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'Loyal Daughters' draws hundreds

Organizers pleased by turnout, performance

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

"Loyal Daughters," a student-written play about sexuality and sexual violence on Notre Dame's campus, debuted Monday night to a packed audience in the Decio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

While play organizers are prohibited from fundraising or charging money for tickets, director Madison Liddy said the play still achieves its goal of promoting awareness, dialogue and then action — a goal that draws from the philosophy behind past performances of "The Vagina Monologues," but in a more campus-specific way.

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Director Madison Liddy, seated, and writer Emily Weisbecker, standing, right, practice during a rehearsal Saturday in DPAC.

Professors, playwright discuss sexual assault

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

As a testament to the discussion-sparking ability of the student-controlled play, "Loyal Daughters," the panel discussion following its Monday night premiere had to be cut short in the interest of time — almost 90 minutes after the play ended.

The panel — modeled after the kind added to last year's performances of "The Vagina Monologues" — included anthropology professor Cynthia Mahmood, philosophy professor Jim Sterba, Associate Director of the University Counseling Center Rita Donley, "Loyal Daughters" playwright Emily Weisbecker and history professor Gail Bederman.

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SUB deals with leaks, glitches

Stepan problems plague Folds Show

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

As his song goes, Ben Folds' audience at his sold-out show Friday could have simply said "give me my money back" when multiple leaks sprung in the Stepan Center ceiling during the performance.

"Anybody who was at the concert could see there was [rain] water dripping constantly over the stage and all throughout the place," said Student Union Board (SUB) manager Patrick Vassel.

He said one of his main areas of concern was the leak located directly above the left side of the stage, where some sensitive sound equipment was located.

Vassel said SUB organizers used 10-foot pop-up tents and plastic bags to cover soundboards and computers that could not afford to get wet. "Constant mopping" took care of some of the puddles that formed backstage as the rain kept coming down throughout the night.

Rumors circulated after the concert that even Folds felt a few raindrops fall on his head.

"Yes, [Folds] might've gotten wet," Vassel said.

But that didn't stop the show from going on.

"[Folds] and all of his people were very professional — and although they all had something to say about the leaks — they were very cooperative and helped us handle all the challenges that came up," Vassel said.

Such challenges also included the onstage breakdown of a piano

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Journalist highlights conflicts in Caucasus

War correspondent addresses violence in Chechnya, abroad

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Journalist Thomas Goltz highlighted the many aspects of conflict in the Caucasus in what he referred to as a "potpourri presentation" entitled "The Chechen National Disaster and Other Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Caucasus" at the Snite Museum of Art Monday.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, film clips and his 20 years experience as a freelance jour-

nalist, Goltz relayed his knowledge on violence in a territory that is "hellishly complex in terms of ethnicity and nationalism."

Much of the conflict in areas like Chechnya, Goltz said, is a result of "the concept of self-determination against the territorial integrity of the existing state."

As a war correspondent, Goltz traveled to a small town in Chechnya, placing himself at the heart of violence between Chechens and Russians at a time where there were no cell phones or audio radios.

"I could go deep and be out of radio contact for weeks at a time," he said.

Goltz shared the footage he

filmed of the violence that ensued as the small Chechnyan farm town tried to preserve its independence from the encroaching Russian army.

"You had to get as close to the coal face as possible, even if that meant risking your life," he said.

In addition to sharing knowledge about the post-Soviet Caucasus through his journalistic work, Goltz also showed a PowerPoint presentation he uses at the University of Montana, where he works as a visiting scholar.

The presentation included a brief history of the Caucasus region, photographs from Goltz's expeditions and plugs for several books on the subject, including Goltz's own "Azerbaijan

Diary," "Chechnya Diary" and "Georgia Diary."

He also showed photographs that depicted major events within the region.

Goltz, who at one time traveled as a one-man Shakespeare show through Africa, said he didn't start out with the intention of being a war correspondent but became one by default as "little conflicts between people began getting larger."

Goltz has written for major publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal.

The Program in Russian and East European Studies

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Steves offers advice, personal stories about travel abroad

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

For travel expert Rick Steves — a man who has "spent one-third of his adult life living out of a suitcase" — getting people to "feel the pulse of Europe" is not a difficult task.

"Travel is such a beautiful opportunity," Steves told a packed auditorium in McKenna Hall Monday, when he gave his lecture "How to Travel Smart."

Steves spoke on "how to experience Europe through the back door," stressing that Americans traveling abroad will get the most out of the experience if they are unafraid to immerse themselves in local culture.

Too often, Steves said, tourists get caught up in the marketing

efforts of the travel industry.

"We [American travelers] are really victims of the promotional budget," he said. "When you travel, you want to experience that European love of life ... get out of the economy and become part of the party."

In order to find that party, Steves said travelers need to "get off the beaten path." He said tour buses prevent travelers from seeing some of Europe's most beautiful and interesting places.

Steves said Cinque Terra — the five villages on the Italy's West Coast — are practically unchanged from 800 years ago. And with no tour bus access or upscale resorts, he said, visitors to the beautiful seaside villages will not have to deal with the "worst kind of travelers — those

that need the five star hotels."

Steves lauded Eastern Europe as the "new frontier" and said it was "a festival of entrepreneurial spirit."

For Steves, straying from more traditional European travel destinations to explore places like Krakow, Budapest and Turkey has been rewarding.

But culture shock can be a concern, Steves said. He advised potential travelers in the audience to "start mild then go exotic ... start in London and end up in Turkey."

Steves also talked about travel as a gateway to increased cultural understanding. His trips to Turkey have dispelled many Western misconceptions, he said.

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ANNA AMBERKAR/The Observer

Travel expert Rick Steves addresses smart traveling techniques before a large crowd in McKenna Hall Monday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Me and sports ... when did that happen?

Me, cheering my head off at a sporting event? If you had put my name and sports in the same sentence three months ago, you would have been met with blank stares of confusion and peals of laughter.

Gretchen Moore
Photographer

In high school, I went to a grand total of four football games, three basketball games (Lawrence North Wildcats, Indiana state champs for the last three years) and a handful of other sporting events. When I was forced to attend these events, I went, sat down in the stands, ate my hot dog and went home. It just wasn't my thing.

All that changed the minute I walked into the Notre Dame Stadium before the Penn State game. Since that fateful day, I have had every weekend completely consumed by Notre Dame football. I have adorned myself in beads, covered my face in tattoos of leprechauns, cheered until I lost my voice and allowed myself to be pushed up into the air 31 times. Notre Dame football, what else is there to say?

It has been the most awesome thing I have experienced. It is a four-hour roller coaster ride, sometimes ending in sadness, but mostly ending in complete excitement and, once, with a little dancing in Clarke Memorial Fountain. It has given me the most exciting and thrilling first semester of college that I could have ever hoped for.

It is not just football that I have completely fallen in love with, but sports in general. I have spent my afternoons at the soccer field, my Friday night in the JACC, cheering on the hockey team, and Monday nights supporting my roommate's awesome dodgeball team, Barbie and Friends.

I have given my Sundays to standing out in the cold, rooting on the Morrissey Manorites as they climbed their way to the head of the pack, and next Sunday you will see me at the Stadium cheering them on to victory in the men's Interhall football championship.

As my friends look at pictures of me covered in beads and tattoos, wearing my Tradition shirt with pride, their faces filled with confusion, I only tell them one thing, "It is Notre Dame ... what can I say."

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, University spokesman Dennis Brown was misquoted in the article "Loyal Daughters debuts at DPAC" in the Nov. 13 edition of The Observer. Brown was incorrectly quoted saying "schematics" when he said "semantics." The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please call us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SKILL DO YOU WISH YOU HAD AND WHY?



Tyler Langdon
junior
Dillon

"Speaking English good."



Catherine Kane
sophomore
Welsh Family

"The ability to stretch time so I can fit more activities into my day."



Pat Flavin
grad student
off campus

"The skill to make Florida, Arkansas and Rutgers lose and put Notre Dame into the championship."



Robbie Barany
sophomore
Fisher

"Mind reading, so I could tell if you were a Ninja spy."



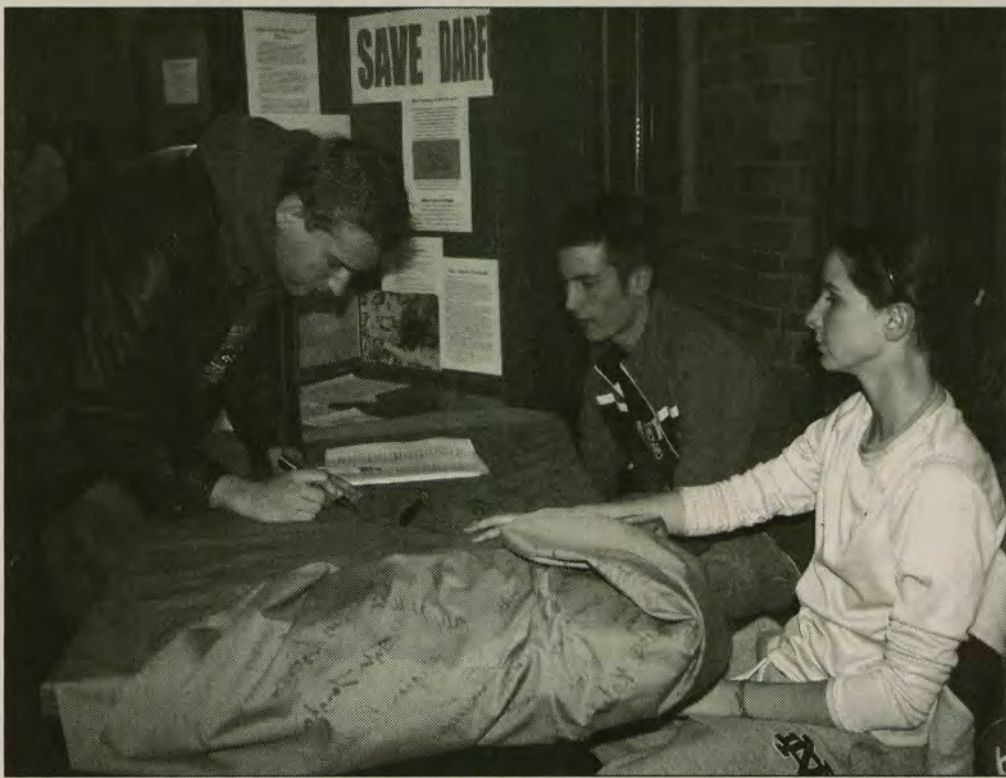
Brendan Devitt
sophomore
Dillon

"I wish I could remember what I did when I was drunk."



Anna Jones
sophomore
Walsh

"I wish I had basketball skills, so I could get issued gear."



Denise Baron and John Firth, both involved in the Darfur Project, watch Daniel Geffre sign a green flag representing peace, solidarity, justice and action in Darfur Monday. The flag, which has "Save Darfur" written in the center, will be sent to Indiana Senator Richard Lugar.

IN BRIEF

Travel writer and PBS personality Rick Steves will give the lecture "The Value of Travel in Shaping a Global Perspective" today at 4:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College of Business. This talk will focus on Steves' philosophy about the need for Americans to broaden their global perspective through travel.

Kumar Vemaganti, professor of mechanical, industrial and nuclear engineering at the University of Cincinnati, will present a seminar entitled "Characterization of Modeling of Biomaterial and Tissue" today at 3:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

As part of the University's celebration of International Education Week, a Fairly-Traded Gifts Event will run today through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center's Dooley Room. It features handcrafts, available for purchase, from developing countries and offers an opportunity to learn more about fair-trade practices and the artisans who produce these goods.

Diego Abente Brun, former senator of Paraguay and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Dilemmas of Democracy in a Small South American Country" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Inmate allegedly urged to strip for pie

ADRIAN, Mich. — Two Lenawee County Jail officers have been fired after authorities say they urged an inmate to strip and run naked around his cellblock in exchange for a piece of cherry pie. "We took decisive action," Sheriff Larry Richardson told The Daily Telegraph.

Richardson said firing of the officers - two of the jail's best employees - was recommended by the county's labor attorney. Richardson said he learned of the incident in a letter from another

inmate.

The sheriff's department said Sunday that the names of the officers weren't being released.

Union officials have challenged the firings, saying the punishment was too severe. Union local president Deputy Michael Osborne said it's not normal procedure to fire such employees after a single incident.

Police nab suspect in air conditioner

HOUSTON — A burglary suspect tried something very uncool, trying to hide in an air conditioning unit

at a Houston shopping center on Monday.

At first, officers who responded to the burglar alarm couldn't find anyone. But, they later noticed the man atop the building and summoned a ladder truck.

Officer John Dickerson said the suspect was nabbed inside an air conditioning unit. Copper wire was stripped from several other industrial AC units at the complex.

Charges are pending.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 46 LOW 40	HIGH 36 LOW 31	HIGH 47 LOW 39	HIGH 42 LOW 33	HIGH 45 LOW 33	HIGH 42 LOW 30

Atlanta 65 / 48 Boston 59 / 51 Chicago 46 / 40 Denver 47 / 23 Houston 80 / 64 Los Angeles 66 / 56 Minneapolis 42 / 29 New York 57 / 50 Philadelphia 59 / 46 Phoenix 78 / 57 Seattle 49 / 44 St. Louis 58 / 44 Tampa 77 / 62 Washington 58 / 49

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Spirit Week concludes with pep rally Friday

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members discussed Hall Spirit Week and the College-hosted Notre Dame-Army pep rally at their meeting Monday.

LeMans Hall kicked off the Spirit Week yesterday morning with free donuts and juice in its main hall, Residence Hall Association president Amy Dardinger said.

Events have been organized by each residence hall to celebrate Spirit Week. The week culminates with Friday's pep rally, which the College is co-hosting with Notre Dame dorms Sorin, Breen-Philips and Carroll.

"[Student Activities Board] has made tattoos for the pep rally which will be distributed in the dining hall on Thursday night," Student Activities Board president Claudia Toth said.

Students are asked to meet in front of the Welcome Center at 4:30 p.m. to walk over to the pep rally Friday afternoon, Toth said.

The group also discussed the creation of "to-go mugs," said Student Services commissioner Kelly Maus, who has been working with Sodexo, the College's food service provider.

"The mugs have been ordered and they will be on sale [after Thanksgiving break]," Maus said. "We ordered 500 of them and we

hope to sell them for eight dollars each."

The proceeds from the mug sales will benefit the Senior Board's "12 Days of Christmas" event, which raises money to help local families buy Christmas presents and decorations during the holidays.

In other BOG news:

♦The Student Diversity Board (SDB)-sponsored Hunger Banquet is taking place today on campus, SDB president Angeline Johnson said. Sodexo has pledged to donate the cost of dinner of each student participating to Heifer International, a hunger organization.

♦SDB is hosting a semi-formal charity dance Friday featuring international music in the student center lounge, Johnson said. The cost for attending the dance is five dollars.

♦20 clubs will host "12 Days of Christmas" events after Thanksgiving break. Ticket booklets to attend these events are being sold in the student center atrium for five dollars through next week.

♦A senior cooking class and wine tasting is planned for Nov. 28, senior class president Kathleen Kindt said. Reservations are required due to limited space. The cost is five dollars.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Resolution voting delayed

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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The Campus Life Council (CLC) voted Monday to rework a Student Senate-generated resolution that seeks to improve life for Notre Dame's Native American students.

The resolution, written by the Senate Multicultural Affairs committee, passed unanimously at a Nov. 2 Senate meeting. But instead of voting on that resolution, CLC decided Monday to create an ad hoc committee to revise it.

