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'Enthusiastic' Welsh junior succumbs to pneumonia

◆ Leukemia left engineering major prone to illness

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
 News Editor

Notre Dame junior and Welsh Family Hall resident Brionne Clary passed away Wednesday from complications of leukemia, said Sister Adrienne Piennette, rector of Welsh. Clary was 20.

"She was a very enthusiastic

person [who] worked very hard at her studies," said Piennette. "For a person who had such a heavy course load ... she did her best to be active in the hall."



Clary

active participant in interhall basketball, said Piennette. She was re-diagnosed with

leukemia the Monday before this school year began, after successfully beating the disease in high school.

"[It was] a shock for everyone," said Piennette. "She was doing really well, so she said."

Clary had been in regular contact with friends in Welsh nearly daily until she contract-

ed pneumonia late last week, said Piennette. While hoping for a bone marrow transplant, Clary remained committed to returning to Notre Dame.

Adrienne Piennette
 rectress,
 Welsh Family Hall

"She really wanted to get back here," said Piennette, who explained that Clary had not returned to school this semester because

of her illness. "[She was] a very determined young woman."

Piennette indicated that the women of Welsh will feel Clary's absence.

"She's a presence that's missed in the hall and has been since school started, especially in the junior class," she said.

Counseling services have been made available to friends of Clary, and Piennette hope to hold a memorial mass later in the year for her family and friends. She is survived by her parents and two sisters.

STUDENT SENATE

Members discuss The Observer

By LAURA ROMPF
 Assistant News Editor

The Observer could lose its independence at the end of this month, the Student Senate learned Wednesday night.

The Ad Hoc Internal Review Committee for The Observer was formed to investigate the relationship between The Observer and the University and will render a decision on actions to take within the next few weeks.

"University control over The Observer would significantly damage the journalistic credibility and day-to-day operation of The Observer," said Mike Connolly, Editor in Chief of The Observer. "As an independent publication, The Observer can, to the best of its ability cover with out bias the programs, events and people of both campuses."

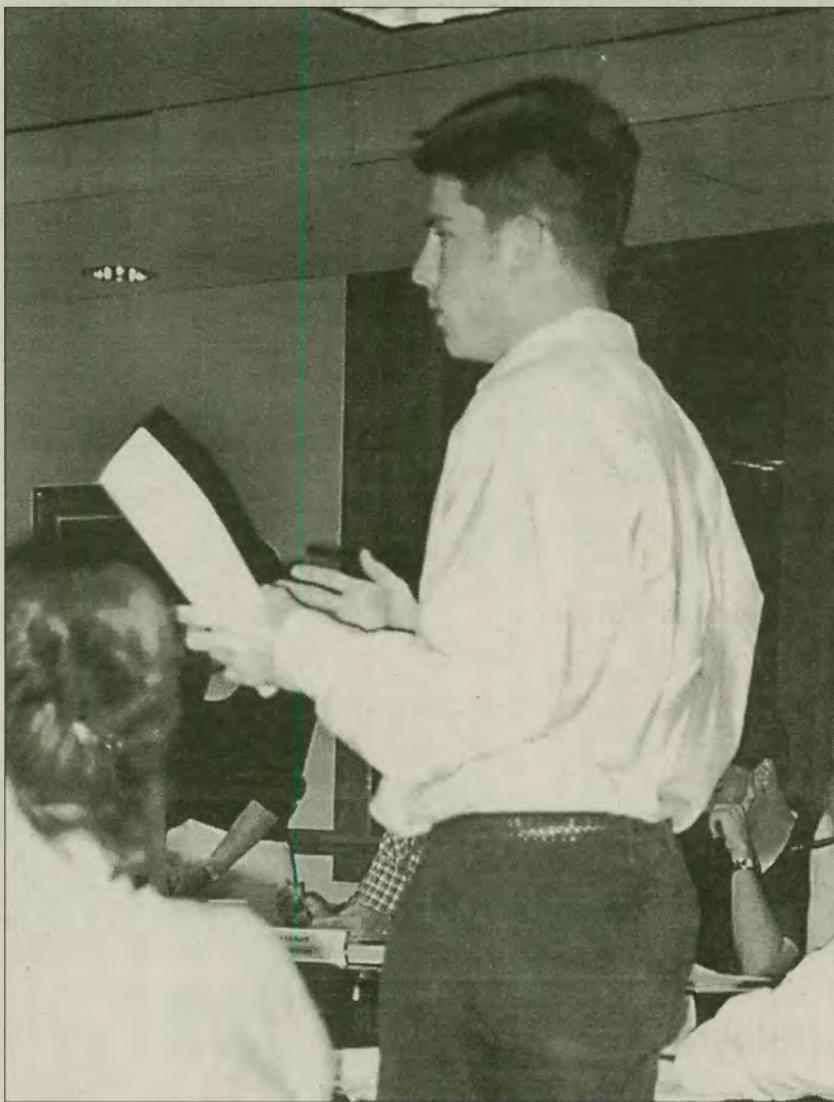
Connolly said he was primarily coming to the senate to inform and ask them to inform the students within their dorms of the current situation. Connolly said if The Observer goes under University control, several of its employees would be forced to quit their jobs.

Under the current policy, jobs at The Observer are parallel to off-campus jobs and do not interfere with a student's financial aid from the University or the government. However, if The Observer goes under University control, Observer jobs would be similar to any other University job, and thus hinder a student's ability to receive scholarships

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At its Wednesday meeting, the Student Senate discusses the University's options regarding the independent status of The Observer. The paper may be placed under University control later this year.

from other venues.

"Observer staff members who invest hours of their free time at the paper for their own enjoyment or journalistic

education would be forced to stop working at The Observer," Connolly

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Zelazny, Weck to lead SMC Class of 2004

By NICOLE CLERY
 News Writer

Zoe Zelazny and Madonna Weck will lead Saint Mary's freshmen into 2001 as the new class officers.

After gaining an 8.8 percent lead over their opponents, Abby Van Vlerah and Megan Olive, Zelazny and Weck won with 53.6 percent of the vote.

Election Stats

- ◆ Zelazny/Weck: 53.6%
- ◆ Van Vlerah/Olive: 46.4%
- ◆ 44% voter turnout

Only 44 percent of Saint Mary's freshmen voted, and Tuesday's "Meet The Candidates" did not attract a large audience.

Elections commissioner, Stephanie Pace said that "Meet" did very well but "[We] did not get the turnout we had expected."

With the campaign pressure finally off, Zelazny and Weck said they are ready to start working. At last night's initial Freshman Council meeting, Zelazny said, "It was such an honor to be elected."

"Now we'll be doing everything we can to have a great year," said Weck.

The first item of business was class t-shirts.

"We really want to bring the freshman class together," said Weck of their hopes for this school year.

Aside from class shirts, Zelazny and Weck have big plans for their fellow classmates. The duo working on organizing more class-wide events like dances and masses and hope to establish a freshman brothers program with Notre Dame during their term.

Looking back over the past few weeks, both Zelazny and Weck felt the elections went really well. One of the key components to their success, Zelazny said, was "getting out and introducing us to everybody."

Weck agreed that the campaign was exciting and she said she especially enjoyed meeting her freshman sisters who "were all very friendly."

ND soccer games kick off to Latin-American rhythms

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Although over a month has passed since the Notre Dame women's soccer team returned home from its 10-day pre-season excursion in Brazil, players are reminded of the South American culture every time they step onto Alumni Field to defend their home turf.

As warm-up begins, players glance to the packed benches on the opposite side of the field to hear the sound of the first Brazilian beat from a small but loyal group of percussionists.

"All over the world, there is no soccer without percussions; it's part of the game," said Notre Dame computer science and engineering professor Ramzi Bualuan.

Bualuan, along with a few devout musicians, for two years have played nonstop for the full 90 minute games at the men and women's soccer matches. The drum beats turn Notre Dame soccer games into a culturally unique experience by creating Latin beats from the Irish sideline.

In South America and Europe, soccer thrives on sounds from an impassioned crowd. For diehard fans in countries where thousands pack stadiums to view their national sport, the intensity of a

soccer game proves that a match can be just as much fun for the fans as it is for the players.

This rhythmic tradition from abroad has transferred to South Bend thanks to former men's coach the late Mike Berticelli and then assistant coach, Chris Apple, who approached Bualuan two years ago seeking for a way to inject more excitement into the soccer matches.

Bualuan, who was managing a band now called San de Aqui, a salsa group playing Cuban, Puerto-Rican and Caribbean music, was aware that traditional Brazilian beats could animate and energize a soccer game. The Brazilians utilize a variety of percussion instruments including congas, timbales, snare drums, guiras, cowbells and shakers.

"It's something about the beat of the drums. They say it's why the Brazilians have such a beautiful rhythm to their game," said Apple. "When the

drums start beating, excitement fills the air."

Ed Wolf, a 1993 Notre Dame graduate from South Bend who had the original idea for the Afro-Latin band, participates along side Bualuan and others to produce the rhythms at the games.

According to Wolf, the lead drummer watches for a change of action by the players on the field and then calls to the other drummers to either speed up or slow down their beat.

"Each instrument has its own role within the band," said Wolf who enjoys the organization and flow of the drummers in tune with each other. "The cheer has to be continuous, like the game is continuous."

"It's a specific rhythm. We find the rhythm to fit the excitement of the soccer game," said Bualuan who hopes that the intense beats provide energy to the players and crowd. "We feel awarded by a wonderful play in the game."

Senior forward Meotis

Erikson said that the sounds from the percussion help set the pace for the players on the field. "It helps you get into the rhythm and flow of the game," said Erikson.

Loyal Irish soccer fan Nick Pacelli enjoys the atmosphere the percussion adds to the game. "It makes the soccer game more of a cultural event, rather than just a sporting event," said Pacelli.

Despite the wide spread popularity of Bualuan, Wolf and the other percussionists, they were forced to put down their instruments last season when the Big East Conference banned all noisemakers due to an incident at another university where the crowd was taunting the players from behind their bench. At the next Big East meeting Apple pushed for a reconsideration of the issue and, the committee realizing it had taken extreme measures, retracted the rule.

"Our percussion band is in the spirit of the game," said Apple.

Wolf agrees that fans must

know their limits.

"There must be a happy balance between the great amount of enthusiasm expressed in the crowd and a healthy respect for what the game is about," said Wolf.

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**Ed Wolf
band founder**

"I think it can be hard for Americans to understand the culture of soccer," said Irish defender Nancy Mikacenic whose Croatian roots have allowed her to witness first hand the differences in attitudes at soccer matches abroad.

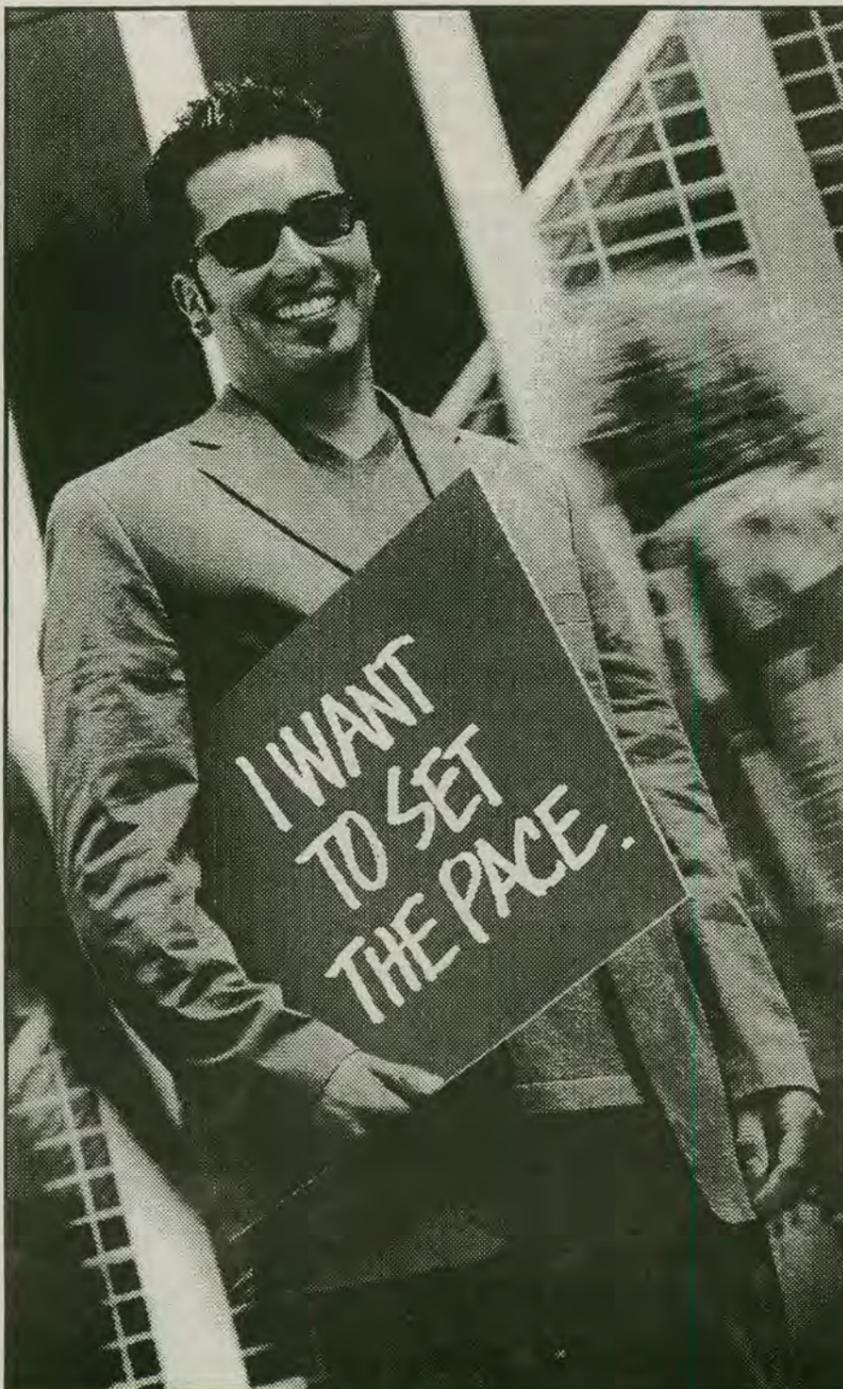
Mikacenic and her team members agree that playing in Brazil last August was something different than what they would have experienced traveling around the U.S.

As more American children enroll in soccer each year, it is only a matter of time before players and fans alike will learn more about the cultures that envelope the sport, Wolf said.

"Over the years soccer is developing a following that is slowly carving it's own niche in American culture," said Apple.

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**Ramzi Bualuan
professor, computer science
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC addresses paper's status

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

The issue of The Observer's independence was discussed for the first time with Saint Mary's student government officials at Wednesday's Board of Governance meeting.

"Most of the discussion on this issue has been happening on the other side of U.S. 31," said Noreen Gillespie, the Managing Editor of The Observer. "This is not only Notre Dame's newspaper."

The Observer has been discussing its relationship with the University since the 1999-2000 academic year.

Gillespie explained the history of the paper and where the discussion stands at the moment.

According to Gillespie, the University has a committee investigating its relationship with the paper and will make a proposal to University President

Father Edward Malloy at the end of the month. Gillespie emphasized that the independence of the paper is crucial for both the College and the University.

"You, as students, have the opportunity to pick up a daily campus newspaper and know that the coverage is unbiased, uninfluenced and reported ethically because of our position as an independent newspaper," she said. "You are one of the few campuses in the nation that still has this opportunity."

Gillespie explained that the editorial board does not believe

The Observer would be able to function if it went under the control of the University.

"Should we fall under University control, The Observer as we know it will not exist," she said.

After hearing the information Gillespie brought, the members of the board discussed what steps they should take, if any. Board members agreed that time is needed to fully understand the situation before a decision can be made. The issue was tabled until next Wednesday's meeting.

"I just want to make sure everyone on our board is fully educated," student body president Crissie Renner said.

The board will be reading a packet of information on the history of The Observer and its relationship with both institutions before next week's meeting.

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Noreen Gillespie
Managing Editor, The Observer

presented with a lot of information," student body vice president Michelle Nagle said. "We want to be fully knowledgeable before making any decision."

In addition to the current status of The Observer, the board discussed sexual assault, a topic that has become increasingly important on Saint Mary's campus.

"As student leaders and liaisons, it is our duty to educate more naive students and make them aware of incidents occurring on campus," said vice president, Michelle

Nagle.

There has been discussion whether Saint Mary's security is effectively monitoring and educating students about reported incidents. Security has not commented.

"Knowing sexual assaults and rapes have occurred on your campus is a very scary thing. But incidents like these have and will happen on college campuses. We need to raise awareness and realize that Saint Mary's is no different," said board member, Julie Frischkorn.

Security currently posts "Crime Alert" fliers alerting students of reported assaults occurring on campus.

"Many assaults go unreported, however, and remain off the record," Frischkorn said.

The BOG proposed to have a forum to raise awareness about sexual assault, but did not set a date.

The Board of Governance also focused on increasing school spirit. Saint Mary's annual Pride Week will kick off next Monday with a picnic and "gives students an opportunity to really come out and support our athletics and school," said vice president, Michelle Nagle.

In other BOG news, an "Interview Skills Workshop" will be held today in Madeleva at 5 p.m. and Whitney Ross and Kate Moeller are McCandless Hall's new president and vice president.

Molly McVoy contributed to this report.

