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Seniors

Penn State University bus crash kills 2, sends 106 to hospital

Associated Press

WHITEHAWEN, Pa. — Four charter buses loaded with Penn State University students crashed on a foggy interstate early Sunday, killing a student and a bus driver and injuring at least 106 people, authorities said.

The four buses were among six carrying 280 students home from a shopping trip to New York City. University President Graham Spanier said the buses drove into a "very thick wall of fog" on Interstate 80 just after midnight.

In the ensuing chain-reaction wreck, three buses smashed into one another and a fourth hit a guard rail. A pickup truck and two cars also became tangled in the wreck.

"Everybody wanted to see Rockefeller Center before Christmas. We were really looking forward to getting away," said Jessica Miller, a freshman from York, Pa. She said many of the students on her bus, the second to crash, had been asleep.

"The fog was awful — we got off the bus and we couldn't even see each other right away. We didn't realize the extent of it until we got off the bus," she said. "I saw a girl holding her teeth in her hand. It was just unbelievable."

The driver of her bus, Robert Clifford Burge, 50, of Alloula, was killed. The student killed, whose name was not released, was in the first row of seats on the bus behind Burge's, Spanier said.

At least five people, including another bus driver who underwent surgery, remained hospitalized in serious condition Sunday, Spanier said. Police didn't know the conditions Sunday of the drivers and passengers in the cars.

Most of the other injuries were minor, Spanier said.

Students who weren't injured gathered at the nearby Church of Saint Patrick after the crash until more buses arrived to take them back to State College. The trip had been completed in the James Bond series, "The World Is Not Enough."

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Texas A&M mourns Bonfire victims

Family, faculty members and friends gather to remember the 19 students killed when a 20-foot bonfire collapsed Thursday.

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Open your minds, people

I love this school, but I can't stand some of the holier-than-thou little nooks that go here. Patrick, however, in his letter to the editor last Wednesday, "Cowboy Mouth is washed up," officially announced that he is just too cool for this canard. He decided that he is so cool, in fact, that he can trash the Student Union Board, Cowboy Mouth and any-one with musical tastes other than his.

Well, sorry, buddy. This time you were wrong. This time you overwhelmed your intellect. You will be punished. This time your fear of accepting anything other than what pop society happens to be embracing at the moment you miss out on an unbelievable con-cert. Cowboy Mouth rocked. The band's energy was incredible, and their music had the entire audience moving. I guarantee not a single person left that concert regretting either the many valuable hours of television they missed or the killer left who had to part with to see a live rock show.

But in Patrick's defense, he had never heard of Cowboy Mouth before. Obviously, this implies that they couldn't possibly be any good. Cowboy Mouth doesn't even have a track on the latest Abercrombie & Fitch promotional CD. Damn, they must suck. U'93 doesn't play them every hour on the hour for nothing. And unlike our friend Patrick, Cowboy Mouth has refused to sell out. They must not have any talent at all. If they were of the caliber Patrick compares me, I don't know whether I want to laugh at them or feel sorry for them. It's really just kind of pathetic that people can't think for themselves anymore. I mean, what will you do if MTV's Total Request Live ever gets cancelled? How will you know what's cool?

Come on, Pat. You weren't really serious when you said you'd rather have Right Said Fred or some '80s hair metal band come than Cowboy Mouth? Is there something wrong with you? You're picking a worthwhile comment from a great live rock band simply because you're too shallow to open yourself up to something new?

Patrick, open your minds, people! Break free! I know it's hard to believe, but there is a whole world of thought outside the stifling trends at Notre Dame. There is music other than what the Dave Matthews Band plays. If you live your entire life too scared to accept anything not already approved by pop culture, you are going to miss out. (You know, at one time, no one knew who the Dave Matthews Band was.)

To SUB, I say thank you. You brought in a great band, and the concert was amazing. For those of you who are busy beyond the flavor of the hour and enjoying a concert for no other reason than because the band rocks, the concert was a great experience.

So Patrick, I guess all it comes down to this: While you were sitting in your dorm room watch-ing " Dawson's Creek" on TV, I was at one of the best live rock shows I've been to in a while. And because none of the closed-minded clones like you showed up, I got great seats, too. Thanks, buddy.

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

This Week on Campus

Monday

• Competition: College Bowl, Notre Dame Room, Lahser 7 p.m.
• Performances: "Thaibatics for Piano," Ethan Raimo and Babette Reid, Faculty Lounge, Hesburgh Library, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

• Discussion: "I Don't Have an Eating Disorder ... yet!", Brooke 300.

Wednesday

• Film: International Film Festival, "Virgin Spring," Montgomery Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday

• Dinner: Thanksgiving Buffet, North Dining Hall, noon

Outside the Dome

Alcohol, morphine, codeine kills Illinois student

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.-Coroners announced Thursday morning that alcohol, codeine and morphine caused the death of Javier Novella, a former University student who died in September.

Although his death looked similar to an alcohol overdose, Novella's blood alcohol content at the time of his death was 0.107. That level is consid­ered legally intoxicated for driving in Illinois, but is generally not consid­ered lethal by itself.

The opioids in his system were at a therapeutic level, which means they might have been from prescription medication. A police investigation did not find any prescriptions for codeine made out to Novella. Investigators assume the morphine appeared in Novella's system because codeine breaks down into morphine over time.

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Roger Swancy Champaign County coroner

Morgan explained what police believed happened in the hours before Novella was pronounced dead shortly after 4 p.m. on Sept. 19.

Novella worked until around 9 or 10 p.m. After work, Novella drank two or three Long Island iced teas, Morgan said. He added that Novella left the restaurant intoxicated around midnight.

Novella and a co-worker then drove around and drank brandy, Morgan said. When Novella passed out. It was unclear whether Novella was driving the car.

Five people helped carry Novella up three flights of stairs to his apartment, where he was put in bed on his stem. Morgan said Novella returned to his apartment by 1:45 a.m.

Novella's roommates came home during the early morning hours. They heard heavy breathing from Novella's room and checked on him. Novella was aspirating — inhaling fluid into his lungs. His roommates hung his head over the side of the bed because they did not want him to choke.

"Aspiration is actually a function your body goes through when you're dying slowly," said Champaign County Coroner Roger Swancy. "He was actually dying at that point."

Paramedics pronounced Novella dead less than 10 hours later.

Clemson debates Old South icon

CLEMSON, S.C.-The effects of the controversy over the Confederate flag atop the state's capital building has affected all parts of the state, and Clemson University is no exception. After 37 years of debate over the issue, the NAACP has recently initiated economic sanctions in an attempt to force South Carolina's legislative branch to remove the flag from its current location at the state capitol building. Bryant Smith, associate director of student media and an instructor of speech and communications for the University, said the University is not immune to the effects that will be felt due to the new motions being brought up to remove the flag. "Students need to be aware of the issue over the flag because they are the people the boycott is going to affect," Smith said. "It is going to affect conferences, tourism for students involved in related majors and academic students' summer employment opportunities."

The NAACP's boycott of the state is an attempt to increase pressure on Gov. Jim Hodges and politicians to take down the flag, an attempt that has received both approval and opposi­tion. Clemsons debating Old South icon.
Families mourn Bonfire tragedy

Associated Press

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Bulgaria

Presidential guards baffel Balkan nation

Associated Press

WHILE many Bulgarians

think President Clinton’s visit

will boost their small Balkan

country’s image, they are baf­

fled by the high-level security

that some say surpasses that of Soviet-era state visits.

Clinton, the first U.S. presi­

dent to visit this former com­

munist bastion, was to arrive

late Sunday at the invitation of President Peter Stoyanov.

He is to meet with Bulgarian leaders before leaving early

Tuesday.

Traffic in this city of 1.2

million is being diverted for

two days because of Clinton’s visit.

Local officials have set up a crisis center

and are ready to dispatch special teams of municipal

workers to respond to posi­

ble security threats, remove

illegally parked cars or switch

power on buses if the lights go out.

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Russian military aid builds Iran's strength

Israel fears Iran may soon develop nuclear capabilities

Associated Press

TEL AVIV

Unless the United States presses Russia to end its military assistance to Iran, the Islamic republic will may soon develop nuclear capabilities, a military official said Sunday.

Israel has intelligence that Iran plans to upgrade its Shahab-3 ballistic missile, currently still in the testing phase, to make it capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and to extend its range to 1,300 miles, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said that the Iranians were working on advanced versions of the missile, named Shahab-4 and Shahab-5.

Israel has confirmed testing the Shahab-3, a ballistic missile capable of reaching 800 miles, but says it is purely for peaceful purposes.

The official said Israel regards the combination of surface-to-surface missiles and nonconventional weapons in Iranian hands as "a threat to the world."