Multicultural Affairs committee chair Destinee DeLemos presented the resolution, which identifies ways to provide resources to the University's Native American student population — about one percent of the student body.

The resolution:

♦Calls for academic departments to free seats for non-majors to take courses on the study of Native American history and culture

♦Recommends the College of Arts and Letters explore the creation of a contemporary Native American issues course.

♦Suggests that University President Father John Jenkins consider appointing a faculty or staff member to serve as an official advisor to Native American students.

♦Calls for University literature and formal University addresses to describe the history of the University with "an

overall sensitivity and respect" for Native Americans' role in that history.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson raised the concern that the proposals listed in the resolution — specifically those that call for changes in academic areas and the creation of an advisory position — are beyond the CLC's scope and abilities.

Further consideration of the proposal, she said, is necessary to clear up issues raised by council members.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik, who led the meeting in student body president Lizzi Shappell's absence, approved a proposal to allow DeLemos to serve on the ad hoc committee. Chief executive assistant Liz Brown, Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer and Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle will join Carson and DeLemos on the committee.

Kellen Lewis, secretary of the Native American Student Association of Notre Dame, joined DeLemos in speaking on behalf of the resolution.

Lewis said the appointment of an advisor to aid Native American students in their transition into college and their progression through the University would be a great service.

"The Native American experience is unique because we are already working against the stigma at home that we should not be going to college," Lewis said. The more common experience is for young Native

Americans to stay on the reservation, he said.

The lack of a special advisor and other resources for Native Americans is "discouraging," Lewis said.

"I know a lot of us sometimes feel as though we should have gone to Stanford or Harvard or Dartmouth, where our group is more taken care of," he said.

Since the resolution was passed by the Senate, it will still proceed to the College of Arts and Letters, but will not be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman until the CLC approves it, Andrichik said.

In other CLC news:

♦Brown, Student Voice and Input task force chair, said she met with Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoup about the creation of a tentatively titled "duLac for Dummies." ResLife will work with her committee to create a pamphlet to make students aware of the major points of duLac and may also create a Web site with the same information, Brown said.

♦Hall Presidents Council co-chair Katie Cordelli, chair of the ad hoc Student Safety task force, said her committee is exploring the possibility of inserting three to five pages of information about safety into Contemporary Topics textbooks for freshmen.

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The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture's Schmitt Lecture Series

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Philip Bess

Professor of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame

Wednesday, November 15
McKenna Hall Auditorium
4:00 PM

In honor of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation

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Almost 40 members of the play's initial audience, cast and crew were present to hear the discussion and add their own questions to the mix.

"For years, people have been saying it's time to tell the truth about sexual assault and [other sexual issues] and this ['Loyal Daughters'] is it," said Bederman, who acted primarily as moderator. "It's what 'The Vagina Monologues' would look like if Notre Dame students spoke."

Mahmood, the first panelist to speak, aimed to put sexual assault at Notre Dame in perspective with the greater global issues of conflict and violence.

"I wanted to salute the brave and honest students who put together a play that was enlightening, entertaining and disturbing for all of us," Mahmood said. "Looking at its comments about American culture — a violent and patriarchal culture — it's unsurprising that rape and sexual assault is prominent here, especially on college campuses."

What was disturbing about "Loyal Daughters," Mahmood said, was its unflinching presentation of the truth, as it placed on stage real stories of "things many of us would rather not know."

"A culture in which male bonding, degrading joking and ritual games are prominent, combined with a culture in which females have issues of self-esteem and a sense of a lack of access to power, becomes a toxic culture in which sexual assault can flourish," she said.

Mahmood then shared her own experience with the "culture of

silence" at Notre Dame, which occurred after last year's Edith Stein conference, when she discussed her own gang rape and torture at the hands of a band of roving police while she was in India. It was the first time she had told the story publicly, and while her story appeared on the front page of the South Bend Tribune, she said she was met with "total silence" from fellow faculty members and administrators.

"It was as if nothing had changed, though I had just told about a horrific episode in my life," Mahmood said. "I didn't know how to interpret their silence. Did they not know what to say? Were they ashamed?"

She pinpointed this silence about sexuality as the starting point for the University's work on the issue.

Sterba took a different approach to the problem, offering, as a "practical philosopher," "something practical that could make things better for women and men" at Notre Dame.

He said many non-stranger rapes are unprotected, first-time sexual encounters often caused by misunderstanding and miscommunication. Therefore, he said, Notre Dame should explicitly prohibit a person from engaging in unprotected sex with someone other than their spouse, unless the couple had had previous unprotected sexual experiences or unless both parties had clearly expressed consent. Punishment for such violation would be dismissal.

"Applying a condom requires some break in the action and allows both people to reassess the situation," Sterba said. "Such a regulation would reduce the incidence of date rape."

He said condom use in this cir-

cumstance at Notre Dame would not necessarily be antithetical to Catholic teaching about contraception, but would be used to protect women and men from rape.

Donley, who spoke from a psychologist's perspective, opened her section by emphasizing "the only way this issue [sexual assault] is ever going to change is if people care about it and stop making assumptions about it."

She said the most dangerous part of Notre Dame was precisely the perception that it was perfectly safe.

"When I first came here, people thought rape only happened if a drunk townie crashed through the gate, grabbed a woman and raped her in the bushes," Donley said.

But, she said, it is clear now that that is certainly not the case — and Notre Dame needs to address that.

Donley then explained the consequences of what she called the campus's "drink and collide" social policy.

"People are not talking to each other, negotiating, and in that is where so much miscommunication and violence end up happening," she said. "If you're with a partner, you need to be making choices and saying them out loud."

There is also a prevalence of stereotypes, she said, pointing out that a virgin is made fun of, but any female with sexual experience is "a slut and a whore," and men are assumed to "want it anytime, anywhere, with anybody."

As the writer behind "Loyal Daughters," Weisbecker invited questions from the audience.

She was asked how putting the play together affected her, through the process of conducting the personal interviews to the

time the performance ended tonight.

"From the start, it was a very emotional experience [...] I was very honored that people were very ready to share their personal, very painful stories with me, but sometimes it was quite difficult to be experiencing their pain with them," she said.

There were several questions about rape statistics and what the trends over the last several decades have looked like.

Bederman said while she thought rape had always occurred on college campuses, she felt it happens far more often now than it did when she was in school because of a different "alcohol culture ... and sexual culture."

Sterba said date rape is one of the most unreported crimes, difficult to prosecute because of set-up of the legal system.

"It really is one person's word against another," Weisbecker said. "Unless you have a handful of steaming sperm, [rape] can be pretty hard to prove."

And the frequent involvement of alcohol in sexual assault cases, Sterba said, makes already blurry lines even grayer.

"Many times, because the woman or man is drunk, there can be the idea that maybe they're consenting," he said. "But think about it this way: if you had signed a contract selling your house while you were drunk, it would be declared legally void. So why would you be able to get sexual consent from an inebriated person?"

Mahmood said when she read "Loyal Daughters," she was surprised not by the level of sexuality involved, but by the level of drinking.

"I guess I thought there'd be more drugs and less drinking,"

she said.

When asked whether Notre Dame and its panel-identified "culture of silence" is "particularly worse" than other universities, Bederman said while drinking and rape are not unique to Notre Dame, other schools have more room to work with when laying out sexual assault policies.

"Other schools, they say, 'This is sexual harassment, these are the rules. If you're going to have sex, wear a condom. If you're going to hit on someone, make sure they're all right with it,'" she said. "But I've heard of people leaving Notre Dame and getting in trouble for sexual harassment in the 'real world,' because there are lines we just can't draw here."

Two more discussions — with new sets of panelists — will follow tonight's and Wednesday's performances of "Loyal Daughters."

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sponsored his presentation, with help from the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures and the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Rick Steves

Public Lecture: "The Value of America Embracing the World" with Introduction by Fr. John Jenkins, CSC

4:30pm; Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

Taste of Asia Dinner

Graduate Student International Dinner, hosted by Fischer-O'Hara-Grace Graduate Residence Halls

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congo police arrest street children

INSHASA, Congo — Scores of homeless children and others living on the streets of Congo's capital have been rounded up and accused of starting a protest that led to violence as an increasingly tense nation awaits presidential election results.

Advocates for street children said those arrested were scapegoats, but Interior Minister Denis Kalume was quoted on state radio Monday as saying the 337 homeless people, including 87 children and 15 mothers, had "provoked this (violence) by disturbing the peace." Kalume said they were being taken outside the capital for "social training."

Violence erupted Saturday between supporters of President Joseph Kabila and Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba, the contenders in a presidential runoff late last month. The governor of the Congolese capital said gun and mortar fire killed three civilians and a soldier in front of Bemba's home — the scene of the weekend fighting.

U.N. gives \$22 million to Darfur

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The United Nations has pledged \$22 million in personnel and equipment to help the overwhelmed African Union force in Darfur as Sudan blocks the world body from sending its own peacekeepers to the war-torn region, a top U.N. official said Monday.

The package includes military and police advisers, communications equipment and tools like night-vision goggles, said Hedi Annabi, the U.N. assistant secretary general for peacekeeping operations. It will be given to the African Union as soon as possible.

The aid has been offered because of Sudan's refusal to allow a U.N. peacekeeping force in Darfur, Annabi told reporters.

NATIONAL NEWS

HHS Chief: Gov't should not price

WASHINGTON — The nation's top health official said Monday the government shouldn't negotiate Medicare drug prices, setting the stage for early confrontation with the new Democratic Congress.

Currently, about 22.5 million seniors and the disabled are enrolled in private insurance plans subsidized by the federal government. The insurers negotiate with pharmaceutical companies over how much they'll pay for drugs covered by their plan.

But Democratic lawmakers have promised a new approach when they take control of Congress in January. They would let the federal government use its massive purchasing power to negotiate the price of drugs used by Medicare beneficiaries. They say such leverage would produce substantial savings that could then be used to improve the overall program.

Veterans' widows sue over symbols

MADISON, Wis. — The widows of two Wiccan combat veterans sued the government Monday, saying the military has dragged its feet on allowing the religion's symbols on headstones.

The Department of Veterans Affairs allows military families to choose any of 38 authorized headstone images. The list includes commonly recognized symbols for Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, as well as those for smaller religions such as Sufism Reoriented, Eckiankar and the Japanese faith Seicho-No-Ie.

LOCAL NEWS

Group says school choice is a priority

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Catholic Conference said one its top priorities for the 2007 legislative session will be school choice — an issue supporters say can help students get a better education, but critics claim funnels taxpayer money away from public schools.

School choice programs, sometimes called vouchers, use public tax money to give parents financial help to send their children to a school of their choice, including private schools.

The conference, the official public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Indiana, said parents from all financial backgrounds should be able to choose the best education for their children.

Giuliani begins presidential bid

Former New York City mayor creates fundraising panel for 2008 election

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, a moderate Republican best known for his stewardship of the city after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, has taken the first step in a 2008 presidential bid, GOP officials said Monday.

The former mayor filed papers to create the Rudy Giuliani Presidential Exploratory Committee, Inc., establishing a panel that would allow him to raise money for a White House run and travel the country.

The four-page filing, obtained by The Associated Press, lists the purpose of the non-profit corporation "to conduct federal 'testing the waters' activity under the Federal Election Campaign Act for Rudy Giuliani."

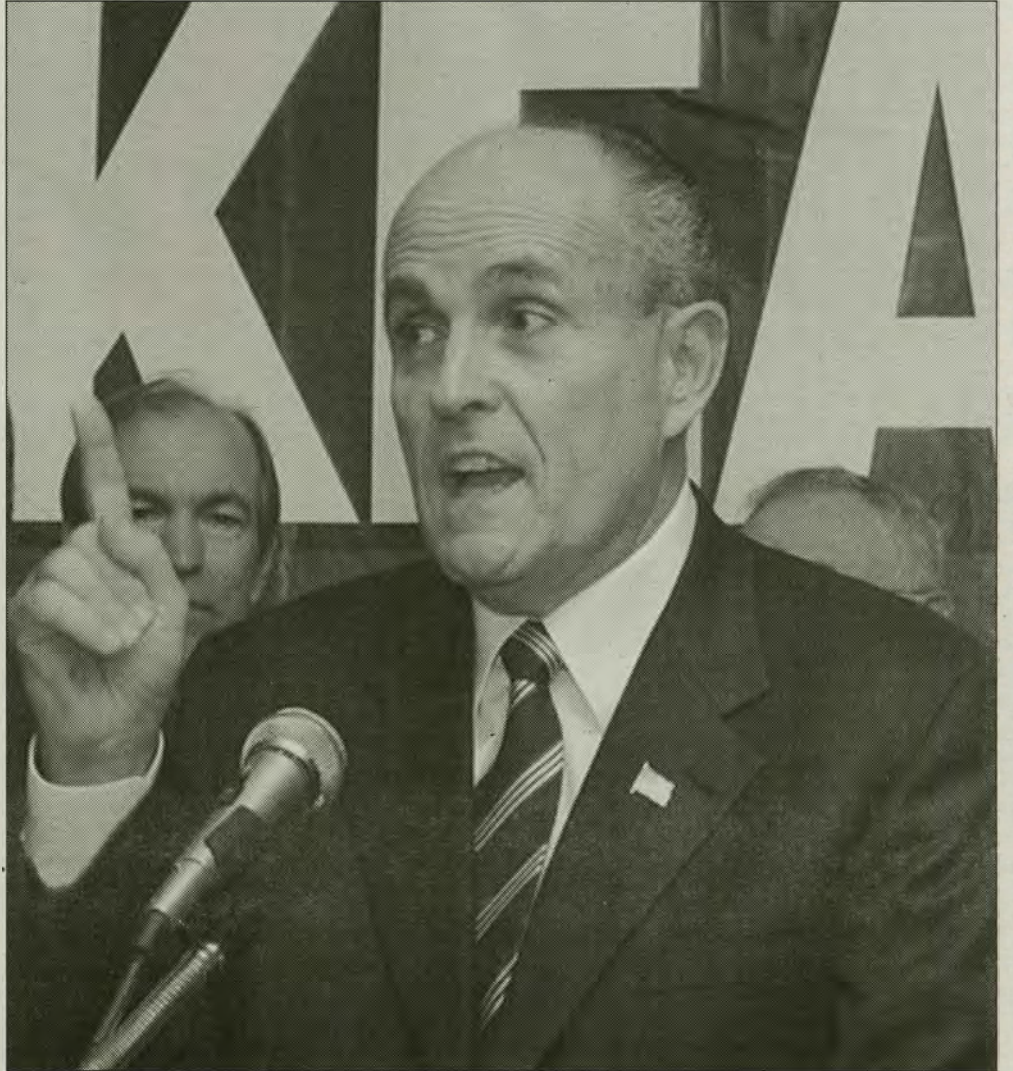
The paperwork, dated last Friday, is signed by Bobby Burchfield, a partner at the DC-based law firm of McDermott Will & Emery, a firm that handles political work.

Giuliani spokeswoman Sunny Mindel declined to comment.

One potential rival for the GOP nomination, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said Sunday he was taking the initial step of setting up an exploratory committee.

Under federal election law, an exploratory committee allows an individual to travel and gauge the level of support for a candidacy without formally declaring themselves a candidate and adhering to all the federal rules of fundraising. An individual who spends money only to test the waters — but not to campaign for office — does not have to register as a candidate under the election law.

Democratic Gov. Tom Vilsack of Iowa has filed to establish a full-blown



Rudy Giuliani speaks during an election day campaign rally in Hackensack, N.J. last Tuesday. Giuliani has taken the first step in a 2008 presidential bid, GOP officials said.

campaign committee and will make a more formal announcement of his candidacy later this month.