The Observer

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said. "The high standards of The Observer would be compromised by the potential loss of numerous critical staff members from all facets of the newspaper."

However, Connolly said University control of The Observer would have an even more adverse effect on the credibility of the paper.

"Even more critical that the loss of valued staff members would be the loss of the credibility among the student body. The Observer was founded in 1966 in response to the students need for an independent voice separate from the University-controlled media which was seen as merely a voice of the administration," he said.

"The independence of The Observer is not just a concern of the General Board of The Observer but rather a concern for the whole community. A voice covering the government, with editorial policies set by the government cannot be unbiased."

Christine Kraly, Assistant Managing Editor of The Observer, said The Observer must look out for its future and although this is a small step by the University now, it could just be the beginning.

"I don't think the University is going to start firing the Observer staff right now, but we have to look down the line. Who knows what this will mean for the future," she said. "We're not just looking out for us, we're looking out for what's to happen in years to come. It is a risk we're taking, but we're taking it for them, not just for us."

Mark Leahey, chaplain for the student senate, questioned Connolly and Kraly on whether it was worth risking losing The Observer for the issue of independence.

"It seems the only time that the administration has had a problem with The Observer is when it published materials against Catholic teaching. Do you really believe this fight is worth fighting?" Leahey questioned.

Connolly responded by saying that students would lose faith in The Observer if it were a puppet of the administration.

"We need the freedom to criticize Father Malloy and the administration," Connolly said. "The only reason people believe when we print something good about them is because they know we also have the right to criticize them. Students can't think that we'll feel threatened if we say something bad about the administration," he said.

Vice president Brook Norton urged senators to review the situation and support The Observer's independence.

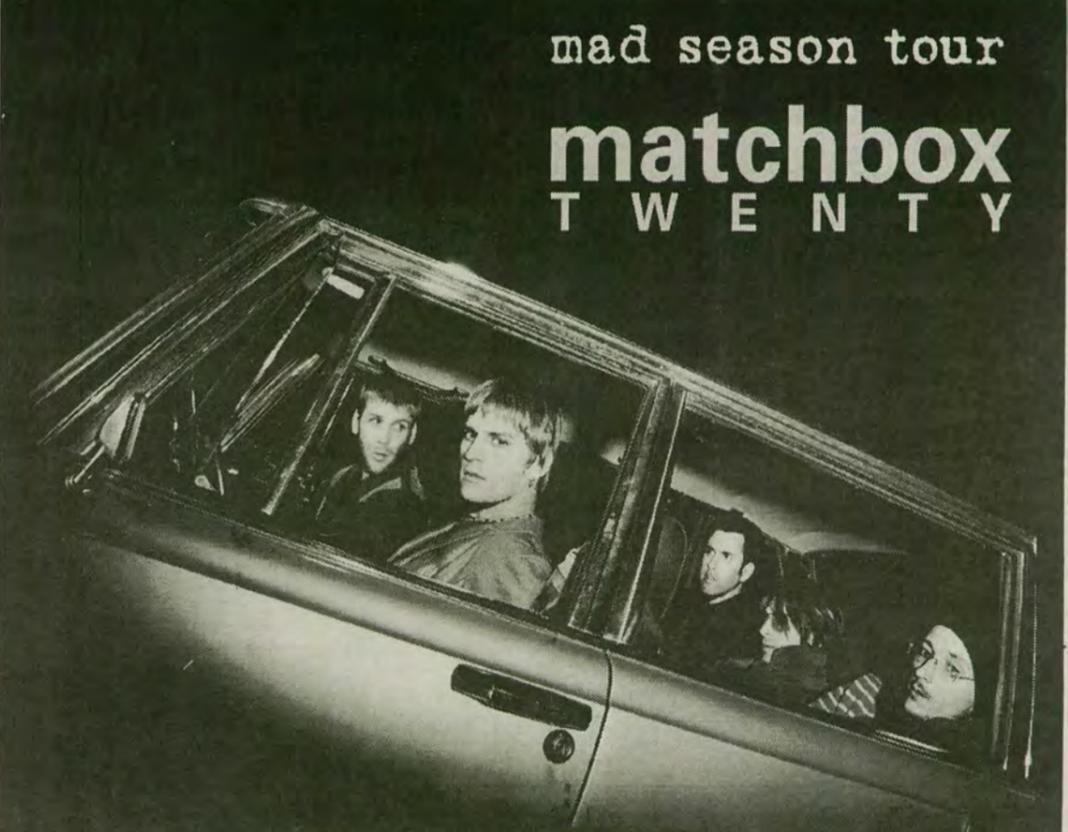
"One of the only ways we can speak freely on this campus is [through] The Observer," she said. "It is our main outlet for freedom of speech and we want people to know what is happening."

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If you are interested in representing Notre Dame at your high school over fall break or Christmas break, you will need to attend an information session on Tuesday, September 19 or Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm in 155 DeBartolo.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Peru president fires chief spy:

President Alberto Fujimori has assured Peruvians that military commanders are loyal to him and there is no danger of rebellion over his decision to fire his feared spy chief, who has strong allies in the high command. But the armed forces remained ominously silent Wednesday — in sharp contrast to the swift, rock-solid support they expressed for Fujimori when he shut Congress in 1992 — and that silence worried many in this country with a history of coups.

Kosovo War crimes trial ends:

A Serb student was sentenced to 20 years in prison Wednesday for killing ethnic Albanians in the first trial for war crimes committed in Kosovo during the crackdown by Yugoslav forces last year. Milos Jokic, 21, was found guilty of killing Rexhep Emerllahu, 27, ordering the killing of another ethnic Albanian and of raping an ethnic Albanian woman. He was also found guilty of illegal possession of arms.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Nevada Senate race tightens:

Republican John Ensign's 20-point lead in Nevada's U.S. Senate race over Democratic challenger Ed Bernstein has been cut nearly in half, according to a new poll. The poll, taken for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and lasvegas.com and published over the weekend, showed Ensign's support had dropped to 50 percent, down from 56 percent in a June poll. Bernstein was the choice of 39 percent, up from June's 36 percent.

Pentagon had access to classified files:

The Pentagon acknowledged Wednesday that it had access in 1998 to computer files that would have permitted the agency to assess the damage of classified information entered on unsecured computers by former CIA Director John Deutch. The Pentagon, which only began its investigation in February, initially blamed the delay on a lack of access to the documents or computer files that contained the secrets.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Dogs kill census worker:

The owners of a Brown County home where a pack of dogs attacked and killed a 71-year-old U.S. Census worker will be tried in Nashville on charges of criminal recklessness. A request by lawyers representing Wayne Newton and Joann Latvaitis for change of venue to another county has been denied by Brown Circuit Judge Judith Stewart.

YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

Democratic Opposition Supporters of Serbia fill the street in front of the Yugoslav parliament building in Belgrade Wednesday. President Slobodan Milosevic appeared before the parliament opposition campaign rally before federal elections were held this weekend.

Thousands support Milosevic rival

Associated Press

BELGRADE

More than 150,000 people jammed the streets outside parliament Wednesday, jeering at President Slobodan Milosevic and chanting, "He's finished," in an election rally for his top opponent that dwarfed a pro-Milosevic gathering nearby.

Opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica promised a "different Serbia" in an address to the crowd outside Belgrade's Federal Parliament building in a boisterous display of anti-Milosevic sentiment before presidential and parliamentary elections Sunday.

Many shouted, "He's finished," waving signs with the same slogan or pictures of Milosevic headed out the door. Others chanted, "Save Serbia from this madhouse, Kostunica," or jeered loudly at any mention of the president's name.

"There is a great chance and hope that after [Sunday's] elections, we will begin a new life in different Serbia," Kostunica told the joyful crowd, concluding his speech with: "May God help you to have enough courage ... to win freedom. For Serbia."

Milosevic labeled his opponents "rats and hyenas" while on a campaign stop earlier Wednesday in Montenegro, the smaller of

Yugoslavia's two republics, where pro-Western leaders have urged residents to boycott what it considers an unfair vote.

In Belgrade, the president later addressed about 10,000 supporters in a sports hall across the Sava River while Kostunica prepared to speak. Although the size of the hall limited the crowd, the turnout for the candidates' rallies backed the message of recent polls.

Opinion surveys show Kostunica with a double-digit lead on Milosevic. There are fears, however, that Milosevic would not concede a loss and could try to stay in power by rigging the vote or imposing mar-

tial law.

At the sports hall, in a gathering complete with standing ovations and the orchestrated rhythmic clapping, Milosevic said the opposition is "incited [by the West] to spread terrorism and crime ... and destroy families through religious sects, spy groups and drug lords."

He vowed to fight the "evil" opposition "which wants to destroy the minds of our children and youth ... just like we fought the aggressors," during last year's NATO bombing that forced Milosevic to cede control of Kosovo to the United Nations.

ENGLAND

Explosion rocks MI6 headquarters

Associated Press

LONDON

Firefighters and witnesses said at least one possible explosion went off late Wednesday near the headquarters of the MI6 intelligence service in central London. Emergency officials reported no casualties.

The blast reportedly took place in the area of the MI6 building, close to Vauxhall Bridge, which crosses the Thames River not far from the Houses of Parliament.

The London Ambulance Service,

which sent crews to the scene, said there had been no reports of any casualties 90 minutes after the reported blast. "I think an hour and a half later it is safe to assume there are none," a spokesman said.

A report overheard on the police radio said everyone in the building had been accounted for and that there were no injuries.

A London Fire Brigade spokesman said crews were called to the Vauxhall Cross area on the south bank of the River Thames at 9:25 p.m., and that the incident was

believed to be an explosion.

Police, who said only that they were investigating two loud bangs, immediately closed off the area. The building looked intact from a distance of several hundred yards, but witness James Trott, 42, said there was shattered glass on the river side of the building.

The MI6 headquarters, a big modern structure, was featured in the James Bond movie "The World is Not Enough" and in one scene was shown being blown up by a terrorist bomb.

Market Watch 9/20

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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.15	-0.75	64.25

STUDENT SENATE

Two proposals could result in campus changes

♦ Resolution may add faculty voice to Student Senate

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate approved an amendment Wednesday night that will add a faculty senate member to its body. Faculty Senate will appoint one of its members to be the liaison with speaking, but not voting privileges.

"We decided we wanted someone from the faculty to be a member of the senate. We want to give them speaking privileges because it is our hope that we will then be given speaking privileges [at Faculty Senate]," said Kathleen Bufalin, Farley senator.

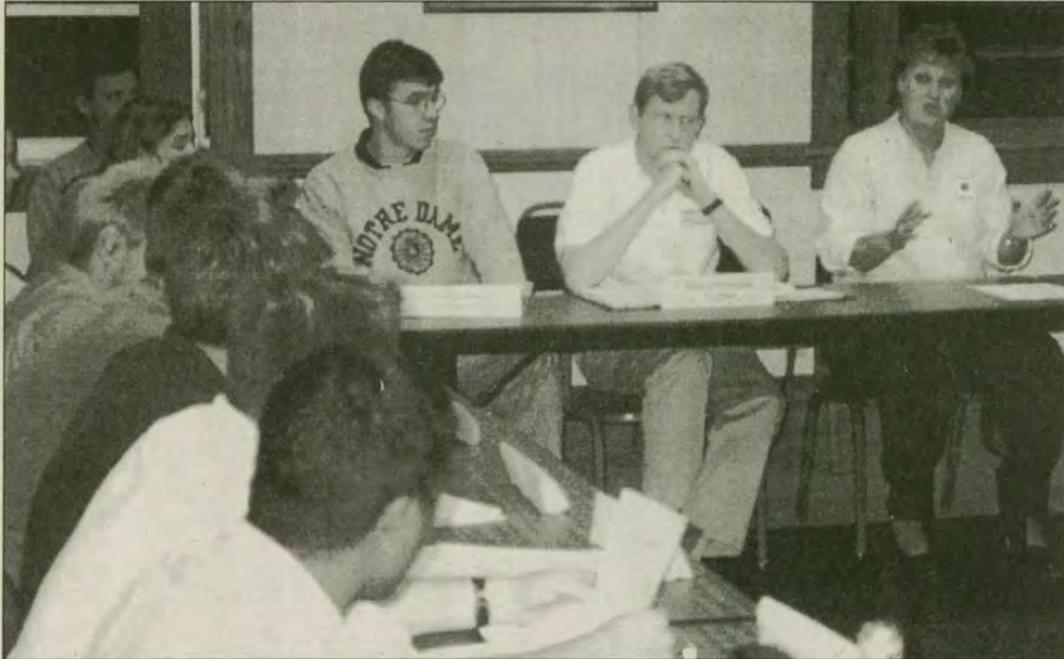
The Student Senate will review and approve the nomination for the liaison that cannot serve more than two consecutive terms at a time. The liaison will attend the weekly meetings of the Student Senate.

Although the student liaison to Faculty Senate does not have speaking privileges, the senate decided to give the faculty member to its body speaking privileges. Many senators felt advice from a faculty member would be useful for senate decisions.

"It is important that we make informed decisions that will positively affect the University," said Cavanaugh senator Kristen Caponi. "Why would we want to limit ourselves and the knowledge we can receive?"

Kevin Berchou, Sorin hall senator, pointed out that although the faculty member can speak, they still cannot vote.

"The key is to remember that they are a non-voting member. We still have the ultimate say. We will get another perspective but we're not losing any control. They have no vote, but we still have their input," he said.



FINN PRESSLY/The Observer

Student senators and student body president Brian O'Donoghue consider appointing a faculty representative to the senate. Many students felt the senate should remain an independent voice.

Although the majority of senators agreed with Berchou and Caponi, Pasquerilla East senator Nikki McCord said the faculty member should not have speaking privileges.

"The Student Union Senate is designed for the students," McCord said. "We as senators represent the voice of the student body. I believe that there should be a faculty member on the Student Union Senate, however their voice should be heard in the context of committee meetings."

"I am eager to hear some of the suggestions that the faculty members have to offer. However, those opinions should be voiced through committee reports submitted by the student committee chairs. We should keep the Student Union Senate fully run by the students so that we can accurately represent the student body," she said.

But overall students thought the faculty member should have speaking privileges, and voted to pass the amendment.

"It is important that we give them speaking privileges because what they do affects us ... and what we do may affect them."

I feel they'll only contribute when it's helpful," said Pangborn senator Kaitlyn Dudley.

In other senate news:

♦ The committee on gender issues is working on having sexual assault meetings in each dorm next year. Committee members met with Jeff Shoup of

ResLife and are planning meetings that would be tailored separately for men and women.

♦ The committee on residence life met with Shoup and Bill Kirk to discuss issues about 24-hour space and food service. Because inequalities exist between dorms, the committee is working on compiling a list of what students can do in 24-hour space.

♦ The committee on University affairs met with Broadwing and is collecting information on long distance calling at the University.

♦ A joint academic affairs and university affairs subcommittee was formed to examine the Honor Code.

♦ \$70,000 aimed at improving Rock

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

South Quad students won't have to walk far after fall break to workout on new equipment. RecSports has spent \$70,000 to upgrade the recreational facilities at the Rockne Memorial.

A resolution passed by Student Senate last March requested the upgrade of the exercise equipment at the Rockne Memorial, and according to Sally Derengoski from the office of RecSports, that resolution was the incentive RecSports needed to petition for the new equipment.

"We take your suggestions very seriously," Derengoski said. "We took the article from The Observer [about the resolution] and showed it to many people."

Derengoski said when Rolfs Sports Recreation Center was built, the University was hoping to have two good facilities rather than a good and bad one.

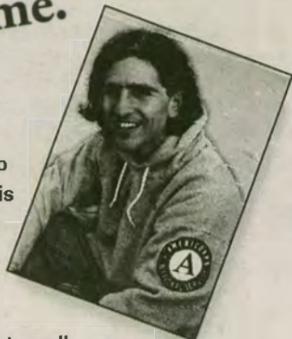
"From my standpoint, the Rock is a beautiful building and it is in a great location. We want to have two great facilities and it was general knowledge that the Rock needs an upgrade," she said.

"For the basic person wanting a general workout of cardiovascular and weight training, this will be a great room."

"With AmeriCorps, I saw beyond my neighborhood for the first time."

After graduating from college, Josh Borus joined AmeriCorps to help the youngest members of his community—and he discovered a whole new world. As a teacher's aide in a low-income neighborhood near his home in Boston, Josh worked with students well beyond the regular school hours and provided support they often didn't get at home. "If you see a problem, you have a responsibility to do something about it," Josh says.

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Author to question evolution

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

The Scopes Monkey Trial opened the question, and now scholar and author Robert Pennock will visit Saint Mary's to take a stab at answering the the same question: Should evolution be taught in public schools?

Pennock, an associate professor at the Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State, recently wrote "The Tower of Babel: The Evidence against the New Creationism." Thursday night Pennock will give a lecture entitled "Should Evolution Be Taught in the Public Schools? What Dorothy Learned when the Creationist Whirlwind Hit Kansas." The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium.

Thomas Platt, associate professor of biology at Saint Mary's, believes Pennock's discussion on this topic will draw students, faculty and members of the surrounding community.

"This is a topic not only of

interest to members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community. It will also bring members from the surrounding community," Platt said.

Friday Pennock will give a lecture entitled "Ethical Challenges of Emerging Biotechnologies" in Stapleton Lounge at noon. This lecture will be a more technical discussion.