Israel regards Russia as the chief backer of the Hezbollah, a guerrilla army fighting Israel's occupation of south Lebanon. Prime Minister Ehud Barak has promised a negotiated withdrawal from Lebanon by July.

The official said that the military would have a withdrawal plan ready for Barak's approval by next month. Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, and Barak regards relaunching negotiations with Syria as crucial to ensuring a smooth withdrawal.

However, he has not discounted a unilateral withdrawal, should talks with the Syrians fail to materialize.

At Gen. David Mofaz, the Israeli army's chief-of-staff, told Israel TV on Sunday that the army was prepared to examine the feasibility of a unilateral withdrawal should the government consider the option.

The army established its "security zone" in south Lebanon in 1985 to protect Israel's northern towns from attack.

Wary of the impending withdrawal, residents of the northern towns protested the army's failure to include them in any post-withdrawal planning by blocking out street lights Sunday evening and pulling down a strike of schools and municipal services on Monday.

Crash

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State's Association of Residence Hall Students. Cathy Bell, a cashier at the Bandit Truck Stop, said truck drivers were pulling off the road all night to avoid driving in the fog.

"It was almost like a whiteout," Bell said. "You would hit, like, a white spot where you couldn't see anything."

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**World News Briefs**

French create new political party

**PARIS**

An influential French politician inaugurated his new conservative party Sunday, stepping up competition in the French right. Charles Pasqua's movement, called the Rally for France, already had many supporters and had beat out the mainstream conservative party of Jacques Chirac in June during European parliamentary elections. But until this weekend, the party had no charter and no official leadership. On Sunday, party members met outside Paris and chose Pasqua as president and for the first time to look unfavorably on European union. Pasqua, a former interior minister, helped found Chirac's Rally for the Republic party in 1976, but he eventually grew uncomfortable with the party's evolution.

**Indiana man kills three**

**ANGOLA, Ind.**

A man angry at being thrown out of a party in southeastern Indiana returned with a gun early Sunday, killing three people and injuring two others before taking his own life, authorities said. Among the injured was a Steuben County sheriff's deputy who responded to the 911 call. Deputy John Araquel, 31, was hospitalized in fair condition with three gunshot wounds to the hip and pelvis, authorities said.

Police said Kevin Noles, 36, of Angola had been kicked out of Fat Roy's, a neighborhood bar, and had wandered next door to a bonfire outside an apartment building. When partygoers there escorted him back to the tavern, he threatened to return with a gun, police said. About 2 a.m., Noles kicked down the apartment door and began shooting, said Sheriff Joel Working. He said Noles apparently did not know the victims. Roommates Ray Spalding, 36, and Ronald Stevens, 32, were killed. Diana and Schenkel, 25, later died in a hospital in Fort Wayne, where Victoria Martin, 24, was listed in critical condition. A third man was able to escape.

**Gates donates $26 million**

**SEATTLE**

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given $26 million to UNICEF to pay for programs fighting maternal and neonatal tetanus, which causes more than 215,000 deaths in developing nations each year, the foundation announced Sunday. The disease, which killed just one U.S. newborn in 1998, is one of the world's most serious ailments afflicting infants and their mothers. It can be prevented by immunizing women with tetanus toxoid vaccine. The billionaire Microsoft founder and his wife are "dedicated to improving the health of families in the world's poorest countries," said Gates' father, William H. Gates Sr., a foundation co-chairman.

**Colombian government extradites accused heroin trafficker**

**BOGOTA**

Police put an accused heroin trafficker on a U.S. government plane to Florida on Sunday, the first time in nearly a decade Colombia has turned over one of its nationals to stand trial in the United States.

The handover of 30-year-old Jaime Orlando Lara to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration comes ten days after a deadly terrorist bomb exploded in Bogota in what many suspected was a warning against extraditions.

President Andres Pastrana defiantly signed Lara's extradition papers just hours after the Nov. 11 explosion, which killed eight bystanders in an upscale shopping district. "In compliance with that executive decision, this citizen was transferred today from Lara left Sunday morning on a DEA plane for Fort Lauderdale.

Dressed in jeans and sneakers, the handcuffed and heavily guarded suspect walked the 60 feet to the twin-engine Cessna without uttering a word, police said.

Lara was indicted in New York in October 1998. Prosecutors say he headed a smuggling ring that shipped as many as 30 pounds of heroin to the United States on commercial flights and distributed it through New York, Houston and Miami.

Colombia exports 80 percent of the world's cocaine and is a rising heroin supplier to the U.S. market.

Lara is the first Colombian sent abroad since the reinstatement of extraditions in December 1997. He is also the first Colombian extradited under the new constitution, which ended the moratorium on extraditions in 1991, capitulating to a wave of bombings and assassinations by the now-defunct Medellin drug cartel and its notorious leader, Pablo Escobar.

The Nov. 11 bombing revised painful memories of that era, although investigators have yet to blame it on drug traffickers.

Under heavy pressure from Washington, Colombia reinstated extraditions in December 1997. Lara is the first Colombian sent abroad since the reinstatement.

White House drug policy chief Barry McCaffrey on Sunday praised Pastrana "for his courage and dedication" in "making a sincere effort to confront drug trafficking."

In the past three years, the cultivation of coca—the raw material of cocaine—has doubled in Colombia, McCaffrey said.

**South Africa accepts homosexuality**

**NELSPRUIT**

Bernalde Rabeira, a 26-year-old makeup artist with a dazzling smile, was crowned the second Miss Gay South Africa in a drag queen contest that could have been unthinkable only a few years ago. The pageant, held Saturday night in a conservative farming hub near Kruger National Park, caused hardly a ripple other than a few irate statements from a local minister—testament to how far South Africa has come since the rigid morality of apartheid, when homosexuality was illegal and gay people were often harassed. Even more so, it illustrated how South Africa has become a beacon for gay rights in a region where governments are showing themselves increasingly homo-tolerant.

In southern Africa, leaders of Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe have denounced homosexuality in recent years. Condemnation came from the presidents of Kenya and Uganda in September. Homosexuality remains deeply taboo in central and west Africa, where incidents of harassment occur periodically.

African bishops at the Anglican Church's once-a-decade conference in England last year helped push through a denunciation of homosexuality as "incompatible with scripture." Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, famous for saying that homosexuals are "lower than pigs and dogs," was accosted by gay activists in London in October. He said government-backed "gangster gays" were behind the attack, and demanded an apology—in vain at the Commonwealth summit this month. The climate could not be more different in South Africa, where former president Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters cultivated an atmosphere of tolerance after the end of white minority rule.

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Bush skips candidates' debate

Associated Press

TEMEPE, Ariz.

Front-runner George W. Bush was the only major absentee as four Republican presidential hopefuls debated Sunday in Arizona, but he was the center of attention from the outset, was the only major absentee as participants debated the topic of security funds. He then went on to have to look at accounts. "Bush's plan is typical Washington. When they want to find a way, they break that promise," Parade magazine publisher Steve Forbes said. As his lead in the polls narrows, Bush is trying to make heavy use of television commercials. In his previous campaign, Forbes used a blitz of ads attacking Bob Dole to up that campaign's front-runner. Forbes has started to take on Bush. During a New York speech last week Forbes said he would offer a "new idea£ for criminal justice at the University was sponsored by and broadcast live on CNN's "Late Edition" between the first six months and anti-gun efforts by federal-state-local gun prosecutors. "The School of the Americas is becoming the norm, and it's contaminating the growth of community policing," said James Alan Fox, a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University. "No one can predict what the绪果会! sarees to lengthen prison sentences and point out the nation's remand, many of its lowest crime rates. Last week, for instance, in the FBR report was a 1 percent increase in murders in cities of more than 1 million residents. But Fox and Blumstein said what they probably indicates that at some point crime reductions bottom out to a minimum level. "If one percent is an insignificant increase," Fox said. "It doesn't signal the numbers will start up but rather there is a point where crime gets as close as it can go."

The big city murder figure also is influenced by New York, where large homicides saw a 40 percent decline through July 2 from 389 last year to 234 this year, while all other major crimes continued to decline. Last year, the 11-per­cent decline, big city murders including New York's saw the steepest declines. "But 7-per­cent-a-year declines can't go on forever," Fox said. "The things that would signal that a rise is crime aren't going to happen, and they don't seem to be out there — violence associated with drug selling and the economic frustration and need."

Blumstein, in "The big city, we've gotten rid of murder violence that is readily predictable, and gun controls, drug markets changes and the strength of the economy. Similar at some point, we end up with a wide variety of personal disputes."

Hindus protest Baptist church

Associated Press

BOSTON

Nearly four dozen Hindus picketed a Baptist Church Sunday to protest a Southern Baptist Convention prayer booklet that said Hindus have "darkness in their hearts that no lamp can dispel."

