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By JASON MCFARLEY

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Saint Mary's president, Admissions Director, and the University of Chicago's George Washington University, also fared well in this year's ranking.

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Saint Mary's Board of Trustees renewed Marilou Eldred's contract as president of the College on June 30 for a five-year term. Eldred has held the office since 1997.

"Eldred has brought a sense of energy and direction to the College," said Bill Schumil, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Eldred has served as wonderful role model for the women of Saint Mary's College."

Before Eldred's contract was renewed, the Board sought input from the students and faculty of the College. The response was unanimously positive, and the campus was pleased with Eldred's performance as the leader of the Saint Mary's community. After reviewing the feedback from the students and faculty the Board agreed to renew Eldred's contract.

Eldred came to Saint Mary's to replace President William Hickey in June of 1997. At the same time she became the first lay woman to be appointed to the office of the president at the College.

"I saw the need for better community building within the College and connecting Saint Mary's more to the South Bend community," said Eldred about her acceptance of the position. "This campus felt like where I wanted to be."

Students were generally pleased with the decision to renew Eldred's contract. "Personally I think it's really wonderful to have a female president at an all women's college," senior Page Varstler said. "I think she's done a great job."

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Saint Mary's president, Marilou Eldred (center) was offered a contract renewal this summer. Among her noted achievements since she took office in 1997 was the new Welcome Center, part of the Master Plan.

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For love is God

For the third consecutive election, the Commission on Presidential Debates chose Washington University to host one of the nationally televised candidate debates.

Although facilities preparations will not begin until September, a subcommittee for Student Affairs and Programs is working on organizing student involvement leading up to and during the event. The subcommittee's ideas include tours of the debate area for members of the community, students, and staff. The debate is on the list of three debate sites that will have on display oil paintings of every president. The paintings, done by an artist commissioned by C-SPAN, will then move directly to the White House Visitor's Center.

The committee has also discussed inter-departmental educational opportunities, including lectures and debates, and events involving local politicians and leaders.

"Student initiative and interest will determine some of the details," said Bill Carnaghi, director of Campus Life and member of the committee.

The number of available tickets for students cannot be determined at this time, in part because the format for the debates has not yet been determined. If the debate is set up in the format of a town hall-style forum, there may be more available tickets than there would be for a panel format, because of the seating arrangement. The tickets are controlled by the Commission and first must be used to meet the demands of the local and national media. Television equipment will also take up much of the space in the Field House.

"We just won't know," said Steve Givens, assistant to the chancellor. "It's all in the hands of the Commission and students."

Students who receive tickets to the debates will most likely be determined based on a lottery. Students may be able to sign up for the lottery closer to the time of the debate.
Grads shoot for the stars with NASA

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

He grew up watching shuttle launches on television in the 1960s. When he was 12, Michael Good drove with his family to Cape Canaveral to watch the space shuttles in person. But that was just the beginning.

"I feel like I'm living a dream," said Good. "Pretty much ever since I attended Notre Dame I wanted to go up in space. When I picked my aerospace major my sophomore year, it was the year the first shuttle went up in 1981."

Notre Dame graduates U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Good and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin Ford, who was unavailable for comment, are members of NASA's astronaut class of 2000. Before arriving at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston last week, Good was at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., as an F-15 weapons test officer. Ford was serving as director of plans and programs at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

At Notre Dame, Good, class of 1984, and Ford, class of 1982, both majored in aerospace and mechanical engineering.

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Michael Good and his family recently purchased a house in Houston. He and his wife, Joan, have 14 and 10-year-old boys, and a 2-year-old girl.

"Joan is very happy and very excited. But the kids are just warming up to the idea," he said.

Now in Houston, Good faces the reality of his dream. When asked about any fears, he declined having any. "I have no fears. I'm used to doing flight tests in the Air Force. We try to take all the risk out of it. I'm just excited."

Good and Ford have four to five years before they actually go up in space. For the first year, the group will have shuttle training and in the next year, they will each have ground jobs supporting the shuttle program in Houston. From the third year on, each group member will be doing their job and waiting to be assigned to his mission. Once assigned, Good and Ford will train with the other six to seven members for a maximum of a year.

Despite his recent success, Good continues to dream.

"I'd like to help build the international space station," he said.

Teacher agreements continue in Philly

PHILADELPHIA

Three days before classes were scheduled to begin for 200,000 Philadelphia students, the city's teachers' union announced Monday it would urge teachers to approve their first strike since 1981.

Negotiators for the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers and the School District of Philadelphia spent Labor Day at the bargaining table, but union President Ted Kirsch said Monday that negotiations were not progressing.

Kirsch said the union's leaders would recommend teachers vote Tuesday morning to strike.

Under state law, the union must give the district 48 hours' notice of a walk-out. Classes are scheduled to begin on Thursday.

"We have responded positively and creatively at the table, willing to break ground on each and every issue to improve education in the district. But at the 11th hour, it has become apparent that the district has no intention of honoring their own commitment," union spokeswoman Barbara Goodman said Monday.

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Fundraising is always a very high priority," Eldred said.

Eldred's vision of the College will include keeping it a strong Catholic women's college, increasing enrollment to 1,700 students, improving diversity, maintaining its image as a superior undergraduate liberal arts institution, and keeping it as residential as possible.

Prior to her acceptance of the position of president at Saint Mary's in 1997, Eldred served as vice president of the college and as the academic vice president at the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul, MN. Eldred received her B.A. from Mundelein College in Chicago, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from New York University.

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**World News Briefs**

**Police ransack student group:** Police raided the headquarters of an American student group Monday known for its opposition to President Slobodan Milosevic, ransacking drawers, confiscating campaign material and barring students from leaving during the raid. Some 15 students were inside at the time, said Igor Djapic, an Opuz activist present at the raid. "They demanded our ID cards, ransacked all our drawers and broke into the locked cupboards, confiscating virtually every scrap of campaign material they could find," Djapic said. Police carried away their computers, as well as posters and flags with the group's clenched-fist resistance symbol, Djapic said.

**Elephant kills American tourist:** A wild elephant killed one American tourist and injured another during a wildlife tour in Saturday. Preliminary reports indicated the tourists had left their vehicle and walked between two groups of elephants from the same herd, said Ben Heytel, an official with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

**National News Briefs**

Judge doubts guilt of alleged spy: The judge who tried to release fired nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee, whose manslaughter trial is to begin Monday, doubted the government failed to present convincing arguments for keeping him behind bars. Wen Ho Lee was to have been released Friday from the Santa Fe County jail, where he has been kept since December in solitary confinement. But an appeals court halted his release at the last minute while it considered an appeal from the government. The U.S. District Judge James Parker, in an unsealed opinion released late Friday, outlined his reasons for wanting Lee released, saying he was not convinced that Lee had downloaded some of the country's most sensitive nuclear secrets.

Irish protesters hurl paint: Four Irishmen were arrested over the weekend for throwing yellow paint in separate incidents near the United Nations, where 150 world leaders are gathering this week for the U.N. Millennium Summit. One incident involved the president of Iran, police said Monday. It wasn't clear if the incidents were related, but a spokesman for the National Council of Resistance of Iran — which bills itself as Iran's parliament-in-exile — said yellow is "the color of dismay, land the color of disappearance," said Alireza Jarehazadeh.

**Ex-prime minister may seek title**

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri celebrates his overwhelming victory in the final stage of the parliamentary elections. Hariri is undecided as to whether he will once again seek office after his resignation two years ago.

**Native Americans seek reparations**

Federal officials admit that over the last 133 years the government mishandled $500 million in trust accounts for American Indians. But they say U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth overstepped his authority with rulings ordering a full accounting of the money and appointing himself overseer of reform efforts. He also has held two Cabinet secretaries in contempt.

The government is appealing Lamberth's December ruling in a 4-year-old lawsuit brought by Indians, who contend they are due more than $10 billion because of the mismanagement. Arguments are scheduled for today before a three-judge federal appellate court panel.

Lawyers for the more than 300,000 trust account holders contend the appeal shows the federal government — particularly Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt — is more interested in blocking attempts to get the money than righting a wrong.

"In the outside world, if you screw up with people's money, you end up in jail," said Eloise Cobell, a Blackfoot Indian who is the lead plaintiff. "That's the problem here, that the Department of the Interior has never had to pay for what they've done to screw up people's lives on Indian reservations."

The trust accounts came from an 1887 federal law that divided some reservation land into smaller plots for individual Indians. The federal government holds that land in trust for the Indians — meaning it cannot be taxed or sold and the government must approve any leases.
FRANCE

Concorde investigation focuses on stray piece of metal

Associated Press

PARIS — A stray length of metal which gouged a tire of a supersonic Concorde, leading to a fuel tank fire and dooming the flight, probably came from a Continental Airlines plane that took off on the same runway four minutes earlier, French investigators announced Monday.

The discovery after a dogged search appears to end one mystery in the investigation of the July 23 accident that killed all 109 people aboard the supersonic plane and four on the ground.

Meanwhile, Air France Chief Executive Officer Pierre-Henri Gourgeon raised the possibility that the Concorde could be airborne again by May 2001. It was the first time any date has been given since France and Britain officially grounded their fleets in August.

"There are many uncertainties and May would seem to be the earliest possible date," he told reporters. "Experts haven't yet made their recommendations," so costs to modify the aircraft are not known, he added.

French Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot has said the plane will not be certified as airworthy until investigators can unlock the "catastrophic chain of events" that led to the crash.

Investigators were convinced early on that the metal part destroyed a left forward tire, sending huge chunks of high velocity rubber toward the fuel tanks in the Concorde's delta-shaped wings, causing a fuel leak and a huge fire.

The flight, filled with German tourists, crashed into a small hotel, less than two minutes after takeoff.

A Continental DC10 had a missing part "which appeared to be identical to the metal piece found on the runway" at Charles de Gaulle airport, said a statement issued by France's Accident and Inquiry Office, or BEA.

The BEA's preliminary report on the accident, made public Thursday on the Internet, showed a picture of a bent metal strip, with rivet holes, nearly 17 inches long and an inch wide. One side was painted with a greengish epoxy and the other covered with a red-dish putty.

BEA investigators inspected the aircraft Saturday in Houston, where Continental is based, officials said, accompanied by officials from Continental, the National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

A Continental statement said the officials determined that a piece of a metal wear strip, similar in shape to the piece of metal found on the runway in Paris, was missing from the space between the fan reverser and the core door on the right-wing engine of the Continental DC10.

The BEA statement described the part in question as part of a hood on a thrust reverser. It was not immediately known whether there might be any legal implications for Continental. The airline noted that "it has not been determined definitively that the missing part on its aircraft was the piece found on the runway. BEA spoke with Hélène Bastianelli said that it was "probably the same part."

A parallel judicial investigation by French authorities is underway to determine eventual responsibility for the crash, but officials were not immediately available for comment.

The discovery would clear a doubt cast on the same day in August, which had not been fully cleared for some 12 hours before the Concorde took off. A cleaning due to take place at 3 p.m. — less than two hours before the Concorde flight — was canceled for a fire drill.

The find comes after a detailed search for the part's origin by BEA investigators, who examined all planes that had used the runway ahead of the Concorde.

She said the plane in question took off about four minutes before the Concorde flight.

"There is a gap that has been filled in the scenario," she said.

adding, however, that the discovery does not advance the core issue — how to prevent this kind of accident.

It was the first accident by the supersonic Concorde since it entered commercial service 24 years ago. The only two existing Concorde fleets — in France and Britain — were both officially grounded in August until further notice.

The Concorde, which flies across the Atlantic at twice the speed of sound, had been the most elite form of commercial transatlantic air travel.

Gourgeon, the Air France official, said it was adding an early morning Paris-New York flight to its schedule to compensate for the canceled Concorde flights.

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Candidates campaign, discuss debate appearances

Associated Press

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Opening his final campaign with a weeklong tour, George W. Bush taunted rival Al Gore on Monday for rejecting his offer of three presidential debates. "All of a sudden the word's any time, anywhere, don't mean anything," Bush said in Pittsburgh. "Working people have done better and there are more jobs." As for Bush's $1.3 trillion tax-cut plan, Gore told supporters at the Louisville Motor Speedway in Kentucky, "I'd vote that in a minute."

Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate, and his running mate Joseph Lieberman appealed to working class voters with a six-state Labor Day weekend tour. The two campaigned together in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida, then Gore hit the trail on his own in Kentucky while Lieberman made solo stops in Ohio and Illinois.

Bush and running mate Dick Cheney together opened a campaign push through six Midwest battlegrounds: Illinois and Michigan on Monday with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio to follow later this week. The Republican presidential candidate kept up the pressure on Gore to agree to Bush's proposed debate schedule as the Gore campaign held open the possibility for negotiations over the three prime-time matchups.

"Just yesterday, we had an interesting example of Washington doublespeak," Bush told a rally in this heavily Republican Chicago suburb before he and Cheney walked in a parade. "My opponent said he would debate me anywhere, any time, anywhere. He just turned on me."

The debate Bush accepted would be 60-minute appearances, one Sept. 12 on a special prime-time edition of NBC's "Meet the Press" and Oct. 3 from Los Angeles on CNN's "Larry King Live."

The Gore campaign wants three 90-minute debates as recommended by a bipartisan commission, saying those will reach the widest audience.

Gore said Bush must agree to the commission debates before any others. "It's become a tradition to get all the networks together and give all of the American people the right to see three 90-minute, prime-time debates," the vice president said on NBC's "Today."

Lieberman told reporters, "I think Governor Bush is making an end run around the rules of the debate commission."

Gore has accepted the invitation from the Commission on Presidential Debates to negotiate further this week over a debate schedule. Bush spokesman spokesman McClellan said the commission's offer to negotiate further would not change Bush's intention to accept only one of its venues — an Oct. 17 debate at Washington University in St. Louis.

On the trail, a Gore-Lieberman 27-hour campaign sprint took the candidates to greet laborers in Placentia, Flint, Mich., and Tampa, Fla. Gore then marched in a Pittsburgh parade and rallied at the Speedway in Louisville, Ky.

Lieberman sandwiched a Toledo (Ohio) Mud Hens baseball game between visits to union members in Detroit and Poolesville, Md.

Gore planned an economic speech Wednesday in Cleveland. Bush and Cheney endured a light rain on their parade in Illinois.

"I can't think of a better place to begin the fall campaign," Bush told a crowd of hundreds at a pre-parade rally. "We're in for a tough battle. This is going to be a close race."

In 64 days, we're going to end the Clinton-Gore era," Cheney said to loud cheers.

Bush and Cheney walked a mile and a half in the parade, with Bush moving from side to side, pumping his hands with those lining the route. Cheney shook far fewer hands than Bush and mostly walked down the middle of the street as Bush darted about.

Although the crowd was overwhelmingly supportive, some protesters waved signs ridiculing the GOP ticket. "I'm voting for Gore because not enough of my tax dollars support corporate welfare," said one sign. Another said: "Vote Bush because gay people have too many rights."

After the parade, Bush attended Michigan's annual peach festival in Romeo, Mich. — known for its high proportion of voters who swing back and forth between the two parties.

Cheney rode a Chicago elevated train to a Polish food fair, where he danced the polka with a Polish beauty queen and served up hot cabbage rolls with tomato sauce from behind a steam table. "I told the crowd that one of his proudest moments was meeting Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, saying he "lit a spark in Poland that lit a prairie fire of freedom."

He ended his remarks with a hearty "Sto Lat!" — a Polish congratulatory expression that means "May you live 100 Years."

The two were reuniting Tuesday in Allegheny, Pa., to announce their plan to provide seniors with a prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

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PAKISTAN

Government vows to help women

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's military-led government has pledged to scrap discriminatory laws against women, combat violence against them and promote female literacy, but killing these targets remains an uphill task in this poor South Asian nation.

A new national commission has started work this week to end gender discrimination and protect women's rights, Nacheen Sardar, the commission's chief, said from the northern border city of Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's conservative Northwestern Frontier Province.

Receiving laws that are particularly harsh toward women and implementing them will require a lot of hard work and political will, she said in an interview on Sunday.

However, the new government has been empowered by Pakistan's Supreme Court to amend the constitution and enforce new laws — without having to secure the approval of a parliament. The parliament has been suspended since last October, when the military seized power in a bloodless coup. The commission includes women, government officials, rights activists and community workers.

One of the top items on the commission's agenda is to curb so-called honor killings of women by their relatives. In a country where centuries-old tribal and feudal traditions hold sway — especially in rural areas — this will not be simple.

"It's a most dishonorable act. It's murder and nobody would be allowed to get away with it," said Sardar, who taught law at Peshawar University before joining the military government.

"Unlike the past governments, we will take a firm stand against the honor killings," she said.

More than 1,000 women were killed in Pakistan last year, either for marrying men against the will of their families or for flown reasons like talking to a man other than a relative, human rights groups say.

These killings are based on a "suspicion of immorality as the part of the victim," independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan says. Most such killings occurred in the Northwestern province, which borders Afghanistan. Afghanistan is ruled by the orthodox Taliban, who bar women from work and education and force them to wear veils.

Several Islamic groups, especially in Pakistan's tribal region, advocate a Taliban-like system.

Fozia Sadia Khan, a human rights activist, said the military government's stance regarding women's issues is positive compared to the previous government.

"But this regime has a record of bowing to the pressure of religious groups," she said.

Earlier this year, the military withdrew a plan to try to curb abuses of the controversial blasphemy law, which carries the death penalty for insulting Islam or its prophet, Mohammed. Since then, aid workers say religious groups have been emboldened and stepped up threats against people working for women and minorities' rights.

"Giving lip service to women's causes is not enough," Khan said. "The issue is whether the government wants to take practical steps."

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RUSSIA

Bombs explode in two marketplaces

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RYAZAN

Bomb attacks blamed on criminal terror hit two Russian cities Monday, killing at least three people in a nation jittery after a string of deadly, unsolved blasts.

Police said there was no apparent link between the two explosions Monday, in an outdoor market in the industrial city of Ryazan and an elite boutique in St. Petersburg. And there was no suggestion of a terrorist act — instead, police blamed them on organized crime, which has become entrenched throughout Russia.

The first bomb ripped through a meat stall in the morning in Ryazan. 120 miles south of Moscow, damaging other meat and vegetable stands and shattering glass in nearby apartment buildings. Carts of fresh kievsky sausages and overturned produce scales littered the market square after the blast.

Two female vendors were killed immediately, and an unidentified man died of injuries later in the hospital, emergency officials said. Eleven people were injured, NTV television reported.

"I was buying something, standing about five meters away, I turned around and there was an explosion," a dazed-looking man told state-controlled ORT television. ORT said the explosion was the equivalent of 300 grams of TNT.

The bomb was in a plastic bag placed on the corrugated metal roof of the meat stall, witnesses said. The bomb exploded when a saleswoman tried to move it, NTV quoted a witness as saying.

Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said a gang of Afghan war veterans and a cell group from Russia's Caucasus region were competing to control a protection racket in the market. Most Russian outdoor markets pay protection to criminal gangs, and bombings and contract killings are common.

Police detained five people for questioning shortly after the blast, said Interior Ministry spokesman Yevgeny Ryabenkov.

Another small explosion destroyed the windows of a clothing boutique in the northern city of St. Petersburg, but nobody was hurt. A police spokesman in St. Petersburg also blamed the incident on organized crime.

Rushailo dismissed the possibility that the blasts were terrorist attacks carried out by Chechen rebels.

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Aznar predicts long road to peace

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MADRID

Responding to an upsurge in separatist violence, Spain's prime minister on Monday vowed he would grant no leeway for the gunmen and predicted a long battle for peace in the Basque region.

"It's going to be a long road," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We're faced with terrorism, pure and simple. And in the European Union and modern democracies of this century there can be no room for terror."

Aznar spoke upon returning to his Moncloa Palace residence in Madrid after nearly a month in his seaside residence in eastern Spain — a holiday interrupted by funerals for five of the eight people killed this summer in car bombs and shootings blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The most recent victim was Manuel Indurain, a small town councillor for Aznar's Popular Party gunned down Wednesday in his candy shop. The death brought to 10 the number of Popular Party councillors whose deaths are blamed on ETA.

"I've had better Augusts," he said latently. "I hope to have better ones in the future."

Indurain's death was the 12th since ETA ended a 14-month unilateral cease-fire in November and unleashed one of its most brutal offensives ever in what many see as a desperate attempt to force the government into negotiations.

ETA, a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom, demands the right to self-determination for Spain's three Basque provinces in the north. It envisions an independent state that would also incorporate Basque regions in southwestern France.

ETA was particularly active toward the end of the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco and the first few years of Spain's transition to democracy following his death in 1975. The violence subsided slightly under the socialist government that ended in 1996 with Aznar's first election as prime minister.

Historically, the Basques have maintained a separate cultural identity and language. For some, ETA's fight is a legitimate battle for sovereignty. But the majority of Spaniards oppose their goals, pointing out that under Spain's democratic constitution, the Basques enjoy more autonomy than any other region in Europe.

"Terrorism is just another expression of tyranny," they say. "They are Nazis those people who support terrorism in the Basque Country," Aznar said.

During the cease-fire, ETA's longest in its 32-year campaign, a single round of negotiations failed to get either side to budge.

"We're faced with terrorism, pure and simple. And in the European Union and modern democracies of this century there can be no room for terror."

Jose Maria Aznar

Spanish Prime Minister

Barak expects treaty deadline delay

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak warned Monday that he will only give a Mideast peace treaty a few weeks to be concluded, raising the possibility of failure ahead of crucial talks with President Clinton during this week's U.N. summit.

The formal deadline for a treaty, Sept. 13, is widely expected to be missed. The real target date for Barak is the end of October when an increasingly hostile Israeli parliament reconvenes. Lawmakers are expected to try to topple him because of concessions he has already made to the Palestinians.

With a treaty in hand, he could seize the initiative and call early elections.

Barak has said it is now up to the Palestinians to compromise, and Israel's Foreign Ministry said Monday the prime minister is not planning to present new ideas to President Clinton.

The president was to hold separate talks Wednesday with Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as part of the summit.

 Shortly after arriving in New York for the summit, Barak headed for U.N. headquarters to meet U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. As he entered the building, a reporter noted that it was a historic time and a historic place for historic decisions, and asked what he thought.

"I do hope and I pray, but I don't know," Barak replied.

In their talks with Clinton, Barak and Arafat are expected to respond to U.S. compromise proposals presented to them last week by U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross, said a senior Palestinian official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Both sides described the sessions with Clinton as a make-or-break moment in the tortuous peace process which began with a mutual recognition treaty in 1993.

In a statement Monday, Barak said a crossroad has been reached in talks with the Palestinians.

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Lipoprotein increases risk of heart attack

Associated Press

DALLAS Cardiac patients with high levels of a little-known form of "bad" cholesterol in their blood are 70 percent more likely to have a heart attack than those with lower concentrations, according to a study released Monday.

The obscure cholesterol particle - called lipoprotein - is especially insidious because it's difficult for doctors to measure reliably, and because its levels have little to do with the better-known form of "bad" cholesterol, called LDL.

The elevated Lp(a) levels also have little to do with more conventional heart disease risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure and poor diet. It also cannot be directly linked to high cholesterol, or the kind whose levels can be altered through diet or drugs, said lead researcher Dr. John Danesh, of Oxford University in England.

"This study suggests there is a clear association between Lp(a) and an increased risk of heart disease," said Danesh, who pointed out that more than a decade of research previously failed to link Lp(a) to increased risk of heart disease in the general population.

The Oxford findings were published in Monday's edition of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

Researchers gathered data used in the study from 27 different studies tracking more than 5,200 people who had heart disease or survived a heart attack. The average age of the people involved in the study was 50, Danesh said.

