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The Choice 2000

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore await results of one of the closest races in history. Results for the presidential election are expected to be in late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

- Voter turnout low among 18 to 24-year olds

By ERIN LARUFFA
Associate News Editor

Every November, Americans get to decide who their leaders will be on local, state and national levels. But when U.S. voters are broken down into age groups, the 18 to 24-year-olds have the lowest turnout.

"I don't have any good reason not to vote. I'm just lazy," said Notre Dame junior Nick Lambrecht.

Low voter turnout among this age group, however, involves more than just laziness. For example, many 18 to 24-year-olds simply do not have faith in the electoral process. Sophomore Matt Wilkerson, who is also not voting this year, said that main-party candidates position themselves too closely to the political center in order to get more votes.

"I don't really agree entirely with either (Bush or Gore)," he said. "I really don't have much faith in the presidential system."

Similarly, despite labeling himself as "lazy," Lambrecht did have reasons for not voting in today's presidential election.

"My vote isn't going to do anything," said Lambrecht.

- ND design class encourages young voters with posters

By ERIN LARUFFA
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Concerned about the low voter turnout among 18 to 24 year olds, a Notre Dame graphic design class recently launched a non-partisan campaign to encourage students to vote.

"Arguably, hosting is one of the most important things you do in your life," said the class's professor, Robert Sedlack, who comes from what he describes as a "socialist" home.

He added that the class's campaign to encourage students to vote involved students and their guest for all 24 hours. Students must abide by the rules in 104 and exercise "good judgement."

The Office of Student Affairs has approved the resolution in order to implement the policy, but the CLC is still discussing further issues about the 24-hour space policy during its next meeting. However, assistant vice president of Residence Life Bill Kirk had positive comments about the policy.

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Internet outage frustrates ND community

By TIM LOGAN
Senior News Writer

The Internet outage that lasted from Sunday morning to Monday evening prevented users from viewing Web pages outside of the nd.edu domain and sending e-mail to persons outside of the Notre Dame community, and caused frustration among students.

"I wish that they sent out a notice as soon as they found out about the outage, rather than waiting until Monday morning," freshman Aabren DePalma said.

Service was disrupted when a circuit upgrade at Ameritech's Chicago hub was unsuccessful. As a result, high bandwidth connections, including Notre Dame's, which connects to that hub were cut off. Since the problem occurred off campus with the phone company, Notre Dame's OIT was essentially helpless to fix it, according to Tom Klimk, manager of Telecom Services.

"We're somewhat at their mercy," he said Monday before the problem was solved. Like students, OIT personnel were not pleased with the outage.

"This is a big black eye on Ameritech. We're not sure what the long-term fallout will be," Tom Klimk, manager of Telecom Services said.

Resources outside of the Notre Dame network that professors recommended for projects were unavailable, which created some additional work for students trying to complete assignments that Internet access would have simplified.

- New 24-hour space guidelines

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Eleven senators attended the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting to support the resolution to post a policy about 24-hour space in all residence halls Monday.

Kirk concluded that although a definition of 24-hour space does exist, it still is not abided by in some of the residence halls," said Lewis Hall senator Luciana Reali.

"The Senate came up with what we hope to be a solution to this."

The CLC passed the 24-hour space resolution, which the committee on gender issues of the Student Senate initially drafted, that defines 24-hour space as areas available to the hall residents and their guests for all 24 hours. Students must abide by the rules in 104 and exercise "good judgement."

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Web dependency

I never really bought into the whole “information superhighway” hype about the Internet. I always thought that computer was convenient and it was nice to be able to find information quickly and easily. I never really thought it was very revolutionary.

Then the Internet went away and I learned just how much I really rely on the Internet.

When the new college football Associated Press poll came out Sunday afternoon, I was left in the dark. I didn’t know where the Irish were ranked in the latest poll and what their chances of a Bowl Championship were.

I had no idea if my beloved Pittsburgh Panthers were winning. But losing the convenience of readily available sports information was the least of my concerns.

I couldn’t email my parents directions to where to meet me when they come up for the Boston College game this weekend. I was effectively cut off from my normal means of communication.

