattered opposition was visible only around Madison Square Garden, where the GOP convention opens Monday. Some early convention

arrivals looked across police lines, shouting at demonstrators "Go home!"

"I hope this shows the world that they're not alone in their hatred of George Bush," said Alan Zelenki of Eugene, Ore., who planned for three months to attend this week's protests.

The causes varied as much as the people shouting support: immigrants' rights, gay rights, universal health care, the Palestinian cause, an end to the killing in Sudan. Tracy Blevins, a biomedical researcher who recently left New York for Houston, dyed her Maltese pink and carried the little dog in a baby pouch to advocate peace.

Some demonstrators batted around a 6-foot-wide inflatable globe. One sign echoed Democratic nominee John Kerry's Vietnam-era remark: "How do you ask a soldier to be the last person to die for a lie?"

The protest organizers, United for Peace and Justice, had sued unsuccessfully to force the city to allow a rally in Central Park. City officials said such a rally would damage lawns.

"Fahrenheit 9-11" director Michael Moore told demonstrators that "the majority of this country opposes the war ... The majority are here to say, 'It's time to have our country back in our hands.'"

AFGHANISTAN

Car bomb leaves multiple casualties

Associated Press

KABUL — A powerful car bomb detonated outside the office of a U.S. security contractor in the Afghan capital Sunday, killing at least seven people, including two Americans, and wounding several others, officials and witnesses said.

Hours earlier, a blast wrecked a religious school in southeastern Afghanistan, reportedly killing at least eight children and one adult and underlining the country's fragile security as it moves toward its first post-Taliban election in October.

Security officials have issued several warnings in recent weeks about possible car bombings and suicide attacks in the Afghan capital. NATO forces patrolling Kabul have warned that anti-government militants, including the ousted Taliban, could try to mount spectacular attacks in a bid to disrupt the landmark presidential election scheduled for Oct. 9.

The Kabul explosion hit the office of Dyncorp Inc., an American firm that provides security for Afghan President Hamid Karzai and works for the U.S. government in Iraq, said Nick Downie of the

Afghanistan NGO Security Office.

"The explosion ... killed at least seven people," Karzai's office said in a statement. "Two Americans, three Nepalese and two Afghan nationals, including a child, have been confirmed dead."

Karzai and U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad expressed shock at the bombing.

An American embassy statement said the contractor also was involved in a project to train Afghan police, a key element of the internationally backed plan to prevent the country from reverting to a haven for al-Qaida militants.

Congress improves intelligence

House and Senate strive to make necessary changes by Election Day

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It looks as though Congress will have to rethink its Oct. 1 adjournment plans. House and Senate want to stay well past that date to work on legislation to fix the nation's intelligence-gathering operations.

Neither Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., nor House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., is sure the job will be done by Election Day, Nov. 2.

"We are going to progress over the next 30 days," Frist said Sunday. "The president of the United States has delivered a directive to us and to the Congress, yesterday (in his radio address) to the American people. It will be much more specific, we predict, in about 10 days."

Frist said both chambers have held hearings this summer and worked diligently on how to deal with recommendations for change offered by the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Frist and Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota have asked leaders of the Governmental

Committee to produce by Sept. 30 proposals on an intelligence overhaul for the Senate to consider.

Hastert, appearing with Frist on "Fox News Sunday," promised a serious attempt. "I would like to pass something by Election Day. ... We just can't let this sit fallow."

He suggested, however, that the process ahead would be difficult and time-consuming. "We have to look at this. We're going to analyze it, and we're going to put this thing back together," the speaker said.

"Four or five groups of ideas (are) out there, and I think we need to take a very serious study on all those ideas," he said.

Frist added: "We will be deliberate. We will be aggressive. We will be focused."

Still, he said, "It's not going to be a knee-jerk reaction. This is too big. ... We'll do it in a very careful and thoughtful and aggressive way."

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks

found serious shortcomings in intelligence handling and analysis. Among other remedies, it called for creation of a national director of intelligence with the power to

oversee spending, hiring and firing in all intelligence agencies.

President Bush issued executive orders Friday to expand the powers of the CIA director to perform

many of the functions of the proposed national intelligence director until Congress comes up with an overall formula for the intelligence system.

Bush's orders also put in place other commission recommendations. He promised to work with Congress to lay out details of how the overall director would deal with the 15 civilian and military intelligence agencies. Bush reported on his proposals in his weekly radio address Saturday.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has made a proposal of his own: to break up the CIA and downgrade or eliminate several Pentagon intelligence offices.

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Loggers cut dying trees before forest fires strike

Associated Press

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — In the mountains of Southern California, it's the new sound of summer: the whine of a chain saw followed by the whoosh and thud of a falling tree.

Logging crews are moving through neighborhoods and across densely forested hillsides, racing to cut as many dead and dying trees as they can before the area erupts in flames.

It's a battle no one expects to win this year — and perhaps not anytime soon.

"We have an extremely hazardous situation out there even though we've made a lot of progress," said San Bernardino County Fire Chief Peter Hills.

Drought and infestations of bark beetles have killed millions of trees in the forests of San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties, posing a major threat in what has been called an extremely dangerous fire season.

Last year, the same conditions fueled the most destructive wildfires in state history. Throughout Southern California, 15 blazes killed 24 people while scorching 750,000 acres and destroying 3,673 homes and businesses.

Despite the devastation, plenty of fuel is still available. Vast areas of dead trees are visible as rust-colored streaks amid the pine-covered moun-

tains.

If they aren't removed, the trees "will go up like fireworks on the Fourth of July," said Thomas Meixner, an assistant professor in the environmental sciences department of the University of California at Riverside.

"It's going to burn eventually. All you can do is reduce the risk," he said.

The effort to clear the trees is part of a broader wildfire strategy that includes stationing of additional firefighters in the tinder-dry forest region and increased training, Hills said.

Forest thinning has sparked bitter battles in the Sierra Nevada and other parts of the West. Environmentalists argue that such projects are often a backdoor to wholesale logging in sensitive areas or increase fire danger by spreading debris and destroying fire-resistant large trees.

No one, however, disputes that the drought and bark beetles, which kill trees by cutting off their flow of water and nutrients, have created a huge problem in Southern California.

Environmental groups such as the Sierra Club endorse dead tree removal from around mountain communities in San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Los Angeles counties as a way to reduce the danger to the public and firefighters.

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AMEX	1,229.50	+7.77
NASDAQ	1,862.09	+9.17
NYSE	6,455.52	+15.73
S&P 500	1,107.77	+2.68
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,209.59	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,490.10	+36.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.15	+0.25	22.02
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.56	+0.30	19.47
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.07	+0.02	27.46
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+2.38	+0.38	16.36
SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	+1.06	+0.04	3.82

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.06	-0.03	50.18
10-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	42.27
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.15	+0.05	34.27
3-MONTH BILL	+0.40	+0.06	15.22

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.08	43.18
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-4.20	405.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.975	92.10

Exchange Rates	
YEN	109.57
EURO	0.8318
POUND	0.5582

IN BRIEF

Tribes unite to open casino in Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio — The federally recognized Shawnee tribe has given its support to the Eastern Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma in its effort to open casinos in Ohio.

Shawnee tribe officials say they do not plan to get directly involved, but do not object to the Eastern Shawnee tribe's efforts. The Miami, Oklahoma-based Shawnee tribe said they currently have no plans to reclaim lands in Ohio.

The tribe's business council unanimously passed a resolution in July supporting the Eastern Shawnee's economic development efforts in Ohio.

"It gives the Shawnee people more clout when you have two tribes instead of just one for legislation purposes with the state," said Terry Casey, a Columbus consultant with National Capital 1, which represents the Eastern Shawnee tribe.

National Capital 1 is preparing a land claim of at least four million acres for the Eastern Shawnee and wants to establish five to seven casinos, Casey said.

Gas prices escalate a second time

LOS ANGELES — Gas prices nudged upward about half a penny in the last two weeks after dropping more than 20 cents since May 21, but another price spike is not expected due to a decline in crude oil prices, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The combined national average for all grades of gasoline was \$1.91, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey. The price was up from \$1.90 on Aug. 13.

The survey, taken Friday, polls about 7,000 gas stations across the United States.

Lundberg said the slight upsurge came from an increase in crude oil, which peaked Aug. 19 at \$48.70 before falling to \$43.18.

Self-serve regular, the biggest seller, was \$1.88. Mid-grade national average was \$1.97 and the U.S. average of premium was \$2.07.

"Crude oil's price cut will be working its way to the pump," Lundberg said, adding that unless there were an actual loss of crude oil supply, pump prices will "be sliding down into Labor Day and beyond."

Stocks rise modestly in trading

A sluggish GDP exceeds estimates as falling oil prices affect the market favorably

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors sent stocks modestly higher Friday, embracing a sluggish gross domestic product reading that was nonetheless better than expected, hoping that falling oil prices would help spur the economy. The major indexes all finished the week higher.

The 2.8 percent GDP growth in the second quarter, a revision from the 3 percent preliminary figure reported in July, is a far cry from the 4.5 percent growth in the first quarter. However, the figure was slightly better than the 2.7 percent expansion economists had forecast. That gave investors hope that this week's drop in oil prices could spark stronger economic growth for the current quarter.

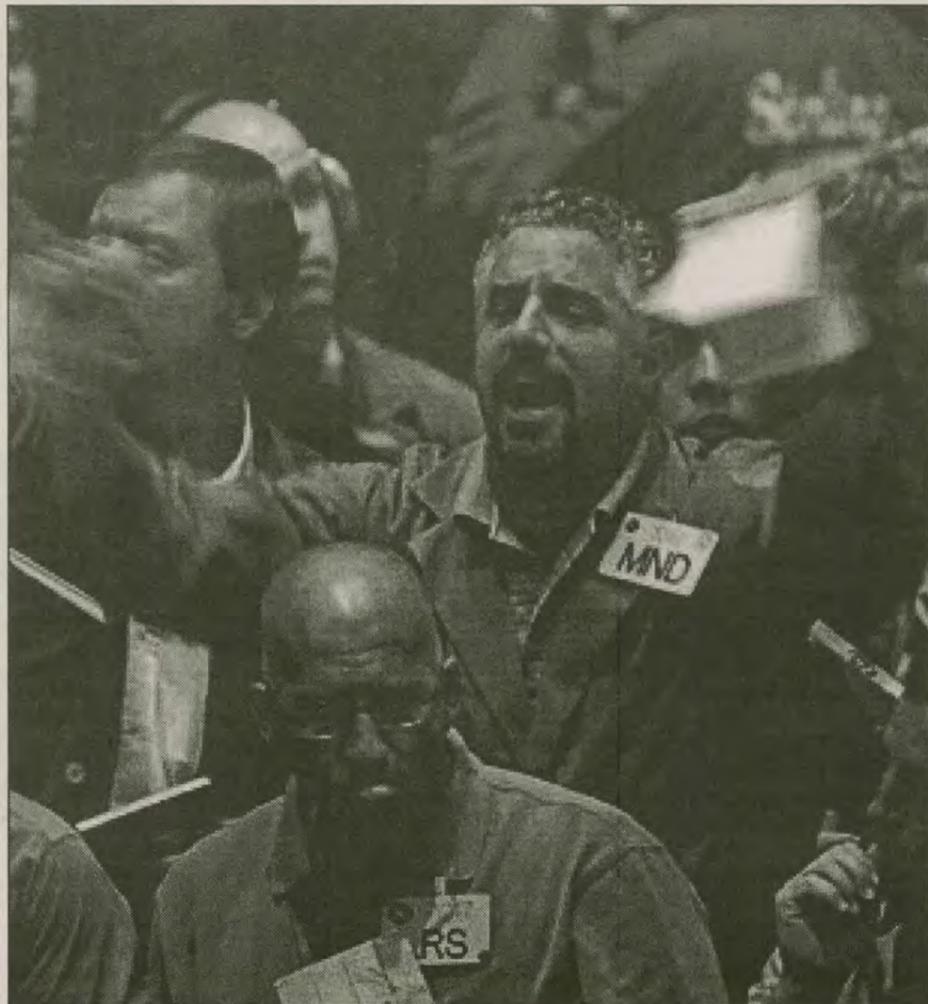
Still, with the Republican National Convention next week and traditionally slow trading in August, volume on the major markets remained extremely low — it was the lightest trading day of the year on the New York Stock Exchange — and any boost in stocks would be seen as tentative at best, analysts said.

"This is really anemic," said Chris Johnson, director of quantitative analysis at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "That's letting a bit of volatility come into the market, but so far this week, it's been on the upside. So when everyone comes back in September, at least we'll be working in a slightly higher market."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 21.60, or 0.2 percent, at 10,195.01.

Broader stock indicators were modestly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 2.68, or 0.2 percent, at 1,107.77, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 9.17, or 0.5 percent, to 1,862.09.

For the week, the Dow gained 0.8 percent, the S&P was up 0.9 percent



Traders gather on Wall Street last week. Among other issues, the 2.8 percent rise in GDP has positively impacted the stock market.

and the Nasdaq rose 1.3 percent. It was the second straight week of gains for the Nasdaq and the third straight week higher for the Dow and S&P.

Oil prices once again dominated the week's trading, which was extremely light as most investors stayed out of the market until after the convention. After oil topped a record \$49 per barrel last week, falling prices enticed a few risk-tolerant bargain hunters back into the market. The October contract for light crude settled at \$43.18 per barrel, up 8 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Friday.

Economists said the second quarter GDP growth

was hampered by energy costs, which the Commerce Department said kept many consumers from spending as much on goods and services. The GDP growth was also restrained by the nation's ballooning trade deficit, which showed that what money consumers were spending was heading to overseas companies.

