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INSIDE COLUMN

Teaching qualifications

My mother teaches second grade. When most people hear that, they ask me if I want to become a teacher, too. My typical response is an emphatic “Never!” One of my friends recently mentioned that his mother is also a teacher, but like me, my friend has no intention of following in his mom’s footsteps. “Especially since I’m going into Notre Dame,” my friend added. “My parents are spending a lot of money for me to get a good education here. Maybe if I were going to a state school back home it would be okay for me to become a teacher.” I agreed. Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are among the best and brightest in the country. Maybe it’s okay for us to volunteer to work with little kids. But spend our entire careers teaching them reading, writing, and arithmetic? No way. Let people with lower SAT scores teach our future generations the skills essential to future success in life — or as a lot of us ND and SMC students seem to think. Do you have any idea how disturbing this way of thinking really is?

The people who teach kindergarten through 12th grade have a wonderfully positive impact on their students. These teachers are crucial to preparing students for studying further in college or for entering the workforce. Why shouldn’t our society encourage its best and brightest to become elementary and secondary level teachers?

If you’re having the academic ability and determination to go to prestigious schools like Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s does not make a person a good teacher. A lot of incredible teachers attended schools ranked far outside U.S. News and World Report’s top 25. The best teachers are the ones who are caring, patient, and determined.

But my mom, for instance, has worked tirelessly with students who struggled to learn skills most of us take for granted. My mom has comforted the tears of countless 7- and 8-year-olds. No matter what, each morning, she and every other teacher must greet each student with enthusiasm and confidence. Her former students often go out of their way to tell her how she affected their lives.

Going to a prestigious school does not somehow raise you above the level of elementary and secondary school teachers. Children need and appreciate excellent teachers, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are intelligent enough to be able to see the good educators America’s schools could ever offer.

I know a lot of you out there are wondering what to do with the rest of your lives. Think about becoming a teacher. There’s no better way to help your community.

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

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Associate News Editor

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday

◆ Lectures: “Brazil in the 90s: Culture and Politics in a Changing Society,” 12:30 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium, Hesburgh Center 103.
◆ Lectures: “Evolution Be Taught in the Public Schools?” 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium.

Friday

◆ Saturday: “Asian Culture: How the Bible World,” 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame, Room, LaFortune.
◆ Friday: “Asian Culture: Reading under the Conspiration,” 7:30 p.m., Saint Mary’s Little Theatre.

Saturday

◆ Saturday: “Asian Culture: the World’s oldest computer is only a year old,” 12:30 p.m., Notre Dame.
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◆ Saturday: “Asian Culture: the World’s oldest computer is only a year old,” 4:30 p.m., Notre Dame.

Sunday


OUTSIDE THE DOME

Harvard sues Web site to protect domain name

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — NotHarvard.com, an online education site, changed its name Tuesday to Powered.com, several months after Harvard sued the company for trademark infringement.

NotHarvard sued the university on July 27 seeking an injunction to protect its domain name. The university responded by suing notHarvard several days later.

But university officials said that despite the fact that notHarvard no longer exists, Harvard will press on with its lawsuit against the company instead of waiting for Powered to turn over the domain name voluntarily.

“We are seeking a solution that’s legally enforceable, instead of relying on an individual’s promise,” said university spokesperson Joe Wrin.

Paul Danzlenger, a lawyer for Powered, said that the company would be willing to turn the notHarvard domain name over to the university on Dec. 7. The delay is necessary, he said, to allow a suitable transition period for Powered.

Media officials said that the company had been planning to change the name since early May.

“The name notHarvard no longer fit our business really well,” said Mark Gonzalez, acting president of the company for trademark infringement.

Gonzalez denied the entire controversy as "an amazing case of bad timing." If the dispute had surfaced two weeks later, he said, notHarvard would have changed its name already.

Lucia Lim, a public relations officer for Powered, said the litigation did not prompt the company to change its name.

West Virginia University

Students receive Gateway laptops

As part of the Nailler Foundation Computer Scholarship Program, laptop computers are currently available to students in West Virginia University’s College of Business and Economics. The laptops are up-to-date Gateway computers, complete with a wireless network card for accessing the local area network within and around the building. The oldest computer is only a year old,” said Carol Hennessy, Director of Information Technology at the College of Business and Economics. The network offers students Internet access, as well as access to special business applications like statistic analysis software. Lab printers can also be accessed via the network, if a student enters a dead spot in the building, like a stairwell, downloading or other network activity pauses until re-entering on another floor. The network actually extends beyond the building, out to the street, "I drove by the building on a stormy holiday and saw a student working on his laptop in the network outside the building under the overhang," Henry said.

University of Idaho

School recovers from water scare

Test results from Saturday and Sunday show no problems with the University of Idaho water supply after tests Thursday indicated the presence of coliform bacteria in the UI water system, Ken White, director of facilities management, said. The EPA has determined coliform bacteria to be a precursor for harmful bacteria, such as E. coli. While the university has not located any problems with the campus water system and they do not know the source of Thursday’s test results, he said when such a problem occurs it is often the result of construction and adding a new building to the water system. This is what happened when water was shut off at the Commons last semester, White said. Michael Griffl, director of University Residence, said that as soon as the results came back positive on Friday, action was taken to ensure the safety of those students who live on campus.

Fliers telling students to either boil or avoid drinking the water were posted at all water fountains, restrooms, showers and building entrances.

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5 Day Smith Beach Forecast

The weather forecast was created for the University of Notre Dame students.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 21.

