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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Transpo could facilitate SafeBus

Officers discuss options with charter bus company representatives

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives' pursuit of creating a SafeBus to foster off-campus transportation continued Monday night as members discussed the possibility of using a private bus company to accomplish their goal.

After presenting the idea of the Notre Dame SafeBus to the Board of Trustees in October, student body president Adam Istvan took

note of the Board's advice to seek out a private company to provide the bus and assume the liability.

At Monday's meeting Istvan announced to representatives that he and chief executive assistant Dave Baron had met with Transpo, which currently provides bus services to students, and discussed how Transpo might expand their services to provide weekend transportation for students wanting to go off-campus.

Transpo, a company that has been looking to increase ridership

since last year, was willing to work with student government after learning that the SafeBus was a key goal for his term this year, Istvan said.

Baron told representatives the discussion was successful in establishing the needs of the students and how they might be met by Transpo.

"We said that the best time to run the bus is Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 10

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Chief executive assistant Dave Baron, left, vice president Karla Bell, president Adam Istvan and secretary Meg Smith discuss plans for a Notre Dame SafeBus on Monday.

ND ponders Arafat's legacy

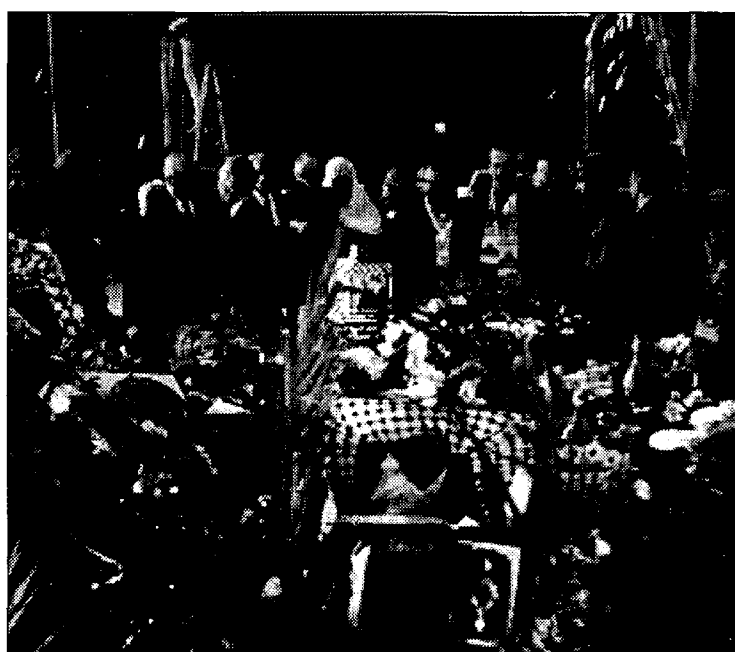
Palestinian leader had lasting impact

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Though his death remains recent news, the legacy of Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat is already a matter of serious contention, as some have eulogized him as a freedom fighter while others have condemned him as a terrorist.

"Among Palestinians, Arafat after death will in all likelihood become even more of a heroic figure who symbolized and will continue to symbolize their nationalist aspirations and dreams," said Asma Afsaruddin, a pro-

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Palestinian workers weld together a structure to cover the Ramallah grave of Yasir Arafat as mourners gather Monday.

Israeli-Palestinian conflict affected

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Partisan extremism in both Israel and Palestine will make it difficult for Yasir Arafat's successors to succeed where he failed, according to experts in the Notre Dame community.

"I think progress on a peace settlement is more possible than before, but I am not optimistic," said political science professor Keir Lieber. "Real progress would require a democratically elected and moderate Palestinian leader, the marginalization of Hamas and other radical Islamists,

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Intruder inquiry continues

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The male intruder suspected of widespread vandalism in Pasquerilla West Nov. 7 has yet to be found, but the case remains under investigation, Notre Dame Security/Police said.

NDSP officials have spoken with most dorm residents who saw the man — described as college-age, white, between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-9 and with a sandy blonde buzzed haircut — in the hall that day, none of whom reported being threatened or harmed, NDSP

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Students send care packages to Iraq

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, many of whom know what it feels like to be far from home, are joining together to send a little piece of home to troops fighting overseas this holiday season.

Groups on both campuses are participating in care package drives this month, collecting small items to ship to Notre Dame graduates currently serving in the Middle East.

The Army ROTC service organization Alliance To Lead And Serve (ATLAS) began organizing their drive earlier this year. Junior Maggie Lero, an Army ROTC Cadet, is in charge of the project.

"We focus on patriotic activities and supporting our troops and community events," Lero said, adding that Notre Dame graduates' platoons will receive most of the care packages. "We decided for the Christmas season to send care packages to the troops."

The care packages will consist of items Lero found listed from an online soldier wish list — ranging from necessities like soap, shampoo and toothbrushes to stocking stuffers like playing cards and Notre Dame memorabilia. Lero said cadets will be approaching their residence halls to contribute to the project by writing letters, and that anyone who would like to participate should contact their dorm service commissioners.

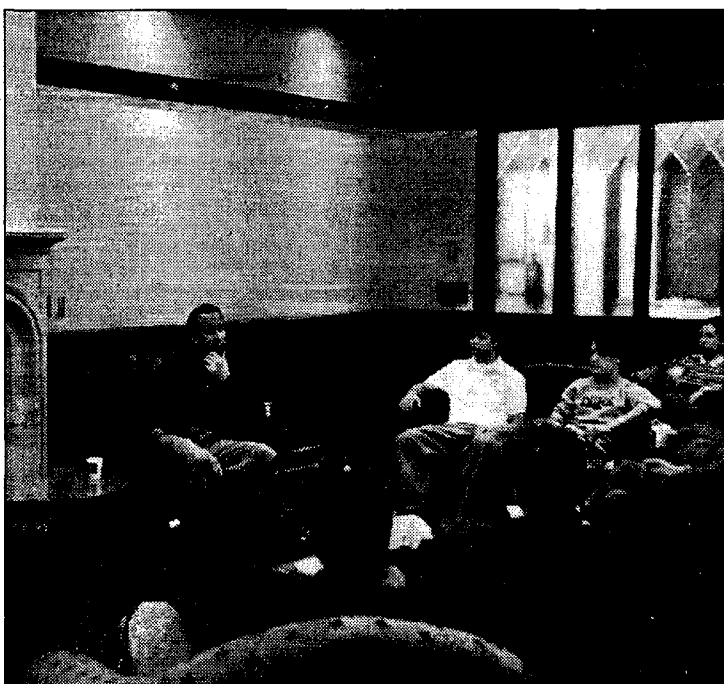
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Coach Brey gets personal in chat

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

A small crowd dominated by baseball hat-sporting males gathered eagerly around Irish basketball coach Mike Brey in the Coleman Morse lounge Tuesday night for the second of the Student Union Board's new series, "Fireside Chats." Brey touched on many subjects including his predictions for the upcoming season, recruiting, his coaching career and even the ticket lottery, which left many fans empty-handed.

Patrick Vassel, programmer of SUB's Ideas and Issues committee, which organized the lecture series, introduced Brey with a long list of his achievements, including his three NCAA appearances as head coach of the Irish and the \$400,000 he



MICHAEL KELLEY/The Observer

Irish basketball coach Mike Brey pauses for reflection during his "Fireside Chat" Monday night.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Starbucks,
squirrels
and snow

To all the winter weary out there, you are not alone. Last week, on my daily walk to the dining hall through Our Lady's grand campus under her glorious trees, I spotted something I had never seen before.

Melissa Ward

I observed a squirrel wallowing through the grass. There was no scamper or spring in his step, just a lethargic wallow. Needless to say, this was no ordinary squirrel. What once was a fit and trim scavenger of the wild was now transformed into a giant ball of fluff and fur. I know nuts are fatty, but I had never seen a squirrel that obese. Other squirrels have since followed suit. They are packing on the pounds for the terror that lies ahead.

Ad Design

Unfortunately, it's beginning to look a lot like winter. With the end of the home football season and start of spring registration, time has begun to spiral into the vortex of lost days leading into the depths of winter and, consequently, misery. Mother nature is doing plenty to usher out the warm weather too. Leaves are falling from trees. Frost is blanketing the grass. Icy winds have begun to sweep through the Bend.

Why then is it necessary for us to facilitate the process? Each time I walk into Starbucks I cringe. The wintry cups and holiday music lingering in the atmosphere are a little too much for me to handle. The radio waves are jammed with "Jingle Bells" and "Oh, Christmas Tree." It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas?

Give me a break. Don't get me wrong, I am a definite supporter of Christmas, but I find it ridiculous and extremely annoying to find these conditions before Thanksgiving.

I would like to preserve my last few weeks of peace before I have to lace up my boots to trudge through drifts of snow on the quad and think about the holidays.

My serenity lies where I lie — on the quad, that is, on those warm and sunny days looking at the sky. Let me have these last days, for the winter will be long and brutal. Squirrels will continue to fatten, leaves will fall from trees, and time will hasten towards the first snow. Do not become weary; keep playing outside and wearing shorts and sandals.

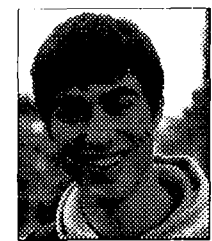



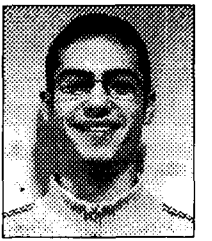

Make these days last and fight off winter until the bitter end.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Melissa Ward at mward5@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Nov. 15 issue of The Observer, Walsh interhall football coach Dave Brenner's name was misspelled and Walsh linebacker Amanda Borys, who had an interception, was misidentified as Patty Rose. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GIVE A FIRESIDE CHAT?

					
Garrett Bassett	Monica Selak	Talla Goldman	Melody Gonzalez	Robby Davidson	Zach Giles
Junior off-campus	Sophomore Cavanaugh	Junior Farley	Senior PE	Senior Fisher	Senior Alumni
"Martha Stewart."	"Colin Powell."	"Lance Armstrong."	"Alberto Gonzales, Bush's nominee for Attorney General."	"Ralph Nader."	"Me!"



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Former Irish basketball star Ruth Riley, now a member of the WNBA's Detroit Shock, signs autographs for fans at the Notre Dame-Illinois State game Friday.

OFFBEAT

Beavers make dam out of stolen money

GREENSBURG, La. — These eager beavers had a whole new slant on money laundering. A bag of bills stolen from a casino was snapped up by beavers that wove thousands of dollars in soggy currency into the sticks and brush of their dam on a creek in eastern Louisiana.

"They hadn't torn the bills up. They were still whole," said Maj. Michael Martin of the St. Helena Parish sheriff's office.

The money was part of \$70,000 to \$75,000 taken last week from the Lucky

Dollar Casino in Greensburg.

St. Helena Parish deputies searched for the money for days until a lawyer, hoping to make a deal with prosecutors for a client, called and said the money had been discarded in the creek, Police Chief Ronald Harrell said.

Man sues neighbor for breaking up marriage

CHICAGO — They say you can't buy love, but one Chicago man is trying to make somebody pay for it. After watching his wife, Lupe, walk out on him after 15 years of marriage,

Steven Cyl is suing a neighbor down the street whose life she walked into.

"This guy, he ruined my life," Cyl said. The other man, a Chicago firefighter, is now learning that Illinois is one of the few states in the nation where spouses can file "alienation of affection" lawsuits.

In his lawsuit, Cyl, 44, seeks unspecified damages, claiming "great mental suffering and anguish," "devastation" and "suffering."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Carol Pollack, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, will speak today from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center about "How Strictly Should Corporations Be Held Accountable for Human Rights Abuses?"

Rob Sarra, a former Marine sergeant stationed in Iraq and current member of Veterans Against the War, will talk today about his Iraq experiences at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

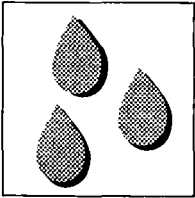
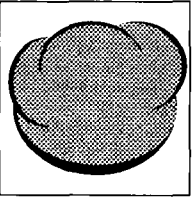
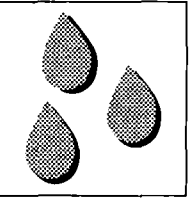
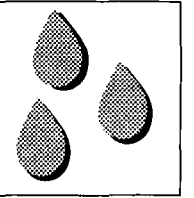
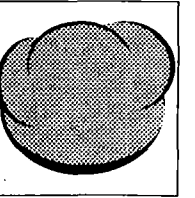
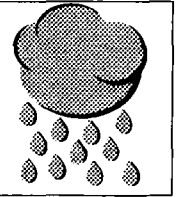
International Student Services and Activities will sponsor a free showing of the film "American Born Confused Desi," from Indian filmmaker Krutin Patel, today from 7 to 9 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

Robert Catell and Kenny Moore, CEO and corporate ombudsman for KeySpan Corporation respectively will discuss "An Alternative Leadership Model for the 21st Century: Keeping Your Sanity, Sense of Humor and Soul in the Marketplace," today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Giovanini Commons, Mendoza College of Business.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Northern Iowa today from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Notre Dame international relations professor Dan Lindley will present Thursday on the topic "Is War Rational?" at 12:30 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.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 56 LOW 46	HIGH 51 LOW 48	HIGH 62 LOW 45	HIGH 57 LOW 42	HIGH 56 LOW 45	HIGH 54 LOW 35

Atlanta 63 / 47 Boston 42 / 32 Chicago 54 / 44 Denver 58 / 33 Houston 66 / 60 Los Angeles 75 / 54 Minneapolis 55 / 39 New York 52 / 38 Philadelphia 54 / 38 Phoenix 73 / 53 Seattle 50 / 42 St. Louis 55 / 48 Tampa 80 / 58 Washington 58 / 42

Philosophy professor dies after long illness

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Philip Quinn, a philosophy professor at Notre Dame, died Saturday at St. Joseph's Medical Center after a long illness. He was 64.

"He was a true intellectual, and he would always take whomever he was in the conversation with seriously," said Gretchen Reydams-Schils, a concurrent associate professor with the philosophy department. "[He was] an absolutely brilliant man, but he didn't have a whim of snobbery about him."

Quinn, who specialized in the philosophy of religion and the philosophy of science, joined the Notre Dame philosophy department in 1985.

He is survived by two sisters, Barbara Lucas of Wilmington, Del. and Elizabeth Hogen of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born in Long Branch, N.J., on June 22, 1940. He was an undergraduate at Georgetown University and graduated in 1962, then spent a year at Belgium's University of Louvain. Quinn earned a master's degree in physics from the University of Delaware in 1966 and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh in the following three years.

He then joined the faculty of Brown University's philosophy department,



Quinn

where he was appointed to the William Herbert Perry Faunce Professorship in 1982 before coming to Notre Dame three years later.

"He was both a highly accomplished scholar [and] a real community person ... and that's a huge loss," Reydams-Schils said. "He was very witty — kind of low-key humor, great moral integrity and wasn't afraid to speak on issues he felt were right."

Quinn authored over 100 articles and reviews in a variety of philosophical journals. He published "The Divine Commands and Moral Requirements" and "The Philosophical Challenges of Religious Diversity." Additionally, Quinn co-edited "A Companion to Philosophy of Religion."

In the past two decades, Quinn was named to a number of leadership positions in the American Philosophical Association, most notably president of its Central Division and chair of the National Board of Officers. In 2003, Quinn was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Reydams-Schils noted that Quinn was a "formidable ally" for women students and professors in the philosophy department.

"He was very visible and he was very present in the intellectual community," Reydams-Schils said. "He was very generous in his conversations with people."

A funeral Mass will be held today at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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BOG

Execs address upcoming events

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's College Board of Governance met Monday to discuss upcoming events and issues, including the student body president's annual "State of the School" address.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White called the meeting to order by informing the board that she will deliver the address Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Haggard Parlor. White said she would address her future goals for the College and what she has accomplished thus far in her term.

Members also discussed various diversity initiatives.

Student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran reported that the Social Work 390 class asked the board for \$56 to put on an Ethnic Festival, which will be held in the West Wing of Noble Family dining hall today from 5 to 7 p.m. with the goal of further educating Saint Mary's students about diversity.

"I think that this is a really great thing in light of the forum and the diversity issues pressing our campus," Moran said.

Student Diversity Board commissioner Adriana Puente reported that she is currently accepting applications for available positions on SDB.

"Our numbers are really



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

From left, student body treasurer Molly Welton, vice president Mary Pauline Moran, and president Sarah Catherine White discuss the upcoming State of the School address Monday.

dwindling due to many of our members going abroad," Puente said.

SDB will also be volunteering at a food bank this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Puente or any other SDB member.

In other BOG news:

◆ Student Activities Board will be having a meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m., which will be open to the entire student body. They will then be holding a second meeting at 8 p.m. for students to give feedback on SAB sponsored events. Both meetings will be held in 222 Madeleva Hall.

"SAB's mission is quality programming for the student body, and although we have heard things about our events we have never gotten direct

any direct feedback from students. This will be an opportunity for us to do so," SAB commissioner Lauren Fabina said.

◆ BOG Campus food commissioner Becky Hanson appealed to the Board for help in placing linen table clothes and votives on the tables in the dining hall Dec. 8 in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

"I think this is a great way to commemorate the day," Hanson said, adding that results of the dining hall's survey of the student body's thoughts on campus foods and policies will be available in a week. Hanson said she would be prepared to share those results with the Board at the next meeting.