The booklet, released during the Hindu festival of Diwali, contains a number of other phrases considered offensive by Hindus. It has ignited similar protests in Houston and Atlanta. At any sign of religious intol­erance, we have to speak up," said Chandra Kany Panse of New England Hindus. And Religious Intolerance, which organized the protest at Beacon Hill Baptist Church. "We would like the convention to drop this attack and apologies."

Blumstein's group has also been distributed by the Southern Poverty Law Center's International Mission Board, seeking Baptists to pray for the conversion of Hindus to Islam. "This is an attack on the Christian church, and we are trying to protect it," he said. Associated Press

Southern Baptists plan prayer meeting for Hindus

Associated Press

BOSTON

More than 200 members of the Hindu community plan to meet at the New England Baptist Church next month to protest a prayer booklet that including Hindus and Muslims.

Presbyterian, pastor of the Boston church, conceded the booklet was "poorly timed," although he planned to distribute it.
NEPAL

Hindu, Buddhist pass resolution against evangelists

Associated Press
LUMBINI
Three weeks after the pope called for missionaries to spread Catholicism throughout Asia, Hindu and Buddhist groups Sunday passed a resolution to stay united against proselytizing.

The pledge made by 1,000 delegates from across Asia came at the end of a three-day conference in southern Nepal. It made no direct reference to Pope John Paul II, who made the call during his visit to New Delhi earlier this month.

But the sense of crisis within

Asian religions was evident throughout the conference at this small town close to Nepal's border with India, the birthplace of Gautama Buddha.

During the assembly, delegates publicly and privately said they were concerned by the pope's comments. Many described conversions as a "war against Hindus and Buddhists" and a "spiritual crime."

"We are worried about our identity. If we become one, we will become a majority and no one will be able to touch us," said Acharya Dharmendra, a Hindu religious leader and a policy maker of the Vishva Hindu Parishad, or World Hindu Council, a major religious group in India that is allied with the ruling party.

It proselytizing.

Prophets.

ISRAEL

Leaders may end state of emergency

Associated Press
Jerusalem
Calling it a step toward protecting human rights, Israel's government recommended legislative steps Sunday that would abolish the country's 51-year-old state of emergency.

The law, adopted when the

Russian state was created following the 1948 Mideast War, allowed Israel to hold Arabs in prison without charges or trial and permit the government to confiscate civilian goods for military use.

While only good for 12 months, it has been extended each year, based on the argument that Israel's sensitive security situation requires giving the government extraordinary powers to protect its citizens.

Liberal Justice Minister Yossi Beilin is trying to abolish the law and replace it with regulations that would preserve Israel's security while protecting human rights.

JORDAN

King pardons Hamas officials

Associated Press
AMMAN
Jordan sent four jailed leaders of the Palestinian militant group Hamas to Qatar on Sunday, apparently to live in exile, while 25 other members were pardoned in exchange for halting activities in the kingdom.

"We reject to be deported because we are Jordanian citizens and nobody has the right to send us away from home," Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal said.

The move capped a crackdown that came after pressure from the United States, Israel and the Palestinians for Amman to restrain the Islamic fundamentalist group. The ban on activities would seemingly deny Hamas an important location in which to operate close to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

"The case of Hamas is now considered closed after His Majesty the king (Abdullah II) decided to pardon all of the group's activists," Prime Minister Abdur-Ra'uf Rawabdeh said.

Under a deal struck with the government, the group must keep its Palestinian offices closed and prohibit its members from participating in Hamas activities inside the kingdom.

Hamas, based in the Gaza Strip, is opposed to peace with Israel and advocates its annihilation. It is also critical of Jordan's 1994 peace treaty with the Jewish state. Hamas has claimed scores of deadly attacks on Israeli targets in the last 10 years.

Although Rawabdeh insisted the four headed for Qatar were not being deported, the most prominent of the Hamas activists said they had not been told they were leaving Jordan and were put forcibly on a plane.

"We were handcuffed and blindfolded and we were surprised to see ourselves at the steps of the plane," Khaled Mashaal told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Doha.

"We reject to be deported because we are Jordanian citizens and nobody has the right to send us away from home," said Mashaal, the head of Hamas' political bureau and a top leader in the Gaza-based movement.

The other three Hamas members taken to Qatar were spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh and political bureau members Hani Rushig and Sami Khater.

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First Aid Drills and Disaster Training

Kate Rowland

Read this. It may save your life.

Every once in awhile, to really get some blood moving, the First Aid Services Team here on campus holds disaster drills. Last April we ran a drill in the Stadium, setting the scenario that a section of the stands had collapsed. We practiced radiating the disaster in and taking control, triaging and treating the victims, all while laughing at the ridiculousness of pretending our advisor had been beheaded by falling debris. After the victims were triaged, tagged and dispatched to the hospital, the club had a little party, sort of a social gathering, a thank-you-for-coming-out-and-saving-lives. Recently, when the First Aid Team filed an appeal for more funding, I noted on the appeal that one of our expenditures from last year had been “Pizza following the disaster.” The Club Coordination Council, though amused, thought I was making that expenditure up.

I’ve done other disaster drills since then. In September, the county held a big one at the Miamis River Airport, with the premise that a plane had skidded off the runway, killing four and injuring 60. This time, though, instead of being a rescuer, I was working for the American Red Cross Disaster Services Team. We never got near the blood and gore; our job was family support.

I worked this disaster with a different perspective. We weren’t in the action, we were stuffed away in a too-small, airless boardroom in the back hallway of the airport. The mock family members quickly grew as restless as any real family members would have sat there for two hours, waiting. After an hour of hearing constant sirens, we were all tense. The door would open to admit someone returning from the bathroom, and every limb in the room would snap up in anticipation of information. The mock families bonded, inventing stories about their mock loved ones, guessing who would have been sitting next to whom on the plane. In our role as grief support counselors, the other Red Cross volunteers and I wandered around the room, counseling as best we could and mostly being helpful. We had no information for them, and information was all they wanted. People prayed under the guidance of the airport chaplains, tempests flared as families lashed out at anyone they could, and hysteria was beginning to take over when the airline representative came in to announce that lunch was in a half-hour.

That served to remind us it was all fake. No one was actually injured, no one was actually on the plane that didn’t actually go off the runway. The mock family members settled down to while away the next 30 minutes chatting, and the grief counselors all chuckled at how quickly we start to believe that the disaster was real.

I remember that sudden flash of realization: it could have all been real. I could have been counseling real family members, waiting for word on their loved ones. I work in an emergency room, doing much the same thing, keeping families updated on their patients and keeping the nurses updated on their treatments. Sometimes I do forget how real their pain is, that the families aren’t just acting out a part they volunteered to play and that the patients are truly in agony over the test results.

Outside of the ER, I tend to take a very American approach to disasters. When I read that 17,000 people died in earthquakes in Turkey, sometimes I forget that those are real people. And certainly the number 17,000 is meaningful to me.

Seventeen thousand is a lot of people. Imagine if, at Saturday’s football game, the entire student section, from section 28 to section 36, were empty. Then imagine that sections one and two and three were all empty, too. That’s about 17,000 people.

Now imagine the entire stadium being empty, and the JACC being empty at a pep rally, and the dining halls at the peak rush of dinnertime. Add them all together in your head. That’s about how many people would have gone to funerals or buried the dead from that earthquake.

Twelve students were killed at Texas A&M last week. Imagine the emotional impact here if 12 Domers were killed in one freak accident. It’s not just 12 dead people; it’s the hundreds of family members who are grieving, grieving for real.

Think about the problems, logistical and emotional, of burying or otherwise laying to rest the 10,000 killed in the cyclone in India three weeks ago. That could be you, trying to make arrangements for the funeral of your entire family. So next time you read that 217 people were killed in a plane crash, remember that this disaster is not a media-created happening enacted for your horror, fascinated entertainment. Those are 217 real people, with 217 families who care about them and miss them.

And if you want to do more than think and take another step towards becoming aware of the impact of natural or other disasters on humanity, call the Red Cross. They’d be happy to get more volunteers, and you will have the chance to understand the reality of disasters.

Kate Rowland is one of the coordinators of the First Aid Services Team. She had a great time on the field at Saturday’s football game.
Texas A&M tragedy stuns students, community

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

The feeling was not unlike waking up to news that the sun had failed to rise. A mid-November morning without the stack was only slightly surreal than a dawn without a daybreak.

Unfortunately, the tragic facts — at least 11 dead; dozens injured — are only too real, and the weight of sadness on campus is almost tangible. Such a heavy burden cannot be lifted by mere words, and little can be said about this 90-year-old tradition that will be remembered in another 90 years.

But I say nothing would do a disservice to the memories of our friends.

To those who knew them, we know you are hurting, but we can never know how much. The families and friends of all those affected deserve and have our solace and prayers.

To those who did not know them, we know you are hurting too. Long after we know how it happened, we will still be hurting, too. By that time, it is important to remember that this is a time for condolences, not quarrels.