The number of heart attacks suffered by individuals with the highest Lp(a) concentrations was compared with the number of heart attacks among those with the lowest Lp(a) readings. During a decade of follow-up, the highest group had 70 percent more heart attacks than the low-level Lp(a) study subjects.

"The message here is physicians and cardiologists should ... know the Lp(a) levels in patients," said Dr. Angelo Scanu, director of the Lipid Clinic at the University of California, San Francisco.

Study: Parkinson’s affects heart

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA In a study that could help change how Parkinson's disease is diagnosed, researchers have discovered that the disease affects nerves in the heart as well as the brain.

It has been known for many years that the tremors and movement problems associated with Parkinson's result from a loss of nerve endings in part of the brain. Researchers at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke report in Tuesday's issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine that people with Parkinson's disease also have a decreased number of nerve endings in the heart.

That suggests that Parkinson's may effect the entire nervous system.

"This may change the viewpoint about what Parkinson's disease is," said the institute's David Goldstein, author of the study. "What these findings indicate is that Parkinson's disease is associated with a loss of nerves outside the brain and, in particular, in the heart."

Goldstein said that may help doctors determine whether a patient has Parkinson's or some other disease.

However, Dr. Fred Wooten, chairman of the department of neurology at the University of Virginia, said that while the study was intriguing, putting it into practice in diagnosis may be difficult because researchers used specialized imaging equipment to see the nerves around the heart.

"I don't see this becoming a widely used standard of diagnosis," Wooten said. "It's expensive. The equipment needed wouldn't be widely available. I'm skeptical that it will be useful."

Wooten said few Parkinson's patients exhibit noticeable heart problems. "More often than not, there's no major problem with blood pressure control," Wooten said. "It's rarely a problem early and can become a problem later on, but only for some patients."

The study also found that the breakdown of heart nerves was related to the disease itself, not to drugs taken to treat Parkinson's.

Some patients with Parkinson's have difficulty maintaining adequate blood pressure while standing up. The study concluded that such problems happen as a result of the nerve damage, not the drug levodopa, which is given to Parkinson's patients because of the loss of certain brain chemicals.
Father of hydrogen bomb defends University of California

Associated Press

LIVERMORE, Calif. - Physicist Edward Teller isn't sure whether the nuclear weapons labs he helped found have a spy problem.

But the man known as the "Father of the H-Bomb" is sure that any problems aren't going to be fixed by ousting the University of California as manager of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He's reminded of the crisis of 1949 when scientists working on the weapons program at Los Alamos, N.M., learned that secrets of the atomic bomb had been leaked to the Soviets.

"President Truman's reaction to this discovery was, in my opinion, precisely the right one — speed up our work," the 92-year-old scientist said.

"Today, there is not even a whisper of speeding up our work," he said. Instead, there's been a "magnifying of the damage done when probably there was no damage or little damage."

"UC's management has been good. The connection with UC is valuable. It would be a grave mistake to interrupt it," he said in an interview.

Through his decades-long career, Teller has exerted a profound influence on America's defense and energy policies.

In 1939, Teller was one of three scientists who encouraged Albert Einstein to alert President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the power of nuclear fission — the splitting of an atom's nucleus — could be tapped to create a devastating new weapon.

Today's troubles in the weapons program began last year with allegations that nuclear secrets had leaked to China.

Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee was fired and later charged with mishandling classified information. However, Lee was not charged with espionage and he denies any wrongdoing.

Next came budget and deadline troubles for a huge laser being built to simulate thermonuclear explosions at Lawrence Livermore.

"The criticism comes to a great extent from people who have quite a limited understanding of what really goes on in the labs in a scientific way," Edward Teller, physicist and both Los Alamos and Livermore are being investigated for possible discrimination against Asians, a concern highlighted by the prosecution of Taiwanese-born Lee.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, under pressure from members of Congress to remove UC from its management role, has ordered major changes in security.

He's scheduled to get a report on how to do that this Tuesday, although no immediate announcement was expected. Some feel public censure has gone too far.

"Losing UC would be "a horrible thing," says Los Alamos scientist Manvendra Dubey. "When UC manages you, you attract a certain kind of employee. You attract the brains."

"That opinion is shared by Sidney Drell, a member of the presidential commission that wrote a scathing lab report titled "Science at its Best, Security at its Worst." He thinks UC should be corrected, not ejected.

"Unfortunately, there's been tremendous overreaction," he said.

The curious pairing of class instruction and mass destruction goes back to the 1930s when a team of physicists led by Ernest O. Lawrence worked at the Berkeley "Bad Lab" (Radiation Laboratory).

In the early 1940s, Berkeley up-and-coming Glenn Seaborg helped develop a key to the nuclear realm — plutonium.

Soon, U.S. scientists racing to beat the Nazis to an atomic bomb had set up shop in Los Alamos.

After the war, UC wanted out of the weapons business, but the new Atomic Energy Commission asked the university to stay on, hoping to keep the program under civilian control, said Cal Tech historian Peter Westwick.

UC agreed, motivated by patriotism and possibly the fact that Lawrence had "quite a thriving operation going" at the Berkeley lab.

Today, the Ernest O. Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, in the hills above the Berkeley campus, performs unclassified research.

But an annex Lawrence helped start in the country town of Livermore, about 60 miles east of San Francisco, has grown into a premier weapons lab.

It includes the office where Teller, lab director emeritus, still works three days a week.

The Hungarian immigrant is gray and frail, unable to see a board full of equations, but his intellect is nimble; he crisply dismisses those who criticize the labs he helped build.

"The criticism comes to a great extent from people who have quite a limited understanding of what really goes on in the labs in a scientific way," he says. "They're not only ignorant, they are not aware of the fact that they're ignorant."
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Increase in power costs wreaks havoc on Haiti’s poor

Associated Press

PETIONVILLE
For Ghislaine Leveque, going to be less light, and for her children, no school.

A 44-percent increase in gas and kerosene prices announced Friday has Haitians anticipating the damaging social and economic consequences in a country that political dictatorship and instability has kept among the poorest on Earth.

"This is the last straw. I can't make ends meet any more," said Leveque, 36, throwing up her hands in despair.

She sells cups of rice, beans and cornmeal from open baskets on the unpaved roadside in Petionville, a Port-au-Prince suburb where broken-down hovels rub up against mansions and the fancy shops sprouting up to serve the elite.

"If kids can't walk to school, they'll just bum around and turn into delinquents," said bus driver Frantzy Baho, 41.

"Haiti is in a stranglehold," President Rene Preval said last month, when he announced his cash-strapped government was ending the bus subsidy.

He spoke as Haiti's major donors - the United States, Canada and France - threatened to cut aid because of alleged fraud during elections that gave Preval's predecessor and mentor, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, an overwhelming majority in Parliament.

Aristide is expected to win presidential elections in November. Boycotting opposition parties say a win could set the Caribbean country back on the road to dictatorship, six years after the United States sent troops to dislodge the military from power.

The price increases and end to subsidies comes as Haitians are at their most vulnerable, borrowing and scraping together money to try to buy their children the education they believe is the only way to save them from poverty. Minimum wage has remained unchanged at $1.70 since 1991 while the gourde has slumped from 7.5 to 21 to the dollar.

Eighty percent of Haiti's 8 million people live in absolute poverty, half the workforce is jobless or gets by with odd jobs and the vast majority live with constant hunger pangs. Figures are hard to come by, but the average income is estimated at $250 to $400 a year.

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Disrespecting Texas A&M’s tradition

I made the long trip to South Bend this weekend for the Notre Dame game. Like many students, I’ve been following the game closely. We are proud of our tradition of excellence that we have earned over the years. Our tradition of excellence is important to us, and we hope that it continues to be respected.

Meeting Southern standards

I would just like to express a sincere thank you for the hospitality displayed by your students, faculty and staff during the Notre Dame game. Your generosity and kindness were greatly appreciated. We hope that we can return the favor at some point in the future.

Building a sense of fellowship

Notre Dame is a community. It is a special place where virtues like faith, hope and love guide our daily lives. Since we have taken office, one of our primary goals has been to build this sense of fellowship and friendship among the students of Notre Dame. This idea is what we campaigned on last Spring and which we have relentlessly pursued.

Unfortunately, sometimes financial considerations impede this unity. Many times, someone may feel less than a full member of the Notre Dame family when they cannot afford to take part in all that our University has to offer. From section dinners to football tickets, students have expenses that cannot always be met. As we all know, Notre Dame can be an expensive place to live. In order to foster a sense of family, we offered to the students the Rector’s Fund, or, as we phrased it during the campaign, “Money for members of the Notre Dame family who don’t feel fully a part of the community.” It is our pleasure to announce that last Tuesday night the Financial Management Board took the final necessary step and the Rector’s Fund is now fully operational to meet the needs of the students. We hope and pray that this fund will in some way bring our community just a little closer together as we continue on our four-year journey.

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Wrenching Religion from Politics

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. On Tuesday, the Anti-Defamation League, a primarily Jewish organization set up to combat anti-Semitism, sent a letter to vice-presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman and bluntly told him to stop parading his religion. The letter came in response to Lieberman's speech in Detroit in which the candidate made some remarks implying that Americans should "refrain" their faith in God and allow religion to enter the "public life."

"As religion has taken a front seat on the campaign trail in this year's elections, the ADL has done a necessary and commendable job to attack candidates who try to mix politics and religion. Allowing politics and religion to mix is a dangerous step toward infringing upon the separation of church and state."

There is a clear problem in telling a political candidate to keep quiet about his religious ideologies. Presidential candidates, like every other citizen protected by the Constitution, have a fundamental right to freedom of expression and religion. The ADL is not implying that one ever enter politics, you cease to become the same citizen with the same constitutional rights as the average voter. While a presidential candidate has the same rights as any other citizen, he also has the potential responsibility of representing the government, including its responsibilities and limitations. One of those limitations is making "no law respecting the establishment of a religion" as stated in the First Amendment. The purpose of this clause is quite clear — favoritism inevitably would lead to exclusion.

For example, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said in a speech at a B'Nai B'rith organization that "Our nation is chosen by God and commissioned by history to be a model to the world of justice and inclusion and diversity without division. Jews and Christians and Muslims speak as one in their commitment to a kind, just, tolerant society." If Bush were president when he gave these remarks, he would ultimately be implying as the executive leader of the government that Hindus, Buddhists, atheists and others not of the majority do not believe in a kind, just and tolerant society.

When Bush set aside a specific day as "observance of Jesus Day" in Texas, he used his political power to respect "the establishment of a religion." While "Jesus Day" in Texas is not quite the same as Congress passing a similar law that would affect the entire country, in theory, it violates the separation of religion and government in the same manner.

Lieberman stated in his speech in Detroit that one should never suppose that "morality can be maintained without religion." He was implying that atheists are highly immoral people. The absurdity and exclusivity of these remarks are why the architects of this nation wrote the First Amendment the way they did.

The ADL also openly criticized both Vice President Al Gore and Bush earlier in March for expressing their religious convictions in the primaries. When Gore expressed on "60 Minutes" his strong faith in Christianity and Bush replied to a question that his favorite political philosopher was Jesus Christ, both rightfully were asked to limit their expression of religious faith.

While respecting a candidate's right to express his religious beliefs, the ADL also has set a precedent of the limitations a candidate must endure when running for a government office. The separation of church and state form the building block of the right to freedom of religion, which cannot exist without limitations.

Politics and politicians make up the government. If we're going to respect the separation of religion and government, we should start with respecting the separation of religion and politics.

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Modest Mouse returns with depth, style

The band continues to raise the indie-rock standard with its latest release, The Moon and Antarctica.