Giuliani was widely praised for leading the city during and after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He has said for months that he would wait until the end of the 2006 elections to decide whether to embark on a White House bid.

The former mayor is a moderate who supports gun control, same-sex civil unions, embryonic stem-cell research and abortion rights — stands that would put him at odds with the majority of the GOP conservative base.

Giuliani has tried to sidestep those differences and offered strong praise for Bush at the 2004 GOP convention in New York.

"It doesn't matter what the media does to ridicule him or misinterpret him or defeat him. They ridiculed Winston Churchill. They belittled Ronald Reagan. But like President Bush, they were optimists. Leaders need to be optimists. Their vision is beyond the present, and it's set on a future of real peace and security," Giuliani said.

"Some call it stubbornness. I call it principled leadership."

In 2006, the Giuliani brand remained strong.

He headlined fundraisers for Republican candidates nationwide and his travel has done little to deny 2008 ambitions. During a visit earlier this month to Columbia, S.C., Giuliani dodged the question: "There's a chance, but that's after this election is over."

He then left South Carolina for New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary and another GOP fundraiser.

Giuliani enjoys strong name recognition and roughly the same level of support as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and McCain in early polling. Rice has insisted that she will not run.

IRAQ

U.S., Iraq discuss Syria and Iran

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. Central Command chief confronted Iraq's prime minister on Monday over how Iraqi forces would halt raging violence and signaled a possible prelude to shifts in American policy on engaging Iran and Syria.

The meeting came as sectarian attacks killed at least 90 people throughout Iraq, 46 of them showing signs of torture. The U.S. military announced the deaths of four additional American soldiers.

Gen. John Abizaid, commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East, sternly warned Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

that he must disband Shiite militias and give the United States proof that they were disarmed, according to senior Iraqi government officials with knowledge of what the two men discussed.

One of the militias, the Mahdi Army, is loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. On Monday night, U.S. forces raided the homes of al-Sadr's followers and U.S. jets fired rockets on their northwest Baghdad neighborhood of Shula, residents said. Police said five residents were killed, though a senior al-Sadr aide put the death toll at nine. The U.S. military said it had no comment.

In their meeting, Abizaid also asked the Iraqi leader to give the U.S. military

a firm timetable for when Iraq's security forces could take full control of the country, the officials said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks.

Al-Maliki has been pressing the U.S. to move more quickly to hand security affairs over to his army, claiming it could crush violence in the country within six months. On Monday, Abizaid asked the prime minister to give a detailed explanation of how he would do that. The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, recently said it would take 12 to 18 months before Iraqi security forces were ready to control the whole country with some U.S. backup.

Stepan

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that was not set up properly by the SUB's production company and volunteers.

Vassel said a pedal was not entirely tightened, causing a part of the piano to come off while Folds was performing. The mistake was quickly corrected without disturbing the program.

If Folds was upset by these shortcomings, he hid it well, remaining good-humored throughout the evening, Vassel said.

He lightheartedly referred to the Stepan Center as a "geodesic dome" at various points during the concert.

"There are some areas in the building that are barely held together," Vassel said.

He said there was one particular leak directly over the back of the

stage that was bigger than all the rest, but it didn't interfere with Folds' performance because there were only three musicians playing — and they were conveniently positioned closer to the audience.

"There were puddles right behind the drummer," Vassel said.

However, SUB organizers were prepared for the possibility of rain and leakage, as they received a map of the venue prior to the show depicting all the known leaks and cracks in the ceiling, which have been there for a number of years.

Vassel recalled the 2003 Everclear concert in the Stepan Center, when the band almost refused to play because there were leaks throughout the venue.

Earlier this year, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves announced at a Student Senate meeting the University's plans to construct a new venue on the site of the Stepan Center.

"Imagine writing an exam when

it doesn't rain on your paper," he said.

Similarly, Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman included renovations to both the Stepan Center — which was built in 1962 — and the LaFortune Student Center as "priorities" in Notre Dame's campus expansion in the coming years.

While serious ideas about replacing the Stepan Center have been tossed around since 2003 — when former University President Father Edward Malloy first announced his "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" strategy proposal — the project had yet to move past the early development stages when Folds performed.

Poorman said in 2005 that he expected to have "a very preliminary rendering of what the building might look like" soon, but no major announcement regarding the new student activities center were made after his statement.

Vassel said he believes the Stepan renovations had been postponed for years partly because the venue is utilized sporadically every semester and filled to its maximum capacity at most a handful of times every year.

"The building is rarely used," he said. "It's not like you have the place packed every weekend."

Last year, the only times when the Stepan Center was completely filled were during two SUB productions — Vince Vaughn's comedy show and the Pat Green concert.

"It's kind of ridiculous to have a sold-out concert at the University of Notre Dame and a great artist like Ben Folds, and then picking a venue that is leaking all over, but the only other place on campus that can seat more than 1,000 people is the Joyce Center, and we didn't have the budget to rent it," Vassel said. "In these cases, sometimes you just have to go with

what you have if you really want to bring the artist to the students."

Students, too, noticed the leaks and some were embarrassed about Folds' recognition of the problem.

"While he made jokes about it and had the entire audience laughing about it, that's not the kind of thing you would expect from a university like Notre Dame," junior Alejandra Diaz-Calderon said.

Some students were optimistic and recognized that the situation could have been worse.

"At least the concert wasn't outside," sophomore Tony Piskurich said.

Despite these shortcomings, Vassel said Folds' concert was the "smoothest" event in his experience because all the glitches encountered were quickly addressed and fixed.

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Play

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John Jenkins questioned the place of the "Monologues" Notre Dame last spring, the ensuing 10 weeks of heated debate divided the campus, except on one major point — the need to find ways to combat sexual assault.

"Loyal Daughters" was one of the ways that emerged from the discussion. And with a packed house on the first night, Liddy said she was pleased to have conveyed the play's ideas to so many people.

"That's three hundred and something people that got to see and hear stories of Notre Dame students and students around them, so the big deal is to create awareness," she said.

"Loyal Daughters" emerged from the more than 50 interviews senior Emily Weisbecker conducted with Notre Dame students, faculty and staff members about the presence of sexuality and sexual assault on Notre Dame's campus. These interviews resulted in 24 skits that touch on topics ranging from rape and drinking to virginity and self-defense.

"I think the fact that it tells stories about Notre Dame — they are true stories from our campus — makes it very close to home and that is something that can't be touched on by any other play, because these are students right now," said Weisbecker, who wrote and directed the production. "It just makes it very real — it makes it more urgent."

Sophomore Sarah Way, who attended the "Monologues" last year, agreed with "Loyal Daughters" organizers that stories pulled directly from Notre Dame's campus had a bigger impact.

"I thought students can relate to it a lot better," Way said. "In general, it was a better atmosphere for the Notre Dame culture."

After the show, student body president Lizzy Shappell said hearing the stories from the Notre Dame perspective made the issues more personal.

"Obviously the nature of the play is that it comes from Notre Dame students and I think that makes it more personal to our campus, and I think that makes the problem more real for us," she said.

Senior Tricia Moyer attended the performance Monday and said she thought the play should "definitely" be continued at Notre Dame.

"I think it brings open a lot of things that need to be discussed," Moyer said. "I think that people who don't want things like this to be present on campus — I don't think that does any good because it closes off discussions that need

to be opened up."

President of Notre Dame Right to Life Mary Liz Walter, who said she could not speak on behalf of the group, called the play "interesting" but recommended some edits and revisions if it is performed in the future.

"I'd say that 'Loyal Daughters' is more fitting for the Notre Dame setting [than the 'Monologues'], though I can't say I think it's the best," Walter said.

Several audience members, including Shappell, commented on the effectiveness of the second-to-last skit, titled "Loyal Children." More than 20 cast members stood on the stage and around the theater wearing black tape over their mouths as, one by one, they removed their tape and told an instance of sexual violence that had been perpetrated against their character.

Way said the scene that struck her most was "Touchdown Jesus," in which a student is sexually assaulted by a football player in the library. Way called the skit "graphic" and "intense," adding that the show addresses important issues and should be staged at Notre Dame in the future.

The presence of men in the skits and the sharing of their stories about sexual violence was a valuable addition, Weisbecker said.

She had not originally planned to show the male experience, but said the inclusion of that perspective involves men without always typecasting them as perpetrators.

"It shows that sexual assault is

not just a women's issue — it's everybody's issue," Weisbecker said. "Sometimes with other shows, like 'The Vagina Monologues' or the 'Saint Mary's Monologues,' some people come away from it with the impression that all males are evil."

The presence of men in "Loyal Daughters" broadens the discussion rather than limiting it to women, Shappell said.

"Men can and should be allies in this process in bringing this issue to light and they can be victims as well," she said.

A written statement from Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown restated Notre Dame's zero tolerance attitude regarding all forms of sexual assault and violence. Brown described "Loyal Daughters" as one way Notre Dame combats violence against women.

"Those student survivors of sexual assault merit our gratitude for sharing their painful stories in this way," Brown said in his statement.

The statement summarized the programs and activities Notre Dame offers to prevent sexual violence — including the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, the Gender Relations Center and Men Against Violence — and encouraged victims of sexual violence to come forward and seek the help of Notre Dame's health, counseling or police resources.

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Travel

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"I have learned so much from visiting Turkey, a moderate Islamic nation, and meeting the people there," he said.

While Steves encouraged his audience to visit destinations not traditionally promoted by the travel industry, he also recognized that most people do want to see sights and places on the more "beaten" path.

Traveling to popular tourist destinations, he said, simply requires smart planning.

He said that the best times to see destinations usually teeming with tourists are in the early morning or in the evening — "when all of the tour buses have been loaded."

When visiting any destination in Europe, Steves said, "You owe it to yourself to read up on a little history."

"Just because it's B.C. doesn't mean it must be seen — choose your sights wisely," he said.

Steves cautioned travelers who are tempted to see Europe through a camera lens. "You need to be psychologically there when you travel — that should be your goal. Stow your camera," he said.

He also had plenty of practical advice for keeping travelers safe and comfortable while abroad and in transit between countries.

"In Europe there are two kinds of travelers — those who travel light and those who wished they traveled light," Steves said. He recommended "packing for the best situation," contrary to the popular tendency to "pack for the worst."

As for how Sept. 11 has affected the way people travel, Steves said this is one of journalists' favorite questions to ask — one, he said, that frustrates him.

"It is safe to travel," he said. "Every year, many more people are killed in the U.S. by handguns than they are traveling abroad. Statistically, it's not dangerous to travel — it's more dangerous to stay here."

Even if many Europeans disagree with current U.S. foreign policy, Steves said, that doesn't mean they dislike Americans.

"People love the concept of Americans — that hasn't changed," he said. "You can go wherever you want and be liked as an individual."

Steves has written numerous travel guidebooks and hosted more than 100 travel programs on public television. He is a syndicated columnist for the op-ed pages of USA Today, and his company takes thousands of people around Europe annually. The local PBS affiliate, WNIT, broadcasts Steves' show every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

Wall Street shows gains ahead of data

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its November rally into a new week Monday, betting that an upcoming series of economic reports will show strength in the overall economy with inflation contained.

Comments from Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Richard Fisher put investors at ease about upcoming economic and retail sales reports. He said the economy continues to grow strongly, and he did not indicate that inflation was presenting a problem.

Stocks have risen six out of the past seven weeks as oil prices continued to tumble, helping lift sectors that typically are large energy consumers. Lower energy prices are also viewed as a boost for consumers, especially heading into the holiday shopping period.

"There is a tremendous amount of momentum built into the market," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist for Weeden & Co. "We've had a good run, we've consolidated, and we need this acceleration going into the holidays."

He pointed out that technology stocks continue to drive the market higher, with both Intel Corp. and Dell Inc. pushing the Nasdaq near to a 6-year high. Merck & Co. helped lead the Dow Jones industrials after it said one of its painkillers did not result in increased risk of heart attacks.

Companies plan to help uninsured

WASHINGTON — Health insurance companies proposed a \$300 billion plan Monday aimed at getting coverage for all uninsured children in three years and for most adults within 10.

The plan includes tax breaks for the working poor and increased government spending by the government for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

"This bold program would expand coverage to tens of millions within a framework that is fiscally sound and promotes individual responsibility," said J. Grover Thomas Jr., board chairman of America's Health Insurance Plans.

The largest of the tax breaks would go for universal health accounts. Individuals could set aside up to \$2,000 a year and families up to \$4,000 and use the money to pay for any type of health insurance, not just plans that require patients to pay significant upfront costs.

Organized labor pushes agenda

Unions vote and support House Democrats 2-to-1, expect results come January

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unions spent more than \$100 million getting out the vote, knocked on millions of doors and delivered Election Day support to Democrats running for the House by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

Now organized labor is spelling out what it wants from the new Democratic Congress.

The priorities include raising the minimum wage, expanding health care and improving pension protections.

Union workers voted Democratic in the House races, 67 percent to 30 percent. And others in union households voted almost as strongly Democratic, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the networks.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney sees the elections as a "mandate for a union agenda."

Likewise, says Bill Samuel, legislative director for the AFL-CIO, "we have an opportunity to push our agenda for working families."

Organized labor will press for an increase in the minimum wage — the most likely item to be passed because President Bush may go along with it if certain benefits are included for small businesses.

Labor also:

◆Wants changes in the Medicare prescription drug program to introduce price negotiations with pharmaceutical companies.

◆Seeks to change bankruptcy laws that allow companies to abandon pension and health care commitments to workers.

◆Opposes trade agreements that don't protect workers' rights.

The unions also will push for improved mining safety laws, increased retirement protections and expanded health care.

"One of the best ways we can address stagnating wages and lost pensions



Actor Brad Pitt, left, joins AFL-CIO executive Maria Elena Durazo at a news conference in support for Proposition 87 oil tax at the organization's headquarters on Monday.

and health care is to restore the bargaining power of workers," Samuel said.

The most effective way to restore that bargaining power, he said, is passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, which would allow formation of a union once there is majority support and increase penalties for management violations of efforts to organize. Current procedures that call for an election can be drawn out by managers to allow time to campaign aggressively against formation of a union, he said.

The AFL-CIO executive council meets Tuesday to discuss various issues, including the legislative agenda.

The aggressive stance is a sharp turnaround from the past few years.

"There were days during the last six years when we were in a defensive crouch protecting 60 years of workplace advances," Samuel said.

Organized labor clearly expects the Democratic Congress to help pass pro-worker legislation after an unprecedented get-out-the-vote effort.

Organized labor spent an unprecedented amount of money for midterm elections on its get-out-the-vote effort — \$40 million by the AFL-CIO alone — with 187,000 union volunteers in the AFL-CIO program knocking on more than 3 million doors in the final

four days. Labor did more microtargeting of voters, but the most effective technique was still worker-to-worker contact.

After a union split in 2005 that some projected would cripple the labor movement, the seven breakaway unions in the Change to Win federation also put together an ambitious election program, some of it coordinated with the AFL-CIO. The aggressive political effort comes at a time that organized labor has been shrinking.

When the AFL-CIO merged in the 1950s, one of every three private-sector workers belonged to a labor union. Now, only about 8 percent of private-sector workers are unionized.

Republican fundraiser convicted

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A former GOP fundraiser was convicted Monday of embezzling from a rare-coin investment fund in a scandal that contributed to the rout of Ohio's Republican Party on Election Day.