It got even harder when I started working on Monday morning. The email system that let us communicate and send stories back and forth worked only two times out of three. Gaining even the most basic information was nearly impossible. Our weather service was cut off.

We lost our access to national photos and graphics. Everything that made production of a newspaper easy and painless was gone.

Getting stories back from our political reporters in Washington proved to be nearly impossible. Driving back and forth from South Dining Hall to Saint Mary’s (where e-mail still worked) as we tried to collect stories and photos from hundreds of miles away.

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SMC welcomes high schoolers to campus

By ALICIA ORTIZ

Searching for the right college can be difficult for anyone. Sunday's Fall Day on Campus gave interested high school students an opportunity to view all aspects of Saint Mary's and to assist them in their choice.

"What is neat about Fall Day on Campus is so many different departments... din­ ing, athletics, admissions, and currents students come together to make this day happen," said Ann Kearns, admis­sions counselor, class of '98. "That is what being part of the Saint Mary's community is all about."

The day began at 8 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The students and their families were formally welcomed in the O'taughlin Auditorium. Some of the morning's speakers includ­ed Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admission and Crisalie Renner, student body president. Following the welcome, par­ents and students separated to address concerns they might have about attending Saint Mary's. Students were free to ask current Saint Mary's stu­dents about classes, homework, and residence hall living. Parents were also encouraged to ask questions they have about the necessary steps to prepare their students for col­lege. "What is neat about Fall Day on Campus is so many different departments... come together to make this day happen."

Ann Kearns
admissions counselor

ND prof honored for dedication

James Taylor, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has received the Distinguished Service to Safety Award from the National Safety Council (NSC) for his long-standing dedication and commitment to public welfare.

The award is the highest honor bestowed on an indi­vidual by the NSC, a not­for-profit international organization dedicated to the protection of life and the promotion of health. Selected for the award by his peers, Taylor was one of 19 safety professionals to receive the honor Oct. 16 at the opening convocation of the NSC's 88th annual Congress and Expo in Orlando, Fla.

Taylor joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1976 as chair of the department of civil engineering and was appointed associate dean of the College of Engineering in 1982. His research inter­ests include transportation, highway safety and engi­neering ethics, and he is the author or coauthor of more than 30 articles and publi­cations. Taylor has chaired three Transportation Research Board panels and worked with the U.S. Department of Transportation in the selec­tion and evaluation of University Transportation Centers.

The recipient of numerous honors, Taylor received the 1995 Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award, the S.S. Steinberg Outstanding Educator Award from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association; the Daniel V. Terrell Award from the District 9 Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and the Daniel W. Mead Prize from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Taylor received his bache­lor's and master's degrees from the Case Institute of Technology in 1956 and 1962. He earned his doctor­ate in civil engineering from Ohio State University in 1965.

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DePalma couldn’t use Psychnfo, a tool to search psychology journals, to do research for a presentation due next week.

“I’m stuck because I need to use Psychnfo before I go to the library, because I can’t look through all of the journals that they have by hand,” said DePalma.

Students who went to the library expecting to use online databases to conduct research also experienced problems.

“A few individuals came in with last minute assignments. I referred them to the print indexes, but they rely heavily on the Internet,” said Hector Escobar, staff librarian.

On Sunday, the students’ attitude was that a complete catastrophe because the library has some print back-ups.

“We have basic things that we can use to get by. We do have print resources, but they take more time to use. We can usually get the [students] something,” said reference librarian Doug Archer.

Computer cluster consultants received several questions from students about the outage, but they were unable to provide them with any specific information.

“We hardly ever hear what the exact problem is (from the Office of Information Technologies). We try to help the students out, but for the most part it’s just frustrating for them,” said cluster consultant Xavier Guerrero.

Senior Jennifer Goodwillie will be having family here for the Boston College game, and the inability to use e-mail made it difficult to finalize plans for the weekend.

“They are e-mailing me on my Yahoo account with what restaurants they want to eat at and the hotel they are staying at, but I can’t get my messages — it’s very frustrating. I’m going to have to make a lot of long distance phone calls,” said Goodwillie.

