Bush, Gore campaigns tainted with controversy

By ERIN LARUFFA
News Writer

The word "RATS" recently flashed across American television screens, courtesy of the Republican Party. But no one is really sure if the word was intended to be there. Although the Republican National Committee (RNC) was actually for the ad, the campaign of GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush has faced numerous questions about it.

In the commercial, the words "bureaucrats decide" appear on screen, intended to criticize Gore's prescription drug plan. However, in one frame, "RATS," part of "bureaucrats," appears on the screen.

The word remains on screen for only one-thirtieth of a second, but it is the largest word to appear in the commercial. Critics suggested that the ad was an attempt to subliminally create a negative opinion of Gore.

"Nobody does that incidentally," said Ted Mandell, a professor in Notre Dame's Film, Television and Theatre department. "It am!" 99 percent positive it was intentionally.

Although the commercial's producer, Alex Castellanos, denies that the word was used intentionally, Mandell explained that some one would have had to type into a computer any word that appeared on the screen.

"They probably watched that ad a million times ... Any editor worth his weight would have picked it up immediately," Mandell said. "That would make me think that they were aware of it." However, Mandell added that it is possible that neither the RNC nor the Bush campaign staff were aware that the word appeared.

The tape would have gone through many hands. Mandell explained, and therefore someone else could have inserted it. He pointed out that animators have inserted single-celled frames into Disney movies as jokes the company itself never wanted in the film.

Although the ad reflects negatively on the Bush campaign, most Americans will merely dismiss it as part of politics, explained Notre Dame government professor Benjamin Radcliffe. As a result, if Bush loses, no one will look back at the ad controversy as the "defining moment" that cost Bush the election, Radcliffe said.

Negative ads are not new in political campaigns, though. They have been an issue in presidential elections since 1816. Whether Bush's ad is meritorious or not, it serves as a warning against the use of negative advertising in the future.

1980 Olympic boycott hits home for Notre Dame staff

At the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, five athletes have tested positive for illegal substances to date; among them are three Bulgarian weightlifters, a Latvian rower, and most recently, Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan. Raducan was stripped of her gold medal in the women's all-around competition Tuesday after testing positive for a banned substance contained in her medication.

Although a World Anti-Doping Organization exists to make recommendations to the International Olympic Committee, Malloy and the 14 other members on the commission want an independent organization with more authority.

The commission, under the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASAA), finished a 100-page report titled "Winning at Any Cost: Doping in Olympic Sports" Sept. 8. The report, the first in a series of reports that will focus on athletes, serve alcohol. "That is not an area that we normally approve for the use of alcohol," Kirk said.

Kirk shared with the CLC the letter he wrote in response to the GALA member, which said, "I regret that I am unable to provide approval for this event to include the service or presence of alcohol given its timing and proximity to student social
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Driver’s License Blues**

Okay, so maybe our 21st century, digitized, yuppified, suburbanized, yuppies soci­ety has lost most of the hardcore coming-of-age rituals of old. My mom never told me to sit in the woods until I saw visions. My dad never made me kill a bear. I never walked across hot coals in order to symbolically achieve manhood. All I had to do was sign up for the draft — and pass the dri­ver’s test.

That test has always embodied a sense of inde­pendence for me. Sure, as a kid I didn’t always ask my parents for a ride when I had to get out of the house. Sometimes I’d grab my bike and a couple of friends and just go. We’d sweat under the hot sun, burn off a few hundred calories, get sunburned and love the freedom of it all. But where would all that work get us? To get a war­ner bachelor’s, if we were feeling really adventurous, to Super Wal-Mart. But, with a car you can go some­where.

And so, I had to get my license.

I was 15 for longer than I’ve been any age. The number of friends who were on an even rank with me (the bicyclers) was rapidly diminishing. I felt a surge of excitement mixed with fear. I knew I could do it, and that it’s safe to grow up.

I passed the drive­r’s test. I obtained a license to drive.

Now looking back, I can more fully appreciate the importance of passing the test. I was scared silly. To me, the test was more of a rite of passage than the rest of my class and one of the last to pass the dri­ver’s test.

**Clarke**

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The post-graduate service fair will take place today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Stepán Center. Numerous service opportunities will be included at the fair, including teaching, international, non-church related and domestic, faith-based programs. Highschool programs will be represented, including the Alliance for Catholic (education ACE), the Peace Corps, Americorps/Vista and Boys Hope/Girls Hope. Seniors interested in doing service after graduation are encouraged to attend. The Senior Transition Program within the Center for Social Concerns is sponsoring the event.

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ND offers choice of voice mail

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Students who are dissatisfied with Notre Dame's new voice mail system now have the power to choose. Last year, each phone number had one voice mailbox and one pass code. During the summer, the system was changed to give each student his or her own mailbox. According to help desk supervisor, Paulie Podlesak, the option to revert to last year's system is in response to student requests.

"The idea was to offer all students individual mailboxes for privacy reasons. Also, there were some problems in the past where some individuals didn't get their own messages because their roommate had already checked the message," Podlesak said.

After the phone number reverted to a shared mailbox system, the rector and any other group that uses the voicemail system to send mass messages to users on a listserv must update their phone list to reflect the new changes in the mailbox system. If this is not done, students will not receive broadcast messages.

"It is important that the rector's are involved. A message can't go to a mailbox that doesn't exist," said telecommunication manager Steve Ellis.

Students, faculty and staff cite several concerns about the new system. After hearing a student's message on the old system, faculty and staff could push a key to record a reply that would be sent to the room's mailbox without having to make a separate call. Now that there is no unified mailbox for the room, and faculty and staff who want to reply to a message must disconnect from the voice mail system and call back the number.

"It's more difficult to respond to messages. I have to call the room, wait for the voicemail to pick up, push a button for the person, and then leave a message," said Keenan Hall rector Gary Chamberland.

The new system was a source of frustration for junior Brian Pawloski and his roommate.

"We didn't find any purpose in having two boxes. If there's one mailbox, we can check it and have it done with. The new system seemed to be more complicated," said Pawloski.

Others find that the advantages of the system outweigh the problems.

"I think it's better. You can't accound your roommate of not giving you the message. When you get a silent message, the light keeps flashing until your roommate checks his box, but other than that, it's great," said sophomore Martina Congemi.

With the current system, callers select whom to leave a message for. Broadcast messages are sent to each mailbox.

"It's much more convenient, each person gets the message. More than anything, though, the system gets overused," Chamberland said.

According to Ellis, since a relatively small number of students have requested to be returned to last year's setup, the multiple voice mailbox system will likely be used again next year.

"There have not been a large number of calls. I don't anticipate a change, but who's to say what will happen," Ellis said.

Students who want to change their voice mail system should call the Telecommunications Help Desk at 1-9000.