Much will be said in the coming weeks that would be better left unsaid. For this is the time for healing. It is time to leave fingers of blame or speculation about the future of Bonfire.

What is appropriate instead is silence. It would be wrong to turn this tragedy into an opportunity for loud debate. The lives lost are worth much more than angry arguments, and respectful reflection should not give place to wrangling over tradition.

If there is a lesson to be learned from this horrible accident, it will strike at the heart of who we are as human beings.

It will remind us of the inevitable fragility of life and the enduring stability of friendship. And it will teach us more than ever the indomitable strength of the Aggie spirit.

What remains, then, is not to despair, but instead to uncover our true worth — to do better with the lives we have been given in honor of the lives that have been taken. There is nothing else to do.

Already, the A&M community has exemplified the truth that the worst of times can bring the best in people.

Concerned students, staff and community residents have generously provided resources of hope and shoulders of help.

But Aggies expect no less, and we will know we recover from this blow when it is the truth and determination that make this University great. Flags flying at half-mast are not indicative of half-hearted Aggies. Our hearts are full and hopeful.

It will take time to come to terms with what seems to null. But in the end, we will have learned that in life, the realization is the only truth and determination that make this University great. Flags flying at half-mast are not indicative of half-hearted Aggies. Our hearts are full and hopeful.

It will take time to come to terms with what seems to null. But in the end, we will have learned that in life, the real truth is the only truth.

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Letters to the Editor

Can we use food waste for farms?

I just got back from South Dining hall tonight, and after a few students asked me to dump my wasted food into a trash can, I got to thinking. I thought to myself, "Finally, they're going to do something with all of the food we were here." I was then told by one of the students that they weren't really doing anything with the food waste; they were just simply collecting it to see how much food was wasted. My mind was bogged.

I had read a few of the letters in last week's Viewpoints about the "Students for Clean Plates" and their mission to reduce food waste in the dining halls. I must admit that before I went to see that someone was raising issue with our weekly tradition. However, it seemed to me that this was not an issue that warranted an almighty hangar strike or anything of the sort. The fact is that the students here pay very well for their meals, and it is only too real. It's okay to treat something as a waste of money.

I know you all on campus are concerned. Many people have been asked how much I get paid for my job. I have been asked how much I get paid for my job. Unfortunately, the...
Theater Review

"The Water Engine"

By BRADY SEAMAN
Scene Theater Critic

The last time a student directed a mainstage production here at Notre Dame, the result was one of the most highly inventive and entertaining evenings of theater I have seen for this campus for a very long time. This past weekend, a new generation of theater student, David Mamet's "The Water Engine," directed by senior Elaine Bonfield, continued this tradition. The mark of the director was so evident in the production that one could not do anything but praise the director for all she went to do.

"The Water Engine" tells the complex story of a character who created an engine that used distilled water as its only fuel. Due to such an important and potentially lucrative invention, Lang is left to fight for her engine and her life against the most motley of adversaries.

In order to tell this story, Bonfield structured the show around a radio show, one in which the studio acts as a metatheatrical and sometimes nonsensical invention. Lang is left to fight for her engine and her life against the most motley of adversaries.

The Water Engine's theatricality used in this production was that of the Chain Letter, a sassy and magnetic singer whose musical interludes introduced one of the larger themes of the production - the interconnectedness of man. As the Chain Letter, Katie Sise, the Chain Letter was an omnipresent observer whose smooth voice and swinging hips captivated the audience. Lang was never the cast's central focus, as she was of the Greek Chorus, embodied here in a sexy black dress.

While the larger importance of the character was not discovered by many in the audience, her presence as she moved around the theater was highly effective, and she added a sense of ironic mystery to the story.

Joining Katie Sise onstage were nine other actors who could not have been better cast. They all seemed to embody the characters they were playing, even when shifting effortlessly between their personas. While this technique of one actor playing several roles was intriguing to the audience, it sometimes led to misreaden identities by the audience, not realizing that one character was not playing a prior character in disguise, but the subject of a whole new character.

Despite this small problem, the production was definitely up to the challenge that Mamet presented. Playing the lead character, Lang, Erin Lutterbach showed a complex combination of strength and fragility, as if she knew the whole time that her engine would never be fully hers. In a show that hinges so much on the central character, Lutterbach perfectly helmed the cast with the abletest of skill.

While refreshing to watch someone play a child onstage with a sparkling wit and a fascinated eye - as a child really is - rather than a foolish caricature, as if every child in a play must be a combination of sweet innocence and a mischievous, devilish spirit, this was the case. Her ability to create distance from the audience, both within the plot, thus causing the superb direction and concept to be even more remarkable.

Yet, despite this small problem, "The Water Engine" proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening that was not so highbrow that it could not be enjoyed. Perhaps this could be a hint for later seasons.

Book Review

Monk's 'View' sheds light on higher education

By CHARLES SKRINER
Scene Book Critic

"Monk's Reflections: A View from the Dome" is an outstanding book comprised of Notre Dame President Father Edward "Ed" Malloy's views on certain issues in higher education, as seen through his own experiences, primarily those at Notre Dame.

In other words, the book presents "Monk's Reflections" - as seen from 'A View from the Dome,' and that happens to be the very appropriate title of the book. Malloy organizes his book into three parts: "The University President," "Academia and the Life of the Mind" and "The Catholic Mind." In each part, Malloy examines different aspects of higher education both in a general sense and more specifically at Notre Dame.

Malloy opens with "The University President" by examining the process by which one becomes a university president. In the book, there is no preferred course for one to take in becoming the president of a university and often, the process can be as much serendipity (or providence) as anything else. Malloy emphasizes that each president's path is unique, and he takes the reader through his own experience that led him to assume the title of president of Notre Dame on July 1, 1987.

Malloy then allows the reader a rare glimpse at the day-to-day life and experiences of a university president in the chapter entitled "Presidential Roles and Responsibilities." Malloy details the large number of responsibilities that fall on a university president, emphasizing the most visible member of the administration, a president's presence is often required by the media, and due to its visibility, the presidential office is often made the subject of student protests.

A president must constantly work to raise funds. Malloy writes of his own experience that "in one sense I could say almost all my dealings ... are connected with fund-raising." Finally, the president is the primary administrator or decision-maker of a university. With all of the pressures and responsibilities that come with the job, it can be easy for a president to become filled with diocentrism or anxiety, but happily, Malloy reports, "I can honestly say that I've enjoyed every time as president - it has allowed me to play a significant role in an institution in which I believe deeply."

"Part two of the book is devoted to "Academia and the Life of the Mind," in which Malloy examines the professional responsibilities of teaching and research and explores his own love of reading. In the chapter devoted to the subject of teaching, Malloy offers his opinions on all aspects related to the art, from how an administrator relates to a university's professors to the differences between academic and research universities. Malloy examines the process of graduate student to doctoral candidate and provides a closer look at the man behind the facade.

"Residentiality" covers such familiar issues as alcohol, drugs, race and coexistence. Malloy then examines the university of the 1990s and the demand for completion and enrichment one's education. Malloy then turns his attention to "Research and Scholarship," which make up the other portion of a president's responsibilities to the university. Malloy carefully explains the entire process moving from graduate student to doctoral candidate to college faculty member doing scholarly research, a process that is probably quite unfamiliar to the reader who is not a college professor.

For this reason, this chapter is one of the most interesting and enlightening in the book."The final chapter of part two, Malloy explores his own love of reading as an enriching role in the life of the mind." Malloy calls this chapter "the most personal in the book," and accordingly, he reveals a few things about himself related to his passion for reading. For example, Malloy relates how his parents fostered his interest in reading and how he currently reads about five newspapers a day and enjoys completing crossword puzzles.

In part three, "The Collegiate World," Malloy addresses topics in higher education that are not strictly related to academics in chapters entitled "Residentiality," "Intercollegiate Athletics" and "Religious Mission and Identity." The topics covered in these chapters probably hit closest to home for many undergraduate students.

"Residentiality" covers such familiar issues as alcohol, drugs, race and coexistence. Malloy looks at his own experiences as a college athlete, one which is surprisingly, somewhat negative. He also examines current issues and topics such as the NCAA, booster clubs and Title IX.

Finally, "Religious Mission and Identity" explores the Catholic character of Notre Dame, including a discussion of the recently debated Ex Corde Ecclesiae. "Monk's Reflections" is an excellent book for completing and enriching one's understanding of higher education in general and Notre Dame in particular. Malloy's writing style is very readable and friendly, making the book accessible to the general reader who is not directly involved with higher education in general.