Tom Noe, a coin dealer and former Republican fundraiser, was convicted of 29 of the 40 counts against him, including theft, corrupt activity, money laundering, forgery and tampering with records.

The corrupt activity charge was the most serious, carrying a mandatory 10-year prison sentence.

The scandal surrounding the investment became a political liability for the

GOP in Tuesday's election. Voters elected Democrats to the governor's office, a U.S. Senate seat and three of four other statewide offices after 12 years of Republican rule.

Noe stood still and stared straight ahead when the verdicts were announced. He nodded when the judge said he would be taken into custody. He did not look at jurors while the judge asked them to confirm their verdicts.

After Noe was taken from the courtroom in handcuffs, his wife, Bernadette, and their three children huddled together and hugged in a front row.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation gave Noe \$25 million in 1998, followed by another \$25 million

in 2001 to invest in rare coins.

Noe, 52, was accused of using some of the money to pay off business loans and finance a lavish lifestyle. Prosecutors did not say whether he used the money to make campaign contributions to Republicans, including President Bush.

Defense attorneys declined to comment after Monday's verdict. During the trial, they insisted Noe had permission to invest the money and that the coin fund produced \$7.9 million in profits over seven years.

Separately, Noe pleaded guilty to funneling \$45,000 to Bush's re-election campaign and was sentenced in September to two years and three months in federal prison.

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Preserving cultural unity

While they were hardly the focus of the nation's attention last Tuesday, there was no shortage of noteworthy and interesting ballot measures in the 2006 midterm elections. Tellingly, six states, including Ohio and Colorado, voted to increase the local minimum wage above the Federal rate. My home state of Michigan banned the use of affirmative action. (For the record, I voted against it.) And in Arizona, for the first time, English was declared the official language of the state.

Arizona is by no means the first state to declare English as its official language, which is why the measure received only passing media attention. In total, 27 states now have some form of law which makes English their official language, most of which were passed within the last quarter century. However, it is worth noting that there are three states, Louisiana (French), Hawaii (Hawaiian), and New Mexico (Spanish) that are officially bilingual. Nevertheless, Arizona is still significant, if only because, along with Texas, it was one of the two remaining states on the US-Mexican border without an official language.

I am a linguistic descriptionist insofar as I see fluidity as the primary strength of a language, as opposed to the prescriptionist viewpoint, which holds that languages should follow formal rules. This is largely because I take the view that an individual's first language forms a unique psychological (and perhaps even spiritual) component of his or her identity. The role of the original language within the psyche can never be duplicated. Inexorably, our first language defines the limits of our

thoughts, has a significant role in delineating the self, and provides a foundational component for our artistic and musical sensibilities.

In short, a native language is both vital and profoundly personal.

As a consequence of this view, I hold very strong opinions on language in general. I consider the destruction of a language to be an act of genocide, and I am not alone in this definition. I strongly oppose (and indeed find insulting) the use of Latin as a core component of the Catholic Mass. I see linguistic purity as a form of stagnation. And, for a very long time I strongly opposed the establishment of English as the nation's official language.

At least, that is what I believed until this past summer, when pragmatism forced me to reverse my ideas.

America, on the whole, is not the best place to develop opinions about an official language, because the nation does not have many strong cultural isolationist groups. Certainly such groups exist (the German speaking Amish are an excellent example), but they have never comprised a significant percentage of the nation, nor have they exerted any major influences on our political or social landscape.

However, in Europe this is not the case. In recent decades the European continent has seen an enormous influx of Muslim immigrants, many of whom have brought with them a strong isolationist attitude that seeks separation between Muslims and non-Muslims. During the spring of 2006, Paris was burning in a series of labor riots. Ostensibly they were caused by angry youths who were unhappy with legislation that made it easier to terminate them. However, the fact that the vast majority of unemployed youth in France are Muslim cannot be overlooked.

Part of the unemployment rate is the fault of the French government for not having stronger affirmative action policies, but part of it is also a result of the

isolationist culture that the Muslim youth inherited. The immigrants and their children, partly because of linguistic isolation, found it nearly impossible to integrate with the urbane and secular society of France. Labor laws were only one spark in a major culture war.

Language is a core component of cultural assimilation, and the separation of language is essential to maintaining an isolationist subculture. America has always been lucky, in that it has largely had to assimilate people who already wanted to become part of its culture, and who had no qualms about reconsidering their beliefs in an American light. However, France made me realize that this is not something that can be relied upon. If America should find it self needing to integrate a major group that resists this incorporation, then it is unlikely that this will succeed without a unified linguistic front. Then we will have our own version of Europe's morass.

Without a common linguistic heritage there can be no socio-political unity, and we will eventually find ourselves unable to agree on the basic tenants of our culture: the equality of persons, the value of science, political skepticism and genuine liberty. By the time I was in junior high the term "melting pot" was no longer politically correct. However, it is time that the melting pot returns. Language is precious, and must be protected, but so is unity, and having an official national language is a reasonable compromise to help ensure that unity.

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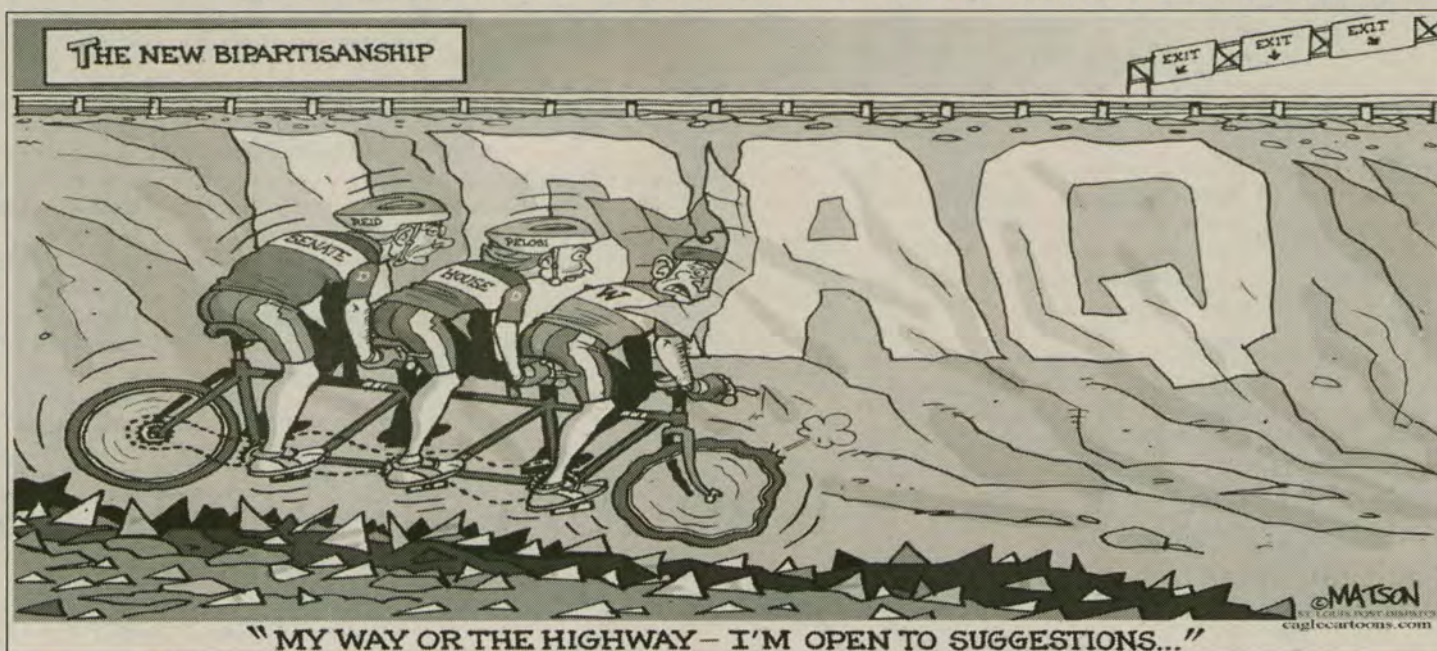
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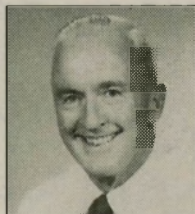
Thomas Carlyle
philosopher

World population trends

The United States population reached 100 million in 1915, 200 million in 1967 and, according to the Census Bureau, 300 million Oct. 17, 2005 at about 7:45 a.m. The Bureau sees a net increase of one person every 11 seconds, reaching 400 million around 2043.

We have no idea whether the 300 millionth was a newborn or an immigrant. But it led some to revive the warning of Paul Ehrlich, in "The Population Bomb," in 1960, that we will "breed ourselves into oblivion." The reality is more complicated.

The economic and social problems of the world are not due to an absolute excess of people. If you took all 6.6 billion people in the world and gave each one six square feet to stand on, you could fit them all (I am not suggesting this) into 35 percent of the land area of Los Angeles County and you would have 2641 square miles of that county left over. Advocates of "zero population growth" regard each new life as a threat. As Julian Simon, Colin Clark and other demographers have shown, each new human being is not only a consumer but



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Right or Wrong?

also a potential producer with an intellect and will as well as an appetite. Overcrowding, poverty and disease are attributable more to political and other causes than to overpopulation.

The emerging problem is the "demographic winter" in Europe, Japan, Russia and some other nations. A fertility rate of 2.1 is needed for a population to replenish itself. The rate for the 25 nations of the European Union is 1.5. Only France is increasing, with a rate of 1.94, second only to Ireland's falling rate of 1.99. Islamic and other immigrants to the E.U. exceed 2 million a year.

The decline in fertility is widespread. The rate in India is down to 2.85, China 1.69, and 1.38 in Japan which in 2005 experienced its first recorded decline in population. Russia is projected to decline from 140 million people today to about 104 million in 2050. The United Nations Population Division estimates that the population of affluent nations will remain stable at 1.2 billion through 2050 while the population of comparatively poor nations will triple to about 7.8 billion.

"The problem with low fertility," warned Peter McDonald, of Australian National University, in 2001, "is that it reduces population size ... only among the young [and] ... creates a momentum for future population decline.... The longer low fertility is main-

tained, the harder it becomes to reverse population decline [Governments] will need to deal with ... impacts of low fertility, namely shrinking labor forces."

The United States fertility rate is 2.07, with 1.8 for non-Hispanic whites, 2.2 for blacks and 2.9 for Hispanics. The U.S. population over age 65 will rise from 12.3 percent today to 20.6 percent by 2050. Those who are age 80 or over will rise from 3.6 percent to 7.3 percent. "Our worker-to-retiree ratio is already at a dangerous three to one," notes Joseph D'Agostino of the Population Research Institute. "By 2050 it will be two to one. And those retirees will be living much longer than they do today." As Stephen Mosher, president of PRI, put it: "America's baby boomers didn't have many children on average, and as a result, our country faces a gray dawn. Even ... high immigration levels haven't made up the difference."

The aging will not be limited to affluent nations. Elderly dependents per 100 working-age people worldwide will go from 17 today to 37 in 2050. In less developed countries, the figures are 13 today and 34 in 2050. One result of this aging will be the legalization or toleration of euthanasia of elderly dependents.

Pope Benedict XVI put all this in context: "[We] are witnessing on a planetary level, and in the developed countries in particular,

two ... interconnected trends: ... an increase in life expectancy and ... a decrease in birthrates... [M]any nations ... lack a sufficient number of young people to renew their population. The situation is the result of ... complex causes ... But its ultimate roots can be seen as moral and spiritual; they are linked to a ... deficit of faith, hope, and, indeed, love. To bring children into the world calls for ... a creative [love] marked by trust and hope in the future. By its nature, love looks to the eternal. Perhaps the lack of such creative and forward-looking love is the reason why many couples today choose not to marry, why so many marriages fail, and why birthrates have significantly diminished."

There may be some who agree with Benedict. "It's barely a blip on the nation's demographic radar," said the Washington Times, "But there seems to be a growing openness to having more than two children, in some cases more than four. The reasons are diverse — from religious to ... 'Why not?'"

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U-WIRE

New fuel is not cost efficient

"Live Green, Go Yellow." That's the slogan American auto manufacturer General Motors has chosen to accompany its new E85 fuel and "flex fuel" vehicles campaigns.

And while GM and other companies around the nation are hyping the benefits of E85, some of us are scratching our heads, asking "why?" Why would we pay for a gasoline alternative that costs more, offers less efficiency and is not as readily available?

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E85 is a mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline by volume. In the United States, corn is the preferred source for ethanol production. Because its ingredients can be grown, ethanol has been viewed as a save-all for our nation's thirsty dependence on foreign oil.

And while proponents of this new "flex fuel" tout the environmentally-friendly aspects as opposed to burning 100 percent gasoline in automobiles, don't go speeding to the local Conoco station carrying E85 just yet.

Because E85 is a new concept in the United States, the disadvantages to ethanol-based fuels are quite large.

According to an article published in USA Today, "the price of E85 is higher than that of gasoline, even though E85 has only 72 percent as much energy." That means that consumers are spending more but getting less.

In addition, a study conducted by the American Coalition for Ethanol found that as the ratio of ethanol to gasoline used in a car's fuel increases, the car's fuel economy (miles per gallon) decreases. That's coming from an organization pushing for widespread use of E85.

Another disappointing downside to ethanol use in automobiles is its availability, or lack thereof.

Currently, only 14 fuel stations in Colorado stock E85. What's more, only 1,000 fuel stations in the entire nation do the same.

The reason availability and cost are issues is due to the transport methods available to move this new fuel. To date, no pipeline exists anywhere in the world to carry E85, even though nations such as Brazil and Sweden have been using ethanol as a fuel for more than 15 years.

Because of its corrosive nature in high concentrations, current pipeline infrastructure used for the moving of gasoline cannot be used to do the same for E85. It must be transported by rail and truck anywhere it is offered, adding to the bottom line cost. So, other than E85, what alternative to gasoline exists? Biodiesel, baby. That's right. Diesel. Biodiesel is another type of biofuel that is produced from soybeans. Unlike E85, vehicles using biodiesel do not see a decrease in fuel efficiency and it is more readily available. Also, no conversion is needed for a diesel engine to run on a blend of diesel and soy-based biodiesel, and the cost is about the same as regular diesel.

The number of vehicles on U.S. highways today that can accept biodiesel are far more than the number that can accept E85. Even projected production numbers of flex-fuel vehicles pale in comparison to the yearly production of diesels. Like E85, this fuel also reduces vehicle emissions and is a product of the U.S. agricultural economy.

Perhaps it is best if we as a country look into other sources of renewable energy rather than flock to the first glimmer of hope. Until I am able to drive the same distance on E85 for what I'm paying for gasoline, I'm not buying.

Maybe by "Live Green" GM really meant, "Here is a new way to spend more money."

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Diversity can be a mixed blessing

Graduating from college can be a ruse. It isn't really so much a culmination of anything as a signal of the start of the quest for even higher education.

So, alas, my desk has turned into a repository of glossy brochures touting various law schools and graduate programs. Catch phrases and buzzwords are prominent throughout, but none more than the amorphous claim of diversity.

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Most institutions tout it all — geographic, intellectual, gender and even racial diversity. But the quest for diversity on college campuses has provided very mixed results. It may be a great recruiting slogan, but the results are quite debatable in practice.

For example, take a recent article in The Economist that focused on a series of stories Daniel Golden has written in the Wall Street Journal. Golden's findings were that elite schools "are not so much engines of social justice as bastions of privilege." Examples abound, including Steven Spielberg's stepdaughter getting an interview from Duke's admissions director at Spielberg's house and Lauren Bush, the president's niece, getting into Princeton despite missing the application deadline by a month.