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"Republicans have been run­ ning negative campaigns at least since the JFK-Bush’s father," said Radcliff.
Just as the "bureaucrats" ad is not seen as an attack ad, it is neither unique as a campaign slip-up. In fact, Bush has recently faced other controversies because of errors he or his campaign’s making.
For example, as a campaign stop a few weeks ago, thinking he was speaking privately to vice presidential running mate Dick Cheney, he referred to a New York Times reporter as an "a-hole.
Unbeknownst to Bush and Cheney, the microphone they were standing near was still on, and people in the audience heard the comment.
Despite the fact that Bush received negative media attention due to the incident, it probably will not have a significant impact on the election, according to Radcliff.
However, the problem with such controversies is that they get a candidate "off message," Radcliff added. The media covers the slip-ups that negatively affect a campaign, therefore detracting attention from a candidate’s main message.
The need to "stay on message" is a challenge all campaigns must face, according to Saint Mary’s political science professor Patrick Pierce.
"You want to control the agenda of the campaign," he said. "If you’re continuously having to respond to charges that either harm you or are unrelated to your message you are fighting a much more difficult battle."
Campaigns must then "move the agenda over to the issues you really want to talk about," Pierce said. "The way in which it might have an impact is in an accumula­ tion of incidents."
In other words, if mistakes pile up, the sum of those errors could negatively impact a campaign.
Such mistakes reflect on a can­ didate’s "personal traits," Pierce explained. He added that such traits are often the most impor­ tant factor to voters — even more important than issues such as the economy. Therefore, repeated mistakes, which can lead voters to view the candidate as in­ competent, can be devastating.
Bush has also been plagued by his tendency to mispronounce words, to use improper grammar and to use malapropisms. Pierce and Radcliff agreed that these mistakes could hurt Bush at the polls.
"Bush is seen to have a person­ ality advantage [but in] thought to be a lightweight," Radcliff said. "Therefore, wherever he mispronounces a word, he reinforces public doubt about his ability to be president."
"Gore on the other hand, has a much different public persona. "Gore is thought to be hard­ working and really bright, but still," Radcliff said. "For that rea­ son, mispronouncing a word would be unlikely to affect how voters view him."
A recent Bush’s frequent verbal slips are "one of the things to watch in the debates," Pierce said.
"Al Gore is an aggressive debater. He absolutely will pounce on Bush," Pierce said. "The media is there going to per­ tay Bush in the debates as being not particularly competent."
As a result, some voters who agree with Bush on certain issues may be less likely to vote for him because they will fear he is incompetent, according to Pierce.
If Bush campaign also appears to have made a tactical maneuver in response to Florida, the state in which received 25% of the electoral votes.
Bush apparently has a "false sense of security" in Florida, where Bush’s brother Jeb is gov­ ernor, Pierce explained. The Bush campaign thought Bush would easily win Florida, accord­ ing to Pierce, but recent polls indicate a near dead heat between Gore and Bush in the state.
"It is a particularly embarrass­ ing situation when you’re brother’s the governor," said Pierce.
He explained that campaigns make strategic decisions to ignore some states — either because the candidate will clearly win or clearly lose — in order to allow them to focus on states believed to be marginal.
"I think they screwed up in the sense of not having been on the ball," said Radcliff, adding that he still believes Bush will carry Florida.
Yet another problem chal­ lenging the Bush campaign recently involved a possible internal infor­ mation leak. Tom Downey, a for­ mer Congressman who has been helping Gore prepare for the upcoming presidential debates, received a videotape and other material related to Bush’s debate rehearsal.
On Saturday, Gore officials sus­ pended Michael Dwyer, an assist­ ant to the campaign’s field director. According to an ABC– NEWS source, Dwyer stated that Gore had a mole working inside Bush’s campaign. Gore denied Dwayne’s claims and said his cam­ paign does not have access to any secret Bush campaign for­ mation. Gore has also said that his campaign staff would turn over to the FBI any material it received, as Downey did when he received the videotape of Bush’s debate preparation.

The Bush campaign claims that only senior members of the staff had access to the materials. The Gore campaign gave the package — which was postmarked in Austin, Texas — to the FBI after receiving it on Sept. 13. The FBI is now investigating the incident.
If Downey had not turned over the tape, the incident could have led to a "mini-scare," accord­ ing to Radcliff. If the public found out that the Gore campaign had watched the video, it would have looked as though the vice presi­ dent had an unfair advantage in the debates.
Because Downey chose an "incredibly conscientious way of dealing" with a difficult situation, the incident reflects well on the Gore campaign, according to Pierce.
In this week’s Newsweek poll, Gore leads Bush 46 to 43 percent among registered voters. However, a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll shows Bush leading Gore 47 to 46 percent, a statistical dead heat given the poll’s margin of error.
Of course, the Gore campaign has had its share of mistakes as well.
Critics have recently com­ plained of embellishments Gore has made in speeches, including one involving the price of pre­ scription drugs.
Pierce believes Gore’s tendency to exaggerate certain facts has declined, however, since the beginning of the campaign.
"I think that he’s probably learned from some of his early statements," Pierce said. "It’s been mostly the stuff of late-night talk show hosts."

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**POST-GRADUATE SERVICE FAIR**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2000**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Stepem Center

Representatives from the following organizations will be present at this year’s Post-Graduate Service Fair. The Center for Social Concerns would like to thank them for their continued recruitment, training and support of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College students who wish to commit to a year or more of full-time service after graduation. We appreciate the partnerships with these organizations and our collaborative work towards the creation of a more just and humane world.

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- Sammamish Inns
- Share Fdn. with the Handicapped
- St. Anthony’s Residence
- Vincentian Service Corps - Central
- Vincentian Service Corps - East
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Iraq warns Kuwait, Saudi Arabia:**

President Saddam Hussein on Monday issued a stern warning against Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to stop provoking Iraq by offering logistical support to the United States and Britain. Saddam accused the Saudi and Kuwaiti governments of pushing the people of Iraq into a confrontation. "If things come to a head, Iraq knows how to confront them," he said. Addressing a hurriedly convened news conference nearly two hours after Saddam's comments were carried by the official Iraqi News Agency, Information Minister Humam Abdel-Khalid said Iraq had no intention to attack Kuwait or Saudi Arabia. "The president's talk contains no threat and I assure you that we have no intention of taking military action against Kuwait or any other state," he said.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**One wounded in school shooting:**

A 17-year-old boy was wounded in the ankle Monday in an apparent drive-by shooting outside a suburban Seattle high school, police said. Several students from Federal Way High School had already left for the day when the shooting occurred about 2:15 p.m. Police asked the high school and a nearby junior high school to keep the remaining students locked inside for about 45 minutes while they searched for a car described by witnesses.

**Senates approves Everglades plan:**

The Senate gave overwhelming approval Monday to what lawmakers called the largest environmental restoration project in history — a $7.8 billion effort expected to take three decades to rescue the Florida Everglades. The legislation, which must still be taken up by the House, calls for a massive federal construction project to restore the historic water flows through the 300-mile Everglades ecosystem.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Prisoners released by mistake:**

Two men released early from the St. Joseph County Jail in South Bend were back in custody last week, after an investigation into jail computer records revealed the errors. Police were investigating jail records after discovering another inmate — Phillip A. Stroud — had been released from jail July 15 without a judge's authorization. Stroud, 21, is charged in the execution-style killings of Lakeville. He was arrested two days after the murder.

**Spy chief eyes Panamanian asylum**

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama

Panamanian leaders allowed Peru's ousted spy chief to enter the country after being told Peru's military was on the verge of launching a coup if he were turned away, the foreign minister said Monday.

"Information we received from various presidents and foreign ministers (from Latin America) was that if Panama didn't accede, there would be a military coup Sunday in Peru," Jose Miguel Alcain, told a news conference.

"We have reports that Peruvian troops stationed at border posts were moving toward Lima at dawn on Sunday," he said, before meeting with President Mireya Moscoso to decide on asylum for Vladimir Montesinos.