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ND soccer games kick off to Latin-American rhythms

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

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

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

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

In South America and Europe, soccer thrives on sounds from an impassioned crowd. For diehard fans in countries where thousands pack stadiums to view their national sport, the intensity of a soccer game proves that a match can be just as much fun for the fans as it is for the players.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mikacenic and her team members agree that playing in Brazil last August was something different than what they would have experienced traveling around the U.S. As more American children enroll in soccer each year, it is only a matter of time before players and fans alike will learn more about the cultures that encapsulate the sport, Wolf said.

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

By AMY GREENE

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

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

The Observer has been discussing its relationship with the University since the 1999-2000 academic year. Gillespie explained the history of the paper and where the discussion stands at the moment.

Gillespie said, "You, as students, have the opportunity to pick up a daily campus newspaper and know that the coverage is unbiased, uninfluenced and reported ethically because of our position as an independent newspaper."

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

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

"I just want to make sure everyone on our board is fully educated," student body president Crasie Bonner said. "The board will be reading a packet of information on the history of The Observer and its relationship with the paper and will make a proposal to University President Father Edward Malloy at the end of the month."

Gillespie emphasized that the independence of the paper is crucial for members from all facets of the College and the University.

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

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

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

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

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

"Many assaults go unreported, however, and remain off the record," Frischkorn said. The BOG proposed to have a forum to raise awareness about sexual assault, but did not set a date.

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

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

Molly McCoy contributed to this report.

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

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

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

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

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

"I don't think the University is going to start firing the Observer staff right now, but we have to look down the line. Who knows what this will mean for the future," she said.

"We're not just looking out for us, we're looking out for wha't to happen in years to come. It is a risk we're taking, but we're taking it for them, not just for us."

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

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

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

"We need the freedom to criticize Father Malloy and the administration," Connolly said. "The only reason people believe when we print something good about them, they said University control of The Observer's independence."

Steve Amsden, assistant director of public relations, said that the survival of The Observer is not at stake.

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

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

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

**National News Briefs**

Nevada Senate race tightens: Republician John Ensign's 20-point lead in Nevada's U.S. Senate race over Democratic challenger Ed Benna has been cut nearly in half, according to a new poll. The poll, taken for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and lavoxnews.com and published over the weekend, showed Ensign's support had dropped to 50 percent, down from 56 percent in a June poll. Benna was the choice of 29 percent, up from 26 percent.

Pentagon had access to classified files: The Pentagon acknowledged Wednesday that it had access in 1996 to computer files that would have permitted the agency to assess the damage of classified information entered on unsecured computers by former CIA Director John Deutch. The Pentagon, which only began its investigation in February, initially blamed the delay on a lack of access to the documents or computer files that contained the secrets.

**Indiana News Briefs**

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

**Yugoslavia**

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

Thousands support Milosevic rival

**Associated Press**

**Belgrade**

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

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

"There is a great chance and hope that after Sunday's elections, we will begin a new life in different Serbia," Kostunica told the crowd, concluding his speech with: "May God help you to have enough courage... to win freedom." For Serbia, Milosevic labeled his opponents "rats and hyenas" while on a campaign stop earlier Wednesday in Montenegro, the smaller of Yugoslavia's two republics, where pro-Western leaders have urged residents to boycott what it considers an unfair vote.

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

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

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

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

**England**

Explosion rocks MI6 headquarters

**Associated Press**

**London**

Firefighters and witnesses said at least one possible explosion went off yesterday in the MI6's intelligence service in central London. Emergency officials reported no casualties.

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

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

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

A London Fire Brigade spokesman said crews were called to the Vauxhall Cross area on the south bank of the River Thames at 9:23 a.m., and that the incident was believed to be an explosion.

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

The MI6 headquarters, a big modern structure, was featured in the James Bond movie "The World Is Not Enough" and in one scene was shown being blown up by a terrorist bomb.
Two proposals could result in campus changes

Resolution may add faculty voice to Student Senate

By LAURA ROMPF Assistant News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although the majority of senators agreed with Berthou and Capani, Postgraduate East senator Nikki McCord said the faculty member should not have speaking privileges.

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

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

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

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

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

In other senate news:
- The committee on gender issues is working on having sexual assault meetings in each dorm next year. Committee members met with Jeff Shoup of Redlife and are planning meetings that would be tailored separately for men and women.
- The committee on residence life met with Shoup and Bill Kirk to discuss issues about 24-hour space and food service. Because inequalities exist between dorms, the committee is working on compiling a list of what students can do in 24-hour space.
- The committee on University affairs met with Broadway and is collecting information on long distance calling at the University.
- A joint academic affairs and university affairs subcommittee was formed to examine the Honor Code.

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"Refreshments will be served"
By KATIE McVOY

New Yorker

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

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

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

"This is a topic not only of interest to members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community. It will also bring members from the surrounding community," Pratt said.

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

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

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

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

The lecture will be sponsored by the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's chapter of the Sigma Xi Research Society, presented in conjunction with the Saint Mary's departments of biology and philosophy, and the dean of faculty.

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

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

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

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

Belanger: Music part of Hispanic culture

By KATIE MILLER

New Yorker

Culture. Diversity. Tradition. Professor Marc Belanger used these elements to define the pluralistic culture of Latin American music during a lecture Wednesday afternoon.

Belanger held the lecture at the request of students as part of a celebration of Hispanic heritage month.