"The talk on bioethics was created for a smaller venue that is more focused on students and faculty," Platt said.

Both issues — evolution in the classroom and biotechnology — are prominent on the campuses of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, as well as in the world at large.

"These are two issues of significant public concern," Platt said. "How science should be taught and issues of bioethics are both important issues."

The lecture will be sponsored by the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's chapter of the Sigma Xi Research Society, presented in conjunction with the Saint Mary's

departments of biology and philosophy, and the dean of faculty.

The Saint Mary's departments sponsoring the event believe it presents an excellent opportunity for students.

"I'm absolutely delighted [Pennock] is coming here," Platt said. "This is an opportunity for students to be exposed to one of the frontline thinkers in this area."

Pennock is the recipient of the Templeton Prize for Exemplary Paper in Theology and Natural Sciences and a National Endowment for the Humanities/National Science Foundation fellowship on Scientific, Ethical and Social Challenges of Contemporary Genetic Technology award winner.

Pennock will come to Saint Mary's after being named a national Distinguished Lecturer for 2000-2002 by the Sigma Xi Society. Both of his lectures are open to all students and faculty of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community.

Belanger: Music part of Hispanic culture

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Culture. Diversity. Tradition. Professor Marc Belanger used these elements to define the pluralistic culture of Latin American music during a lecture Wednesday afternoon. Belanger held the lecture at the request of students as part of a celebration of Hispanic heritage month.

"Leaving many issues aside, being Hispanic covers a very diverse group of people. I've learned a lot about diversity in music from discussions in my Latin American politics class," Belanger said.

Belanger used music from his personal collection to demonstrate the different influences found in Hispanic music.

"Forces from the past 400 to 500 years shape Latin music," he said.

Belanger opened the discussion with a Spanish piece from the 14th Century entitled, "He Who Serves the Virgin Well."

"At this point in history, Spain has not been to the New World, but it is already multicultural. Christians, Jews and Muslims populated

Spain at this time. It was a very cosmopolitan place," said Belanger.

Spain's conquest of America brought disease and brutal conquest to the indigenous people, according to Belanger.

"Yet there was more than just the bloody aspect, this began with the Virgin of Guadalupe," he said. Belanger demonstrated this with a piece from the 15th century that was written by an Aztec composer in praise of the Virgin Mary.

While the Spanish were conquering the indigenous people both militaristically and culturally, slave traders were also bringing Africans to the Americas. This added to Latin-American culture, Belanger said.

"You can hear [an African] presence in the music," said Belanger, who played a 17th Century Mexican song that combines a classic chorus with an African beat.

Belanger also played music of the 1950s by Ruben Gonzales, a Cuban composer.

"Personally, I feel that Cuban music is the most influential of all Latin American music. Life is faster; the music speeds up," Belanger said.

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 Women's Volleyball 7pm
 AcoustiCafe 9pm LaFortune Huddle
 Movies: Road Trip 101 DeBartolo 10:30pm
 The Wizard of Oz (with Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon Soundtrack)
 155 DeBartolo 10:30pm

Friday: ND Cross Country meet vs. National Catholic 4:15pm
 ISSA presents American Culture Through Music Dance Party: Alumni Senior
 Club 5-7pm
 Hayride/Campfire w/ Flipside 7:30 pm
 In Hall Formal: O'Neill Hall
 "Time Regained" 6:30, 9:30 Snite
 Movies: Road Trip 101 DeBartolo 8pm & 10:30pm
 The Wizard of Oz (with Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon Soundtrack)
 155 DeBartolo 8pm & 10:30pm

Saturday: "Time Regained" 6:30, 9:30 Snite
 Movies: Road Trip 101 DeBartolo 8pm & 10:30pm
 The Wizard of Oz (with Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon Soundtrack)
 155 DeBartolo 8pm & 10:30pm

Sunday: Men's Soccer vs. Connecticut 1pm
 Women's Soccer 3pm

Next week: (Sept. 25-30)

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September 27: "Cafecito con leche" w/ Ray Blanco LaFun Ballroom 7:30pm

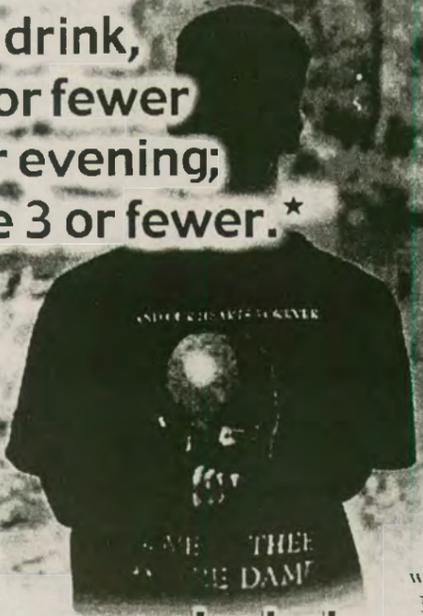
September 28: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet: 8 PM - Hesburgh Auditorium
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 Movies: Return to Me 101 DeBartolo 8pm
 Godfather Trilogy 155 DeBartolo 8pm

September 29: Women's Volleyball 7pm
 In-Hall Dances: PW, Morissey, Cavanaugh, Walsh, Alumni, Fisher
 Movies: Return to Me 101 DeBartolo 8 & 10:30pm
 Godfather Trilogy 155 DeBartolo 8 & 10:30pm
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September 30: Keough Chariot Race 12-3 PM McGlenn Fields
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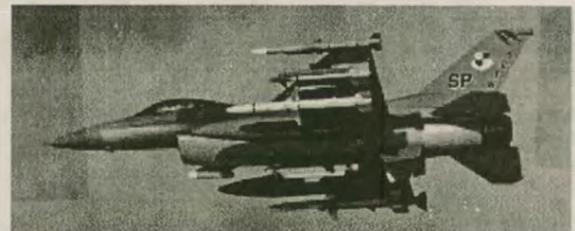
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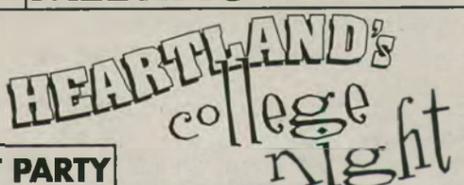
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ND students' donations boost local blood levels



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Jessica Brookshire (left), wellness coordinator for Notre Dame's department of human resources, works with John Osborn, a member of the University's First Aid Team and Student Wellness Advisory Board, to promote local blood donations. Their efforts have become increasingly important in recent months as the national blood supply dwindles.

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

When blood supplies in South Bend reach critically low levels, the South Bend Medical Foundation often turns to Notre Dame students for help.

"They love coming here. It's one stop, and they get quite a lot of blood," said Jessica Brookshire, wellness coordinator in Notre Dame's department of human resources.

Every year there are two regularly scheduled blood drives at Notre Dame. Each last two days and collects about 35 pints per

day.

Blood levels at the Central Blood Bank (CBB) of South Bend this summer were at 60 percent of optimum capacity, and the CBB was unsuccessful in getting the blood it needed from Mobile Blood Drives. Faced with a shortage over the three-day Labor Day weekend, Notre Dame sponsored a special blood drive to increase the blood level.

"The blood bank was nearly empty. They needed a drive from us before the long three-day weekend. A nurse said that if they weren't able to get in here, they wouldn't have been able to

get in anywhere," said John Osborn, a University senior who works with the First Aid Services Team and the Student Wellness Advisory Board to publicize the drives.

Without the recent blood drive at Notre Dame, hospitals may have had to cancel elective surgeries because the Red Cross and the National Blood Exchange, two organizations from which the CBB is usually able to purchase blood, are also experiencing extreme shortages.

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- 7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball, Loyola Marymount vs. ND, Joyce Center Arena
- 7:30 p.m. "First Things First: How to Get Started Writing a College Essay", Writing Workshop, 119 O'Shaughnessy
- 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:30 p.m. "Road Trip", DeBartolo 101* | "The Wizard of Oz and Dark Side of the Moon = Dark Side of the Rainbow", RM 155*

Friday, September 22

- 5:00 p.m. Cross Country Meet: National Catholic Invitational, Burke Memorial Golf Course
- 6:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Time Regained", Snite Museum*
- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball: Wyoming vs. ND, Joyce Center Arena
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer: Steon Hall vs. ND, Alumni Field
- 7:30 p.m. Flipside Hayride and Camp Fire (Depart from Hesburgh Library Circle)*
- 8:00 p.m. "Road Trip", DeBartolo 101* | "The Wizard of Oz and Dark Side of the Moon = Dark Side of the Rainbow", RM 155*
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Time Regained", Snite Museum*
- 10:30 p.m. "Road Trip", DeBartolo 101* | "The Wizard of Oz and Dark Side of the Moon = Dark Side of the Rainbow", RM 155*

Saturday, September 23

- 6:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Time Regained", Snite Museum*
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball: Colorado State vs. ND, Joyce Center Arena
- 8:00 p.m. "Road Trip", DeBartolo 101* | "The Wizard of Oz and Dark Side of the Moon = Dark Side of the Rainbow", RM 155*
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m.-Midnight Club Karaoke, open karaoke night, Alumni-Senior Club
- 9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Time Regained", Snite Museum*
- 10:30 p.m. "Road Trip", DeBartolo 101* | "The Wizard of Oz and Dark Side of the Moon = Dark Side of the Rainbow", RM 155*

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PHILIPPINES

French TV journalists escape Muslim rebels



Associated Press

MANILA

Free after 2 1/2 months in captivity, two French journalists smiled as they told a news conference Wednesday how they evaded their Muslim rebel captors in the darkness and then hid overnight in the jungles of a remote island in the southern Philippines.

The tale of Jean-Jacques Le Garrec and Roland Madura and how they came to flag down a military truck and be rescued was the first word from any of the 19 hostages held by Abu Sayyaf rebels. The rebels have been on the run with their captives since Saturday, when the Philippine government launched a massive military assault on Jolo Island. The other 17 people are still believed to be held.

The two men, of France-2 television, described how they took advantage of darkness Tuesday night to bolt from the rebel group as it was rushing to cross a road.

"We hid for some minutes, and after that we ran on the road," Le Garrec said. "We spent the night hiding in the jungle in case they would be looking around for us."

At dawn, he said, they flagged down a mili-

tary truck on the road and were taken to a military camp.

Philippine officials had initially said that the military rescued the two hostages after a clash with the rebels.

Both of the former hostages smiled and appeared well as they spoke to reporters at the presidential palace in Manila, where they were flown from Jolo. Abu Sayyaf had taken them hostage after the pair came to Jolo to interview other hostages.

"It's been 2 1/2 long months for us, but we feel very good," Le Garrec said.

The separatist Abu Sayyaf have kidnapped scores of people since March. Most have been released, with Libya and Malaysia reportedly paying more than \$15 million for 19 foreigners. After five months of negotiations, President Joseph Estrada decided to attack the rebels last weekend, a decision that has been widely supported by Filipinos.

Reversing earlier comments, Estrada said Wednesday he would order a halt to the assault on Jolo if the other hostages are freed.

Estrada also said an American hostage, Jeffrey Schilling, had been spotted and that troops hoped to rescue him later Wednesday.

The rebels also are holding three Malaysians, a Filipino kidnapped from a Malaysian diving resort in April, and 12 Filipino Christian evangelists.

The rebels had earlier threatened to attack southern cities and behead Schilling, of Oakland, Calif., to retaliate for the military assault.

Schilling, who converted to Islam in 1994, visited an Abu Sayyaf camp with his wife on Aug. 28 and was reportedly abducted because of an argument over religion with the rebels. His wife was not seized.

Early Wednesday, a bomb exploded on a passenger ferry shortly after it arrived at nearby Zamboanga city, killing at least one person and injuring six others, two critically, officials said. The military said it suspects Muslim rebels were responsible.

Military officials said the bomber apparently posed as a porter and boarded the ferry after it docked at Zamboanga. The man was killed in the explosion, Col. Jovenal Narcise said.

Seven rebels have been killed and 20 captured in the five days of fighting, while six government troops were wounded, military officials said.

They said the rebels were laying land mines as they fled. One group in a speedboat was stopped as it attempted to flee from Jolo, they said.

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Clinton Whitewater probe ends

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Prosecutors concluded Wednesday there is "insufficient" evidence that President Clinton or his wife committed a crime in Whitewater, bringing the six-year investigation to an anticlimactic end four months before the president leaves office.



Clinton

Presidential aides breathed a sigh of relief that Independent Counsel Robert Ray's businesslike statement contained no harsh language that could cause trouble in Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign to win a Senate seat from New York.

Ray's six-page statement dissipated a cloud that bedeviled the Clintons since the 1992 election campaign and that made Clinton the most investigated president since Richard M. Nixon, who resigned rather than confront impeachment and removal from office.

"I'm just glad that this is finally over," Mrs. Clinton said, questioning why so much money was spent. The president ignored a question about Whitewater as he strolled through the White House Rose Garden with Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato.

Ray has one major piece of unfinished business in the record \$52 million independent counsel investigation — a decision whether to indict the president after he leaves office for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. A grand jury was impaneled in July in Washington to help make the decision.

It was the same independent counsel office under Ray's predecessor, Kenneth Starr, that first catapulted the Lewinsky scandal onto the front pages and spurred Clinton's impeachment and Senate trial, where he was acquitted.

Ray said his office investigated at least seven separate criminal allegations involving the president or his wife in Whitewater.

"This office determined that the evidence was insufficient to prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that either President Clinton or Mrs. Clinton knowingly participated in any criminal conduct," Ray said.

However, the prosecutor cited "delays in obtaining relevant evidence" — including the refusal of Whitewater real estate partner Susan McDougal to testify, "the failure by the White House" to produce Mrs. Clinton's law firm billing records until 1996 and legal challenges to turning over White House lawyers' notes of conversations with Mrs. Clinton.

The White House was low-key in its response.

"Robert Ray is now the latest investigator to complete an

examination of the transactions related to Whitewater Development Co. and conclude that there are no grounds for legal action," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Lockhart rejected Ray's complaints of White House delays. "We just don't believe that there's merit to any of those suggestions," he said.

Mrs. Clinton told a meeting in Albany, N.Y., of state members of The Associated Press that "I think ... most New Yorkers and Americans ... made up their minds a long time ago about" Whitewater.

"I think that taxpayers have a right to ask why was all this money spent, especially since ... the conclusions were readily available five years ago," she added.

The Clintons' legal defense fund has raised \$8 million over 2 1/2 years. The fund says the Clintons still owe about \$4 million in legal fees.

Later, in an interview on "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" Ray said he announced his findings now to remove "any lingering cloud that would hover over the first lady's campaign, or over the electoral process as we move now closer to November."

Ray's announcement was in sharp contrast to the bitterness the investigation engendered in Washington and across America for most of Clinton's presidency as Democratic defenders clashed with Republican opponents over the merits of the allegations.

Study: Minimum wage can't pay rent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Employees earning the federal minimum wage over a 40-hour week cannot afford what the federal government considers a "modest" two-bedroom apartment in any county, according to a study released Wednesday.

Federal Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said the report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, an advocacy group that favors raising the minimum wage, demonstrates the flip side of the booming economy.

"Rents continue to increase dramatically, while the minimum wage has not," he said.

The study used the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of "fair market rent" to determine the hourly wage needed to pay for an average apartment in each state, county and metropolitan area.

The federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour.

HUD says people should not spend more than 30 per-

cent of their gross income on housing. Using that standard, no minimum-wage earner on a 40-hour week can afford an average rent in any county, the coalition said.

Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties, all in California, tied for the least-affordable county, with a worker needing to earn \$28.06 for

an average apartment. Nantucket County, Mass., was next (\$25.54), followed by Santa Clara County, Calif., (\$25.15). Barbour County, Ala., was ranked most affordable (\$6.73).

New Jersey was ranked the least-affordable state, with workers having to earn \$16.88 per hour to pay for an average apartment, the study found.

Washington, D.C., was next (\$16.60), followed by Hawaii (\$16.52), Massachusetts, (\$16.43) and New York (\$16.04).

Excluding the self-employed, the average U.S. worker earns \$16.17 an hour, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Clinton: blacks should back Gore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Declaring that his presidency "set the table for America's feast," President Clinton made an all-out pitch Wednesday for black voters to turn out for Al Gore.



Gore

During an address to the Church of God in Christ's annual bishops conference, Clinton cast Gore and Democratic running mate Joseph Lieberman as "good servants" most likely to guide the country as he would.

Clinton also made a pitch for Gore later in the day at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' annual dinner. Gore, himself, raced back from campaigning in California to address the audience, which waited patiently for three hours to hear him speak for about five minutes.

If elected, Gore said he would defend affirmative action, advocate a fairer immigration status for long-term migrant workers and consider Mexico a strategic partner, "not just our neighbor."

"This election is not a reward for past performance," Gore said. "It is about the better, fairer, more prosperous America we can build together ... We may not all share a common path but as Americans we share a common future."

In halting Spanish, Clinton

said, "El que no siembra no levanta," a Mexican proverb that translates: "He who does not sow does not harvest." He specifically cited the "unbelievable fight" with Congress that has left many of Hispanic nominees he submitted for the federal bench hopelessly delayed, and suggested that Latino voters express their frustration at the ballot box.

"If you want an end to this kind of delay and denial, it would really help if you had Al Gore and Joe Lieberman and senators like Hillary," Clinton said. "Think of what we have done together, which would not have been possible without you."