Moscoso has come under strong pressure from Latin American leaders and the Organization of American States, backed by the United States, to grant asylum in order to allow Peru to extricate itself from its political crisis. Opposition leaders in Peru were demanding the arrest and prosecution of Montesinos, a powerful Fujimori aide, over a bribery scandal, but there were fears that any move against him would bring retribution from the officials.

Montesinos has placed in top spots in the military. Although Panama refused to take him in Saturday, Moscoso arrived in the country around dawn Sunday. Alcain said Montesinos' apparent strength persuaded Panama to reconsider its refusal. Alcain said the fact that many believe Montesinos' departure was the only way to consolidate democracy in Peru "is an indication that he was the de facto leader in Peru."

"Within that context we are reevaluating the initial refusal to grant him asylum," he said.

The bribery scandal prompted a surprise announcement from Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori on Sept. 16 that he would hold new elections in which he would not be a candidate. Fujimori also pledged to disband the intelligence service that he had headed.

**Crackdown alienates top scientists**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The security crackdown at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico is instead alienating top scientists and worsening the situation, according to a report by two former congressmen appointed by the Energy Department.

The report, released Monday, said the demoralization of Los Alamos workers in the wake of the Wen Ho Lee case probably contributed to the failure to report missing nuclear data earlier this year — as well as lab scientists' tightlipped responses after the computer hard drives mysteriously reappeared.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson appointed former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., and former Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., to study the causes of the latest security lapse at the New Mexico weapons lab.

"Once ... laboratory employees fear that committing a security error may expose them not just to management discipline, but to prosecution and imprisonment, any hope that individuals will volunteer information that could reflect security lapses is annihilated," the report said. Los Alamos officials fired Lee last year and he was later indicted on 59 federal felonies for improperly transferring nuclear secrets to portable computer tapes. Lee plead-ed guilty to one count earlier this month and was set free; the judge in the case apologized to Lee and blamed "top decision-makers in the executive branch" for his detention.

"The case against Lee stemmed from an investigation of possible Chinese espionage at Los Alamos, but the Taiwan-born Lee denied spying and was never charged with espionage."
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Mora: Diversity in U.S. a benefit

By KATIE MILLER

Author Pat Mora challenged Saint Mary's to realize the importance of diversity in their lives in a Monday lecture. Mora's stories and memoirs from her life as a second-generation Mexican American living in El Paso, Texas are her inspiration.

"Writers are constantly collecting ideas. I call ideas kept on lives in a Monday lecture that happens to you is writing being a material," said Mora.

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"Why do this not upset us?" asked Mora. Mora used Dallas as an example, where 96 languages are used in schools. She asked the audience if the United States will be an advantage or a disadvantage.

Pat Mora is an author of poetry, nonfiction, and children's books. She advocates building the community through literature. "My Own True Name: New and Selected Poems For Young Adults" is her most recent book.

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Students collaborate to plan 24-hour dance

By MYRA MCGRFF

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students may come together next April for a 24-hour dance-a-thon to benefit children living with cancer. We're going to have themes throughout the 24-hours to make it interesting. We want to get dance instructors to come in and teach swing and salsa," says Page. "We are also going to work with other sponsors to have grab bags through out the night."

According to Page and Anderson, the real reward comes from the proceeds the dance-a-thon board hopes to raise. Working with Memorial and Saint Joseph Hospital's oncology units, the two formulated ways to distribute the proceeds.

"Our options are still open," said Page. "We can donate the funds to help families with their medical expenses or send some kids to cancer camps all across America."

To sign up for any position or to get more information e-mail the board at dancefork@hotmail.com.
introduction board for complaints," said St. Edward's Hall rector Father Dave Scheidler.

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Soon after Kirk and others expressed similar opinions, Manier said that he wanted to bring the issue to the CLC for discussion but he doesn't think it's a "matter that calls for action from the CLC."

In other CLC News:

• Off-campus senator Phil Dittmar resigned because of schedule conflicts with the CLC meeting and other academic commitments. Dittmar, who also served as the Fisher Hall senator representative to the CLC, will be replaced on both the Student Senate and the Campus Life Council after today's election of a new off-campus senator.

• The task force on Alcohol Use at Off-Campus Bars met and will research the off-campus drinking habits of students.

• We're certainly looking at the bars that are the most troublesome," said Pasquerilla Hall rector Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff. She said that they aren't only going to look at the bars carding policies, but why students want to go to off-campus bars.

• The Service, Tenure and Promotion task force and the Disparity Between Male and Female Residence Halls task force plan to gather research on their respective topics.

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As our last column noted, the Supreme Court has made abortion, including even the killing of a partially-delivered baby, a privileged constitutional right. It is easy to be pessimistic about this. But that would be a mistake. John Paul II has told us about one practical and positive thing we can do on the life issue right here at Notre Dame.

When he spoke last February on the fifth anniversary of his encyclical, The Gospel of Life, the Pope said "there is no reason for that defeatist mentality which claims that laws opposed to the right to life ... are inevitable and now almost a social necessity. If we look at history, they are a seed of corruption for society ... the civil and moral confusion which cannot accept this falsehood, any more than the idea that war or inter-ethnic extermination is inevitable." He called on youth to be "the first agents and beneficiaries of the apostolate of life."

But how does one become such an "agent of the apostolate of life?" In his homily closing the 2000 World Youth Day, attended by two million young people, John Paul offered an answer. He urged them "to change direction and turn to Christ." "Dear friends, when you go back home, set the Eucharist at the center of your personal life and community life. Love the Eucharist, adore the Eucharist and celebrate it, especially on Sundays, the Lord’s Day. Live the Eucharist by testifying to God’s love for every person." A continuing theme with John Paul, as he put it to the 1993 Eucharistic Congress, is his belief that "the ... earnest and the most effective way of establishing peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." Which brings us back to Notre Dame. Many good things happen at Notre Dame from the bottom up. Students in ND/SMC Right to Life, with the cooperation of Campus Ministry, took the initiative in 1997 to establish Eucharistic adoration as an integral part of the pro-life effort. It is counter-cultural. But it is solidly based. As the Catalogue of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsists. The Catholic Church has always offered ... to the ... Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts ... exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession. The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." quoting John Paul II, "Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration, To visit the Blessed Sacrament is ... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord," quoting Paul VI again.

Eucharistic adoration takes place every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul Chapel in Fisher Hall and every Friday from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Lady Chapel in the Basilica. Contact Jason Braun (4-3259), Mary Tarsha (4-2469) or Lisa Demidovich (4-0847) for information or to sign up for a half-hour slot. But you don’t have to contact anybody. Just show up. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can pray, read or just think.

So why should we replace ourselves to give 30 minutes in this way? One reason is that it works. When Mother Teresa was asked, "What will convert America and save the world?" she replied, "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen made a holy hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every day of his priestly life. He said, "The Holy Hour is not a devotion, it is a sharing in the work of redemption. In the Garden, our Lord contrasted two hours — one was the evil hour, ‘this is your hour’ with which Judas could turn out the lights of the world. In contrast, our Lord asked, ‘Could you not watch one hour with Me?’ He asked for an hour of repARATION, to combat the hour of evil. Not for an hour of activity did He plead but for an hour of companionship. The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."

Through the initiative of students we have this opportunity here at Notre Dame. Each week has 168 hours. It is difficult to imagine a more practically effective way to spend 1/336th of our week. And while you are at it, remember that there is no rule against praying for the success of the football team.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force."