“I think that everyone knows that some couples monopolize the space by just hanging out,” said Kirk.

However, Kirk said that the 24-hour space policy would at least make it clear for the monitors that they must allow the space to be available to residents and their guests for all 24 hours. He said that within a few years the posted policy wouldn’t be necessary because everyone would be familiar with it by then.

The last thing I want is an institutionalized area where things are posted up and it’s like, ‘abide by these rules or else,’” said Real.

However, for the present, the CLC voted to pass the resolution and to clear up confusion in the use of 24-hour space among the dorms.

“I think every dorm needs some place that can never be taken away,” said Father David Scheidler, St. Edward’s Hall rector.

“St. Edward’s Hall rector Father David Scheidler has noticed problems as well.

“My experience with monitors is that they basically make up their own rules,” said Scheidler.

Ellen Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said in his dorm he has not had problems with the 24-hour space besides people attempting to sleep in it.

“I would rather not have the signs anywhere, ever,” said Doyle. “I try to inform residents that it’s a lounge and not a set.”

Kirk agreed that the 24-hour space is not for camping out.

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Queen breaks her collarbone: The Queen Mother Elizabeth broke her left collarbone in a fall at her home, her office said Monday. The hugely popular 100-year-old mother of Queen Elizabeth II was treated by doctors at Clarence House, her home near Buckingham Palace, and was not hospitalized after the fall Friday afternoon, her office said. "Her Majesty is reasonably comfortable and has canceled her engagements for the time being," said a Clarence House spokeswoman.

Fatal bus accident in Banos: A bus plunged from a mountain cliff near a resort town in central Ecuador early Monday, killing at least 29 people and injuring 16, the Red Cross said. The bus, transporting local laborers, plummeted from a mountain cliff near a resort town in central Ecuador early Monday, killing at least 39 people and injuring 16, the Red Cross said.

Fatal police shooting in Washington: A Washington, D.C., police officer died Monday morning after he and another policeman were shot, authorities said. The police officer was slain in a Washington, D.C., police officer died Monday morning after he and another policeman were shot, authorities said.

FDA prepares to ban PPA: The government is expected to ban weight-loss drugs that contain an ingredient that could cause hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women. The Food and Drug Administration is preparing to ban phenylpropanolamine, or PPA, which is found in products from Decham to Triaminic. Legal steps needed for a ban will take a few months, so the FDA asked manufacturers Monday to voluntarily stop selling PPA-containing drugs immediately and replace with a safer alternative.

Teen indicted for hostage-taking: A 14-year-old accused of taking an eighth-grade class hostage at gunpoint last month was indicted Monday. Police say Sean Beatin walked into a Phoenix elementary school classroom Oct. 24, with a handgun and ordered everyone to the floor, holding as many as 30 people hostage before surrendering. No one was injured.

Indianapolis man found dead: Police are trying to identify a man found dead on Interstate 65 last weekend. The man's body was found shortly before 10:30 p.m. Saturday near U.S. 421 on the north side of Indianapolis. An autopsy showed he died from internal injuries. Indiana State Police Sgt. David Bursten said the man carried no identification. Investigators compared his fingerprints to those on file, but found no match. It was unclear whether the man sustained fatal injuries falling from the overpass or from being hit by cars.

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Armored robbers release hostages

LOS ANGELES

Three armored robbers stormed a Target store before dawn Monday as workers stocked shelves for Christmas, holding dozens hostage before fleeing. The robbers apparently tried to escape, authorities said. No shots were fired, and no one was injured during the 2 1/2 hour siege.

Two men were booked for investigation on armed robbery and may face other charges, authorities said. The third alleged gunman, a teenager, was hospitalized after a police dog bit him.

The siege began at 5:20 a.m. when the gunman apparently entered the store by a back door. More than 60 employees, many of them stocking shelves for the holiday shopping rush, were ordered to the ground, police spokeswoman Randi Joseph said.

A short time later, store security guard Myron Jenkins called 911 after another worker alerted him to the apparent robbery in progress.