Consumer belt tightening was echoed in the latest consumer sentiment index reading from the University of Michigan. The index stood at 95.9 in August, down from 96.7 in July. Oil prices were widely blamed for the drop in consumer sentiment, but investors hoped that this week's drop would become part of a

larger trend that would entice consumers to open their wallets again.

Falling energy costs have also given corporate America reason to hope after a weaker second quarter. The Commerce Department reported that after-tax corporate profits fell \$11.3 billion in the second quarter, as compared to the first quarter. Profits were still up 17.9 percent year over year.

"It's such a mix of news today, and that really doesn't help us out," said Scott Wren, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "There's no clarity in terms of inflation, with the oil prices and GDP, and there's really not much clarity in terms of earnings growth."

State recommends salary increase

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — As expected, a state pay commission has recommended significant salary increases for legislators, judges and statewide elected officials.

The recommended raises were either the maximum allowed under caps included in a law that created the commission, or were close to those caps.

The panel said legislators should see their base pay increase from \$11,600 to \$30,015 annually. That was just shy of the \$30,371 maximum the commission could have recommended.

Trial court judges would see their base salary rise from \$90,000 to \$121,122, the maximum allowed. Supreme Court justices would make \$143,195, up from \$115,000. Judges on the Court of Appeals would make \$139,951, up from \$110,000 per year.

Statewide elected officials such as the governor, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction also would get sizable pay raises. The commission recommended the maximum allowed for those and other state office holders.

None of the recommendations would take effect unless lawmakers voted to approve them, and some commission members urged them to

do just that so Indiana government can recruit and retain talented public servants.

Commission member Lee Marchant, a Bloomington businessman, called the panel's work and recommendations "a giant step forward" for Indiana and its citizens that was made solely in the interest of good government. It was a "defining moment" in Indiana's history, he said.

Marchant, who was appointed to the panel by House Speaker Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, made one point repeatedly during the commission's three public meetings: Indiana's public servants were being paid a pittance, and taxpayers should be ashamed about it.

France seeks release of two Mideast hostages

Kidnappers call for an end to France's ban on Islamic head-scarves

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac dispatched his foreign minister to the Middle East on Sunday to work for the release of two French reporters abducted in Iraq, vowing to spare no effort to free them from kidnapers demanding the France scrap its ban on Islamic head scarves in state schools.

Chirac appealed to the kidnapers with an implicit reminder that France opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. But he did not directly respond to their reported demand that the ban on head scarves and other religious apparel be overturned within 48 hours.

"France ensures equality, the respect and protection of the free practicing of all religions," a solemn-looking Chirac said in a televised address. "These values of respect and tolerance inspire our actions everywhere in the world ... They also inspired France's policy in Iraq."

The kidnapping proved false the notion that France's opposition to the Iraq war and its generally pro-Arab policies may to some extent have inoculated it from Islamic terrorism.

The militants claiming to hold Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot described the headscarf law as "an aggression on the Islamic religion and personal freedoms," according to the Arab TV station Al-Jazeera.

The station showed a brief tape on Saturday of the journalists saying they were in captivity — the first word on their fate since they disappeared more than a week ago. Chesnot

works for Radio France-Internationale and Radio France and Malbrunot for RTL radio and the dailies Le Figaro and Ouest-France.

Chirac said Foreign Minister Michel Barnier was rushing to the Middle East "to develop the necessary contacts there and coordinate our representatives' efforts" to win the reporters' release.

"Everything is being done and everything will be done in the hours and days to come," said Chirac. He said France has no fresh information about the reporters.

"France ensures equality, the respect and protection of the free practicing of all religions."

Jacques Chirac
president

"The whole nation is gathered together, because what's at stake is the lives of two French people, the defense of freedom of expression and also the values of our Republic," the president said.

Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin indicat-

ed that France is using its contacts in the Arab world to seek the men's release. He met ministers and Chirac on Sunday to coordinate the government's response.

The headscarf law, which will take effect when school resumes this week following the summer break, forbids public school students from wearing "conspicuous" signs showing their religious affiliation. While that includes Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, French authorities made clear that the measure was aimed at removing Islamic head scarves from classrooms.

The law was adopted in March with overwhelming support from lawmakers from across the political spectrum. But it sparked protests by Muslims in France and abroad, with many saying Islam was being unfairly targeted.

Athens celebrates successful Olympics

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — If anyone deserved a party, it was the people of Athens.

The flame went out on the Olympics during a closing ceremony Sunday night that honored the birthplace of the games with an ebullient display of Greek pride and symbolism, a relief-filled celebration of the ancient and the new.

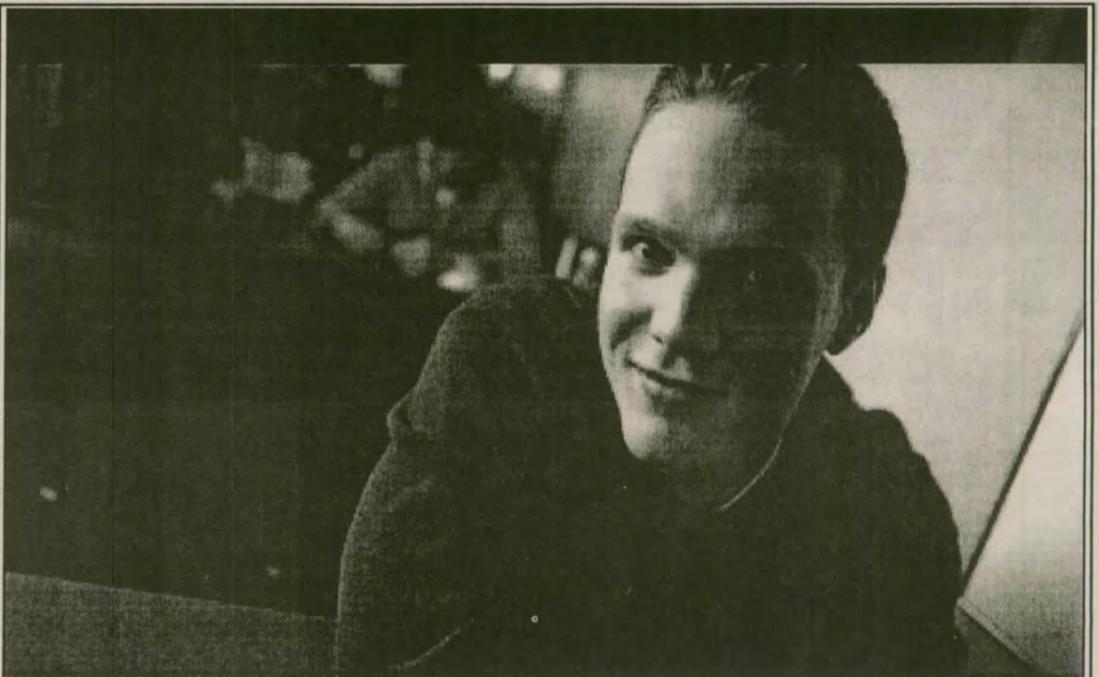
Famed Greek singer George Dalaras serenaded the crowd. Dancers danced, arms folded, legs kicking high, during an enactment of a traditional Greek wedding. Fireworks exploded over the stadium packed full with 70,000 fans who waved twinkling strobes they were given to light up the show.

Hundreds of athletes from many of the 202 countries that participated mingled in the center of the stadium and paraded their flags — Canadian and

Swiss, American and Brazilian around the floor. They were ringed by a cadre of security guards, and a white security blimp hovered overhead, just two of the strong reminders of how much the world has changed since the Sydney Games four years ago.

Later, the huge white torch that burned brightly over the stadium for 17 days was lowered and symbolic remnants of the flame were passed to the people of Beijing, where the games will be held in 2008.

China's capital city put on a short ceremony filled with a preview of what's to come. Chinese string instruments played and red-clad martial arts performers romped around the stage. Elaborately clad women wearing headdresses walked out on stilts. A giant, red lantern popped up and, while a young Chinese girl sang, a banner was unfurled that said "Welcome to Beijing."



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Marriage — a human right

Right-wing ideologues are whipping up a frenzy about the decline of Western civilization that is being heralded by the advent of same-sex marriage. They are not concerned with the discontent about

a global economic system that distributes the benefits of the productive labor of all to only a few at the top; nor do they care about the modern obsessions with image and extreme consumption. But the loving and committed partnership of two people building community in the institution of marriage is more than they can bear.

This institution that they want to preserve allowed a drunken Britney Spears to get hitched Las Vegas-style in a partnership that lasted 10 days. It is being promoted on television shows by women competing to marry men with fabulous wealth. Where are the outcries from the champions of family values about these debacles? And why have they not been quicker to point out the devastating effects of poverty on family life? Actually, owner of Fox Network and proud supporter of conservative values Rupert Murdoch has been too busy making a fortune from these shows. Illinois Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Jack Ryan was forcing his wife to commit sex acts in public. And Vice President Dick Cheney is kept busy trying to keep quiet the voice of his lesbian daughter who promotes same-sex marriage, and that of his wife, who does also.

Authentic confrontation with social ills entails working to change the parts of ourselves that are complicit in them. But opponents of gay marriage have chosen an issue that conveniently allows them to point fingers. They display a fondness for achieving a sense of accomplishment by interfering in the personal lives of others. Lashing out in fear and not compassion, opponents of same-sex unions rally against these "others" who are to blame for all the problems of society. One such rallier, former President

Richard Nixon, once stated, "You know what happened to the Greeks? Homosexuality destroyed them! Aristotle was a homo, we all know that. So was Socrates. You know what happened to the Romans? The last six Roman emperors were fags." This is the bullet-proof logic that is a bastion of the anti-gay movement.

The most recent brainstorm of this movement was the Federal Marriage Amendment, which if passed would have defined marriage as strictly a union between man and woman. It marks the first attempt to take away specific rights of American citizens since Prohibition — and we all know what happened to that one; if you don't, walk through Keenan Hall any night of the week. The amendment has failed to pass Congress once, though it will probably return. Supporters are working in overdrive, perhaps due to the fact that very soon Americans will begin to realize that gay marriage really isn't destroying the future of our children at all; recently-married couples in California and Massachusetts have continued their lives together, existing in harmony with their families and local communities as they have for years.

The foundation of the United States' rule of law rests on a profound respect for the sovereignty of individual human beings to follow their own consciences, as long as their choices do not have serious and proven negative consequences on the health of the greater community. This foundation helped us to recognize the injustice of slavery and institutionalized racism. It is also this foundation that will eventually help gay marriage. Opponents have yet to make a clear argument about how these unions will actually be harmful. Shouldn't we welcome adults in stable relationships?

As for the Church, its ability to com-

ment productively on sexual matters is questionable at this point in history. Does it have the authority to lecture the laity on sexual responsibility while it hasn't cleaned up its own act?

There is an urgent need for a more coherent understanding of human sexuality. Recent declarations from the Holy Inquisition (Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith) condemning homosexuality have instigated such insightful comments as that from an Archbishop from Uruguay, who declared that "homosexuality is a contagious disease" and recommended the isolation of all "carriers." It is difficult to understand how clergy, sworn to lifelong chastity, have achieved such an intimate and authoritative understanding of what defines healthy sexual practice, especially in light of widespread deviant behavior within their ranks. The Catholic Church at one time condoned slavery; could it possibly be wrong on this issue also?

Denying the right of marital union to homosexuals should be called what it

is: discrimination.

The government has no place interfering in the personal lives of American citizens. Individuals opposed to same-sex marriage need to realize that bonds of loving partnership and commitment are exactly what the United

States is lacking right now when it comes to marriage, and then they should address the real problems of our society.

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Say Why Not

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life."

Brigham Young
theologian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning class officers' decisions

A new school year has begun and some time has passed since April 1st, when our new class officers took their positions. I'd like to reflect a little on the new Sophomore Class Officers, who are President Jason Laws (Fisher), Vice President Bill Andrichik (Stanford), Treasurer Laura Horne (Howard) and Secretary Megan Spokes (Farley). After holding office for a some time now, it's important that we look at how they have handled their positions thus far.

Who am I to judge the new class officers? I was once one of their colleagues — I was the St. Edward's representative to Freshman Class Council. As Freshman Class Spiritual Commissioner, I, along with my fellow committee members, was part of one of the most active and successful committees in our class council. Despite my leadership and our committee's success, I was denied the opportunity to serve the Class of 2007 as Spiritual Chairman, and was even denied a spot as a regular council member. Who was selected to take my place? A new member to council without previous council experience from Stanford, the home dorm of the class's current Vice President.

And what's worse about the choices made by the new officers? Nearly one out of three dorms on campus go unrepresented on council. According to the Class of 2007 Web site, Alumni, Dillon, Keough, Morrissey, Siegfried, Zahm, Cavanaugh and Lyons have no representation on council at all. When important decisions need to be made about class activities, the members of these dorms, which account for well over 1/3 of the members of the Class of 2007 will have no say in what goes on whatsoever.

Further, several dorms have unfair representation at the other end — they have more members than many other dorms. An example of this unsurprisingly comes from Stanford, again the home of the current Vice President, which has four representatives on council out of the 35 total members. Lewis and Welsh Family also have four reps and the other unmentioned dorms have one or two representatives.

What's more? Of the six new chairmen that the new officers chose for the six committees on council, only one was a chairman or even a member of Freshman Council. So we will have one effective committee led by an experienced chairperson while there will be five other committees who will effectively have to start from scratch. This is more than a misjudgment by the current officers — it is politicizing of the issue. It is obvious that some positions were given in the interest of favors to friends rather than in the interest of the Class of 2007.