By JOE REISING

The Moon and Antarctica, the latest album from indie-rockers Modest Mouse, will be blown away. For an entire hour, he or she will be transported to the timeless worlds suggested by the otherworldly photography inside the album booklet. The songs, while all unique, blend together in a new world of endless gray sun swept skies and will make just about anyone an attentive disciple of the inimitable wisdom of lead singer Isaac Brock. Some may even come to the conclusion that they have found the new soundtrack to their life. But repeat listenings fail to recapture the depth of the initial journey. With the exception of the more catchy and gentle acoustic melodies, the music begins to sound flat and tame, and instead of plunging its listeners into deep metaphysical wanderings, they instead find themselves listening to dull dirges and plaintive yells from a far lonelier place than they may wish to be. However, with the seemingly endless overkill of sugary happy pop the music industry has pounded the public with of late, many may find themselves again seeking the depth and mystery present in The Moon and Antarctica.

Modest Mouse hails from the breeding ground of many alienated and lonely musicians, the Pacific Northwest. More specifically, they come from rural Issaquah, WA, where the band formed in 1993 composing of vocalist Isaac Brock, bassist Eric Judy and drummer Jeremiah Green. It was not until their first full length album, its first full album, the 76-plus minute This is a Long Drive for Someone with Nothing to Think About. In 1997 they released an EP, The Fruit that Ate Itself, and in 1998 their album The Lonesome Crowded West drew the attention of major record labels. The group ended up signing with SONY, and The Moon and Antarctica is their major record label debut from Epic Records.

With The Moon and Antarctica, Modest Mouse raises the bar dangerously high. The sheer scope of the album’s themes and layered sound reflect a group that has already reached maturity fairly quickly for a band whose oldest member is 26. Guided by singer Isaac Brock’s twangy voice, the album searches the more desolate reaches of human existence for insight into deep human questions.

The album’s first song, “3rd Planet,” begins with the line, “Everything that keeps me together is falling apart,” and then dives into a crashing swirling image of creation that suggests a deep connection between human beings and the earth. The song fades in and out of the newly forming world, just as the simple acoustic guitar line begins overtopped by a more urgent barrage of chords.

The second song of the album, the soothing acoustic ballad “Gravity Rides Everything” seems rather out of place. However, the song envisions a time when gravity wins out, and the pressing demands and pains of our daily lives “All will fall, fall right into place.” This song would be a perfect way to end the album, a soothing reminder after a painful journey through loneliness and questioning; things will always work out in the end. In the grander vision of Isaac Brock, the song’s placement must make more sense.

“Dark Center Of the Universe” the third song of the album, takes a harsher tone than the first two songs, as the squawking guitars that defined many of Modest Mouse’s earlier songs makes its return. This song could easily become the anthem of any well intentioned guy told to get lost.

After the subdued “Perfect Disguise,” the album picks up momentum once again, as it begins its descent into the deeper and lonelier parts of the CD with the song “Tiny Cities Made Of Ashes.” Set to a pulsating bass line, and highlighted by a creepy dual voice effect, the song details a demented road trip as Brock screams, “Then anybody know a way a body could get away does anybody know a way?” After the Nirvana-like “A Different City,” the next two songs on the album deal with various degrees of isolation, building up to the massive “The Stars are Projectors.” At over eight minutes, the song is the longest and mostmonumental track of the album. Full of shifting dynamics, the song builds in urgency and sound layers until eventually reducing to a soft finger-picked guitar.

The rest of the songs on the album slowly return the listener to more familiar places of sounds and images, especially the bright, happy neurolitic “Paper Thin Walls.” The vast journey through isolation and spiritual searching that defined many of Modest Mouse’s earlier songs makes it return. This song could easily become the anthem of any well intentioned guy told to get lost.

Where can we search for meaning in our lives?

Though never settling upon a final answer, the journey is a meaningful one. And with the beautifully layered sounds and haunting vocals to surround me, it is one anyone will find more and more worth repeating.

The Moon & Antarctica
Modest Mouse
Epic Records
Rating
4/5

Bassist Eric Judy (left) and drummer Jeremiah Green (right) provide the transcendental alternative rock backing to vocalist Isaac Brock’s unique rock ’n roll vision.
In Focus
Striving to build bridges

Multicultural office tries to reach out, unite campus

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus editor

It was a sunny Friday afternoon. Notre Dame was sliding into the first weekend of the school year and students were talking about what to do and where to go on the first Friday night back on campus. At Fieldhouse Mall, a crowd had gathered, as often happens on sunny Friday afternoons. A band was playing, there was free food, and about 150 people were talking and laughing and eating and drinking.

What was unusual was that these 150 people — talking and laughing and eating and dancing — were not all different ethnicities; black students, Asian students, Latino students and white students were enjoying themselves at the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Welcome Back Picnic.

It is a picture rarely seen at Notre Dame, with its 86 percent white student body and its even more homogeneous traditions. But it was one that the MSPS, and its director Iris Outlaw, would like to see more often around campus.

"It's key that we're opening our arms and saying, 'It's not just for students of color,'" Outlaw said. "It's for everyone."

The MSPS used to be called the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. It changed its name over the summer and adjusted its mission in an effort to become more definable and inclusive.

Outlaw said the office wants to reach out to majority students and spur the conversations that too often falter between students of different races on this campus. To do that, it is sponsoring more events like the Welcome Back Picnic.

It was the first time this year, running a series of diversity programs and multiracial student programs. A Practicum. The Practicum is the involvement of the students, the faculty, the staff. The students are the ones who planned, the faculty and the staff are the ones who provided the resources.

Morgan Russell, a sophmore who participated in the program last year and a diversity leader this year, said: "We want to do more small group work so the kids taking part in it don't feel intimidated by a big group of people."

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Diversity workshops aim to foster discussion

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

To encourage dialogue on the issue of diversity at Notre Dame, the psychology department created a Practicum in Diversity Education.

The focus of this year's program — based on a pilot program from last fall — is expanding the definition of diversity beyond racial descriptors to encompass issues of gender, sexuality, handicaps and class.

"Although the topic of diversity is always going to touch some nerves, the goal of creating dialogue was met last year so we are continuing the program this year," said Kevin Huie, assistant director of MSPS and one of five Practicum facilitators.

The program is structured as a co-credit psychology course led by the facilitators. Weekly meetings begin today to prepare for presentations for 40 students "diversity educators" who will go to freshmen in every residence hall this October.

We think of it as more of a social outing than a service project. The program includes diversity and cultural competency training for freshmen in residence halls.

"I think I knew everything about diversity just as a racial issue, but anyone who is different from the majority is diverse and coming here really opened my eyes to that," said Iris Outlaw.

The majority of students had said, that if not for some of the classes that they took, they could have gone through the University not knowing or discussing diversity," she said.

The student diversity educators participated in a weekend retreat at the start of the school year and met for dinner last week to discuss the plans they will undertake. The subsequent weekly meetings prepare them to give presentations in discussion groups of three to five educators with assistant from one facilitator when they enter the dorms next month.

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In their words

"Some things have changed. Some things have not."

Mel Tardy
first-year advisor and 1986 Notre Dame graduate

"You're going to hang out with people who have the same cultural background — it's easier."

Paul Ybarra
Dillon Hall multicultural commissioner

Notre Dame's ranking in the 1999 Princeton Review's list of "Most Homogenous Colleges."
When I was a freshman, one of my professors called me a racist. Actually, she called all of us racists. We all starred at the white French woman with wonder, then at each other, searching for answers.

I of the 12-ban student population, had never been referred to as "privileged" before. Raised in a very tolerant, polite home, I had never been accused of being anything but "white." And to be labeled a racist seemed, ironically, a huge injustice.

Our professor's theory was that as a "privileged" white student at the University of Notre Dame, I am incapable of understanding a black student's need when entering into school. For someone who had struggled with preconceptions and stereotypes, an average high school system, I felt embarrassed to be simply written off as an advantaged white kid.

It's hard when you're white. Irish Notre Dame legacy to appreciate the concept of "minority." I don't know how a black person feels walking through an 80 percent white campus, and I don't know what it's like to be the minority representative in a classroom.

But I do know insecurity. Stepping onto a college campus for the first time was intimidating enough. I can't imagine how I'd feel stepping onto a campus where I was one of only 14 percent of the population.

I'd like to know, though. But why am I so afraid to ask? Why is something so obvious so difficult to grasp?

Probably due to our troubled past, the American does not do well in talking about race. Instead I sit on a predominantly white campus, researching the problem with diversity rating, and rarely include myself in multicultural events. Why?

I do not have black friends or Asian friends or white friends. I have friends. I've never seen anyone I associate with, professionally or personally, as a color or an ethnicity. Yet I know that at times I fall victim to what I call "the white person's invisible guilt."

As much as they might not admit to it, generally when a discussion of race ensues, many white students automatically start naming off all their minority friends. Why? Why is the first reaction to open discussion to defend one's own personal open-mindedness?

Because, in general, Americans are sensitive people. There is an inherent guilt within many white people, ignorant and accepting alike, that prevents them from being successful in race debates. It's the kind of guilt that hinders their discussions of hot button issues like the death penalty and affirmative action.

It stems from nowhere but the past. It's a constant, nagging reminder of the atrocities minorities have endured in the United States, and it lingers in the back of the white person's mind during any and all relevant discussions. It doesn't mean the person is racist, tolerant, liberal or conservative. It's just there — the little voice that says you're right, but how can you argue with her? Your history is so different than hers.

Meaningful dialogue is difficult when I don't even know the right words to use. How can I start a conversation when the fair, politically correct expressions fail me? I still see no nearing solution or close end to the "guilt." But until I do, I'll have to remain outside looking in.

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Outside looking in

Have you ever looked around campus and thought you were seeing clones?

This phenomenon seems to be common at Notre Dame, but amazingly, some people here defy the stereotypes.

"Out of every student who wears Abercrombie and Fitch or comes from the same culture," said Dillon Hall multicultural commissioner Paul Ybarra.

Where does the desire to fit one prescribed "ideal" come from? What can students and the University do about these issues? Is there any possibility for improvement or will these situations exist indefinitely?

Some faculty and students are currently working to improve race relations on campus. With offices such as Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) and a multicultural or diversity commissioner in each dorm, the University is making efforts to raise awareness and curiosity about other cultures.

But some situations are known for being divisive among students. "They say the most segregated time of the week is in church, the second being the dining hall," said Patrick White, multicultural commissioner for Fisher Hall. Visible situations like these, that make groups seem impenetrable, often lead to roadblocks to progress.

Students who do not belong to a given group perceive exclusion, while those involved may not.

"I don't think about it — you're eating a meal with people you're comfortable with," said Jane Ong, who serves as multicultural commissioner for Farley Hall.

Iris Outlaw, director of MSPS, sees the key to breaking down these barriers as being able to step outside of your comfort zone and learn new things about different people and cultures.

White sees his role as that of an educator. "As multicultural commissioner, I serve to facilitate dialogue in the dorm, to expose everyone to other cultures." In this capacity, he can help to encourage people to move away from what is familiar and comfortable.

But what is the purpose of this position? Cynics say that the average Notre Dame student is apathetic and dispassionate. If this is true, will this service reach the average Notre Dame student?

There is, of course, no way to categorize all the students at this University as one and to only cater to that one image.

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But some say this is not enough. Outlaw said her department has realized that past efforts have not been sufficient. The recent name change of the office, from the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs was a part of an attempt to alter the approach to campus diversity.

This year is the beginning of many changes aimed at involving majority students. "I think it's key that we're opening our arms and saying, 'No, it's not just for students of color, it's for everyone.'" Outlaw said. "MSPS is about exposing the rest of campus to some things that may seem foreign and strange at times. So it's an educational component." Outlaw cited stereotyping of her office as a reason for the relative lack of success in reaching some students. People often misconceived the function of OMSA as being an office that served only minority students, that it was the underrepresented student's Office of Student Affairs.

Ybarra is part of this effort. He

Toni Finley/The Observer

Students gather at the Center for Social Concerns in February to discuss inter-race and breaking down the barriers and stereotypes that separate people at the University.

Students dine together at the MSPS Welcome Back Picnic. Student leaders are trying to facilitate dialogue about race on campus.
Breaking down barriers

Leaders are encouraging their peers to fight in and step outside the comfort zone

Students are encouraging their peers to fight in and step outside the comfort zone at Notre Dame. Discussions like this are part of the effort to get students talking about Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

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workshops for freshmen. MSPS is also improving its educational offerings to reach a wider audience.