For the Notre Dame undergraduate student, "Monk's Reflections" is essential in that it summarizes the current state of affairs in higher education at Notre Dame and provides a closer look at the man who presides over the University during one's time at Notre Dame.
Eagles soar above Irish, 31-29

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, Notre Dame made a key defensive stand in the final seconds of the fourth quarter to hold Boston College at bay for the 31-29 Irish win, but Saturday, it was the Eagles turn to make a stand of their own.

The score came close, but it couldn’t put enough points on the board in the fourth quarter for the win. Notre Dame’s lead against the clock, failing to come from behind and losing 31-29 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Eagle quarterback Tim Hasselbeck threw for three touchdowns and rushed for a fourth, helping the Eagles in their right win and snapping a four-year losing streak to the Irish.

“I give Boston College credit, I thought their quarterback played really well,” said Irish head coach Bob Davie. “He can run. He gave us some different looks and he made a few plays throughout the ball.”

With the loss, the Irish fell to 5-6 on the season, earning any chance for a bowl game appearance and leaving the program struggling to end the season at the 500 mark.

The Irish secondary struggled to contain Hasselbeck, who threw for 272 yards and rushed for 143 yards, in one of his best performances of the season.

The Eagles’ 31-29 win over BC was when you give up 442 yards and 31 points,” said Davie. “We’re simply playing OK, but overall on defense, we’re struggling.”

Quarterback Junior Jackson led an explosive Irish squad to two touchdowns in the opening eight minutes of the first quarter, giving the Irish a quick 14-point advantage.

Jackson came out throwing in Notre Dame’s opening offensive play, connecting with wide receiver Iaki Nelson for a 45-yard reception, spearheading a 94-yard drive to the end zone.

Five plays later, Jackson pitched the ball to Tony Feinat at the 5-yard line on the option and the tackleback ran it into the end zone to put the Irish on the board.

Forcing the Eagles to punt on their next possession, the Irish quickly took over on offense again and charged down the field to up their lead to 14-3 as tackleback Julius Jones ran the ball 17 yards for the score.

But the Irish offense turned cold as quickly as it had heated up.

Hasselbeck connected on a 13-yard pass to tight end Bryan Arndt, who ran 14 yards to pay dirt on the Eagles’ final drive of the first quarter, bringing the Eagles to within seven.

Hasselbeck struck again six minutes into the second quarter, when his pass to wide receiver Jamal Burke inside the Notre Dame 5-yard line resulted in a B.C. touchdown, tying the game at 14.

B.C. took the lead with 1:16 remaining in the half when Hasselbeck moved the Eagles to within four yards of the Notre Dame goal line, setting up an easy field goal for kicker John Malich.

The Irish took possession of the ball on their 34-yard line and managed to tie the game at 17 on a 44-yard field goal attempt by Jim Sanson as time ran out.

A pair of B.C. touchdowns in the second half vaulted the Eagles to a 31-17 lead, leaving the Irish to play catch-up late in the fourth.

Hasselbeck led a 93-yard scoring drive and rushed the ball past the Irish goal line with five minutes left in the third before connecting on a 34-yard touchdown pass three minutes into the fourth quarter putting the Irish in a 14-point hole.

The Irish, who have produced three fourth-quarter comebacks this season, rallied with six minutes remaining in the game, when Jackson hit Fisher in the end zone with a nine-yard pass on fourth-and-6 to bring the score to 31-29.

But Sanson’s extra-point attempt was tipped, leaving the Irish down by eight.

As the final minutes ticked off the clock, the Irish had one last chance to score, but a B.C. interception by free safety Pedro Cirino with just over two minutes to play sealed Notre Dame’s fate as the Eagles ran down the clock for the win.

“It was a disappointing loss, but I’m proud of the way the players competed,” said Davie. “When you’re down by 14 points, it’s hard to rally and come back to win the game... All you ask is that guys give that kind of effort and play 60 minutes and I think we did that, especially the seniors.”

Saturday’s game marked the last home game for the seniors. Despite the loss, Jackson closed out his career at Notre Dame Stadium by putting his name in the Irish record books. Jackson threw for 283 passing yards, bringing his season total to 2,586 yards, passing Joe Theismann’s 1970 record of 2,429 yards. Jackson also gained another 23 yards on rushing, bringing his total yards on offense to 3,026, breaking Theismann’s record of 2,813.

Six years ago Boston College kicked a game-winning field goal on fourth-and-1 to end Notre Dame’s hopes of a National Championship. On Saturday, the Eagles’ William Green converted this fourth-and-1 to end Notre Dame’s hopes of a bowl appearance.

player of the game
Tim Hasselbeck
Hasselbeck completed 20-of-50 passes for 272 yards and three touchdowns. He also was the Eagles’ leading rusher with 140 yards on 15 carries and a TD.

quote of the game
"He (Davie) said he was going to kick our ass. It didn’t happen."
Tom O’Brien
Boston College head coach

stat of the game
442 yards of total offense
The Irish defense couldn’t stop the opposing offense for the third straight week.
BC uses inspiration to advantage

Time had expired, the squirrel had crossed the end line and the scoreboard above Notre Dame Stadium read Boston College 31, Notre Dame 26.

And as the victorious Boston College players walked off the field, through the tunnel leading to their locker room, one by one they paid tribute to Mike Poidomani. Standing at the end of the tunnel, with Touchdown Jones in full view and Eagle fans outside the gate celebrating, Poidomani embraced each team mate. The Boston College strength coach has been an integral part of the Eagles' turnaround from a 4-7 team a year ago to their current 8-2 record and a place in the top 25.

"We're 'em," the elated Poidomani was told as they headed to the locker room. That scene is becoming all too common. Six times this season, the opponent has knocked off the mighty Irish. A year removed from a perfect record at home, the Irish ended their 1999 home campaign with a 5-2 mark at Notre Dame Stadium.

Bob Davie likes to say that every time an opponent plays Notre Dame, they always regard it as their biggest game of the season. Why don't the Irish treat it the same?

Because emotion, motivation, and playing hard for 60 minutes has nothing at all to do with the strengths of your opponent. Or how many players you have injured. Or how talented you are.

It comes from withins. And that's what been so frustrating for BC fans this year.

Boston College had plenty of reasons to be excited for Saturday's game. For starters, they were denied a victory in last year's game when running back Mike Cloud was stopped four times within the 5-yard line. They used that defeat as a source of inspiration. In the offseason, a photo of BC Coach stopping Cloud on fourth-and-1 to seal the 31-26 victory was posted in the Eagles locker room. The caption was entitled, "How hard are you going to work this summer?"

This week the slogan was changed to "How hard are you going to work this week."

On Saturday, the quote of note read "Who wants it more."

The Eagles also felt slighted for being "10-point underdogs to a 3-00 team when they were 7-2 and in the top 25."

Then came Friday night, at the pep rally, in a full-capacity Joyce Center, when Davie added fuel to the already flaming BC fire.

"Addressing the attendees, in the middle of his usual monologue on visions of winning by a large margin or the bowl picture. They were playing the only other Catholic-affiliated school in Division 1-A football, a rivalry that stands right behind the annual classics with USC, and Michigan.

With representatives from the Insight.com bowl game present, the Irish came out like they were ready to head to Arizona for the Christmas vacation. They scored two quick touchdowns on runs by Tony Fisher and Julius Jones within the first eight minutes of the game. The players were pumped, the coaches were emotional and the 80,012 fans had visions of winning by a large margin for the first time since the Arizona State upset."

They proved that they have the talent to beat Boston College. But then came an interception of a Jacobus Johnson pass by the Eagles' Fl?Mon Johnson. Suddenly, momentum turned to Boston College, as they scored on the ensuing possession.

It stayed that way until midway through the fourth quarter when Julius Jones's 67-yard punt return narrowed the margin to 31-29, giving the Irish hope. Notre Dame had another chance, with the ball on their 27-yard line. But a Pedro Cirino interception sealed the victory for the Eagles.

"When you're down by fourteen points (the Irish were down 31-17 in the fourth quarter), it's hard to rally and come back to win the game," Davie said.

Weren't the Eagles down by 14 and didn't they come back to win? "We're a team that has put out there and grinds out every play," said Bryan Arent, Boston College's leading receiver on the day with five catches for 80 yards. "We're a 60-minute ball game." It would be nice if a Notre Dame player or coach could say that ... and mean it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Defensive back George White (40) and tight end Robert Ellis (82) walk off the field with handfuls of turf following Boston College's victory over Notre Dame, ending the Eagles four-game losing streak to the Irish.
Irish seniors unable to taste victory

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Editor

Following Saturday’s 31-29 loss to Boston College, senior defensive end and linebacker Bryant pounded his helmet against the ground in frustration like a warrior who just lost his final battle. He should have been able to raise his helmet to the student section with pride after his final home victory.

Senior split end Robby Brown emerged from the locker room dazed, struggling to hold back tears as he spoke to the media about the loss. Those tears have been tears of joy after walking through the tunnel and celebrating victory with his teammates for the final time in the Notre Dame locker room.