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

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

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

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

"At this point in history, Spain has not been to the New World, but it is already multicultural. Christians, Jews and Muslims populated Spain at this time. It was a very cosmopolitan place," said Belanger.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday: ND Cross Country meet vs. National Catholic 4:15pm
ISSA presents American Culture Through Music Dance Party: Alumni Senior Club 5-7pm
Hayride/Campfire w/ Flipside 7:30 pm
In Hall Formal: O’Neill Hall
"Time Regained" 6:30, 9:30 Snite
Movies: Road Trip 101 DeBartolo 8pm & 10:30pm
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Sunday: Men's Soccer vs. Connecticut 1pm
Women's Soccer 3pm

Next week:

(Sept. 25-30)

September 25: "The Conversation" 7pm Snite Museum

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

September 28: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet: 8 PM - Hesburgh Auditorium
AcoustiCafe 9pm LaFortune Huddle
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In-Hall Dances: PW, Morissey, Cavanaugh, Walsh, Alumni, Fisher
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ND students’ donations boost local blood levels

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

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

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

Every year there are two regularly scheduled blood drives at Notre Dame. Each last two days and collect about 25 pints per day.

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

“The blood bank was nearly empty. They needed a drive from us before the long three-day weekend. A nurse said that if they weren’t able to get in here, they wouldn’t have been able to get in anywhere,” said John Osborn, a University senior who works with the First Aid Services Team and the Student Wellness Advisory Board to publicize the drives.

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

The next drive will take place at the Snell Sports Center on Oct. 12-13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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French TV journalists escape Muslim rebels

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

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

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

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

At dawn, he said, they flagged down a military truck on the road and were taken to a military camp.

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

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

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Clinton Whitewater probe ends

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Prosecutors concluded Wednesday there is "insufficient" evidence that President Clinton or his wife committed a crime in Whitewater, bringing the 6-year investigation to an anticlimactic end 4 months before the president leaves office.

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

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

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

Ray has one major piece of unfinished business in the $425 million independent counsel investigation — a decision whether to indict the president after he leaves office for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. That grand jury was impaneled in July in Washington to help make the decision.

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

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

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

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

"Robert Ray is now the latest investigator to complete an examination of the transactions related to Whitewater Development Co. and conclude that there are no grounds for legal action," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Study: Minimum wage can't pay rent

Associated Press

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

"Rents continue to increase dramatically, while the minimum wage has not," Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Housing Secretary

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

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

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

The federal minimum wage is $5.15 an hour.

HUD says people should not spend more than 30 per­cent of their gross income on housing. Using that stan­dard, no minimum-wage earner on a 40-hour week can afford an average rent in any county, the coalition said.

Martin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties, all in California, tied for the least-affordable county, with a worker needing to earn $28.06 for an average apartment.

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

Washington, D.C., was next ($16.60), followed by Santa Clara County, Calif., ($15.25). Barbour County, Ala., was ranked most affordable ($6.74).

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Clinton: blacks should back Gore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Declarling that his presidency "set the table for America's feast," President Clinton made an 11-o’clock pitch Wednesday for Black voters to turn out for Al Gore.

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

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

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

"This election is not a reward for past performance," Gore said. "It is about the better, fairer, more prosperous America we can build together."

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

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

While Clinton spoke, the NAACP unveiled a $9 million effort to turn out black voters, through telemarketing and grass-roots mobil­ization in 12 states target­ed as battle­ground states for the presi­dential race or congress­ional contests.

The NAACP said it has regis­tered 21,000 new voters and has mobilized volunteers to sign up more.

CIPPEC’s presiding bishop, Chumby Turner said 400 black churches were pooling their congregations in New York to provide a forum for Hillary Clinton — primarily out of loyalty to Clinton.

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

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

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

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

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

GOP funds hit high with $200 million

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

While trailing the GOP in fund raising, the Democratic National Committee did take in $26 million at big-ticket events in the four weeks since its national convention, including $5.1 million at a post-convention gala featur­ing Barbra Streisand and a concert at Radio City Music Hall last week that brought in $4.5 million.

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

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

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

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

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It snuck up on us like a cat through the night. It was reinforced through print, computers, television and all other mediums put together. Once the words dropped from one person’s lips they ran like wildfire through the eyes and ears of the local population, consuming us in a whirl of ribbons, satin, face and taffeta. We were getting married.

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

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

But imagine, as I described before, five or six 20 something girls sitting around in jeans and sweats, faces glued to the computer screen, not furthering their education in anyway except to learn the many intricacies of certain matrimonial Internet sites and possibly the psychology behind creating ideal wedding situations in one’s head based solely on a whole lot of hype. It is a far cry from the Bobby-socked ponytail days of yore when girls really did marry Bobby the football captain a week after high school graduation. Nowadays marriages seem to come much later in life and even by the two’s and three’s. According to the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), 14 million Americans between the ages of 25 and 34 have never been married. And in 1998, 36 percent of U.S. adults were married. A pretty high percentage, right? Not really, considering that is down 12 percentage points since 1978. It has gone to be an unconscious, undiscovered section in the female brain that at some point or another clicks on to weddings, then maybe shuts off awhile and possibly (if ever) clicks back on at a later date. I’m pretty sure that this self-indulging wedding talk process only to satify one’s ego. Face it, your wedding is a day devoted to you. All eyes on you. Bridesmaids’ colors, accent colors, what dishes to serve, the script used on the invitations, flowers — the church — it is all up to you. You, as the bride, the mother of this child called a wedding, get to choose every aspect, with some help of course, from mothers, friends and the husband-to-be. But in essence, you, as the bride, get to play God. Power unto me! you may exclaim in a booming voice as the first picture book of wedding cakes is set in front of you. According to TheKnot.com, 80 percent of Americans consider marriage part of the “good life.” And this piece of the “good life” pie will cost only cost you about $19,000 — a mere pittance compared to the fairy tale weddings of celebrities we are bombarded with on television. So not only can thoughts of weddings consume every atom of our beings, but they can also physically consume every aspect of our wallets. Maybe it is because I am neither married nor engaged, but I cannot fallomb spending what for me right now is a year’s worth of education on a huge one day party. This is not to say that I wouldn’t do it, I just can’t see myself doing it right now. Maybe that’s because I only have $63.47 in my checking account.