"That's where our expansion is going," Outlaw said. "The services we provide and the programs we provide are for everyone.

The office's core mission—
to support students of color academically and culturally and to ensure they get a well-rounded education—remains the same. MSPS sponsors forums to discuss diversity issues, organizes mentoring and networking programs and provides a link between minority students and many University offices.

"We've done team building, communication, those sorts of things that are beyond the pigeonhole that our office gets put in by thinking that it's only for underrepresented people," she said.

But challenges abound.

Notre Dame has a long history of racial tensions. It was those tensions that led to a 1978 sit-in outside of which the OMSSA was created. A 1991 protest led the University to take further steps to try and improve the racial climate on campus. In recent years, these tensions have manifested themselves in cheating among racial lines at Bookstore Basketball games, and in debates over a number of incidents. As a result of these tensions over the years, Notre Dame has added and adjusted its efforts to encourage diversity, according to Sister Jean Leon, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

"There have been some real difficulties over the years," she said. "A lot of those difficulties have indicated the need for programs on such things.

But another challenge is more subtle, and perhaps more difficult to deal with. That challenge is simply the attitude, at a school where so many students are so similar, towards the people who are not. And, Outlaw said, it has an effect on freshmen who come to Notre Dame from a more diverse environment.

"You have the upperclassmen—they don't really come out and say Don't hang out with the black kids, don't hang out with the Latinos,' but behaviors, actions speak louder than words," she said. "And so you get these communications, indirect communications. Then you start moving over, and changing what has been your major philosophy. Fighting those changes, and encouraging people to break out of the familiar, is the task at hand for MSPS and the students who work with them.

"Relations on campus are not the best and everyone has a little fear," said Brendan Dowdall, chair of the Student Senate's Diversity Committee.

"It takes a little bit to get out of your comfort zone for students and talk to someone different than them."

Nevertheless, the environment is not what it used to be, according to Mel Tardy, a first-year advisor and 1986 alumnus.

"Some things have changed," said Tardy, who is black. "Some things have not. There's more of an expectation that people understand diversity and they're more tolerant and more accepting," he said. "But many minority students still feel that they stand out in class."

The minority population has not grown much in the last 10 years, but it has changed 1998 figures from the office of Institutional Research show the number of Hispanic freshmen has grown in the last decade while the numbers of blacks and Asians have dropped slightly. Either way, the total percentage of minority students has hovered between 14 and 17 percent since 1988, when it rose from the single digits.

Tardy remembered his time at Notre Dame, when students would gather in the Black Cultural Arts Council office on LaFortune's second floor to relax.

"People would go there and hang out and study and talk about stuff that happened. It was like 'What did someone say to you today?' But I think there was just this understanding that that was how things were," he said.

"I think that there's a greater expectation these days that we should be beyond tensions.

Getting beyond those tensions, and making strides like the one that sunny Friday afternoon at Football House Mall, is more common, requires students to take chances, Outlaw said. It requires students to put aside their fears, rational and irrational.

"That's what we're trying to do, to tell people 'take a risk,'" she said. "No one has ever gotten mugged, shot, killed, [or] rubbed because they happened to be the only white person at Latin Expressions or Black Images."

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the ball rotors in the meetings with us this year so that there could be some of the ignorant comments that were made last year," said Haley Barnes, a sophomore diversity educator. "I just hope to bring my appreciation for diversity and help to eliminate some of the ignorance that is out there."

"I'm looking forward to more focus and unity in the group in terms of programming this year," said Henderson, who also participated in last year's pilot program.

The focus of the program will remain dialogue and education. "There's going to be some serious globalization now and I want to make sure, and the rest of the staff wants to make sure that our students are prepared for that," Outlaw said.

That preparation, however, is a large task, according to Hite:

"Everyone feels like this program will solve all diversity problems on campus, but you just can't do that in a hour and a half," he said. "But it can create dialogue and that's our goal."

"The diversity educators are a diverse group of wonderful people — who bring many different perspectives," Hanover said. "The atmosphere in the room when we're doing this stuff is excitement."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Eminem album mixes talent with vulgarity

By ARIENNE THOMPSON

There seems to be a pretty simple formula to follow nowadays to ensure mammoth success in the music industry: a sometimes shady rap world. One should merely be homophobic, violent, boastful, dirty-minded, droll, relatively insane, and most important: ready to rock the world. So throw all these admirable traits into a recording studio, give your artist of choice a signature feel, and months later you have Eminem’s sophomore release, The Marshall Mathers LP.

“America’s great white hope” has dropped one of the most obvious and misunderstood records of recent years. The long-awaited “Parental Advisory” label was slapped on the front of every hip-hop album produced in the United States. This is the stylized control of free expression was a miracle it seemed. Parents knew what their children were listening to, and young America was once again made slaves to the mainstream.

Shortly thereafter, however, America finds itself to be able to beat the system again (as always) and were hopping their heads to the prophet Tupac once again.

Capitalizing on this idea of freedom of expression, Mr. Marshall Mathers decides a few years after the death of Tupac that he wants to be the next in line to perpetuate the 90s states. The difference is, he is just a regular guy from a regular city in America. With that being said, there is nothing about his appearance or mannerisms that screams originality or flair, so what does he do? He invents the “most meanest MC on earth.”

Eminem, as he is affectionately called, is semi-sane, semi-insane, and yet, refreshingly entertaining. Under the tutelage of veteran drummer Dr. Dre, Eminem has become the well-oiled machine that he has always wanted to be. This machine does have a few weaknesses, such as his strongest points to date. The Marshall Mathers LP, released earlier this summer, is a compilation of some of the most wicked and profane word collages possible, while also displaying the rawness of his emotion and skill. These songs get to the very core of what makes Eminem, Marshall Mathers, and Tupac as the world has ever seen. Eminem is superb in composition. The first three verses are constructed as letters written by an overzealous fan, Stan. He is desperate to have a friend, and confidante in the larger-than-life Eminem, but soon discovers that like most celebrities, Slim does not answer fan mail eagerly. Eminem voires the angry Stan with such chilling emotion that it is almost a relief to hear the real Slim Shady take charge of the last verse, which the long-awaited reply to Stan’s letters “The Way I Am” also displays Slim’s emotional bandwidth as he bashes the media for placing labels on him and his fans for admiring him too deeply.

It is ironic that the poor, regular guy from Detroit who wanted nothing more than to make it big in rap now wishes he “could just die or get fired.”

Slim Shady is undoubtedly troubled, but through his struggles and problems, he is the rare talent and attitude that have made him the most popular and certifiable rapper of the past two years. And only time will tell if Eminem, America’s favorite misanthrope will continue to charm us.

ALBUM REVIEW

Jayhawks shine with new pop album Smile

By GRAEEME R.A. WYLIE

Originally formed 15 years ago, Smile is the sixth album from the Minnesota-based Jayhawks, and the seventh since the departure of co-founder Marc Olson. Early albums such as Hollywood Town Hall and Tomorrow, the Green Grass displayed a country tinged sound with heavy influences by such artists as Neil Young and Steve Earle, and a style that was dubbed as alternately country-long before the term was even being used as a distinct genre. But with the mid-90s departure of Olson to record with his wife Victoria Williams as the more folky and vegetable-oriented Honey Bee, Big Star and the Jayhawks began a move away from the folk-country sounds of the earlier albums and toward more pop-orientated sound.

Smile continues this move, if not completing the journey. This is not to say that country sounds are entirely absent from Smile. “Broken Harpoon” and “A Break in the Clouds” in particular would could easily have found a home on earlier albums. But overall, under the leadership of the remaining core-founder and principle songwriter Gary Rossington, the band has taken the threads of the previous albums and fused them with an array of other genres. The result is a more mature and interesting album than some of its predecessors.

Standout tracks include the opener and title track “Smile,” which displays many of the obvious Beattles influence of the album, particularly in the vocals and the chorus as well as having a wonderful string section. The whole track just builds and builds from its initial guitar and piano into an epic finish. “I’ve Gonna Make You Love Me” kicks with a banjo mandate on the opening, but then is soon transformed into a wonderful singing chorus that continues to display the seminal influence that the 70s band Big Star still holds on many of today’s songwriters. And although many of the influences of this album are bands from the late 60s and early 70s, it should be pointed out that the album does not at all sound dated.

Other standout tracks include the rocker “Life Finds It’s Way” and “Pretty Thing,” and the sublime ballads “What Lind Me to This Town” and “Mr. Wilson.” But generally, the entire album stands up well to repeated listening and will most likely have an effect on many of today’s listeners who quickly finding themselves singing along with the verses.

There are, however, one or two negative points to Smile, particularly relating to the work of producer Bob Ezrin. A couple of the songs are just simply over produced, and the multi-tracked chords and vocals is somewhat lost in the stew of overpowering sound. In addition the two weakest songs on the album bear Ezrin’s name in the writing credits, and it makes one wonder if the record producer had been kept on a tighter leash. Also the second half of the songs, although giving rise to a more modern sound, manage at the same time to sour a bit superficial and out of place. A great deal of thecriticism of this album by the amount of the musical press has consisted accusations of selling out, but looking to both Smile and the previous album, as well as Mark Olson’s post-
Surronded by 23,000 empty seats and buffeted by gale-force winds, a num-
sensuous Pete Sampras put an end to the U.S. Open on the sale of South Korea's Hyundai
Talk-Tea.
Sampras, who holds a record 13 Grand Slam titles, found himself under extrordi-
nary pressure Monday in the first set against Le, a qualifier playing in his first
major tournament.
A fervent full house of fans at Arthur 
Ashe Stadium delighted in Le's victory, 
strung play amid the swirling wind and 
humidity when play began during the 
afternoon. But after a cloudburst suspend-
red the match with Sampras leading, 7-6 
(4), 6-4, 5-7, it took 2 1/2 hours before further 
resumed in chilly, windy weather.

The stadium was virtually empty then, 
except for a couple hundred fans as the 
night crowd drifted in, and Sampras was 
in no mood to let the party linger much longer. He unleashed a 132 mph ace on 
his first serve and closed out the set by 
breaking Le at love.
Le, a strong, quick baseliner who was 
unruffled by Sampras or the awful con-
tinued better with the four-time champion 
and the force broozes in the third set-

- finally going down 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4.

Sampras advanced to the quarterfinals, 
where he will play Richard Krajicek, a 7-6, 
110, 6-4, 6-1 winner over Dominik Hrbaty.
Le, who faced Sampras a lot of trouble at 
the start, Sampras was impressed not only 
by Le's return of serve, but his ability to stay 
rivals in the biggest matches of his life.

"He was cool as a cucumber," Sampras 
said. "He's a good player. ... He wasn't 
overwhelmed by the occasion, playing 
for a center court. He came out and held his 
"But after I got the first set, I started to 
settle-down and started playing a little bit 
better and went from there to deal with the 

- and then coming back, deal-
ging with the wind and the rough weather. 

- it was a completely different match from the 
first set." 

Scott then found off break points in the 

- the second game of the set and won the 
tiebreaker only when Le inadvertently 
missed the net with his first as he rushed in 
for an overhead on a short half-volley by 

- Scott thought one would notice. Sampras didn't, but the umpire did.

"After I missed that, I was feeling a lit-
tle down and lost a lot of momentum," 
Le said through an interpreter. "It wasn't 
the beginning of the second set.

- until the last ball. "I wasn't the kind of 
individual to come here and deal with 
the wind and the humidity."

- they were knocking him out. Doki nicked the ball.

- All that was Williams needed as she 
- watched Doki take the second set win-
ning only three points on serve, spraying 
- for fours times as many unforced errors as she had 
- the first set, and looking eager to catch the next flight back to Australia to prepare for the Olympics.

- the Olympics. When 

- the matches resumed. Todd 
- Krajicek in the quarterfinal round of the U.S. Open.

- "I touch the ball."

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Boston retires Fisk's No. 27 Red Sox jersey

Associated Press

For 25 years, the left-field foul pole at Fenway Park has reminded Boston fans of Carlton Fisk's time in Boston. That something along the right-field line to remember him by, too.