The question about all of this is not whether the officers should have been more thoughtful in their choices for council, but whether these officers are objective enough to lead. From my past experience on Council, I feel that an efficient student government can only come from objective leadership. These officers seem to have put politics and their friends ahead of what is good for our class, which I assure you the other candidates would not have done. I may seem to be partial, as the former campaign manager of an opposing ticket, but my involvement in that ticket goes further to prove my point that the Laws ticket was not the best choice for the Class of 2007. If I thought it was, then I would have campaigned with them. After working with them on council and seeing their blatant preference of what is good for them over what is good of the Class of 2007, it is clear that a change of priorities needs to be made in our class government. The idea of "service before self" should be simple enough to understand, but it's not a philosophy being followed in the best interest of the Class of 2007.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Reinstate Ramadan's visa

As students and representatives of the Jewish Law Students Society at the Notre Dame Law School, we were surprised and saddened to hear of the revocation of a visa granted to Tariq Ramadan by the Department of Homeland Security, an action that effectively prevents Professor Ramadan from beginning his teaching position at the Kroc Institute of Peace Studies and becoming a part of the Notre Dame community. We were further disappointed to read media reports portraying the revocation of Professor Ramadan's visa as an action supported and approved of by various Jewish groups.

As members of the small Jewish community at Notre Dame, we support the Kroc Institute's hiring of Professor Ramadan and condemn the Department of Homeland Security's action. Diversity in opinion, particularly in religious and political viewpoints, is essential to the well being of any academic community; Notre Dame is no exception. Although we understand that national security interests may have motivated the revocation of Professor Ramadan's visa, we know of nothing in Professor Ramadan's history indicating that he presents a threat to our country or our university. On the contrary, it is the repression of dissenting opinions and critical thought that, throughout history, has been the greatest danger to a free society.

As members of a religious minority both on campus and in this country, we wish to express our support for Professor Ramadan and our sincere hope that he will soon join us at Notre Dame. Professor Ramadan is engaged in a scholarly and political project challenging Muslims, Christians and Jews in the West to revisit deeply held notions of identity, tolerance and coexistence. Although we may not always agree with Professor Ramadan's opinions, the free exchange of ideas is the hallmark of our system of higher education. We hope that the Department of Homeland Security will carefully consider the values our citizenry holds most dear and allow Professor Ramadan to become a part of the Notre Dame community.

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U-WIRE

Comedy Central's Daily Show key for young voters

"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" is a show most of us are familiar with; one we turn to when the local news is too dry and boring — one we look to for a slightly twisted view on media. It's a show that melds late night talk with primetime news, so when presidential candidate John Kerry turned to this show Tuesday, there was a surprised shock in the political community.

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Yet, this shock should not have happened. Think about it: America wants people to vote, especially young people, and "The Daily Show" has a viewership of mostly 18-25 year olds. Kerry said early in his campaign that he was after the rock-and-roll vote. What better place to find it than at a "fake" news program that holds most young people's attention?

Some network news programs have become annoyed — to say the least — at the buzz and popularity "The Daily Show" has. This year during the Democratic National Convention CBS newsmen Ted Koppel showed that annoyance saying, "A lot of television viewers — more, quite frankly, than I'm comfortable with — get their news from the Comedy Channel on a program called "The Daily Show."

Yet, with the show's satirical view on politics and the media, it is hard for young people not to watch. I find myself scheduling my day around the show's airtime, making sure I am back home by 10 p.m. to catch the start of the show.

Also with Stewart's get-to-the-point, no-BS humor that hits so consistently the show will keep the college crowd captivated throughout the 30-minute broadcast. Stewart himself finds it hard to believe that a lot of the young demographic get most, if not all, of their news from his show. In an article Newsweek ran last December, Stewart commented, "I

just don't think that is possible. We're on channel 45 in New York! Literally on the remote control journey you could absorb more news than you would get from our show."

Yet, in this oddball world Stewart's show has become the late night hotspot for politicians to appear. Last year, vice presidential candidate John Edwards announced his bid for the presidency on his show, to which Stewart replied, "I have to warn you we are a fake show, so you might have to do this again somewhere."

In the college student's eyes Stewart is god-like. He is one of the few "adults" that has the gusto to mock the same things that we mock. He uses satire in a way that we all do. He attacks the media, uses hardball questions when talking to his guests. All other late-night talk show hosts will throw softballs at the politicians who appear as guest on their shows, like Tuesday night. When Kerry appeared with Stewart, the first question out of his mouth was about the "Swift Boat Veterans For Truth" ad campaign. Although presented in a comedic way, "I watch a lot of the cable news shows," Jon Stewart began, "so I understand that you were never in Vietnam," the point was received by Kerry, and the viewer.

Although I will probably vote for George W. Bush this fall, I will have to say that Kerry made the right choice by visiting "The Daily Show." If he is really looking for the "rock-and-roll" vote that show is definitely a place to get it. I am an avid viewer of the show and have gained some more respect for Kerry, and have to commend him on his decision to appear on the show.

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The Show:

Still waiting for his rocket to come: Jason Mraz played an uninspiring set

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

Jason Mraz's co-headlining set at The Show version 3.0 Friday night brought many curious students to the Joyce Center to hear this potentially rising star. Unfortunately, most left questioning the hype surrounding the singer-songwriter. His major label debut "Waiting for My Rocket to Come" (Elektra, 2002) combines an eclectic mix of folk, country, hip hop and acoustic pop rock with a hint of jazz-inspired vocals, creating a distinctive sound not heard in many current pop rock acts.

When Mraz's single "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)" hit top-40 radio in the summer of 2003, many expected this young coffee shop guitar player, who is originally from Mechanicsville, Va. and now lives in San Diego, to become the next John Mayer or link to Dave Matthews. Despite intelligent lyrics, unique song crafting and clear vocals, his level of musical success has yet to reach those heights, much like his disappointing live performance Friday night.

Mraz took the stage in front of a hyped up and anticipatory crowd and began with a new slow song, "Not so Usual." The song is off his new live CD/DVD "Tonight, Not Again: Jason Mraz Live at the Eagles Ballroom," which was recorded in Milwaukee this past October. Despite beginning the show on a slower note, Mraz and his talented back up band picked up with his "I'll Do Anything," a simple love song filled with clever lyrics. Rather than building on this energy, Mraz decided to follow up with several more new songs, all of which included longer than necessary jam sessions between guitarist Bill Bell and bassist Ian Sheridan. Instead of adding heavier musical technicality to these songs, most of these jam sessions dragged the set down and forced many fans to leave due to boredom.

Farther into the set, Mraz broke into his faster-paced, bluegrass inspired "Curbside Prophet" infused with more improvised freestyle lyrics. This song proved to be a highlight of the set, not only because it was one of the few energetic songs but also due to Mraz's signature improvisational freestyles. At one point in the set, he freestyled his drummer Toca Rivera's phone number — area

code included — much to Rivera's surprise.

The loudest cheers of the night came from random references to the Fighting Irish, winning one for the Gipper and Rally in the Alley. Despite these attempts to gain crowd support, Mraz largely failed to capture the attention of his audience. He had little, if any, stage presence, unless you consider flirting with front row audience members a rare form of stage presence.

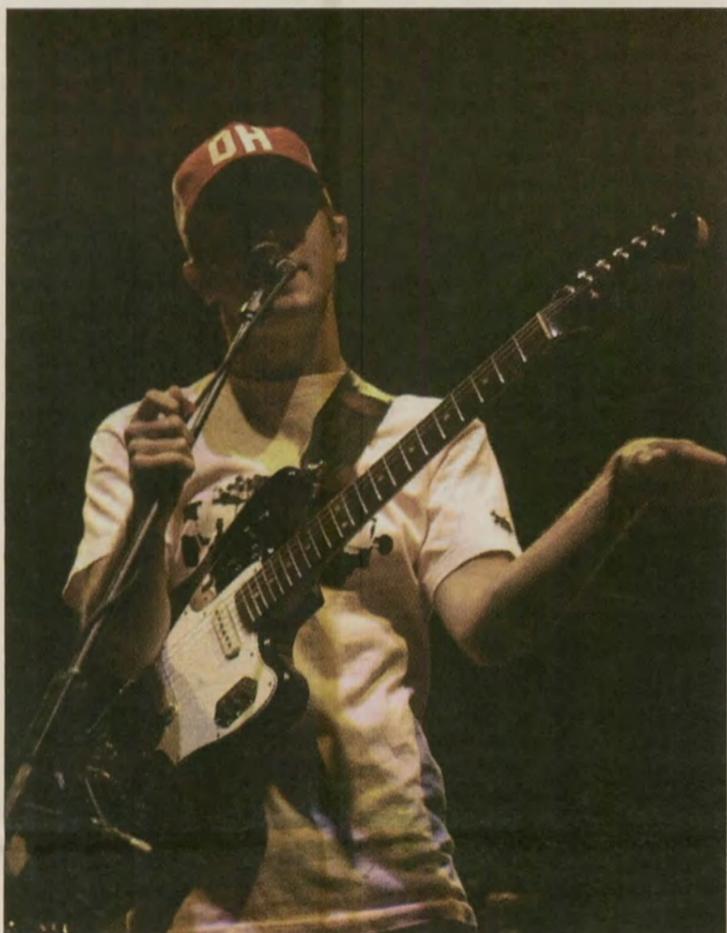
The song that should have revived and inspired the quickly dwindling crowd only left many disappointed and disenchanted. Rather than sing his hit single "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)," Mraz handpicked three volunteers from the front of the audience to appear on stage and karaoke the song. The band gathered behind all three and jumped around while a tape of the song rolled in the background.

Mraz proceeded to guide each singer separately through butchering the inspirational song, all while snapping Polaroid pictures and tossing them into the crowd. This may be fun if you are out with friends at a karaoke bar, and even served as a nice change of pace from typical concert sing-a-longs, but for this crowd it was the wrong remedy. Many audience members begged Mraz to sing his own song again, but like much of the set, Mraz failed to recognize the crowd's atmosphere and continued with slower versions of "Tonight, Not Again" and "Sleeping to Dream."

Mraz picked up the pace at times, playing a faster than normal version of "On Love, In Sadness" which was well received by the audience, but then brought the energy level back down with more boring jams and unspectacular light displays. By the end of his scheduled set, the crowd had thinned out to a third of what it was when the concert began. Those still awake at this time were only die hard Jason Mraz fans, or friends who were forced to stay with friends who were those die hard Jason Mraz fans. His two-song encore was much like the rest of his set — long, slow and energy killing. Mraz ended with "Sleep All Day" which would have been nice to hear on a lazy Sunday afternoon, but not during an exciting Friday night.

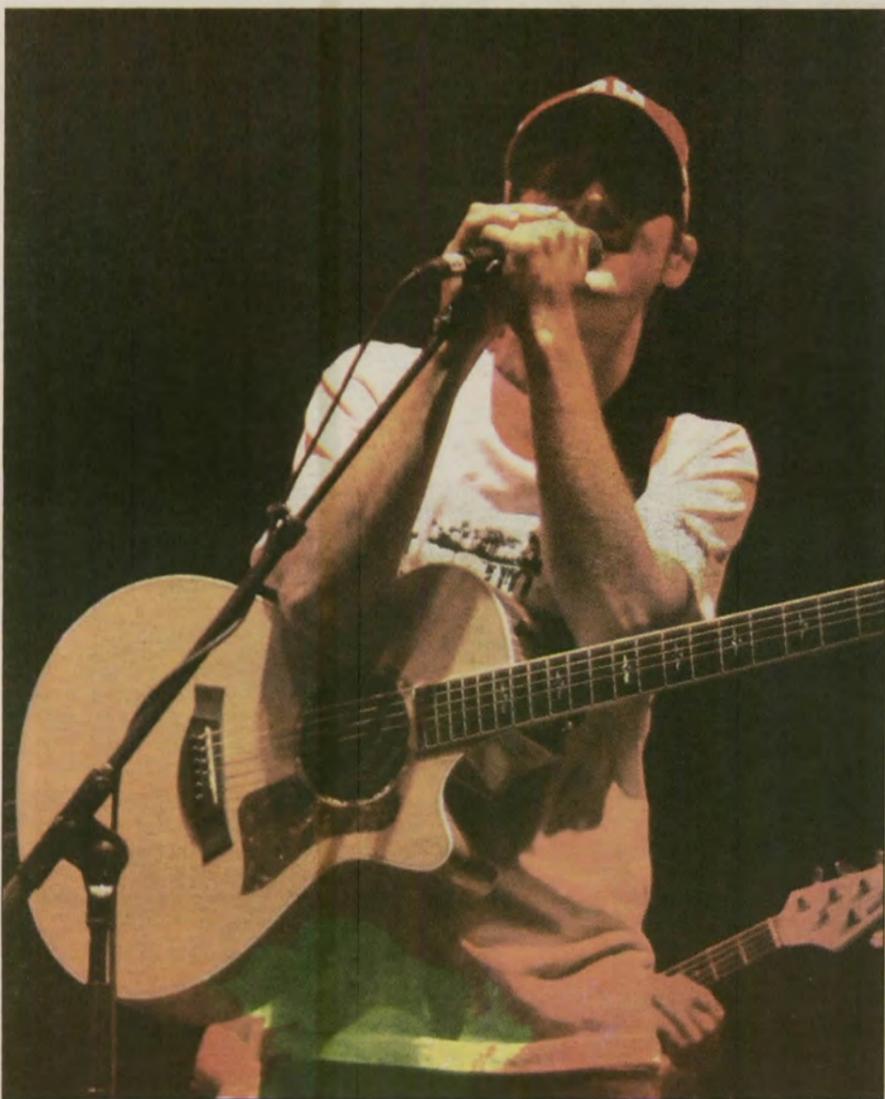
Although Jason Mraz has the unique talent and potential to become a big top-40 musician, his live performances are best left to small venues and crowds that can better appreciate his eclectic freestyles. Rather than spend the \$10 to see him in concert, one is better off adding this unique artist to his or her music collection.