Unlike Brown, senior safety A’Lanxi Sanders walked past the media, mumbling. “Come on, you guys. I want to win his final game in Notre Dame Stadium.”

A lot of things should have been different Thursday. A lot of things should have been different this season.

“I wish I could tell you what went wrong this season, but I couldn’t explain it,” senior quarterback Deveron Harper said. “My thoughts aren’t clear right now. I just want hard work and everything will get better, and when it doesn’t… Well, this is not the way I wanted to go out. It’s not, the way any of the seniors wanted it to end.

“It’s very difficult,” Brown said. “My eyes are filled with tears, realizing it’s over. This is the last time I’ll walk up the tunnel and it’s not the way you want it. I didn’t get to sing the fight song for the last time. I don’t think words can explain exactly how I feel or any of the seniors feel, but life goes on.

The seniors had high expectations entering the season.

“I thought that we were going to win the national championship this year,” senior linebacker Bubski Nebius said. “A national championship was out of the question a long time ago and now we lose.”

“We pretty much thought we’d win these last two games and have a chance to at least go to a decent bowl game,” sophomore tailback Tony Thomas said. “Now all those dreams are shattered, especially for the seniors. Basically, these last two games were for the seniors. Unfortunately, we came out on short again.”

The Notre Dame will play over the holidays this season’s showdown with Rose Bowl-bound Stanford over Thanksgiving break.

Perhaps Notre Dame can pretend it’s a Rose Bowl to be played in Palo Alto, rather than Pasadena — one without the parade and the $8 million payoff. Of course.

In fact, the only motivation left for the Irish and the senior class is to go out with a victory and avoid the first seven-loss season in 35 years.

Fortunately, we have another game left,” head coach Bob Davie said. “So we have a chance for our seniors to finish this thing off right.”

The mood in the locker room following the seniors’ last home game proved things weren’t right Saturday.

“It was tough. It was quiet,” junior Grant Irons said. “Everyone was just feeling for each other, especially the seniors. It’s their last game and you always want to send them out on top.”

After what some of the seniors have been through during their careers — a coaching change, no bowl victories, lofty expectations, personal adversity — it’s an accomplishment to go out at all.

“I think we’re beat up emotionally more than anything,” captain Jarious Jackson said. “We’ve had some ups and downs, but hopefully we can find some way to pull through.”

The Irish seniors couldn’t pull through in their final home game. Maybe they can find a way to win their final game in a Notre Dame uniform.

Notre Dame 31, Boston College 29

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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Boston College's Jonathan Ordway jars the ball loose from Julius Jones during a punt return in the first quarter. Irish fullback Tom Lopienski recovered the fumble. Jones got redemption with a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Notre Dame football team will spend the holiday season at home this year. Last Saturday's 31-29 loss to Boston College eliminated Notre Dame from the bowl picture and ensured the Irish a non-winning record for the first time since 1986. Notre Dame takes on Stanford Saturday with hopes of averting its first seven loss season since 1963.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Boston College tailback Cedric Washington bursts through a hole in the Notre Dame defense. Washington finished with 35 yards on 13 carries.

JOE STARK/The Observer

Senior fullback Joey Goodspeed leaps for a pass in the back of the end zone in the fourth quarter. He caught the pass, but a penalty negated the touchdown.
**Movie Reviews**

**Burton's 'Sleepy Hollow' loses its head**

By MATT NANIA

The fuzzy fable "Sleepy Hollow," directed by Tim Burton, builds a typically dark yet delightful fantasy, only to disappoint in its midway misshapen exposition and a drawn-out, action-beaty finale. Part "Nightmare on Elm Street" and part "Murder, She Wrote," this macabre mystery offers an entertaining, but flawed, comedic odyssey through haunted house horrors and (un)gothic humor.

Burton and writer Brian Helgeland (who cut off Gwyneth Paltrow's head in "Seven") have taken Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," a spooky story about a hyperactive rural schoolteacher and his confrontations with the mysterious and "headless horseman," and turned it into a '90s-style horror-comedy.

Starting Johnny Depp ("Denial's Bruno") as Ichabod Crane, "Sleepy Hollow" tells the story of a 1799 New York forensics specialist who abandoned his rural New York to investigate a string of decapitations. Blending his findings solely on scientific fact, the detective respectfully brushes off the town's folks' allegations of a "headless horseman."

However, Crane soon discovers much personal evidence to convince the people of the outdoors - the horseman kills a man right in front of Crane, and the severed head rolls quite literally into his lap. Still, the scientific Crane sees there is a method to the monster's madness. He kills for a purpose, and the frightened investigator remains determined to apply himself to the mystery of the horseman's reign.

**"Sleepy Hollow"**

_out of five shamrocks_

**Director:** Tim Burton

**Starring:** Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci, Christopher Walken, Miranda Richardson and Michael Gambon

Christina Ricci and Johnny Depp star in "Sleepy Hollow." She's consistently convincing in her part, portraying and shares little chemistry with the charming Depp. Despite his valiant efforts to bring depth, sudden and meaning to what is otherwise a simple spoof-fest, Burton doesn't trust his own craftsmanship or the audience's intelligence enough to let the tale of "Sleepy Hollow" tell itself. All of the story's hinted-at plot points, which include bits of witchcraft and last will testaments, are recalled by the gloating villain.

**Never say never to Bond**

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH

_The World is Not Enough_ is the 19th and newest film starring James Bond in the longest running film series in history. It is hardly different from any other 007 film, but that didn't disappoint anyone who saw it in the sold-out theaters across America this last weekend.

The film has all the characteristics viewers have grown to love. Like usual, there is the characteristic martini ordure — "Shaken, not stirred" — and the casino, car chases, the visits to Q and Moneypenny, the girls, the evil villain's plot that takes over the world and of course, the babies.

Let's talk about the babies. Denise Richards, who plays Christmas Jones, is one of the highest-caller women Bond has ever seen (by calculator I'm referring both to the size of her gun barrel and the quality of her character — it's a home-run). Richards is most remembered for her message-a-tunes with Matt Dillon and Neve Campbell in "Wild Things."

**"The World is Not Enough"**

_out of five shamrocks_

**Director:** Michael Apted

**Starring:** Pierce Brosnan, Denise Richards, Sophie Marceau and Judi Dench

He is probably the second best though, because he looks so natural in every spy aspect and knows how to nonchalantly deliver the double entendres. Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and "the other guy" just don't seem to have the instinctual suaveness of Brosnan, who has an advantage from his early stint on "Remington Steel."

The action stunts are again nothing short of spectacular. From the opening boat chase on the Thames River to the "Running Man"-esque pipeline pursuit and the climactic finish, British director Michael Apted delivers traditional 007 excitement. To take an overused movie quote cliché, "It was non-stop action thrills."

The plot is believably complex and probably the best since "Goldfinger." The ending is the best from an action film in recent years, it doesn't seem too long or too short.

Judging a 007 film is difficult because one is always guessing for the characteristic Bond traits, but still wanting originality. _The World Is Not Enough_ contains all of the customs, but falls slightly below par in originality, particularly with the villains. It is a good 007 film, but not great.
LAHAINA, Hawaii — The list is impressive — Connecticut, Ohio State, Utah and St. John’s. All were in the preseason top 25 and all have lost a game this season.

Since No. 5 North Carolina, No. 3 Florida and No. 4 Purdue are all in the field for the Maui Invitational, which begins Monday, at least two more teams will be added to that list.

Whatever happened to “Cupcake City,” as a well-known TV analyst referenced playing early season mismatch?

“These games don’t count against your 27-game schedule and they are a chance to see where you stack up in your league and an opportunity to travel whether it’s Maui, Puerto Rico or New York City for the postseason NIT,” Purdue coach Gene Keady said Sunday.

“There’s too good things about it. It all changed when people realized they had to win so it was a good way to recruit,” Keady added.

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**FSU one win from perfect season**

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Soon, the excitement of a big victory will ebb for Bobby Bowden. It will be replaced by six of the most stomach-churning weeks of anticipation he has ever experienced.

The Florida State coach is one win away from one of the few goals that has eluded him — a perfect season.

"I think I'm due after 46 years," Bowden said. "I sure would love to have one."

The top-ranked Seminoles (11-0) stayed undefeated Saturday with a 30-23 victory over No. 5 Florida on Saturday. They earned their second straight trip to the national title game.

"Running the slate without a loss is about the only missing piece to a sparkling career for a coach with 303 career victories, one national title and an accompanying list of achievements as impressive as anyone in the game."

In many ways, Bowden may have overcome his most difficult jurella by defeating the Gators (9-2) at The Swamp.

As the Seminoles danced at midfield after the game — not before, as they have in the past — they had a sense that the big win against their toughest opponent answered any remaining questions people had about them.