These cases shouldn't be too surprising, really. Colleges like to showcase first-generation college students from underprivileged families, but those students don't pay the bills. Wealthy alumni and legacy graduates are better able to fund library expansions, building projects and other cash-strapped desires of college administrators.

USF's campus isn't near the precipice of elite status, but rest assured that an attempt to get closer to it is underway. No doubt, the USF Alumni Foundation is feverishly working the phones.

Intellectual diversity has also proved to be a mixed bag in terms of results. The college experience should certainly allow for a diversity of viewpoints, but to promote it so heavily in the classroom can be detrimental.

This type of diversity has the effect of increasing the propensity toward subjective grading. Instead of telling a student they are wrong about a concept, the more accepting classroom environment gives them credit for voicing an erroneous view from past

socialization.

Gender diversity has also found its way into the administration's priority list of things to fix. A story in the Tampa Tribune last week indicated that of the 325 professors who had tenure or expected to earn it last year, only 72 were women.

In response, Provost Renu Khator said, "We try to make the environment more women-friendly," in terms of stopping the tenure clock for those wishing to raise a family, but that "you can see a lot needs to be done."

It is true that women often suffer statistical or prejudicial discrimination, and this must be addressed. However, artificial manipulation to influence the quantity of either gender within the university environment is an inherently inefficient means to improve the quality of professors.

More importantly, whether it even matters what percent of either gender earns tenure is a question that needs to be asked. Such a shortsighted goal sends the message that perhaps the most qualified professors will not be in the classroom due to an implicit desire for a numeric quota.

In fact, never has the thought crossed my mind that a course was engaging and interesting, but might have been better served by having a professor of the opposite sex. On the other hand, I can point to several professors I felt were not as well qualified as they should have been.

Diversity is one of those areas most students don't like to contest. After all, to point to the negatives that diversity can bring to a campus is often interpreted as racist, sexist or even worse.

But the desire to take on the negative aspects of diversity is essential to making higher education more efficient. Campuses should strive to attract the best and the brightest regardless of the socioeconomic class, skin color or gender of a potential student or faculty member. Otherwise, the hypocrisy and mixed results of the intense drive for diversity will continue unabated.

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CD REVIEWS

Scorsese elevates 'The Departed' soundtrack

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Soundtracks are an easy cash-cow for studios. Take a bunch of well-known songs from a movie, slap them together and market the whole thing as a new album. While a lot of soundtracks are filler-heavy money schemes, the soundtracks to Scorsese films seem to be the exception.

"The Departed," the director's latest film, is widely considered his best in years, imbued with a loose, invigorating energy. It also features a ton of great music that helps set the tone, so it's only fitting that the accompanying CD has the same kind of wild, freewheeling attitude. It's not without its problems, but as a soundtrack, it far surpasses most, thanks to Scorsese's knack for choosing great music.

One of the biggest problems with the disc from a listening standpoint is its lack of cohesiveness. The tracks gathered on the album are so disparate that they don't really hang together, which means that the Dropkick Murphys rest uncomfortably next to Badfinger, a jarring mismatch for

most listeners. Without the context of the film, the soundtrack to "The Departed" sounds like a jumbled mix tape of obscure favorites by well-known artists, even if most of those artists were active before about 1975.

The music itself, however, is great. Most of the tracks stand up even without their brilliant usage within the film. The album begins with a live version of Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb" that features original Floyd member Roger Waters, along with Van Morrison and The Band. The song is prominently featured in the film, and was also used as the key track in the movie's trailer.

What's interesting about the soundtrack to "The Departed" is the way it takes familiar songs or artists and twists them in a way that makes them see unfamiliar and fresh.

Aside from the live 1990 version of "Comfortably Numb," "The Departed" features "Sail on, Sailor" by The Beach Boys, "Sweet Dreams (Of You)" by Patsy Cline and "One Way Out" by The Allman Brothers.

The best song on the disc is "Let It Loose" by The Rolling Stones, a surprisingly affecting and soulful number from the band's best album, 1972's "Exile on Main Street." In the film, it masterfully underscores the scene of Nicholson's first encounter with Leonardo DiCaprio. Out of that context, "Let It Loose" is still



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Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), left, speaks with Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) in "The Departed." Director Martin Scorsese's tastes influenced the music in the movie.

a fantastic song, and proof positive that The Stones were, at one time, among the world's greatest bands.

The soundtrack ends with a pair of tracks by composer Howard Shore ("Lord of the Rings," "Se7en"), entitled "The Departed Tango" and "Beacon Hill." Like most of Shore's film music, these two tracks are harmlessly agreeable, but they also take away from that which has come before.

The rest of the soundtrack to "The Departed" is so strong precisely because it eschews standard notions of what defines a soundtrack. The inclusion of some of Shore's score, at the expense of other music featured in the film, then, is inexcusable. The album is far better when it

careens between obscurities by Roy Buchanan and LaVern Baker. Though jarring and a bit unsettling, these juxtapositions are also part of what make the soundtrack so interesting.

The soundtrack to "The Departed" has a variety of great music, even though it fails somewhat at really holding together as an album. The differences in tone and style, coupled with the inclusion of the Shore-composed tracks at the album's closing, mean that it's not an LP in the proper sense, but there's enough good listening that that doesn't really matter.

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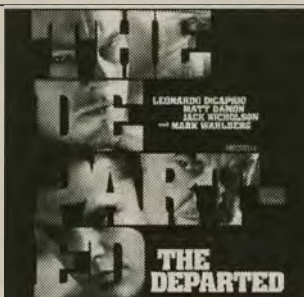
Various Artists

The Departed

Warner Bros / Wea



Recommended tracks: 'Comfortably Numb,' 'Let It Loose,' 'One Way Out,' and 'Sail on, Sailor'



'A Good Year' alternates between decades, styles

By ANALISE LIPARI
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Russell Crowe has found himself a welcome, albeit surprising, change of pace in Ridley Scott's latest film, "A Good Year." The movie chronicles Max Skinner (Crowe), a British investment banker who, through a combination of providence and inheritance, finds himself at a villa in the south of France.

The region's intoxicating smells, sights and tastes engulf Skinner's senses, and the film's soundtrack attempts to have the same effect on the listener. Seemingly alternating between the 1960s and 1940s, the overall feel of this somewhat atypical compilation album makes it a decent addition to the generally mediocre soundtrack library.

The soundtrack opens in a Nora Ephron-type fashion with a Harry Nilsson track, "How Can I Be Sure of You." The song's melancholy overtones suggest the opening of the film as well, with Max leading a dissatisfied existence in the corporate world. As usual, Nilsson's voice bor-

ders on overly nasal, but the song itself has an endearing, 1960s-Americana feel to it.

The next three tracks fit together well stylistically, as each song is both in French and easily over 40 years old. The soundtrack's producers thankfully let these tracks remain free from remastering, and each crack, pop and sizzle adds a touch of nostalgia to their overall feel. The French lyrics, combined with an easygoing, classic aesthetic, contribute to the overall light mood of the songs. The fourth track, "Breezin' Along With The Breeze" by Josephine Baker, is particularly reminiscent of Baker's American contemporaries, like Judy Garland or Bing Crosby, in its sweet and simple delivery.

The soundtrack jarringly changes pace on the fifth track — another Nilsson song entitled "Jump Into The Fire." While an up tempo track isn't unwelcome, the glaring differences between this song and those that preceded it are more distracting than interesting. Nilsson's third contribution to the soundtrack, "Gotta Get Up," has the same effect in the album's final third, to a lesser extent.

Other highlights of the film's soundtrack include "The Wedding Samba" by Edmundo Ros & His Orchestra, a fun track with an old-fashioned sweetness to it, "J'Attendrai" by Jean Sablon, a slowly relaxing selection, and Richard Anthony's very French version of an older



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Max Skinner (Russell Crowe), left, charms local waitress Fanny Chenal (Marion Cotillard) in "A Good Year." The film's soundtrack blends French and American music.

classic, "Itsy Bitsy Petit Bikini," a song that doesn't fail to amuse.

The compilation also makes some departures in tone in its final three tracks, the instrumental score composed by Marc Streitenfeld. The first, "Max-a-million," changes pace multiple times in its less than five minutes, and its cool, instrumentally-sparse feel seems as though it would fit a James Bond movie rather than a romantic comedy. The second, "Le Coin Perdu," continues somewhat in the same vein at first, but eventually evolves into a different, more romantic piece.

The closing note of the soundtrack is a piece entitled "Wisdom," the longest on the soundtrack and seemingly encompassing the journey taken by Crowe's Max

since it began with the insecurities of "How Can I Be Sure of You." A waltz-like feel and an underlying sense of peaceful relaxation contrasts well with the opening Nilsson song, almost lulling the listener into the type of peaceful slumber that Max inevitable experiences in the film's Provencal setting.

Both Scott and Crowe are taking noticeable detours from their typical films with "A Good Year," a move reflected in both the film's story and soundtrack. Despite the occasional overly jarring transition, an inevitable side effect of most compilation albums, the soundtrack holds its own as a pretty enjoyable listen.

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Various Artists

A Good Year: Music from
the Motion Picture

Sony



Recommended tracks: 'How Can I Be Sure of You,' 'The Wedding Samba,' and 'Wisdom'

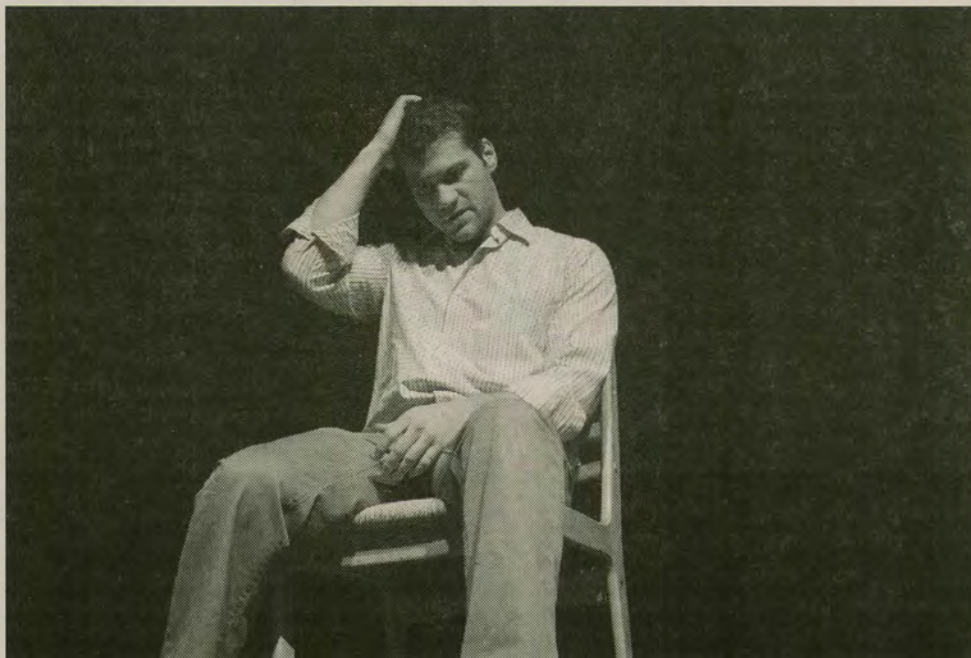


DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Students face sexuality in 'Loyal Daughters'

Performance discusses sexual violence, confronts campus issues

Emily Gorski acts in "The Unicorn," a segment in "Loyal Daughters." The play's content came from a group of interviews, contributing to the monologue structure.



Andy Houser is one of several men performing in "Loyal Daughters," marking an interesting departure from playwright Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

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Developed out of the controversy stirred by the annual productions of the "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" attempts to explore the varied experiences of individuals at Notre Dame, covering such topics as sexual assault, body image, alcohol use and University policies. Although covering many of the same general topics, "Loyal Daughters" stands out from Eve Ensler's "Monologues" given its primary purpose as a direct response to and reflection of student life at Notre Dame.

Written and produced by senior Emily Weisbecker, the script for "Loyal Daughters" was created by piecing together more than 50 interviews that Weisbecker conducted with students, faculty and staff in the Notre Dame community. Stylized after "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" follows the same monologue pattern, bringing 25 individual stories together to create a cohesive whole. Some of the pieces are

designed with multiple actors interacting with each other, whereas others more strictly follow the monologue design with a single actor speaking out to the unseen audience.

Deftly and aptly directed by senior Madison Liddy, the mood of "Loyal Daughters" frequently shifts between funny and serious. Emphasizing the desire for the focus to remain on the stories themselves, the costumes and props

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are kept to only the minimal necessities — frequently only a couch or a chair. The lighting design, created by senior Ryan Retartha, subtly adds to this focus and sets the mood of each

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story being told. Further adding to the mood are the well-chosen music selections that play during the downtime between each of the sets, serving both to help reflect on the last piece as well as to prepare for the story to follow.

The intimate seating area of the Decio main stage allows for the audience to feel a very close connection with the actors. With its small balcony and relatively small amount of floor-level seating, it provides a well-formulated venue through

which the actors are successfully able to interpret their varied and emotionally taxing roles for a welcome crowd.

The house lights are frequently left on during the production, often brightly enough that it is easy to forget that the actors are separate on the stage. This further blurs the distinction between audience and actor, causing many of the scenes to feel more like close conversations between friends. This lack of separation helps in creating the intensity of emotion that is pervasive throughout all of "Loyal Daughters."

While some of the individual segments are funny and others are serious, there is no denying that each is thought

provoking. "Loyal Daughters" seamlessly transitions between the humorous stories of a virgin at her bachelorette party to heart-wrenching stories of after-party rapes, to the hilarious song "Saved by Parietals" — a Notre Dame spin-off on the "Saved by the Bell" theme. One of the hardest pieces to watch is "Loyal Children," a segment in which each actor delivers a single line summarizing the experience of sexual assault by an individual at Notre Dame.

The actors all do impressive jobs in the production, with many delivering tough, emotional pieces with convincing and heartbreaking performances. While many of the actors are familiar to Notre Dame student theater, there are also several new and promising faces. Standout performances included London Vale in "The Party Scene," Jennifer Betancourt in "Touchdown Jesus" and Kathleen Hession in "21-Year-Old Virgin." Easily

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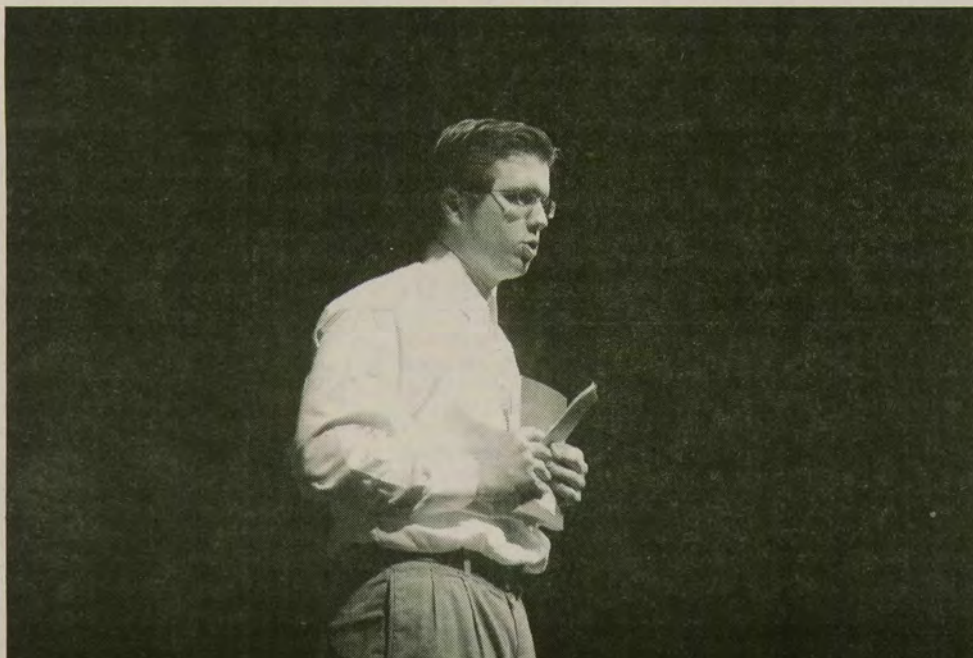
gaining the most laughs was Emily Gorski's endearing portrayal in "The Unicorn."