The Red Sox retired Fisk's No. 27 on Monday, hanging it on the right-field facade. They did so with the retirement of some of the retired numbers of Bobby Doerr (11), Joe Cronin (44), Carl Yastrzemski (8), and Tony Conigliaro (42). Fisk is the only native New Englander among the bunch.

"Carlton Fisk may tell you that growing up in New Hampshire he dreamed of playing for the Red Sox. I'm here to tell you that growing up in Massachusetts, I dreamed of being Carlton Fisk," former manager Dan Duquette said at a ceremony before the Boston beat Seattle 5-1.

"He's a big, tall, handsomer, left-handed born-and-bred, methodical, fastballer. Darnell Nix, [new 3B coach] Edgar Martinez, ... who accomplished all those dreams. And, along the way, he fulfilled our dreams, too."

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For Fisk, who grew up as a die-hard fan of the Red Sox and was a member of the 1975 World Series championship team, the Red Sox retired his No. 27 on Monday night in a ceremony at Fenway Park.

Fisk was one of the last players to be drafted by the Red Sox, and he quickly became a fan favorite. He played 22 seasons in the majors, including 14 with the Red Sox, and was a consistent hitter and defensive player.

Fisk's most famous moment came on October 15, 1975, when he hit a game-winning home run in the 12th inning of Game 6 of the 1975 World Series. The Red Sox went on to win the series, and Fisk became a legend in Boston.

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Activists urge athletes to watch Nike

SYDNEY, Australia

Olympic athletes were urged Monday to visit Nike factories in Indonesia that activists contend exploit workers.

Activists renewed a campaign against the international sportswear giant, releasing a report that documents claims of intimidation and harassment of union workers and women in companies contracted to make Nike shoes in Indonesia.

The Community Aid Abroad-Oxfam Australia report, based on interviews conducted with industrial union organizers in Indonesian factories, said workers were threatened with violence if they tried to join unions; that union members were fired for small mistakes and that women were intimidated into not applying for leave by being required to undergo humiliating medical examinations.

“Specialists in the ‘NikeWatch’ report, said Nike was failing to protect workers’ rights in its contract factories in Indonesia.

“Recently, Nike has been pushing the line that it has reformed its human rights practices,” Conner said. “The truth is that there has been only very minor and grotesque reforms.

“Nike is the biggest company in the sportswear industry ... if anyone can afford to pay workers enough to eat, enough to feed their children, Nike is the company,” Conner told a news conference Monday in Sydney.

In response to Conner’s report, Nike said it had undertaken to raise age requirements and wages for workers in Indonesia, improved factory conditions and published factory monitoring reports as part of reforms to improve conditions for its Asian workers.

“Nike has done as much as in terms of labor rights, code of conduct enforcement, age and wage improvements as we have,” said Vada Manager, Nike’s global issues manager.

“We uphold the Olympic ideal of human dignity,” the statement said. “Those campaigning to eliminate sweatshops are addressing the right issue, but targeting the wrong company.”

Conner said other sportswear manufacturers were equally responsible for exploitation of workers, but Nike was being targeted because it was the largest.

Nike, based in Beaverton, Ore., has 780 factories operated by contract companies and employing about 550,000 people.

Jim Keady, a former soccer coach who resigned from St. John’s in New York over a dispute about his refusal to wear Nike products, said athletes should experience firsthand the conditions endured by Nike workers in Indonesia. Keady is suing Nike in relation to his resignation, which he says was forced.

Keady spent August in a factory workers’ slum in Indonesia trying to live on the wage of a Nike worker — which he said was about $1.20 a day.

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Include the throwers in the group that prefers the warmth, said Jerry Quiller, an assistant U.S. men’s coach responsible for the distance runners from 1,500 meters through 10,000 meters.

“Sprinters, jumpers and throwers don’t want to have to worry about their skins and their sweat,” he said. “The distance guys will love the cool weather unless it’s windy. If it’s just cool, they’ll be fresher after warmups, get more turns, run faster."

Despite the gloomy forecast for the sprinters and jumpers, Gregoire thinks world records are possible.

“When you get it in this kind of situation and the adrenaline goes, you never know what that quest to be No. 1, great things happen,” he said.

Special events bring out special times from special people.

U.S. high jumper Kenny Evans doesn’t think anything special will occur in his event if the weather isn’t warm.

“In that case, I don’t think people will jump as high,” he said. “People will just have to tough it out in the cold weather.”

He doesn’t know of anyone breaking the world record when it’s cold.

“Don’t think anything explosive will happen,” he said.

American long jumper Melvin Lewis doesn’t believe the weather will be a factor.

“If you’re feeling good, the record will fall,” he said. “If not, it won’t.”

Abdi Abdurahman, a member of the U.S. 10,000-meter team, said, “It depends on how cold it is. If it’s real cold, it might not help set a world record, but the cold will help some people get PBs (personal bests) by a couple of seconds.”

“I prefer the cooler weather, not cold,” he said.

No matter the weather, distance runners don’t often set world records, especially in track and field, because most of the races are raced to the track.

The top performances in races between 1,500 and the marathon, which rarely came at the games. Going into this year, the highest-standing mark from the Olympics was 2:07.34 by Haile Gebreelise in winning the 10,000 meters at the Games, and that ranked only 18th.

Only three other Olympic marks ranked in the top 50 in the 10,000. There were none in the 1,500, 5,000, marathon on the walks, and only one in the 3,000 steeplechase — the 8:08.02 Donovan Bailey set the world record in winning the 4:94.98 in the 1999 world championship at Athens.

“The times this year don’t matter,” Boldon said. “You run to win. The Olympics is when time matters least.”

It’s what Jones should be thinking. She is doing a herculean task in trying to win an unprecedented five gold medals and will need to pace herself to remain fit for five events — the 100, 200, 4x100 relay, 1,600 relay and long jump.

She has come the closest to breaking Flo Jo’s marks of 19.32 in the 100, 23.34 in the 200. Jones’ best times are 10.72 and 21.62, both at altitude. Sydney is at sea level, so that will not help her.

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Griffey's return sparks Reds' victory over Mets

Associated Press

CINCINNATI, Ohio

Ken Griffey Jr. returned to the lineup and hit his 37th homer Sunday — a rare left-handed shot off Al Leiter — as the Cincinnati Reds beat New York 6-2, the Reds' fourth consecutive victory.

Since matching Atlanta atop the NL East, the Mets have dropped five of six, costing them a chance to open a lead while the Braves struggled. The Mets, who trail Atlanta by one game, were swept in St. Louis, losing three one-run games in the last six at-bat, before heading to Cincinnati.

Mike Piazza went 2-for-3 with a solo homer, his 34th, but the rest of the Mets' lineup managed only four hits off Elmer Dessens 17-51 and two relievers.

The Reds have gotten hot when it no longer matters, winning nine of 12 since falling out of contention in the NL Central.

Leiter (14-7), who pitched the Mets to their wild card playoff win in Cincinnati last October, couldn't end their September slump. Leiter's two-hit, 5-0 shutout last Sept. 4 at Cincinatti Field stands as the only time Cincinnati has been blanked in its last 280 games.

The Mets couldn't catch up after he gave up Griffey's two-run homer in the first inning, the first left-handed homer off Leiter since May 29. The only other left-handers to homer off Leiter this season were Tony Gwynn (May 23) and Shawn Green (May 29).

Griffey missed Sunday's game because of a sore hip. He went 1-for-3 with a walk Monday, raising his average to a season-high .265.

Giants 3, Phillies 0

Russ Ortiz was sent to the bullpen at the All-Star Break to work things out. It was a short stay. After spending exactly one day out of the starting rotation, Ortiz has been nearly unbeatable.

Ortiz (11-10) allowed two hits, four walks and struck out five in 6 1-3 innings to win his seventh consecutive decision as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Philadelphia Phillies.

The right-hander extended his scoreless streak to 17 innings, dating to the second inning in a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies at Dodger Stadium. Pat Hentgen tossed a 2-1 complete game, but the Pirates scored five in the second inning — all with two outs — to take the lead. Meares then stole home with two outs.

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Belichick loses second opener

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. Bill Belichick lost his season opener for the second straight year. Whether he's an assistant coach or running the whole show, the feeling is the same—losses hurt.

I don't think you feel any better when you lose. As an assistant coach, the first-year head coach of the New England Patriots said Monday, "I don't think winning as an assistant coach or a head coach gives you any more satisfaction."

"I don't think it makes any difference whether you're a player, coach, head coach, defensive coordinator, whatever. It is. All the same successful. You're either 0-1 or you're 1-0."

The Patriots are 0-1 since replacing Ray Rhodes last Sunday to Tampa Bay, 21-16.

Belichick was 0-1 last season because the Patriots beat the New York Jets, where he handled the defense as assistant head coach, 30-28, at the Meadowlands.

He hopes not to be 0-2 after they meet again Monday night at the Meadowlands. He'll face the team he left Jan. 4, one day after being named its head coach, but Belichick isn't focusing on that bizarre departure. No matter who he's playing, getting his team ready is his obsession.

"It's a big game. It's a division game on the road and that's what's really important," he said. "They're not going to have everybody's personal record in the standings on Monday. It's going to be where the Patriots are."

The game won't have the hype of past meetings when Bill Parcells, who coached the Patriots to the Super Bowl victory in 1997, Super Bowl, played them as coach of the Jets the past three seasons. When Parcells stepped down after last season, Belichick's contract was immediately made him the successor.

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Favre injures hand in loss to New York

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. Brett Favre's attempt to regain his form just got a little bit harder.

Green Bay coach Mike Sherman said Monday that Favre sprained his right thumb during the Packers' 20-16 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday.

Though Sherman said it isn't serious, the injury is yet another blow to a quarterback trying to recover from two sub-par seasons.

Favre missed the final three preseason games with tendinitis in his right elbow, and the three-time MVP played in pain Sunday while competing just 14 of 34 passes for 152 yards.

Sherman said the thumb injury occurred early in the second quarter when defensive end Shaun Ellis swatted the ball out of Favre's hand.

Tackle Earl Dotson recovered the fumble, and Favre played the rest of the game.

"That thumb will not be an issue on this team, and neither will the elbow," Sherman said. "Quarterbacks get hurt in this league."

Favre went through a light workout at Lambeau Field on Monday with his thumb wrapped, securely in bandages. Offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Tom Rossley said he isn't sure whether the injury will affect Favre's ability to practice for the upcoming game at Buffalo.

"He has come through a couple of bumps and bruises before," Rossley said. "You don't start all those games in a row without being tough."

With all the attention focused on Favre's tendinitis-stricken right elbow this season, the bulky thumb that hindered him last year was nearly forgotten.

Last year, a bruised and swollen thumb contributed to a subpar season in which he had the 23 interceptions and failed to lead Green Bay to the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

After the Packers' loss Sunday, Favre, who has started an NFL-record 126 straight games—conceded he will probably play another season in pain.

That could set up an interesting test of wills between Favre and Sherman. The team has decided to remove Favre from the lineup if the injuries significantly affect his play.

"I know I didn't hurt the (elbow)," Favre said Sunday. "I was able to practice every day last week. I know how it's probably going to play this week, maybe the rest of the year."

"I felt for the most part I threw the ball with a lot of velocity, and accuracy I thought was as close to normal as possible. It can get better with practice."

Still, the Packers' offense sputtered under Favre against New York.

In the first half, Favre was 4-of-13 for 25 yards, and the Packers who dropped five or six of Favre's passes in the game managed just 55 yards of total offense before halftime.

"You can't put the blame on Brett," said receiver Antonio Freeman, who dropped two passes. "We couldn't run the ball, so we couldn't help the passing game. If you can't do one, it's hard to do the other."

Sherman who was quoted a return to fundamental football since replacing Ray Rhodes last winter, was particularly piqued by the drops.

"They are definitely catchable balls," Sherman said. "On the film, you see balls bounching off receivers."