Franklin D. Roosevelt
former President of the United States
Two weeks ago Thursday, the Innsbruck group, wearied from three endless weeks of intensive German class, boarded a train at the Salzburg main station bound for Vienna. As our rail cars moved forward, we passed by a city to the left before we could enter the N-Linn underground train. Our homes town lay scattered between the rolling turquoise and yellow-green hills topped with miniature cathedrals. Their pale cream-colored walls reached for a paradise above the blue cloud dotted sky. The red-roofed houses of the country villages merged gracefully into the asphalt streets and linear constructions of the Vienna neighborhoods. At 7:30 in the evening we disembarked in the Innsbruck train station. The magnitude of the ancient aristocratic mansions marks of most downtowns in Austria: uneven, stone roads; the marbled majesty of the ancient aristocratic mansions casting a spell on the bottom bunk and collapsed into the only bed. The marbled majesty of the ancient aristocratic mansions casting a spell on the bottom bunk and collapsed into the only bed. That night I joined seven courageous friends and took a taxi to the birthplace of psychoanalysis and traveled that night from there to the N-Linn underground train. Our homes town lay scattered between the rolling turquoise and yellow-green hills topped with miniature cathedrals.

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

**Contagious euphoria consumes fans at Phish**

By TIM BODONY
Some Music Critic

Phish guitarist Trey Anastasio has to wonder how things got this far. Night after night, he presides over an ocean of bobbing heads and flailing limbs, his face displaying a combination of elation and intensity. The band that began by playing "Proud Mary" at a University of Vermont ROTC dance 17 years ago now boasts a cult following that packs arenas and amphitheaters across the country. And they did it by providing listeners with an overall musical experience, not just two hours of loud rock and roll, but an entire subculture based on the pursuit of good grooves and good times.

One has to question whether the "Phish culture" sometimes overshadows the music itself, but nevertheless Phish still receives critical acclaim for their artistic talents. Rolling Stone goes as far as labeling them "the most important band of the '90s."

With all the sideadows and distractions that accompany them, Phish took the stage last weekend at the Allstate Arena in suburban Chicago, and over the course of two nights, demonstrated an exceptional ability to leave the traps of rock and roll behind in an effort to create a music that defies boundaries and yet maintains a good-humored sense of purpose.

Day One — Friday, September 19, 2000

For many fans, the day got off to an inauspicious beginning thanks to the Rensselaer Police Department, which was deployed throughout the parking lots with military-style ferocity. Their campaign of terror brought the normally uninhibited lot scene to a virtual standstill in some areas as spilled beer mixed with rain to drown many fans' spirits.

All attention then rightfully turned to Phish, who filled their first set with unspurred versions of some of their best songs.

The band was spinning its wheels at the starting line with a very sterile version of "Down With Disease," then moving quickly and unimaginatively through classics like "Wilson" and "Slave to the Traffic Light."

They redeemed themselves with solid versions of "Bathtub Gin" and the epic "You Enjoy Myself," which features trumpet-aided choreography and startling light work by technician Chris Kuroda.

But overall, the band seemed tentative and failed to establish a good flow between songs. But things only got better from here.

It would seem that Trey, self-critical as he is, delivered a kindle Rockerne-style speech during the set break, because he and his bandmates came out with much greater focus and intensity.

Keyboardist Page McConnell employed some tasteful Mow work to drive the funk-driven "Tube" and "Ghost," while Trey filled "Reba" with his characteristically smooth and expressive solo work.

A cover of the beautiful and contemplative Los Lobos tune "The Circus Comes" slowed the pace down before the band served up a heaping helping of "Mephisto," which was accompanied by a dance resembling a prehistoric equivalent to the Macarena. Trey jokingly explained to the audience that on their recent tour of Japan, Phish were surprised to find that the dance had already taken the country by storm. So as tribute to the No. 1 crazed Japanese youths, drummer Jon Fishman and Page McConnell redecorated the chorus in Japanese as Trey and Fishman put down their instruments and led the crowd in the dance. The crowd ate it up, and so did the band, as Trey attempted at the chorus in Japanese as Trey and bassist Mike Gordon followed by a glowstick war.

For the encore, Ralphie got his Red Ryder BB gun in the form of the wistful anthem "Sleeping Monkey:"

"Wake up, children. Where's the song that the could have ended, the spotlight fell on Mike Gordon, who delivered two choruses on his own before the band joined in for a few more. Hands were raised and tears were shed. It truly was a fitting end to a weekend filled with unexpected twists and turns.

Over the course of two nights and four sets of music, Phish played only two songs off of their new album, Farmhouse. This fact speaks volumes about the band's unique position in the music world today. Phish does not tour to support an album — they record albums to take a break from touring. Without having to worry about "playing the hits," Phish has the freedom to do anything at any time. And freed from the weight of predictability, fans tirelessly return to Phish in search of new highs, new revelations, or just a good time in the presence of like-minded people. The euphoria is so contagious that even the most musical wishes went unfulfilled, everyone leaves the arena feeling content, and thinking ahead to the next time the circus comes to town.
Sleater-Kinney revamp punk attitude on All Hands

By SAM DERHEIMER

Sonic Music Editor

Ever wonder what Nirvana would have sounded like had Kurt Cobain been born a woman? Sleater-Kinney has an answer to that question — stop making the comparison.

After four critically-acclaimed albums, the all-girl punk-rock trio from Olympia has rightfully come into their own. And after their last album, The Hot Rock, faltered commercially, and the band was nailed with criticisms of selling out and losing touch, Sleater-Kinney has returned to face the fickle world of rock music and offer fans one of their best albums ever in All Hands On The Bad One.

Sleater-Kinney have gone back to their roots. In All Hands On The Bad One, we again see the quick, sharp punk rock bonded with the raw, emotional poetry of lead vocalist Corin Tucker's lyrics and the band's ever present pro-feminist attitude that Sleater-Kinney did so well on their first few albums.

As a whole, the album is much more complex and inventive than Sleater-Kinney has shown in the past. And for the first time, they also verge on achieving some much needed musical diversity.

The album's first single, "You're No Rock "n Roll Fan" is both catchy and popish. That's right, popish. It's not everyday a band like Sleater-Kinney makes anything that can be labeled as "popish," but the thing is, it works. Tucker's sarcastic and playful lyrics take hard jabs at the pop world, while at the same time, the crafted riffs by lead guitarist Carrie Brownstein coupled with the drums of Janet Weiss fill out an unbelievably alighting rock-pop beat behind her. It's the perfect anti-pop, pop song. And that's what Sleater-Kinney is all about — quality music, with a punch.

However, for the majority of the album, the band has revamped and recharged its riot girl (no, that's not a typo) punk attitude, sending the album on a blaze of female adrenaline and fury. "Iренaled" might as well be an outtake from Pearl Jam's grunge Bible, Ten. "Male Model" is an all-out punk assault, as Tucker crafts some of her finest judged, girl-power style lyrics set to a blistering guitar and heavy drums. "You don't own the situation, honey! You don't own the stage! We're here to join the conversation! And we're here to raise the stakes! Now do you hear that sound? As the model breaks! Take the stage! Let the image of him fade away. It's time for a new rock 'n' roll age/ History will have to find a different face/ And if you're ready for more/ I just might be what you're looking for."

"Was It a Lie?" displays the real, and at times, brutal power of Brownstein's guitar. Combined with transcendently haunting vocals from Tucker, the song is easily one of the best on the album.