While Clinton spoke, the NAACP unveiled a \$9 million effort to turn out black voters, through issues ads and grassroots mobilization in 12 states targeted as battleground states for the presidential race or congressional contests. The NAACP said it has registered 21,000 new voters and has mobilized volunteers to sign up more.

COGIC's presiding bishop, Chandler Owens said 400 black churches were pooling their congregations in New York to provide a forum for Hilary Clinton — primarily out of loyalty to Clinton.

"We're with the president

now, we're with him after this is over," Owens said. "A lot of the blows he took were because he would not forsake us. ... I told the president that he was a black man masquerading in a white body. The president laughed, but incidentally, he believes it."

The bishops also made it abundantly clear that they would do whatever Clinton asked regarding support of Democratic candidates. "I am a card-carrying Democrat. Dyed in the wool," said Bishop L.T. Walker of Arkansas.

As Clinton gave a warm-up spiel about how "we have a decision to make" in this election on how to keep the economy strong, a member of the audience shouted: "Put in Al Gore!"

"Yes, I'm getting to that,"

Clinton said. He suggested that they should back Gore "if you think I was your faithful servant," and compared turning out voters on Election Day to preparing for a sumptuous meal.

"The best is still out there. All we have done is basically set the table for America's feast," Clinton said. "But you've got to serve it up. You can't leave the food in the refrigerator and the stove and expect the banquet to be enjoyed."

"[This election] is about the better, fairer, more prosperous America we can build together."

Al Gore
Democratic presidential candidate

GOP funds hit high with \$200 million

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Republican National Committee smashed through the \$200 million fund-raising mark and entered September with \$63 million in the bank, establishing a huge financial advantage over the Democrats.



Bush

The Republicans' balance at the beginning of the month was almost as much as the \$67.6 million in public funds that the presidential nominees each received to run their fall campaigns.

"It is a virtual doubling of a campaign's advertising budget," former Republican chairman Richard Bond said Wednesday.

Party officials said they raised \$29.3 million last month, \$21.5 million of that within federal limits that mean the money can be used to directly aid Republican candidates. Since Jan. 1, 1999, the Republican National Committee has raised around \$210 million in all.

While trailing the GOP in

fund raising, the Democratic National Committee did take in \$26 million at big-ticket events in the four weeks since its national convention, including \$5.1 million at a post-convention gala featuring Barbra Streisand and a concert at Radio City Music Hall last week that brought in \$6.5 million.

Like Bush, Vice President Al Gore has received \$67.6 million for his presidential campaign, but the Democrats will have less money than the GOP to spend separately on his behalf. Party officials declined to say how much less until they release their fund-raising figures on Oct. 15.

"We're going to have enough to be competitive, but we, unlike the Republicans, don't think the party that brings in the most amount of money is the party that wins the race," spokeswoman Jenny Backus said.

At the end of June, the GOP had \$53 million in the bank to \$33 million for the Democrats. Of those totals, the Republicans had \$21.1 million in federally limited contributions to just \$9.3 million for the Democrats.

Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, said Gore will have enough money to compete.



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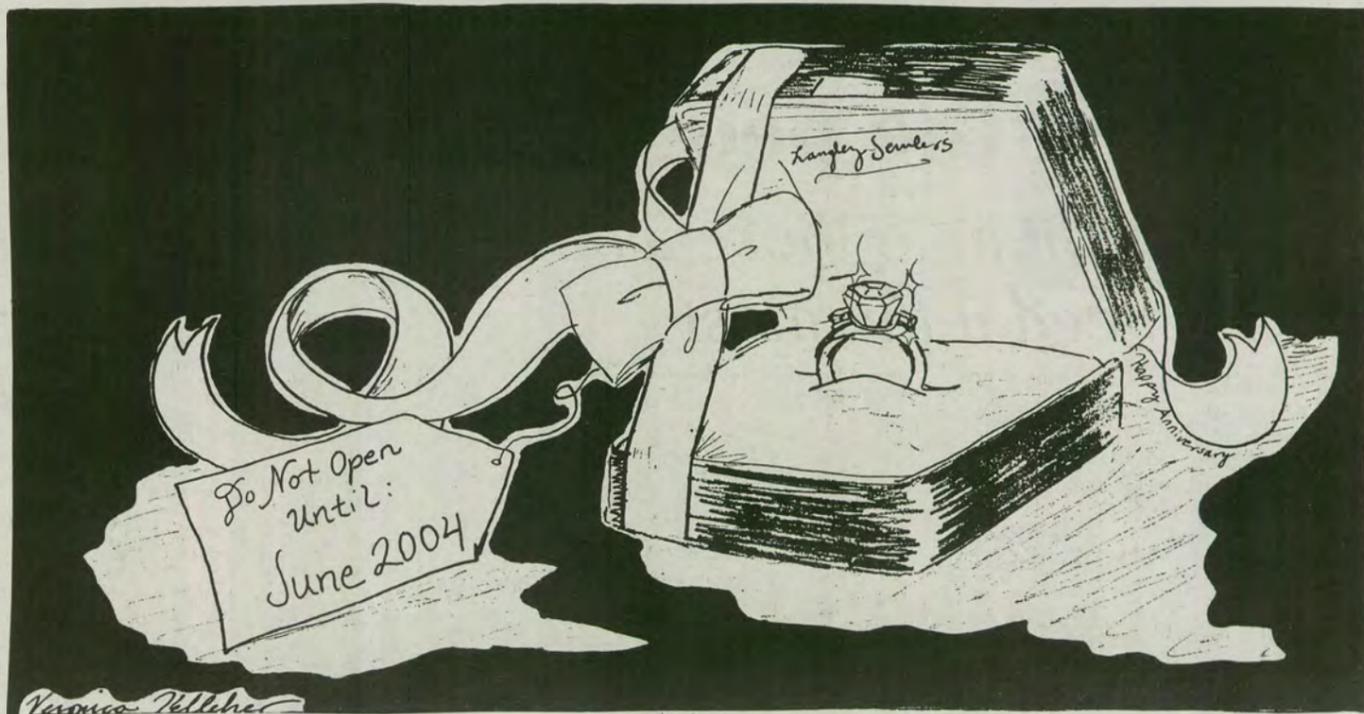
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Looking to get hitched, just not yet

It snuck up on us like a cat through the night. It was reinforced through print, computers, television and all other mediums put together. Once the words dropped from one person's lips they ran like wildfire

through the eyes and ears of the local population, consuming us in a wrath of ribbon, satin, lace and taffeta. We were getting married.

Not any time soon, mind you, but when the four of us first logged on to the Modern Bride Web site, the gleam in all of our eyes could not for the life of us be dulled. We all wanted to get married right then ... well, not actually married per se, but more we all wanted to plan a wedding of our own, to have all the attention focused on us in our long ball gowns and diamond rings, hair done in pin curls and honeymoon in Barbados. It was set. We dreamily set our sights on a last minute lipstick touch up, fluff the train, open the doors and ahhhh ... wedding ... me ...

Me? Married? There's a thought that ... well, yes, I have thought about it, but right now I'm 21. I have always thought that being married by 24 or 25 would be ideal. What I didn't realize, however, is that the age of 24, at my present state is oh my God, that's only three years away. I don't even have a boyfriend. I don't even have any prospects. Now, realistically, the young women and even young men for that matter, in my same predicament, could set themselves on a quest for a partner and make this a whole ordeal, because really, in my mind it is becoming an ordeal, but do I have the time? Frankly, no. At the moment I have tests to study for and errands to run, neither of which force me to compromise my intelligence or emotional capacity, and both of which are a hell of

a lot easier than marriage.

But imagine, as I described before, five or six 20-something girls sitting around in jeans and sweats, faces glued to the computer screen, not furthering their education in anyway except to learn the many intricacies of certain matrimonial Internet sites and possibly the psychology behind creating ideal wedding situations in one's head based solely on a whole lot of hope. It is a far cry from the bobby-socked ponytail days of yore when girls really did marry Bobby the football captain a week after high school graduation. Nowadays marriages seem to come much later in life and even by the two's and three's. According to the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCAP), 14 million Americans between the ages of 25 and 34 have never been married. And in 1998, 56 percent of U.S. adults were married. A pretty high percentage, right? Not really, considering that it is down 12 percentage points since 1978.

It has got to be an unconscious, undiscovered section in the female brain that at some point or another clicks on to weddings, then maybe shuts off after awhile and possibly (if ever) clicks back on at a later date. I'm pretty sure that this self-indulging wedding talk proves only to satisfy one's ego. Face it, your wedding is a day devoted to you. All eyes on you. Bridesmaids' colors, accent colors, what dish to serve, the script used on the invitations, flowers, the church — it is all up to you. You, as the bride, the mother of this child called a wedding, get to choose every aspect, with some help of course, from mothers, friends and the husband-to-be. But in essence, you, as the bride, get to play God. "Power unto me!" you may exclaim in a booming voice as the first picture book of wedding cakes is set in front of you.

According to *TheKnot.com*, 80 percent of Americans consider marriage part of the "good life." And this piece of the "good life" pie will cost only cost you

about \$19,000 — a mere pittance compared to the fairy tale weddings of celebrities we are bombarded with on television. So not only can thoughts of weddings consume every atom of our beings, but they can also physically consume every aspect of our wallets. Maybe it is because I am neither married nor engaged, but I cannot fathom spending what for me right now is a year's worth of education on a huge one day party. This is not to say that I wouldn't do it, I just can't see myself doing it right now. Maybe that's because I only have \$43.67 in my checking account.

A wedding represents a lot in America's culture: love, friendship, family and a really big party. And there are worse things to which our thoughts could be devoted. The best part about fantasizing about our future weddings, though, is that it is always a happy story, despite what realistic outside factors there may actually be. The pressure seems to be on, now that my friends and I are officially out of our teenage years, to find that man (or woman), zip up that long white dress, pin a veil to our heads and march ourselves down the aisle. But as the group Green Day once sang, "You can't go forcin' somethin' if it's just not right." And marriage is not for everyone. I, personally, enjoy the thought of being married and having a wedding, but not right now.

Although I have heard of a new web site that will coordinate my entire wedding entirely on-line as long as I put down a date and my husband-to-be's name. The hunt is on.

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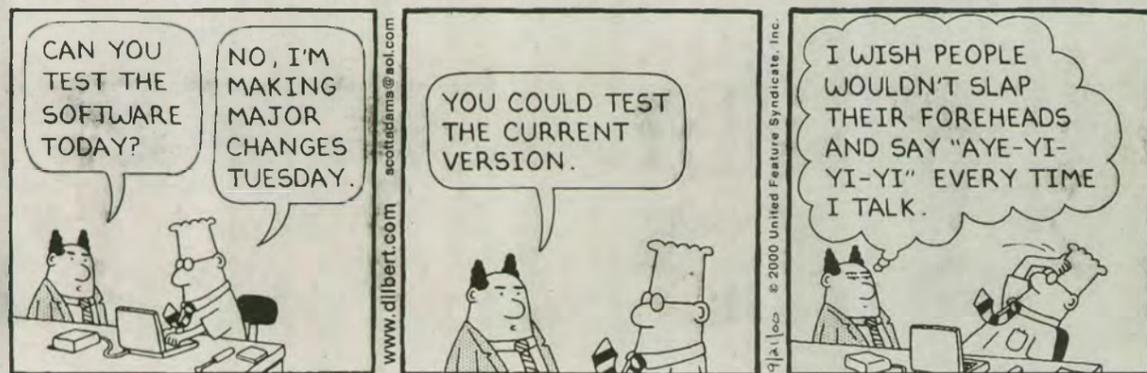
Molly
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*Growing Up to
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards."

Benjamin Franklin
scholar

POLITICAL FACE-OFF

Saving the people by saving them money

Giving help to those who need it the most

The 2000 presidential election is one of the most important elections in U.S. history. Why? Never in recent memory have we had the golden opportunity to extend our nation's prosperity to virtually all of its citizens. Despite the stunning growth we have seen during the Clinton administration, too many people remain on the outside looking in. Middle class wages have been stagnant for nearly 30 years, too many working families must fight to stay above the poverty level and the income gap between the rich and the poor is at an all-time high.

This November we will be faced with a critical decision. Do we use our prosperity to extend a helping hand to those who need help the most? Or do we return to our old ways of comforting the comfortable? If you agree we should fix the roof while the sun is still shining and use our prosperity to benefit America's middle class and working poor, then you will be in favor of the tax plan proposed by Vice President Al Gore.

Let us take a look at both the Gore and Bush tax plans. Governor Bush proposes spending \$1.3 trillion of the projected federal surplus on tax cuts over the next 10 years. He claims, "I have laid out a plan that is going to cut the rates on everybody in America, a plan that is conservative and a plan that is compassionate." Let's just see how compassionate the Governor's plan really is.

Because Bush's tax plan is an across-the-board cut, the wealthy enjoy the greatest gains. The plan is a blessing for the very rich. A small number of affluent people will receive more than half of the benefits. The wealthiest 10 percent of taxpayers will receive 62 percent of the tax cut. By contrast, the bottom 60 percent of taxpayers will receive only 11 percent of the benefits, with the lowest 20 percent of taxpayers receiving an average of only \$43 a year. I guess it is no surprise why soft-money from wealthy donors has been flowing into the Bush campaign at record levels this election.

And think for a second about the millions of people whose incomes are so low that they do not pay taxes. Picture a family of four that does not have to pay

taxes because its income is under \$24,900. Bush's plan does absolutely nothing for them!

Instead of a broad sweeping tax cut, Vice President Gore has proposed \$500 billion in tax cuts over the next 10 years targeted toward low and middle-income families — especially those with school-aged children and elderly parents. The big winner under the Gore tax plan is a family making \$35,000 a year that has a child in day care (a tax credit of up to \$2,160), a sick mother in a nursing home (a \$3,000 credit), and a retirement-savings plan (federal math of up to \$2,000). Gore seeks to expand the earned income tax credit, the child care tax credit and the college opportunity tax cut, while reducing the marriage penalty and the inheritance tax for the families that need the most help. I think it is clear which candidate is truly pro-family.

In addition, Gore proposes setting aside nearly half the projected budget surplus to keep Social Security solvent, and to finally start paying off the national debt. He has proposed \$432 billion of the budget surplus go to shoring up Medicare and providing seniors with a prescription drug benefit. Finally, in case the projected surplus does not materialize, Gore wants to set aside \$300 billion for helping with unforeseen costs in the future. Gore's plan is simply more prudent.

In the coming election we must choose whether to move forward or fall back. We can revert to the tactics of the Reagan and Bush administrations, which stratified the distribution of wealth in the U.S. and saddled our generation with an enormous national debt. Or we can take the appropriate steps not to squander our golden opportunity to ensure that every American shares in our prosperity. Between the two tax plans presented before us in this election, the Gore plan is the one that makes sure the most help goes to the people that need it most.

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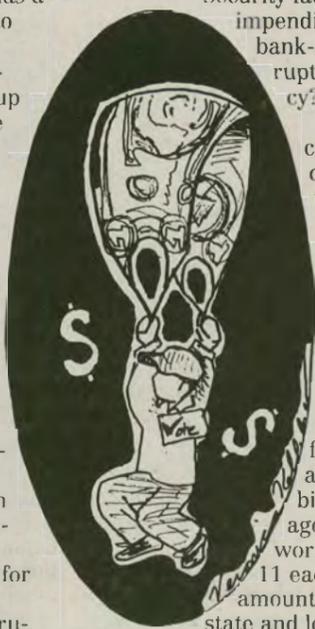
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Returning tax dollars to the people

Campaign season has already heated up. With less than 50 days to go until election day, one of the issues that has attracted the most attention in both the national and local political spotlight is taxes. Exactly what kind of tax cut for hardworking families is feasible when Social Security faces impending bankruptcy?

**Daniel Tyszka
Robert Sina**

College Republicans



As George W. Bush clearly pointed out, the current tax burden is too high. American families pay nearly 40 percent of their income to the government in taxes. These historically high levels mean that American families pay more to the government in taxes than they do for the cost of food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined. Further, the average American family must work from Jan. 1 until May 11 each year just to earn the amount it will pay in federal, state and local taxes.

These terrifying facts — combined with the prediction that over the next 10 years the budget surplus will exceed \$4.6 trillion — means that hardworking families can be provided with tax relief at a time when they need it the most. Of course, this can only happen if spend-thrift bureaucrats in Washington could get beyond the idea that they can handle the money of the American people better than the American people themselves.

The Bush plan to cut taxes rests on the idea that Americans can and will spend their money well if given the opportunity to do so. Of course, Al Gore and the Democrats have already brought class warfare tactics into play. As always, the Democrats say that the Republican's tax cut will help only the wealthy. Yet the facts are that the cut will help small business, the cornerstone upon which our nation was founded and has flourished.

Among the features of the Bush plan is a doubling of the current child credit to \$1,000 per child. This, of course, stands to help lower and middle-income Americans more than the wealthy. Bush's plan also simplifies the current five-rate tax structure, which begins at

15 percent and ends at 39.6 percent with flatter, lower rates, which range from 10 percent to 33 percent. Tax relief will come in other areas as well, including an expansion of charitable deductions, allowing taxpayers who do not itemize to deduct contributions.

Al Gore claims that Bush's "large, risky tax cut" will endanger Social Security in America. The fact of the matter is this: Gore only wants Social Security surpluses put back into the Social Security Fund while Bush believes that part of the national surplus should be put back into Social Security. The tax cut proposed by Bush in no way takes away money from Social Security.