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

Although I have heard of a new web site that will coordinate my entire wedding entirely online as long as I put down a date and my husband-to-be’s name. The hatch is set.

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Saving the people by saving them money

Giving help to those who need it the most

returning tax dollars to the people

The 2000 presidential election is one of the most heated and historic. Why? Never in recent memory have we had the golden opportunity to extend our nation's prosperity to virtually all of its citizens. Because the stunning growth we have seen during the Clinton administration, too many people remain on the outside looking in. Middle class wages have been stagnant for nearly 30 years, too many working families must fight to stay above the poverty level and the income gap between the rich and the poor is at an all-time high. This November we will be faced with a critical decision. Do we use our prosperity to enter a helping hand to those who need help most? Or do we return to our old ways of comforting the comfortable? If we are clearing the roof while the sun is still shining and use our prosperity to benefit America's middle class and working poor, then you will be in favor of the tax plan proposed by President Al Gore.

Let us take a look at both the Gore and Bush tax plans. Governor Bush proposes spending $1.3 trillion of the projected $4.6 trillion surplus on tax cuts over the next 10 years. He claims the tax cut begins in January and will get the American people back on the road to prosperity. Gore will not provide a plan that is going to be read. He promises, “I will expand the Social Security system and will provide tax relief to the people.”

In the coming election we must choose whether to move forward or fall back. We need $6.5 trillion in that means that working families can be provided with tax relief at a time when they need it the most. Of course, this can only happen if the Bush-Bush administrations, which stratified the distribution of wealth in the U.S. and saddled our generation with an enormous national debt. Or we can take the appropriate steps not to squander our golden opportunity to ensure that every American shares in our prosperity. Bush's proposed tax plans presented before us in this election, the Gore plan is the one that makes sure the most help goes to the people that need it most.

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

If you want reform – vote Reform

Some people who like Pat Buchanan and like the things he stands for say that they do not want to vote for him because it will be to vote for taxes. They have been frightened by the Republican party which says that even though Bush may not fulfill all their demands they are probably the other side of the coin. It is something for you to consider: Indiana will in all probability according to all projections not vote to the Governor. It is so obvious in Bush's camp that Gore will not campaign here very forcefully and Bush will not use his time or money when he is already assured of the outcome. It is a scenario like this I propose that a vote for Buchanan will not seriously damage Bush's winning the state. It run accomplish much. If Pat gets 5 or 10 percent of the vote it will send a message to the Republican leadership that there are some who do not agree with their plans for America — that there are issues that need to be raised.

If Pat gets 60 percent or more do not favor China getting special treatment and getting into the WTO are the GOP members going to support the Senate Democrats to provide China this special favor? When the majority of Americans do not favor our involvement in foreign civil wars why are all the major figures for him the most professional candidate running.

Paul Rezay
Free Press, Ind.
September 15, 2000
Candidates wrong in attacking Hollywood

In this election year, in which no one issue has galvanized the nation and its politicians, Hollywood has suddenly emerged as the surrogate political whipping boy for both presidential campaigns. Two weeks ago, both Republicans and Democrats have raised against the sex, violence and profanity in America's music, video and film industries. To be more exact, ever since Vice-President Al Gore chose Senator Joseph Lieberman as his running mate in mid-August, the culture of Hollywood has been brought back into the political spotlight.

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

While the senator has focused mainly on the film industry in his attacks, the Vice President's wife, Tipper Gore, has made the music industry the butt of her criticism. She was one of the leading advocates for warning labels on record discs and tapes that were instituted in the late-1980's. Gore, too, has joined in the latest round of Hollywood criticism by focusing the Democrats' attacks on the way in which the film industry markets its increasingly violent product. The Gore campaign picked up on a Federal Trade Commission report released on Sept. 11, which accused some motion picture companies of intentionally marketing R-rated movies to kids as young as 12. Gore has promised "to do something about this" if elected this fall.

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

Republican national chairman Jim Nicholson questioned the Vice President's commitment to regulating Hollywood last week after the Gore campaign raised $8.5 million dollars in a one-night concert at Radio City Music Hall. "But with whom does he stand tonight; the parents whose young kids are having their minds polluted and their souls corruped by Hollywood, or the powerful Hollywood elite who put the money in his pocket?"

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

The Republicans, at times, seem to be going a step further than the Democrats with their criticisms of the entertainment industry. As Cheney's wife, Lynne Cheney, expressed at a Congressional hearing last week, "There is a problem with the product they market, no matter how they market it."