"Loyal Daughters" gains its strength and emotional momentum from the nature of the

stories themselves, as they deal with sensitive subjects and real people. The strength of the multiple-person cast across the board is a credit to the directors of the show.

With its performance strength, creative use of stark staging and overall emotional power, "Loyal Daughters" may prove to be an annual staple of theater and commentary on the Notre Dame campus.

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Patrick Tighe is featured in a segment of "Loyal Daughters." The play examines sexual issues within the Notre Dame community from a variety of perspectives.



Molly Key performs in "Loyal Daughters." The show's minimal staging, limited sets and unique lighting allow the audience to focus on the performers in each segment.

NBA

Ridnour's career high leads Seattle to victory

LeBron James' 29 points, Damon Jones' seven 3-pointers help the Cavaliers win their third consecutive game

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Luke Ridnour had the high pick-and-roll working to perfection and there was nothing the New Jersey Nets could do to stop him.

Ridnour scored a career-high 32 points and Seattle opened a 28-point, first-half lead and then held off a late New Jersey Nets rally in posting a 119-113 victory on Monday night, giving the road-weary SuperSonics their third straight win.

"I kept calling pick and rolls for him and he just kept getting in the paint and hitting those floaters," Seattle coach Bob Hill said. "That in-between game is so important to him and he put on a clinic. He had good rhythm and they can't guard him. Their guards are big. He got inside, he got angles and he got fouls.

Not only did Ridnour score on 11-of-18 shooting from the field, but he also opened shots for Rashard Lewis and Ray Allen on the wings and made space on the inside for Chris Wilcox as the SuperSonics finished a five-game road trip.

Lewis added 27 points, and Allen and Wilcox had 22 apiece for the SuperSonics who saw the Nets get within five points in the final 1:39 before Ridnour sealed the game with four free throws.

"It's fun," Ridnour said of the pick and roll that sets up his little rainbow runners. "It let's you attack and make plays. It felt good to get into a rhythm. I'm just trying to get better and better. I'm just trying to read pick and rolls differently. I'm trying to get different looks out of it. It's felt good so far."

The Nets, who got a season-high 38 points from Vince Carter and 21 from Nenad Krstic, certainly had no answers for Ridnour on Monday.

"He dictated the tempo," said Nets guard Jason Kidd, who had 20 points, 12 assists and six rebounds. "He controlled the game. He made shots. He found open guys."

The Nets, who came into the fourth quarter behind 96-80, whittled the lead to eight points in the opening three-plus minutes and they had it down to

113-108 when Kidd hit two free throws with 1:39 to play.

Cleveland 102, New York 96

LeBron James took over down the stretch, just as he always does. Damon Jones did all the hard work until he was ready.

James and Jones took turns carrying Cleveland and scored 29 points apiece, leading the Cavaliers over the New York Knicks Monday night for their third straight victory.

Jones kept Cleveland in the game in the first half with 24 points, and made seven 3-pointers in what was easily his best game of the season. James scored 19 in the second half, and also set up baskets by Donyell Marshall and Anderson Varejao in the fourth quarter, both after New York had closed within two points.

"I had a good first half and hopefully it opened up some avenues for LeBron in the second half," Jones said. "He did his thing down the stretch, as usual."

Nate Robinson scored 19 points and nearly led the Knicks back from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit, but New York fell to 0-3 at Madison Square Garden this season. Jamal Crawford had 18 and Channing Frye added 17, ending his horrendous start to the season.

The Knicks led for most of the first half, but Cleveland stayed close behind Jones, who was 7-of-8 in 17 minutes through two quarters. His three free throws gave Cleveland its first lead at 39-38 with 3:18 remaining, and he followed with a 3-pointer for four-point advantage. He was 6-of-7 behind the arc at halftime, helping the Cavs build a 51-47 lead.

"Damon was phenomenal when we were struggling to put the ball in the hole," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "He gave us a chance to win the ballgame, shooting the way he did in the first."

Jones hadn't been a factor at all this season — his 29 points were two more than he had scored in the first six games. But he has 7-of-10 behind the arc, capitalizing on the open room the Knicks left him while they were focusing on James.

"It's tough, because he can shoot so well," Robinson said. "He shoots the ball really good and that's all he does, is shoot, shoot, shoot. We're trying to help out with LeBron, we can't lose guys like that. We can't



Cleveland guard LeBron James, left, drives past New York guard Quentin Richardson Monday in New York.



New Jersey center Jason Collins, right, blocks a shot by Seattle forward Chris Wilcox Monday in New Jersey.

help as much with him on the floor."

Orlando 92, Boston 89

Orlando Magic coach Brian Hill didn't panic when his young team found itself trailing for the first time in the game late in the fourth quarter.

Instead of calling a timeout, he let the Magic play through their struggles.

Hill's confidence was rewarded when Grant Hill scored two of his 18 points on a go-ahead layup with 1:30 remaining to lift the Magic to a win over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

"You just have to keep your composure, stay calm and do what's necessary," Grant Hill said. "Teams are going to make runs, and they did. But we did all those things, we kept our composure and got the win."

Jameer Nelson scored 24 points and Dwight Howard added 17 points and 15 rebounds to help the Magic win their fourth game in five tries after starting the season 1-2.

After the Magic blew an 11-

point third-quarter lead and an eight-point fourth-quarter lead, Hill's layup made the score 85-84 and gave Orlando the advantage for good. Following a Delonte West miss, Trevor Ariza made one free throw and Nelson scored on a layup to make it a two-possession game.

Nelson then followed Paul Pierce's basket with a 22-footer with 12 seconds remaining to seal the game. Nelson also had seven assists and five rebounds.

"This is one of the games that when you look at the first 10 games, you look at and you say, 'This is a game we should have won,'" Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "We stopped scoring. We stopped moving the ball. So that hurt us."

Orlando improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less after going 10-14 in those contests last year. The Magic also won their second consecutive road game after going just 10-31 on the road last year.

Simply put, this was the type of game the Magic struggled with last year.

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And the New York Jets re-established their claim on the AFC East Sunday with a dominating win over the Patriots on Sunday

After the game, Jets coach Eric Mangini said, "there will always be a spot for Belichick on my staff, and given his team's recent performance, I have a feeling he'll be back on the job market very soon."

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CSTV Hockey Top 25

	team	record	prev.
1	Maine	8-1-1	1
2	Minnesota	8-1-2	2
3	North Dakota	6-3-1	5
4	Michigan State	5-2-1	6
5	NOTRE DAME	8-1-1	9
6	Miami	8-4-0	4
7	Boston College	6-3-0	3
8	Michigan	7-3-0	10
9	Boston University	2-1-4	8
10	New Hampshire	5-2-1	13
11	Denver	6-4-0	14
12	Cornell	5-1-0	11
13	Dartmouth	4-2-0	19
14	Wisconsin	4-6-2	7
15	Northern Michigan	6-4-2	16
16	Rensselaer	4-1-3	18
17	St. Cloud State	2-3-3	16
18	Clarkson	6-3-1	12
19	Alaska	5-2-3	15
20	Massachusetts	5-1-1	NR

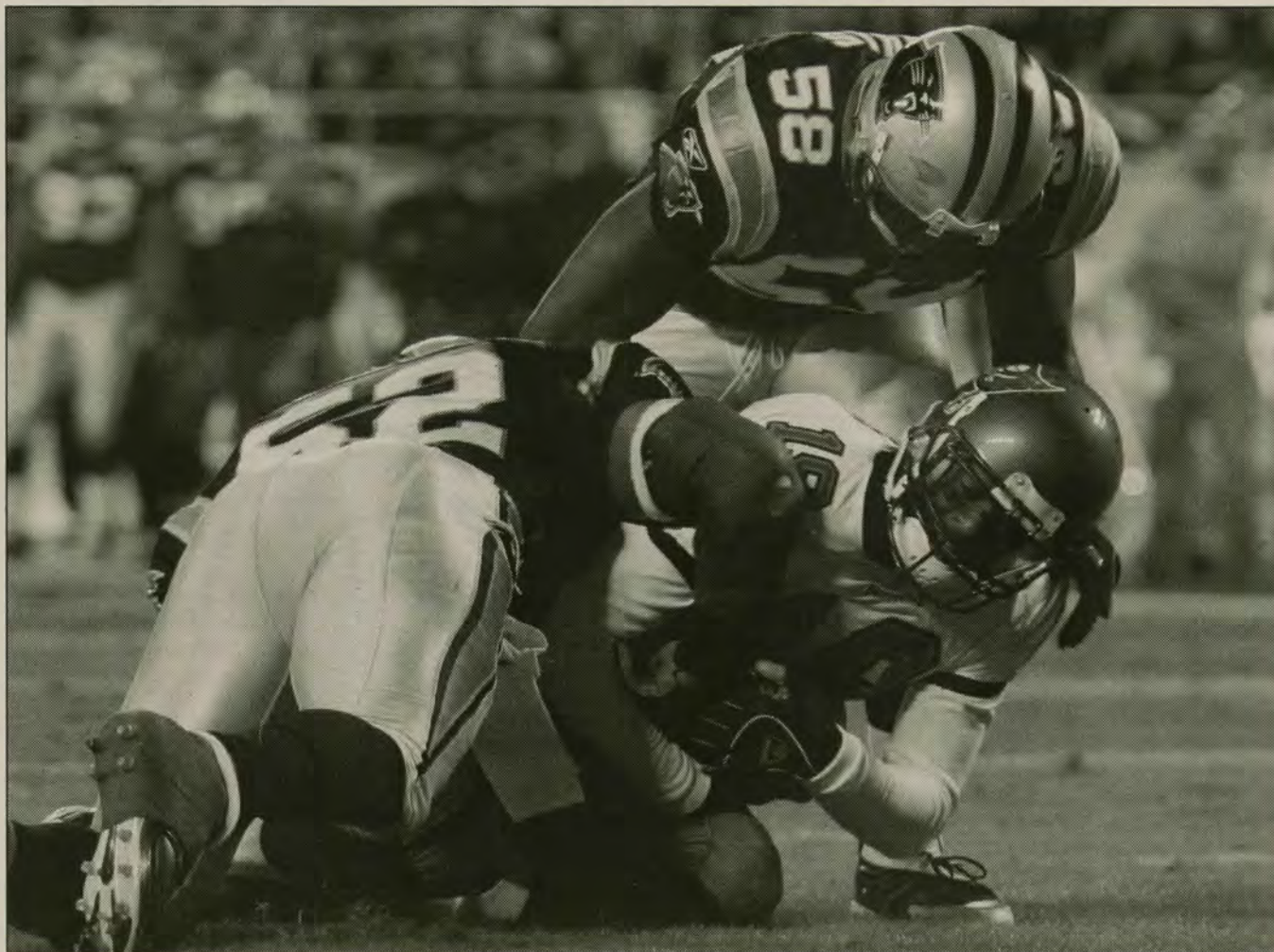
Men's Basketball Coaches Poll Top 25

	team	record	prev.
1	Florida	1-0	1
2	North Carolina	0-0	2
3	Kansas	1-0	3
4	Ohio State	3-0	4
5	Pittsburgh	1-0	5
6	UCLA	0-0	5
7	LSU	0-0	7
8	Georgetown	1-0	8
9	Wisconsin	1-0	9
10	Duke	1-0	11
11	Alabama	1-0	12
12	Texas A&M	1-0	13
13	Memphis	0-0	14
14	Boston College	1-0	15
15	Washington	1-0	16
16	Arizona	0-1	10
17	Marquette	1-0	17
18	Texas	2-0	19
19	Connecticut	1-0	18
20	Syracuse	3-0	20
21	Georgia Tech	1-0	21
22	Kentucky	0-0	22
23	Nevada	1-0	25
24	Tennessee	1-0	24
25	Creighton	0-0	23

Women's Basketball Coaches Poll Top 25

	team	record	prev.
1	Maryland	0-0	1
2	North Carolina	0-0	3
3	Oklahoma	0-0	8
4	Stanford	0-0	7
5	Tennessee	0-0	5
6	Duke	0-0	2
7	Ohio State	0-0	10
8	Connecticut	0-0	6
9	Georgia	0-0	13
10	LSU	0-0	4
11	Rutgers	0-0	9
12	Arizona State	0-0	17
13	Purdue	0-0	11
14	Texas A&M	0-0	NR
15	Vanderbilt	0-0	22
16	Kentucky	0-0	NR
17	Michigan State	0-0	16
18	Baylor	0-0	14
19	DePaul	0-0	15
20	New Mexico	0-0	21
21	California	0-0	NR
22	USC	0-0	NR
23	UCLA	0-0	18
24	BYU	0-0	20
25	Washington	0-0	NR

NFL



Tampa Bay wide receiver Ike Hilliard scores a first quarter touchdown between Carolina defenders Chris Draft and Thomas Davis. The Buccaneers ended up losing the NFC South clash Monday night 24-10.

Smith scores as Panthers rally past Bucs

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers deserved the boos that chased them off the field at halftime. Even Steve Smith's stomach was turning.

By the second half, he was feeling better, the Panthers got it turned around — and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were feeling all the worse for it.

Jake Delhomme threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Keyshawn Johnson for the go-ahead score in the third quarter and Julius Peppers had three sacks and recovered a fumble as the Panthers beat the Buccaneers 24-10 on

Monday night to end a two-game losing streak.

Smith was seen repeatedly vomiting into a garbage can on the sidelines, once after a long catch in the first half. But he stayed in the game, catching eight passes for 149 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter that sealed it.

Rookie quarterback Bruce Gradkowski threw two interceptions and lost a fumble for the Buccaneers (2-7), who committed turnovers on four of five possessions in the second and third quarters to blow a 7-0 halftime

lead in their third straight loss.

Forced to wait 15 days to play again after allowing 25 fourth-quarter points in a loss to Dallas, the Panthers managed only three first downs and 98 yards in the first half. Their drives in that half went: punt, fumble, punt, punt, punt, interception.

Fans, upset with the play-calling and the Panthers inability to run, showed their displeasure early and saved the loudest boos as the Panthers walked off the field at half-time with only three first downs against a team missing three defensive

starters to injury, including Simeon Rice.

Carolina scored on four of their first six drives in the second half — but then, the Buccaneers made it easy for the Panthers to come back.

Gradkowski's third turnover of the game, a fumble forced by Chris Draft and recovered by Peppers, gave Carolina the ball at the Tampa Bay 44.

Delhomme then found Smith for a 21-yard catch-and-run, setting up Delhomme's 4-yard TD pass to Keyshawn Johnson. It gave Carolina its first lead, 10-7 midway through the third quarter.

IN BRIEF

Eagles' Reid hands over play-calling duties

The most debated handoff this season for the Philadelphia Eagles occurred during the bye week.

Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook weren't involved in this exchange. Instead, coach Andy Reid relinquished play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg.