Moving on to the proposed tax plan that Al Gore has presented. The Gore plan is nothing more than a complicated maze of restrictions. Gore has recently launched a new web site explaining how "real families" will benefit from his program. One look at his mythical families, and you will see that the restrictions under Gore's tax cut will help only a small percent of the American population. Ironic since Gore has pretended to be the candidate ready to help "most of America."

Al Gore's plan often eliminates families that would be included under Bush's plan (usually requiring that they make more money). Under Gore's plan, little money will ever be returned to the people and even more dollars will end up in the coffers of the IRS to be spent for more entitlement programs that promote a dependency on bigger government. Further, this new spending by the federal government will not help to lower interest rates — even Alan Greenspan has repeatedly said that. Greenspan has also acknowledged that the best way to remedy this situation is by keeping people's money in their pockets, an idea truly radical to Democrats.

The choice is simple. Will Americans pick candidates on the Republican side of the ticket like George W. Bush who believe that individuals are better able to spend their own money than the government? Or will Americans pick candidates like Al Gore who believe that bureaucrats in Washington can manage their money better than they can? I don't see how it's much of a choice.

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Correction:

The MSPS column that appeared in Viewpoint on Sept. 20 was written by Iris Outlaw, Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, not Kevin Huie. The Viewpoint staff regrets the error.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If you want reform — vote Reform

Some people who like Pat Buchanan and like the things he stands for say that they do not want to vote for him because it will be a vote for Gore. They have been frightened by the Republican party which says that even though Bush may not fulfill all their demands he is preferable to the other choice. Here is something for you to consider: Indiana will in all probability according to all projections go to Bush.

It is so solidly in Bush's camp that Gore will not campaign here very forcefully and Bush will not use his time or money when he is already assured of the outcome. In a scenario like this I propose that a vote for Buchanan will not seriously damage Bush's winning the state. But it

can accomplish much. If Pat gets 5 or 10 percent of the vote it will send a message to the Republican leadership that there are some who do not agree with their plans for America — that there are issues that need to be raised.

Why when 60 percent or more do not favor China getting special treatment and getting into the WTO are the GOP leaders joining with Clinton and the Senate Democrats to provide China this special favor? When the majority of Americans do not favor our involvement in foreign civil wars why are all the major figures for it?

We need a separate independent voice from the Democratic-Republican monopoly. We need some lever-

age to be heard. If Pat gets 5 percent of the vote, this will establish him on the ballot and make him a force to be reckoned with in the future. Please vote your conscience. Vote for principle. Don't be scared off the the old song that at least he's better than — whoever and even though you're not a big fan hold your nose and vote. Your protest vote will send a message. Explore Buchanan's stand on the issues and consider voting for him — the most pro-life candidate running.

Paul Reszel
Fort Wayne, Ind.
September 19, 2000

MOVIE COLUMN

Candidates wrong in attacking Hollywood

In this election year, in which no one issue has galvanized the nation and its politicians, Hollywood has suddenly emerged as the surrogate political whipping boy for both presidential campaigns.

Matt Caccamo

Scene Movie Critic

Over the past two weeks, both Republicans and Democrats have railed against the sex, violence and profanity in America's music, video and film industries. To be more exact, ever since Vice-President Al Gore chose Senator Joseph Lieberman as his running mate in mid-August, the culture of Hollywood has been brought back into the political spotlight.

As a senator for more than a decade, Mr. Lieberman has made a repeated target of the entertainment industry. In his book released earlier this year, "In Praise of Public Life," Lieberman says "that much of our culture has become toxic, that our standards of decency and civility are being significantly eroded" by Hollywood's values.

While the Senator has focused mainly on the film industry in his attacks, the Vice President's wife, Tipper Gore, has made the music industry the butt of her criticism. She was one of the leading advocates for warning labels on compact discs and tapes that were instituted in the late-1980s.

Gore, too, has joined in the latest round of Hollywood criticism by focusing the Democrats' attacks on the way in which the film industry markets their increasingly violent product.

The Gore campaign picked

up on a Federal Trade Commission report released on Sept. 11, which accused some motion picture companies of intentionally marketing R-rated movies to kids as young as 12. Gore has promised "to do something about this" if elected this fall.

The problem here is that the Democratic Party is treading dangerous water. During this election cycle, the Democrats have raised more than \$13.6 million dollars from individuals and companies related to the entertainment industry. It is no secret that President Clinton's most ardent supporters are in Hollywood. This smacks of hypocrisy, and the Republicans have not hesitated to point it out.

Republican national chairman Jim Nicholson questioned the Vice President's commitment to regulating Hollywood last week after the Gore campaign raised \$6.5 million dollars in a one-night concert at Radio City Music Hall: "But with whom does he stand tonight: the parents whose young kids are having their minds polluted and their souls corrupted by Hollywood, or the powerful Hollywood elite who put the money in his pocket?"

That's a good question, but the Republicans aren't altogether innocent on this issue either. Their candidate, Governor George W. Bush, and his running mate, Richard Cheney, have also been critical of the entertainment industry. While not raising nearly as much money from Hollywood interests, they have taken their fair share: \$8.6 million.

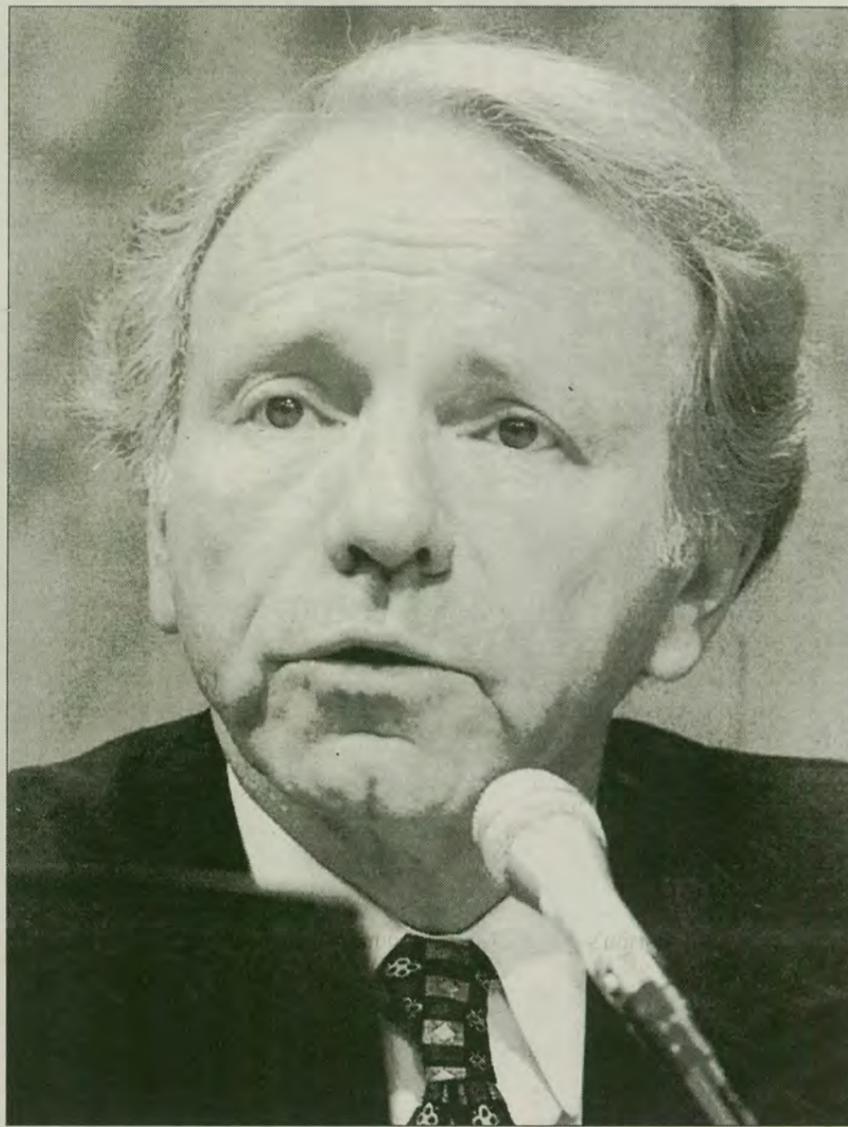
The Republicans, at times, seem to be going a step further than the Democrats with their criticism of the entertainment industry. As Cheney's wife, Lynne Cheney, expressed at a Congressional hearing last

week, "There is a problem with the product they market, no matter how they market it."

While Republicans love to point to the Democrats' hypocrisy, they have some explaining to do themselves. For example, how do movies and music have more to do with violence in America than guns? That's an interesting question, one they most likely won't touch in this or any other election.

Without a doubt, the issue of Hollywood's involvement in American's "deteriorating moral fiber" will not be solved by this election-year's finger pointing. Blaming movies, music and videos games for the deeper problems in American society is a curious cop-out that won't die after November.

The issue of Hollywood's decaying culture takes place in the context of a wider argument among mostly older Americans that view the first half of this century through rose-colored glasses. They see a time when everything was perfect; no one fought, no one swore, no one even dabbled with drugs. If you've seen "Pleasantville,"



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Democratic vice presidential candidate Senator Joe Lieberman testifies before the Senate Commerce Committee hearing on marketing violence to children.

you're on the right track.

The problem is that this slanted, unrealistic view of the past has unfairly placed blame on Hollywood. When was the last time you heard someone blame the continuance of segregation in the first half of this century on films with none-too-subtle racial undertones like "Gone With the Wind?" Or how about blaming gender inequality on blatantly sexist movies like the James Bond series, which treat women as mere sexual objects? The short answer is never. But, of course, there were no problems 50 or even 30 years ago. Likely story.

The solution to preventing young kids from seeing movies not meant for them is already in place. It's the self-administered MPAA ratings system, which too many people have given up on in recent years. The truth is that the film industry has been more than honest about rating itself. Rarely do you watch a movie and comment on its rating being too low.

The problem with the ratings system lies at the doorsteps of America's movie theaters. As we all know, most movie theaters are lax in their enforcement of the rules backing the ratings. Most Americans can count on one hand the number of times they weren't allowed into a movie as children because it was rated R.

Politicians, election year or not, need to focus on this problem of enforcement to make sure that America's children don't see the wrong movies. While it might be politically expedient for Gore and Bush to criticize the artists in Hollywood, it makes much more sense to crack down on the business side of the entertainment industry. The government should closely monitor movie theaters' compliance with regulations set down decades ago. If a theater is caught letting kids into the next Quentin Tarantino film, they should be heavily fined; if this persists, they should be closed down. It's as simple as that.

Both political parties would benefit greatly from this approach because any effort to regulate or censor the film or music industry would set off First Amendment alarm bells in the American conscience. Censorship has never been a popular issue among American voters.

This, coupled with the vast amount of power and money wielded by Hollywood interests, should convince politicians of the need to find a new approach to this old debate.

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Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore (center) and his wife Tipper (on his right) attend a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

MOVIE COLUMN

A 'History' lesson not to be missed

Forceful 'American History X' comments on racial hatred

It is an unexplained phenomenon that some of the worst movies become audience hits, and some of the most influential movies go unrecognized for years and sometimes forever.

Jude Seymour

Scene Movie Critic

"American History X," a 1998 drama directed by Tony Kaye, contains messages that represent some of the most thought out and progressive ideas about reversing racism. It made 6.7 million dollars, which left its production company, New Line Cinema, holding the bag on the 10 million dollar budget. Since moviegoers failed to embrace "American History X," its availability on video (and this article) will hopefully inspire someone to rent it and share the movie's message with their friends.

"American History X" stars Edward Norton ("Fight Club," "Keeping the Faith") and Edward Furlong ("Terminator 2," "Detroit Rock City") as brothers living in Venice Beach, Calif. Norton's character, Derek Vinyard, has fallen into the seedy underbelly of the town's white power organization, lead by Cameron Alexander (Stacy Keach).

Derek has become the inspiration for many bored and easily influenced whites looking to blame anyone for their lower-middle class woes. He becomes the mouthpiece for Cameron, and he is quickly idolized.

It is during the movie's opening sequence that the progression of Derek's hatred is mapped out: a car-jacking by two black men leads Derek to commit double homicide and subsequent jail time.

The rest of the movie alternates between Derek's release from prison (and subsequent reintegration into his family) and a series of flashbacks that explain Derek's path to racism.

It is up to the reformed Derek to reestablish himself as an influence in his brother Danny's life,

and to save him from continuing the legacy of hate that Derek himself started. Derek must come in conflict with his old leader, his old friends and, most importantly, his old ideals, to rescue Danny from the Venice Beach white power group he helped create.

It is through striking visual examples that Derek's racism is displayed.

Derek organizes the ransacking of a Korean owned store because he believes the words that have been force-fed to him by Alexander.

The scariest part is that, listening to his speech before the militants destroy the convenience mart, his speech sounds almost logical. Derek remarks, "The state spent three billion dollars last year on services for those people who had no right to be here in the first place. This is about your life and mine. It's about decent hard-working Americans falling into the cracks and getting the shaft because their government cares more about the constitutional rights of a bunch of people who aren't even citizens in this country. On the statue of liberty it says: 'Give me your tired, your hungry, your poor.' Well, it's Americans who are tired and hungry and poor. And I say, until you take care of that, close the book."

There is one great flaw in this tirade, however. Whatever race, whatever nationality, our country represents opportunity. That opportunity is exhibited only when all races work together for a common prosperity. It is not the blacks or the Koreans that are the whites' enemies, as Derek has stated. Just because Derek's European grandfathers came over and established land here, which subsequently guaranteed citizenship to him upon birth, does not give Derek or any of his white power friends an excuse to exclude people.

This new message is represented in a quote from Abraham Lincoln, which, incidentally, represents Danny's conversion at the conclusion of the movie: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion

may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

In prison, Derek at first resolves to adhere to his "white power" ideals. It is only after Derek finds himself at his lowest position in life that he decides to make changes.

Raped and humiliated, Derek is laid up in a hospital. He receives a visit from one of his high school teachers. This teacher, Sweeney, a black man, asks him the question that changes his life: "Has anything you've done made your life better?"

Derek realizes in those crucial moments that his life has been represented so far by a web of lies: lies that Cameron feeds him, untruths in the sermons he preaches and lies that have spread into his household.

It is also in discussions with Lamont, a black inmate and laundry partner, that Derek realizes the absurdity of what he has preached outside of prison. He also comes to understand the correct conclusion that, regardless of race, he should be helping unify our country and embracing its diversity.

When Derek is released from prison, his only concern is removing Danny from Cameron's "club." Convincing Danny to leave this group behind is not easy, but it is an act of utmost love on Derek's part.

In the movie's most touching moment, Derek utters, "I need you to understand. Because I love you and you're my best friend." Derek is tired of everything; tired of feeling mad at the world, tired of feeling empty and tired of not being a proper role model for his brother.

The intervention is a successful one: Danny is reformed. However, he still has a large debt to repay society for all the hate he spread before Derek came home. The

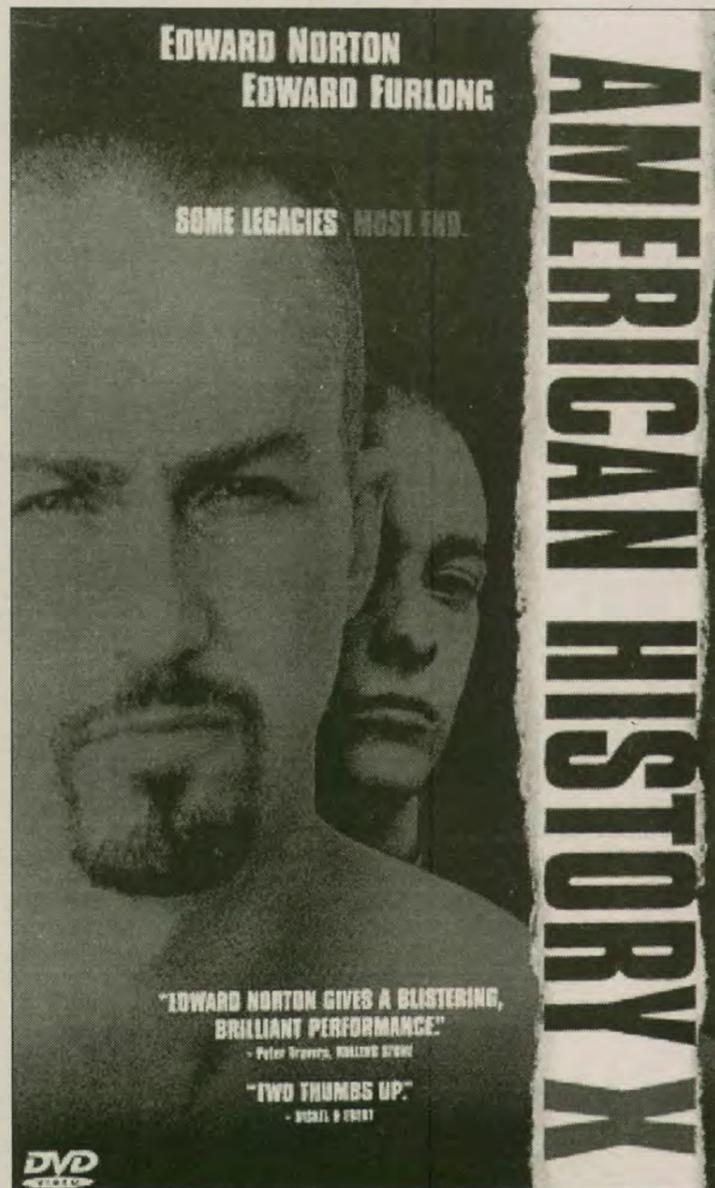


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Tony Kaye's "American History X," a striking, powerful film about one man's hate, is available to rent on DVD and video.

movie addresses this fact in much the same way "American Beauty" handled Kevin Spacey's life reformation. Acting reformed does not just wipe the slate clean.