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

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

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

"You're on the right track. The problem is that this slanted, unrealistic view of the past has unfairly placed blame on Hollywood. When was the last time you heard someone blame the continent of southeast Asia for the vices in the first half of this century from Films with none-too-subtle racial undertones like "Gone With the Wind"? Or how about blaming gender inequality or blatantly sexist movies like the James Bond series, which treat women as mere sexual objects? The short answer is never. But, of course, there were no problems 50 or even 30 years ago. Likely story. The solution to preventing young kids from seeing movies not meant for them is already in place. It's the self-administered MPAA ratings system, which too many people have given up on in recent years. The truth is that the film industry has been more than honest about rating itself. Rarely do you watch a movie and comment on its rating being too low.

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

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

Both political parties would benefit greatly from this approach because any effort to regulate or censor the film or music industry would set off First Amendment alarm bells in the American conscience. Censorship has never been a popular issue among American voters. This, coupled with the vast amount of power and money wielded by Hollywood interests, should convince politicians of the need to find a new approach in this old debate.

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A 'History' lesson not to be missed

Forcible 'American History X' comments on racial hatred

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

American History X, a 1998 drama directed by Tom Kaye, contains messages that represent some of the most thought-out and provocative ideas about reversing racism. It made 6.7 million dollars, which left its production company, New Line Cinema, holding the bag on the 10 million dollar budget. Never mind that failed to embrace "American History X," its availability on video (and this article) will hopefully inspire someone in it to read and share the movie's message with their friends.

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

Derek has become the inspiration for many, bored and easily influenced youths looking to blame anyone for their lower-middle-class woes. He becomes the mouthpiece for Cameron, and in his home, he is quickly idolized. It is during the movie's opening sequence that the progression of Derek's hatred is mapped out, a cartoonish depiction by two black men leads Derek to commit double homicide and subsequent jail time.

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

It is up to the reformed Derek to reestablish himself as an influence in his brother Danny's life, and to save him from continuing the legacy of hate that Derek himself started. Derek must come in conflict with his old leader, his old friends, and most importantly, his old ideals, to rescue Danny from the Venice Beach white power group he helped create.

Derek organizes the ransacking of a Korean owned shop because he believes the worth that have been forced to him by Alexander.

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

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

This new message is represented in a quote from Abraham Lincoln, which, incidentally, represents Danny's conversion at the conclusion of the movie. "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle-field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." In prison, Derek at first resists to adhere to his "white power" ideals. It is only after Derek finds himself at his lowest position in life that he decides to make changes.

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

Derek realizes in these crucial moments that his life has been misrepresented so far by a web of lies. Lies that Cameron feeds him, contradictions in the sermons he preaches and lies that have spread into his household. It is also in discussions with Lamont, a black inmate and laundry partner, that Derek realizes the absurdity of what he has preached outside of prison. He also comes to understand the correct conclusion that, regardless of race, he should be helping unify our country and embarking on diversity.

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

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

The intervention is a successful one: Danny is reformed. However, he still has a large debt to repay society for all the hate he spread before Derek came home. The movie addresses this fact in much the same way. "American Beauty" handled Kevin Spacey's life reformation. Acting reformed does not just wipe the slate clean.

At the conclusion of the movie, Danny's words ring all too true: "This is just baggage." It's never too late to watch an inspiring movie; don't let."American History X" message go unheard.

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

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Walsh 13, Badin 12
In a battle that came down to the final play of the game, the Wild Women of Walsh defeated the Badin Bulldogs 13-12 at Stepfan Field on Tuesday night.

The beginning of the game was characterized by Badin’s strong rushing attack and quick cutting through the line. The Bulldogs’ drive was interrupted on an interception by Walsh, but they took the ball back two plays later. Badin went on to score on a ten-yard touchdown pass by saleem Tabrizi. The Bulldogs failed to convert the one-point conversion, however, and the game didn’t prove costly.

Then, Walsh took the ball and built on the lead thanks to a powerful passing attack led by Kristin Kenny. Her 25-yard reverse run put the Wild Women in perfect scoring position, and they put it in the end zone with just 11 seconds left. Walsh then converted for one and took a 7-6 lead. Immediate pressure from Badin took over, as the Wild Women pounced again, as Karina Mayorga made the first of her three interceptions in the game. This big play was followed by a 35-yard Kristin Kenny TB scamper, and Walsh took a 13-6 lead into the half. It appeared as if Badin was down and out, but they came out gunning in the second half.

After each team was forced to punt, quarterback Priscilla Clements completed a 50-yard pass to put the Bulldogs near the Walsh goal line. If the Bulldogs converted, the game would be over in an instant. However, the conversion attempt was thwarted by Angela Poli-Snell, and Walsh was able to retain the 13-12 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Walsh was forced to punt, but they took the ball right back with a momentum-destroying 22-yard play. After another Walsh punt, Badin looked ready to pull-off the win. However, Karina Mayorga once again dashed the Bulldogs plans with a game-saving interception as the clock expired.

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

Overall, we should have converted on the extra point, said Badin quarterback Priscilla Clements, who threw for one touchdown and four interceptions. “Our D played great and played two big plays. I think our offense is ready to go for BP, and I hope we deliver the first win tonight.”

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

“We had trouble in the start, but we picked it up in the middle and finished strongly,” said Badin running back Kristin Kenny, who rushed for 60 yards and one touchdown.

When asked what was going through his head, Badin quarterback Saleem Tabrizi said, “I don’t drop. She didn’t, and the Wild Women proved that we’re ready to retake a spot among the interal elite.”

**Off-Campus, 12 Breen***

On a warm and windy Thursday night in South Field, the strong Off-Campus offense overpowered the remaining Phillips-Phillips defense to secure a 12-6 victory.