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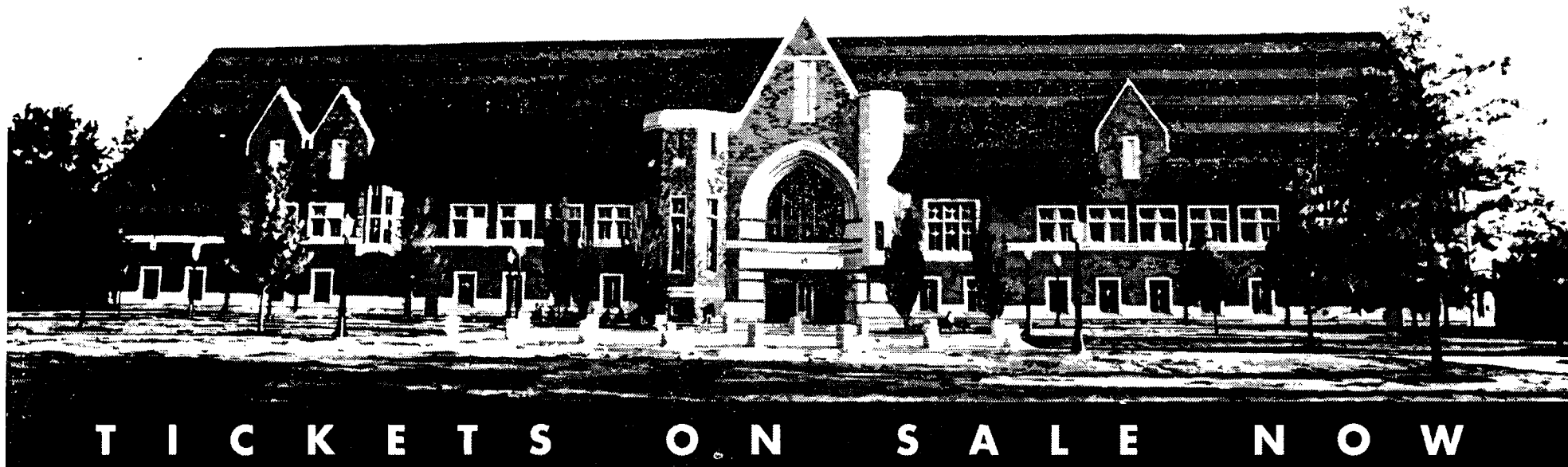
CROSSING OVER

American students and African students share reflections
on their Cross-Cultural experiences

Wednesday, November 17, 6pm, Coleman-Morse Center Lounge

Dinner Provided





DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

ND Symphonic Band and Winds

Wednesday, November 17 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
 Free and open to the public

ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert

Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m.
 Bach's "German Magnificat," and works by Haydn and Monteverdi
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/corch.html
 Leighton Concert Hall
 Free and open to the public

Student Chamber Music Concert

Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m.
 Penote Performers Hall
 Free and open to the public

Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 8 p.m.
 Friday, December 3, 2004 at 8 p.m.
 Handel's *Messiah*
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/corch.html
 Leighton Concert Hall
 Tickets \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$3 all students

The Notre Dame Glee Club Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 4, 2004
 at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
<http://gleeclub.nd.edu>
 Leighton Concert Hall
 Tickets \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$3 all students
 All proceeds benefit the Center for the Homeless.
www.cfh.net

ND University Band

Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
 Free and open to the public

ND Jazz Bands

Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
 Free and open to the public

ND Collegium Musicum

Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/collegium.html
 Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
 Free and open to the public

DPAC PRESENTS

**Empire Brass Christmas Concert**

Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m.
<http://performingarts.nd.edu/empire.shtml>

North America's finest brass ensemble, The Empire Brass, share their brilliant virtuosity and unparalleled diversity in a celebration of Christmas in the Leighton Concert Hall. The ensemble greets the season with a mix of favorite Christmas music through the ages. There will even be a sing along.

Tickets \$44, \$35 faculty/staff, \$15 all students

**The Chieftains**

Sunday, January 30 at 8 p.m.
<http://performingarts.nd.edu/chieftains.shtml>
 Leighton Concert Hall

The first word in Irish Music is the Chieftains. In 1989 the Republic of Ireland appointed them the official musical ambassadors for Ireland. They have exported Irish music to every corner of the world and finally they come to Notre Dame. Their appearance is far overdue. There are a lot of groups who play traditional Celtic music, but they all owe a great debt to the Chieftains who paved the way for them. There are few concert experiences as completely fulfilling as an evening spent in their company.

Tickets \$48, \$38 faculty/staff, \$15 all students

POETRY

Textsounds: a mini conference

Thursday-Saturday, November 18-20
www.nd.edu/~english/textsound/

2 1/2 days of lectures, performances and discussion all free and open to the public, led by six of the world's best known sound and performance poets, critics and theorists. For more information about the conference and event times, please visit www.nd.edu/~english/textsound/

ND CINEMA

I CENTO PASSI (The Hundred Steps)

(Italy, 2000)
 Thursday, November 18
 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies

In the Sicilian seaside town of Cinisi, Luigi Impastano (Luigi Maria Burruano) works for Mafia chieftan Gaetano Badalamenti (Tony Sperandio). When Luigi's rebellious son Peppino (Luigi Lo Cascio) develops a political conscience he starts a private radio station and exposes Badalamenti as a Mafia boss. Peppino's revelations initiate a chain of violence that reaches its climax in the lead-up to local elections in which Peppino has declared his intention to run for office. Based on a true story.

EXPERIMENTAL "POETIC" FILMS

(100 minutes)
 Friday, November 19

Featuring works of Henry Hills, Stan Brakhage, The Brothers Quay, Marcel Duchamp and more.

GARDEN STATE

(93 minutes)
 Saturday, November 20
 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

"It's a hilarious and heartfelt ode to twentysomething angst."

— Peter Travers, *ROLLING STONE*

"Illuminates a young man's overdue coming of age with unexpected depth and grace."

— Kevin Thomas, *LOS ANGELES TIMES*

Discounted tickets are underwritten by the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. There are a limited number of student discounts available.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France ends evacuation flights

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Loading worried families onto the last two jumbo jets, France concluded one of the largest evacuations in post-independence Africa on Monday — an airlift that flew 5,000-plus Westerners from violence pitting France against its former prize West African colony.

More than 10,000 African nationals — with no hope of such rescue — have fled to neighboring countries, the U.N. refugee agency said.

Two French-organized flights late Monday, to Paris and to neighboring Ghana, are the last in six days of shuttles overseen by the French military, French spokesman Jacques Combarieu said.

"It was terrible," said one 10-year German resident of Ivory Coast, who would give only his first name of Helmut, awaiting one of Monday's last evacuation flights.

PRI wins two gubernatorial races

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico — Mexico's former ruling party won two gubernatorial races and held narrow leads in two others Monday in an election showing that could make it a force in the 2006 national vote, in which the party seeks to regain the presidency it held for more than 70 years.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, lost the presidency in 2000 after 71 years of one-party rule, ushering in what was widely considered to be the start of Mexico's true democracy. But the PRI has been working to rebuild, winning elections for governor in four states earlier this year.

The party was fighting to win all four seats up for grabs in Sunday's voting.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Bishops elect new president

WASHINGTON — America's Roman Catholic bishops chose a new president Monday who has released the names of priests accused of molesting children and reached out to victims but who also plans to seek bankruptcy protection for his diocese because of abuse claims.

Bishop William Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., was elected conference president by his fellow bishops on the first ballot, just days after announcing his diocese will go into Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Skylstad, who has served as conference vice president for the past three years, received 120 votes, or 52 percent of the total in a field of 10 candidates. Every vice president who has sought the top job has won.

Research fuels low-carb backlash

LAS VEGAS — Regardless of how they shed pounds in the first place, big losers stayed that way by limiting fat rather than carbohydrates, according to new research that could add fuel to the backlash against low-carb diets.

Dieters already have been turning away from Atkins-style plans as a long-term weight-control strategy, and the new study gives them more reason: Low-fat plans seem to work better at keeping weight off.

"People who started eating more fat ... regained the most weight over time," said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown Medical School psychologist.

LOCAL NEWS

Westfield remembers student

INDIANAPOLIS — Students at Westfield High School gathered around the flagpole early today as they tried to cope with the death of one of their peers in a weekend wreck.

School officials said a large group of classmates offered prayers in memory of Kristin Rice, 16, a Westfield High School junior, who died in a one-car crash shortly before 3 a.m. Saturday on a highway ramp in Gary.

Indiana State Police say Nicholas Gaunt, 17, the Westfield High School senior who was driving at the time of the accident, lost control of the car when his front-seat passenger began pulling on his arm.

Powell to resign from White House

Condoleezza Rice named replacement giving Bush's second term a new look

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice to replace Colin Powell as secretary of state in his second term, a senior administration official said Monday.

Powell, a retired four-star general who often clashed with more hawkish members of the administration on Iraq and other foreign policy issues, resigned in a Cabinet exodus that promises a starkly different look to President Bush's second-term team.

The White House on Monday announced Powell's exit along with the resignations of Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Stephen Hadley, deputy national security adviser, will replace Rice, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Combined with the resignations earlier this month of Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Attorney General John Ashcroft, six of Bush's 15 Cabinet members will not be part of the president's second term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly hit a high-water mark for overhaul.

Known for his moderate views and unblemished reputation, it was Powell who went before the United Nations in February 2003 to sell Bush's argument for invading Iraq to skeptics abroad and at home. But Powell's case was built on faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Still, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman remained the most popular member of the administration, more so than even Bush.

In a resignation letter dated Nov. 12, Powell told Bush that, with the election



Secretary of State Colin Powell announced his resignation from the Cabinet Monday. National security advisor Condoleezza Rice has been named as a likely replacement.

over, it was time to "step down ... and return to private life." The Army man for 35 years said he would stay on "for a number of weeks, or a month or two" until his replacement was confirmed by the Senate.

Asked what he plans to do next, the 67-year-old Powell said, "I don't know."

In a statement, Bush called Powell "one of the great public servants of our time."

Most of the speculation on a successor to Powell has centered on Rice, who is generally seen as more hawkish and is one of Bush's closest advisers. She is widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomat job despite reports that

she intends to return to California — she was provost at Stanford University — or was hoping to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

Aides to Rice declined to comment. In Ecuador for a meeting of defense ministers, Rumsfeld gave no indication that he is on the verge of stepping down. "I have not discussed that with the president," he said when asked if he planned to resign.

Also mentioned as a possible Powell replacement was U.N. Ambassador John Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri. Danforth described Powell as "a great person" and "an outstanding public

servant." As to whether he might succeed Powell, Danforth said, "It hasn't been mentioned by me or to me."

Powell, one of the architects of the 1991 Persian Gulf War in the administration of Bush's father, often sparred in private with hard-line administration officials such as Vice President Dick Cheney and Rumsfeld over how to proceed in Iraq and the role of the international community.

In his most memorable presentation, Powell soldiered on and delivered the administration line before the United Nations and a world audience on the rationale for ousting Saddam Hussein.

IRAQ

Battles hit Sunni Muslim heartland

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi forces fought deadly battles with insurgents across central and northern Iraq on Monday — the latest in a wave of clashes that has swept the country's Sunni Muslim heartland even as American troops move against the last remaining pockets of resistance in Fallujah.

The worst reported fighting took place in Baqouba, where the military said at least 20 insurgents were killed. Militants hit at least four different U.S. troop convoys with car bombs, wounding nine Americans in and around the Sunni

stronghold of Ramadi and in the northern city of Mosul.

A recording purported to be from Iraq's most feared terror leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, instructed insurgents across Iraq to attack U.S. forces before the military can move on other guerrilla strongholds after Fallujah.

"If it [the U.S. military] finishes Fallujah, it will move in your direction. Beware and deny it the chance to carry out this plan," said the speaker on the recording, posted on the Web.

The speaker, who was identified in the message as al-Zarqawi and whose voice resembled that of the

Jordanian militant, said the Americans were overextended and "cannot expand" their operations.

"Shower them with rockets and mortars and cut all the supply routes," he urged. The authenticity of the tape could not be confirmed immediately.

A convoy of ambulances and relief supplies trying to enter Fallujah was forced to turn back because the fighting made it too dangerous, the head of the Iraqi Red Crescent said. The Red Crescent and Red Cross have been unable to gain access to people inside Fallujah during more than a week of violence.

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p.m. and 1 a.m. We also suggested bringing more daytime routes to campus, to have an express route from campus to downtown with just a few stops along the way," Baron said.

He also noted that students would benefit from having a greater access to downtown resources.

"The issue is more than just bars. For students on campus, the Morris Performing Arts Center downtown is a jewel, and they can't get to it on the weekends," he said. "Likewise, for students on campus, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center is great, but there is very limited parking."

According to Istvan and Baron, the solution to this problem can be found with the cooperation of Transpo, which Istvan praised for its cleanliness and affordability. Fares were lowered to 25 cents for the months of September and October, and according to Istvan, Transpo is considering permanently lowering the fare to that rate. Nonetheless, a ride for 75 cents is significantly less money than the \$2 most students pay for taxi service, Istvan said.

"The buses are brand new and really clean. Not to mention students will save a bundle of money. The fare reduction was huge for September and October," he said.

In other COR news:

♦ Zahm Senator Mike McGinley and student body vice president Karla Bell described the results of their meeting with Josh Berlo, who is in charge of basketball ticket sales.

McGinley and Bell left the meeting with two firm promises from Berlo.

First, Berlo assured them that next year the distribution of tickets will again take place on a Tuesday or Thursday to assure that students with early classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday can still have a chance to purchase tickets, McGinley said. The selling time will be 7 a.m. or earlier.

Second, Berlo guaranteed that next year students will only be allowed to purchase four booklets, rather than six, to achieve a greater consistency of student representation.

McGinley also told representatives that Berlo was in favor of delaying putting public tickets on sale until after student tickets have been sold, to allow students who do not buy booklets to purchase tickets for individual games.

"Berlo's only concern was the 'camping out' issue, where students spend the night outside the JACC, which can create problems," he said.

To prevent this from happening, Berlo suggested to McGinley and Bell that students would only be allowed to come to the stadium eight hours before tickets go on sale.

"There will be continuing dialogue between the student government groups on campus and the ticket office to get changes implemented for next year," McGinley told representatives.

Still, McGinley noted that student attendance is not as high as it once was. This year, 2400 booklets were sold, compared to 4800 sold when Digger Phelps was coaching the Irish.

♦ Representatives approved the addition of a non-voting member from the Diversity Council to COR. Johanna Sioson will attend the meetings but will not be allowed to vote.

"Johanna is a great person and has a smart mind. I firmly believe she will add a great voice to COR," senior class president Darrell Scott said.

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Packages

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Also getting involved with the ROTC project are the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Republicans and Democrats. The two groups have initiated a friendly competition to get members into the giving spirit, competing to see which group can collect the most items to send.

Saint Mary's College Democrats president Sarah Staley says her favorite part of the project is the inclusion of the children the troops are helping to protect.

"ROTC also asked us to get together some things for the kids," Staley said. "Beanie Babies [are] something small that can be shipped over there that the soldiers can carry around to hand to the kids."

Collection for the ROTC drive items begins Nov. 29 and ends on the last day of classes.

The Notre Dame Accounting Association will be collecting items for their own care package drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day this week through Friday. Project chair Jennifer Burns, a senior, suggests students and faculty donate "little everyday items that might feel like luxuries" to soldiers, such as magazines, CDs and toiletries.

"We are also sending letters," she said. "If you don't have any money, just writing a letter or a little Christmas note or a note of thanks would be appreciated."

This is the second annual NDAA Christmas care package drive for the troops. Last year's drive was a success, shipping 15 boxes containing more than 300 pounds of items to Iraq, Kuwait, and even a Navy ship in the middle of the Persian Gulf, Burns said. The organization received many letters of thanks from Notre Dame friends and family who appreciated getting the packages.

One recipient was Christopher Welch, a 2000 graduate who was stationed at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Now a

student in Notre Dame's MBA program, he was so impressed by the Christmas shipments that he quickly became involved with the care package drive upon his return to campus.

"I was just floored by the support from the students," Welch said. "The guys in my tent were amazed that students I didn't know were sending packages. I told them it's hard to believe, but that's how Notre Dame is."

The students heading this year's drives agreed with Welch that showing support for the troops is especially important during the holiday season.

"Obviously it's a really hard position to be in when you're in the military and serving over-

seas," Burns said. "There are times like Thanksgiving and Christmas when you really just want to celebrate with your family. We want to let them know that they still have a family over here that still cares about and appreciates them."

Lero said she hopes the packages boost the morale of the soldiers currently stationed overseas, especially those who have recently had their tours of duty extended.

"I think that we're all very aware of the ROTC presence on campus, but we don't really see how that connects with the real world after graduation, while graduates are serving overseas. [The project] helps us to remember them during the Christmas season when they won't be home," she said.

Welch assured the campus community that their efforts will not only be appreciated, but will lift each soldier's holiday spirits.

"There were several other Notre Dame guys who were stationed with me. We were thrilled and amazed and very humbled," he said. "Just the support we got was really amazing. ... Otherwise, Christmas would have been just another day in the desert."

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"I was just floored by the support from the students."

Christopher Welch
alumnus

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and his wife have raised for Coaches vs. Cancer - all to Brey's dismay.

"Make it quick," the coach said modestly. "We're all family here."

Brey began the chat by highlighting each of his players, and assessing the impact that each will have this year. The team has, notably, nine returning players and just one freshman, Rob Kurz. "He's one of the most mature freshman we've ever had," Brey said.

"A basketball season is a marathon, not a sprint," Brey continued, "and that's what I tell my guys. Every one of them is going to have an impact, somewhere down the line."

He called this year's team the most talented one he's coached at Notre Dame.

Brey also talked about the team's powerful schedule, which boasts 13 nationally-televised games, and the importance of getting back into the NCAA postseason tournament, both for the pride of the school and for recruiting purposes.

"We've got to get back into that bracket," he said. "I don't think the guys even need to be told that. There's just a feeling in the locker room."

Compared to the Notre Dame basketball program of the early 1990's - which averaged two televised games and 300 student season tickets a year - "We've got some credibility back again," Brey said.

Brey then turned to recruiting, profiling each of next year's four recruits in a complimentary manner. He also explained the program's methods of recruitment.

"We don't waste time with kids who want to go pro or kids who aren't likely to come here," he said, "and most of the guys stay for four years because they want a degree from this University."

Brey identified two mentors from his career: DeMatha High School coach Morgan Wooten and Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski, for whom Brey worked as an assistant coach. Brey recalled Krzyzewski's methods of allowing his assistants to get their hands on all

aspects of the program, and involving the assistants' families as much as possible.

"I try to do the same thing with my program here," Brey said.

As for the ticket lottery, Brey called the shortage "a good problem" because it reflects students' passion for the team. There have been talks about getting and redoing the seating in the Joyce Center to accommodate more fans, he said.

"We don't need anything gaudy, but we need to clean it up," he said.

Brey also discussed his interest in the football program - "We do some great recruiting on football weekends," his fond memories of 6 foot-11 Tom Timmermans - "He shot a three-pointer during practice freshman year and I kicked him out, then as a senior he makes six three pointers in the game against UCLA," and players with big dreams - "Other coaches would say, shut up; I say, you made the promise, now show me."

"I've really come to associate with this place," Brey said at one point. "You get your handprint on a place and you get attached. I'm excited about the future of this program."

Joe Meginnis, a sophomore who attended the fireside chat, enjoyed the variety of Brey's speech.

"It was interesting to hear his outlook for the season and also about his background, with his two mentors," Meginnis said. "It was also cool to have a more personal setting and be able to interact with the coach."

Vassel said he is pleased with the Fireside Chats so far this year. The committee's goal was to focus less on big names outside campus and look to the people on campus to whom students might be interested in listening, he said.

"I thought [tonight's chat] turned out well," said Vassel. "[Coach Brey] talked more about basketball than I had anticipated, but the things he talked about, like team-building and ethics, apply to all areas of life. And that's what this lecture series is supposed to do."

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IN BRIEF

American Express sues over antitrust

NEW YORK — American Express Co. on Monday sued Visa and MasterCard as well as eight banks for allegedly blocking the sale of its credit cards through U.S. banks.

The New York-based company did not say how much in damages it was seeking, but said it expected the total would be in the billions.

The suit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, is the second against the two biggest credit card associations in America, Visa USA and MasterCard International.

Last month, Discover Financial Services, a unit of New York-based Morgan Stanley, filed a similar suit against MasterCard and Visa seeking unspecified damages for practices that allegedly kept it out of the lucrative bank market.

Both lawsuits follow an Oct. 4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in an antitrust case brought by the Justice Department that accused Visa and MasterCard of restraining competition. The high court's decision let stand a lower court ruling requiring Visa and MasterCard to allow member banks to issue competing cards. That cleared the way for American Express and Discover to begin partnering with U.S. banks.