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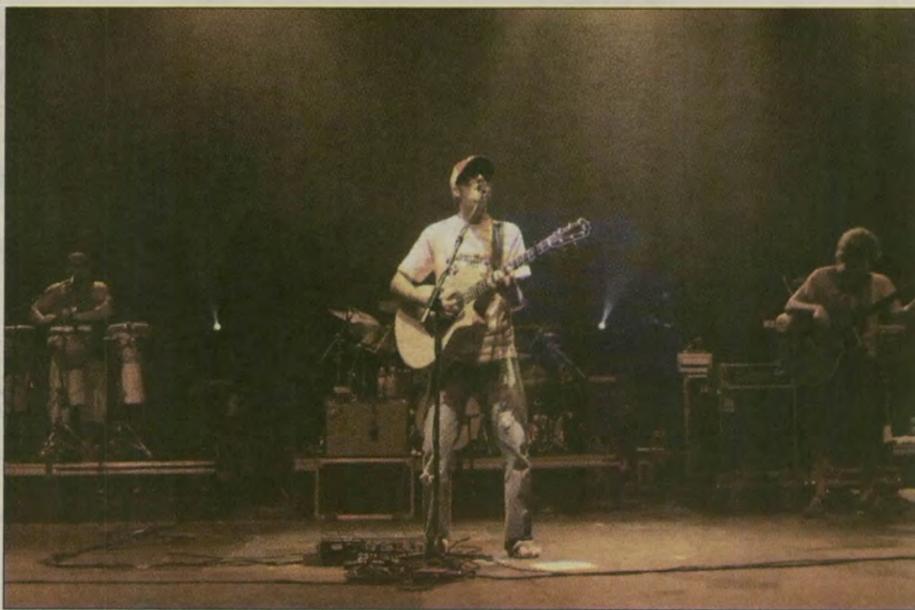


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Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz improvised many lyrics to his songs during his performance at The Show on Friday.



At left, Mraz included songs from his new album during The Show as well as hits from his 2002 album, "Waiting for my Rocket to Come." Right, Mraz and his backup band included a few jam sessions, but had three fans come on stage and help sing the hit "The Remedy."



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Talib Kweli gives a strong performance in impressive opener

By KENYATTA STORIN
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Although Talib Kweli is not as well known as mainstream rappers like 50 Cent or Ludacris, he has quickly established himself as one of the most respected artists in underground rap. Hailing from Brooklyn, N.Y., Kweli started his career in the late 90s as a part of Black Star, a rap group with fellow rapper Mos Def and DJ Hi-Tek. In 1998, the group came out with their self-titled debut, "Black Star," which was regarded by many as an instant classic.

What distinguished this album from others was its emphasis on knowledge and awareness, following the teachings of black civil rights activist Marcus Garvey. For many, this positive theme was a breath of fresh air to the negativity and violence interlaced in many mainstream rap records. Since Black Star was so successful, the three members parted ways to pursue solo careers. While Mos Def decided to focus more on his acting career, Kweli continued awing critics with his expert lyricism on "Reflection Eternal" in 2000 and "Quality" in 2002.

On Friday night, Kweli opened for The Show at the Joyce Center and did not disappoint. However, it quickly became apparent that the audience was not particularly familiar with Kweli's music. For instance, early on Kweli asked if there were any Black Star fans in the crowd and got a rather muted response. But he took it lightly and jokingly pointed at one Black Star fan in the front and said he had one, at least. On several occasions, Kweli tried to get the crowd to sing along, but he was often left hanging due to the crowd's unfamiliarity with his lyrics.

Despite these setbacks, Kweli did a good job of keeping the crowd engaged in a variety of ways. Throughout The Show he told fans to put their hands in the air, clap or yell. At one point he even told fans in the seats to do the wave, and in another instance he asked the crowd to hold up lighters and cell phones for a slower number. He also altered his lyrics to include Notre Dame, and even referenced Rudy in one line.

But perhaps the defining moment for Kweli was when he asked a couple students to come on stage to dance in the middle of the show. When security refused, Kweli immediately stopped the music and said the show would not go on unless the students could come on stage, causing the crowd to cheer. Security did not budge, so Kweli stuck by his words and left. After about five minutes, and some sparse

"Kweli!" chants, to the crowd's delight security finally gave in and let the students on stage, and Kweli came back to continue the show.

Kweli's set included songs from all across his music catalogue, but seemed to focus primarily on tracks from his last album, "Quality." Kweli appeared to improvise a lot according to the crowd's reaction, sometimes changing songs before the last one was finished. This worked well, as he was able to do this seamlessly without disrupting the flow of the show.

Some of the notable tracks he performed were "Get By" and "Good to You" from Quality and "Definition" from Black Star. He also performed "I Try," a new Kanye West produced track with Mary J. Blige from his upcoming album, "Beautiful Struggle."

Although Kweli performed well, it was often very difficult to understand him because of the Joyce Center's sub-par acoustics and loud, ear-shattering bass. Kweli is an extremely talented lyricist who relies a lot on his words and message to carry his songs, rather than catchy choruses or funny one-liners, so not being able to understand him was rather unfortunate. Even when he tried to get the crowd to sing the words "I Try," he got a small response because most of the crowd could not understand the words.

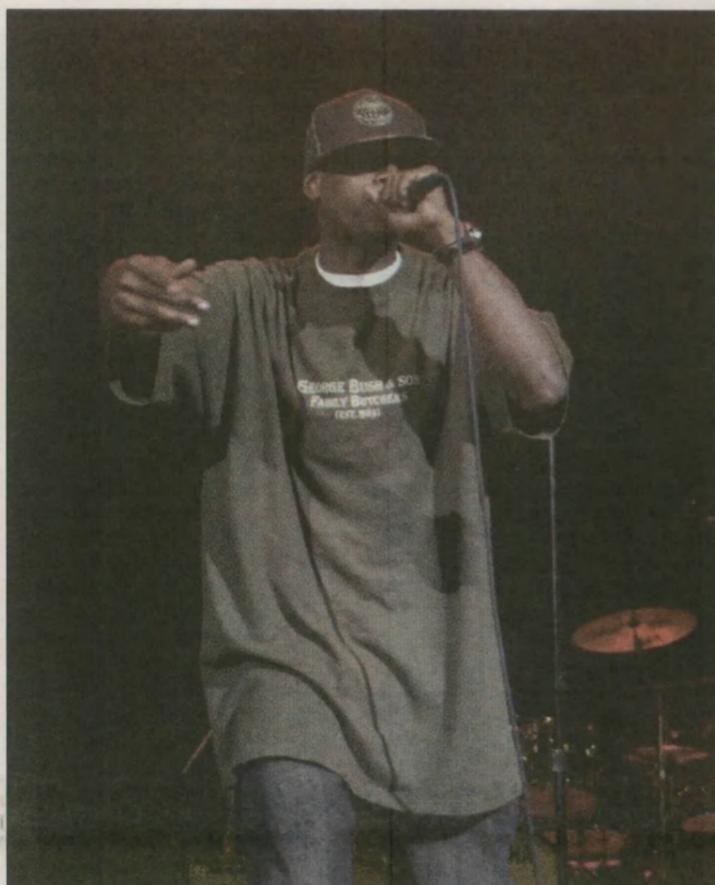
In spite of this, the audience appeared to enjoy Kweli's performance. Even though most people did not know his music well, many approvingly nodded their heads to the beat and waved their hands in the air whenever Kweli told them to. Before his encore, some fans even chanted "Kweli!" to get him to come back on stage.

Overall, despite the poor sound and unknowledgeable audience, Kweli provided a solid show and demonstrated that he'll be an integral part of the music scene for years to come. He is even planning on making another Black Star album with Mos Def, which will be eagerly anticipated by many hip-hop fans.

Kweli is a gifted rapper, and those that attended The Show were lucky to have seen him. After all, as Jay-Z said about "The Black Album," "If skills sold, truth be told, I'd probably be lyrically, Talib Kweli."

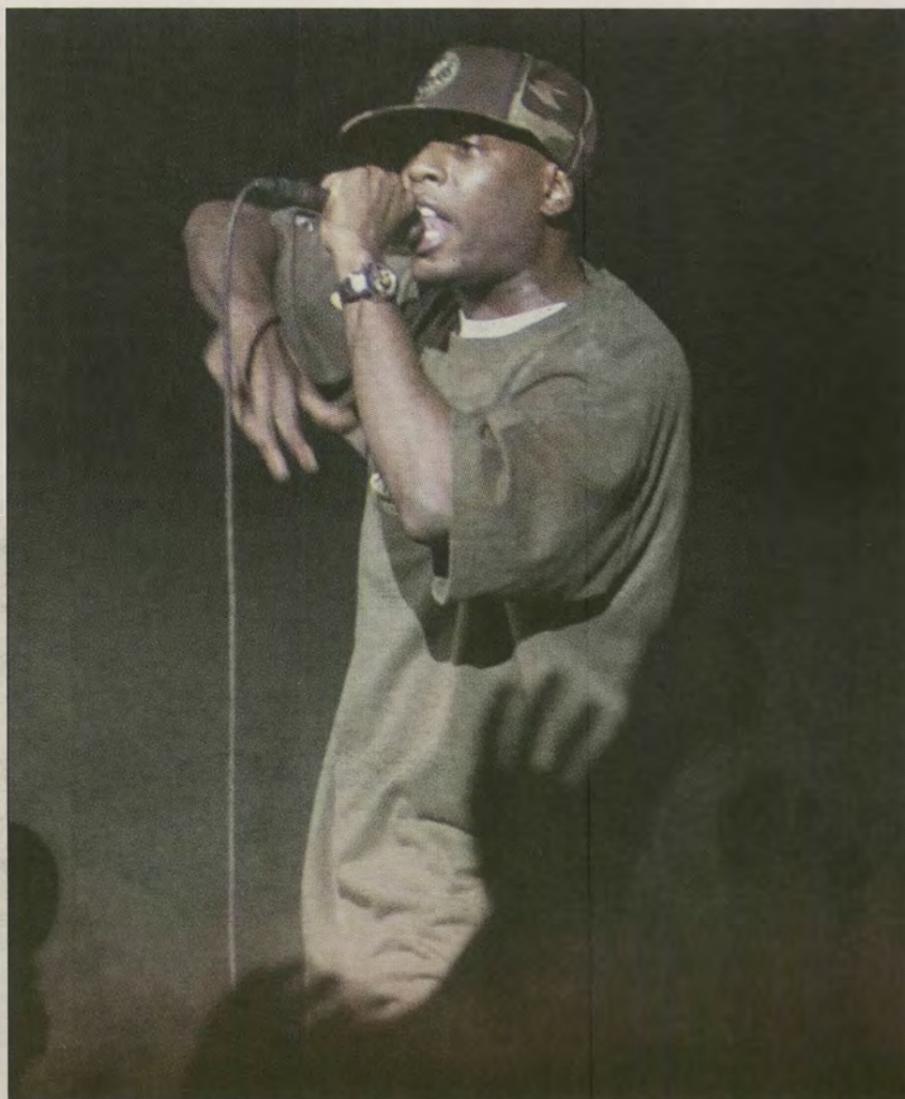
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Though many audience members did not know the words to Talib Kweli's songs, he received an enthusiastic response from the crowd.



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At left, Talib Kweli incorporated Notre Dame references into his songs, such as to the movie Rudy. Right, Kweli encouraged fans to do the wave, hold up lighters and cell phones and even come onstage.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Elarton earns first career shutout in Tribe win

Associated Press

Scott Elarton downplayed his first career shutout, though his new Cleveland Indians teammates were impressed.

Elarton pitched a two-hitter and Casey Blake hit two of Cleveland's four homers in a 9-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

Travis Hafner and Ronnie Belliard also connected for Cleveland. Blake drove in four runs.

"At this point in my career, I'm not caught up in numbers," Elarton said, "but a shutout is nice to get."

The right-hander allowed an infield single to Willie Harris leading off the fourth and a one-out single to Joe Crede in the ninth in his finest performance since reaching the major leagues in 1998 with Houston.

"Scott was outstanding," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "He was in command the whole ballgame."

Harris hit a slow roller that second baseman Belliard fielded at the cut of the grass, but he could not make a throw. Harris was erased on a double play, as was Ross Gload, who walked to open the third.

"Scott pitched a great game, he just kept throwing strikes," Belliard said. "You love to play behind a pitcher like that."

Through eight innings, Elarton (3-3) faced the minimum 24 batters, but he hit Ben Davis in the right knee with the first pitch of the ninth.

"It had to be done," Elarton said. "Both sides knew it needed to be done. I had to step up for my team."

Cleveland's Ben Broussard was hit by a pitch in the eighth from Neal Cotts, and Matt Lawton had a pitch from White Sox starter Jon Garland sail past his head in the first.

"Let's just say that Scott is a good teammate," Wedge said.

Elarton was warned by plate umpire Ed Rapuano, but maintained his composure. He allowed Crede's single to center, but easily finished his third career complete game and first since Aug. 27, 2000, with the Astros at Montreal.

It was the fastest game in Jacobs Field history at 1 hour, 56 minutes.

The Indians moved one game ahead of Chicago for second place in the AL Central by winning for just the third time in 14

games. The White Sox have lost eight of 11.

Toronto 6, New York 4

The New York Yankees failed to get a win from their starting pitcher — again.