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

Off-Campus scored first, midway through the first quarter. The Phillips defenders converted on the extra point, putting Off-Campus up 6-0. The extra point conversion failed, but Off-Campus still led 6-0 at the half.

Phillips’s offense finally got their first touchdown in the first half with some successful runs by quarterback Katie McFarland, but the momentum stopped when WP gave up a safety in the second half with nine seconds left. However, the Phillips defense stood strong and came up with a huge interception off of quarterback McFarland. The Phillips defenders returned the ball for a 14-yard touchdown, tying the score at six heading into halftime.

The second half saw more key plays by both teams on defense, as both offenses sputtered after halftime. Phillips finally dug deep and forced the Hanshues to punt. Stouffer was intercepted by BP’s Kelly Landers.

However, a big momentum shift in BP’s favor was soon seen, as Off-Campus’s Anthony Benjamen intercepted McFarland’s next pass.

Off-Campus began to dominate the Phillips defense towards the end of the second half, as Phillips attempted to secure their defense on fourth down to keep their driving going.

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

BP’s final drive failed to convert on a fourth down play, and Phillips held on for the win.

With no timeouts left, BP was able to get Phillips out of bounds with the Off-Campus team victorious.

BP captain Jenny Wahske was satisfied with the win, “The defense needs to be quicker and make more tackles, but that’s just our inexperience, we’re still the underdog.”

Both teams were happy with the win, for a first game, Off-Campus was victorious.

Off-Campus coach Paul Diamantopoulos saw room for improvement, but no regrets about his team’s sloppy win.

“I was very pleased with our overall performance against WP, but we left the game with a lot of work to do,” said Steve. “There is no doubt that we were happy to win, but we were simply disappointed in ourselves for our defense to score a touchdown against us when our own defense had shut them down so well.”

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

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Cowboys say Aikman will start against 49ers

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas Troy Aikman, who has missed two games after his ninth concussion, will be back in the starting lineup for Dallas against San Francisco. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday night that, based on a post-practice evaluation of Aikman, the quarter­back would indeed start Sunday's game.

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

Jones and coach Dave Campo both said Aikman was excited about getting the offi­cial word about starting again, but the quarterback had already told reporters earlier Wednesday that he had been cleared to play and expected to start.

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

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

Jones said Aikman was evaluated by team trainers after the practice in pads during the head of the day. The owner said everyone involved in the decision agreed that Aikman could return to game action.

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

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

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

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

Aikman has not played since being sacked for the fourth time in the first half of the opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Are you weary?
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mt 11:28-9

Are you lost?
I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. Jn 14:6

Are you lonely?
I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Jn 14:18,27
Ewing dealt to SuperSonics in four team mega-trade

Associated Press

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

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

Various trades involving Ewing and Rice have been in the works for the past month, including one involving Detroit Ewing and Rice have been in the works for the past month, including one involving Detroit.

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

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

Rice ended up with the Knicks, as part of a sign-and-trade transaction in which he got a multiyear contract from the Lakers before being shipped immediately to New York.

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

New York also got first-round draft picks in 2001 from the Lakers and Sonics, and two second-round picks in 2003 from Seattle.

The Lakers also get Greg Foster, Chuck Person and Emanual Davis from Seattle. Phoenix gets the Knicks’ No. 1 pick in 2001.

“Getting Patrick accomplish a big offseason goal of ours,” said Sonics general manager Wally Walker, adding that the trade scenarios were discussed between the Sonics, Knicks and Lakers.

“Until we got on the conference call with the league this afternoon, I had no confidence that the deal would get done.”

The trade brings a close to Ewing’s career in New York, where he arrived as the No. 1 pick in the 1985 draft. He was expected to be the type of franchise player who could bring the Knicks their first championship since 1973, but it didn’t happen.

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

“Patrick is one of the hardest working, most loyal players I have ever been around,” New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

“I have told him more than once that he is a champion even if he hasn’t won a championship. He practiced and played like a champion every day he was here. Seattle is fortunate to get a player of his talent and character.”

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

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

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

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

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

“If it doesn’t work out, we’ll have some cap flexibility next summer.”

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

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

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

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

Associated Press

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

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

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Howard, Lewis clash for South Quad dominance

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

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

Each team looks to average a loss suffered on Sunday. The Durk's of Howard Hall, defeated by the Lewis Chick's last weekend, enter the game with a mix of both upperclassmen and freshmen. Quarterback Jill Verselik and senior captain Jeanie Telesco both agreed on the strategy for this week's game.

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

Verselik, a junior and returning starter said the team will focus mainly on improving their game and simply coming out to play hard.

Contributing to the defense, her effort will be senior Emily Fling while on the offensive end, Howard will rely on key receiver Vanessa New, also a senior.

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

"We just didn't play on Sunday the way we usually do in practice," said tailback Juliet Hobbs said, "but we're ready to change that."

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

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

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

Welsh vs. Lewis

Fans should prepare for a hard fought match-up Thursday at 9 p.m. when the Welsh Whirlwinds play the Lewis Chickens on Stepan Field.

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

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

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

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Freshman quarterback Chantal Delvarz head Lewis with a touchdown pass in their opening game 6-0 win against Howard. Lewis hopes to give Welsh a run for their money when Delvarz is behind the ball.

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

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

Seniors quarterback Katie Riik has been a leader on the offense for Welsh this season along with former sophomore player Jen Grab.