Ex-Boeing CFO pleads guilty

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Boeing Co.'s former chief financial officer pleaded guilty Monday to illegally hiring a top Air Force procurement officer who admitted giving the company preferential treatment on a \$23 billion tanker contract.

Michael Sears, 57, of Chicago, pleaded guilty to a single count of aiding and abetting illegal employment negotiations.

Sears faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 21, but his lawyer, James Streicker, estimated that under federal guidelines Sears probably faces a six-month sentence at most.

Sears admitted that he offered Darleen Druyun, one of the Air Force's top contract officers, a six-figure executive position at Boeing while she was reviewing whether Boeing should get a \$23 billion contract to provide new refueling tankers to the Air Force.

FDA orders Viagra to pull tv ad

Pfizer Inc. cannot air 'Wild Thing' ad because it fails to disclose known risks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government ordered Pfizer Inc. to yank cheeky television ads that promised better sex for men taking Viagra because they failed to disclose known risks associated with the drug, according to a letter released on Monday.

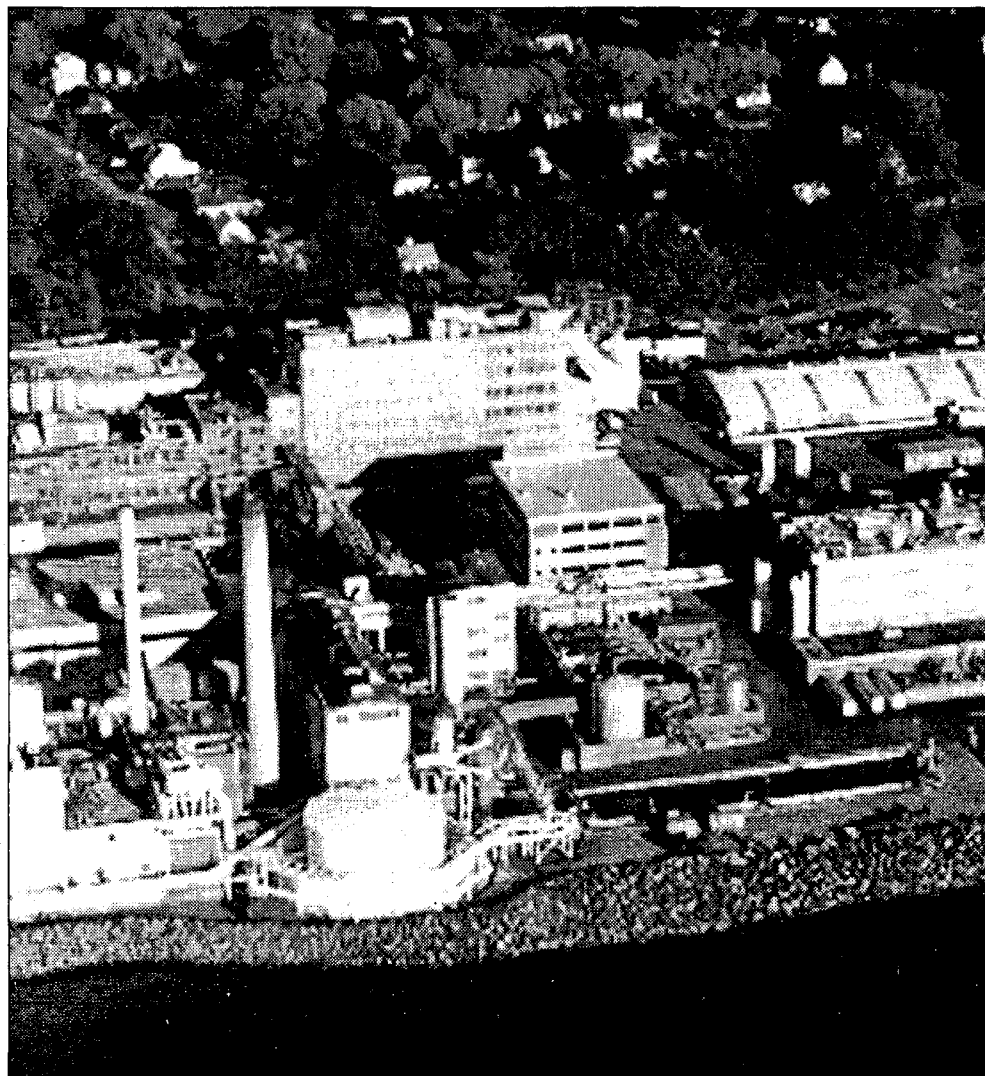
"The TV ads omit the indication for the drug (namely, treatment of erectile dysfunction) and fail to provide information relating to the major side effects and contraindications of the drug, as required," Christine Hemler Smith, a Food and Drug Administration regulatory review officer, informed Pfizer in a letter posted on the agency's Web site.

"Remember that guy who used to be called 'Wild Thing?'" the ads say as a middle-aged couple shop, looking in the window of a lingerie store. "The guy who wanted to spend the entire honeymoon indoors?" Later, blue horns sprout from the frisky man's head with "He's back" written on his forehead. The horns morph into the letter "V" of Viagra.

"The TV ads claim that Viagra will provide a return to a previous level of sexual desire and activity," Smith wrote to Robert B. Clark, a Pfizer vice president. "FDA is not aware of substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience demonstrating this benefit for patients who take Viagra," Smith wrote.

Pfizer has already removed the TV ad clip from its Web site, and is "in the process" of pulling the TV ads, said spokesman Daniel Watts.

Pfizer also is drafting a formal reply to the FDA's letter, posted Monday. Viagra is among the company's top 10 best-selling drugs, behind such products as Lipitor, Zolof and



Pfizer is responsible for manufacturing Viagra, one of its top ten best selling drugs. Viagra accounted for \$1.87 billion in sales last year, \$1.1 billion sold to American men.

Celebrex. Viagra accounted for \$1.87 billion in global sales last year, including \$1.1 billion in sales to American men.

It's not clear whether the agency's regulatory action extends beyond the 15- and 30-second television ads. Viagra's Web site, for instance, reinforces the ad campaign with a blue horned man under the headline "Get back to mischief."

The FDA asked the company to cease "promotional materials" similar to the television ads it described in its letter, but did not include specifics.

"We're going to look at everything we have," Watts said, to ensure the company complies with the

FDA's request.

Men who already have heart disease can risk further heart woes when they have sex, Smith's letter said. Viagra, approved to treat erectile dysfunction, should not be used by men with heart conditions whose doctors have warned them not to have sex. Also, patients taking drugs that contain nitrates have been warned not to take Viagra because of sudden, unsafe drops in blood pressure.

The drug's label also warns of erections lasting longer than four hours, painful erections lasting longer than six hours, headache, flushed skin and vision problems.

The FDA said Pfizer's tel-

evision ads "misbrand" Viagra, and demanded the company immediately pull them. The agency is requiring a response to its letter by Nov. 24.

Consumer advocate Sidney Wolfe said FDA enforcement against misleading advertising dropped from 157 actions in 1998 to just 23 last year.

"If you are the industry, you cannot help but notice the FDA has largely stopped enforcing the laws and regulations on drug advertising," Wolfe said. "Therefore, you're almost encouraged to run misleading ads like this. By the time the FDA catches up with this kind of ad, it's likely millions of people, or more, have seen the ad."

Marvel sues over trademark characters

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Marvel Enterprises Inc. is suing two firms behind a computer superhero role-playing game it claims allows players to make virtual characters that are too similar to "The Hulk," "X-Men" and other heroes in the comic book company's stable.

The lawsuit claims South Korea-based NCSoft Corp. and San Jose-based Cryptic Studios Inc. violated Marvel's trademark characters in their game "City of Heroes." Marvel seeks unspecified damages and an injunction against the two companies to stop using its characters.

The personal computer game

enables players to design superheroes' look and abilities and then battle against other players' characters in a virtual city. Like similar so-called massively multiplayer role-playing games where thousands of players can be playing simultaneously at any given time, "City of Heroes" claims to offer a myriad of combinations so that no two players' characters are exactly the same.

But in its lawsuit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, Marvel argues that the game's character creation engine easily allows players to design characters that are virtual copies of its own superheroes, including "The Incredible Hulk."

The company singles out a game

feature for creating "a gigantic, green, 'science-based tanker'-type hero that moves and behaves nearly identically" to the "Hulk." Players can also create a "mutant-based" hero powers and a costume nearly identical to Marvel's "Wolverine," according to the suit.

The New York-based company also took issue with the ability of players to go so far as to name their superhero creations after Marvel comic book characters.

Marvel claims the firms' are responsible because the game is played on servers operated by the companies, raising the question of whether a company is responsible for their customers' actions on its computer server.

Arafat

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fessor in the Arabic and Islamic studies department. "The mistakes he made will be forgiven and perhaps forgotten; he will rather be remembered as a man and leader who selflessly dedicated his life to the Palestinian cause ... He was and will remain a national icon for most Palestinians."

Notre Dame student Mohammad Hamad is one of those Palestinians for whom Arafat was a symbol of the hope for self-rule.

"Arafat was a man of peace, a freedom fighter and a godfather for Palestinians," he said, rejecting both the terrorist label that critics have applied to the leader and the accusation that Arafat's acts of aggression against Israelis amounted to genocide.

"He is not a Hitler, not a Stalin, not a Pol Pot. He was a leader in every sense of the word," Hamad said.

Political science professor Keir Lieber took a more negative view of Arafat's legacy. "History will judge Yasir Arafat harshly," he said. "He rose to prominence through terrorism and murder and then betrayed the Palestinians simply to maintain his grip on power. He was a corrupt, dictatorial and ineffective leader who was incapable of either peace-making or state-building."

Although he recognized some of Arafat's shortcomings, political science professor Dan Lindley said history will take a more mixed view of him as a leader.

"I think he'll be recognized as someone who was initially a hero, but ultimately, a failure," Lindley said. "He led Palestinians to a place where they were a force to be dealt with, but on the other hand, what has he been doing over the last

15 or 20 years that has amounted to much?"

Lindley also mentioned the unaccounted-for billions given to Arafat to help aid in the founding of a Palestinian state, saying that if Arafat did in fact embezzle that money, he might be remembered as "a criminal, a king-thief of billions, another klepto-crat" from the Third World.

Further complicating Arafat's legacy is the paradoxical catch-22 that Israel and the West encountered in negotiating with the leader, Lindley said.

"Either he was in control of various bombings or terrorist incidents, in which case, he's someone you don't want to deal with because he's a terrorist, or he's not a terrorist, in which case you don't want to speak to him because he doesn't control the side he claims to speak for," Lindley said.

Anthropology professor Patrick Gaffney, a specialist in Middle Eastern politics, also commented about the difficulty of knowing how much control Arafat really wielded over Palestinians, saying that Israel's demonization of Arafat often blew his real power out of proportion.

"Israeli officials blamed him for every possible assault on Israeli security, building him up as the source of all their problems in a way that was bizarre and contradictory," Gaffney said.

He also echoed Lindley's comments about Arafat's initial successes but ultimate failure, saying that to the end, Arafat remained a guerilla fighter rather than a statesman.

"Arafat never lost the habits of someone who was in hiding," he said. "... He had a terrific first three quarters of his term, but was not able to change under a new set of political circumstances."

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Future

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the active involvement of the Bush administration and concrete concessions by Israel. Arafat's legacy makes all of this unlikely."

Professor Patrick Gaffney, an anthropologist specializing in Middle Eastern politics, was also dubious about the possible success of the peace process in the near future, citing the tremendous anti-Palestinian sentiment within the Israeli government.

"The odds against a settlement are pretty high. Israel's structural opposition to the formation of a Palestinian state is very great," he said. "It's not going to be easy for Palestinians."

President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are in part to blame for the gridlock that has beset Palestinian/Israeli negotiation, said Asma Afsarrudin, professor of Arabic and Islamic studies.

"Given that Tony Blair and George Bush have not been very successful in the past in jump-starting these talks — because, in many ways, they are side-stepping the real, core issues of political injustices and human rights violations — I'm not terribly optimistic that they will succeed in the near future," Afsarrudin said.

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Patrick Gaffney
professor

Afsarrudin, like Gaffney, also blamed Israel and its conservative Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for many of the problems Palestinians have faced during the peace process.

"Sharon's government has not exactly been over-eager to participate in

these talks either," said Afsarrudin.

Palestinian Notre Dame student Mohammad Hamad went even further, denouncing the actions of the Israeli government as savage and imperialistic, citing as an example the

Sharon-led killing of Palestinians in Lebanon that occurred in 1982.

"We did not invade them; they invaded us. We did not kill them; they killed us. We did not make a Holocaust upon them; they made a Holocaust upon us," he said.

The rigidity of the Israeli government has nullified any positive effect Arafat's death might have on the peace process, Hamad added.

"His death will not make any difference because the problem is not with Palestinian leaders. It's with the Israeli leaders. Until there is a significant change in Israeli leader-

ship, there will never be peace in the area," he said.

Philosophy professor David Burrell, who has spent a great deal of time in the Middle East, echoed Hamad in saying that the real problem lies with Israeli, not Palestinian leadership.

"The biggest fear we should have now is not for Palestine, which has a plethora of good leaders available, but for Israel, for without someone to project their difficulties onto, they will have to deal straightforwardly with their own internal dissensions, which are nearly intractable," Burrell said.

But Afsarrudin also questioned whether Arafat's successor, Mahmoud Abbas, the new chairman of the P.L.O., had the political clout or personal charisma necessary to move forward the peace process.

"He simply does not com-

mand the kind of loyalty or enjoy the broad-based popularity that Arafat did," she said. "The more militant Palestinian factions have expressed their displeasure with Abbas and that is troubling. The situation may well continue to be chaotic for a while as Palestinians try to adjust to political life without Arafat, which for the last 30 years or so was defined by him."

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Intruder

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director Rex Rakow said. However, because of the severity of the vandalism and unauthorized entry — the man was seen in the dorm between 7 and 8:30 a.m., in violation of parietals — a continuing investigation is necessary, Rakow said.

"We are still actively seeking and investigating new leads but the trail was pretty cold when we got the initial report," he said.

Investigators are examining swipe card data to narrow down

possible times the suspect could have entered the dorm, Rakow added. Since no evidence of forced entry was found in NDSP's initial assessment, police concluded the suspect was let in or entered through an unlocked door.

The incident came to police attention the afternoon of Nov. 7, when a Pasquerilla West resident alerted hall staff to the man's suspicious presence in the shower area of a fourth floor bathroom that morning. Several other residents later came forward to corroborate the sighting.

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ISRAEL

Official offers conciliatory gesture

Israeli withdrawal from Gaza contingent on terrorist crackdown

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Monday offered its first indication it was reassessing relations with the Palestinians after Yasser Arafat's death, suggesting it might coordinate a planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip if the Palestinian Authority cracks down on militant groups.

Palestinian leaders reacted cautiously to remarks by Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and argued that Israel should "unconditionally" reopen peace talks under the U.S.-backed "road map" plan.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had previously refused to negotiate the "unilateral disengagement plan" with Arafat, insisting that he was responsible for four years of fighting. Arafat's death in a French hospital last week has opened up what many leaders

believe is a crucial opportunity to revive the Middle East peace process by clearing the way for a more moderate leadership.

If leaders emerge who are willing to stem the violence, Israel is prepared to coordinate the plan to move troops and 8,800 Jewish settlers out of the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, Israeli officials said Monday. Such coordination is considered critical to avoid a chaotic transition.

"Israel has every interest that Gaza will be ruled in a responsi-

ble manner when redeployment takes place," Shalom told a conference of North American Jews in Cleveland. "If the new leadership on the Palestinian side acts to combat terror, then we will be able to consider coordinating aspects of the 'day after' with them."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev confirmed Shalom's comments constituted a "new policy."

Israel's security establishment is currently examining ways to work with Palestinian security forces to hand them control of

the Gaza Strip when Israel withdraws, senior Israeli officials said Monday on condition of anonymity. The recommendations will be discussed with Sharon in an upcoming meeting of senior officials on the matter, the officials said.

Israeli and Palestinian officials alike have expressed fears that an evacuation from Gaza that is not coordinated would bring chaos to the Gaza Strip, where militant groups have been vying for control in recent months.

In a sign of the uncertainty, shots were fired in Gaza on Sunday as Mahmoud Abbas, a leading candidate in Palestinian elections on Jan. 9, attended a gathering of people mourning Arafat. Two security guards were killed, and fears were raised that the violence could

spiral.

A cease-fire by Palestinian militants is a central Israeli condition for the coordination of the Gaza pullout plan, a senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity. Israel also expects the Palestinians to disarm the groups, stop anti-Israeli incitement and implement security and financial reforms, the official said.

In response, Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said he suspected the Israelis would put up too many conditions for coordinating the pull-out.

"Israel should talk to us unconditionally," Erekat told The Associated Press. "This line of conditioning things ... has been the way government handles things."

The Palestinian Authority is required in the road map to combat militant groups.

The plan, backed by the United States, United Nations, the European Union and Russia, was formally accepted by the sides in 2003 but never got off the ground due to mutual accusations of violations.

Under the plan, Israel is slated to dismantle illegal settlement outposts and freeze settlement activity but has been reluctant to do so. The plan calls for an end to violence and the creation of a Palestinian state.

In another indication that Israel was pushing ahead with its implementation of its Gaza pullout plans, an Israeli parliamentary committee approved the allotment of almost \$8 million to an authority overseeing the disengagement.

AUSTRIA

Iran agrees to suspend uranium enrichment

U.N. hails decision, U.S. says it falls short

Associated Press

VIENNA — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency Monday endorsed Iran's agreement to suspend all uranium enrichment within a week, the key element of a deal worked out with European countries.

But the apparent victory for diplomacy falls short of U.S. demands for a permanent suspension — or scrapping — of Iranian activities that Washington asserts are meant to make nuclear weapons. Iran insists it only wants to generate electricity.

The agreement, detailed in a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, appeared to represent a breakthrough for the Europeans and to hurt a U.S. push to have Iran hauled before the U.N. Security Council for allegedly violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The council could impose sanctions on Tehran.

The deal does not settle the enrichment issue and only buys Iran more time. The agreement commits Iran to suspend enrichment while it works out the details of an aid package with the Europeans or until negotiations collapse.

U.S. officials took a wait-and-see approach to the agreement. President Bush once labeled Iran part of an "axis of evil" with North Korea and prewar Iraq.

"We have seen a little bit of progress, hopefully, over the last 24 hours," Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "We all need to be a bit careful at this moment" since the administration had not seen the accord. And White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the administration will talk with Britain, France and Germany,

which negotiated the deal.

In return for the suspension, Europe has been suggesting it would help Iran develop peaceful nuclear energy.

European officials said the agreement could generate international confidence that Iran's nuclear activities are peaceful. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the deal represents "a significant development in relations between Europe and Iran."

But privately, European Union diplomats in Vienna and other European capitals acknowledged that the agreement achieved less than the ideal of permanent suspension.

The agreement, on diplomat told The Associated Press, was a beginning. The idea, she said, was to "engage Iran (and) negotiate a long-term agreement on suspension" beyond the present short-term commitment. She spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Tehran, Hasan Rowhani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, emphasized that the freeze was temporary.