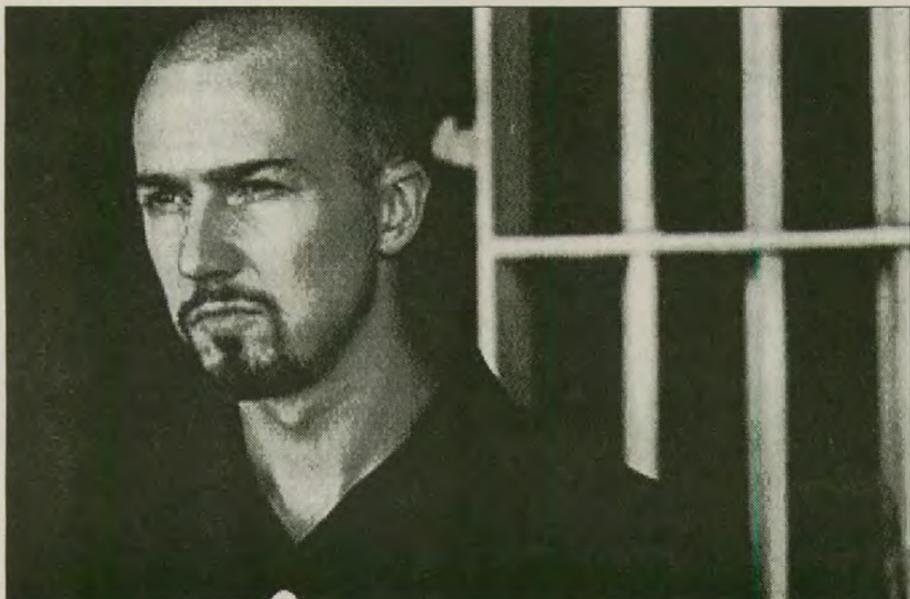
At the conclusion of the movie, Danny's words ring all too true: "Hate is just baggage."

It's never too late to watch an inspiring movie; don't let

"American History X's" message go unheard.

After all, it is up to everyone to make America truly a land of "equal opportunity."

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Edward Norton (far left, far right) plays Derek Vinyard, a militant white-power supremacist sent to prison after committing a double homicide. Derek, after being released from jail, tries to convince his younger brother, Danny (Edward Furlong, center), of the lies behind the white-power movement.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Wild women stomp Bullfrogs on game's final play

By MATT HARRIGAN, BRYAN KRONK, and KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writers

Walsh 13, Badin 12

In a battle that came down to the final play of the game, the Wild Women of Walsh defeated the Badin Bullfrogs 13-12 at Stepan Fields Tuesday night.

The beginning of the game was characterized by Badin's strong rushing attack and short passing game. The Bullfrogs' drive was interrupted by an interception, but they took the ball back two plays later. Badin went on to score on a ten-yard touchdown pass by Priscilla Clements to take a 6-0 lead. The Bullfrogs failed to complete the one-point conversion, however, and it would prove costly.

Then, Walsh took possession and hold of the game thanks to a powerful rushing attack led by Kristen Kenny. Her 25-yard reverse run put the Wild Women in scoring position, and they put it in the end zone four plays later. Walsh then converted for one and took a 7-6 lead. Immediately after Badin took over, the Wild Women pounced again, as Karina Mayorga made the first of her three interceptions in the game. This big play was followed by a 35-yard Kristen Kenny TD scamper, and Walsh took a 13-6 lead into the half.

It appeared as if Badin was done for, but they came out gunning in the second half.

After each team was forced to punt, quarterback Priscilla Clements completed a 50-yard pass to put the Bullfrogs near the Walsh goal line. Four plays later, Badin punched it in on an option, but the conversion attempt was thwarted by Angela Polsinelli, and Walsh was able to retain the 13-12 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Walsh was forced to punt, but they took the ball right back with a momentum-destroying interception by Mayorga. After another Walsh punt, Badin looked ready to pull-off the comeback. However, Karina Mayorga once again dashed the Bullfrogs' plans with a game-saving interception as time expired.

Badin was clearly disappointed with the loss, but they know they played very well, and nearly left victorious.

"We had our chances, and we should have converted on the extra points," said Bullfrog quarterback Priscilla Clements, who threw for one touchdown and four interceptions. "Our D played great and only gave up two big plays. I think our offense is ready to go for BP, and I hope our defense can shut 'em out."

On the other side of the field, Walsh was very excited about the win.

"We had trouble at the start, but we picked it up in the middle and finished strong," said running back Kristen Kenny, who rushed for 60 yards and one touch-

down.

When asked what was going through her mind as she made the interception to preserve the victory, Walsh DB Karina Mayorga said, "I hope I don't drop it."

She didn't, and the Wild Women proved that are ready to retake a spot among the interhall elite.

Off-Campus 12, Breen-Phillips 6

On a warm and windy Tuesday night at Stepan Fields, the strong Off-Campus offense overpowered the young Breen-Phillips defense to secure a 12-6 victory.

For most of the first half, the Off-Campus offense kept the BP defense on the field, executing on short running plays and taking advantage of several BP defensive penalties.

Off-Campus scored first, midway through the first half, as quarterback Jami Stouffer connected with receiver Nicole Benjamin for a ten-yard touchdown pass to put the Off-Campus team ahead.

The extra point conversion failed, but Off-Campus still led 6-0.

BP's offense finally got going later in the first half with some successful runs by quarterback Katie McFarland, but the momentum stopped when BP gave the ball back to Off-Campus with nine seconds left.

However, the BP defense stepped up, as Tricia Keppel came up with a huge interception off Stouffer, as Keppel, evading several Off-Campus defenders, returned the interception 50 yards for the BP touchdown, tying the score at six heading into halftime.

The second half saw more key plays by both teams on

defense, as both offenses sputtered after halftime.

After the Off-Campus defense forced the Banshees to punt, Stouffer was intercepted again, this time by BP's Kelly Landers.

However, any momentum shift in BP's favor was soon dashed, as Off-Campus's Anna Benjamin intercepted McFarland's next pass.

Off-Campus began to wear down the inexperienced BP defense towards the end of the second half, and converted on fourth down to keep their drive going.

Four plays later, on a crucial fourth down play, Stouffer converted on another touchdown pass, this time connecting with Francesca DeLayo, giving the Off-Campus team a 12-6 lead with two minutes to play.

BP's final drive failed to convert on a fourth down play, forcing a turnover on downs.

With no timeouts left, BP was unable to prevent Off-Campus from running out the clock, as the game ended with the Off-Campus team victorious.

Overall, BP captain Jenny Wahoske was satisfied with the team's performance.

"The defense needs to be quicker and make more tackles, but that's just our inexperience; we're still the underdogs here," she said. "We're pretty happy with that for a first game, Off-Campus was tough."

Off-Campus coach Paul Diamantopoulos saw room for improvement after his team's sloppy win.

"I was very pleased with our overall performance against BP, but we left the game with a bad taste in our mouth," he said. "There is no doubt that we were happy to

win, but we were simply disappointed in ourselves for allowing their defense to score a touchdown against us when our own defense had shut them down so well."

BP (0-1) will face Badin on Sunday at McGlinn Field, while the Off-Campus team (1-0-1) will also next play Badin on Tuesday at Stepan.

Pasquerilla West 7, Farley 0

The Purple Weasels just couldn't wait. Like kids on Christmas morning who can't wait to open their new toys, PW broke out a new play right away to score the first and only touchdown in their game against Farley Tuesday night. Amanda Gallen made the touchdown, the first of many displays of speed and agility. "Lots of our plays are directed toward Amanda," said PW coach Eric Plutnicki.

Corner Erin Schulte surprised Farley's offense with an array of impressive interceptions, and safety Jill Houghton held off pressure from Farley's offense in the second half.

"I thought we played well, though we had a lapse at the beginning," said Farley Captain Rebecca Glatz. "Beth McKay and Lindsey Kosinski both had great catches in the second half, and Jen Morgan had a good sack."

In the last play of the game, PW's Susie Carpenter collided with Farley's offense, ending the game with the rush of the red shirted first aid squad onto the field. Carpenter's teammates left victorious, but unsure whether she had broken her nose.

"Susie's got the most heart on the team. Last year she led in sacks," said PW coach Eric Plutnicki. "She's a lot like Lawrence Taylor."

"We had our chances, and we should have converted on the extra points."

**Priscilla Clements
Badin quarterback**

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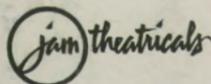
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NFL

Cowboys say Aikman will start against 49ers

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Troy Aikman, who has missed two games after his ninth concussion, will be back in the starting lineup for Dallas against San Francisco.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday night that, based on a post-practice evaluation of Aikman, the quarterback would indeed start Sunday's game.

"There is no reason at this time to delay him from competing," Jones said. "Our plans had been all along this week to evaluate Troy when he came into to start this week. He is ready to go."

Jones and coach Dave Campo both said Aikman was

excited about getting the official word about starting again, but the quarterback had already told reporters earlier Wednesday that he had been cleared to play and expected to start.

"I feel like enough time has passed and I don't feel like I'm putting myself at risk," Aikman said before taking a majority of the snaps during the Cowboys' two-hour workout.

Right after practice, Campo said team officials were still in an evaluation mode and that Aikman's playing status had not been determined. Two hours later, in a hastily called news conference, it was.

Jones said Aikman was evaluated by team trainers after the practice in pads during the head of the day. The owner

said everyone involved in the decision agreed that Aikman could return to game action.

"Certainly, he's ready to play and planned to play," Jones said. "We wanted to make sure it was in the best interest for him and the team."

Aikman didn't talk to reporters after practice, a session that wasn't attended by Jones.

Before practice, Aikman said he had met with team doctors, who told him he was clear to play.

"They say it's a decision I can make. I'm feeling good," Aikman said. "The idea is that I will be playing this week. I feel like I'm capable of doing that, and am looking forward to it."

Aikman has not played since

being sacked for the fourth time in the first half of the opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 3.

Randall Cunningham started at Arizona and Washington. Aikman practiced throughout last week but was held out again against the Redskins. The Cowboys won 27-21, with Cunningham throwing for 185 yards and two touchdowns.

"It was evaluated from a medical standpoint as far as what would be in the best interest for me long term. It wasn't about how I felt following those practices," Aikman said.

Aikman has had three concussions in his last 10 regular-season starts, including in consecutive games last season that forced him to miss two

games.

He was still having headaches last week from the latest concussion, but he said Wednesday he wasn't having any more concussion-related symptoms. Aikman appeared upbeat after practice, unlike he had last week.

While he has been especially susceptible to concussions the past year, Aikman insists he has no worries about getting hurt again.

"I wouldn't play if I felt I was going in tentatively. I don't anticipate that happening," Aikman said. "It never has in the past, and I don't think that is the case now. If it is, I'll be the first one to say I shouldn't be playing. You can't play effectively if you're concerned about getting hit."



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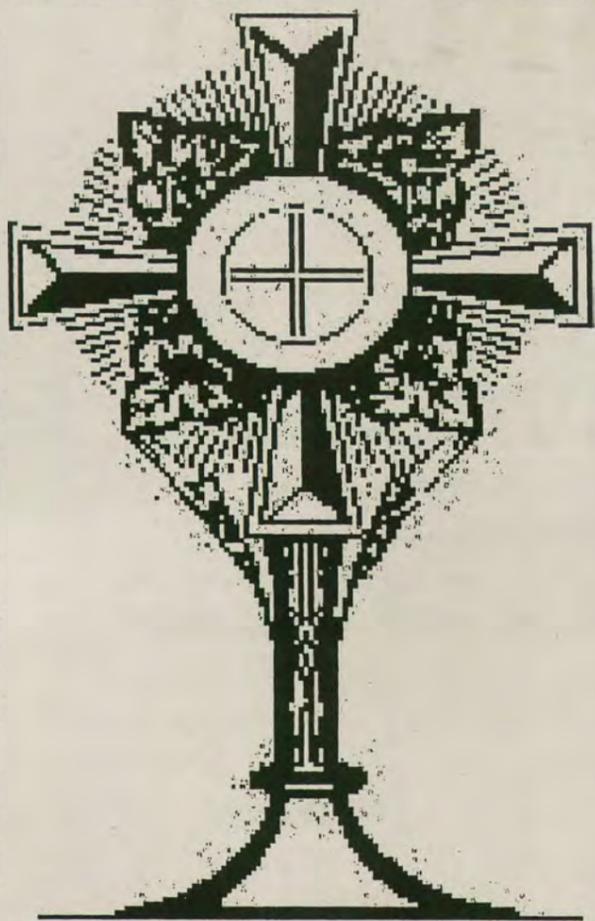
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NBA

Ewing dealt to SuperSonics in four team mega-trade

Associated Press

Patrick Ewing's 15-year career with the Knicks ended Wednesday night when New York sent him to Seattle in a four-team, 12-player trade also involving the Los Angeles Lakers and Phoenix.

The Knicks sent Ewing to the SuperSonics and received Glen Rice from the Lakers and Luc Longley from the Suns. Among the other major players moving were Horace Grant from Seattle to Los Angeles and Chris Dudley from New York to Phoenix.

Various trades involving Ewing and Rice have been in the works for the past month, including one involving Detroit that fell apart at the last moment in mid-August.

The Knicks, Lakers and Sonics then discussed a three-team deal, but the Knicks wouldn't pull the trigger because they felt they weren't getting enough in return.

Once the Suns entered the picture, the talks heated up again.

Rice, a free agent, received a one-year offer from the Chicago Bulls this week. But he wavered on signing it as his agent, David Falk, tried to broker another deal, and the Bulls finally pulled the offer off the table Wednesday.

Rice ended up with the Knicks as part of a sign-and-trade transaction in which he got a multiyear contract from

the Lakers before being shipped immediately to New York.

Several other players were included in the trade to make it work under league salary cap guidelines. The Knicks got Vernon Maxwell, Vladimir Stepania and Lazaro Borrell from Seattle and Travis Knight from Los Angeles.

New York also got first-round draft picks in 2001 from the Lakers and Sonics, and two second-round picks in 2001 from Seattle.

The Lakers also got Greg Foster, Chuck Person and Emanuel Davis from Seattle. Phoenix gets the Knicks' No. 1 pick in 2001.

"Getting Patrick accomplishes a big offseason goal of ours," said Sonics general manager Wally Walker, adding that 48 trade scenarios were discussed between the Sonics, Knicks and Lakers. "Until we got on the conference call with the league this afternoon, I had no confidence that the deal would get done."

The trade brings a close to Ewing's career in New York, where he arrived as the No. 1 pick in the 1985 draft. He was expected to be the type of franchise player who could

bring the Knicks their first championship since 1973, but it never happened.

Ewing's only appearance in the NBA Finals came in 1994 when the Knicks lost to Houston in seven games. The Knicks made it back to the finals in 1999, but Ewing was injured and did not play.

"Patrick is one of the hardest working, most loyal players I have ever been around,"

New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

"I have told him more than once that he is a champion even if he hasn't won a championship. He practiced and played like a champion

every day he was here. Seattle is fortunate to get a player of his talent and character."

Ewing has one year remaining on a four-year, \$60 million contract and has said he would like to play two more years beyond this upcoming season. The Knicks expressed no interest in giving Ewing an extension, and they started exploring the possibility of trading him earlier this summer.

"It became clear that he was looking for a change and when he requested a trade, we respected his request," Knicks general manager Scott Layden said.

"Seattle is fortunate to get a player of his talent and character."

Jeff Van Gundy
Knicks coach

"It was important in doing so, however, that we had the ability to add value, and we believe we have done that."

Ewing has a no-trade clause in his contract, but said he would waive it if he was traded to a team of his liking. He met with Walker in August when the first four-team trade was discussed.

"There were many times we thought the deal was completely dead, but it got resurrected and here we are," Walker said. "We feel great about it. The trade is not without risk given Patrick's age and injury history. But he's still one of the top half-dozen players in game."

"If it doesn't work out, we'll have some cap flexibility next summer."

With the Sonics, Ewing will take over the starting spot at center that was manned by Grant and Vin Baker.

The NBA champion Lakers, who were on the verge of losing Rice on the free-agent market and getting nothing in return, come out looking like the big winners. Grant fills their void at power forward, while Rick Fox will presumably replace Rice in the starting lineup.

The Knicks received six players and four draft picks for a 38-year-old center with bad knees and a surgically repaired wrist. But they no longer have a top caliber center and have a glut at small forward and shooting guard with Rice, Allan Houston, Latrell Sprewell and Maxwell.

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NFL

Favre: low times won't bring down Packers' high spirits

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

These are the Green Bay Packers of old — and not the glory days, either.

Green Bay's sputtering offense is mired in its worst three-game slump since 1992 and is ranked 29th in the NFL.

The Packers won their first game on Sunday without scoring a touchdown, something they hadn't done in 35 years.

"Our running game is struggling. Our passing game is struggling," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "It makes you say, 'What is wrong with us?'"