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

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

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

Cavanaugh vs. Pangborn

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

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

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

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

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**Women's Soccer**

**Belles drop close match**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

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

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

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

Belles goalkeeper Tia Kapphahn tallied nine saves in the first half. Stuts were unavailable for parts of the second half because of rain damage to the wear book.

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

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

Heidi Zawadski, who scored the winning goal for the visiting team, and her teammates had several breakaways. All but one were stopped by the Belles defense or Kapphahn at the net.

On the winning goal, Zawadski kicked the ball towards the right post and the ball appeared to wrap around the inside of the post to drop into the right corner of the net for the Spartans goal.

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

As for the Belles, Irvin led the team with six shots. Heather Muth was served with five, as were Emily Erzchler, also a freshman, finished with three.

Katie Green and Kristen Priganc made two attempts for the Belles.

Lauren Paulien, Jessica Klink, Catherine Valente, Adrian Kirby, Kristin Greenwood, and Stephanie Artink all challenged the Manchester netminder once.

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

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

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

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

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Belles suffer tough loss

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

Lost serves were not the only factor in the Belles loss. Silence on the court was definitely missing in Holland Tuesday night.

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

Meyers herself had seven kills and seven digs last night.

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

"It was truly a loss," said middle hitter Julie LeBeau. "It was not a good game."

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

Angie Meyers outside hitter

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary's plays next at Manchester College Thursday night. The Spartans enter the match with a record of 1-13.
Thursday, September 21, 2000

**SOFTBALL**

**Australia upsets heavily favored United States in 13**

Associated Press

The U.S. softball team can no longer afford to worry about revenge. Lisa Fernandez gave up a two-run homer Thursday as Australia rallied in the bottom of the 13th inning to win 2-1 and send the United States to a shocking third consecutive loss.

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

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

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

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

The three-game losing streak is a stunning turn-around for a team that won 112 in a row heading to Sydney and hadn't lost three straight in internationally sanctioned games since 1983.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GYMNASTICS**

Nemov slips past Wei, takes home all-around gold

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Paul Hamm, who performed like a grizzled veteran for most of the team competition, finally showed the jitters of a 17-year-old. He fell off the high bar, his first event, and made a series of other small mistakes to finish 14th. Still, his finish was mighty impressive for a guy who's only a senior in high school and holds well for the future of U.S. gymnastics.

Watch him for one routine, and it's easy to see why. He's simply better than everyone else on the floor. His lowest score of the night was a 9.65 on the vault. Better than everyone else on the vault, better than some gymnasts' highest score.

While other gymnasts worry about how many flips and twists they can throw into their routines, Nemov remembers that the name of this sport is "artistic gymnastics."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Irish enter tournament with question marks

By RACHEL BIBER

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

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

Notre Dame ended play in the spring with a comedy revue New Yorkers, but worked on the vacation relaxing, but worked on the skills they worked on after the Financial Development Program

“Spring with a four-day marathon, teams will be able to record only one playing date instead of four, giving more opportunity for more season play. However, all individual matches will be recorded and taken into account in the singles and doubles rankings.”

We are going to face some people this year,” Bayliss said.

Bob Bayliss knows that more unfold this season.

“We are going to be really good,” Bayliss said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A duo that is sure to hit the highlights this year is the doubles team of Taborga and Talarico who start the season ranked 9th in doubles after being knocked out of the NCAA Doubles Championships in the first round and finishing the 1999-2000 season with a 17-9 mark. Taborga and Talarico turned a lot of heads last season, ranking up an 8-4 record against ranked opponents.

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

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

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

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

Tell me if it's not OK for me to blow off homework tonight.
Tell me if it's not OK for me to order this water on your credit card.
Tell me if it's not OK for me to eat this box of Ho-Hos before dinner.
Tell me you haven't been hearing head-phones all afternoon. Bought me a walkman. Isn't that sweet?

Fox Trot
Bill Amend

Where the dining hall gets fruit.

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ACROSS
1. Nears, with "on" --
9. Animal shelter
13. Paper-folding creation
14. Like a rainbow
16. Huey Dancing Astaire
19. Fourth and
25. Fox Trot
28. Frau's abode
32. Misled?
35. Like sod
38. King's word
39. Econ. figure
44. Memories of a
45. 38-Down's
46. Pipe
47. Like sod
48. Louie
54. 1968 pitcher

DOWN
1. Great Expectations, once
2. "I do"
3. It may be waxed
4. Memories of a withered lip, maybe
5. Ecoclastic
6. besides
7. Pedro or Paulo
8. Well-known, but not well-liked
10. Huey, Dewey
11. Misled?
12. House
13. Land of Robert
15. Shutter
16. Borrower
17. Brother Castor
18. Pipe cleaner
19. Frau's abode
20. "OK for me to eat this box of Ho-Hos before dinner. Bought me a walkman. Isn't that sweet?"