The Packers' offense won't get any relief from its running game any time soon, either. Sherman said Dorsey Levens, who underwent an arthroscopic knee surgery during training camp, won't play on the artificial turf at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Ahman Green, Levens' backup, played just three weeks after spraining his left knee but was mostly ineffective, gaining 41 yards on nine carries and losing one fumble.

Favre, who gained 13 yards on two scrambles, was the team's second-leading rusher.

"If we had won even two of the five drops, we wouldn't be talking about any of this right now," Sherman said.

Favre gives us a chance to win. I don't even think he was at 80 percent, but he's our guy.
Cleveland holds onto wild card lead with win over Tampa

Associated Press

Cleveland Indians pitcher Jamie Moyer allowed four earned runs on five hits in seven innings, walking two and striking out five as the Mariners lost for the 16th time in 21 games. He was matching Martinez until Ronnie Sadler reached with one out in the third when first baseman John Olerud couldn’t handle a groundout.

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Cox hit his ninth homer with two outs in the eighth to spoil Burba’s bid for his first shutout in more than five years. Lopez allowed two runs and eight hits in three innings. The right-hander left with a strained left calf and fell to 0-2 with a 2.16 ERA in seven career outings against the Indians.

Lopez had pitched five or more innings in all 18 of his previous starts.

Red Sox 5, Mariners 1

Pedro Martinez struck out 11 — and didn’t hit anybody — and Nomar Garciaparra slapped a 15-game HR slump as the Boston Red Sox celebrated Calvin Fisk day by beating the Seattle Mariners.

Making his first start since sparking last Tuesday’s brawl with Tampa Bay by hitting the first batter of the game, Martinez (16-4) allowed six hits and one walk in eight innings before Derek Lowe pitched the ninth.

The Red Sox retired Fisk’s No. 27 in a pregame ceremony, but the only one who cleared the Green Monster was Mike Cameron, who hit a solo homer in the seventh to give the Mariners their only run.

Still, it didn’t make up for Cameron’s inability in the third, when he fell while backing up to catch Jose Offerman’s bases-loaded fly ball. The triple opened the gates for Boston’s five-run inning and turned Jamie Moyer (11-9) into a hard-luck loser.

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The Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 221 homers, failed to homer for the fourth straight game. It’s the first time Toronto has been held without a homer in four straight games this season.

Oakland starters have allowed two earned runs in their last 23 2-3 innings. Gil Heredia pitched 1-3 scoreless innings Saturday, and Tim Hudson allowed two earned runs in 7 2-3 innings Sunday.

Tigers 5, Angels 0

Hideo Nomo pitched eight shutout innings as the Detroit Tigers dropped Anaheim below 500 by beating the Angels, damming Eastley was 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs for the Tigers, who have won four of five and remained five games behind Cleveland, which leads the AL wild-card race.

The Angels (16-69) went 0-for-20 for the first time since they were 0-21 on May 18. They’ve lost five straight and are 6-1/2 games behind Cleveland.

Nomo (10-5) gave up five hits and struck out seven with two walks to win for the third time in his last four decisions. He hasn’t pitched a shutout since September 1996 when, while pitching for Los Angeles, he threw a no-hitter at Colorado’s Coors Field.

Scott Karl (10-11) lost in his second start since the Angels acquired him Aug. 22 from Colorado, allowing five runs — four earned — and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

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Associated Press

Kurt Warner must have thought he was back in the Arena Football League. Last season's regular-season and super-bowl MVP opened his second season as a starter by throwing for 441 yards and three touchdowns at St. Louis, then scoring the game's only touchdown in overtime, with a 42-36 victory over Denver on Monday night.

The Rams have speed everywhere, and Tony Horne had plenty of it on this 45-yard punt return in the first quarter Monday night. "We feel we can score any time we touch the ball," Warner said. "The last drive was no different."

That last drive, 75 yards in eight plays, was made necessary by one of Warner's three interceptions, which was returned 32 yards for a score by Denver's Terrell Buckley. It gave Denver, which trailed 25-20 late in the third quarter, a 30-25 lead.

But Warner then led a 75-yard drive capped by Robert Holmes's 1-yard TD run with 2:50 left. And the defense then stonewalled all game by Brian Griese, finally asserted itself with sacks by D'Marco Farr and Kevin Carter.

"Why are we always so dramatic, Coach Carter?" in a reference to last January's Super Bowl, when Mike Jones' tackle stopped Tennessee's Kevin Dyson a yard short of the tying touchdown on the game's final play.

It was just what the NFL wanted for Denver's first official Monday night telecast since its Super Bowl.

"This was a game where if you like offense, it was fun to watch." Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "If you liked defense, you picked the wrong one to go in.

In addition to the late game heroes, Az-Zahir Hakim went 86 yards on a punt return and took a short pass from Warner 40 yards for another score. Warner, who was 25-of-35, also had a 72-yard TD pass to Marshall Faulk on the same pattern on which Hakim scored between them, the two passes covered perhaps 20 yards total laterally and the receivers did the rest.

The Broncos were nearly as effective on offense. Despite losing running back Terrell Davis to a twisted left ankle in the second quarter, the Broncos moved the ball almost as well as the Rams although not as quickly. Hlanlis Gbart replaced Davis and gained 40 yards in 13 carries.

Griese, who was 19-of-28 for 307 yards, threw for two TDs and ran for a third.

"Any time you come into their back yard and score some points and move the ball, you're doing fine," Shanahan said.

Both teams scored on all of their possessions in the second quarter until halftime stopped the Broncos.

And each scored again in the first two series of the second half, making it six scores in seven possessions with the difference the TDs scored by the Rams against field goals by the Broncos. In all, there were scores on eight of 10 possessions by both teams.

The win was the first as a head coach for Mike Martz, who was St. Louis' offensive coordinator last season and took over when Buck Vermeil retired after the Rams beat Tennessee in last January's Super Bowl.

Martz took the blame for the interception. "It was my call," he said. "We almost blew it. Fortunately, we were able to come back and put it in the end zone.

This was a shootout from the start.

Denver, coming off a 6-10 season after winning consecutive Super Bowls, made it look easy on its first possession, going 59 yards in just six plays to take a 7-0 lead on Griese's 5-yard booting. Davis had a 12-yard run on that series and Griese completed passes of 15 and 18 yards to Rams Smith and Deane Carswell.

Hakim tied it with his 86-yard return which he took straight up the field and out ran everyone.

Jason Elam's 32-yard field goal 1:18 into the second quarter gave the Broncos a 10-7 lead. But the Rams came back with a nine-play, 89-yard drive capped by Faulk's 5-yard TD run.

Then, after Griese hit Smith on a slant for a 25-yard score, the Rams came right back, going 77 yards on nine plays capped by Warner's 7-yard TD pass to Ricky Proehl and it was 21-17 St. Louis at the half.

Elam's 38-yard field goal on the first series of the third quarter cut the Rams' lead to 21-20. It was quickly 28-20.

On the second play after the kickoff, Warner threw the ball in the flat to Faulk who dodged two tacklers and took the ball 72 yards to the end zone.

But Griese came right back, driving the Broncos 67 yards capped by a 7-yard TD pass to Desmond Clark.

Clark's 35-yarder made it 35-20.

Then came the final frantic shootout.

"It's the toughest first half I've ever had in my life," said Denver linebacker Bill Romanowski, who is in his 13th season. "When you're own offense up 36 points, I don't care if you're playing the NFC Pro Bowl team, you've got to win it."
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concerns. Nebraska opened its season on Saturday with a
routining 49-13 win over San Jose State. Led by Dan
Alexander's 208 yards, the Cornhuskers' rushing offense
earned 305 yards on 60 carries. Quarterback Mike Crouch
struggled, completing 4 of 10 passes and throwing two interceptions
but the junior from Omaha rushed for 57 yards on the
ground.
But the Nebraska defense
may pose an even greater chal-
lenge for Battle and company.
The unit features middle line-
backer Carlos Polk, a Butkus
Award candidate and corner-
back Keayan Creatr, a Jim
Thorpe award nominee. While
their game plan is obviously set
on the Cornhuskers this week,
the Irish also devoted time dur-
ing preseason camp analyzing
the Nebraska defense.

"They give you so many
crazy-looking tricks with the
fronts, linebackers, the blizzers," Battle said. "They do a great
job of disguising a lot of things."
Battle's numbers 110 of 16
passing for 165 yards and two
touchdowns and 50 yards rush-
ing in his first college start
helped disprove the "can't
pass" mentality. But, in order
to shed that image, Battle
needs to build on the strong
opening season performance.
To counterattack Nebraska's
swarming, aggressive defense
and help his quarterback,
Battle plans to continue spread-
ball in the passing game around
among the tight ends, running
backs and receivers. Against
the Aggies, six different
receivers caught passes, includ-
ing fullback Tom Lopieniski and
tight ends Jabari Holloway and
Dan O'Leary.
"It was kind of surprising to
see Lopieniski go to the flat,
catch two big ones for me and
turn them up field," Battle said.
"It just goes to show the type of
athletes we have."
In preparation for Nebraska,
Battle will watch more film.
"I would have grabbed him," Battle said.
Arnaz Battle led the Irish Saturday with two touchdown passes, 10 completions for 165 yards
and 50 yards rushing.

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Last year, Kachmarik,
with the help of assistant
athletic director Gretchen
Hildebrandt, worked out
the beginnings of a new
kind of Saint Mary's stu-
dent, one who was aware
of her mind, her spirit, and
her body.
This year, with the
arrival of Sports
Information Director
Suzanne Smith, Kachmarik
and Hildebrandt have taken
those beginnings to a new
level.
In a recent interview,
Kachmarik said, "We're
really trying to get a mes-
 sage out. It's not about one
aspect of education."
So Kachmarik and
Hildebrandt are beginning
an education on the courts.
Starting this year, the
newly formed Saint Mary's
cheerleading squad will be
cheering at all home bas-
ketball games and next
year Hildebrandt and
Kachmarik are looking at
having the squad at volley-
ball and soccer games.
It is truly the advent of a
new Saint Mary's student.
Of course, now that
Kachmarik and
Hildebrandt have put
the ball in our court — and lit-
erally the students have
to give back. It's time to sup-
port the cheerleaders and
the teams they support.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Murphy learns about more than basketball in Hawaii**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

It takes more than the average Joe to blow by All-American basketball player Troy Murphy. Somebody like the 1998-99 NBA Rookie of the Year Vince Carter, for instance.

"I ended up covering him [Cartier] in one of the scrimmages," Murphy said. "I've never felt so vulnerable in my life. It was kind of like pick your poison with him — he'll either pull up and shoot over you or go around you and dunk. Unfortunately he dunked on me a couple of times."

Murphy was one of 12 collegiate players picked to play on a U.S. Men's Select team that competed in Hawaii Saturday against the U.S. Olympic team.

The Olympic Dream Team III defeated the collegians squarely 111-74, leaving a big impression on its opponents. Murphy, who scored four points and pulled down three rebounds in the exhibition game, found himself in awe of Carter's athleticism and Alonzo Mourning's size.

What impressed him even more was the NBA players' work ethic.

"These guys are making 14, 15 million dollars a year, and then at the end of practice they run sprints," Murphy said. "Ray Allen is making 8 million dollars a year and shooting jump shots at the end of practice. Alonzo Mourning is running sprints long after everybody else has gone home."

The constant dedication to improve and stay on top of their game struck Murphy as the biggest lesson of the trip.

"Those guys have made it," the junior power forward said. "Yet they continually want to get better. They're not satisfied. That sticks with me."

Dream Team III ran the gamut in its response to the NCAA players.

While some took time out of their schedule to pass on a few pointers to the collegians, others looked on it as their duty to put their younger counterparts in their places.

Some of them kind of saw it as a rite of passage, to show us that they were still the guys that had to be beaten," Murphy said. "There were a couple guys, though, Ray Allen and Vin Baker, who went out of their way to get to know me and help me out."