Carlos Delgado homered off Mike Mussina in Toronto's five-run seventh inning and the Blue Jays ended a five-game losing skid with a victory over the Yankees on Sunday after a power outage delayed the start for about an hour.

Mussina (9-8) remained winless in four starts since coming back from an elbow injury that sidelined him for nearly six weeks. He gave up five runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings.

The Yankees have gotten just one win from their starting pitchers in the last 15 games.

"I just didn't do it. That's the frustrating part. I pitched well for six innings, but it looks like I didn't pitch well at all when it's all said and done," said Mussina, who added that his health is no longer a concern.

New York manager Joe Torre was "very pleased" with the outing.

"He's getting stronger," Torre said.

Alex Rodriguez went 4-for-4 with a homer and a walk for the Yankees, whose lead over second-place Boston in the AL East dropped to 4 1/2 games — their smallest margin since June 23.

Rodriguez isn't worried about Boston.

"They are playing extremely well, but we're in the driver's seat," Rodriguez said. "This game is about runs and they are in the best run of the year."

Miguel Batista (10-10) won for the first time since July 23 — a span of seven starts — and allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings.

"It was a good one by Batista. Seven strong ones," Blue Jays interim manager John Gibbons said.

Jason Frasor gave up a solo homer to pinch-hitter Jorge Posada in the ninth before finishing for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Boston 6, Detroit 1

Tim Wakefield finished off the Detroit Tigers on Sunday. Now comes the real challenge for the streaking Boston Red Sox.

Boston beat Detroit, ending a stretch of 26 games — 23 against teams below .500 at the time of the game — in which the



White Sox shortstop Jose Valentin, center, turns a double play by tagging out the Indians' Ben Broussard, left, and Ronnie Belliard at second base in the second inning of Cleveland's 9-0 victory Sunday.

Red Sox won 20. Next up are consecutive three-game home series against Anaheim and Texas, their closest pursuers in the AL wild-card race.

"I think we can beat any team right now," Johnny Damon said after the four-game sweep. "Our team is rising up."

Curt Schilling starts Tuesday night's opener against the Angels, who trailed Boston by two games after the win over Detroit. Texas was three behind.

"On Tuesday night, you get a chance to set the tempo for the rest of the series," Schilling said.

Sunday's win and New York's 6-4 loss in Toronto cut the Yankees' AL East lead over the Red Sox to 4 1/2 games — the closest Boston's been to first since June 23.

Wakefield (11-7) allowed three hits in eight innings and Boston won its sixth straight and 11th in the last 12.

"My concentration was a lot better," said the knuckleballer, who gave up seven runs in five innings in a win at Detroit on Aug. 8. "I mixed in my breaking ball and my fastball a little bit more this time."

Baltimore 7, Texas 6

Melvin Mora has become a dangerous hitter with the bases loaded.

Mora drove in four runs in a pair of bases-loaded singles, helping the Baltimore Orioles snap their season-high 12-game

losing streak with a 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Mora improved to 8-for-15 with 18 RBIs with the bases loaded this season.

"I knew the club needed me," said Mora, second in the AL with a .349 average. "I gave it a little extra."

Mora's two-run hits in the third and fifth helped stop the Orioles' longest slide since dropping the final 12 games of the 2002 season.

"If we'd lost this one today, we might as well have called it a season," Orioles starter Sidney Ponson said.

Baltimore's Brian Roberts reached base four times and scored three runs.

"We were ready for something positive to happen," Roberts said. "We thought we'd break the streak every day for the last 10 days. Now we can move on."

Anaheim 4, Minnesota 2

The Minnesota Twins are beginning to think Adam Kennedy isn't human. And they're glad to be finished with him — at least for the regular season.

Kennedy hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving the Angels a 4-2 victory over the AL Central-leading Twins on Sunday. It came two days after his tiebreaking two-run shot helped beat the Twins 9-6.

"I think Adam Kennedy is the

Rally Monkey," Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter said in reference to the Angels' video mascot. "The Rally Monkey lives within him. If you get rid of Adam Kennedy, the Rally Monkey is no more."

Kennedy has hit three other home runs against the Twins — all of them in the 2002 AL championship series clincher, earning him MVP honors for that series.

Jose Guillen doubled home the tying run in the sixth for his 100th RBI of the season, and Troy Glaus went 0-for-2 with two walks in his first game back after being sidelined for more than 3 1/2 months with a shoulder injury.

Kennedy drove a 3-2 slider down and in from Juan Rincon (10-6) deep into the right-field porch for his ninth home run and first walkoff homer of his career after a one-out walk to Glaus.

"This was the last game against them and we won't see those guys no more, so he decided to go deep and leave us thinking about the ALCS — because it might happen again," Hunter said. "But I'll tell you what — in the ALCS, he won't get a pitch to hit. I hope not. He's hurting us."

Francisco Rodriguez (2-1) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings for the win. Angels starter Kelvim Escobar allowed two runs, four hits and no walks in seven innings while striking out nine.

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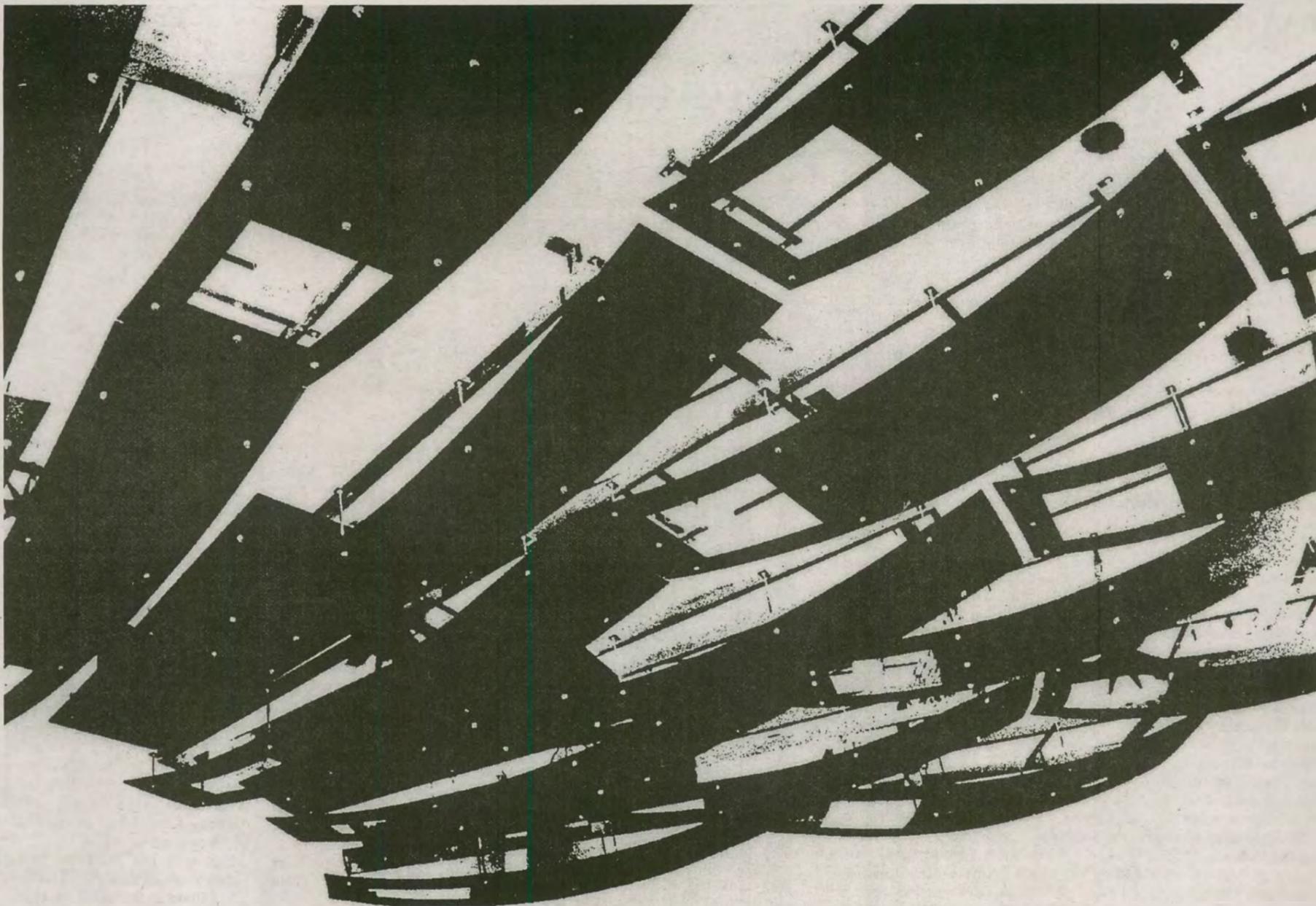
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Bush leads USC to victory from the backfield

Tailback combines with Heisman prospect Matt Leinart as Trojans hold tough against suprisingly strong Hokies

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Reggie Bush came out of the backfield to give Southern California a new big-play receiver.

The tailback caught three long touchdown passes to help the top-ranked Trojans beat Virginia Tech 24-13 in a sloppy opener Saturday night in the Black Coaches Association Classic.

"He's a special player and he proved it tonight," USC quarterback Matt Leinart said. "He's real fast, he's got great hands and he can make defenses kind of look silly out there sometimes."

Bush caught five passes for 127 yards.

"Reggie deserves to get the ball as much as you can get it to him," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

Bryan Randall led the Hokies with his arm and legs, throwing for

153 yards and a score, and rushing for 82 yards. It was enough to make the defending champions work hard, but not nearly enough to pull the upset.

"I think there was a lot of people out there that didn't give us a chance," Randall said. "We proved them wrong."

The Trojans played their first game in two seasons without star receiver Mike Williams. USC found out Thursday that Williams would not be reinstated by the NCAA after his failed attempt to enter the NFL draft.

"The thing with Mike is over now," Leinart said. "He's still a part of us. We're still going to play the same way we know how no matter who we have."

The Trojans said they were prepared to be without the All-American Williams and would be OK with a group of talented but inexperienced receivers.

The results showed otherwise.

Breaking in a new group of starting wideouts, Leinart found few open targets in the first half, going 8-for-16 for 102 yards. And the Trojans' rebuilt offensive line was providing sketchy protection.

So the junior looked to Bush, and the explosive sophomore came through when the Trojans looked as if they were in big trouble — trailing 10-7 late in the third quarter.

Bush lined up as a wide receiver, blew by Virginia Tech's best cornerback, Jimmy Williams, and cradled in a

perfect over-the-shoulder throw from Leinart for a 53-yard touchdown with 1:55 left in the third.

Bush also opened the scoring by taking a middle screen 35 yards for a TD in the first quarter.

Otherwise, an offense that averaged 41 points and 447 yards last season struggled for most of three quarters against a Virginia Tech defense that is coming off its worst season in years.

Wide receivers Steve Smith, Dwayne Jarrett and Chris McFoy combined for eight catches and 87 yards.

Leinart picked it up in the second half and finished 19-for-29 for 272 yards, hitting 11 straight at one point. He finally found a wide receiver for long-gainer when he hit Smith for 46 yards in the

fourth quarter.

On the next play, Bush sneaked out of the backfield and Leinart found him all alone for a 29-yard score that made it 21-13 with 5:35 left and finally allowed the outnumbered Trojans fans among the 91,665 at sold-out FedEx Field to relax a little.

Bush credited offensive coordinator Norm Chow for well-designed plays.

"He got me into some fortunate situations where we had mismatches," Bush said.

For a while, it looked as if the Hokies might get their first win against a No. 1 team on their seventh try.

As the Trojans failed to connect in the first half, Randall and the Hokies gained confidence and found a groove.

Randall's runs accounted for the bulk of the Hokies' early offense. The elusive senior had 87 yards rushing on six carries in the first quarter,

which ended with USC up 7-3.

"I think things opened up for me tonight," Randall said.

In the second quarter, Randall burned the Trojans with his arm. He went 5-for-5 for 65 yards during a 10-play, 80-yard drive that culminated with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Josh Hyman. The 17 1/2-point underdog Hokies, unranked entering the season for the first time since 1998,

took a 10-7 lead into halftime.

The Hokies had things going their way in the second half, too, until an offensive pass interference call on Hyman wiped out a long gain and led to a punt.

"The momentum just switched right there," Randall said.

USC took advantage on the next possession, sending Bush deep for the lead.

Once given a lead to protect,

the Trojans defense put the squeeze on Randall. The Hokies managed just a field goal in the second half and the Trojans caused a fumble by Randall with 2:01 left that set up a field goal and sealed a much-tougher than expected win.

"Nobody said that you have to be at your best in the first game," Carroll said.

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OLYMPICS

American, Italian, Brazilian take medals in marathon

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Three miles from the finish, the marathon leader was grabbed by a defrocked priest wearing a red kilt, green beret and matching knee-high socks. An American won a medal — some-

thing that hadn't happened in 28 years.

Definitely a bizarre way to end an Olympics. Panathinaiko Stadium hasn't hosted anything this weird since a pair of Greek princes ran alongside Spiridon Louis to the finish line 108 years ago.

Italy's Stefano Baldini surged ahead with two miles to go and American Meb Keflezighi finished a surprising second in a race disrupted by a costumed intruder from Ireland.

With three miles left, Vanderlei de Lima of Brazil was clinging to a shrinking lead when he was

shoved into the curbside through by the assailant. De Lima was able to get back into the race, but he lost several more seconds and ended up with the bronze medal.

The 29-year-old Keflezighi, who emigrated from the African nation of Eritrea at age 10, is the

first American to medal in the men's marathon since Frank Shorter's silver in 1976. Deena Kastor won the bronze in the women's marathon a week ago, marking the first time the United States had won two medals in the 26.2-mile race at the same Olympics.