While similar moves are common in the NFL, it's quite a reversal for the stubborn Reid. Though Rod Dowhower and Brad Childress occasionally called plays when they worked under Reid, this was the first time he admitted giving it up completely — for one game at least.

The offense responded with an efficient performance featuring more runs than passes for the first time this season. The Eagles also scored early, putting 10 points on the board in the first quarter. During their recent three-game losing streak, the offense scored a total of three points in the first half.

Ramirez, Verlander win Rookie of Year awards

NEW YORK — Hanley Ramirez of the Florida Marlins won a tight race for NL Rookie of the Year, and Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander took home the AL award Monday.

Ramirez beat out Washington Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman by four points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America — the closest NL vote since the current format was adopted 26 years ago. The speedy shortstop got 14 of 30 first-place votes and finished with 105 points. Zimmerman received 10 first-place votes and totaled 101 points.

Three of the top four NL finishers were Marlins. Second baseman Dan Uggla came in third, getting the other six first-place votes, and pitcher Josh Johnson was fourth.

One of the first congratulatory calls Ramirez got was from Uggla, his double-play partner and good friend.

Jackson arraigned for handgun charge

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Indiana Pacers guard Stephen Jackson pleaded not guilty Monday at his arraignment on a probation violation charge.

Michigan prosecutors say Jackson violated his probation after being accused in Indiana of firing a gun outside an Indianapolis strip club last month.

Jackson was serving probation after pleading no contest in September 2005 to misdemeanor assault and battery charges for his role in a 2004 brawl between Pacers players and fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills. He is charged in Indiana with felony criminal recklessness and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct.

Jackson could face up to three months in jail if found guilty of violating the terms of his probation. His next court appearance in Michigan was scheduled for Jan. 26.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Back to school: Davis to take head job at UNC

Former Miami coach will attempt to turn Tar Heels around

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Former NFL coach Butch Davis will return to the sidelines as coach at North Carolina, which is 1-9 and hasn't beaten a Division I-A team this season.

He will replace the fired John Bunting, the school said Monday. The hiring had been widely expected the past week after Davis' name rose to the top of the list of candidates.

Davis, who will turn 55 on Friday, brings a reputation for orchestrating turnarounds — which is just what the struggling Tar Heels need. North Carolina ranks among the worst offenses and defenses in the country.

"Butch Davis became our first choice early in the process, although we did not know of his interest in us," athletic director Dick Baddour said. "We were excited to learn of his interest in Carolina and our football program and proceeded from that point. He's a first-class individual who is committed to preparing his student-athletes for success in all aspects of their lives."

Davis coached the Miami Hurricanes from 1995-2000, compiling a 51-20 record before leaving for the NFL's Cleveland Browns and leaving behind the players with whom Larry Coker won the national title in 2001. He went 24-35 with the Browns before resigning in 2004 and has worked the past two seasons in broadcasting.

School officials said Davis agreed in principle last week to take the job. Terms were unavailable and the contract will be released once the school's trustees approve it.

Baddour said none of the key figures involved in the hiring would be available for additional comment until Davis is formally introduced as coach on Nov. 27, two days after the Tar Heels play Duke in their season finale.

"The timing of my decision to consider coaching opportunities, and the opening at UNC seemed to intersect perfectly," Davis said. "Dick Baddour made my introduction to Carolina happen in a well-planned, well-organized manner and did an outstanding job of presenting the virtues of UNC — its people, its strong commitment to both academics and athletics, as well as the exciting, active part it plays in the community. Obviously, he succeeded."

The announcement came 22 days after Bunting was fired following an embarrassing shutout loss at Virginia.

Almost immediately, speculation centered on Davis, and so did the school's search. Davis spoke of his desire to return to coaching, but didn't specify which jobs interested him. Last week, media reports linked Davis to the North Carolina

opening.

"I am very impressed with Butch Davis' record as both an outstanding coach and strong advocate of academic performance," university chancellor James Moeser said. "My own personal interaction with Butch, supported by all of my conversations with faculty and administrators who have known him over the years, confirmed the view that he has the values and commitments we care about most at Carolina."

Davis is the third football coach hired by Baddour in the past decade. Baddour promoted Carl Torbush when Mack Brown left for Texas in 1997, then fired Torbush and hired Bunting in 2000.

Bunting is 25-45 in his sixth season as the coach at his alma mater, and hasn't had a winning season since his first team went 8-5 in 2001 and beat Auburn in the Peach Bowl. Bunting is owed \$286,200 a year through the 2009 season.



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Tar Heels defensive end E.J. Wilson sacks Irish quarterback Brady Quinn in Notre Dame's 45-26 win Nov. 4. North Carolina is currently 1-9 this season.

Department of Irish Language & Literature

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IRLL 40303/60301	<i>Identities in Early Modern Irish Literature</i>	Prof. Peter McQuillan (TR 3:30-4:45)

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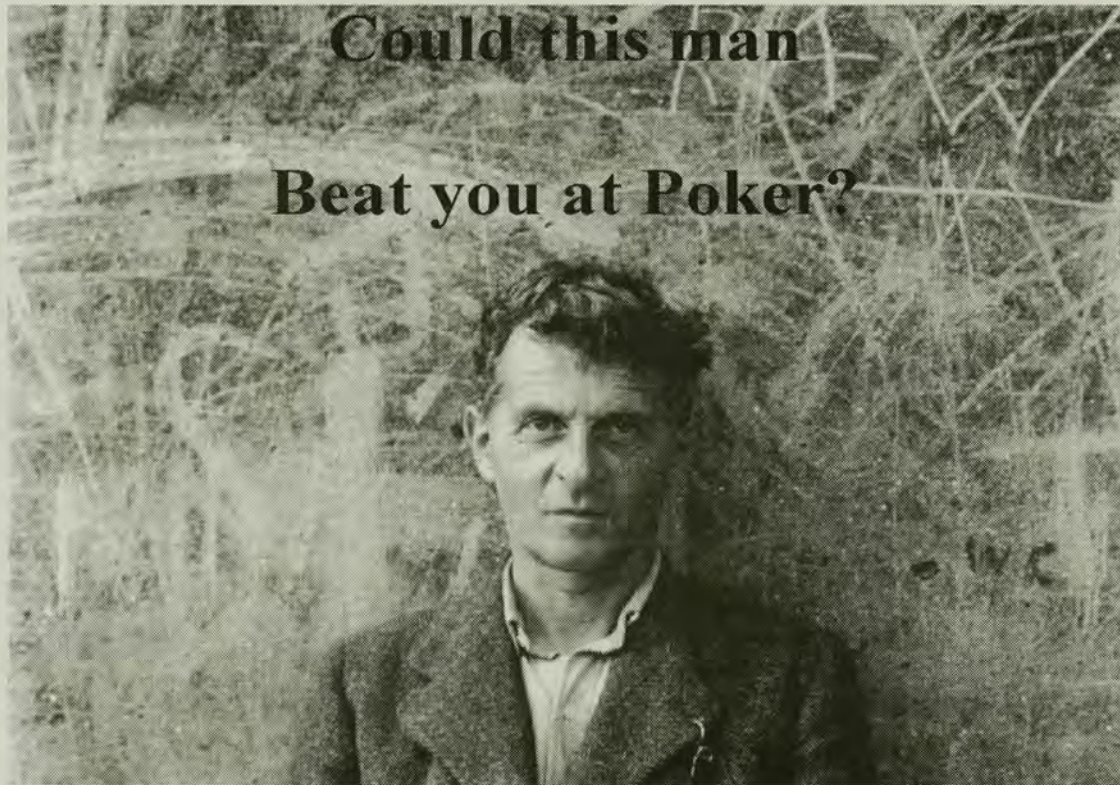
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Carr looks to end skid against Tressel

Embattled Michigan coach can silence his critics this Saturday

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Lloyd Carr has quieted most of the criticism about his coaching this year, leading Michigan to an 11-0 record and its best season since he won the 1997 national title.

Carr can silence his remaining critics — perhaps one last time — if he can help the second-ranked Wolverines beat No. 1 Ohio State on the road Saturday and earn a spot in the national championship game.

If Michigan loses, his record against Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel will drop to 1-5 and to 6-6 overall in one of the most storied rivalries in sports.

Carr has never been one to defend his mark against Tressel or anyone, but his mentor came to his defense when the topic arose Monday.

"That's hogwash," former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler said. "Go back through the history of the Michigan-Ohio State series ... one would win two, three in a row. That's just the way it is."

"I think we should go back and look at Lloyd's record. I don't care whether he beats Tressel or not."

Carr is 113-34 overall — winning 77 percent of his games to rank among active coaching leaders — and 75-20 in the Big Ten with five conference champi-

onships in 12 seasons as head coach. Against Top-10 teams, he is 16-6 and has won eight of 10 against teams in the top five.

But at Michigan and Ohio State, how you fare in the rivalry is what really matters.

Just ask John Cooper.

Cooper won 72 percent of his games with the Buckeyes, but was 2-10-1 against the Wolverines — including a 1-5 mark against Carr.

When Tressel was hired in 2001, he didn't waste any time letting fans understand what his focus was. Four hours after being formally announced as Cooper's successor, Tressel sent the crowd at a Michigan-Ohio State basketball game into a frenzy.

"I can assure you that you'll be proud of our young people in the classroom, in the community — and especially in 310 days in Ann Arbor, Mich.," Tressel said on Jan. 18, 2001.

Tressel was right.

The Buckeyes beat Michigan 26-20 on the road in his debut season. After losing to Michigan in 2003, Tressel has led the Buckeyes to two straight wins and has a chance to lead them to three straight wins in the series for the first time since the early 1960s.

Tressel agreed that coaches in the rivalry are given too much credit — and criticism.

"Not unlike the quarterback sometimes gets blamed for things and maybe there wasn't good protection or a ball was dropped here or there, and the same as with a coach," he said.

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo takes invite in Virginia

Special To The Observer

Notre Dame captured first place at the Virginia Invitational this weekend. The Irish won their opening game with James Madison 10-2 behind four goals from freshman Cristina Romano and three from senior captain Kristin Schmitt. M.C. Cimino, Bridget O'Neill and Kelly Horner rounded out the rest of the Irish scoring, while freshman goalie Betsy O'Neill registered 12 saves.

The Irish dominated the next match again Richmond. Schmitt led the scoring with five goals and O'Neill added three. Romano, Cimino, Horner, sophomore Kat Kennifer and freshman Emily Harig found the net as well for the Irish.

Notre Dame routed North Carolina 14-2 in their third game. Eight Irish players scored, including two goals from freshman Ali Schilling and a goal from sophomore Kristen Harchut.

The final proved to be a closely contested match, as the Irish prevailed 8-6 over Guelph. Schmitt again led the scoring with four goals against the Canadians. Cimino ripped home two goals while Romano and Horner each splashed shots into the net. Goalie O'Neill was credited with 14 saves.

Figure skating

The 2006 Indiana University Hoosier Challenge was held Saturday in Bloomington, Ind. Skating for the Irish was Lisa Horstman, who competed in Senior Ladies Freeskate. The Notre Dame star placed first with all first place ordinals, earning the Notre Dame intercollegiate skating team five points. She skated against the other top eight skaters in the Region from universities in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Men's volleyball

On Saturday, the Irish men's volleyball team traveled to Illinois to compete in the annual Illini 16 preseason tournament. Finishing ninth in last season's event, the Irish were eager to measure this year's squad against past success.

The tournament opened with pool play, and the Irish were matched against the Illinois alumni team. Despite being out-aged, the Irish were not outplayed. After a slow start, Joe O'Connell infused the team with energy, lifting them to a 27-25 first game win. The close win in the first game led to a slow start in the second, which resulted in a seven-point deficit at one point. Strong passing from John Tibble and formidable net play by James Foresman rallied the Irish back for a second-game 25-22 win to claim the victory.

The Irish carried their strong play into the next match against Indiana, but dropped a disappointing 24-26 first game loss. Fired up by the lively Nolan Kane, Notre Dame came back to take the second game, 25-20. The Irish exploded out of the gates, and won the deciding game, 15-9, behind

the unstoppable hitting of Dan Zibton.

In the final match of pool play, the Irish sought to win big against Purdue in order to receive a favorable seed for tournament play. Freshman Mike Nejedly played with intensity and purpose as the Irish dominated the Boilers 25-14, 25-18 in consecutive games.

After going undefeated in pool play, the Irish were seeded against the same Illinois Alumni team they had played earlier in the day. The first game was controlled by the Irish, largely in part due to the strong play of senior Drew Williams, and ended as a 25-21 victory. The second game was tighter than the first, but, in the end, the Irish won, 25-23.

With the win Notre Dame advanced to the semifinals, where they were matched against perennial powerhouse Illinois. In a dogfight, the eventual tournament champion Illini prevailed, as the Irish were defeated in consecutive games, 25-17, 25-17 and finished third.

Squash

After winning the emerging teams division of the National Championships last year, Notre Dame stepped up in the level of competition this weekend at the Navy Invitational. The Irish were swept by their opponents despite some close individual matches.

Vanderbilt defeated Notre Dame 7-2 in the opening round. James Zhang took the No. 1 match for the Irish, 7-9, 9-6, 9-4, 9-0, and Thomas Lee won at No. 9. Javier Palomo and Michael McConnell dropped five game matches at No. 2 and No. 4, while Phil Moss lost in four close games at No. 3. Jose Palomo, Ben O'Brien, Patrick Quine and Christopher Schoff dropped 3-0 decisions at Nos. 5-8 respectively.

The Irish then fell to George Washington, 9-0. Zhang lost in a tiebreaker at No. 1, McConnell lost 10-8 in the fifth game at No. 4, and the rest of the squad dropped 3-0 matches.

After claiming a forfeit from Columbia, and mutually deciding with Northwestern to postpone their contest, the Irish dropped their final contest, 8-1 to the Navy JV. Zhang won a five game match at No. 1 for Notre Dame's lone point. Navy claimed the championship with an 8-0 record in a field of 16 teams.

Bowling

Notre Dame finished fourteenth at The Warhawk Open at Iowa this weekend in its season opener. Dan Martin was top finisher for the Irish, posting games of 202, 207, 198, 157, 167, 143, 147, 181 and 147 for a 1549 total (343th place). Van Koppersmith rolled a 212 on the way to a 1528 total for 36th place, and Jim Talamo, with 1503 pins, edged teammate Nick Manieri's 1502 score as the pair finished 38th and 39th. Kim LaVigne finished with a 1449 total, good for 45th place. The Irish had climbed as high as tenth at one point in the tournament, before falling back in the pack.

Butler

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shot we wanted."

Notre Dame had its chances to take the lead in the final minute before Carter's shot. Sophomore Kyle McAlarney missed a layup with 1:04 remaining, and while freshman Luke Harangody grabbed the offensive rebound, he couldn't convert on the put back.

Green secured the rebound, but on the ensuing possession center Julian Betko was whistled for a traveling violation with 28 seconds remaining — ultimately setting up the final Notre Dame possession.

"We are a team of eight freshman and sophomores," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game. "We were a fragile team if it is safe to say. This was a tough atmosphere coming to Indianapolis, playing Butler. It was definitely a road game."

The Irish trailed 31-27 at the break and came out firing in the early minutes of the second half. Notre Dame went on a quick 10-0 run to take a six-point lead —

led offensively by guard Colin Falls, who had five points in that stretch.

Falls finished with 17 points on 5-of-11 shooting, including nine of Notre Dame's final 15 points.