For starters, Green Bay's best

offensive lineman, Earl Dotson, might miss the rest of the season with a bad back and speedy wideout Corey Bradford is out with a broken leg until next month.

Running back Dorsey Levens (knee) just returned to action and sore-elbowed Brett Favre is still finding his groove after missing most of training camp.

Coach Mike Sherman couldn't sleep after the Packers' 6-3 victory over Philadelphia on Sunday night, so he drove to his office at Lambeau Field.

"I said, 'Maybe I'll feel better after looking at the tape,'" Sherman recounted. "Well, I

didn't feel any better. Usually, you look at it and, 'Hey, it's not as bad as you think.'"

But there's no sugarcoating this one: the Packers, who no longer have Robert Brooks and Mark Chmura to prevent teams from double-teaming Freeman, aren't nearly the prolific scoring machine they were in the 1990s.

They've scored just 40 points in three games, and the dissatisfaction began to boil over Monday when Freeman took several subtle swipes at No. 2 receiver Bill Schroeder.

"It wasn't a bash against Billy," Freeman said. "It was my speaking out on the fact of how

important Corey Bradford is. I'm not trying to tear this football team apart. We need everybody. That means Corey Bradford, too."

Schroeder shrugged off Freeman's critical comments, saying "I didn't hear him say it, so I don't know how I should take it."

Favre said the tough times won't divide this team.

"It's easy for anyone to step out on the field and play or practice or sit in meetings when you're 6-0," Favre said. "But you find out a lot about the character of guys when things are not going the way you want them to. How you handle that determines your team's future."

When things are going bad, he added, "nice things won't be said about you all the time. And you've got to be thick-skinned. You've got to be strong. It's easy to go your separate ways. And when you start doing that, that's when your team will dissipate.

"I don't foresee that happening with this team."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Howard, Lyons clash for South Quad dominance

By LIZ HOEHN, KATIE DEMENT, and CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writers

The battle for South Quad glory kicks off tomorrow night when the women of Lyons Hall take on Howard Hall at 9 p.m. outside the Stepan Center.

Each team looks to avenge a loss suffered on Sunday. The Ducks of Howard Hall, defeated by the Lewis Chicks last weekend, enter the game with a mix of both upperclassmen and freshmen. Quarterback Jill Veselik and senior captain Jeanne Trelease both agreed on the strategy for this week's game.

"We're going to mix it up a little bit this game," Trelease said. "We'll be trying a lot of new things on offense."

Veselik, a junior and returning starter, said the team will focus mainly on improving their game and simply coming out to play hard. Contributing to the defensive effort will be senior Emily Borg while on the offensive end, Howard will rely on key receiver Vanessa Nero, also a senior.

The women of Lyons Hall are rebounding from a 26-0 loss to Cavanaugh on Sunday. The team is young, consisting largely of freshmen, but will use its defeat last weekend to motivate them for tonight's matchup.

"We just didn't play (on

Sunday) the way we usually do in practice," said tailback Juliet Hobbs said, "but we're ready to change that."

Led by senior captains Jacki Bonaguro and Lisa Thomas, the Lyons squad hopes to display tonight all the hard work they've put in on the field.

The competition, though, between these two South Quad halls is friendly.

"Lyons usually has a good team," Veselik said, "so it's always a fun game."

Welsh vs. Lewis

Fans should be prepared for a hard fought match-up Thursday at 8 p.m. when the Welsh Whirlwinds play the Lewis Chickens on Stepan Field.

When the ladies battled it out last year the score was 25-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds. The game was plagued with numerous interceptions and sloppy play on behalf of the Lewis offense.

Lewis captain Katherine Harcourt realizes that with Welsh's strong defense they will have to keep the offense moving for this Thursday's game.

"We hope to shut their offense down this time," she said.

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Freshman quarterback Chantal Delcuaz lead Lewis with a touchdown pass in their opening game 6-0 win against

Howard. Lewis hopes to give Welsh a run for their money when Delcuaz is behind the ball.

Welsh "has a very strong team this year, with a ton of excellent players who work well together," said Welsh team captain Allson Tullis.

The last game was an easy win for the women of Welsh with a 29-6 defeat over Pasquerilla West.

Senior quarterback Katie Rak has been a leader on the offense for Welsh this season along with former soccer player Jen Grub.

When the veteran Whirlwinds face the Chickens the experience behind them can turn out to be an advantage over the young Lewis team.

The Whirlwinds just might be sending the Chickens straight to their coops if they keep up the strong action that has so far been an obvious strength for them. Welsh and Lewis have an important game at stake.

Aggression and few mistakes are the key elements that will determine who comes out victorious Thursday.

Cavanaugh vs. Pangborn

It is an age-old question that has been asked time and again in the world of sports: are games won with outstanding offense or dominant defense?

This question may be answered tonight at 7 p.m. at Stepan Fields. The Cavanaugh

Chaos will bring their explosive offense, fresh off a 26-0 drubbing of Lyons Hall, to the stonewall defense of the Pangborn Phoxes.

The Chaos are led by junior quarterbacks Mandy Reimer and Lynn Olszowy, who hope to have another productive day throwing to their favorite target, Melissa Marcotte, who had three touchdown receptions Sunday against Lyons.

When asked about her squad's chances Thursday, captain Amy Szestak said, "I just hope we do our best. We like to play everyone and move the ball around a lot."

Cavanaugh ought to be challenged by Pangborn's solid defensive squad, which thinks it will be one of the league's toughest this year.

They return three solid linebackers and have fast defensive

backs that will try to disturb Cavanaugh's passing game.

Defensive captain Erin Piroutek knows that the Chaos have a potent offense, but she has confidence in her squad.

"We're up to the challenge," she claims.

On offense, Pangborn is rather inexperienced, with ten of the starters playing a new position. Offensive captain Nichole Meyer is hopeful that they will play well.

"We had some good plays in practice against our defense, which is very talented, so we hope to do as well in the game," she said.

Pangborn may enter the game with emotion on their side.

They are trying to turn around a losing season last year, while avenging consecutive losses to Cavanaugh the past two years.

The Chaos, meanwhile, are trying to build on their solid start and even improve last year's finish, when they made it to the semifinals in the playoffs.

"We hope to shut their offense down."

**Katherine Harcourt
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"We'll be trying a lot of new things on offense."

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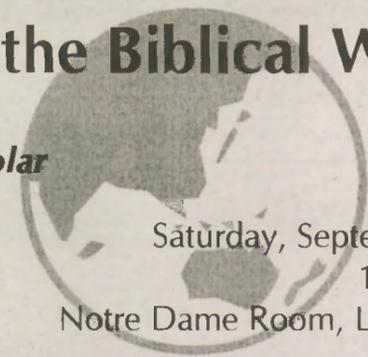
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles drop close match

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

It was a nightmarish case of *deja vu*.

For the second time this season, the Belles lost a match in the final minutes to a team who was clearly outmatched and outplayed. The Manchester Spartans scored with three minutes left in regulation to defeat the Belles 1-0, Wednesday.

"I don't think there was anything we could have done about that goal," Wendy Irvin said. "We were on her and she just got lucky."

The game against the Spartans marked Irvin's first collegiate match. Irvin suffered a stress fracture early in the season, and only returned to the lineup and began practice last week. If the injury was affecting her play, it was not obvious during the game. Irvin finished the game with six shots on goal, most of them breakaways, and with two close kicks nearly getting past Manchester netminder Laurie Vellner. Vellner made 20 saves on 22 Saint Mary's shots in the first half alone.

Belles goalkeeper Tia Kappahn tallied nine saves in the first half. Stats were unavailable for parts of the second half because of rain damage to the score book.

"I think we really picked it up in the second half," Irvin said. "I had a blast. It was so good to be back. It feels so great to finally be back."

Even if they lost on the scoreboard, the Belles felt they came out and played their hearts out. The majority of the game was spent in the Spartans' zone.

Heidi Zawadski, who scored the winning goal for the visiting team, and her teammates had several breakaways. All but one were stopped by the Belles defense or Kappahn at the net. On the winning goal, Zawadski kicked the ball towards the right post, and the ball appeared to wrap around the inside of the post to drop in the right corner of the net for the Spartans goal.

Sarah Thomas, Zawadski's teammate, had two shots of the five Spartan shots.

As for the Belles, Irvin led the team with six shots. Heather Muth was second with five, while Emily Erchick, also a freshman, finished with three.

Katie Green and Kristen

Priganc made two attempts for the Belles. Laura Paulen, Jessica Klink, Catherine Valent, Adrian Kirby, Kristin Greenwood, and Stephanie Artnak all challenged the Manchester netminder once.

"We had a lot of energy, and it really worked well for us," Priganc said. "We're growing leaps and bounds every day, both as individuals and as a team."

Like the Rose-Hulman game, which the Belles lost in the final minutes, this is a game the Belles felt they should have won. They are already looking to their next game to do just that. They face Adrian in a MIAA conference match on Saturday, and are looking for their first conference win since the victory over Alma in the home opener.

"I think we played with a lot of heart today," Priganc said. "I think it was unfortunate how it ended, but I'm really proud of this team."



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Belles goalie Tia Kappahn makes a diving save during practice. She had nine saves in the first half in the team's recent loss to Manchester. Saint Mary's lost on a goal scored in the last three minutes.

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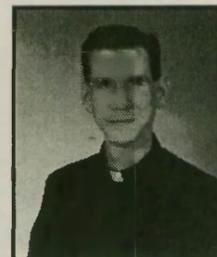
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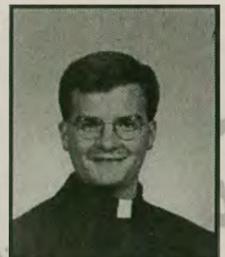
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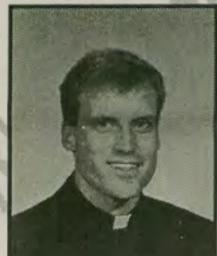
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Indians beat Red Sox, sweep doubleheader

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Cleveland Indians are finding the best route to the playoffs might be through tough enemy territory.

They beat Pedro Martinez, swept a day-night doubleheader over the Boston Red Sox, 2-1 and 5-4, and jumped a half-game ahead of Oakland in the AL wild-card race Wednesday.

Not even the sight of Martinez (17-6) on the Fenway Park mound stopped the Indians in the opener as Steve Woodard (2-3) pitched six shutout innings. In the second game, they overcame a 3-0 deficit with the help of Omar Vizquel's steal of home.

When the day began, Oakland led Cleveland by a half-game. But the Athletics split a doubleheader in Baltimore to drop into second place.

The Red Sox, who have another doubleheader Thursday against the Indians, are reeling. They fell to fourth in the wild card race, four games behind Cleveland with 11 to play.

Kenny Lofton had five hits and four runs in the doubleheader. Manny Ramirez, shut down by Martinez, singled in the tying run in the seventh inning of the second game and

Jim Thome followed with an RBI single that gave Cleveland the lead.

Steve Karsay (5-8) got the win. Rheal Cormier (2-3) took the loss after being caught napping by Vizquel.

Boston led 3-0 on run-scoring doubles by Lou Merloni and an RBI single by Brian Daubach before Roberto Alomar made it 3-2 with a two-run single in the fifth. Vizquel, who had walked, and Alomar pulled off a double steal before Ramirez walked. Cormier replaced Paxton Crawford with the bases loaded.

Vizquel took off from third, while Cormier took his time going into his stretch, and stole home without a throw.

Trot Nixon gave Boston a 4-3 lead with his 10th homer in the fifth before Cleveland went ahead in the seventh. Cormier allowed a single to Lofton and a walk to Vizquel, and Rich Garces gave up the decisive singles to Ramirez and Thome.

"I always told these guys one of these days we were going to get him," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "Pedro pitched Pedro's way today. Our pitching stayed right there with him."

Woodard allowed three hits and no walks and struck out four. Bob Wickman saved both games, giving him 12 with Cleveland.



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Middle hitter Jolie LeBeau spikes in a recent match. The Belles dropped their match to Calvin College in straight games.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Belles suffer tough loss

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

Jolie LeBeau did not celebrate her 21st birthday with a win Tuesday night.

Instead, the day was overshadowed by a loss to Calvin College.

"We didn't play as a team," said middle hitter LeBeau. "It was not a good game at all."

The Belles lost three straight games to Calvin, with scores of 15-3, 15-2, 15-2.

"We only had seven points," said Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek. "with 900 square feet to serve, there is no reason not to get back in the game and focus."

Lost serves were not the only factor in the Belles loss. Silence on the court was definitely a concern.

"We were quiet on the

court," said rightside hitter Denise Langolis. "We were not quite together last night."

Focusing their practices on communication and defense, the Belles were prepared. Something was definitely missing in Holland Tuesday night.

"We have played the best teams in our conference, almost all in a row," said outside Angie Meyers.

Meyers herself had seven kills and seven digs last night.

After continuous losses, the now 0-10 Belles seem to have lost their optimism, but at this point there is no where to go but up.

"It was truly a loss, we did not show up to play," said

senior Victoria Butcko, defensive specialist. "Hopefully we can put this behind us and start fresh against Manchester."

Saint Mary's plays at Manchester College tonight at 7 p.m.

"We have a good shot at a win," Meyers said. "It should be a good game."

Manchester is one of the two teams that Saint Mary's plays outside of the MIAA.

"We are hoping for a win," said LeBeau. "I know practice will get us ready."

Saint Mary's plays next at Manchester College Thursday night. The Spartans enter the match with a record of 1-13.

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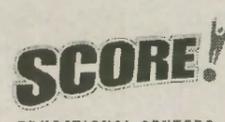
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SOFTBALL

Australia upsets heavily favored United States in 13

Associated Press

The U.S. softball team can no longer afford to worry about revenge.

Lisa Fernandez gave up a two-run homer Thursday as Australia rallied in the bottom of the 13th inning to win 2-1 and send the United States to a shocking third consecutive loss.

Fernandez struck out 25 and gave up just two hits, but the Americans were unable to score until Christie Ambrosi's RBI single in the top of the 13th made it 1-0.

Fernandez retired the first two batters in the bottom half before Peta Edebone hit it over the left-field wall to send the Australian crowd into a frenzy.

While the Aussies dropped to the ground in exhaustion around home plate, the Americans retreated to the dugout, crying.

It was the third consecutive U.S. game that was scoreless into extra innings, and the third that ended with the defending Olympic champions in shock.

The three-game losing streak is a stunning turnaround for a team that

had won 112 in a row heading to Sydney and hadn't lost three straight in internationally sanctioned games since 1983.

The last U.S. loss, before this week, had been to Australia at the 1998 world championships.

The Americans' only loss at the '96 Olympics came when Australia's Joanne Brown homered off Fernandez with two outs in the 10th to spoil her perfect game.

That was enough to make Thursday's matchup the focus for both teams.

But the game became increasingly important when both teams lost to Japan — and then the Americans lost to China, which has yet to play Australia.

The top four in the eight-team tournament advance after the round-robin.

But the medal round is set up so that the third and fourth place teams would have to win an extra game to win the gold medal.

Having lost to the top three teams in the standings, the Americans — heavy favorites coming in — are likely headed for fourth.



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Despite pitching 14 innings, Australia gave Michele Smith and the United States their third consecutive loss in Sydney 2-1. Because of the loss, the U.S. is likely headed for a fourth place finish.

GYMNASTICS

Nemov slips past Wei, takes home all-around gold



KRT Photo

Russian gymnast Alexei Nemov won the all-around title Wednesday with a score of 58.474. American Blaine Wilson took sixth place.

Associated Press

Russia's Alexei Nemov is going to have a bright, shiny souvenir for his baby boy.

Blaine Wilson could not give the U.S. its first all-around medal since 1984.

Nemov, who became a father for the first time Sept. 2, on Wednesday won the all-around title that eluded him in Atlanta. He took the gold with 58.474 points.

China's Yang Wei won the silver, finishing 0.113 points behind Nemov. Oleksandr Beresh of Ukraine took the bronze.

Five-time national champion Blaine Wilson finished sixth, continuing America's all-around drought. The United States hasn't won an all-around medal since Peter Vidmar's silver in 1984.

Paul Hamm, who performed like a grizzled veteran for most of the team competition, finally showed the jitters of a 17-year-old. He fell off the high bar, his first event, and made a series of other small mistakes to finish 14th. Still, his finish was mighty

impressive for a guy who's only a senior in high school and bodes well for the future of U.S. gymnastics.

Watch him for one routine, and it's easy to see why. He's simply better than everyone else on the floor. His lowest score of the night was a 9.65 on the vault, better than some gymnasts' highest score. While other gymnasts worry about how many flips and twists they can throw into their routines, Nemov remembers that the name of this sport is "artistic gymnastics."

He looks like a trapeze artist on the high bar, drawing oohs and aahs with his soaring flips. On one, he throws himself high above the bar and does a somersault, slapping his thighs in a move that looks more suited for Cirque du Soleil than the Olympics.

On the floor, his favorite exercise, he moves with power and purpose and makes it look effortless at the same time. When he does his flares — swinging his body around on his hands while he scissor-kicks his legs — he throws in a little turn on his shoulders that looks like something out an early '80s

Michael Jackson video.

His only stumble of the night came on the vault, when he landed short and had to take a step forward to keep from falling on his face. Still, the judges gave him a 9.65, prompting one fan to yell, "Just give Nemov the gold now!"