"In the agreement, there is no talk of cessation but only voluntary suspension" of enrichment, he said after the report was released to diplomats accredited to the Vienna-based IAEA. "This is a preliminary agreement that will lead us to a final agreement between Iran and the Europeans."

He added that Iran's full suspension did not include operations at a heavy water production plant being built in Arak, central Iran.

Under the agreement, a working committee would be formed within weeks to define what economic, technological, security and nuclear cooperation Europe will provide, Rowhani said. It will report back within three months.

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Who wants a cabinet position?

The next few weeks will prove to be interesting to say the least with recent shakeups within the Bush administration cabinet. As for liberal pundits still sore over the election, the firing range is now open for you to take potshots at the administration. Being a survivor myself of the Clinton years, I understand it will provide some much needed therapy. However, in all seriousness, these changes in controversial policy arenas will have very important implications on the U.S. agenda of the next four years.

Monday morning, it was confirmed Secretary of State Colin Powell is on his way out. According to the Associated Press, he still plans to continue work on the Middle East and North Korea until a successor can be named. Possible successors reportedly include National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Dick Lugar. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has also expressed interest in the job, but chances are slim to none that such a controversial figure will be appointed as Secretary of State.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Secretary of Education Rod Paige, Secretary of Commerce Don Evans and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham are also on the way out. Controversy and stressful conflicts over policy have been the norm in all of these offices. In agriculture, the controversy over genetically engineered foods has heated up over the past four years. The Department of Education has had its hands full quarreling over details and funding for the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Evans has also had his hands full in dealing with the World Trade Organization, outsourcing and the continuing U.S. trade deficit.

While other columns may focus in on some obvious differences of opinion within Bush's cabinet, I believe there are other more simple explanations for the departures. These explanations run contrary to the hypotheses of Bush haters who will use this as vindication for their own biases. The most compelling I believe is the sheer workload these jobs must have carried over the past four years. Although we have not even begun the second term of the administration, these people are exhausted. To use a baseball analogy, they have all pitched a hard fought eight-inning game.

Imagine for a moment what Powell's day-to-day schedule must have been like. Placing yourself in his shoes, what would your plan be to lead the foreign policy of the United States? So, beginning in 2000, you must deal with North Korea, Iran, Iraq, the United Nations, as well as reviewing the successes and failures Clinton's foreign policy in a Post-Cold War world. No, that doesn't seem like enough to keep you busy.

Let's add the first attack on the continental United States by a foreign power since the War of 1812, organizing an international coalition to deal with Afghanistan and a global war on terror. If that doesn't keep you busy, how about proving to a skeptical world why intervention is needed in Iraq as half the Security Council stands to benefit from the continuation of the status quo and eventual oil contracts once sanctions are lifted? At the same time, you and the Defense Secretary are at each other's throats over questions of policy and implementation of the war on terror. Just for kicks, let's also throw in new complications with Iran, North Korea, Haiti and the Sudan.

Yes, foreign policy seems a bit overwhelming. Perhaps it would be much easier to run the Department of Justice. Things will be just as easy as the Clinton years, right? Perhaps the occasional Elian Gonzales controversy or crazy right wing anarchist militia plot against the government to deal

with would pop up, but it couldn't be that hard. Instead, let's throw you Sept. 11 nine months into office. Your new assignment is to address the complete failure to apprehend twelve terrorists that were trained under your nose on U.S. soil to carry out two highly lethal terrorist attacks.

So, in some highly controversial moves, you are granted the tools you need to carry out your job against the terrorists through the Patriot Act. These tools are the same as have been used for years against organized crime and drug dealers regarding wiretaps. Under your watch, Al Qaeda operations within the United States are dealt a severe blow and no terror attacks occur for the rest of your time in office. In the process, you are branded a right-wing extremist enemy of civil liberties for doing your best to defend your country. Would you like to take over this job, balancing civil liberties with the prospects of biological, chemical, or nuclear attack?

No, I do not believe I could begin to handle any of these jobs. These men and women have been unsung heroes for the past four years that have done much for their country. They have taken their best shots at effectively keeping the United States effective in the global economy, trying to solve the energy crisis, making the largest changes in U.S. foreign policy since the Truman administration and trying effectively to prosecute terrorists hidden within our borders. The time has come to give them a well-deserved break, and send in some strong closers to finish out what may be the most extensive changes in policy in our history.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot, others transform a yellow spot into the sun."

Pablo Picasso
artist

Elephants on parade

America has spoken, hopefully with better grammar than her president, who has won a second term in office. For many Americans, President George W. Bush's victory represents the triumph of family values and Texas home cooking over marauding bands of liberals, formed from alliances between gays and welfare hungry crack whores. For others, the election outcome represents the abandonment of any pretense at social responsibility, multilateralism in foreign policy or a good vocabulary.

Katie Boyle

For What It's Worth

Exchanging sarcasm for melodrama, this election has been one of the more depressing events of my lifetime. (Give me a break. I grew up in the suburbs).

America has shown her preference for the black and white, and I'm not talking about her alleged fondness for Michael Jackson songs. The nuanced positions of Sen. John Kerry, particularly in regard to foreign policy, simply did not translate to voters who didn't research the facts behind the Republican spin.

The ever-controversial issue of gay marriage, however, did. Personally, I believe that as God created homosexuals (a statement recognized by the Catholic Church), it is certainly beyond my or your jurisdiction to deny them the rights provided by a civil union. (To make life easier for outraged televangelists and/or senders of hate mail, my e-mail address is at the bottom of this column).

The prominence of this issue in Bush's campaign was brilliant, particularly the clever subversion of the phrase "civil union" in favor of the term "gay marriage," which was much more likely to stir up the ire of the religious right. He was able to ride the moral high horse, and pose by it on his ranch in various ads, in order to falsely imply that sanctioning a civil union would interfere with the religious sacraments of churches. And Karl Rove's evangelical vote came through, in droves and on buses, making their

mark at the polls.

I don't want to pretend that there are no positives to four more years of Bush.

He does have great hair.

He may also be able to implement important medical liability reforms, alleviating doctors' insurance premiums, and so lowering the costs of medical procedures for all Americans. Whether or not he accomplishes this task remains to be seen.

Over the next four years, Bush has the opportunity to validate the choice of conservatives in this country. He also has the option of giving me a great chance to say, "I told you so!" I never claimed to be mature.

So far, I'll try not to lambaste him too much. Attorney General John Ashcroft has resigned, which can only be for the good of the nation. Whether his replacement, Alberto Gonzales, who described the Geneva Conventions as "obsolete" when referencing atrocities at Abu Ghraib, will prove to be a better choice remains to be seen.

While I doubt he'll outdo Ashcroft, I am skeptical of his selection.

A little less than half of voters in this country are watching Bush.

Many of those who voted for him are as well. This term is his chance to create a legacy, and anything could happen. Perhaps, now that he is no longer forced to pander to the far right, he will be able to unite, rather than to divide the nation. Or maybe a second term, an unelectable vice president and a Republican Congress have given him carte blanche to do anything he pleases.

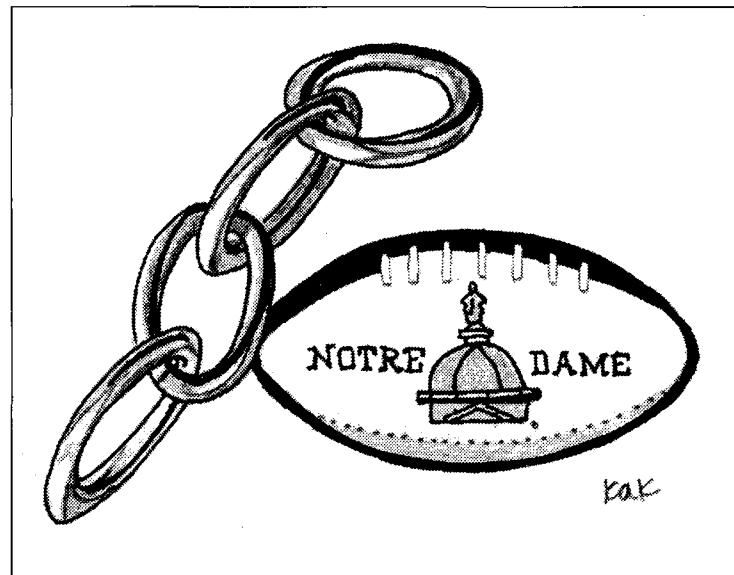
For the next four years, I am prepared to watch these elephants fly. And, despite my preference for John Kerry, for the sake of our country, I hope they soar.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Showing loyalty to excellence



As the final seconds ticked away this past Saturday, and I watched what used to be the most storied college football program in the nation suffer yet another inexplicable and record breaking defeat to a clearly less talented football team, I could not help but think back to The Observer Viewpoint written by Kellie Middleton on Nov. 10.

I thought back to how she lectured and patronized all of those ignorant and un-enlightened alumni who could not possibly understand that Notre Dame is right on the cusp of returning to the elite of college football. She chided those over-demanding dark sheep of the Notre Dame community for not even being smart enough to understand how good we have it.

I thought of what she, and others like her, must use as evidence that this once proud football program has turned the proverbial corner and it made me nauseous.

The excuse making, rationalizations of mediocrity, and woefully obvious lack of leadership that this coaching staff continues to provide Our Lady's university with on a weekly basis is no longer defensible. It is not being a bandwagon fan and it is not being fickle; many fans have been preaching these same sentiments now for a number of months and even years. With each broken streak, with each historic defeat, and with each shameful attempt at lowering expectations this staff further demonstrates that it can not and will not ever provide this program with a National Championship under its "stewardship".

There are clearly still very talented athletes everywhere in this program, although with each passing year this staff's inability to sell Notre Dame to young men poses a threat to that reality, how else can you explain beating teams such as Michigan and Tennessee? The reason this team follows up big victories with such mystifying defeats as those against BYU, Boston College and Pittsburgh goes straight to the top. This staff has shown it can not prepare this team week in and week out to compete at the high level we should expect. From the team giving up at Syracuse last year to being annihilated by an average Purdue team this year, the evidence is all around us. With each attempted rationalization that "We will have a winning season" and that "Next year will be different" this football program spirals further and further into irrelevance.

Throughout Notre Dame's history, the University has been committed to excellence in all facets. From academia to the playing field, excuses should not be an option. It is not parity, academic restrictions, lack of talent, or the schedule that has caused this football program to slide further and further from what should be its goal. The problem is those who were entrusted with guiding it. These same men who blame "player execution" for painfully obvious shortcomings in preparation and the consistent inability to adjust do not deserve to be patrolling the same sidelines once occupied by Leahy, Ara and Lou.

The problem is the coaching. If the University truly believes in excelling at everything that it does and that a proud tradition should be kept alive, a change must be made. On the other hand, if it follows Middleton's advice and continues to harbor mediocrity; it can continue printing T-shirts in celebration of beating Top 25 Teams and turn away from the thousands of people across the country that have lived and died with Notre Dame Football for decades. These people are not bad fans Middleton, they are loyal to something they truly believe is important — something they hope and even beg can be made great once again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our football players deserve better

When asked what could be taken from this roller coaster autumn, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham responded, "It's a winning season." Our players deserve better than that. All of the athletes at this University deserve special recognition for their efforts and the football players are no different. The group of men that represent this University every Saturday put millions of dollars into the pockets of our school year after year. They put countless hours into training and preparing for their games while we sit on our tails and play football on Xbox, and they attend real classes and earn real degrees when they could have played at a number of schools that would have been happy to hand them a bachelors in scuba diving.

These guys deserve far better than a coaching staff whose only consistent effort comes in lowering the expectations of critics and supporters alike. These athletes aren't just hard workers either; they are all extremely talented as well. The reason we somehow managed victories against Michigan and Tennessee in the same season that we lost to Pittsburgh, Boston College and BYU is because our athletes have the talent to play with top-10 teams but our coaches don't have the ability to prepare for the less obvious threats.

Our players deserve better than a defensive coordinator who has known about weaknesses in the secondary from day one, but rather than addressing those issues has simply relied on teams to run the ball against a front seven they know will stop them. Pittsburgh took care of that when Tyler Palko became the first quarterback in history to throw five touchdown passes against the Irish, and 10 games into the season might be a little too late to try to fix the problem before our date with a Heisman candidate in two weeks.

These players deserve better than an offensive coordinator who has had three years to implement

his "West Coast" system but is still calling plays that don't seem to form any kind of recognizable system at all. And before you look to Saturday's performance as evidence of a leap forward keep in mind the fact that Division I-AA Furman scored the exact same number of points against Pittsburgh and had only 15 yards less than our offense's 438.

Most of all though, our team deserves better than a head coach whose inability to show emotion has translated into an ability to evoke consistent emotion from his team and has transformed this season from one that could have been historical into one that is mediocre at best. Once again Willingham is asking us to look forward to next year, but there is one huge problem with that. For the seniors that lost their final game in Notre Dame Stadium there is no next year. This was true for the seniors who left Notre Dame with a losing season last year, and the same will be true for the seniors next year if something is not done. With the loss to Pittsburgh, Willingham's record has dropped below Bob Davie's record at this point in his tenure, and for the second year in a row Notre Dame has lost half of its home games.

Our players deserve to win all of their home games, they deserve to go to good bowl games, they deserve to win those bowl games, and they deserve a coaching staff that is just as talented as they are. Our athletic director needs to realize that while he may be here for decades, the student-athletes he oversees are here for only four years, and they deserve coaching staffs that will help them achieve the success and rewards that their efforts merit while they are here. Not next year.

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DVD GUIDE

A beginner's guide
to DVD, part 2

Special editions and more

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on the basics of Digital Video Discs.

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Writer

DVD has been commercially available for nearly a decade and has revolutionized the home theater market. Yet purchasing DVDs can be confusing and complicated; the back of a DVD case often contains terms like Aspect Ratio, Dolby Digital, and Regional DVD. For many, it is difficult to understand what is worth purchasing and what is not.

Hopefully this guide will demystify many of the more confusing features of the video market.

Special Features

Special features have become ubiquitous on DVDs. They usually take several distinct forms: audio commentary, documentaries and/or advertisements. Audio commentaries (usually from actors, directors, writers or a combination of the three) are separate audio tracks that can be played over the film. Usually, they consist of the participant giving insight into the making of the film. Some of these running commentaries are revelatory, especially on David Fincher films ("Se7en," "Fight Club") or James Cameron films ("Aliens," "Terminator 2: Judgment Day") where the director gives great perspective into the film-making process.

On older films, commentaries tend to be by film historians or critics, as in the case of Roger Ebert's commentaries ("Casablanca," "Citizen Kane") or Richard Shickel's commentaries ("Unforgiven," "Once Upon a Time in the West").

Documentaries and making-of featurettes range in quality as well. Often, the quality of these depend on the DVD producer. In the case of well-known producers such as Van Ling ("Terminator 2," "Star Wars" Episodes I and II) or Charles de Lauzirika ("Alien Quadrilogy," "Gladiator"), the quality of the documentaries is always high, but often documentaries, especially featurettes, amount to little more than promotional fluff pieces on the average DVD release.

Advertisement campaigns are often added to the list of a DVD supplements. These consist of trailers (the previews shown before movies at theaters), TV spots and poster art. For older films, ad campaigns give insight into how they were originally perceived and marketed. In the best cases, all of these video supplements are presented in anamorphic widescreen.

Different Editions: Special Editions, Box Sets, Superbit

There are often many different editions of films released in the market. Often this makes it difficult for a consumer to know which version is the best to purchase. Sometimes films are purposely released in both standard no-frills editions as well as lavish special editions ("Mystic River," "Almost Famous").

In nearly every case it is better to go with the best possible edition. Even this is sometimes more confusing than

it needs to be — "Saving Private Ryan" was available in no less than four distinct versions. Originally, there was a single-disc Dolby Digital version with a short documentary and a DTS version without the documentary. Then the D-Day 60th Anniversary Commemorative Edition was released as a two-disc version without the DTS track. There is also a four-disc World War II Collection released with the first two discs seemingly identical to the D-Day Edition, except with the DTS track.

In order to obtain the best possible version of a film, research is usually required. This also helps to avoid "double-dipping," or the re-purchase of a film in a different version. Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill," for example, is expected to be released in no less than six versions, or what Miramax calls "multiple bits at the apple."

Unlike the clear strategy of New Line Cinema with the "Lord of the Rings" films (2-disc theatrical cut, then 4-disc extended edition), Miramax plans to release "Kill Bill" as the following:

- current basic editions
- 2-disc special editions
- re-edited cut as single film
- Quentin Tarantino Box Set

Before purchasing a specific film, it is usually advantageous to find out if there is an inevitable better edition in the near future ("X-Men 1.5," for example). The initial DVD release is often a stopgap for quick profit while a more elaborate special edition is planned.

Superbits are a special case that further complicate the DVD market. A superbit edition usually has the same transfer as a standard edition, but run at a higher bit-rate. All superbits have a DTS track.

While superbits ostensibly have better audio and visual quality, if the transfer is the same as the standard edition then the differences are often minute. However, superbits often drop special features such as audio commentary in order to compensate for the added DTS track.

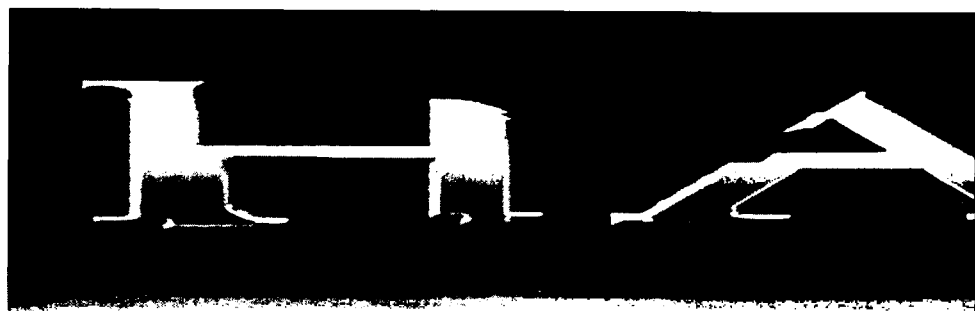
Director's Cuts

Director's cuts were originally a Laserdisc phenomenon that allowed directors to re-edit their films for home release. The success of some early director's cuts (Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" and James Cameron's "Aliens") has led to their proliferation in the market.

In many cases, a film is prepared theatrically with the intent of releasing a director's cut in the home theater market. Usually this affects the MPAA rating of the film, changing it to an R or NR rating. These days it seems like every film is getting a director's cut ("Daredevil," "In the Cut," "Hellboy" and "Pitch Black" have all received one, often in a separate DVD release).

In the best cases, a release includes both the director's cut as well as the original theatrical cut, which has happened for films such as "Almost Famous," "E.T." and the Alien Quadrilogy Box Set.

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Highly anticipated g

By MARK BEMENDERFER and SARAH VABULAS

Scene Critics

Mark: One hundred twenty-five million dollars. That is how much "Halo 2" earned in the first 24 hours after it was released. That roughly translates into "Halo 2" pulling in around 5 million every hour. After 2 years of waiting and an incredible amount of hype, it is finally here. The question is, is it worth it?