But following a McAlarney 3-pointer that made the score 37-31, guard Mike Green (19 points, 12 assists) answered back with five quick points. The two teams traded baskets for the remainder of the second half — until Graves' eventual game-winning three.

"I was just trying to get to an open spot," Graves said. "Just try to play the role I am playing. They are a good defensive team. It was a light to get open."

Carter provided an offensive spark for the Irish — particularly in the second half during Notre Dame's comeback — finishing with 16 points on 6-of-13 shooting and five rebounds.

On one stretch, he hit a 3-pointer, forced a steal on Butler's ensuing possession and then finished on the other end with a dunk.

Harangody had his fourth consecutive productive game — including Notre Dame's two pre-season contests — finishing with 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting and

10 rebounds.

"Luke [Harangody] was like a man out there," Brey said. "He made his free throws and he was just tough all around."

McAlarney finished with eight points on 3-of-7 shooting and four assists. Forward Rob Kurz added seven points, six rebounds and six assists in 34 minutes.

This was the first time all season Notre Dame was tested in a close game. In the team's two exhibition games, the Irish easily handled their opponents with a 79-44 win against Rockhurst and an 85-57 victory over Bellarmine.

In its regular season opener, Notre Dame controlled IPFW from the beginning, scoring 55 first half points and winning 92-49.

"We are going to use this game as a learning opportunity," Brey said.

Notre Dame will play Lafayette in the consolation game of the four-team tournament that includes Indiana tonight in Indianapolis. The Hoosiers easily handled the Leopards 91-66 Monday night.

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FOOTBALL

Quinn named finalist for Camp

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was named Monday one of 10 "players to watch" for the Walter Camp award. Given annually to the national player of the year by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, this is the second consecutive season Quinn has been selected as a finalist for the award. The winner will be announced on Dec.

7 during ESPN's 6 p.m. airing of SportsCenter.

Quinn has 29 touchdown passes and four interceptions this season while throwing for 2,786 yards.

Quinn and Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith are the only two seniors named finalists, with three juniors and five sophomores rounding out the group.

The juniors are Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan, Michigan running back Michael

Hart and Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson. Boise State running back Ian Johnson, Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis, Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, Rutgers running back Ray Rice and West Virginia running back Steve Slaton make up the unusually large group of sophomore nominees.

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Some of Lapira's season highlights include a mid-year stretch where he scored two goals in five consecutive games, as well as a four-goal outburst against Indiana in a 5-4 overtime victory Sept. 3. College Soccer News named Lapira the National Player of the Week, an award he captured twice this season, for his effort against the Hoosiers.

"In college, 10 goals is a good season, so when you hit 20 goals, you're flying," Clark said. "As a coaching staff, we felt he possessed the ability to score goals, so this wasn't completely unexpected."

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Irish coach

But with Notre Dame set to begin NCAA Tournament play Wednesday night against Illinois-Chicago, Lapira is focusing his attention on team goals rather than individual accolades.

"I don't think winning the Hermann Trophy is even close to winning a national championship," Lapira said. "Anybody from any team can win the Hermann Trophy, but only a few teams are capable of winning a national championship."

Dalby, a pre-season nominee for the Hermann Trophy and a semi-finalist in the 2005 sea-

son, has impressed teammates, coaches and voters in a different manner than Lapira. Despite only scoring two goals and tallying four points on the season, Dalby was named Big East Midfielder of the Year and was a unanimous first team all-conference selection.

Lapira, however, knows what the senior co-captain brings to the team.

"He's not going to score spectacular goals, but he disrupts the other team and really serves as an anchor for our team," Lapira said. "He's a leader on the field, and he's a really sound player."

Having started all 20 games for Notre Dame this season and all 85 games since he arrived in South Bend four years ago, Dalby has had plenty of time to make an impression

on Clark.

"Dalby reminds me a lot of [former German national captain and World Cup champion] Franz Beckenbauer," Clark said. "When the ball comes to him, everything seems to flow, and the game just seems to slow down."

The three finalists for the Hermann Trophy will be announced Nov. 27, and the winner will be selected at a ceremony at the Missouri Athletic Club on Dec. 2.

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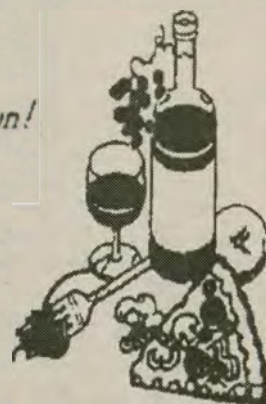
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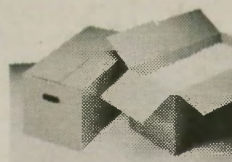
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Irish freshman guard Ashley Barlow goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 85-81 win over Bowling Green Monday.

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Falcons

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In the first half, everything fell the Falcons' way. Bowling Green was able to out-rebound the Irish 16-13 in the first 20 minutes as well as sink five 3-pointers over Notre Dame's zone defense while holding the Irish to only 2-of-8 from beyond the arch. This combination of potent offense and stingy defense gave the Falcons a 13-point lead late in the first.

"I actually thought we were going to be better defensively this year. I was disappointed at the 3-point percentage," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Some of them were defensive mistakes and some of them were great offense."

But the Irish refused to stay down. Senior captain Tulyah Gaines — who set a personal best with her 23 points in the win — led her team on offense for most of the game, spending just two minutes on the bench.

"My team has my back as well. When I see an opening I'm just going to go for it," Gaines said. "If they step up, I'm going to pass the ball, but they didn't this time so I had the open shot."

But despite Gaines' best efforts, she could not seal the victory at the free throw line, missing a foul shot with only seven seconds to play to keep the Notre Dame lead narrow at 78-75.

"It's frustrating, but you have to get back in the game," Gaines said. "The game wasn't over so you have to let that go."

Bowling Green center Kate Achter took the inbound down the floor and dished the ball to center Liz Honegger, who nailed the 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the ball into overtime.

"That might be one of the best

offensive teams we've seen in a long time," McGraw said. "They're smart and experienced veteran players and when they hit that three at the end of regulation, you knew they would have a good play because they're a well-coached team."

Despite Honegger's heroics, the Irish still had momentum on their side due to their play in the closing minutes of the second half.

Notre Dame was able to get the lead going into Gaines' missed free throw attempt thanks to its defense. Throughout the second half comeback, the Irish were in a full court press, hoping to force a Falcons mistake.

That happened with under a minute to play in regulation. Gaines saw an opportunity and took it, winning the ball from Honegger. Guard Charel Allen made the turnover count 22 seconds later with a mid-range jumper.

"That key steal by Tulyah — she wasn't even guarding [Honegger] but she saw what was happening. She used her speed to track down the loose ball," McGraw said. "I was really pleased that we were able to at least take some time off the back court, even if we didn't get a steal it really forced them to rush their offense a little bit."

Overall, McGraw said she was pleased with her team's performance down the stretch against Bowling Green.

"They had so many tough matchups for us, and the fact is that we gave up a lot of points but we were able to control the offense," she said. "I thought it was great to look out there and see all those young players and know that we're getting a lot of experience this early in the season."

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Barlow

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ance was overshadowed by the offensive totals of the upper-classmen guards: senior Tulyah Gaines and junior Charel Allen. Allen's 21 points were a career best, and Gaines, who averaged 4.9 points per game last season, had a breakout of her own, scoring a game- and career-high 25 points — 11 higher than her previous personal best.

For most of the game, Gaines was the star of the Notre Dame unit. When the Irish trailed — which they did from 4:25 into the game until a Crystal Erwin free throw made it 68-68 with just under six minutes to play in regulation — it was Gaines who kept the Irish from falling hopelessly behind.

Despite being the smallest player on the court, Gaines continually found herself making layups to keep Notre Dame's hopes alive. When the Irish trailed 27-14 with 6:26 to play in the first half, it was Gaines who beat Falcons guard Kate Achter to the basket on consecutive Notre Dame possession to bring

the Bowling Green lead under 10.

"We could have lost our composure [in the first half], but that's where Tulyah [Gaines] stepped in and said, 'No, we're not gonna cave in,'" Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Barlow said associate head coach Coquese Washington pulled her and guard Breona Gray aside, saying they needed to increase their presence on the glass.

However, after Gaines missed her first free throw in nine attempts with 7.3 seconds left — a shot that would have iced the game for Notre Dame at 79-75 — Falcons forward Liz Honegger hit a buzzer-beating

3-pointer, and the stage was set for Barlow to steal the show.

In the five minute overtime period, Barlow pulled down three big rebounds and scored six of Notre Dame's seven points. She shot a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line, and when Gaines — who was 9-of-11 from the line — missed her second free throw, Barlow stepped up and nailed both of her free throws on the ensuing Irish possession to give Notre Dame a secure four-point

lead with 3.8 seconds to play. "I just tried to stay composed," Barlow said.

Surprisingly, Barlow had a pedestrian first half, and she went into the locker room with only four points and no rebounds. Barlow said associate head coach Coquese Washington pulled her and guard Breona Gray aside, saying they needed to increase their presence on the glass.

Barlow certainly got the message, finishing the game with six offensive rebounds and shot 11-of-12 from the free throw line. It's extremely rare to see a rookie player take over a game so early in the season the way Barlow did in Monday's closing moments — much less hit two game-winning field goals as

coolly as if she was shooting them in her backyard.

McGraw says she saw this coming.

"I really expected that Ashley would be that kind of player down the stretch," she said. "I was really confident in our guards, and I thought they played really well."

How's that for an understatement.

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives past Bowling Green guard Liz Honegger in Notre Dame's 85-81 overtime win over the Falcons Monday at the Joyce Center.

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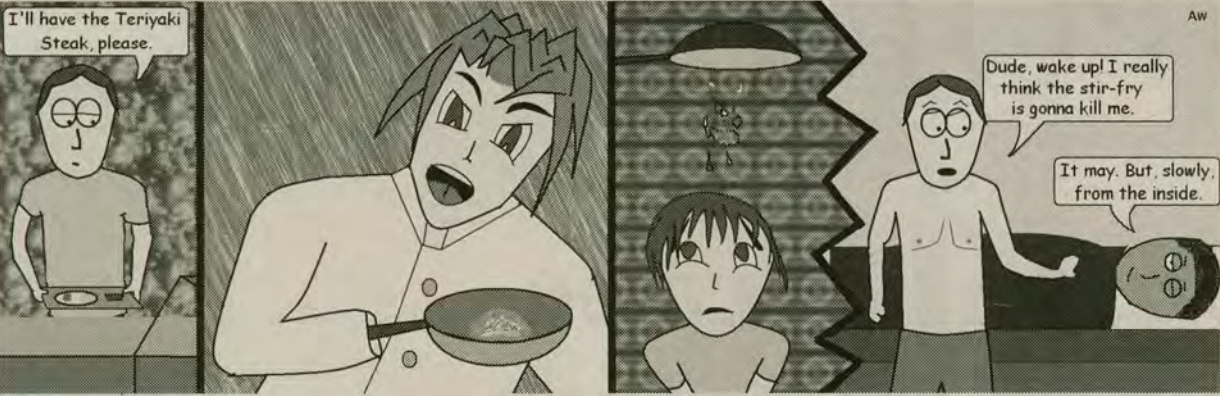


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- 34 "Get outta here!"

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57 Home movie maker

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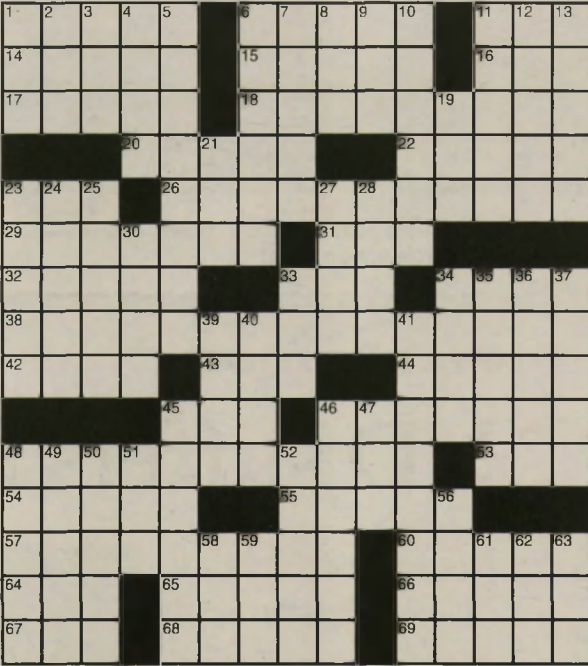
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The great escape

Irish fall behind early, recover to top Bowling Green in overtime

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

With half of overtime already gone, freshman guard Ashley Barlow grabbed an offensive rebound for the Irish and drove to the basket for an 80-79 lead over Bowling Green — one Notre Dame would not relinquish.

Barlow continued to dominate in overtime, nabbing two more of her 10 rebounds and icing the victory with 3.8 seconds left after hitting a pair of free throws to stretch Monday's final score to 85-81.

"I don't think we were ever down on ourselves — I think we just knew we needed to play defense and get on the offensive side of things, especially in the second half we picked up," Barlow said. "As long as we had each other we knew we could come out with a victory."



Irish guard Charel Allen drives past Bowling Green guard Kate Achter in Notre Dame's 85-81 overtime win over the Falcons Monday at the Joyce Center.

Freshman Barlow bursts onto scene, leads team to comeback win

In the first row under the east basket, a woman held a sign that began, "Ashley [Barlow] is good at basketball."

By the end of Notre Dame's 85-81 overtime win Monday over Bowling Green, that sign was the understatement of the evening.

Barlow finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds to record her first double-double in just her second career game at the collegiate level, and the 5-foot-9 guard was Notre Dame's major contributor in the paint.

For much of the game, the freshman's breakout perform-



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MEN'S SOCCER

Lapira, Dalby in race for national recognition

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In a season that has been full of both individual and team accomplishments for Notre Dame, junior forward Joseph Lapira and senior midfielder Greg Dalby have added two more to the list.

Both Lapira and Dalby were named semi-finalists for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, which is given out annually to the top Division I soccer player in the country. Lapira and Dalby are now part of a list that includes 13 other remaining semi-finalists.

Notre Dame joined No. 1 SMU and No. 7 Maryland as the only teams with multiple players on the ballot. But Irish coach Bobby Clark was quick to point out that this honor

was indicative not just of Lapira and Dalby's play, but of the team's as well.

"[Dalby and Lapira] should be very proud because you don't get this kind of honor without playing very well, but they'll be aware that they've had a very good supporting cast that's helped them get to where they are," Clark said.

Lapira currently appears to be the frontrunner for the Hermann Trophy based on his statistics. The Big East Offensive Player of the Year and unanimous first team all-conference selection leads the nation in both points (45) and goals (20).

"If you're going by the numbers, [Lapira] is absolutely the front runner for the award at this point," Dalby said.



Lapira



Dalby

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND suffers first loss of year

Irish fall to Butler 71-69 in first round of preseason NIT

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Irish guard Russell Carter missed a contested 3-pointer from the right elbow with 2.8 seconds remaining and Notre Dame fell 71-69 to Butler Monday in the first round of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind.

With 10 seconds left in regulation, Notre Dame called a timeout to set up its final possession following Butler guard A.J. Green's 3-pointer, which gave the Bulldogs a two-point lead with a little over a minute remaining.

"On the final play, it was a read and we were looking to get an open shot," Carter said. "We practiced this in practice yesterday, but in today's game Butler switched defensively and we couldn't get the open



Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney pulls up in Notre Dame's 71-69 loss to Butler in Indianapolis Monday.

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Quarterback Brady Quinn named a finalist for the Walter Camp Award.

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