"This one feels really good," Bowden said. "To beat the Gators in this place for a chance to play for a national championship is awfully, awfully special."

**Bobby Bowden Seminole head coach**

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But the Seminoles completed the regular season feeling good about their chances. Their theory is that if they can beat Florida in The Swamp, those other guys on a neutral field should be beatable, as well.

Not willing to jump on the bandwagon was Gators coach Steve Spurrier. After watching his team fritter away opportunities and commit costly mistakes, he was more convinced of his team's own imperfections than he was of Florida State's dominance.

"They still may win them all and they still may be No. 1," Spurrier said. "They are a pretty good team, but they are not the team they have had in the past."

"After a victory in the biggest game of the season," Bowden said, "we're more convinced that we can beat 'em."

"And you know what? We're undefeated..."

"Vick doesn't get tackled too much. It's just Michael Vick being Michael Vick. He does it anywhere at any time," said running back Andre Kendrick, who ran for two scores.

But the Hokies didn't dwell long on their big win, which clinched at least a share of the Big East championship.

"I'm not sure we can control our own destiny. You check those computers later," Tech coach Frank Beamer said, referring to the Bowl Championship Series standings that are partly derived by computer rankings.

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Almost lost in the shadows of Vick's big game was the Temple Owls, who played a solid game in Philadelphia but lost 30-23 to Temple on Saturday.

Plus, Vick got out of some tough jams in the pocket with his mobility to buy more time for big plays — like his 53- and 73-yard touchdown runs.

Coming into the Temple game, Vick led the Big East in total offense with 218.6 yards per game.

"Maybe that's the way Steve feels," Bowden said. "But you know what? We're undefeated and he isn't."

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Whirlwinds extinguish Pyros in triple-overtime epic

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

All of the emotion, tension and highlights that are expected to unfold on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium were witnessed on Sunday as the Whirlwinds of Welsh swept away the Pyros' championship title from the Pyros of Pasquerilla East 18-12 in a sensational triple-overtime drama.

After a shaky start by Welsh and a quick PE touchdown, the Pyros looked to maintain their winning ways. On PE's first possession, Elizabeth Plummer connected with Melissa Gorman for a quick six points. But the Whirlwinds took the blow in stride, and Welsh quarterback Katie Rak unleashed an incredible pass to wide receiver Vanessa LiChon to even the score. PE came out firing in the second half but was halted by the solid Welsh defense that performed tremendously throughout the whole game. The Whirlwinds effectively halted the Pyro offense that had run over their opponents all season.

"The defense played tremendous," Welsh coach Dave DePoister said. "Pushing Plummer back was huge — they played phenomenal!"

As the end of the second half wound down, the Whirlwinds threatened to score, but could not capitalize on their field position, forcing overtime. After a bomb from Welsh quarterback Rak to LiChon put the Whirlwinds within five yards of the goal line, the team could not overcome the barrier to the end zone.

Rak attempted a quarterback sneak, but instead of ending up near to midfield, he instead of ending up near to midfield, the team could not capitalize on their field position, forcing another overtime. After a failed attempt on fourth down, the Whirlwinds lost possession after a failed attempt for a touchdown on fourth down.

The Pyro defense remained strong, keeping its team in the run for the championship. "Our defense played really well," PE coach Dong Min said. "They kept us in the game."

In the first overtime, Welsh forced PE to match its offensive spark, after Eden connected with LiChon for a touchdown. The Pyros were quick to answer when Plummer hit center Kristin Carey in the end zone to even the score at 12. Both teams failed to convert the extra point, sending the game into double overtime.

The Pyros and Whirlwinds traded interceptions in the second overtime, forcing yet another overtime where the outcome would ultimately be decided. Welsh obtained the ball first in the third overtime, and successfully pushed ahead of PE when Welsh wide receiver Alex Callan caught a touchdown pass from Rak. The potent Welsh defense denied PE any chance of scoring when two consecutive sacks pushed the Pyro offense back nearly to midfield. On fourth down, the Pyros hoped for a miracle, but were rejected when Plummer's attempted pass was batted down outside the end zone.

Plummer's deflected pass signaled a wild celebration on the Whirlwind sideline as the team began to celebrate their first interhall championship title. The Pyros stood stunned, and watched as their bid for a third straight title was stripped from their grasp, by a team they had dominated earlier in the season.

"Our team played pretty well," Pyro assistant coach Doug Kraft said. "It was a tough game. We knew that their team had come a long way."

The Whirlwind coaches could not say enough about the effort and heart that their players put forth in the title game.

"We are just really proud of our girls," DePoister said. "They 110 percent."
Defensive stand gives Knott first interhall championship

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Add the Knott Juggernauts to the litany of great interhall football champions. The Juggs slaked their claim to being the best men's interhall team of 1999, as they blasted the Sorin Otters 24-6 in game played in Notre Dame Stadium under the watchful eyes of Touchdown Jesus.

Knott's swarming defense proved to be the difference. After allowing the Otters to move the ball on the game's first possession, the Juggs' defense stiffened up and pressured them into committing five turnovers.

It appeared as though as might be time for Sorin to finally win a title after dropping two straight championship duels, as the Otters put together a spectacular opening drive. Quarterback Luke Beuerlein hit wideout Greg Carney on a 60-yard bomb for the game's first score.

If anyone had their doubts about the Juggs, Virtue's accumulation stretched the Knott lead to 14-0 with a no-hierna touchdown that proved the Juggs a lead they would never relinquish.

"It was a sweep to the right," said Virtue of his score. "A hole opened up on the inside and I just cut it to the endzone."

Having watched the offense gain the advantage, the Juggs vaunted defense sought to make a contribution of its own. Dan Zach intercepted a Beuerlein pass and wove his way 42 yards for the touchdown that proved the game's most crucial play. A converted extra point stretched the Knott lead to 14-6.

"The interception return was definitely the game's turning point," noted Virtue. "The Otters were very much in the game before that." Virtue's score was pretty much over from there.

Sorin never seemed to recover. After getting the ball back, the Otters were largely ineffective in moving the ball as the Juggs' pass rush was relentless in its pursuit of Beuerlein. After forcing the Otters into a three and out, the Juggs found themselves with a drive deep into Sorin territory.

"He's been excellent all season," said Suarez. "In my mind, he's the best back in the league."

After knocking the extra point through the uprights, the Juggs entered the half with a 21-6 lead.

The Otters' passing attack took a severe hit when freshman star Greg Carney sustained an injury to his left hand. Carney was not his dominant self throughout much of the game, as he showed grit hanging in the game.

"Knott's play in the second half mirrored its efforts in the first. Once again the defense moved to suffocate the highly touted Otter attack. The Juggs' defense picked off one more Beuerlein toss and recovered two Otter fumbles to negate any hopes Sorin had of getting back into the game.

The Juggs added a field goal to cap the scoring, leaving the scoreboard at the north end of the stadium reading Knott 24, Sorin 6.

"We're the better team," said Suarez. "We have better players that made plays and that's why we were able to win."

"Our defense played very well," he added. "We pressured Beuerlein the whole game. We just didn't give him any time. We knew they couldn't win if we didn't give them any time.

"The Otters came into the game with a passing attack that seemed unstoppable, but the injury to Carney and the pressure applied by Knott saw that theory disproved."

As he accepted the champion trophy at the game's conclusion, the broad grin on Suarez's face told the story.

"What a win," he said. "What a great feeling."
Boniol's OT field goal propels Chicago past San Diego

**Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO One week later, Chris Boniol made his overtime field goal.

Boniol missed a 31-yarder that would have beaten Minnesota last week. Kicked a 36-yarder with 10:02 left in overtime Sunday, giving the Chicago Bears a 21-20 win over the San Diego Chargers.

Six seconds later, he kicked a 37-yard field goal, and one week after forswearing 422 yards, Jim Miller got his first win as a starting quarterback.

Miller, who completed 25 of 38 passes for 357 yards, then a 31-yard pass to Marcus Robinson that set up Boniol's winning kick.

Both touchdowns came late in the third quarter of what had been a lopsided game between teams struggling to get back to .500. Chicago improved to 4-6 while the Chargers (4-6) lost their fifth straight game.

San Diego forced overtime with 10 points in the final 4:02. Jim Harbaugh threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Tremayne Stephens and John Carney kicked a 28-yard field goal with one second left.

**Jets 17, Bills 7**

The Bills (7-4-1) did a superb job of self-destructing offensively with three giveaways and plenty of poor throws and inopportune routes. They aren't counting out anybody in this division — certainly not the Jets.

Ray Lucas, safely encased at quarterback now that he is healthy, was 16-20-1 for 142 yards and has the most consistent plan that worked well.