After he finished his parallel bars, his last routine, Nemov appeared to be holding back tears as he waved to the cheering crowd. He hugged coach Leonid Arkaev and then sat down to wait out Yang, who needed a 9.863 on the pommel horse to pass Nemov.

Wilson finished just 0.001 points from the bronze medal at last fall's world championships, and he looked so good at the Olympic trials that U.S. coach Peter Kormann thought he might contend for a gold.

But the usually rock-solid gym rat has been out of synch since the games began. He faltered during the team competition, as the United States finished fifth. He looked more like his old, nasty self during the all-around, but he had just enough bobbles and wobbles to keep him off the medals podium.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish enter tournament with question marks

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Fall may be coming soon, but the hot competition that will surface during the Tom Fallon Invitational this weekend at the Eck Tennis Center may cause an unseasonable rise in South Bend temperatures.

Ten teams are expected to bring their top players to compete with the Irish men's tennis team during the four-day battle, while seven of the ten squads are returning from stints in the 2000 NCAA Championships. The field is highlighted by the likes of 7th-ranked Baylor, 23rd-ranked Michigan, 29th-ranked Indiana, and the hometown Irish who kick-off the year after finishing the 1999-2000 season with a 13-11 dual record and a ranking of 34.

Notre Dame ended play in the spring with a Cinderella-like run in the NCAA championships, knocking off 42nd-ranked New Mexico State in the first round before being defeated in a tight match against the 2nd-ranked UCLA Bruins. Irish head coach Bob Bayliss knows that more surprising plots are sure to unfold this season.

"We are going to fool some people this year," Bayliss said.

"We are going to be really good."

The Irish will initiate play in the tournament against the Tribe of William and Mary on Thursday. In the remaining dual matches of the event, Notre Dame is set to match-up against Baylor, Kansas and Indiana State.

Gone from the Notre Dame lineup is All-American Ryan Sachire, who played an integral role in the success of the team last season. Sachire, who was one of six elite players selected to join the 2000 USA Tennis Collegiate Team over the summer, wrapped up his career with the Irish ranked 11 in singles play, posting a 30-11 record during his senior year.

The battle to assume the Irish top position is a new experience for the squad who has been accustomed to the steady play of Sachire. But juniors Casey Smith and Aaron Talarico are not intimidated to mend the big hole created in the lineup by taking over as the number one singles player.

"Right now tentatively Aaron Talarico and Casey Smith have the top two spots so far," Bayliss said. "Aaron and Casey have looked better than anyone else this season."

Senior Matt Daly was poised to take over Sachire's duties, but a shoulder injury has sidelined him for this weekend's play. Daly, who played in the number two singles position during most of the 1999-2000 season, faces shoulder surgery that could sideline him for more than just the

fall competition.

Following Smith and Talarico in the 3, 4 and 5 singles spots will most likely be junior Javier Taborga and freshmen newcomers Luis Haddock and Matt Scott, while junior Andrew Laflin rounds out the squad in the sixth position.

"Javier Taborga, Luis Haddock, and Matt Scott will be three, four and five," Bayliss said. "I may alternate them a little bit, I'm not sure. Andrew Laflin has earned the number six spot, and Brian Farrell and Bryan Acken are the next two guys. At this point they are the top eight or so [following Smith and Talarico]."

A duo that is sure to hit the highlight reels this year is the doubles team of Taborga and Talarico who start the season

ranked 9th in doubles after being knocked out of the NCAA Doubles Championships in the first round and finishing the 1999-2000 season with a 17-9 mark. Taborga and Talarico turned a lot of heads last season, racking up an 8-4 record against ranked opponents.

Probable starters at the number two doubles position for the Irish will be Smith and Haddock, followed by a pairing of either Scott, Farrell, Laflin, senior Ashok Raju, or junior James Malhame.

The upcoming competition is not going to be a time for Notre Dame to get rid of any rusty play, but they rather hope to fine-tune the skills they worked on after last season came to a close. The Irish did not spend their summer vacation relaxing, but worked on

adjusting parts of their game that needed improvement.

"Javier is playing well, and Laflin looks very solid and is a more complete player," Bayliss noted. "Casey is volleying a lot more and coming to the net and he looks like an improved player. Brian Farrell looks very good and is hitting the ball great, as is Bryan Acken."

No team scores will be recorded during this weekend's invitational due to rules imposed by the NCAA. Without official announcements of the winners of dual matches, teams will be able to record only one playing date instead of four, giving more opportunity for more season play. However, all individual matches will be recorded and taken into account in the singles and doubles rankings.



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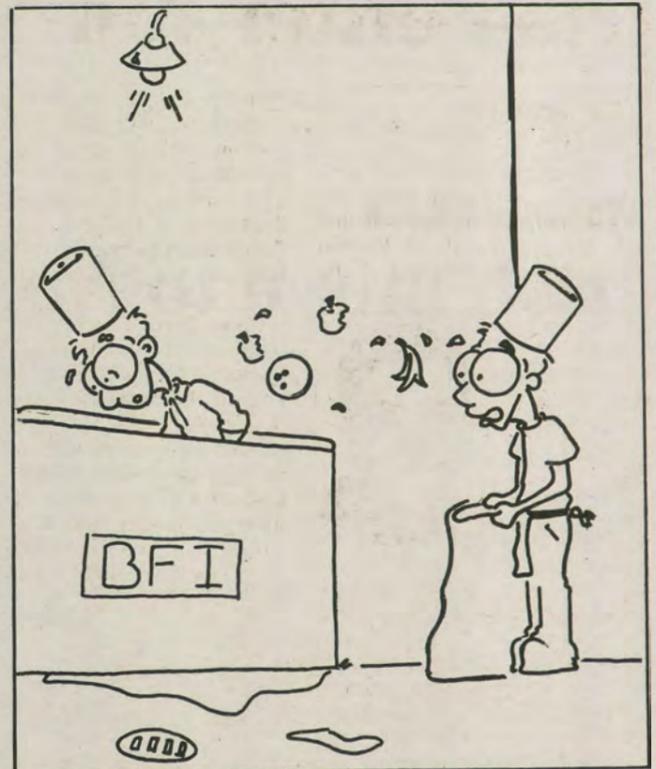
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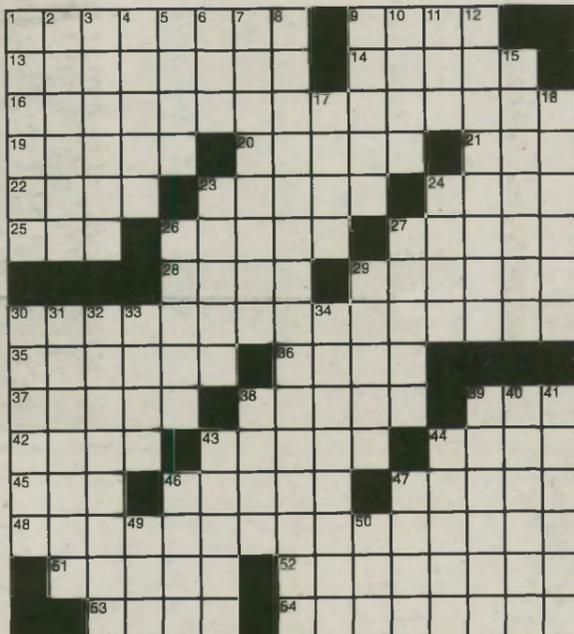
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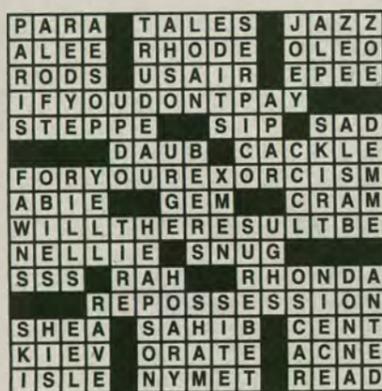
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- 1 Nears, with "on"
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 - 13 Paper-folding creation
 - 14 Like a rainbow
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 - 19 Dancing Astaire
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 - 21 Fertility clinic stock
 - 22 "___ do"
 - 23 Enjoy a rose
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 - 25 Scale tone
 - 26 Tucks away
 - 27 Tippler
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 - 29 Land of Robert Burns
 - 30 Dewey
 - 35 Humorous illustrator ___ Searle
 - 36 Not be calm
 - 37 Oscar-nominated role of 1966
 - 38 King's word
 - 39 Econ. figure
 - 42 Latch (onto)
 - 43 It may be waxed
 - 44 Memories of a whirlwind trip, maybe
 - 45 38-Down's home: Abbr.
 - 46 Pipe cleaner
 - 47 Like sod
 - 48 Louie
 - 51 Foe of chutzpah
 - 52 Stets
 - 53 Roasting platform
 - 54 1968 pitcher with six consecutive shutouts
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 - 2 Misled
 - 3 "Big Brother is watching you" writer
 - 4 Ecodisaster
 - 5 Besides
 - 6 Pedro or Paulo
 - 7 Well-known, but not well-liked
 - 8 Huey, Dewey and Louie
 - 9 Mike holder
 - 10 Makeshift cradle
 - 11 Hosp. ward
 - 12 Unwavering
 - 15 Gets down to work
 - 17 Brother Castor and sister Olive
 - 18 Attacked
 - 23 Mike holder
 - 24 Kind of skin
 - 26 Rock that may hold fossils



Puzzle by Mark Diehl

- 27 Longtime "Today" show personality
 - 29 Contractor's info
 - 30 Like "Othello"
 - 31 Continues, after a fashion
 - 32 Nebulous
 - 33 Critically injure
 - 34 Jean Valjean, at the start of "Les Misérables"
 - 38 Overseas carrier
 - 39 Tongue, anatomically
 - 40 Cooking agent
 - 41 "The Scarlet Letter" woman
 - 43 Doesn't wear well
 - 44 ___ stiff
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business and get yourself into shape. Involvement with children will keep you hopping. Go after your dreams. Use your initiative to get the ball rolling. ○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your ability to do well professionally is quite evident. Spend time working on those hobbies that you enjoy so much. The people you live with will be hard to understand today. ○○○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Talk to friends about your current situation. Valuable advice will be available. Take a long, hard look at yourself and make the necessary and applicable alterations. ○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Traveling about will be very hectic for you today. Elders may need to lean on you for assistance. It is always best to avoid confrontations with relatives. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will dazzle others with your colorful stories. You love the limelight, and the chance to capture new friends and lovers will be yours. Your confidence will enable you to influence those who could further your career. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make some very favorable changes. Use your wit and charm to enhance your reputation. Social gatherings will be to your advantage. Your precise attitude will attract others. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take heed of the advice that you've been given. You will be experiencing changes in your home environment. Acceptance will be the key to getting through a period of uncertainty. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Investments can be lucrative, but they must also be conservative. Your professional goals can be achieved if you're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required. ○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You must work at getting ahead in your chosen industry. You will have the fortitude to get involved in competitive sports and self-improvement projects. ○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sudden good fortune will be yours if you're willing to take a chance. Don't overspend on luxury items or on entertainment. You will have the opportunity to take care of an elder's personal papers. ○○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mate may overreact to your personal situation. You will have to be more affectionate with him or her if you wish to keep this insecure lover. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have the ability to encourage colleagues. Your creative approach to life will be inspiring to others. Your personal partner may get angry if you have neglected him or her. ○○○

Birthday Baby: You were born with what it takes to be great. Don't let your lazy side hold you back from accomplishing all that you're capable of. You are a wanderer, always looking for something different. You want to try new things in search of fame and fortune.

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SUN v. PITT 3:00pm

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Chaos ensues
The Cavanaugh Chaos take on the Phoxes of Pangborn tonight at Stepan Field.
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish move to No. 1 as Tar Heels stumble to No. 4

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

It's official. Notre Dame has the best women's soccer team in the country according to the latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America Poll.

The Irish received 295 points in the latest poll to place them 10 points ahead of second-place Clemson.

"It's certainly a special moment for Notre Dame soccer, but we hope that there are many more to come this season," head coach Randy Waldrum said in a prepared statement.

The Irish ascended to the No. 1 rankings after two shutout victories against No. 14 Portland and No. 15 Washington this weekend. Last week, No. 2 Clemson knocked off former No. 1 North Carolina to open the top spot for Notre Dame.

Although Waldrum called the new ranking a "tremendous honor," the team does not talk about rankings, according to sophomore midfielder Ashley Dryer.

"We try not to focus on it," she said. "We still have a lot of stuff we need to do."

Senior captain Anne Makinen said she cares little about the rankings. She did not even find out the Irish were ranked No. 1 until reached for comment Wednesday night.

"We don't really talk about rankings," she said. "I don't personally follow rankings. They don't matter in the end."

Waldrum said the No. 1 ranking is especially impressive considering how much the Irish lost from last year's national runner-up team. Notre Dame had to replace five starters from last year's team — including the most prolific scorer in Irish history, Jenny Streiffer.

"The players deserve a lot of credit, because we've kind of snuck up on

NSCAA Women's Soccer Poll

	team	record	points
1	NOTRE DAME	7-0-0	295
2	Clemson	8-0-0	285
3	Nebraska	8-0-0	281
4	North Carolina	8-1-0	264
5	Stanford	5-1-0	252
6	UCLA	6-1-0	237
7	Penn State	5-2-1	224
8	Duke	6-0-0	213
9	Hartford	5-1-0	192
10	Texas A&M	5-3-0	185
11	California	7-0-0	182
12	Kentucky	7-1-0	176
13	Virginia	4-3-0	155
14	Portland	7-1-0	132
15	Washington	7-1-0	123
16	Harvard	2-1-0	108
17	Southern Methodist	5-2-0	89
18	Florida State	5-4-0	88
19	Santa Clara	4-3-0	86
20	Wake Forest	5-2-0	85
21	Maryland	4-4-0	48
22	Boston College	6-2-0	47
23	Southern California	6-1-0	38
24	Michigan	3-3-0	34
25	Arizona State	7-0-0	22
25	Connecticut	3-3-1	22

other teams receiving votes: Missouri, Marquette, West Virginia, BYU, Furman, William & Mary, Purdue.

some people who thought — justifiably so — that we might be down a little bit after graduating five starters," Waldrum said.

The lowered expectations from people outside the program only motivated the Irish even more, Dryer said.

"Everybody did basically write us off but we knew we had good freshmen coming in and good returning players," Dryer said. "I think our team always thought we could do it."

The Irish are also well aware of the dangers of being No. 1 and unbeaten.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior Meotis Erikson moves the ball during the Aug. 27 6-0 win over Detroit. The Irish are now ranked No. 1 in the nation.

In the semifinals last year, the Irish knocked off the No. 1 and previously unbeaten Santa Clara Broncos. Dryer said the Irish must avoid getting cocky as the season progresses.

"When you lose, it kind of builds you character," she said. "But if you always win you have to be careful to realize that you can be beaten and you don't want to be beaten at the end of the season."

Notes

◆ Senior captain Kerri Bakker was named Big East defensive player of the week. The senior from Washington, N.J., helped the Irish post a pair of shutouts against Washington and Portland. This is the third week in a row that an Irish player has won Big East defensive player of the week. Senior captain Kelly Lindsey was named Big East defensive player of the week the previous two weeks.

VOLLEYBALL

Netters take on No. 22 Loyola Marymount tonight

◆ Irish prepare for Golden Dome Invite this weekend

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball will play No. 22 Loyola Marymount tonight as it prepares for the Golden Dome Invitational which will be held at the Joyce Center this weekend.

Although the No. 24 Irish will face Loyola Marymount today, which also participates in this weekend's tournament, the match is not part of the tournament action. Notre Dame will face No. 4 Colorado

State and Wyoming this weekend in the Golden Dome Invitational.

Notre Dame is coming off a sweep of the Lady Seminole Volleyball Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., where it topped Florida A & M, Florida State and Samford for the tournament title.

Junior Kristy Kreher led the Irish in the match against Florida State with 19 kills while Marcie Bombach added 13. Kreher led the tournament

by being named the Most Valuable Player while senior Denise Boylan and Bombach were also named to the all-tournament team. Sophomore Janie Aldrete earned best defensive specialist honors for the weekend.

"This is a huge weekend for us," said Aldrete. "It was definitely good for us to come out with three wins last weekend and we were able to get a bunch of people in."

Loyola Marymount is currently 8-1 as it faces the Irish for the second time.

Notre Dame has the upper hand with a win in the 1994 Golden Dome Invitational (15-6, 15-4, 15-8). The Lions only loss this year was to Duke in

the Blimpie/Hoosier Invitational II.

Notre Dame will face Wyoming in its first match of the tournament action on

Friday beginning at 7 p.m. The Cowgirls are 6-7 with the Irish earning a win after their first meeting. Jamie Burke

leads Wyoming this season with 170 kills and 141 digs while Melody Frieauff will also provide a Irish challenge with 69 blocks and 138 kills in 2000.

Colorado State holds the upper hand with two previous wins over the Irish and will look for the third when they face Notre Dame at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The Rams are currently 11-1 on the season with Courtney Cox leading the team with 173 kills.

"We're just going to take it one match at a time, one game at a time in every match and take the opportunities that we're given," Aldrete said.

Today's game against Loyola Marymount will take place in the Joyce Center at 7 p.m.



Kreher

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Janie Aldrete
Irish sophomore

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at ITA National Clay Courts Today-Sunday



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at Manchester College Today, 7 p.m.



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at Adrian Saturday, noon.



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