"USA running is back," Keflezighi said. "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. Coming in I was not a favorite, I'm just very happy to win a silver."

De Lima drew big cheers from the crowd at the finish line in the beautiful, horseshoe-shaped stadium that was the site of the first modern Olympics 108 years ago. He smiled broadly, spread his arms like wings and weaved from side to side as he crossed the line.

Later, he said the intruder cost him a shot at the gold.

"When I saw the man who was jumping on me I was scared, because I didn't know what could happen to me, whether he was armed with a knife, a revolver or something and whether he was going to kill me," de Lima said.

"If you stop in a marathon, you struggle the next three or four kilometers. It's hard to get your rhythm back," he said. "I don't know if I would have won, but things would have been different."

A protest filed by the Brazilian track federation asking that de Lima be given a duplicate gold was denied by the International Association of Athletics Federations. Brazil said it would appeal that decision to the independent Court of Arbitration for Sport, whose decision would be final.

The International Olympic Committee said it would present de Lima with the Pierre de Coubertin medal in recognition of his "exceptional demonstration of fair play and Olympic values."

The race began in the suburb of Marathon as the sun set, casting a rose-colored light over the stadium, which was about three-quarters full. The runners followed the steep, difficult course over which, legend says, Pheidippides carried the news in 490 B.C. that the Greeks had defeated the Persians in the Battle of Marathon.

Baldini finished in 2 hours, 10 minutes and 54 seconds. He waved his hands in celebration, then dropped to his knees in exhaustion after his final lap on the narrow track inside the stadium. The 33-year-old Italian is the former European marathon champion and two-time world marathon silver medalist.

Keflezighi, the American record holder at 10,000 meters, showed little emotion at the finish, crossing himself and putting up a No. 1 sign with his finger. Baldini was lying on his back nearby, and Keflezighi bent over him in congratulations.

He ran a personal-best 2:11.29, 34 seconds behind the winner. De Lima finished in 2:12.11.

Keflezighi, who has 11 brothers and sisters, became a U.S. citizen in 1998. In Eritrea, he lived in a hut that had no electricity. When he saw his first car at age 10, he ran away because it scared him. He remembers soldiers surrounding his village, looking for boys 12 and older to drag off to war. His brothers would hide in the bushes to avoid them.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wells wins seventh straight as Padre's defeat Expos 11-3

Associated Press

MONTREAL — David Wells thinks the San Diego Padres have what it takes to stick around in the NL playoff race.

Wells won his seventh consecutive road decision and helped himself with a single for his first career RBI, leading San Diego to an 11-3 victory over the Montreal Expos on Sunday.

Ryan Klesko and Khalil Greene each hit two-run homers for the Padres, who began the day tied with San Francisco for second in the NL West — five games behind Los Angeles. They're also tied with Chicago for the lead in the NL wild-card race.

"It's a big boost for a pitching staff when you get some run support, and that's how you gel," said Wells, a member of nine playoff teams — including two World Series champions. "When you score runs and the pitching does well, it gives the team a lot of hope."

San Diego hasn't been involved in a playoff race since 1998, when it won its second NL pennant before being swept by Wells' Yankees.

"It's good to come back after losing the first game and pick up two and kind of keep ground where we're at," Greene said. "I don't like to look ahead too often and get ahead of ourselves. I just worry about what we do. As long as we can beat the teams we need to beat, then I think we'll be fine."

Wells (9-7) allowed eight hits and three runs in seven innings, improving to 3-0 in his last four starts overall. He struck out two and walked none, the 12th time in 24 starts this season he hasn't allowed a base-on-balls.

Los Angeles 10, New York 2

Robin Ventura circled the bases one more time, passing Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron in the record book and pulling alongside Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx with his 17th grand slam.

"It's nice to even be mentioned in any category whatsoever with those guys," Ventura said modestly.

On a muggy day that saw Ventura draw more cheers than

the Mets, he led the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 10-2 victory over sinking New York that maintained their five-game lead in the NL West.

At 37 and a role player these days, Ventura remains as unassuming as ever. Even though he's had just 19 starts and 117 at-bats, he's been a key for the Dodgers, seeking their first playoff berth since 1996.

He had tiebreaking, pinch RBI single in the ninth inning of a 5-4 win over San Diego on April 6, a pinch two-run homer for a 7-6 win at Arizona on July 17 and a pinch 12th-inning homer for a 2-1 victory at San Diego on Aug. 1.

"To have a player of this guy's magnitude and have other players see how he allows himself to be managed, how he'll do whatever you ask him to do, you can't put a price tag on that," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

Cincinnati 6, Arizona 2

For six innings, Edgar Gonzalez dominated the Cincinnati Reds. With one swing, Adam Dunn changed everything.

Gonzalez held Cincinnati hitless into the seventh, but Dunn's 39th homer on a 3-1 changeup helped the Reds rally for a victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"That was the only pitch he gave me that I could really hit," Dunn said.

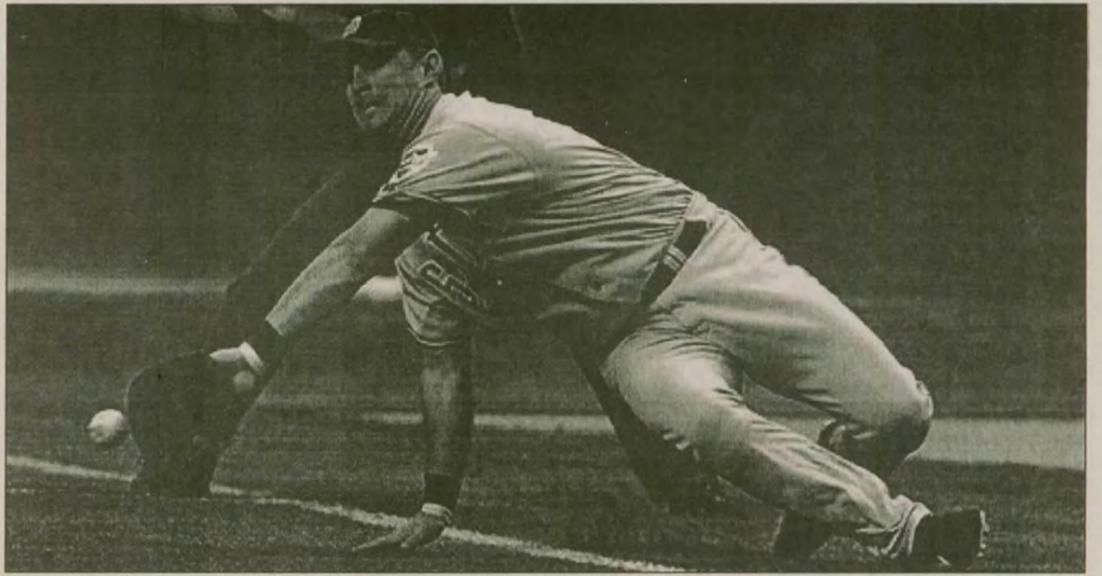
Ryan Freel drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning single and the Reds avoided a three-game sweep.

Gonzalez faced the minimum 18 batters through six innings before Freel led off the seventh with a walk. Felipe Lopez followed with a chopper to first baseman Shea Hillenbrand while Freel was breaking for second and was credited with an infield single when Gonzalez failed to cover the bag.

"I didn't see the runner going," Gonzalez said. "I thought (Hillenbrand) was going to go to second base. Then I saw him look toward first, and I started too late."

That miscue cost Gonzalez and the Diamondbacks.

"It leaves a little bit of a bad taste, but it will happen,"



Phil Nevin, San Diego's first baseman, lunges for and misses a line drive hit by Brian Schneider of the Montreal Expos in the first inning of Sunday's 11-3 Padres win.

Arizona manager Al Pedrique said. "Late in the game, we didn't execute defensively. You're not going to play perfectly every day."

Sean Casey then hit into a double play, but Dunn's two-run homer gave the Reds a 2-1 lead.

Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 0

Cory Lidle returned to what works — throwing strikes, making batters put the ball in play early — for his best game of the season.

"I felt like the old me," Lidle said.

Lidle homered and threw a four-hitter for his second shutout of the season, Marlon Byrd hit a grand slam and had a career-best five RBIs, and the Philadelphia Phillies extended the Milwaukee Brewers' losing streak to 11 with a victory.

Lidle worked more on his mechanics and his approach during recent bullpen sessions with pitching coach Joe Kerrigan. The results paid off with first-pitch strikes on 24 batters.

"Sometimes you just forget what made you successful," Lidle said.

Lidle (8-12) was terrific in his first win with the Phillies, striking out a season-high nine, walking one and not allowing a runner past second base in his fourth career shutout. The right-hander was 0-2 with a no-decision since he was acquired from Cincinnati on Aug. 9.

It was also Lidle's fourth complete game this season, tied for second in the National League with Arizona's Randy Johnson.

Lidle kept Philadelphia's faint playoff hopes alive. The Phillies

moved six games behind Chicago in the NL wild-card race with the Cubs' 10-3 loss to Houston.

"There's definitely a chance, but we have to play our best ball the rest of the season," Lidle said.

General manager Ed Wade said Bowa's job is safe for at least the rest of the season. Bowa said he was tired of discussing his status, and took issue with a question about why Philadelphia hasn't had more games like this.

"I know why — all the injuries," he said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist. People don't want to look at it. Common sense is all it is."

The Phillies had 16 hits, and Jimmy Rollins, Bobby Abreu, Placido Polanco and Byrd all had three each.

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All-Star infielder Glaus returns to Anaheim lineup

Former MVP third baseman has no hits, two walks and a run in return to Angels after stint on 60-day disabled list

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Troy Glaus was activated from the 60-day disabled list Sunday by the Anaheim Angels and was back in the lineup against the Minnesota Twins.

The Angels also placed designated hitter Tim Salmon on the

15-day disabled list, retroactive to Aug. 24, and optioned right-handed reliever Matt Hensley to Triple-A Salt Lake. Infielder Adam Riggs was recalled from Salt Lake and outfielder Barry Wesson was designated for assignment.

In his return, Glaus was 0-2 with a run and two walks.

Glaus, a three-time All-Star third baseman and MVP of the 2002 World Series, has only 108 at-bats this season with 11 home runs, 28 RBIs and a .296 average. He underwent shoulder surgery on May 21.

Glaus injured himself on a dive at Minnesota on April 30. He stayed in the lineup for nine more games as a DH until May 11, when he sprained his right knee while striking out at Yankee Stadium.

"It was frustrating," Glaus said. "We're all professional ballplayers. We're not professional rehabbers. We're not professional sit-around-the-house guys. We all appreciate what we have and what we're given a chance to do. It hurts to be away. It hurts to not play. This is our job and this is what we love to do."

After going 3-for-15 with two home runs, four RBIs and six walks during a five-game rehabilitation assignment with Class-A Rancho Cucamonga, Glaus called general manager Bill Stoneman on Saturday night to tell him he was ready to go. He will be the team's designated hitter the rest of the season.

"It's like I was telling Bill last night, I almost felt like I was a rookie being called up from Triple-A again," Glaus said with a grin. "It was exciting. I didn't sleep very well last night. I'm excited to get back and get into a stadium with three decks on it. I worked my butt off to get back here, and here we are."

A roar went up from the surprised crowd at Angel Stadium

when Glaus' name was announced in the starting lineup. He batted seventh and received a standing ovation before lining out to left field on the second pitch he saw from Carlos Silva.

When Glaus had the surgery on his throwing shoulder, some thought he would miss the rest of the season. But he was more optimistic than most, and spent the past few months working out in Arizona — away from his teammates and the hustle and bustle of the clubhouse.

"It would have been a whole lot more frustrating being here," Glaus said. "I don't like sitting around watching. I mean, spending 2 1/2 months in Phoenix during the summer isn't the greatest thing in the world, either. But I was able to get done what I had to get done. And looking back, it was all worth it."

"By going there, all I was just focusing on was just rehabbing. I was out there five days a week for two months with the goal of getting back before the end of August. It worked out, and I got back when I wanted to be back."

Glaus' timing couldn't have been better. The Angels begin a road trip Tuesday night in Boston with the first of three games against the Red Sox, the team they are trying to overtake for the lead in the wildcard standings.

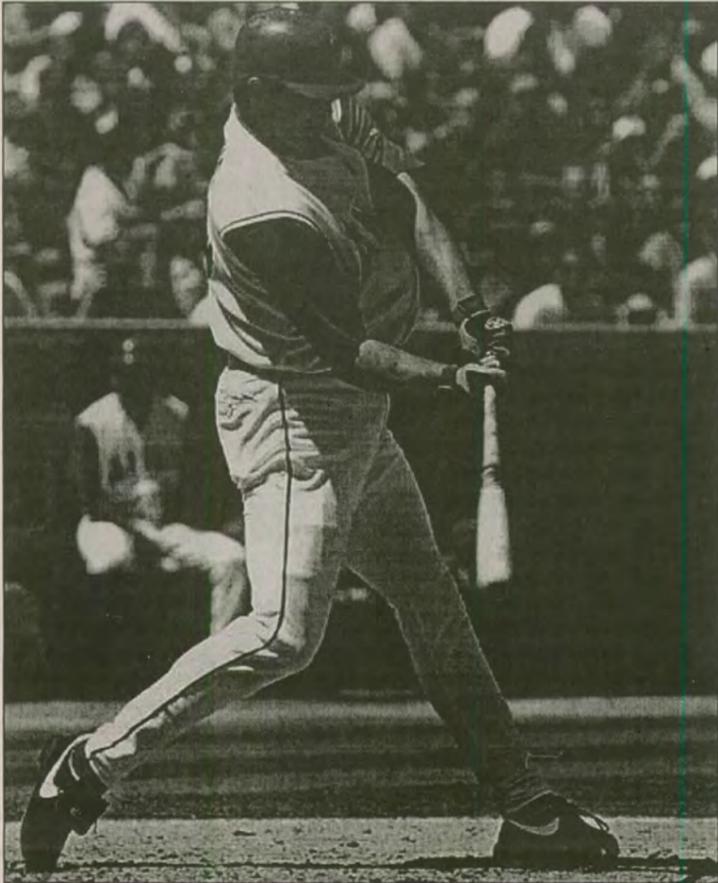
"This is what I wanted. I was hoping to get back for that series and catch that flight to Boston," Glaus said. "It's a big series for this team and I wanted to be a part of it. That was my goal from two months ago — to get back playing down the stretch and playing against the teams that we need to beat."