Answer to previous puzzle

ACROSS
1. Taint
9. Need for
13. School
14. Muesli
15. 14-Letter word
16. "It's okay, it's
17. 's 727
18. Tannery
20. "You sure?
21. "What's up?"
22. "Are you sure?"
23. "If you please"
24. "Like a song"
25. "You're on"
26. "I'm okay"
27. "Don't be upset"
28. "You're doing great"

DOWN
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Eugenia Last

Happy Birthday: This will be a year of great progress for you if you follow through on all the ideas that you want to implement. You will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen if you stick to your set goals and refuse to be tempted to waste time pursuing other people's endeavors. Acceptance will be the key to getting through periods of uncertainty. You must be a bit more philosophical to handle some situations, but your ability to do well professionally is not a question these days. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business and get yourself into shape. Involve children with activities that you enjoy. Concentrate your energies on school and work. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your ability to do well professionally is not equal to the spirit of hard work that you enjoy. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Talk to friends about your current situation. Variable advice will be available. Take a long, hard look at yourself and your personal situation. Your mate may overreact to your moods. Your professional goals can be achieved if you wish to keep yourself focused on the task at hand. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Traveling will be very hectic for you today. Emotions may need to be toned down for you. It is always best to avoid confrontations with relatives. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will dazzle others with your colorful personality. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your professional goals can be achieved if you wish to keep yourself focused on the task at hand. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take heed of the advice that you've been given. You will be experiencing changes in your home environment. Acceptance will be the key to getting through periods of uncertainty. You must be a bit more philosophical to handle some situations, but your ability to do well professionally is not a question these days. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your personal situation will be experiencing changes. You will receive the help you need to keep you hopping. Go after your dreams. Use your initiative to get the ball rolling. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take heed of the advice that you've been given. You will be experiencing changes in your home environment. Acceptance will be the key to getting through periods of uncertainty. You must be a bit more philosophical to handle some situations, but your ability to do well professionally is not a question these days. The people you live with will have the drive, the determination and the wherewithal to make things happen. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sudden good fortune will be yours if you're willing to take a chance. Don't overextend your financial limits or on entertainment. You will have the opportunity to show off your creative approach to life. It's time to show off your creativity. Your mate may overreact to your moods. Your professional goals can be achieved if you wish to keep yourself focused on the task at hand. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good fortune will be yours if you're willing to take a chance. Don't overextend your financial limits or on entertainment. You will have the opportunity to show off your creative approach to life. It's time to show off your creativity. Your mate may overreact to your moods. Your professional goals can be achieved if you wish to keep yourself focused on the task at hand. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.

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

Birthday Baby: You were born with what it takes to be great. Don't let your confidence be yours. You will receive the help you need to keep you hopping. Go after your dreams. Use your initiative to get the ball rolling. You're willing to put in the time and effort that will be required.


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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

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

*By MIKE CONNOLLY*

*Sports Writer*

It's official. Notre Dame has the best women's soccer team in the country according to the latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America Poll. The Irish received 295 points in the latest poll to place them 10 points ahead of second-place Clemson.

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

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

Although Waldrum called the new ranking a "tremendous honor," the team does not talk about rankings, according to sophomore midfielder Ashley Dryer. "We try not to focus on it," she said. "We still have a lot of stuff we need to do."

Senior captain Anne Makinen said she cares little about the rankings. She did not even find out the Irish were ranked No. 1 until she reached for comment Wednesday night. "We don't really talk about rankings," she said. "I don't personally follow rankings. They don't matter in the end."

Waldrum said the No. 1 ranking is especially impressive considering how much the Irish lost from last year's national runner-up team. Notre Dame had to replace five of last year's team — including the most-prolific scorer in Irish history, Jenny Streiffer. "The players deserve a lot of credit, because we've kind of snuck up on some people who thought — justifiably so — that we might be down a little bit after graduating five starters," Waldrum said.

The lowered expectations from people outside the program only motivated the Irish even more, Dryer said. "Everybody did basically write us off but we knew we had good freshmen coming in and good returning players." Dryer said, "I think our team always thought we could do it."

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

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**VOLLEYBALL**

**Netters take on No. 22 Loyola Marymount tonight**

*Irish prepare for Golden Dome Invitational this weekend*

*By RACHAEL PROTZMAN*

*Sports Writer*

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

Although the No. 24 Irish will face Loyola Marymount today, which also participates in this weekend's tournament, the Irish are not part of the tournament action. Notre Dame will face No. 4 Colorado State and Wyoming this weekend in the Golden Dome Invitational. Notre Dame is coming off a sweep of the Lady Senior Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., where it topped Florida A&M and Florida State and Samford for the tournament title.

Junior Kristy Kreher led the Irish in the match against Florida State with 19 kills while Marbie Bomrick added 13. Kreher led the tournament by being named the Most Valuable Player while senior Denise Hoylan and Bomrick were also named to the all-tournament team. Sophomore Janie Aldrete earned best defensive specialist honors for the weekend. "This is a huge weekend for us," said Aldrete. "It was definitely good for us to come out with three wins last weekend and we were able to get a bunch of people in." Loyola Marymount is currently 8-1 as it faces the Irish for the second time.

Notre Dame has the upper hand with a win in the 1994 Golden Dome Invitational (15-5, 15-4, 15-8). The Lions lost their last 10 games, led by Jamie Aldrete. "This is a huge weekend for us. It was definitely good for us to come out with three wins last weekend."

Jamie Aldrete Irish sophomore

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**Chaos ensues**

The Cavanaugh Chaos take on the Phoenix of Punghorn tonight at Stepan Field.

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**SPORTS**

**at Alamo Tires Clay Courts Today-Sunday**

*Golf at Kalamazoo Today, 1 p.m.*

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**at Manchester College Today, 7 p.m.**

*vs. Loyola Marymount Today, 7 p.m.*

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**at Adidas Saturday, noon.**

*vs. Seton Hall Friday, 7:30 p.m.*

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**at Michigan State Saturday, 3:30 p.m.**

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**at ITA National Clay Courts Today-Sunday**

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**at Manchester College Today, 7 p.m.**

*National Catholic Invitational Friday, 5 p.m.*

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**at Michigan State Saturday, 3:30 p.m.**

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