Surprisingly, the band also branches out in All Hands On The Bad One, showing a depth in song writing that had been noticeably absent on past releases. In tracks like "Leave You Behind" and "The Swimmer" an airy guitar and layered vocals creates a much softer and more harmonized sound than Sleater-Kinney is used to producing. And though most of the album is much heavier and faster, the few slower, "prettier" songs serve well to pace the album, and present Tucker with a chance to show off her true vocal range.

All Hands On The Bad One is a dynamic mixture of punk, pop and rock from one of the most celebrated girl bands in America. And though the stereotype that all punk songs sound the same is not exactly destroyed by All Hands, Sleater-Kinney do offer their fans something true, honest and exceptionally powerful. If nothing else, it can be said that Sleater-Kinney makes their own music — music they want to make. In world of over-produced, predisposed corporate rock crap, Sleater-Kinney has crafted something genuine and honest. And this is what makes Sleater-Kinney such a quality band. It's something that comes through in every song they write. It comes through in Tucker's vocals that convey as much passion and angst as Nirvana fans could ever dream possible. It comes through in the guitar riffs that can't help but garner praise from even the harshest Goldfinger fan. And it comes through in an attitude that separates them from everyone. Sleater-Kinney are amazing talented musicians who write from their hearts and play from their souls. All Hands On The Bad One is merely the natural product of this.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Matchbox Twenty — JACC Oct. 2

Indianapolis

Jimmy Page Live with The Black Crowes — Murat Theater Sept. 20

Axl & Coop — Deer Creek Oct. 7

Hanson — Murat Theater Oct. 7

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Chicago

Jets to Brazil — Metro Oct. 1

Tina Turner — United Center Oct. 4

Cowboy Mouth — House of Blues Oct. 7

Dogstar — House of Blues Oct. 9

Bad Religion — Riviera Oct. 14

Mighty Mighty Bosstones — VIC Theater Oct. 20

Dynamite Hack — Metro Oct. 21

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David Bowie - Bowie at the Beeb
98 Degrees - Revelation
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Morphine - Bootleg: Detroit

October 3

Green Day - Warning
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October 10

The Wallflowers - Breach
Orgy - Vapor Transmission
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Basketball

Carter catalogues U.S. to victory

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

Vince Carter went over Freddies Victory on Monday, as he won a 7-2 foot-2 prop in a dunk contest. Looking like a contender for the gold medal in the high jump, Carter unleashed one of the most awesome dunks in Olympic history Monday as he jumped clear over Weis and sparked the United States to a 106-2 victory over Israel.

"For me, that was probably the greatest play in basketball I've ever seen," teammate Jason Kidd said. "Michael Jordan hasn't done that. Nobody has done that. He's the next coming of Vince Carter."

The Americans finished the preliminary round undefeated in five games and raised their overall record to 13-2. Carter scored a game-high 20 points and led five of the 10 players on the court on the way to the team victory. Carter was also the only way as he intercepted a pass some 30 feet from the basket and bore down on Weis with full head of steam.

He took off from a step or two inside the fast line, spread his legs in mid-air and went right over Weis, hardly scraping the top of the Frenchman's 'bustard'. "I knew he could jump but I didn't know he could go over me," Carter said. "Everybody will know my face and my number at least. It's going to be a tougher nut to crack for sure."

The crowd went wild with the American players leaving the bench and Carter's personal dunk cata­log had a new entry.

"I don't do this for my enjoyment, I just do them because that's what happens," Carter said. "I recalled that he once dunked on 7-foot Dikembe Mutombo." "The only time I've seen a play like that is when I jumped over my 4-year-old son on one of those Nerf ball sets," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Carter scored the Americans' next two points on an alley-oop pass off the backboard by Gary Payton, and it drew a mere buzz by Payton Monday night. Carter did not have anything spectacular in the incredible the previous dunk was.

"That was a 10, maybe a 12," Tim Hardaway said. "I've never seen anybody jump over 7-footers. I've pumped up, and I think they were rattled for three, four, five minutes against Japan.

Highlights aside, the Americans had plenty of trouble early on, and Carter and France creep back into the game late. A dunk by Crawford Palmer with just more than four minutes left made it a 10-point game, 94-84, but Antonio Matute's a dunk of his own off a length­en court pass in the last second of the third quarter made it a 99-91 game.

Kevin Garnett clattered a dunk attempt off the back of the rim and left Carter standing with 3-2 left, giving France a chance to pull even closer. But Antonio Alfonso missed a 12-footer and Garnett had a reverse dunk, a steal and another dunk in the space of the next 10 seconds.

That made the score 100-86, and the threat of another close call like the one the Americans had four against Lithuania was erased.

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Broncos expect quarterback Griese to start against Patriots

Associated Press

DENVER
Denver coach Mike Shanahan expects quarterback Brian Griese to start Sunday against New England.

Griese, the NFL's top-rated passer, tore cartilage in his throwing shoulder against Oakland a week ago and missed the Broncos' 23-22 loss to Kansas City on Sunday.

The plan was for Griese to throw Friday in hopes of playing Sunday. When he couldn't throw Friday because of pain and inflammation, he was expected to throw during warmups so he could be a backup to Gus Frerotte. Griese couldn't throw then, either.

"Brian's shoulder felt a lot better today, better than Friday," Shanahan said. "I will be surprised if he can't go Wednesday, and I think he will start on Sunday unless he has a setback. That's my gut feeling. There's been a big improvement in the training room."

Shanahan confirmed Griese will eventually require surgery.

"Any time there's a tear, surgery will be needed," he said. "We said that from the beginning."

Griese had a similar injury early last season. He missed two games, then had surgery after the season.

Shanahan said he has been assured by doctors that Griese cannot further damage the shoulder by throwing.

"I asked them if there was a chance he could tear it more and ruin the shoulder, and the doctors said not at all," he said. "They thought if he could handle the pain, he could go."

"If he feels he is able to play at the level he did the first three weeks, he'll be out there. I don't think the pain will affect his performance. It's not as big a tear as it was a year ago."

If Griese develops complications and surgery is required during the season, he likely will be sidelined 4-8 weeks.

Terrell Davis, who sprained his left ankle in the season opener and missed the next two games, played sparingly Sunday, rushing for 41 yards on six carries. But he complained of discomfort and didn't carry the ball in the second half.

"Terrell's ankle, even though he couldn't finish the game, feels better now than it did last week," Shanahan said. "He took himself out because on a play when he was blocking, he didn't feel he could support himself on a hit against a linebacker. He didn't want to hurt the team."

"First, he has to get in football shape, and we have to feel good about his ankle. Until that happens, we will spot play him like we did last week."

Jason Elam, the kicker who broke two transverse process bones in his lower back against Atlanta two weeks ago, resumed kicking on Monday. He was originally expected to be sidelined 3-8 weeks.