The answer is a resounding yes. The game is quite literally jaw-dropping, both in graphics and game play. Encountering the towering Covenant Scarab tank, and subsequently taking it down is an experience never before seen in a video game. It looks and feels like it was pulled straight from a movie.

The single-player campaign is filled with moments that could have been lifted straight from a Hollywood blockbuster. The scale of the war is vast. Seeing numerous enemy tanks and vehicles fighting with opposing forces is quite common. The original "Halo" was known for its huge levels, and varied enemies. The sequel takes both of those traits and

doubles them in volume and quality.

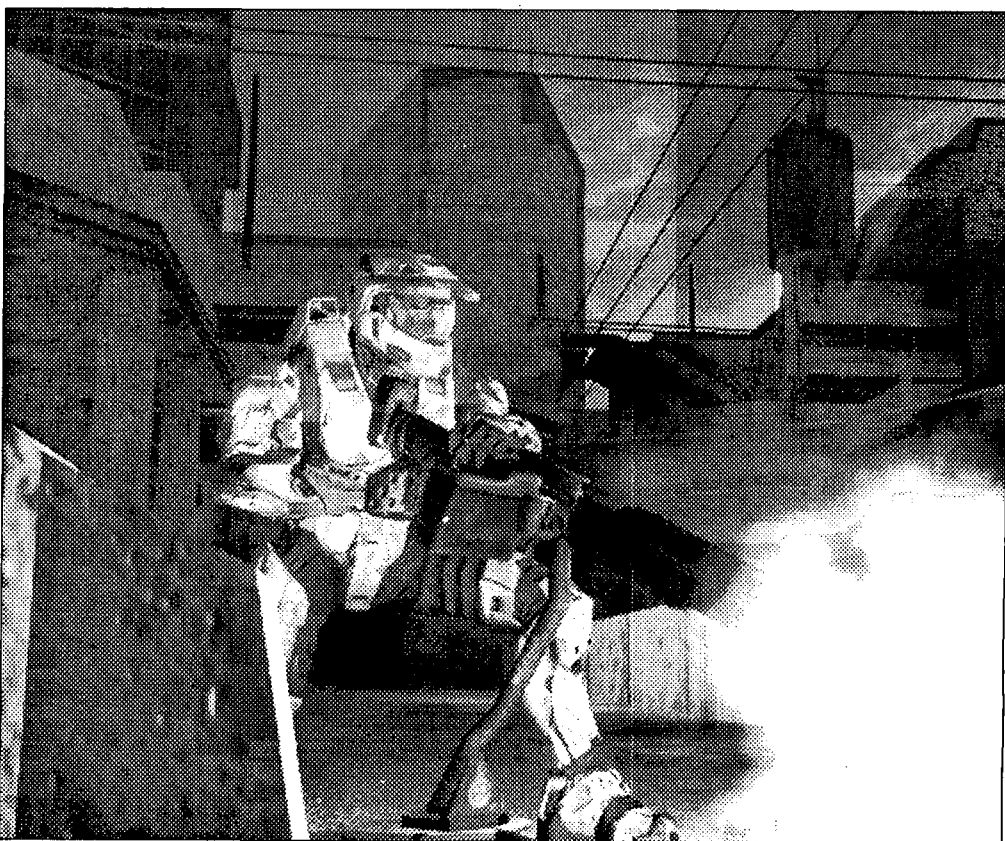
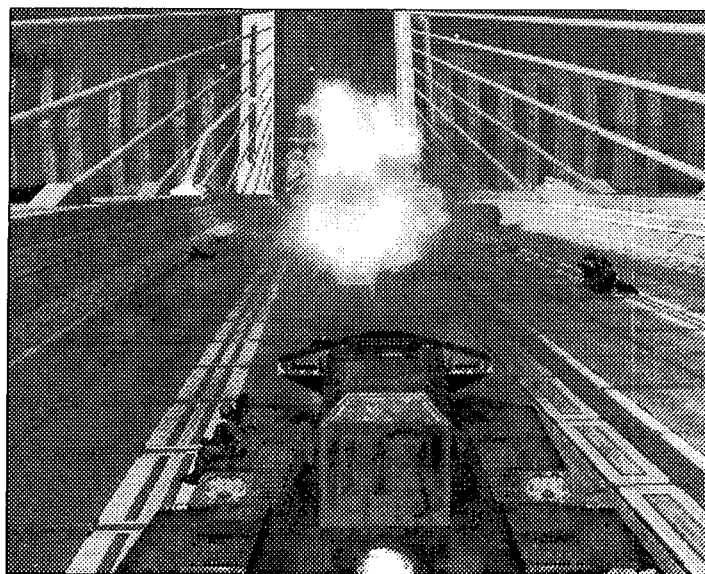
However, "Halo 2" shines the most with its multiplayer mode, where the original left its mark on the gaming world. The multiplayer has all the features of the previous game and then some. The appreciated cooperative mode has made a return, making the higher difficulties accessible to all.

The death match mode has returned with a vengeance. New to "Halo 2" is the dual weapon feature, which allows the player to carry two smaller weapons simultaneously. This feature is both welcome and intuitive, allowing new and returning players to adopt the new style of play with little discomfort.

The balance in game play is apparent to fans of the series, and should make it easier for newcomers to jump into the fray. The maps now lack noticeable "camp" spots, or places where a solitary individual can ambush anyone easily. Certain weapons have been toned down or improved to provide a more balanced, fair game for everyone.

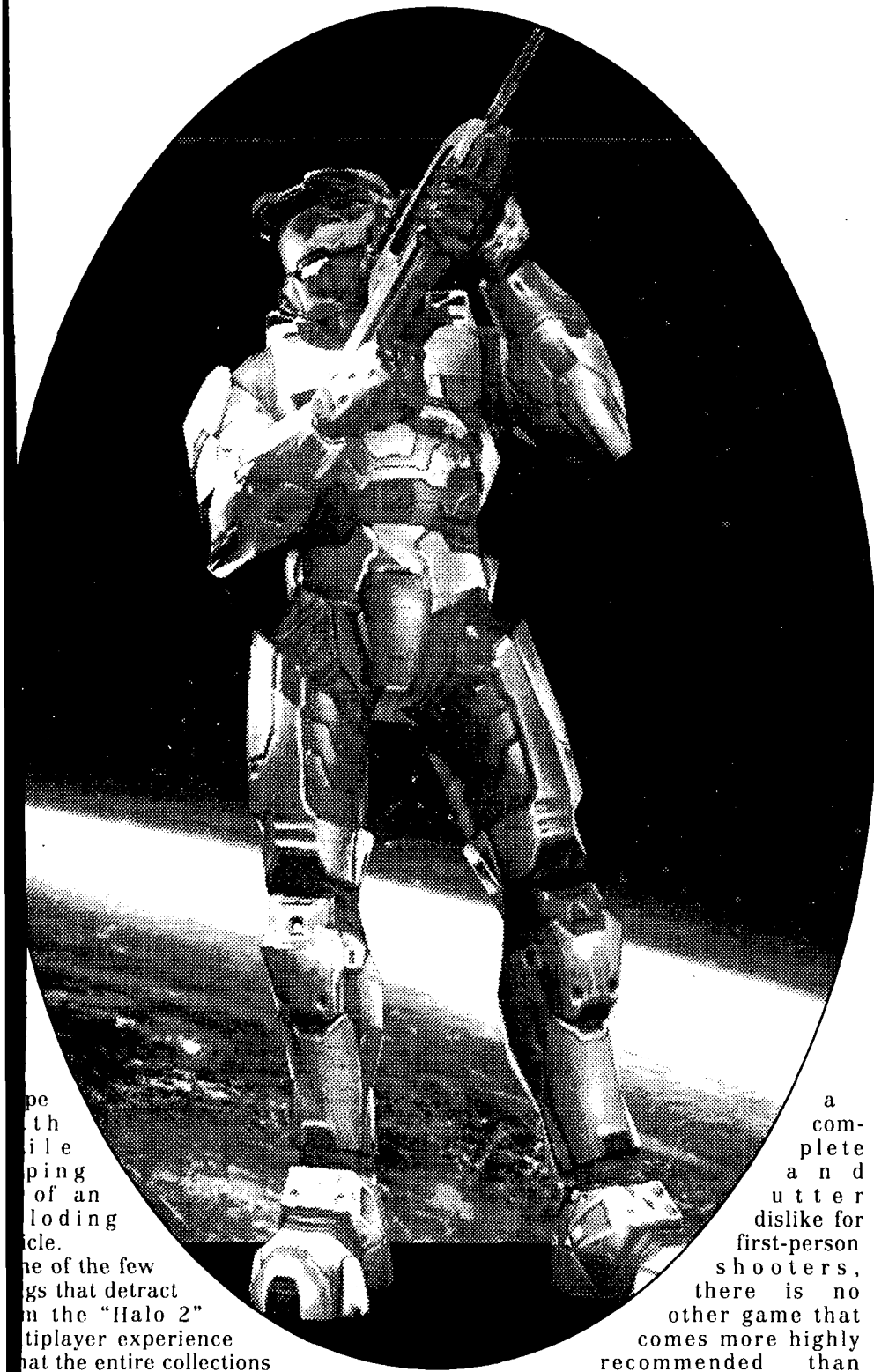
An improved melee system has also been implemented. It is also one of the more significant changes from the original, so returning fans may find it one of the more difficult features to become acclimated to. However, once they do, they will find it easier than the original, not to mention that the new plasma sword makes mastering melee combat attacks vitally important.

Another new aspect of the game is the destroyable vehicles. If the vehicle a player is riding in starts taking a beating from enemy fire, it will explode. This leads to some truly exhilarating moments as you try to narrowly





Game blows away predecessor, competition



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If you own an Xbox, you must own this game. It's that simple. While adding Xbox Live to the list of things you must have is not necessary, it is a feature that furthers this game beyond a gamer's wildest dreams. Having the ability to play fellow fans across the globe in combat or "King of the Hill" or "Capture the Flag" is a rush that cannot be duplicated. After playing matchmade games — the typical killing multiplayer battles — gamers can even go online to bungle.com and look at their world rank, something which could drive the fanatic insane in efforts to be ranked.

"Halo 2" is sold in two versions — the standard edition and Limited Collector's Edition for the dedicated fans for a mere \$5 more. This version includes an extra disc, packed with bonus content in a sturdy, silver metal box.

Campaign mode has been revamped and starts out significantly more difficult than in the original "Halo." It is much more exciting and challenging. "Halo 2" even has a strategy book available to give tips and help guide the Master Chief through the ships and terrain to achieve his goal.

While campaign mode is amazing to play by oneself, "Halo" was most popular for the multiplayer mode, which in "Halo 2" is worth even more excitement and glory. There are more maps to play and more weapons, making this multiplayer experience incredible. Who doesn't want to go around killing their friends in a virtual world?

It's hard to even begin to explain the fantastic differences between "Halo" and "Halo 2" because they are so many. "Halo 2"

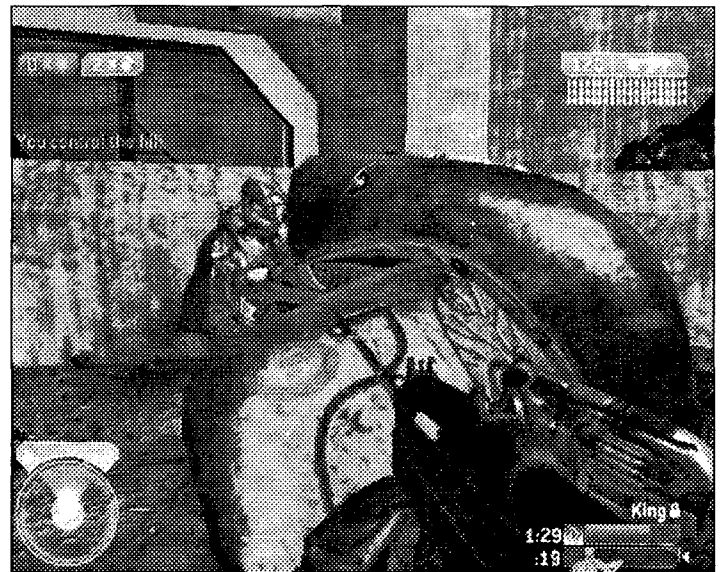
gives the player the ability to jack someone's ride. Whether it's a Banshee that's flying too low, a Ghost, the powerful Scorpion Tank or Covenant Wraith, if you can get close enough, you can steal the vehicle.

"Halo 2" adds new weapons and the Chief's ability — yes, that's right — to double-fist. The left and right triggers fire independently, but you lose the ability to throw grenades.

While there are some glitches in the video, the audio has none. While the multiplayer mode is the favorite of this game, the sound is actually the best addition to "Halo 2." Not only is this a brilliant use of 5.1 Dolby Digital — with true directional sound, best illustrated by the pinging of bullets ricocheting off walls behind you — but the score is phenomenal and can be bought on a separate soundtrack.

So if you do not have this game yet, get it. It's the best video game to play alone, with friends or online. "Halo 2" is all-around incredible.

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Halo 2

Microsoft
Available for Xbox

Mark's Rating: A
Sarah's Rating: A



Sarah: Nov. 2 may have been an important day in United States history, but Nov. 9 was a day many people were much more excited about. True video

game fanatics looked forward to the latter date for months.

"Halo 2," the sequel to Microsoft's most popular game "Halo," hit the public market last week. While many diehard fans obtained bootleg copies in all different languages or

simply ordered off eBay, the diehard fan waited until the release date, even arriving at midnight at stores across the country, only to find themselves up all night playing the best video game for the Xbox console.

MLB

Bonds earns his seventh NL MVP award

At 40 years-old, he is the oldest player to win the award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds won his record seventh NL MVP award in a walk.

Capping a season of suspicion and success, the San Francisco Giants left fielder became the oldest player to win the award. The 40-year-old received 24 first-place votes and 407 points Monday in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to earn the award for the fourth straight season.

Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 311 points, and St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols was third with one first and 247 points. St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen got the other first-

place vote and finished fourth, followed by teammate Jim Edmonds.

Bonds is the only player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell was previously the oldest to win it, sharing the 1979 NL award with Keith Hernandez at 39 1/2.

Among the four major North American professional sports, he trails only the NHL's Wayne Gretzky, who won nine MVPs. In the NBA, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leads with six.

Bonds became only the third player to hit 700 career homers, and with 703 trails only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). But following his grand jury testimony in a federal investigation, he repeatedly was questioned whether he used steroids.

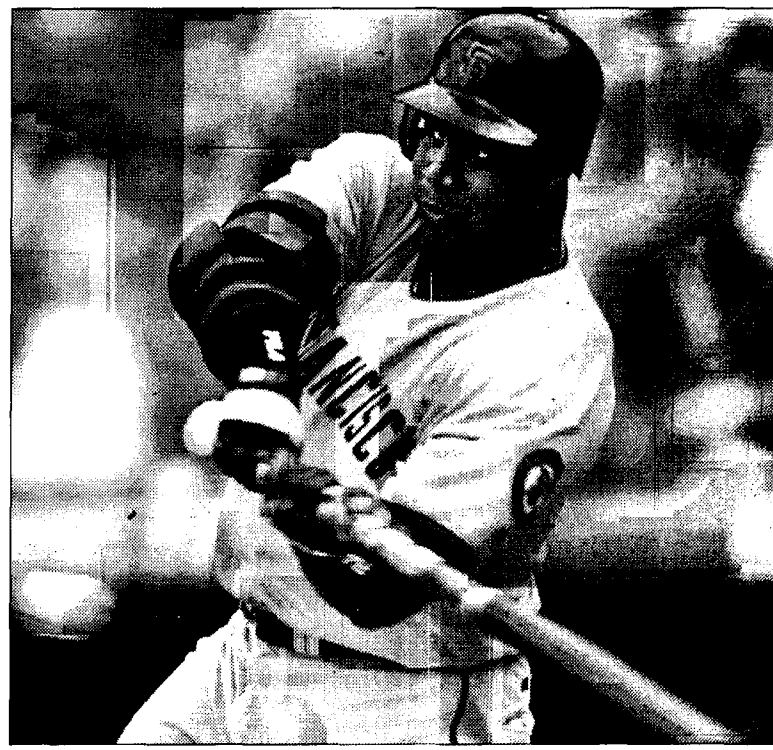
His personal trainer has been indicted for illegal distribution of steroids, but Bonds has denied using illegal

steroids.

Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record he set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season, and his 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, also set by Bonds in 2002.

Bonds' .812 slugging percentage led the major leagues for the fourth straight season but fell short of the record he set at .863 in 2001. He hit 45 homers and matched Aaron's NL record of eight 40-homer seasons, trailing only Ruth's major league mark of 11. He also became the first player in major league history with 13 consecutive 30-homer seasons.



Barry Bonds batted .362 with 45 home runs, a .609 OBP and 120 intentional walks this season for the San Francisco Giants.

NBA

LeBron soars as Cavaliers move above .500

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is playing for an NBA winner. Around here, that's saying something.

James scored 33 points with 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers moved over .500 for the first time in more than three years with their fourth straight win, 99-88 over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 16 points — 10 in the fourth quarter — for the Cavaliers (4-3), who hadn't had a winning record since Jan. 12, 2001, when they were 17-16.

James was a high school sophomore back then, but now he's the NBA's reigning rookie of the year, player of the week and league-leading scorer.

"That doesn't mean a thing," James said of the Cavaliers' winning mark. "It's the early

season, so we can't be worrying about that. We've got to win a lot more."

But after losing 52, 53, 65 and 47 games the past four seasons with little more to look forward to than the NBA lottery, being above .500 was worth celebrating.

"It means a whole lot to me,"

Cavs coach Paul Silas said. "We're one game over and we just have to keep this thing rolling."

Ilgauskas scored his 10 points during Cleveland's decisive fourth-quarter spurt that helped the Cavaliers open a

six-point lead and put the Warriors away.

This was the type of game that a year ago the Cavaliers probably would have lost.

"Ain't no question," James said. "I'm not sure why, but we would have."

The Cavaliers were passive on offense in the first half,

relying on jump shots and getting to the free-throw line just twice. But they got more aggressive after halftime, driving to the basket to pick up fouls and attempting 26 free throws in the final 24 minutes.

"We came together during a timeout in the third quarter and talked about keeping the energy," said forward Drew Gooden, who added 13 rebounds.

"That's what allowed us to pull away."

Jason Richardson matched a season high with 27 points for Golden State, which was within 84-81 with 7:50 to play on Derek Fisher's 3-pointer.

Houston 80, New Jersey 69

Irate at the way his team started the game, Jeff Van Gundy stood cross-armed near the Houston bench and didn't move a muscle.

The game was less than four minutes old, three fouls had been called on Maurice Taylor, the Rockets were shooting 0-for-8 and trailing 11-0 — and not a twitch from Van Gundy.

The coach left Taylor in the game, and he scored Houston's

first six points to snap the early drought before the Rockets went on to defeat the New Jersey Nets 80-69 Monday night.