Glaus, who led the AL with a franchise-record 47 homers four seasons ago, hit 40 the following year and 30 in 2002 before he was limited to 91 games last season because of a partial tear of his right rotator cuff and fraying of the labrum.

He didn't undergo surgery, opting instead for an offseason rehabilitation program. He's in the final year of a \$23 million, four-year contract and will be eligible for free agency after the season.

Salmon was put on the DL to give his troublesome left shoulder a rest. He decided a couple of weeks ago to not undergo season-ending surgery because he felt he could contribute to the Angels' playoff drive.

Salmon, the Angels' career leader in several offensive categories, will have arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff and biceps tendon when the season ends. He became a DH this year after spending the previous 11 seasons in right field.



AP
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OLYMPICS

U.S. tops medal counts at Games

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The United States finished atop the medal charts for the third straight Summer Olympics, with Russia the overall runner-up and China second in gold medals — its best showing ever and the leading edge of a surge by Asian teams.

Six nations won gold medals for the first time; the trailblazers included an Arab sheik marksman and an Israeli windsurfer. Two other countries, Paraguay and Eritrea, won their first medals of any sort.

The American team amassed 103 total medals, topping its target of 100, and won 35 golds to 32 for China and 27 for Russia. But China played the lead role in the games' most significant trend — the improvement of Asian squads in a widening array of Olympic sports as they gird for the 2008 Beijing Games.

Far East Asian nations won 63 gold medals in Athens, compared to 43 at Sydney in 2000. Japan alone upped its gold total from five to 16, the biggest increase of any nation, while China won golds for the first time in tennis and men's track.

"These were the games where we saw the awakening of Asia," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said. "The traditional strong nations that dominate the scene now will have to work extremely hard."

Australian Olympic chief John Coates, whose team finished fourth, said China and Japan "have sent us an ominous warning. They're gearing up for a dominant performance in 2008."

Asia's gains came largely at the expense of Europe. Germany won 48 medals in Athens, nine fewer than in Sydney, while medal hauls also dropped for France, Italy, Poland, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands. Greece, despite drug scandals and other setbacks, won 16 medals, its best showing since it hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896.

Russia dipped in golds compared to Sydney (27 to 32) but, despite disappointing performances in swimming and gymnastics, exceeded its overall medal total — 92 this time compared to 88 in 2000.

The Americans won the most medals in swimming and track, and finished just one behind Romania in gymnastics.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	81-49	.623	5-5	-
Boston	76-53	.589	9-1	4.5
Tampa Bay	59-71	.454	4-6	22.0
Baltimore	58-71	.450	1-9	22.5
Toronto	54-77	.412	5-5	27.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	72-58	.554	6-4	-
Cleveland	66-66	.500	3-7	7.0
Chicago	63-65	.492	3-7	8.0
Detroit	60-70	.462	4-6	12.0
Kansas City	45-84	.349	2-8	26.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	77-53	.592	9-1	-
Anaheim	76-55	.577	9-1	2.0
Texas	73-56	.566	6-4	3.5
Seattle	60-80	.385	5-5	27.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	75-54	.581	7-3	-
Florida	66-62	.516	7-3	8.5
Philadelphia	65-65	.500	6-4	10.5
New York	60-69	.465	2-8	15.0
Montreal	55-75	.423	5-5	20.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	86-44	.682	8-2	-
Chicago	71-59	.546	6-4	15.0
Houston	67-63	.515	7-3	19.0
Cincinnati	62-67	.481	6-4	23.5
Pittsburgh	60-69	.465	2-8	25.5
Milwaukee	55-73	.430	0-10	30.0

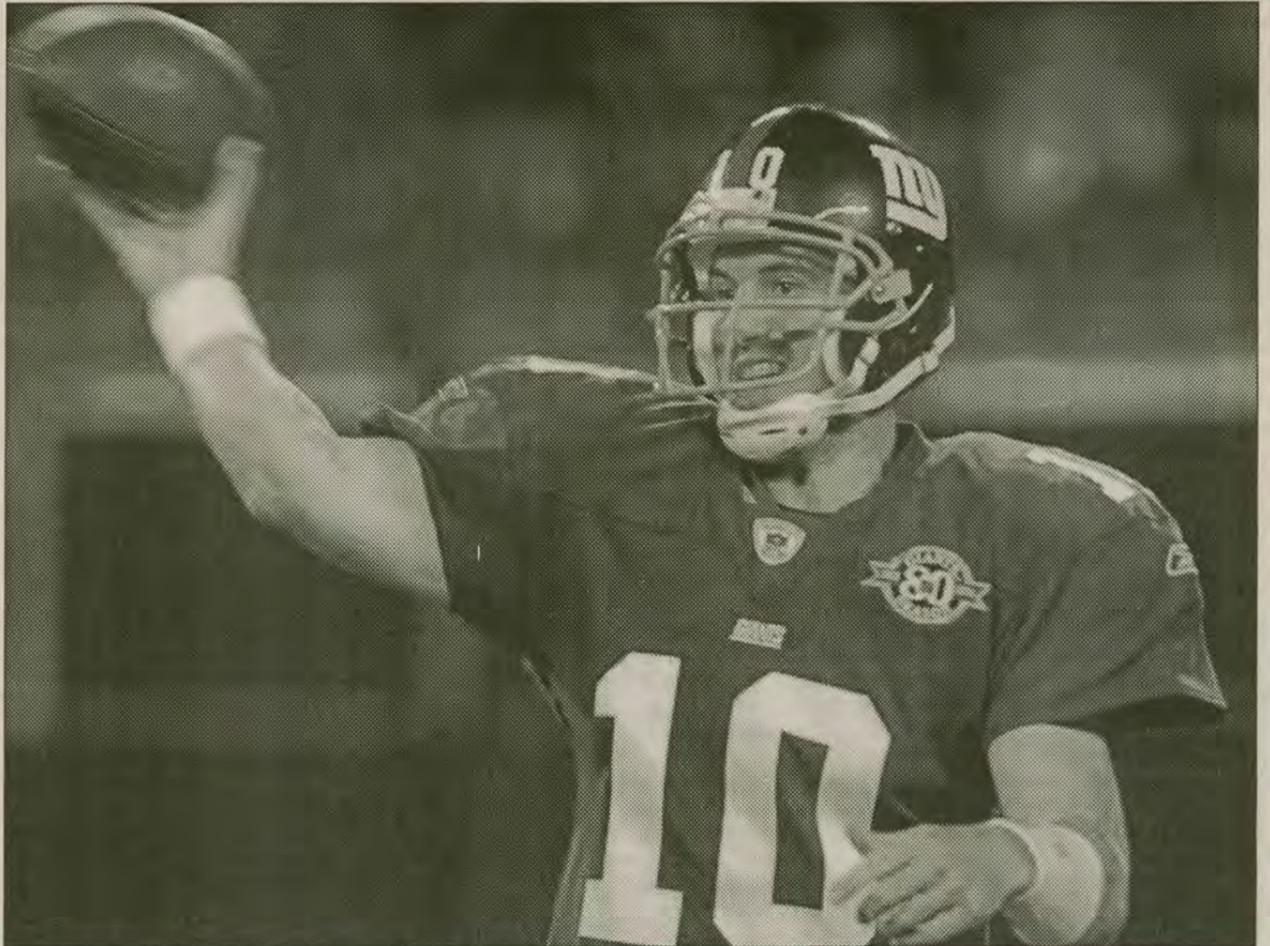
National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	76-54	.585	6-4	-
San Diego	71-59	.546	7-3	5.0
San Francisco	72-60	.545	6-4	5.0
Colorado	55-75	.423	1-9	21.0
Arizona	41-90	.313	5-5	35.5

Women's Volleyball Top 20

rank	team	2003 record	final rank
1	USC	35-0	1
2	Nebraska	28-5	13
3	UCLA	24-9	5
4	Florida	26-2	2
5	Minnesota	26-11	4
6	Stanford	25-7	10
7	Washington	23-9	9
8	Penn State	31-5	7
9	Pepperdine	27-3	6
10	California	25-7	12
11	Colorado State	30-5	14
12	Georgia Tech	34-4	8
13	Hawaii	36-2	3
14	Kansas State	30-5	11
15	Texas A&M	23-10	16
16	UC Santa Barbara	19-9	22
17	Arizona	17-15	NR
18	Loyola Marymount	26-7	17
19	Illinois	26-7	15
20	Louisville	25-6	20

NFL



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning throws a pass during the third quarter against the Kansas City Chiefs Aug. 13. Manning will begin the year as the backup to veteran Kurt Warner.

Giants to start Warner over Manning

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning remains the New York Giants' quarterback of the future. For now, the job belongs to Kurt Warner.

Briefly citing Warner's experience and recent play, coach Tom Coughlin announced Sunday that the two-time MVP had beaten out the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft for the starting job in the season opener at Philadelphia on Sept. 12. "We give Kurt the ball and say, 'Kurt, let's go win,'" Coughlin said, ending a competition that has dominated training camp.

The choice wasn't surprising in the wake of Friday's 17-10 loss to the Jets. Warner played well and Manning did not during his worst day on the field since signing a \$45 million contract in late July.

Warner hit 9-of-11 passes for 104 yards, leading the Giants to their only touchdown against the Jets. Manning was 4-of-14 for 20 yards, with two interceptions and a fumble that was returned for a Jets touchdown.

Coughlin's decision puts Manning in a backup role for the first time since his redshirt freshman year at

Mississippi in 2000.

"I wasn't upset by it," Manning said. "I figured it might come. It doesn't change anything. I still have a lot to learn."

That's why the Giants signed the 33-year-old Warner in June after he was released by the St. Louis Rams. It was expected that he would be the caretaker quarterback until Manning, the brother of co-MVP Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts, was ready.

Manning's exceptional play in training camp made Coughlin's decision more difficult.

"The advancement of Eli

has been largely due to the competitive nature of this position," Coughlin said. "I feel like he has advanced tremendously as a rookie in this league with all the information that has been thrown at him, and the way he's handled the majority of that, so I feel good about the two quarterbacks."

Warner said the competition was nerve-racking at times.

"It was a distinct challenge for me, a new challenge for me and I think it helped to push and force me to learn this stuff at a little faster pace," said Warner.

IN BRIEF

Chiefs' receiver to have knee surgery

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marc Boerigter will undergo knee surgery on Monday and might be lost for the year, throwing Kansas City's tattered wide receiver corps into even greater disarray.

Boerigter, who seemed ready to rebound from a subpar 2003 season, twisted his right knee in a noncontact play early in the Chiefs' 21-19 exhibition loss Saturday night to Cleveland.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Sunday that doctors believe Boerigter might have suffered ligament damage.

"I'll know more tomorrow after they operate as to what the projections are," Vermeil said. "Personally, I don't believe [Boerigter will return] this season. That hurt me more than losing the game."

The 6-foot-3 Boerigter totaled 420 yards and eight touchdowns on just 20 catches in 2002, his first year in the NFL.

Montgomerie named to Ryder Cup team

NORD-EICHENRIED, Germany — Colin Montgomerie will play in his seventh Ryder Cup, having been added to the European team Sunday as one of two wild-card selections by captain Bernhard Langer.

Langer also chose 26-year-old Luke Donald, giving England five players on a team that will try to retain the Ryder Cup against the United States on Sept. 17-19 at Oakland Hills.

England's Ian Poulter, Paul Casey and David Howell, and Irishman Paul McGinley secured spots on Europe's Ryder Cup team at the BMW International Open on Sunday. Thomas Levet of France already was a lock to make his first team through the money standings.

Rounding out the team are Pdraig Harrington, Darren Clarke, Sergio Garcia, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Lee Westwood of England. Montgomerie brings experience and leadership to the European team.

Curacao wins Little League World Series

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Carlos Pineda struck out 11 and Jurickson Profar hit a two-run homer as Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, took an early lead and held on for a 5-2 victory over Conejo Valley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., in the Little League World Series championship on Sunday night.

Curacao scored both of its runs in the top of the sixth, and had runners on first and third with two outs. James Brady hit to first baseman Christopher Garia, who won a race to make the final out.

It was the first Little League title for the tiny island in the Netherlands Antilles, and the first for any team from the Caribbean.

In the consolation game, Richmond, Texas, beat Guadalupe, Mexico, 5-0. Randal Grichuk's second hit tied the record for hits in a series with 12.

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I still had a good time.”

Winning a gold medal will do that.

But what Sunday morning’s press conference and photo shoot showed is it hasn’t changed who she really is.

Her eyes lit up when mentioning meeting Andy Roddick (who lost in the third round of the men’s tennis competition) and a “couple other famous people.”

Zagunis wanted to get on TV during the opening ceremonies. So she contrived the plan of walking next to the USA Basketball team, which was “really cool” and “it worked.”