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Please recycle the Observer.
Gold continued from page 24
covered the whole field allowing
only one first down the
whole game.
A few mistakes on behalf of the
offense lead to Carroll’s points,” said Knott co-captain
for touchdowns and gave
Carroll a 14-7 by the end of
the first half.
After the half Knott started
kicking in. Knott’s captain
Pat Virtue had two touchdowns rushing, running the ball really
hard. Giving the Juggs a 20-14
lead over the Vermilion. Pavalki
was very pleased with the
offense.
“They did a lot better this
game,” he said. “I know we
have the talent,” captain Geoff
Palk said “It was just a matter
of putting it into play.”
Fisher 22, Zahm 14
The defenses of Zahm and Fisher Hall surrendered a com-
mum total of five points in the
first week of interhall football
play. Consequently, both teams anticipated a grueling,
low-scoring affair in their
match-up on Sunday.
If the fortunes of interhall
rate confirm one thing, howev-
er, it is to expect the unexpect-
ed. In a game defined by
exploitive passing, the Fisher
Wave prevailed, 22-14.
In a game defined by
passing, the Fisher
Wave prevailed. 22-14.
When Zahm’s quarterback
Zahm took over on downs
early in the first quarter,
only a matter of putting it into play.
A 15-yard touchdown pass from Lekwally to Doherty
gave Fisher their first lead
which with a two point conver-
seion amounted to 22-14.
Zahm nearly scored with
seconds remaining, but the
clock ran out and Fisher held
onto the win a game they said
was critical.
“We were desperate,” said
Captain Dax Marrs. “The sea-
sons are short, so every game
really matters.”
The Wave had planned to
focus on hard-nosed, aggres-
sive defense; ultimately, they
delivered despite Zahm’s early
success.
“We need to step up our pass
defense,” said Marr. “But this
game shows that we can come
from behind and our offense can
score.”
Marrs believes that his team
was able to stay focused and
perform consistently, traits that
the Wave hopes to maintain in
the crucial games ahead.
“We were able to execute on
defense,” Marrs said, “and we’re
looking forward to seeing how we can
perform in our next two games.”
Zahm, on the other hand,
suffered more than one loss on
Sunday. In addition to seeing
their lead evaporate, the Rabbit
Wave lost two key players, Pat
Mitchell, who broke his ankle,
for the season. Pete Heming,
an offensive lineman, also
injured his ankle, but Zant
describes his status as “day to
day.”
Despite their disappointment,
the Bats intended to make some
adjusts and repair the breach created by Fisher.
“After the St. Ed’s game, we
there was a perception that we
could “do whatever we wanted”
which was obviously incorrect,” com-
mented Marrs. “But we will
learn from our mistakes and
be ready for the rest of the sea-
son.”
Boycott continued from page 24
“We really had a good chance to
win a good medal,” Lindengold said.
Four of the other five nations
were selected to compete in field hockey followed
the American lead and withdrew
from the Games.
Only the USSR, the host nation,
still took part. Like Lindengold,
Brown had devoted her life to
Olympic dreams in a vision shat-
tered by the boycott.
“From the 1974 World Championship up until 1980, I had
really been working up to that,”
Brown said. “This
was a huge step for
us that we had
qualified. We were
fifth in the ‘78 World Championship.
ships. In 76, we
did not qualify, but
between 78 and
the decision to boy-
cott, the only team
we had not beaten
was Cuba.”
As a player on
the national team, Brown did not
enjoy the same endorsement dollars as today’s top athletes.
She received free room and
board and volleyball equipment. Aside
from that, she lived on a stipend of
$80 per month, surviving on barely
enough money to go out to dinner or
see a movie. So waiting four more years in hope of winning an
Olympic medal was unrealistic.
“I had been working towards
making the Olympic team since
1974, and really made that the pri-
ority in my life. I had left college
early, and wanted to get my
degree,” Brown said. “While I think
I would have enjoyed continuing to
compete, if I was going to continue
to play volleyball, that was going to
be my primary focus.”
The two women each married
within a year of retirement
from competition. Lindengold moved to
St. Joseph, Michigan, the birthplace of her husband. In 1990, she took
over as the Notre Dame field hockey
certain, a position she held until
1990, when she stopped to work
time as a Physical Education
instructor.
Meanwhile, Brown completed her
degree at Arizona
while working
as an assistant coach.
She served as the Sun Devils’
head coach from 1983 to 1988.
Brown took a two-year inter- 
interruption to work as an
assistant coach for the U.S. national
and Olympic teams, settling at Notre
Dame in 1990.
“Coaching in the Olympics was a
great experience, and I’m really
thankful that I had that,” Brown said.
“The opportunity to participate in
the opening ceremonies and march in the
parade and live in the
city was great, but I do think
it’s a different situa-
tion than being an
athlete.”
Twenty years after their hearts
were set on being Olympic
heroes, the two had
really had a good chance to
remember. Brown said.
“If I didn’t watch a single event
the year of the boycott,” Lindengold said.
“It hurt to think of it. It had been my
great dream, and then I thought that. But I’ve
watched it more than this year for four
days a year, and more four years
ago than the Games before.”
Brown harbors a small omen
when the Olympics take center stage,
but the sadness doesn’t keep her from
viewing the competition.
“Every four years since 1980
when the Olympics have been on,
there is a little bit of bringing back
the experience and the hurt that I
didn’t get to compete,” Brown said.
“But I absolutely love watching it. It
doesn’t really matter what the sport
is, I just love watching it. I find it
difficult to pull myself away from it.”
Overtime win over Bulldogs pulls Belles out of slump

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The soccer Belles are on a roll as they enter the game against Calvin today, they hope to continue putting their troubles to rest. Laura Paulen (No. 9) contains a Rose-Hulman 1-0 loss to the team that later finished second in the MIAA behind Kalamazoo.

Senior captain Katy Robinson said Belles' co-captain Jessica Shaffer sent us in the right direction, "Laura and sitting behind her. I think we're playing well and we'll get many opportunities to score," Milligan said.

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While the offense has been spending time improving its shooting accuracy, the defense has not been idle. Jared Hochstetler, the defensive coach is giving us a few new things that the defense can do,” said fellow co-captain Jessica Klink. "Defensively we are learning some new skills and this is the game to use it in.”

Calvin finished with a 6-2 MIAA record and was 11-7-2 overall for the 1999 season. April Phelps and Tricia Dyk, All-MIAA First Team selections, return to the Knights’ lineup, while Saint Mary's All-MIAA First Team selection. Katy Metzger did a really good job," Milligan said. "We're going to try and utilize her more and more but [the position in goal] is pretty much game to game.”

Overall, Milligan was pleased to see his team adapt to different positions and plays as the Belles settle into their season. “We’ve had a chance this year to get a lot of people experience in different areas,” Milligan said. "It’s working out really well. A lot of people are stepping in and filling the holes.”

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Although often overlooked and only worth one point, extra points can become crucial in close ball games. Missing one over the course of a game can come back to haunt a team, as it did to both Breen and Badin Sunday afternoon on Sean Field.

Each team only scored once, and both failed to complete the conversion, ending the game in a 6-6 tie.

B.P. had to punt on their first possession and Badin got the ball to set up a long drive keyed by quarterback Priscilla Clements' scrambling abilities. By the third and 15 over it. Clements connected on a big pass to wide receiver Betsy Cavo to set up first and goal. The B.P. defense would hold their ground, however, and take over the ball on downs.

On the first play of the second half, B.P.'s Gina Montemarano intercepted Badin's quarterback, Clements. On the fourth down and goal, Katie McFarland pushed the ball into the endzone on a quarterback draw. B.P. would miss the conversion to put it up 6-0.

Badin again backed up B.P.'s defense to the goal line and, once again, the defense held. B.P. then took over on downs.

After B.P. was forced to punt on the next drive, Badin took the ball and moved down the field. On a key fourth and seven, they came up with a 30-yard pass to B.R.'s 4-yard line. This time, Badin would not be denied, as Clements ran the ball into the endzone on a keeper. Badin, too, would miss their conversion.