"It was a risk on his part, and it paid off," said Taylor, who didn't pick up his fourth foul until three minutes into the third quarter. By then, the Rockets were ahead by 20.

The move was an unconventional one by Van Gundy, who said he could only recall one other instance in his NBA career — coaching the Knicks against Indiana in a playoff game — when he left a player in after picking up three early fouls.

Van Gundy was only mildly satisfied with the victory, lamenting how Yao Ming had only been assertive in the two games Tracy McGrady missed prior to this one because of an injury.

Yao was in foul trouble most of the night and scored just six points. McGrady had 14, while Jim Jackson scored a season-high 18 and Taylor added 12.

Houston snapped a two-game losing streak and sent the

offensively inept Nets to their third straight defeat. New Jersey shot just 23-for-75.

"At the end of the day when you shoot 30 percent and have 21 turnovers, it's hard to win no matter how hard they play," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said.

Taylor's third foul came just 3:34 into the first quarter before he made three consecutive wide-open jumpers.

"That was not the key to that game," said Richard Jefferson, who had seven of the Nets' turnovers. "Congratulations for scoring six straight points. That was a good move by [Van Gundy], but that was not the key to them winning that game."

Jackson closed the first quarter with a 3-pointer for 20-17 edge, giving Houston the lead for good, and Juwan Howard scored on a jump hook to close a 16-0 run that made it 30-17. Dikembe Mutombo blocked Alonzo Mourning's shots twice on one second-quarter possession, helping the Rockets hold New Jersey to 11-for-41 shooting in the first half.

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NFL

Titans lose Williams due to torn knee ligament

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee strong safety Tank Williams will miss the rest of the season after an MRI exam Monday confirmed he had torn left knee ligaments, and tackle Brad Hopkins will miss at least one game and possibly three with broken bones in his right hand.

These latest injuries mean the Titans, who already had lost four players for the season, will be without six starters for Sunday's game against Jacksonville.

"It's been par for the course this year," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth also will be out with damage to his right elbow.

Williams had started 41 straight regular-season games since being drafted in the second round in 2002. The Titans will be without both starting safeties, because Lance Schulters has not played since hurting his left foot Sept. 26.

Fisher said Williams will have surgery on his ACL within the next week to 10 days.

The Titans may seek a second opinion for Hopkins, the Pro Bowler who has started 171 of 177 games since being drafted in the first round in 1993. Fisher said the tackle will need to have a plate inserted and possibly some screws to fix his hand.

If Hopkins is able to return, he would have to play with his hand in a cast.

Veteran Jason Mathews will start. Right tackle Fred Miller is nursing a sore ankle on an offensive line that has featured rookie Jacob Bell at left guard since Week 2. The Titans also checked running back Chris Brown's sore

left toe with another MRI on Monday. Results showed the joint at the big toe actually may be healing even though it was still swollen and sore.

Chicago

Pro Bowl linebacker Brian Urlacher will miss four to six weeks because of a lower left leg injury.

Urlacher, out for the entire preseason and two regular-season games with a hamstring problem, had a surgical procedure done early Monday morning on his leg, coach Lovie Smith said. There was some internal bleeding.

Smith said Urlacher would not be put on injured reserve.

"Last night I could tell something was wrong," Smith said. "Brian Urlacher's a great player and a big part of what we are doing around here. We've had injuries before, had some tough injuries. What I wanted to know, 'Was it season-ending?' and it isn't."

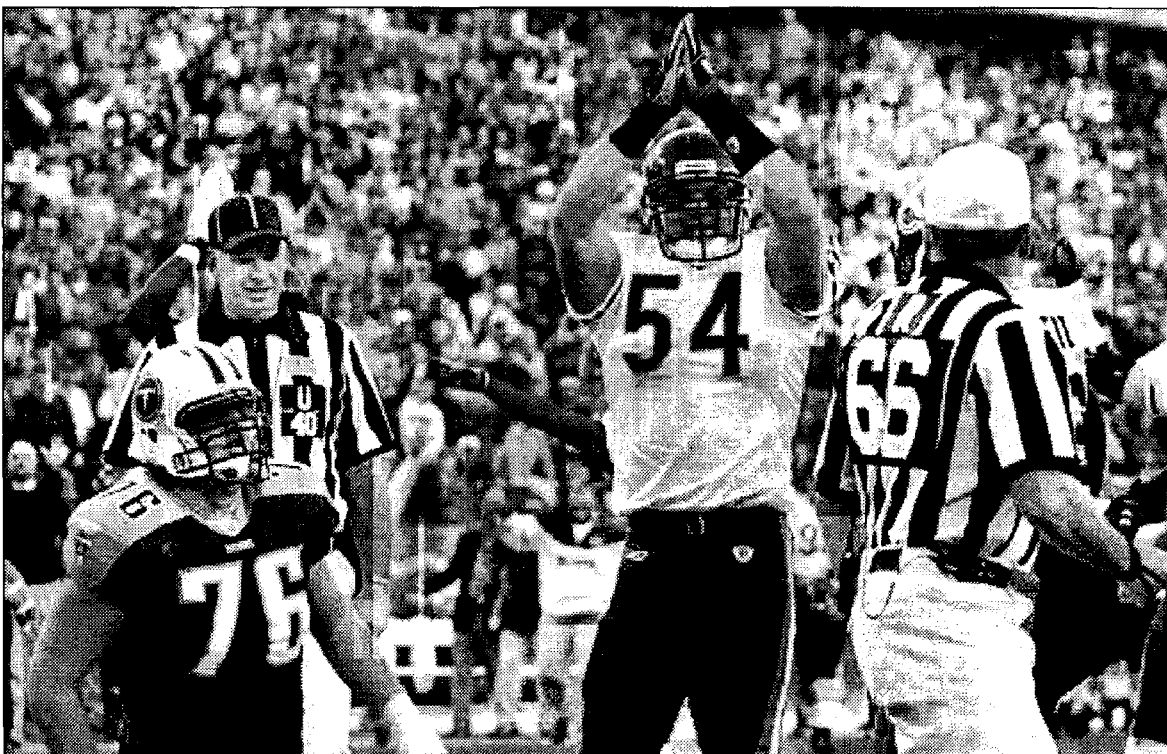
Rookie defensive back and special teams player Alfonso Marshall has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will be placed on injured reserve, ending his season.

Baltimore

Raven's stirring comeback victory over the New York Jets came at a price: The Ravens lost punter Dave Zastudil for three to four weeks with a separated shoulder.

Zastudil hurt his left shoulder while being blocked after a second-quarter kick. He was replaced by backup quarterback Kordell Stewart, whose initial practice punt missed the net and traveled 45 yards over the Baltimore bench.

Stewart then made his debut



Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher, middle right, signals for a safety after Tennessee recovered a fumbled ball in the end zone during overtime on Sunday. Chicago defeated Tennessee 19-17.

with the Ravens by averaging a respectable 35.4 yards on five punts, dropping two inside the 20.

"Kordell has been a joy to have around, but it was not exactly how I envisioned Kordell entering a game and impacting it," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said Monday.

The Ravens (6-3) will audition punters this week to find a starter against the Cowboys.

"I love Kordell, but I don't want to see him back there punting a whole lot more, even though he did a great job for us," Billick said.

Cornerback Chris McAlister

(shoulder numbness) and left guard Edwin Mulitalo (broken toe) hope to be ready for Dallas.

Green Bay

Ahman Green looks like his old self again and so do the Packers.

It's no coincidence the tailback's re-emergence has coincided with the Packers' four-game winning streak that has propelled them into a first-place tie atop the NFC North with Minnesota at 5-4.

In the monthlong losing streak, Green, bothered by a sore Achilles' tendon after wearing cleats that were too small during an August scrimmage, gained just 286 yards rushing and never reached the end zone. In the monthlong winning streak, he's rushed for 459 yards and four touchdowns and he's thrown for a TD on a halfback option.

And after fumbling four times in the first five games, Green hasn't put the ball on the ground for a month.

On Sunday, Green, who played the second half with a bruised left kneecap, switched the ball from his left arm to his right toward the end of a 35-yard run, his longest in a 145-yard performance that helped the Packers beat Minnesota 34-31.

Switching hands is second nature to most NFL running backs. It's big news when Green does it.

The Packers had just about given up on trying to get their enigmatic tailback to switch hands after previous attempts only led to more mistakes.

"If he's not in traffic and he is clean and he is not about to get hit and he feels comfortable with that transition, he's going to try to do that more often," coach Mike Sherman said Monday. "But in traffic, he's going to cover up."

"We've asked him to protect the football. This is something that he worked out where he feels comfortable. I never wanted to make him do something that was awkward for him."

Minnesota

Randy Moss will probably miss at least one more game. The All-Pro receiver hasn't caught a pass in a month because of a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday that Moss is progressing well, but won't be allowed to play again until he completes a week of practice. The Vikings (5-4) have lost three straight, although Daunte Culpepper passed for 345 yards without Moss in a 34-31 defeat at Green Bay.

Tice said he doubted Moss would be ready to play this Sunday against Detroit, but a return for the Nov. 28 game against Jacksonville is "more than likely."

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NFL

Falcons starting to pick up as season progresses

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pick just about any other season in their mostly lamentable existence. Without question, the Atlanta Falcons would have fallen apart at a moment like this.

They had scooped up a fumble and returned it for an apparent touchdown, only to have the officials take it away. Suddenly, the Falcons' defense was back on the field, deep in its territory and trying to stop Tampa Bay from converting fourth-and-less-than-1.

What transpired over the next four plays was the most convincing evidence yet that these aren't the same ol' Falcons.

The defense stuffed Michael Pittman for a 2-yard loss, giving the ball back to Atlanta. After an incomplete pass, T.J. Duckett broke off a 21-yard run. Then Michael Vick spotted Alge Crumpler breaking free down the middle, an over-matched linebacker in futile pursuit. A perfectly thrown pass by Vick and a feathery catch by Crumpler resulted in a 49-yard touchdown.

This time it counted.

Game over.

Yep, the Falcons seem to have that most intangible of intangibles, a gritty resilience that bridges the fine line between championships and mediocrity.

"You preach it and you emphasize it, but until you get yourself in a situation where you have to prove it, it's just words," coach Jim Mora said Monday. "I think our team has been able to prove it to themselves and to others that we have resiliency and we have resolve."

Indeed, the Falcons (7-2) have a comfortable three-game lead in the NFC South largely because they've been able to bounce back from times of hardship. A 24-14 victory over the Buccaneers was just the latest example.

After their first loss, at home against Detroit, the Falcons trailed San Diego by 10 going to the fourth quarter. But Vick ran for one touchdown, passed for another and ran out the clock on a 21-20 victory.

Atlanta was humiliated the next week at Kansas City, giving up an NFL-record eight touchdowns rushing in a 56-10 loss. Looking like a team on the ropes as they headed to Denver, the Falcons were burned for a season-high 567 yards, but still cruised to a 41-28 victory.

Now, this.

The Falcons scored on their first three possessions Sunday for a 17-0 lead, then went into hibernation. The next six possessions produced no first downs and a grand total of 14 yards. The Buccaneers rallied, scoring a pair of touchdowns and driving into position for the go-ahead score — or at least a

tying field goal — early in the fourth quarter.

But give credit to Mora, a rookie coach who has handled his first team like he's been doing it for years. He's been preaching since the earliest days of training camp to keep looking forward, not back. For a franchise that's won only two division titles in its 39-year history, that's not always easy to do. But the message seems to be getting through.

"You build on it," Mora said.

"It becomes a feeling of confidence, I think, that our guys have. No matter what happens, we've got a chance if we just keep plugging away and keep believing in what we're doing."

This was a true leap of faith. The Bucs had third-and-1 at the Atlanta 28 when the craziness began.

Pittman was stopped short of the first down, and Travis Hall stripped the ball loose. Chris Draft scooped it up, was tripped by a teammate, got back up and

ran some 60 yards for an apparent touchdown.

The officials didn't signal anything at first, but finally decided that Pittman's forward progress was stopped before he fumbled. Mora argued the call vehemently, but acknowledged after the game that the officials sorted things out correctly.

"He was going back when the ball came out," Mora said. "It looked discombobulated, but the officials made the right call."

The Atlanta defense didn't have time to whine. Bucs coach Jon Gruden sent his offense back on the field, deciding to go for it on fourth down — his team needed less than a yard — rather than attempt a field goal.

"The great thing about this team is when we are faced with tough times that's when we turn it up," linebacker Keith Brooking said. "That's when you find out a lot about your team."

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NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	8-1	.869	237	152
NY Jets	6-3	.667	202	158
Buffalo	3-6	.333	143	166
Miami	1-8	.111	123	186

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8-1	.869	221	147
Baltimore	6-3	.667	174	130
Cincinnati	4-5	.444	169	179
Cleveland	3-6	.333	170	198

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6-3	.667	298	220
Jacksonville	6-3	.667	151	163
Houston	3-6	.444	185	223
Tennessee	3-6	.333	168	197

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	7-1	.667	199	154
San Diego	6-3	.667	262	173
Kansas City	3-5	.333	257	238
Oakland	3-6	.333	165	247

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8-1	.869	238	152
NY Giants	5-4	.556	186	158
Dallas	3-6	.333	162	252
Washington	3-6	.333	125	150

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Green Bay	5-4	.556	240	217
Minnesota	5-4	.556	242	227
Chicago	4-5	.444	144	158
Detroit	4-5	.444	164	194

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Atlanta	7-2	.778	194	184
New Orleans	4-5	.444	198	254
Tampa Bay	3-6	.333	157	179
Carolina	2-7	.222	161	212

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Seattle	5-4	.556	206	168
St. Louis	5-4	.556	203	217
Arizona	4-5	.444	167	179
San Fran.	1-8	.111	172	261

NFL



Philadelphia Eagles receiver Todd Pinkston pulls the ball away from Dallas Cowboys cornerback Jacques Reeves. The play resulted in a touchdown for Philadelphia en route to a 49-21 win.

Eagles destroy Dallas in Texas Stadium

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Donovan McNabb spun away from one would-be tackler and sprinted to his right, only to find another defender waiting. So he went back to his left, chased by two more players, and finally heaved the ball, letting loose a 60-yard pass that looked more like a punt.

Freddie Mitchell ran under it for an easy catch, of course. The way the Philadelphia Eagles were rolling against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, it seemed they could do no wrong.

McNabb led Philadelphia to six touchdowns, throwing three of them to Terrell Owens, and topped them all with his amazing improvisation, then Lito Sheppard added a 101-yard interception return for one final score, helping the Eagles resoundingly bounce back from their first loss of the season with a 49-21 victory over the reeling Cowboys.

The Eagles (8-1) quickly made it known that they still should be considered the midseason favorite to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl by scoring 35 points in the first half — more than they'd scored in

any game this season — and wound up with their most points since beating St. Louis 52-10 in November 1981. McNabb was 15-of-28 for 345 yards, with four TD passes and no interceptions. Owens caught six passes for 134 yards. Philadelphia scored touchdowns the last five times it had the ball before halftime.

There was the minor interruption of a punt, but the Cowboys (3-6) fumbled the return, adding to the humiliation of their fifth loss in six games — and their eighth in nine tries against the Eagles. Their last three losses have been

21, 23 and, now, 28 points.

This one was historically ugly as Dallas gave up its most points ever at home and its most anywhere since a 50-24 loss at Cincinnati in December 1985. The Cowboys allowed four touchdowns in one quarter (the second) for the first time in franchise history and the 35 points Philadelphia scored in the first half tied another dubious record.

Owens pretended to skate in the end zone after his first score, a 59-yarder, then playfully argued with McNabb on the sideline, mocking their confrontation from last week.

IN BRIEF

Indiana State dumps coach after seven losing seasons

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Tim McGuire was fired Monday after seven years without a winning record as football coach at Indiana State.

The Sycamores never won more than five games in a season since McGuire became coach in 1998. He was the team's defensive coordinator for five years before that.

"This is one of the unfortunate realities of intercollegiate athletics," athletic director Andrea Myers said.

"All of our head coaches have specific performance expectations, and those are addressed as part of their annual evaluations. Regrettably, those expectations have not been met."

McGuire, who played at Nebraska, was defensive coordinator at Kansas State and Northern Illinois. He also was an assistant at Navy and was head coach for two years at Morningside, a Division II college in

Sioux City, Iowa.

His teams at Indiana State were 24-55, including 4-7 this season.

Lawrence North hoopsters favored to repeat state title

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawrence North's defending champion Wildcats are feeling the pressure already.

With 7-footer Greg Oden among three returning starters, Lawrence North was picked No. 1 Monday in The Associated Press Class 4A pre-season basketball poll. The vote by a statewide media panel was unanimous.

"We are a marked team now. Every game will be a battle," coach Jack Keefer said.

The Wildcats also finished in the No. 1 ranking last season, when they wound up 29-2 with a 50-29 rout of Columbia City for the championship.

"This is not the same team that won the state, but they will have to play an outstanding game each Friday because of our ranking and the fact that we are defending state

champ," Keefer said.

Indianapolis Pike, which finished third last season, was voted No. 2 in the preseason poll.

Manning to start for Giants Sunday against Atlanta

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning has replaced Kurt Warner as the New York Giants' starting quarterback.

Coach Tom Coughlin made the move Monday after Warner and the offense struggled for the second consecutive week in a 17-14 loss to the Cardinals in Arizona. The Giants (5-4) have lost three of the last four games after a 4-1 start.

Manning, the top pick in this year's draft and the brother of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, will face the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday at Giants Stadium.

"He is the future of the New York Giants, it just starts now," Coughlin said of Manning, who lost a close training camp competition with Warner for the starting job.

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NBA

After ankle surgery, Hill hospitalized for staph infection

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Not yet in uniform, Grant Hill rolled up the sleeve of his dress shirt to reveal a scar running from the back of his left elbow to the top of his triceps.

This is the scar, created by doctors removing skin and arteries to patch the incision on his left ankle, that made Hill push back his comeback and think about life and death, not just running and jumping.

The untold story of Hill's comeback from four ankle operations is the staph infection that came afterward, hospitalizing him for a week and forcing him onto intravenous antibiotics for six months.

Now a year and a half later, Hill is finally comfortable discussing a scary unplanned detour on his road to recovery.

"I didn't like to talk about it, and the team kept quiet about it," said Hill, whose ankle problems transformed one of

the NBA's most promising young stars into its most famous gimp.

But the ankle was only part of the problem after the infection set in.

Staph infections can kill, and Hill's condition was severe enough that it took six months of treatment with the strongest antibiotics available to rid his body of the bacteria.

"As time goes by, I'm more comfortable talking about it," Hill told the Associated Press on Sunday. "But I look at it as a blessing because it forced me to slow down and really say 'Let's get this thing right.'"

Five days after Hill underwent a major surgical procedure in March, 2003, in which doctors re-fractured his ankle and realigned it with his leg bone, he developed a 104.5-degree fever and convulsions.

His wife, Tamia, rushed him to the hospital.

"When we both saw the reaction of the people at the hospital, we knew there was

something wrong," Hill said.

Doctors removed the splint around his ankle and discovered the incision was infected. Hill had developed red and black welts on his leg, and the shaking and convulsions progressed to the point where orderlies had to hold him down.