Lucas completed his first eight passes and used his cleanness to avoid a hefty Bills pass rush that still managed five sacks. On his 9-yard second-quarter completion, LeRoi Butler of Miami picked up a 70-yard drive, Lucas accelerated out of the pocket before any Bills could react. He sped untouched into the end zone for his first career TD rushing.

**Rams 32, Giants 13**

First place in the NFC East on the line, the Washington Redskins relied on their defense for a third, forcing five turnovers and getting four sacks in the victory.

The final turnover came when Collins fumbled the snap at the Redskins' 27 as the Giants were driving to tie the game with 4:31 to play. Kenad Lang recovered, the final big play in a season-long defense ranked worst in the league.

The Redskins (6-4) broke a two-game losing streak and moved into sole possession of first place in the NFC East.

Rams quarterback Trent Dilfer was 16-for-28 for 142 yards and two touchdowns, with six passes and used his elusiveness to avoid over-come five turnovers.

**Jaguars 11, Buccaneers 10**

Payton Manning ended up on the sideline for his NFL career Sunday, benched after quarters in the victory.

Manning threw for 235 yards and three touchdowns in the first quarter, and rookie Edgerrin James ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns in the first quarter alone. It was 17-0 after the first quarter, 30-3 at halftime.

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Irish were able to dump the ball inside to Murphy all day long for the easy baskets.

"They just don't have a guy who can guard Troy," first-year head coach Matt Dobbert said. "And we tried to exploit that."

With the height advantages causing the Irish to dish the ball to Murphy more than usual, the rest of the team had to be unscored and let the W tell the story of the game.

"They sacrificed their shots for me today," Murphy said. "Some days you get that opportunity, and other days you have to be a passer. Today we just had that height advantage."

"To me it's Notre Dame winning, and with that, everybody wins," Dobbert said. "The kids sacrificed their individual success for the team success."

Murphy shot 14-for-18 from the field and was seven for 10 from the charity stripe. He also added four assists and recorded two blocks against St. Francis.

"Troy Murphy, without question, is one of the premier big guys in the country," St. Francis head coach Bobby Jones said. "Anytime you have a player of the caliber of Troy Murphy, you're going to have a hard time if you're not strong inside. We're a team that's not blessed with strength and size in the middle."

St. Francis was anchored in the early going by its two point guards, one of whom moved to the two position. Juniors Earl Foreman and Jamal Hagland, measured in at 5-foot-4 and 5-foot-10 respectively for St. Francis, each tallied three treys in the first half.

"They have lots of undersized players," Graves said. "But they showed a lot of heart and they shot the ball real well."

In the first half, Murphy put up 17 points, senior Todd Palmer contributed six, and Graves added five to complement his four assists. At the game's midway point, Notre Dame was ahead 34-29.

Murphy got the jam from Dillon to open up the second period, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

Foreman and Ragland couldn't keep up their hot shooting in the second half, missing a combined seven shots from behind the arc and not making one. St. Francis wound up eight for 26 from three-point range in the game, a significant factor in the outcome.

"We're a three-point shooting team, but we don't want to shoot 20-plus threes because we don't have the strength inside to rebound if we miss," Jones said.

Senior guard John McLean came on strong for St. Francis, with 15 points in his team's first loss of the season. The Irish extended their lead throughout the second stanza, going ahead by as many as 15 points.

Sophomore Harold Swanagan got several second-half buckets to aid the Irish. Senior point guard Jimmy Bilion brought down four boards and dished off three assists in the Irish victory.

Following the victory, the Irish turn their attention to the semifinals of the Preseason NIT against Arizona, to be played Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

"It's nice to be able to talk about Arizona and the NIT without being so guarded about things," Dobbert said. "If we play hard against Arizona, we might have a shot. If we don't play hard, we won't have a chance.

Arizona, coached by Lute Olson is ranked No. 10 in the Associated Press poll.

The Irish won their first two games in the NIT over No. 6 Ohio State and a Siena team which won more than 20 games this season. With the unexpected win over the Buckeyes and the subsequent victory over the Saints, the Irish added three extra games to their schedule.

"I think it is a bonus because you're playing against top-quality teams that will help prepare us for the Big East and as far of strength of schedule when you talk about the NCAA Tournament," Dobbert said.

Murphy, a New Jersey native, is looking forward to the chance to play close to home.

"It'll be a dream come true for me," Murphy said. "I've been going to that tournament since high school."

Game notes

- Notre Dame's leading scorer and rebounder as a freshman, Murphy is off to a great start in his sophomore campaign. He's averaging 29 points and 10.3 rebounds per game so far this season.
- For the second straight game, the Irish shot more than 60 percent from the field, going 29-for-46.
- A near-capacity crowd of 9,056 attended the game.

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"It has always seemed like the balls have gone off posts against us," Beene said. "But this game it was our luck with the posts."

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum was surprised that a penalty kick was called so late in the game. A Stanford cross took a funny bounce and struck an Irish player in the hand in the box. When a similar situation happened a minute later against the Irish, Waldrum said, "I thought they controlled things pretty well for us back there." Sarkesian broke the scoreless tie with a hard shot to the left side of the goal across the front of the net. Senior forward Jenny Heft deflected the ball and the referee called a goal.

"I was really surprised he called the PK [penalty kick]," Waldrum said. "Usually in a tight game like that he lets the players decide it on the field. I think we came out doing our best to try and get a tying goal." Green and Ivey kept the Rockets' defense scrambling, as the two guards combined for 29 points. Ericka Haney, coming off the bench at the guard position, rounded out the Irish backcourt, registering 11 points from the field.

"It was our first game and we came out strong," said Ratay. "They were a good team, but they had some good players, but we just focused on doing our best."

"We played really well off the bench," said Ratay. "It was another great win for Notre Dame to the credit of the team, who recorded a .839 winning percentage the second best in the program's 22-year history.

"Defensively it was very good tonight," Waldrum said. "I thought we were pretty good defensively in the midfield especially in the second half and that was the part I have been the most disappointed in with the past few games."

Defender Kelly Lindsey gave credit for the better defensive effort to the midfielders. "It felt a lot more coordinated in the second half mostly because of our center midfielders," the junior captain said. "They started picking up their marks and their runs more so we didn't have as many to deal with up top."
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S Sarkesian’s score sends Irish to quarterfinals

Sophomore scores sole goal in 81st minute, Cardinal penalty kick falls short

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The celebration following Irish sophomore Mia Sarkesian’s game-winning goal changed into tense uncertainty about a minute later.

Against the Stanford Cardinal in the NCAA tournament, Stanford’s Ronnie Fair was awarded a penalty kick, which could have knotted the score at 1.

The senior midfielder lined up just a few yards from Irish senior goalkeeper Lakeisha Beene. Fair shot a hard ball toward the lower right corner of the net. Beene dove fully extended to her right but the ball was just out right earner of the net. Beene said, "Ronnie scored so many goals from free kicks, I don’t fault her at all. It was just one of those things that happened. It was maybe a millimeter off." Beene was glad the bounces finally went Notre Dame’s way and the Irish found a bit of luck.

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Troy Murphy to defeat the Francis Red Flash 73-60 Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

Assistant

The Irish used a significant height advantage and a career day by sophomore forward Troy Murphy to defeat the St. Francis Red Flash 73-60 Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

Murphy scored a career-high 35 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the victory to lead the Irish to their first 3-0 start in 11 years.

"They weren't stopping him," sophomore forward David Graves said. "Anytime that they're not going to stop a pre-season All-American, we're just going to have to give him the ball."

The tallest player for St. Francis (1-1) was 6-foot-5, no one to effectively contain the 6-foot-10 Murphy. The forward out of red

Junior forward Meotis Erikson challenges a Stanford defender in Friday night's third round game.

Senior guard Jimmy Dillon sets up the Notre Dame offense in Sunday’s 73-60 victory over St. Francis.

Freshman Ratay leads ND past Toledo

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish backcourt lit the spark that blasted the Rockets Saturday night when Notre Dame opened its season against Toledo with a 68-52 win on the road.

While a base of four returning starters to the Irish squad were key in providing experience and continuity on the court in the pre-season, a fresh face on the team has already begun to make her mark.

Freshman guard Alicia Ratay, who led the Irish in her first regular-season collegiate start with 18 points, is already proving that experience is not the only strength of the seventh-ranked Irish. Ratay’s developing deadly three-pointer, should add to an already-talented set of Irish guards anchored by veterans Niele Ivey and Danielle Green.

Despite the hype surrounding the freshman, Ratay doesn’t feel any added pressure on the court.

"I’m just going to go out and play my best and whatever happens on the court happens," said Ratay.

Despite a clear height advantage over the Rockets in the paint, the Irish were forced early on to keep the ball on the perimeter. Center Ruth Riley, the 6-foot-5 go-to player under the basket for the Irish, picked up two fouls within the opening two minutes and spent most of the first half on the bench. Riley