With time running out, B.P. scored the go-ahead touchdown but were stopped by a costly penalty.

B.P. captain Jenny Wahboske was upset that her team's last second attempt to score failed, but she held a positive attitude about the game. "At least we are moving forward," she said. "Last week we got a loss, and this week, we managed a tie, so next we're hoping for a win."

B.P. will face Farley next at 9 p.m. tonight. Badin will square off against McCampus at 7 p.m.

Walsh 13, Farley 8

Farley's defense were not up to the challenge this Sunday at Sean Field, as the Wild Women of Walsh Hall defended them by a score of 13-8 margin.

"I think we came out too slow in the first half," said Farley coach Mike Hogan. "By the second half we were warmed up, but by then it was too late."

The game was dominated by the young Walsh offense from the outset.

After an unsuccessful drive by Farley, Walsh drove up the field and scored the first touchdown of the game led by quarterback Grochen McTernay. Alternate quarterback Lauren Walsh took control of the offense for the rest of the game.

"Usually, he (coach Steve Dillenburger) starts me, and then Lauren Walsh will go in," said McTernay. "And he'll rotate us as needed. This time I played a lot more than usual, though. The running plays were really working and the offense opened up a lot of holes for me."

Walsh named the Wild Women's flexible offense as one of the factors that contributed to unshaking Farley's defense.

"We had a tough time stopping the run," he said. "They ran a lot of different direction plays that we hadn't seen before. The experience will be good for us in the long run."

On Walsh's early touchdown, Farley called a time-out to regroup.

They remained unable to pull it together, however, as quarterback Jenny Geraci threw three incomplete passes.

"We were feeling the pressure," Geraci said. "Their defense was really good at getting in to the quarterback. I'd say that was the most defensive pressure we've come up against."

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Pasquaerella West 7, McGlinn 6

It's all part of the Notre Dame folklore: the green jerseys, unfamiliar turf, trailling at the half, and a last minute drive down the field. The Shamrocks made it there for the Shamrocks on Sunday.

Unfortunately, the game was in the hands of a Purple Weasels, as PW topped McGlinn 7-0 on Monday.

Both teams got off to a rocky start, however. The Purple Weasels saved the best action for their first half. Weasels saved the best action for their first half.

Weasel's first drive was stalled by an interception, and McGlinn proceeded to turn the ball back over on a loss of downs.

The game picked up on PW's second possession. Captain Amanda Gallen started things off with a 30-yard run down the field.

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Dawgs' defense holds off Griffins in narrow victory

By TODD NIETO, JAMES VERALDI and MATT CAS-SADY
Sports Writer

Despite a gritty effort by the Stanford defense, the Alumni Dawgs continued on their path to Notre Dame Stadium with their second consecutive shutout 7-0.  Overall the teams were happy to get some points on the board, said Alumni captain Mitch Karam.

Alumni got all the points they needed on their opening drive with a 30-yard strike from freshman quarterback Chris Cottingham to wide receiver Jon Bevilacqua. Brandon Nunnink nailed the extra point to put the Dawgs up for good.

From that point on the Alumni defense held its ground. Linebacker Billy Siegfried, defensive end Tommy Demko and cornerback Nathan Trimner led the "Dawg D". Siegfried provided pressure over the middle of the field with five tackles and a couple key pass break-ups. Demko put the heat on the Stanford quarterback with two sacks. Trimner came through with a pass break-up on 3rd and 12 from the Alumni 46 and an interception that sealed the deal late in the game.

"It was a defensive battle. We played good considering practice was hard to get in. They were a pretty good team and we are looking forward to next week," said Siegfried.

A key turning point came in the third quarter. Stanford had stopped the Alumni offense forcing a punt that would have given them the ball in good field position. However, one of Stanford's return men got caught up with Pat Paquette of Alumni and was called for a holding, giving Alumni another chance to get a first down, and they did on a powerful 4th and 1 run by tailback Alex Roedich.

The Stanford defense played a solid game, led by defensive ends Shamus Rolen and John Dickas, and defensive tackles Josh Kuskus. They continually shut down the Alumni offense and put their offense in a good position to win the game. The problem for Stanford was their offense, which was held scoreless for the second straight week. Even with an impressive performance by tailback JC Perez, the Griffin's offense couldn't put any points on the board.

"Our defense played really well. They just gave up a couple big early plays," said Stanford coach Brendan George. "Our offense needs to get on track. We should do better next week." Alumni improved to 2-0 and the season will meet 1-1 Keenan next week. Meanwhile Stanford drops to 0-2 and awaits a wildcard playoff team Sunday.

Keough 14, Morrisey 0

Sunday afternoon the Keough Kangaroos won their season opening inter-hall football game against the Morrisey Maroons 14-0.

The Maroons have started the season with a 0-2 record. By the end of the first half, Keough was up on the Maroons 7-0. The Keough touchdown was a result of a long bomb from sophomore quarterback Andy Fields to freshman wide receiver Brian Adams. Keough's defense was solid throughout the game as senior Paul Dillon intercepted three Maroon passes.

"Our defense was really strong and was what won the game," said captain Ryan Yorker.

The second morning touchdown was a result of another long pass from Andy Fields to receiver Brian Adams.

Early in the third quarter, the Maroons began moving the ball. But another turnover eliminated their hopes of scoring. Keough defensive player, Michael Wilson, recovered the ball when a Manroe running back was stopped.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Maroons began making their way downfield again. They had the same results when they encountered the Kangaroo defense and could not score.

Dillon 16, Keenan 0

With a lot of pep and a second half rally, Dillon forced Keenan to "revive" what went wrong Sunday as the Big Red defeated the Knights 16-0.

Far from the festivity and laughter provided annually by two of Notre Dame's most popular dorm events, no one was kidding around when two of inter­hall football's undefeated teams collided at Segars Fields.

"Dillon played really hard," said Keenan captain Herb Giorgio. "I don't think we really matched their intensity level." In the first half, however, nei­ther offense looked particularly inspired as the defenses controlled the game early on.

After Dillon Junior Chris Crane returned a Keenan punt to the Keenan 33 yard line, Dillon's offense came alive. Junior quar­terback Taylor Odion found senior fullback Jason Visner who rumbled toward the Keenan goal line where he was forced out at the one inch line.

"I thought I was in," said Visner. "But the referee didn't see it that way.

The ball was placed just an inch from the Keenan goal line and Dillon had just one play remaining before halftime. Odion was held out of the end zone to end the half.

Dillon coach Omar Munoz approached the goal line stand with guarded optimism.

"I know that could have shifted the momentum in our favor," he said. "But in that situation you have to re-focus on what got you (inside the Keenan one,) not on the negative that you didn't get in the end zone." Giorgio agreed with Munoz's assessment.

"That goal line stand really pumped the defense up," he said. "We thought it could have turned the game in our favor. In the sec­ond half the defense came out with more intensity, but we kind of got discouraged when the offense couldn't establish itself."

After alternating 3 and out possession in the second half, Dillon took over on its own 32. The Big Red then embarked on a drive that would effectively end Keenan's hopes of winning the game. Dillon kept the ball on the ground seven straight plays. Visner Crane and JP Camardo each carried the ball for Dillon as the Big Red plowed through Keenan's defensive front. Finally Visner bullied his way into the end zone from five yards out and, following the two point conver­sion, the score was 16-0.