"He was in the living room and his teeth were chattering, and I thought he was just being overly dramatic, like he was a bad actor or something, but he was truly delirious," Tamia said in a telephone interview. "We got to the hospital and they took him in on a stretcher."

"It was bad, and I don't think we realized even then how bad it was."

Luckily, the infection hadn't spread to the bone.

Hill's slow recuperation, including getting hooked up to an IV machine three times a day, erased any ideas he had about returning during the 2003-04 season.



Orlando's Grant Hill, right, is guarded by Philadelphia's Andre Iguodala on Sunday. The Sixers won, 96-87.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Computers keep Oklahoma No. 2 in BCS, Auburn No. 3

Associated Press

Computers prefer Oklahoma over Auburn — and Southern California.

The Sooners held on to second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, staying ahead of third-place Auburn because of a stronger computer ranking.

USC is still first the BCS standings with a grade of .9808. Oklahoma's grade is .9621, and Auburn's is .9350.

Last week, the Sooners led the Tigers by .0567. That lead is down to .0271.

The Trojans, Sooners and Tigers are all 10-0. Each has two games left and one loss by any of them would provide a simple solution to what is shaping up to be another BCS mess. The top two teams in the final BCS standings will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national title.

Since the BCS' inception in 1998, there's never been three undefeated teams after the regular season in the six BCS conference — Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Atlantic Coast Conference, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference.

The Tigers made up ground on the Sooners in the polls on Sunday, tying Oklahoma for

second in The Associated Press Top 25 and getting within two points of No. 2 in the coaches poll.

With the voters virtually split on the Sooners and Tigers, the computers are breaking the tie.

"We're in the situation we are — a tight race here, everybody finishing, and the system the way it is — it's hard to know where you're going to be at or what matters to people, voters or computers," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

The polls each count for a third of a BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third, and according to them Oklahoma is the best team in the country.

The Sooners are tops in five of the computer rankings and second in the other. A team's highest and lowest computer score is tossed out.

USC is second by the computers and Auburn is third.

The BCS computers were responsible for putting Oklahoma in the national title game last season after the Sooners lost the Big 12 title game and dropped to No. 3 in the polls.

A similar situation is developing.

Unless the Tigers can pull far away from Oklahoma in the

polls, the computers will probably send an unbeaten Sooners team to the Orange Bowl to face an unbeaten Southern Cal, according to BCS analyst Jerry Palm.

Palm said computer rankings usually don't fluctuate drastically late in the season and Oklahoma's strength of schedule advantage over Auburn probably won't change. The Tigers play at Alabama on Saturday and in the SEC title game on Dec. 4, likely against Tennessee. The Sooners face Baylor on Saturday and play in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 4 against an opponent to be determined.

Palm said Auburn passing Oklahoma in the computer rankings is "not realistic."

"Pulling even is optimistic," he said.

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With the way it stands now, about 60 points to make up Palm said, Auburn would have to be ahead in each poll by Oklahoma's advantage in the computers.

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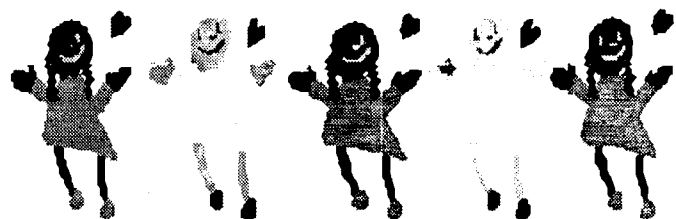
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OLYMPICS

Paris favored to win 2012 Olympic bid

Associated Press

LONDON — The five cities looking to host the 2012 Summer Games submitted bids to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, entering the final stage of a long process in hopes of landing one of the biggest prizes in sports.

Paris, the front-runner to win next year's vote, turned in documents, as did London, Madrid, New York and Moscow. Each book totals more than 550 pages, allowing the IOC to evaluate venues, security, transportation, hotels and financing.

"The bid document in itself is not enough to get you across the line, but it will make your bid better," said London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe, the Olympic 1,500-meter champion in 1980 and 1984. "This is what I would describe as the business of the race. You're not quite into the last lap, but you're just beginning to group at the bell."

The IOC evaluation commission travels to the candidate cities early next year, and will give its recommendations to the 100-plus IOC members a month before they vote by secret ballot in Singapore on July 6.

British bookmaker Ladbrokes on Monday installed Paris as the 1-2 favorite to host its third Olympics after holding the games in 1900 and 1924. London, the 1908 and 1948 host, was at 3-1, with Madrid

at 4-1, New York at 14-1 and Moscow, the 1980 host, at 33-1.

Paris has much of the infrastructure in place after hosting soccer's World Cup in 1998.

"We are not overconfident but we feel, due to all the work and checking that has been done and the support from the French government, politicians, IOC members, athletes and community leaders, we think we have put together the best of France," Paris 2012 spokesman Jerome Lenfant said.

London plans to regenerate a rundown area of east London, building an Olympic Park. London's bid also includes landmarks such as Wimbledon, the new Wembley Stadium and Hyde Park.

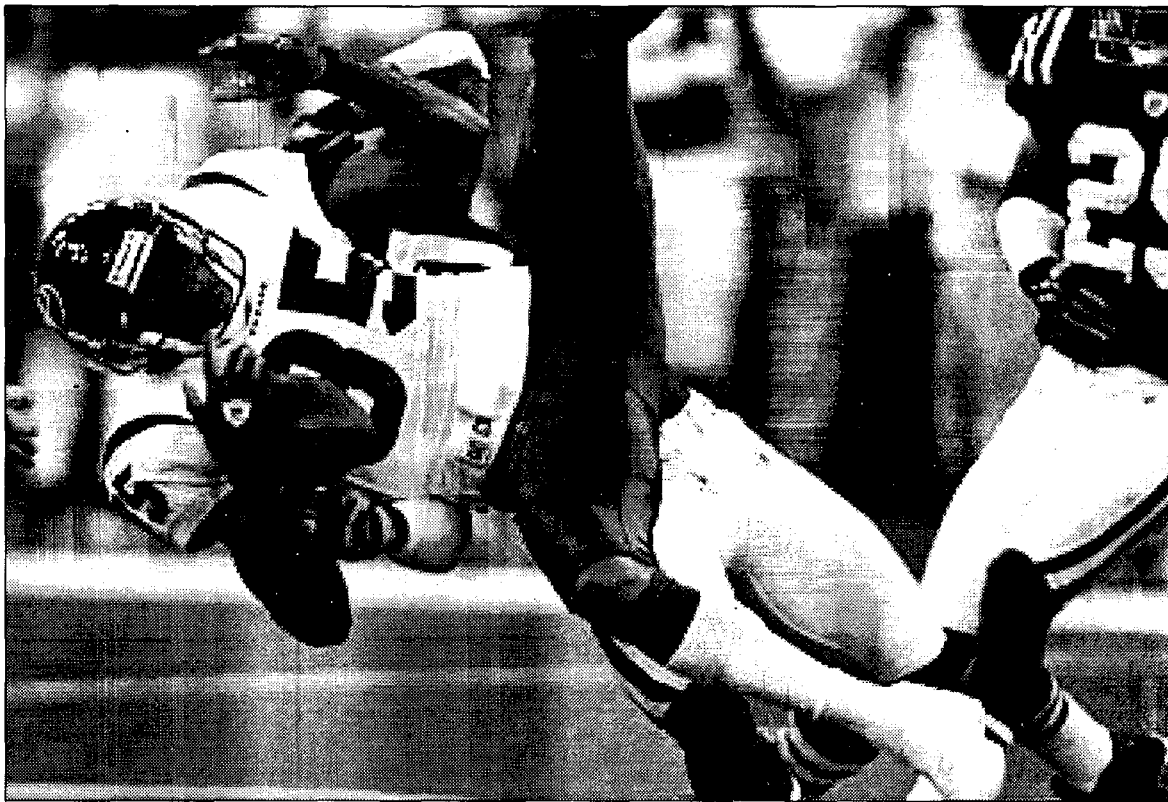
New York's bid is backed by U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, who ran the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"This city offers an outstanding combination of marketing, financial and media power that can help the games achieve a new level of global prominence," Ueberroth said Monday.

New York is anchoring its bid on a plan for a stadium on Manhattan's West Side that would be home to the New York Jets. Ueberroth touted the organization of the New York bid and the city's place on the world stage.

"New York is renowned as one of the most international cities in the world with strong ties to every nation," he said.

NFL



Houston receiver Corey Bradford is upended by Indianapolis' defensive back Bob Sanders. The Colts defeated the Texans 49-14 on Sunday.

Texans endure another setback

Houston's 49-14 loss to Indianapolis leaves team puzzled

Associated Press

HOUSTON — David Carr was reminded of those painful afternoons during his rookie season, when the expansion Houston Texans were simply fodder for the NFL's heavyweights.

"It's been a long time since I've been beaten like this," Carr said Sunday after the Indianapolis Colts routed the

Texans 49-14. "We have a long way to go."

The Texans are suddenly looking less like a young team on the rise and more like the punchless expansion team they were in 2002.

In the past two weeks, Houston has lost by a total of 53 points to a couple of division leaders, Denver and Indianapolis.

The playoffs might be nothing more than a pipe dream for Houston (4-5) now.

The Texans trail Indianapolis and Jacksonville by two games in the AFC South, and the gap between them has never seemed as wide after this latest humiliation.

Houston, 0-5 against the Colts, matched the worst margin of defeat in franchise history.

The Texans lost 38-3 to Cincinnati in their inaugural season.

Making a lopsided loss even worse, Indianapolis kept throwing the ball instead of running out the clock with a 35-point lead in the fourth quarter.

The Texans were clearly miffed by the throws and a few scuffles broke out in the waning minutes — perhaps the most fight Houston showed all day.

"It bothered me," said rookie cornerback Dunta Robinson, who drew a personal-foul penalty in the fourth quarter. "I thought that disrespected us."

Texans coach Dom Capers was careful not to criticize the Colts, though he didn't seem exactly happy with their decision to keep passing late in the game.

"I don't get hung up on that ... we play them again," Capers said Monday. "My feeling always is let's stop them. We've got to be man enough to

accept the responsibility."

Things weren't much better on the other side of the ball.

Carr was hammered by defensive end Dwight Freeney on his first play of the game and threw an interception that was returned 77 yards for a touchdown on his last snap.

Altogether, Carr completed 22 of 41 passes for 215 yards and three interceptions against the NFL's worst defense.

He was sacked a season-high five times, and was battered all afternoon by the Colts' surprisingly effective pass rush.

Carr sounded like a beaten man after the game — and almost was. Carr said he hadn't been so frustrated since his grueling rookie season when he was sacked a league-record 76 times.

"Their scheme covered up everybody," he said. "I dropped back, and it looked like there were 11 guys in coverage."

Typical of a distraught locker room, someone even had the temerity to question the play, calling and direction of the team.

"We played too soft," defensive end Gary Walker said. "How can you establish an identity when you don't know from week to week what you're doing? Peyton

Manning is smart, but he ain't God.

"How can we have the players we have on this team and go out and lose like that?"

Capers wouldn't respond to that criticism, other than to note Walker always lets off steam after big losses.

The coach kept his cool — and hoped that his young team would follow suit in the coming weeks.

"You hope you don't have many days like that," Capers said. "You always say that that will never happen to me. But you know what? This is a humbling business."

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CLUB SPORTS

Women's boxing club semifinals to be held Thursday

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's club sports program will spotlight three events this week. On Thursday, the women's boxing club will hold the semifinal round of its Charity Boxing Bouts. Action will begin at 7 a.m. in Gym 1 of the Joyce Center. The finals will be Sunday at 2 a.m. in Gym 1. Admission each night is \$2, with proceeds going to the Holy

Cross Missions in East Africa.
Water Polo

Notre Dame's men's water polo club will compete in the opening first round match of the Collegiate Water Polo Association national championships in Rolfs Aquatics Friday at 9 a.m. Action continues on Friday until 11 p.m., resume Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and conclude Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Irish

are part of a field featuring the top sixteen clubs in the country. Admission will be charged at the door.

Men's Volleyball

Saturday will find the men's volleyball club hosting a twelve team invitational in the Joyce Fieldhouse.

First round pairings will begin at 9 a.m. Four matches will be played simultaneously all morning and afternoon.

There will be no admission charge.

Field Hockey

Notre Dame's field hockey club continues to show improvement in both its cohesive team play and in its results. The Irish defeated Indiana 3-2 last Saturday in Bloomington, Indiana, competing in a seven player format. Leigh Madeira is earning recognition as one of the better

goalies in the Midwest.

Yesterday, the Irish tied Michigan 2-2 in home play on Riehle Field. Rebecca Mosca scored both Irish goals in the first half, while Kaitlin Moran recorded a pair of assists. Madeira again was stellar between the pipes, registering ten saves in goal. Peggy Solic's aggressive defense kept the Wolverines out of sync for much of the game.

TENNIS

Federer dominates in first round of Masters Cup



Roger Federer won in his first round match at the ATP Masters Cup over Gaston Gaudio on Monday 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Federer still looks unbeatable on the court.

Showing no signs of a torn thigh muscle that sidelined him for three weeks, Federer returned to action Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory over Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the first round of the ATP Masters Cup championships.

Two-time Masters Cup winner Lleyton Hewitt of Australia met Carlos Moya of Spain in a later match.

Federer no longer wears his hair in a pony tail. He cut it two months ago in Toronto, and more recently it's been shorn even shorter.

"Who knows, in a couple of weeks it might be even shorter," Federer said. "I'm taking it step by step, just like my tennis."

Federer played in a tournament for the first time since he beat Andy Roddick at Bangkok early last month for his 10th title of the season. On Oct. 25, Federer tore his left thigh muscle.

The Swiss star sped through a rain-delayed first set, breaking Gaudio in the fourth game on the fourth break point. Gaudio didn't win another point in the first set. The match was interrupted by rain for two hours.

Although Gaudio rallied in the second set, Federer moved well, chasing down dropshots and retreating to run down overheads.

"I am quite relieved to play my first match, to have won it," Federer said. "Coming back from playing no tournaments, no play, to win the first match, you know, I'm just happy it's over, won or lost. Now I can actually build from this and I'm in a good situation."

Gaudio, who staged a comeback to win the French Open, fought back in the second set to force a tiebreaker. Gaudio was down three break points in the ninth game before managing to hold serve.

Gaudio held again in the 11th game after overcoming three more break points. Federer served the final two

points of the tiebreaker, taking it to match point with a strong volley winner and closing the match with a forehand winner.

"I didn't play good today in the first set but I think I still have more good tennis to play," Gaudio said. "I hope the next time I play Roger will be better for me. Today he played better than me in the first set."

Federer's No. 1 ranking for 2004 was assured Sept. 13 when he defeated Hewitt in the U.S. Open final for his third major of the year.

Federer has been almost unstoppable since he beat Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 in last year's Masters Cup final. Since that tournament, Federer has a 19-0 record against top 10 opponents.

"I'm much more relaxed coming into this year's tournament because last year I didn't feel great at all coming in here," Federer said. "This year, my No. 1 ranking is locked up already. I have had already a fantastic season. No matter what happens here, I am going to walk away happy."

NFL

Cardinals playoff hopes not a false allusion

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tough, fast, mean. The Arizona Cardinals aren't pushovers anymore, thanks to an aggressive, hard-hitting defense.

Even the "p" word — playoffs — isn't as ridiculous as it might seem.

After a 17-14 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday, Arizona is 4-5, equaling its win total for all of last season, and is just a game out of first place in the unimposing NFC West.

In his first season, coach Dennis Green has changed the attitude of this moribund franchise. The Cardinals aren't winners yet, but they're no pushovers, either.

"I think we are a step closer to being a good team," Green said Monday.

Since an 0-3 start, the Cardinals are 4-2 going into next Sunday's game at Carolina. After that, Arizona plays four of its last six at home.

The Cardinals are 3-1 at Sun Devil Stadium and ended a 17-game road losing streak with a

come-from-behind 24-23 win over Miami two weeks ago.

The last two victories might have been ugly, but the hits have been hard for a defense that shut out the Giants in the second half.

"We've been able to develop a style of play here," Bertrand Berry said, "and the fans really respond. That's what good teams do — they win at home."

Green brought a reputation for high-scoring offense from his decade as coach of the Minnesota Vikings. But defense has been Arizona's strongest asset.

"When a guy makes a play, then somebody else wants to make a play," defensive tackle Russell Davis said. "It gets contagious."

Davis is the lone holdover on a defensive line that was one of the worst in the NFL a year ago. Rookie Darnell Dockett is the other tackle. Peppi Zellner, acquired in a trade with Oakland, plays one end, and the team's unquestioned defensive leader, Berry, is the other.

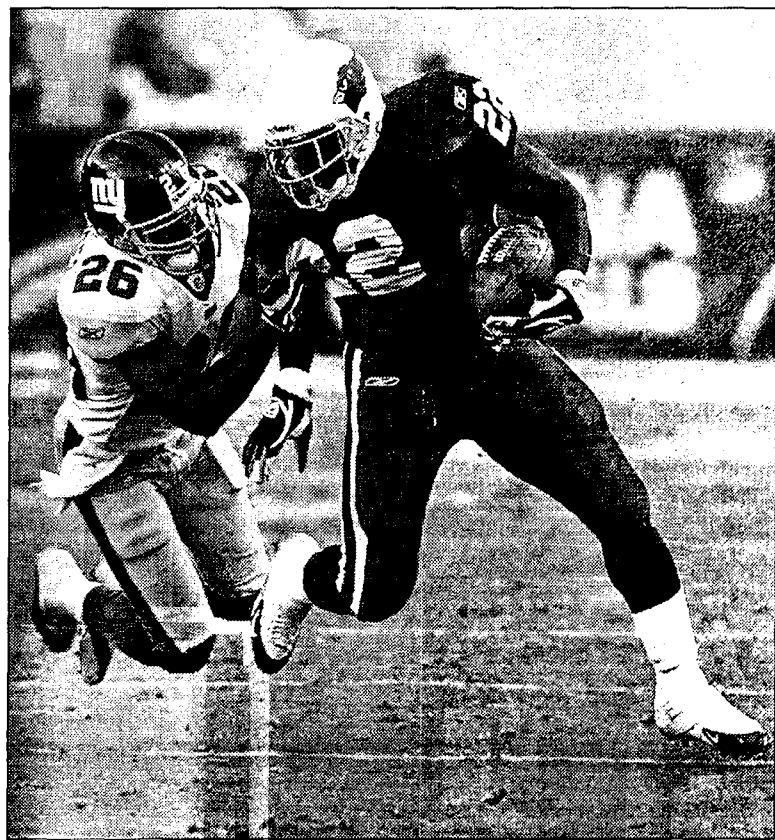
Berry, signed as a free agent

out of Denver, had four of Arizona's six sacks of Kurt Warner on Sunday, and has nine for the season. Green thought the biggest play of the game came when Berry dropped Tiki Barber for a loss.

"You can talk sacks and all that," Green said, "but when he knifed in there and hit the blocker and knocked him back into the ball carrier for like a 4-yard loss, that was a stunner. Many times you need a stunning play to make a team think maybe they can't do what they thought they could do."