Zagunis rolled her eyes when mentioning this morning’s 8:30 a.m. swim test followed by a class in Hayes-Healy.

During one moment in Athens, Zagunis even broke out her three-toed sloth impression.

All of this attention has gone to someone who shouldn’t have even been in Athens.

Zagunis deferred her enrollment to Notre Dame for a year to concentrate on making the Olympic team. In the final Olympic qualifying event, Zagunis needed to finish in first or second in a senior World Cup Event to make the Olympic team.

She finished third.

By one touch.

“At first I was really devastated,” Zagunis said. “I put my entire life on hold to go make the Olympic team, and I miss it

by one touch.

“So that was kind of harsh.”

Naturally, Zagunis and her mother Cathy (who was an Olympian along with her father in the 1976 Games) had a tough and “tearful” weekend.

But she couldn’t lose her focus, there was a potential “loophole.”

If any country declined its spot in the women’s sabre field, Zagunis would qualify as the highest-ranked fencer not going to Athens at that time.

Nigeria declined, and now Zagunis has a big thank-you to send.

And a big target on her back. Every collegiate fencer will want to knock off the Olympic champion, who will be only a college freshman and unknown to the team-oriented style of the NCAA Championships.

“Talk about pressure. It’s okay. I’m just going to get back into it slowly,” Zagunis said. “You can’t win everything, but I’m sure going to try. People are going to be out to get me. I’m ready to fence and do my best.”

Then there’s the issue of getting ready for Beijing in 2008.

Zagunis acknowledged she might have to take time off to train because of the demanding Olympic training schedule.

But she’s “got to go defend my title.”

This time, Zagunis will be the famous person.

And people will be standing next to her to get on TV.

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meager 14 total shots — only six of which were on-net — neither team was able to break the scoreless deadlock, though the Irish suffered a number of near-misses.

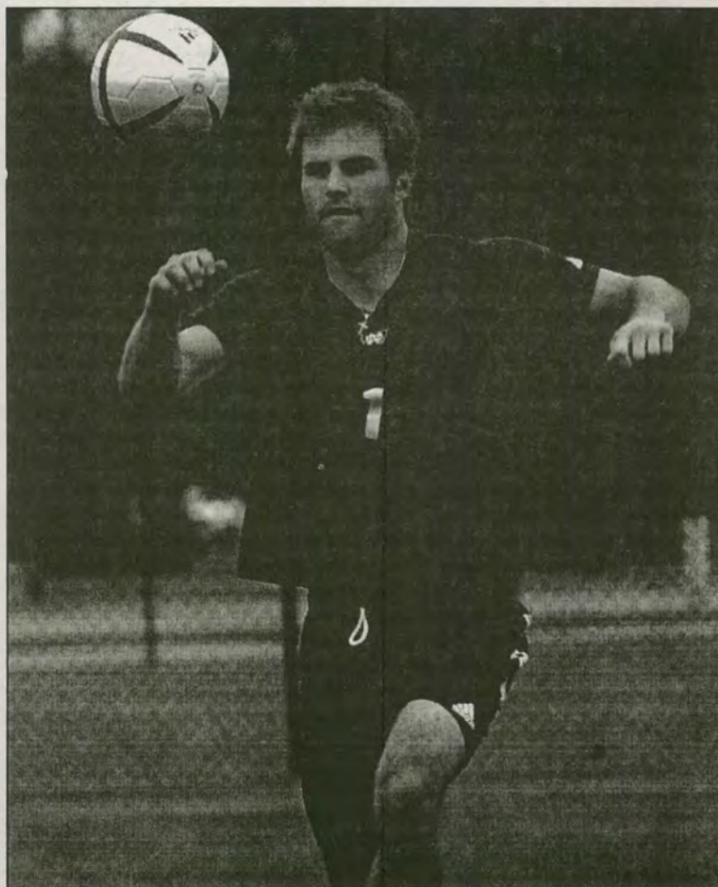
In addition to a pair of shots that ricocheted off the framework by midfielder Ian Etherington and forward Alex Yoshinaga, Etherington had a goal disallowed on an offside call that game tape later revealed to be erroneous.

While the Irish were unable to find the back the net, Clark was still quite pleased with the squad’s effort.

“You always like to win every game you play, but the thing that will always concern us the most is the performance,” Clark said. “If we can get the performance right, over the long term, it’s going to bring results.”

After graduating five All-Big East selections that accounted for 35 of 38 Notre Dame goals last year, the offense will continue to function as a key factor in determining whether or not the Irish will be successful in achieving their lofty goals this season.

While Saturday’s goose egg in the goals column might indicate otherwise, Clark is confident that a different offensive approach — one that emphasizes a greater number of players than in previous seasons — will bear fruit in the form of tallies on the scoreboard.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish goalie Chris Sawyer punts the ball in a recent team practice. Sawyer had two shutouts this exhibition season.

“The scoring really fell to two main players last year,” Clark said. “I think the way to cover that is to get goals from a lot of different areas and not rely on solely one or two guys.”

“Can we actually get goals from four, five or even six different areas? I think that’s possible this year.”

With the preseason now in

the books, the Irish head home for a week before traveling south to Bloomington, Ind. to compete in Indiana’s Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic Friday and Sunday against Oregon State and Boston University, respectively.

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Standout

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Thorlakson was not the only player to make her mark in the record books Friday night. Freshman forward Amanda Cinalli scored the first two goals of the season with primary assists from Thorlakson.

Cinnalli joins only three other freshmen in the school's history — Margaret Jarc, Rosella Guerrero and Boland — for scoring the opening goal of a season. Cinalli scored her goals in the 13th and 22nd minutes of the game.

Boland had only words of praise for the up-and-coming soccer standout.

"It is a great way to start your college career and she has a great career ahead of her," Boland said.

Thorlakson and sophomore Jen Buczkowski followed her lead, with Thorlakson adding two goals to the Irish effort and Buczkowski chipping in a goal as well.

To begin the second half, returning senior Candace Chapman scored the final two goals for the Irish. Chapman missed the entire 2003 season due to an ACL knee injury.

"She is one of the best players in the country and it definitely hurt us [not to have her last year]. This year it is exciting to have her back," Boland said. "She has incredible energy and she has the ability to take the ball from the defensive third and score."

Boland didn't say the team played perfectly. She cited ball handling as an area for improve-

ment. "We came out too anxious but we needed to take care of the ball better," Boland said.

Notre Dame 3, Eastern Illinois 0

After an impressive victory Friday night against Baylor, the Irish came away with another remarkable performance against Eastern Illinois on Sunday. Following her record-breaking performance, Thorlakson continued to dominate on the field by setting up all three goals the Irish scored against Eastern Illinois.

Junior Annie Schefter began the contest by scoring her first goal of the season and the game. Jen Buczkowski quickly followed Schefter by scoring the second goal off of a header to the right side of the goal.

With a 2-0 margin at halftime, senior Candance Chapman came off the bench to score the final Irish goal of the game in the second half. Her goal put the Irish ahead 3-0 and guaranteed the team their second consecutive win for the season.

The Irish had 10 players for a combined total of 38 shots at the goal. Despite the incredible effort, Boland emphasized that the team still needs to work on ball movement.

"In our game today, we took 38 shots and we only scored three goals," Boland said. "We all have the energy to play, but we need to do better with our ball movement and our finishing."

The Irish will face No. 2 Santa Clara — possibly their biggest rival of the season — at Alumni Field next weekend.

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Scrimmage

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terback for the Blue team, and performed well, completing a 23-yard touchdown pass to fellow

freshman Chris Vaughn for Blue's only touchdown of the scrimmage. He did not throw an interception, and neither did either of White's quarterbacks, sophomore Brady Quinn and senior Pat Dillingham.

The Irish showcased a passing attack that distributed the ball around the field to a variety of different receivers, including the tight ends and running backs in a performance that truly resembled Willingham's much-ballyhooed West Coast offense.

"Anytime you spread the ball around you're going to keep everyone happy and at the same time you can really keep the defense playing honestly," Quinn said. "The offense has a lot of emotions to get out of the way so we can start thinking about getting ready for BYU, and this scrimmage was really a nice way to work out some of those things."

Sophomore Chase Anastasio had a big play late in the game for the White team, collecting a 46-yard pass from Dillingham and taking it down the sideline before being pushed out about three yards from the goal line. Junior Jeff Jenkins took the ball

into the endzone the rest of the way for the touchdown.

Rhema McKnight, who led the team in receiving yards in 2003, collected a 20-yard pass from Quinn in the first half but did not score in the scrimmage. He commented on the increased depth in

this year's receiving corps.

"It helps a lot [to have several good receivers]," McKnight said. "The defense can't just key in on one guy, and they never know where the ball is going and never know who it's coming to, which is a good thing."

If there was one aspect of Notre Dame's play at the scrimmage that was somewhat suspect, it

was the special teams. On several occasions, punt and kick returners bobbled the ball and there were also several long snaps that were either low or too high — including one that sailed over the punter's head and resulted in a White field goal to end the first half.

The kicking game was solid, however, as senior D.J. Fitzpatrick hit two 50-yard field goals with ease, and sophomore Carl Gioia booted a 25-yard kick for White and a 30-yarder for Blue.

Senior running back Ryan Grant and senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte did not participate in the scrimmage, while senior defensive end Justin Tuck played sparingly.

All three are nursing injuries and Willingham did not want to risk any additional injury before the BYU game.

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Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

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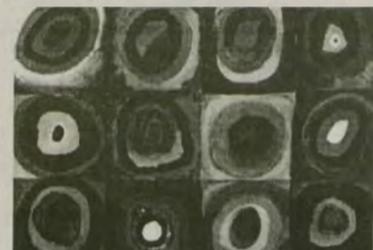
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Olympic champion arrives on campus with medal, newfound fame

The gold medal hung around her neck marking Mariel Zagunis as the best in the world at women's saber.

For the past 11 days, Zagunis' life has changed because of that piece of jewelry, as it will for a long time.



Matt Lozar

Sports Writer

Doing five-question interviews with a seemingly unending number of NBC affiliates around the country, meeting Katie Couric on the Today show and visiting sponsors around Greece.

Not being able to hang out in the Olympic Village with the other athletes, go shopping around Athens or tour the Acropolis.

"Would I have rather not done as well and do all the stuff I wanted to do or win the gold medal and have all these press obligations," Zagunis said. "It's like a give and take. It was fine."

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Photo illustration by Chuy Benitez

Irish fencer Mariel Zagunis poses with the gold medal she won in the sabre event at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Zagunis recently arrived on campus.

MEN'S SOCCER

Team ties UMass in shutout

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

If they don't score, you can't lose.

Behind its second straight shutout in as many exhibition games, No. 9 Notre Dame battled Massachusetts to a hard-fought 0-0 tie Saturday night to conclude their brief two-game preseason schedule with a 1-0-1 mark.

"I thought we dominated the game," head coach Bobby Clark said. "UMass competed very hard; they were well organized, and they fought us every inch of the way, but I think we controlled the game."

After recording a clean sheet in Monday's 2-0 victory over Northwestern at Alumni Field, 2004 Preseason Big East Goalkeeper of the Year Chris Sawyer once again held the opposition scoreless, picking up three saves in shutting down the Minutemen for 75 minutes before being replaced by Justin Michaud.

In a game that featured a

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FOOTBALL

Scrimmage gives an early look at the Irish

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Preparations for Provo proved promising.

Like previous years, Notre Dame held its final preseason scrimmage shortly before its first game of the season. This season, however, the scrimmage was open to all members of the Notre Dame community — students, staff and faculty — who responded with an attendance of roughly 4,000 people to watch the intra-squad scrimmage and catch their first glimpse of the 2004 Irish.

The White team, composed of nearly every first and second-string member, defeated the Blue team, composed of mostly freshmen and walk-ons, 23-10. More importantly, the team got a chance to practice in a game-

like situation and had the opportunity to showcase some of the talented players that Willingham and his staff recently recruited.

Freshmen running backs Justin Hoskins and Darius Walker had several good runs for the Blue team, and while neither scored in the scrimmage, both made an impression on their new coach.

"I was very pleased with our freshmen, especially the running backs," Willingham said. "Justin Hoskins and Darius Walker really did some neat things and showed some athletic ability."

"That's very encouraging, and with that kind of athleticism — maybe it will show up in some special teams play [during the season]."

Freshman David Wolke played the entire game as quar-

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thorlakson sparks ND's offense

Forward scores 10 points in Notre Dame's 2-0 start

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Goals and glory are synonymous.

Such was the case for Katie Thorlakson, who enjoyed her share of glory after tying and breaking school records in the team's opening weekend.

In Notre Dame's 7-2 victory against Baylor Friday night, Thorlakson was the first player in the program's history to either score or assist on the first five goals of a game. In addition to this feat, she also tied the school record for most points scored in a half with seven.

"Katie was amazing this weekend. She scored and set up a bunch of goals," senior Mary



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish forward Jen Buckowski is surrounded by Panther defenders in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Eastern Illinois Sunday.

Boland said. "She came ready to play this weekend."

Behind Thorlakson, the Irish were able to hold a sizable 5-0 lead at halftime en route to the dominating victory.

The No. 3 ranked Irish proved

why they are contenders for this year's national title. The team held considerable margins in total shots (32-9), shots on goal (25-5) and corner kicks (8-1).

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC survives a shaky performance in its opening game of the season to defeat Virginia Tech 24-13.

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American takes silver in marathon, for the first medal in 24 years for the U.S. in the marathon event.

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The United States tops the overall medal count at the Athens Games.

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Scott Elarton pitches his first career shutout to help the Indians to a 9-0 victory over the White Sox.

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