"This game was a wake up call," he said. "We have a lot to work on before we play Alumni next week."
McGlinn looks for first victory

By KATIE HUGHES and ANTHONY HUGHES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

McGlinn hasn't won a game yet, but the Shamrocks are counting on a team effort for a win tonight against Walsh.

The team is looking to quarterback Andy Grenney, receivers Catherine Gerace and Mary Lenzini, and defensive players Rebecca Williams and Brianna McNicholas for solid performances in the game.

"We lost to Farley 7-6 last week, but we've shown great improvements between our first and second game. We're looking to get our offense in gear and counting on our line backers. If we complete passes we should do well," said McGlinn captain Jamie Glasser.

The Walsh Wild Women find no reason to mess with the techniques they have used in the season thus far. Unbeaten in their last three games, they beat Farley 13-8 most recently.

"Our defensive line came up big in our last game, pressuring the quarterback. Rebecca Craig, Angela Polichetti were great on defense. Tiara Jefferson had an interception," said Walsh captain Melissa Beiting.

Like McGlinn, Walsh will also be looking for teamwork to bring home a victory. "We're hoping to come out with a good team effort by both the offense and defense and come out with a victory," said Beiting.

Breen Phillips vs. Farley

As mid-season play begins in Women's Gold League, urgency becomes a part of the lives of a few teams. One of those teams includes the Breen-Philips Babes as their regular season record is currently 0-1-1.

With a disappointing loss to the Off-Campus team and a very hard fought tie to Badin, the Babes look for guidance in several of their key players. For a good win the defense is a must according to captain Jenny Wahoske.

With great play from their defensive and offensive lines, led by Natasha Potter and Wahoske, a turnaround in the season is a great possibility.

"If we maintain our improvement, good things can happen," says Wahoske. Kelly Deckelman will also be a key player to watch. In Sunday's game against Badin, Deckelman had an interception late in the game that she nearly ran for a game-winning touchdown. It's plays like this that the Babes will need throughout the season and are capable of producing.

On the other side of the field will be a strong Farley squad. Led by captain Rebecca Glatz, Farley's Finest will also be hoping to improve on their 1-2 record. In another "how or never" situation, the team looks to its captain Rebecca Glatz as well as defensive standout Jen Morgan on the line.

"We have a strong defense," says Glatz. "We're definitely looking for them to step it up," Offensively, the Finest will be led quarterback Jenny Geraldi and running back Katie Buffalino. The team is looking for a lot of support from the sidelines and teamwork on the field. With these ingredients, they have a great chance to win the game, according to freshman Erin Fitzpatrick.

The game will be held Tuesday night at 9 p.m. under the lights at Stepan Field.

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Olympic gymnast Nadia Comaneci was stripped of her all-around gold medal Tuesday after testing positive for a banned drug.

Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan's first test sample came back positive for stimulants. The Romanian team doctor who gave her the 16-year-old Raducan the drug in two cold medicine pills was expelled from the games and suspended through the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake and 2004 Summer Games in Athens.

Raducan is the first gymnast to be stripped of a medal because of a drug violation, and is the second athlete at these games to lose a gold. She is the sixth positive drug case at the Sydney Games.

Thomas Bach, of the International Olympic Committee's executive board, confirmed the board's decision and praised the blame on the doctor. "He prescribed the medication to this girl. It's a good signal to all the people surrounding the athletes that they can be punished," Bach said.

Raducan was allowed to keep her other medals, a gold from the team competition and a silver from the vault.

Raducan tested positive for pseudoephedrine, which is on the IOC's list of banned stimulants. Bach said.

She underwent three different tests after each competition. Bach said. She tested negative after the Romanians won the team gold last Tuesday, but positive after she won the all-around Thursday.

She tested negative after winning a silver in the vault Sunday.

With Raducan's disqualification, another Romanian, Simona Amanar, gets the gold in the individual all-around competition, and teammate Maria Olaru goes from bronze to silver. Liu Xuan of China, the original fourth-place finisher, now gets the bronze medal.

With her dark hair and eyes and pin-straight frame, Raducan has drawn comparisons to Comaneci, who at the Montreal Olympics in 1976 became the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 in an event.

Andreea Raducan performs her floor exercise last week. IOC officials ruled Raducan may keep two of her three medals.

JOHNSON REPEATES 400-METER GOLD-MEDAL PERFORMANCE

Mediasfax reported. He did not attend news conferences following Monday's competition. This isn't the first drug controversy for the Romanian team in Sydney. Two weightlifters were expelled for failing pre-game, out-of-competition tests. The entire weightlifting team faced being kicked out, but paid a $50,000 fine to allow the "clean" weightlifters to stay.
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FOX TROT

WE'RE ABOUT TO GO INTO MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE STORE IN THE MALL.

NICHOL AND I ONCE SPENT AN ENTIRE SATURDAY JUST IN HERE!!!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MANY CUTE THINGS? IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP FROM DOODLING!

I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SO WHITEN WITH PROPANE LAMPS

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE STOCKBOYS, TONDOO.

ASCUZZAR

BILLY AMEND

FOXFROTH

High school letterman's jackets in college, like the plague, should be avoided at all costs.

EUGENIA LAST

Celebrations born on this day:
Mary Beth Hart, Olivia Newton-John, George Gershwin, Julie London, Lynne Anderson, Ty Miller

Happy Birthday! Think before you act this year, or you may be digging yourself out of a deep hole. Stay calm, organized and thrugal, and you'll make it through the year ahead with flying colors. The payoff for being so disciplined will be well worth your patience, hard work and restraint. Put your resourcefulness to use. Everything you know and owned to reach your goals. Your numbers 12, 23, 32, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can successfully pursue your personal goals. Travel, entertainment and creative endeavors should be on your mind. Self-improvement projects should be high on your list.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have real estate opportunities. Money will be in your favor. Family members may not agree with your decisions. Don't change your place because of unreasonable demands.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your emotional whirl will drive your mate crazy. Your reluctance to do your work and share around home will cause family fights. Try to be honest in your communications, or nothing will be resolved.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to be entertained. Your spirits have been down. Pleasure trips and social activities may be the cure. You will want to have a greater involvement with children.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Social activities will be productive. You will attract members of the opposite sex with your companionship. Children will need your input in their creative endeavors.

Birthday Baby: You will ride due to your patience, goodwill and dedication to your family, friends and your traditions. You are extremely methodical and looking to take a few extra moments to ensure that you are doing what's right.

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Associated Press  

A stab of regret hits Jill Lindenfeld as she struggles to watch the 2000 Olympic Games. Debbie Brown feels drawn to the events although seeing the U.S. participants causes her a twinge of heartache.

Both Lindenfeld, a Notre Dame assistant professional specialist in physical education, and Brown, the Notre Dame head volleyball coach, qualified for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. Their chance to compete was wiped away when President Jimmy Carter announced that the U.S. would boycott the Games because of USSR actions in Afghanistan.

"I had mixed feelings, I can honestly say," said Lindenfeld, who qualified as part of the U.S. field hockey team in the first year the Olympics included the sport. "I originally felt proud, like it was kind of my duty, that the U.S. would be doing a lot of things against Afghanistan, and this was just one thing. But that didn't last very long because nothing really came out of it. It seemed useless and didn't seem to prove anything."

Brown, a part of the first U.S. volleyball team to earn a berth in the Olympics, also grappled with the U.S.' decision to boycott the Games.

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