Although guys like Murphy, Duke's Shane Battier and Jason Williams, Maryland's Terrence Morris and Iowa State's Jamal Tinsley, all members of the Select team, are the elite among college players, they came in at a disadvantage.

Not only did they have less experience, they lacked time playing together to form a team and learn plays.

On the hardwood, the Select team couldn't compete with the NBA players yet. Off the court, the guys got to know each other and enjoy Hawaii at the same time.

"We went snorkeling one day," Murphy said. "But they gave us some food to attract the fish, and we ended up throwing the fish food on each other instead of in the water. So that attracted the fish real close, and we didn't last long.

Back on campus, Murphy values the chance to meet his childhood heroes in the flesh.

"It was great. I've got pictures up on my wall in my dorm room of those guys," Murphy said. "It's an experience that I'll cherish for a long, long time."

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Toledo basks in glory of win over Alabama**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The broad smile UCLA coach Bob Toledo displayed Monday had probably been in place for nearly 48 hours — ever since the Bruins completed a dominating 35-24 victory over Alabama.

He said it was about to be replaced by a more-serious look.

"They key thing now is we put it behind us," Toledo said after speaking in glowing terms of the Bruins' effort against the Crimson Tide.

"We worked too hard to not enjoy the victory," Toledo said. "It's my job now to make sure we put it behind us, starting with a team meeting at 3 o'clock today.

Unranked entering Saturday's opener at the Rose Bowl, UCLA is No. 16 in this week's Associated Press poll.

Alabama is 13th, down from No. 2."

"The poll thing really baffles me. I'm pleased we moved up in the rankings, but are you going on last year, or are you going on this year?"

"When you beat somebody, you should be ranked ahead of them."

The Bruins rolled up 396 yards in total offense against a defense that allowed an average of 100 yards less last season. The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, gained 265 yards against UCLA, which gave up 444.6 yards per game last year.

"I had said we had the best defensive group since I've been here," Toledo said. "They didn't score any points on our defense in the second half. Five times, we went three plays and out (on defense). One time, we went two plays and recovered a fumble.

"Defensively, we controlled the clock. That's something I wanted to do. I think the conditioning really showed. Our offensive line, our tight ends, our fullbacks, we were knocking guys off the ball. They were very physical. (DeShaun) Foster was very physical.

"Foster, plagued by a sprained ankle much of last season, when he gained only 375 yards, had a career-high 187 yards on a school-record-tying 42 carries against Alabama."

"The impressive thing is he had 105 yards — yards after contact," Toledo said.

When asked about Foster's heavy workload, Toledo smiled and said: "That was a piece of cake compared to what he did in high school. It is physically capable of doing that. I don't particularly want him to carry the ball 42 times a game. If that's what we need to do, maybe I'll give him two scholarships."

"Foster said he was a little sore Sunday, but felt fine Monday."}

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maintain the scoreless tie. Neither team was able to come up with much offense in the two overtime sessions, and the game ended without a goal.

Avery was impressed with his team's depth, as they played two overtimes in the scorching desert heat.

"On Sunday we played 18 players. That shows tremendous depth," said Avery. "We didn't mince meat when the guys came off the bench. We're really excited about how deep our bench is."

Friday's game against New Mexico was quite impressive on both ends of the field. The offense put the Irish ahead early as Senior Reggie McKnight was fouled in the penalty box. As McKnight doubled the ball into the box, a Lobo defender came up and tackled him from the side.

Classmate Griffin Howard put the penalty kick past the goalkeeper for the Irish tally of the day.

The goal was a career first for Howard, who had just seven games played coming into the season. Howard_redicks_McKnight for the opportunity. "It was a penalty kick," said Howard. "Reggie McKnight did all the hard work."

The Irish added an insurance goal late in the game as Freshman Devan Prescod scored unassisted with 10:06 remaining. The goal was Prescod's first regular season score, after scoring one in the preseason.

In the season opener, it was defensive play that proved to be the team's strength. Tait saw the defensive game as a strong team effort.

"There's some great senior leadership out of Steve Maio, Tanner LaRose, and Griffin Howard. I think those guys really helped make the team in just giving everything they had every single minute," said Tait. "Also, with Andy Forstner and Greg Martin, I couldn't ask anything more out of those guys. They really put their hearts out on the field."

The Irish open their home season Wednesday night at Alumni Field against regional
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Muth leads Belles in rough victory over Scots

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Huth Muth spent a lot of time on the ground Monday, as the Belles soccer team slugged their way through a 2-0 victory against the Alma Scots.

But while her uniform was a little dirty, the victory was worth it.

“They were pretty rough,” Belles co-captain Heather Muth said. “I was on the ground about every four minutes.

The victory puts the Belles at 1-0 on the season, in a tough-fought match that found the Belles giving as much as they got back in return.

The Belles finished the game with 12 fouls to the Scots' eight.

Kristin Shea, a sophomore sweeper for Alma, drew the first yellow card of the game halfway through the first half. Jessica Klink, also a co-captain for the Belles, earned a yellow with 9 minutes to go in the game.

“They came out a lot more physical in the second half,” said head coach Jason Milligan. “But we started off real strong. It was a great way to start the season.”

Sophomore Lynn Taylor said the Scots got the not first for the Belles at the 15 minute mark, on her second career penalty kick.

The first, an indirect, went just wide of the right post. The second went deep into the corner and past Scots goalie Paula Schwarz.

“It was really intimidating at first,” Artman said. “But it was neat to score on a penalty kick because in high school I was never the one to take that kick.”

While the Scots game back with a shut of their own, Belles goalie and co-captain Tia Kapphahn stopped any and all attempts for the first shootout of her career.

Just 10 minutes later, the Belles had the ball deep in Scots territory and freshman Kristin Greenwood passed to Muth to put the Belles up 2-0 over the Scots.

“After the Belles goal everyone realized that if we don't come out 100 percent at the start of the game, then we'll be playing catch up the rest of the game,” Muth, a sophomore and scoring veteran, said.

The Belles traveled first to face DePauw Sept. 9 and then to Terre Haute to compete against Rose-Hulman Sept. 10.

Sophomore Lynn Taylor was one of six midfielders with shots on goal against Alma on Monday. The Belles recorded a 2-0 shut out against the Scots at Monday's home opener.

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ACROSS

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8. Spy.
10. Award.
11. Piano.
12. Curve.
13. Hog's home.
15. Docking spot.
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17. Flowering shrub.
18. Watermelon.
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22. Wield a wheel.
23. Headlight.
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Happy Birthday! You need to get your act together this year. Stop thinking and start doing. You need to concentrate on what it is you want to accomplish and go for it. The more you sit around hesitating, the greater the loss will be. It's time to spread your wings and take flight. Only you can take the initiative to make your life better. Your numbers are 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 22, 34, 36, 44, 68.

AKIES (March 21-April 19): Your interests in picking up new information or skills is growing. Sign up for seminars or courses that offer a challenge. You'll quit if you get bored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have great concern with your future security. Check out retirement plans that offer guarantees. Stress due to worries is wearing you down. Get busy doing things you enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have a desire to make your emotions reign supreme. The information that you've been experiencing can be due to being too much of a taskmaster.

LEO: (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen to your inner voice. Your thoughts will lead you in the most prosperous direction.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't blow situations out of proportion. You could lose a good friend if you are critical and judgmental. Get a life and don't be too eager to point your fingers at others.

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 20): Listen to those having more experience. Travel and educational pursuits will enrich your vision. You will prosper through making new friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21): You will have a desire to make next year interesting. Take a closer look, but don't take too much time deciding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't set your partner mind games with you. Stand up for your rights and speak your mind. If he tries to put all the blame on you, be prepared to let him know what his limits are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get busy setting up those interviews. You need a job that offers more challenges and higher wages. Sign up for courses that will bring you more skills and business knowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be desperate for intellectual stimulating. Travel should be high on your agenda. Make sure you find interesting information for you to incorporate into your philosophy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional setbacks will surface if you haven't resolved the emotional problems that your relationship faces. If your partner denies that there's a problem, make plans to go out with friends.

Birthday Baby: You were born with the desire to live life to the fullest. You must, however, make sure that you aren't outsmarting the process. You are strong both physically and mentally and can accomplish a lot throughout life as long as you aren't too shallow to compromise whenever necessary.

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Men's Soccer

Tait records 2 shutouts for Irish in Classic

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

After losing veteran Gerick Short to graduation, the Irish men's soccer team was left with two sophomore goalkeepers who had combined to play only 35:30 last season. After the final preseason practice this summer, Irish head coach Chris Apple named Greg Tait his starter.

Any questions about the team's stability in goal were answered as Tait posted two shutouts and the Irish recorded a 1-0-1 record at the UNLV Fillas/Snickers Rebel Classic over the weekend. The Irish defeated New Mexico 2-0 on Friday night before playing to a scoreless tie versus host Nevada-Las Vegas on Sunday. Tait earned both tournament Most Valuable Player honors and Big East Goalkeeper of the Week honors for his efforts. Tait praises the team's strong defense in helping him earn the award. "It's real exciting, I'm really grateful for it," he said. "The whole defense played really well for me. They made it possible for me to get that award."

Playing particularly well was sophomore Andy Forster. The second-year starter from Germany was named the tournament's most valuable defensive player. "Having those two awards given to our goalkeeper and our central defender, that shows that our team as a whole is defending very well," said assistant coach Mike Avery. "That was something that we put a premium on coming into the tournament. We had two shutouts against two high powered teams. We felt really good about that." Sunday's game against the Rebels pitted two strong defensive teams. The Irish came out on the offensive, tallying six shots in the first half. However, they were unable to capitalize on any of these opportunities. They came closest to scoring after halftime, as freshman Justin Detter had was only a diving save by Rebel goalkeeper Scott Winstead away from putting the Irish ahead. Later in the second half, Irish sophomore Justin Rateliff made a save from the back to

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Kachmarik redefines athletics

Pom-poms, smiles, and cheering. "Go Blue! Go White! Team fight!"

This is an image that is familiar to all of us. We've seen it at high school basketball games, college football games, and even from the infamous Dallas Cowboys' cheerleaders.

But at a Saint Mary's volleyball game? Now that's news.

For years, there were members of the Saint Mary's community that didn't even know that we had sports teams. However, things in the Belles athletic facility are changing. Athletic director Lynn Kachmarik has redefined the Saint Mary's athletic department and renewed the school's spirit. Leading this rebirth is the newly formed Saint Mary's cheerleading squad.

Who would have thought that the Saint Mary's student body would ever want a cheerleading squad? Athlete teams have been begging for support for years, hoping that it would lead to at least one home game. Now there are women clamoring to be part of this new club that will lead the quest for Belles pride during activities night nearly 40 first-year women showed interest, and last night, at the first informational meeting, 50 women came to find out how they can support their classmates.

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Kicking up a storm

The Belles open their season with a 2-0 shutout of the Alma Scots.

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Inside Saint Mary's Sports

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Irish quarterback Amaz Battle dodges Aggie defensive end Evan Pieroni Saturday in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over Texas A&M. Battle is recovering from minor injuries this week.

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Football

Battle fights injuries after season opener

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Talk about a scare.

In the third play of Saturday's game against Texas A&M, Amaz Battle rolled to his left, gained three yards and was showed out-of-bounds by several Aggie defenders. After being pushed, Battle hurdles a bench on the Notre Dame sidelines and collided into a concrete wall.

His nearby 100 teammates were nowhere in sight.

"They parted like the Red Sea," Battle said Monday. "I thought someone would grab me. I'm going to watch that film and find out who moved." That incident was not the only potential setback for the Irish quarterback. In the second quarter, Battle sprained his right ankle but did not leave the contest. At halftime, trainer Jim Ross adhered to the slight injury, re-fixing the ankle. Following the game, Battle received five stitches in his left shin.

He wore an air cast to Monday morning's press conference but handled every question in the afternoon practice.

"I'll be fine," coach Bob Davie said after Monday's practice.

Good thing for the Irish. With top-ranked Nebraska and their allegiance of fans rolling into town this weekend an injury to the Irish starter could cause additional major concerns. Nebraska opened

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