Berry has been a mentor for Dockett, who slipped to the third round because of some off-field problems at Florida State.

"I've learned so much from the guy, even off the field," Dockett said. "He's a class guy and he plays hard. Every time I line up next to him I'm comfortable because I know that I'm going to be playing 110 [percent], because he's playing 110. If you're here, you know you can play football, but he teaches you how to be a better person."



Emmitt Smith has been a major reason for Arizona's impressive 4-5 start this season.

Ghattas

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and sixth, respectively, in the saber division, while freshman Greg Howard finished eighth in epee and freshman foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak took second, falling to Nonpatan Panchan in the finals of the men's foil division.

"It was a good competition for Jakub," Bednarski said. "He showed that he will be one of the challengers for the title this year. It's good news because he's only a freshman."

Not to be outdone, following the four male top-10 finishers, the Notre Dame women posted four of their own Sunday.

In addition to Providenza's victory over Ohio State's Siobhan Byrne in the women's saber division finals, sophomore Angela Vincent placed 10th in the saber, sophomore epeeist Amy Orlando finished

fourth and senior Alicja Kryczalo posted a fourth-place finish in the foil division.

"I said [before the tournament] that some fencers would be rusty, like those who didn't compete [last weekend]," Bednarski said. "Kryczalo lost two bouts, and she didn't get to first place. She's already won three NCAA championships — she just needs more bouting and competition to get to form."

In addition to allowing the Irish to test their preseason form, the tournament also afforded them the unique opportunity to directly scout a number of fencers from a pair of key rivals in Ohio State and host Penn State.

The Buckeyes picked up five top-10 finishes over the two-day event while the Nittany Lions recorded a tournament-high 14 top-10 finishes and tied with Ohio State for division champions with a pair.

"The top of the university

[rankings] is Ohio State — Penn State is very close to them, and at the moment, we are chasing them," Bednarski said. "I think that Columbia will be very strong, and what was interesting was the very good performance from Princeton University."

Nevertheless, while in Bednarski's opinion the Irish are currently trailing Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State, the future of Irish fencing appears bright.

"We were very happy with the performance of the young fencers," Bednarski said. "So it is the hope that we will be progressing."

After fencing each of the past two weekends, the Irish will take several weeks off before competing in more individual action Dec. 4 at the Culver Cup Individuals in Culver, Ind.

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Panthers

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Emily Loomis, Kelly Corbett and Leah Nedderman are the three seniors who will be making their last appearance on the Joyce Center floor.

Nedderman was sidelined in 2003 with a stress fracture in her right foot and has not played this year either. This has been a major disappointment for both Nedderman and the Irish team as she showed a lot of promise early in her career. In only her first collegiate start against Providence, the then-sophomore came through with a team-high 14 kills.

Libero and defensive specialist Corbett has seen her duties increase this season after not playing very much early in her career. She has helped Notre Dame become the best defense in the Big East, holding oppos-

ing teams to a .134 hitting percentage.

Of the trio, Loomis has had the most decorated career. The Fort Wayne, Ind. native has played both outside hitter and middle blocker and has started almost every match of her four years. Loomis was named to the first team all-Big East team in 2002 along with winning the most outstanding player award at the 2002 conference tournament.

She only got better in 2003 when she was honored as an honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and was also named second team all-Big East.

Loomis also holds numerous school records, including most consecutive matches with 10 or more kills (21) and most kills in a match without an error (24).

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Big East to switch to one 16-team conference

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Big East will be one 16-team division in 2005-06 and only 12 schools will participate in the postseason basketball tournament.

The league announced the new structure Monday and it

takes affect following the addition in 2005 of five schools from Conference USA and Boston College's departure for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Miami and Virginia Tech left for the ACC this academic year, leaving the Big East with 12 schools.

Louisville, Cincinnati, DeP-

aul, Marquette and South Florida make the move from Conference USA to make it 16 schools.

The schools will still play a 16-game regular-season schedule with 13 opponents and three repeat matchups. The league office will decide the repeat matchups and it will be

based on television, rivalries and geography.

Only 12 schools will advance to the annual postseason tournament at Madison Square Garden, the same as the current setup.

"The bottom line is we want to help our best teams prepare for success in the NCAA tour-

namment," commissioner Mike Tranghese said. "If we expanded our tournament field to 16 teams, there would be no byes — or rewards — for what's going to be an exciting, but grueling regular season."

Many within the league were apprehensive about the size of the new conference.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary's places in NCAA regional

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Six members of the Saint Mary's Cross Country team gave a strong showing on Saturday at the NCAA Division-III Great Lakes Region Championship meet. Saint Mary's finished with a score of 608 and placed 22nd out of 26 scoring teams at the meet.

The overall winner of the meet was Shannon McConville from John Carroll University. McConville finished in a time of 21 minutes 31 seconds.

A total of 32 teams were represented at the regional competition. Denison University took first place at the meet with a score of 84, followed by DePauw University and Kenyon College who brought in scores of 99 and 136, respectively.

Last year's regional champions, Mount Union College, finished fourth place with a score of 152.

Megan Gray, Erin Nolan, Meghan Murphy, Becky Feauto, Risa Zander and Sara Otto ran for the Belles in the 6000-meter race that officially completed the Saint Mary's 2004 cross country season. All of the runners achieved their best performances of the season for a 6K.

Gray, the only freshman to

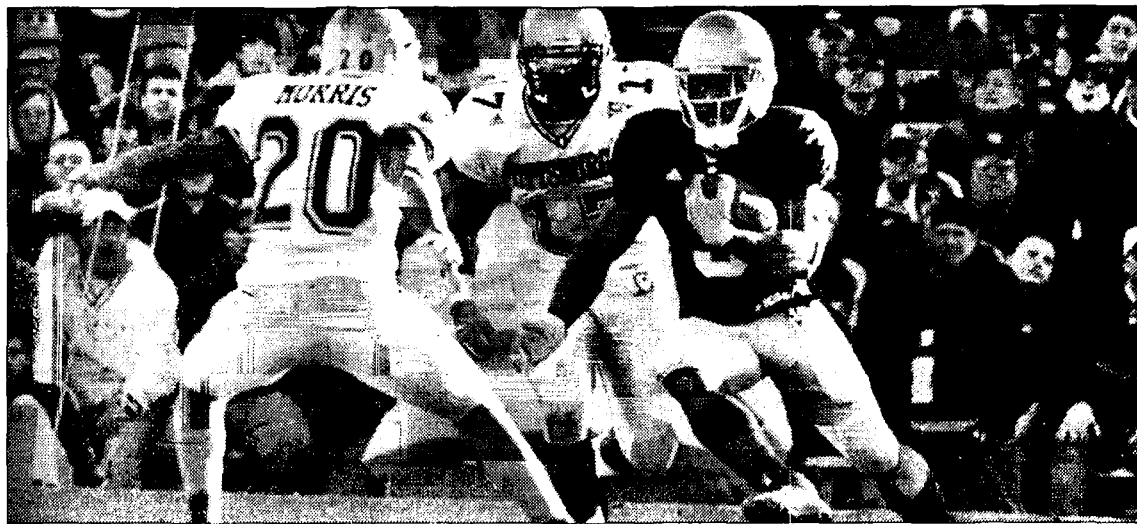
compete for Saint Mary's on Saturday, finished first for the school and 99th overall with a time of 24:14.4. Zander, who was the only senior to represent the team on Saturday, gave her final showing as a Saint Mary's runner. Zander, co-captain, was a consistently dependable runner for the team, nearly always placing within the top five or six for Saint Mary's.

Coach Dave Barstis has counted on Zander, along with co-captain and senior Elizabeth Commers, to provide leadership for a team comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

For the rest of the women, Saturday was one more opportunity to prepare for next season's conference competition. Nolan and Otto have become increasingly effective for the Belles in their sophomore years.

Feauto, who will return for her senior year, has consistently finished strong for the Belles. For Gray and Murphy, the 2004 season was their first with Saint Mary's. Both runners finished in first and second for the team throughout the season. With a year of experience, these two will be looked upon to play a more critical role for the team next season.

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Darius Walker tries to cut back on a run in Saturday's loss to Pittsburgh. Walker finished with 16 carries for 112 yards and two touchdowns for the Irish.

Bowl

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receive had it beaten the Panthers.

"We have two remaining games," Willingham said leading up to the Pittsburgh game. "So if we can win those two, not putting the second game in front of the first game ... hopefully it will establish a certain level of Bowl game we can go to."

But Pittsburgh also needed the magic number six for its bowl hopes, and the Panthers pulled off an upset much like the Irish did the week before.

As the bye week begins, Notre Dame is projected by CBS.Sportsline to meet Georgia Tech in the Continental Tire Bowl on Dec. 30, a heavy step down from the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl. CBSSportsline.com now

has Texas and LSU penciled in to play in Dallas instead of the Irish.

Notre Dame has a week off, then, to prepare for its final test against No. 1 Coaches/No. 1 AP Southern California, a team loaded with talent and confidence and a record of 10-0.

The Irish, whose coaches and players worry about the inconsistency displayed in losses to Brigham Young, Boston College and now Pittsburgh, enter the game desperate for win.

"I think frustration for a coach comes moment by moment, there are so many things you can put in there," Willingham said. "But ... the one thing I know about this game, I know that every coach is talking about inconsistency. There's not one [that isn't], whether they're the No. 1 team in the country or they're the No. 117 team. They're all talking about inconsistency."

"Usually what happens is the team that is most consistent makes a few more plays that given day than the other team and they win," Willingham said. "And in some cases, they make a lot more plays."

USC has made a lot more plays than its opponents this season.

Running back Reggie Bush - a former Notre Dame recruit - and quarterback Matt Leinart are both Heisman candidates who have helped the Trojans outscore opponents 371-116.

While Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and five touchdowns against the Irish secondary last Saturday, Leinart brings more impressive numbers into the match-up. The southpaw has a 64.0 completion percentage, with 21 touchdowns and four interceptions.

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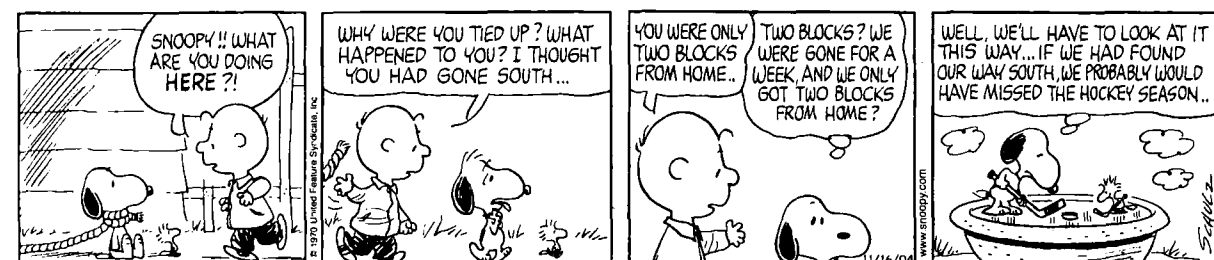
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FOOTBALL

Zero percent Cotton?

Team's loss to Pitt hurts chances for a prestigious bowl game

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

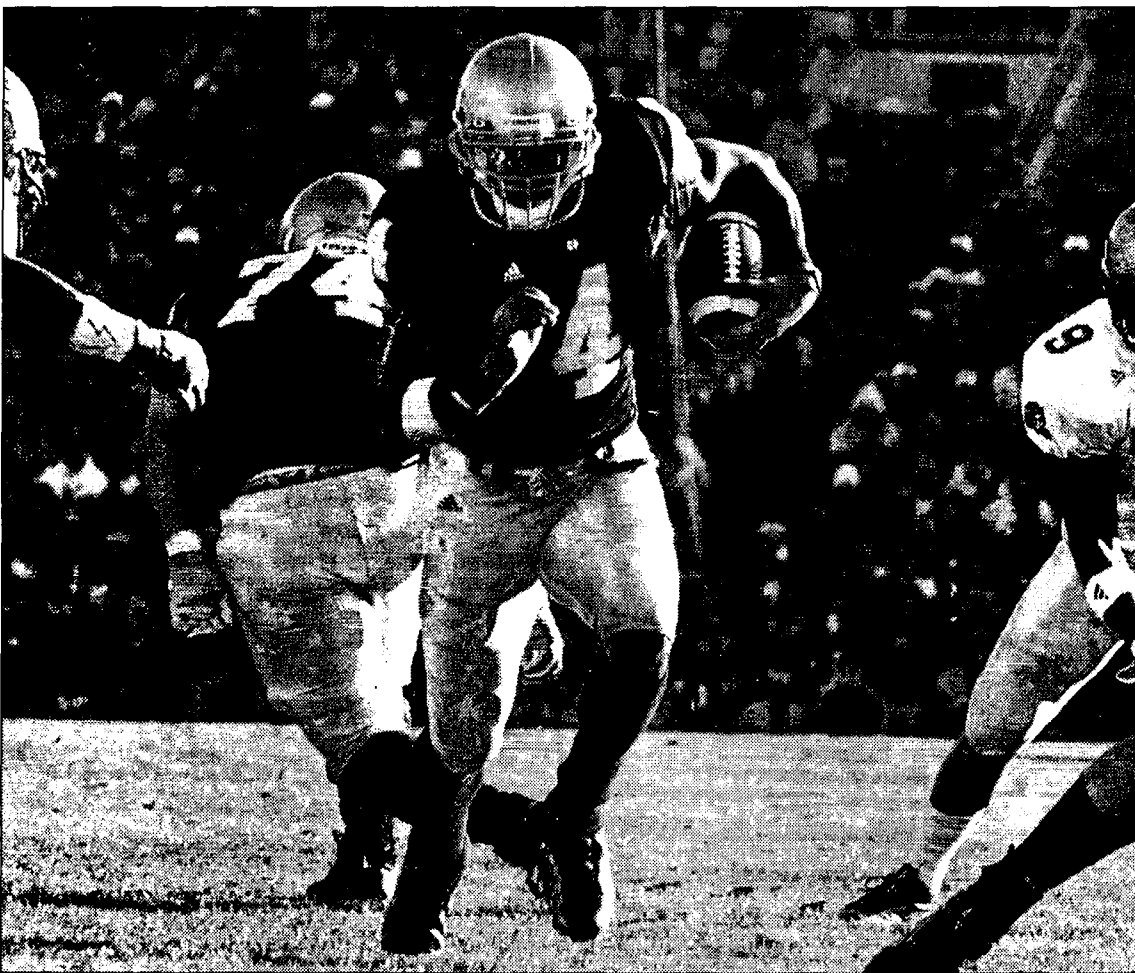
Notre Dame's win over Tennessee was not just an upset of a Top-10 team. The Irish walked away from Knoxville with the magic number six attached to their name. Six wins.

And those wins made Notre Dame bowl eligible with two games remaining on the schedule.

But the Irish also gained control of that bowl destiny with its win over the Volunteers. Notre Dame enters its second bye week of the season knowing some of the control slipped away in a loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"What we do know: we are bowl eligible," Willingham said after the Tennessee victory. "We do know with every win we have a chance to increase, in most cases, what bowl we can go to. So that is my focus for our team. Every win creates another level."

Willingham and the coaches knew a win over Pittsburgh was crucial to keeping their hopes alive to playing in higher bowls, like the Cotton Bowl bid that Notre Dame seemed poised to



Ryan Grant breaks a run upfield against Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Irish lost the game on a last-second field goal, after giving up 28 first half points.

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FENCING

Providenza takes home gold medal

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

For a second consecutive weekend, an Irish fencer took home a gold medal.

And, no, this time it wasn't Olympic gold medalist freshman Mariel Zagunis.

With Zagunis resting at home, sophomore Valerie Providenza took the reins for the Irish, winning the women's saber — one of eight top-10 and 13 top-20 Irish finishes — at the 32nd Penn State Max Garret Open this weekend.

"I think it was a strong performance — we got a medal and we were seen on all strips," coach Janusz Bednarski said. "[The tournament had] a high level of competition — a lot of these fencers have medals or were participants of the Olympic games, so it was great to see our kids competing against them very strongly."

The men kicked off the annual tournament, fencing Saturday.

Sophomore Paul Ghattas and Matthew Stearns placed fourth

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish set to play final home game

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame takes on Northern Iowa tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center in the last home match of the season for the Irish.

The Panthers are currently in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) with a record of 13-4 and 21-8 overall. They come into South Bend riding a five-match winning streak, their last loss a sweep at the hands of league-leader Wichita State on Oct. 30.

Notre Dame setter Ashley Tarutis believes that even though the Panthers are not from a major conference, they still pose a tough challenge for the newly-crowned Big East regular season champion Irish.

"I think that they're a really good team and that we should be evenly matched," she said. "The game will be really good."

Northern Iowa outside hitter Laura Rowen was named MVC freshman of the week after posting a hitting percentage of .455 in matches against Western Illinois, Creighton and Drake last week. Rowen led the Panthers with 14 digs against Creighton and tallied a season-high .542 hitting percentage against Drake.

The Panthers have also been led this year by junior Rachael Tink. The junior had 18 digs and 18 kills against Drake Saturday night and will need a similar performance if they are to pull off the upset against the Irish.

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FOOTBALL

Wilson makes most of time

Editor's note: This story was originally supposed to run Friday in the Senior Irish Insider. However, due to a production error, it did not appear. The Observer regrets the error.

Observer Staff Report

Marcus Wilson saw his first significant playing time this season, and has made the most of it. The senior running back, who has one year of eligibility remaining, has played in all 10 games for the Irish, the only running back to do so.

He has rushed 33 times for 133 yards, a career best, and good for four yards per carry average. He is third on the team in rushing, behind Darius Walker and Ryan Grant. Wilson scored his first career touchdown against Navy, a 33-yard sprint to the end zone that, at the time, was the longest run of the season by Notre Dame. Wilson is one of 20 Irish players who have caught at least one



Marcus Wilson has 33 carries for 133 yards this season for the Irish, playing behind Ryan Grant and Darius Walker.

pass this season, including an 18-yard reception against Tennessee. He has also played an important role in the Irish pass protection schemes, due to his experience.

Wilson has been part of Notre Dame's three-headed tailback attack, along with Grant and Walker. This season is the first in his career he has gotten significant playing time on offense.

Last year he played on special teams and as a sophomore he played mostly as a reserve running back.

Wilson has a year of eligibility remaining. Should he return for a fifth year, Wilson should remain at least second in the depth chart to emerging freshman Darius Walker, who has seen the bulk of the carries this season.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

The Belles finished 22nd out of the 26 teams that placed in the Division III Great Lakes Regional.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

The Big East will go to a 16-team, one-division, format next season, with 12 teams making the Big East tournament.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oklahoma remains No. 2 in the BCS rankings, one place ahead of Auburn. USC remains No. 1 in the standings.

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NBA

After four ankle operations, Orlando's Grant Hill endures a staph infection that will delay his comeback.

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NFL

Tennessee's strong safety Tank Williams will miss the remainder of the season after an MRI exam confirmed he had torn left knee ligaments

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MLB

Barry Bonds won his seventh MVP award after batting .362 this season for San Francisco.

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