"It was frantic," said Jenkins, who was unarmed. "We couldn't do much. It was out of our control." About an hour after the siege began, 15 people emerged from the building and two of them, both wearing employee clothing, were arrest-
Students ‘abroad’ in DC experience elections firsthand

By CHRISTINE KRALY

WASHINGTON, DC

Cathleen Jordan spends her Sunday mornings in a cold television studio.

As a participant in Notre Dame’s Semester in Washington, D.C., she internships at an office that hires only fellow classmates back in Indiana or in sleeping in Sunday morning. Jordan in meeting people like John McCain and Jesse Jackson for NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

The political talk show is where Jordan has met politicians and policy-makers alike, any where she says she loves to work.

Notre Dame’s Washington office has 13 participants, an unexpectedly low number this semester, said Perl Arnold, director of the program. The students live in an apartment owned by Hoston University and shared with schools like Dartmouth, Michigan State and the University of Pennsylvania.

The program in D.C. is a bit like night school for adults already in the workforce. Students attend classes Monday to Wednesday, taking some night classes starting when they return from work until 9:30 p.m. They attend one class Thursday and Fridays can be filled with day trips to museums, monuments and legislative offices.

The program format is flexible, said junior Tim Fallon, because it allows students to enjoy real work experience while still studying and exploring Washington.

“The internship is amazing,” Jordan said, mostly because of the people she works with and the responsibilities she has in the shop she offers.

Her bosses and colleagues “trust me,” she said, which is very important for a student working in the fast-paced city of Washington.

“When I first got here, I was really nervous,” Fallon said. Learning Washington lingo and policies “took some getting used to,” but after a few months in the city, he said, he became comfortable with the city and fell in love with his job.

Fallon is an intern in the Washington bureau office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he works with a staff of five people. The small staff is great, he said, because he is able to perform many hands-on tasks for the organization.

“It’s the perfect way to get involved,” he said. “It’s the perfect door to what I want to do.”

Fallon’s office is currently working on initiatives to increase parent involvement as a key to improving education funding, a project Fallon is proud to be a part of. He is due to submit a report at the end of the month regarding the people of Baltimore’s stance on the NAACP’s progress in gaining support of the project.

When the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal occurred, Fallon internships instantly gained a bad reputation. Notre Dame students, though, are both constituents, which is why students already in the workforce.

And although he had heard that working for a congressman would be difficult and monotonous, junior Bill Fusz has had no problems adapting to life as a congressional intern.

“It’s all where the action is,” he said, Fusz, who works in Congressman Paul Gillmor’s (R-Ohio) office.

In an office about the size of a regular O’Shaughnessy class room, Fusz works with Gillmor’s legislative aides on mostly constituent issues.

He mainly helps in responding to constituent concerns, especially with questionnaires that the office has been organizing since July. With the office’s small staff the government major says he feels very connected to the people he works with and with the politics occurring around him. Hearing firsthand accounts of the Firestone tire scandal, Fusz said, has been the most interesting part of his job. But where his job is really important, he said, is in connecting with the people who come into his office.

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Bishops release statement about role of Church in politics

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News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC
In an effort to clarify the responsibilities of Catholics in modern American politics, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement entitled "Faithful Citizenship: Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium" last September. This statement does not represent a new step for the Church, which has already been speaking about political responsibility for every presidential election since the '60s. "We believe that politics is enhanced when it is in reality more than a hassle for me when it's who did not vote this year. But it was to change not going to change of the other races being decided in his home state of Minnesota this year. "I'm not knowledgeable about state and city candidates," he said. People in this age group may also feel that it does not matter who is in office. "I'm in college, so it's not really going to affect me," said Wilkerson. "I don't think either candidate will really accomplish anything." Based on his decision not to vote applies only to this election. Of course, there are members of Wilkerson and Lammrecht's age group that believe it is important to vote in all elections. The people in the White House do affect them. Students agree according to senior Megan Conlon. She is currently taking a design class taught by visiting art professor Robert Sedlack that created posters and buttons to encourage Notre Dame students to vote. "People simply don't think their voices are going to make too much difference," Conlon said. "Every vote does matter, and certainly as a group, we want to need to be active as an age group in the political process." "I think people here are really excited because it's the first election anyone here can vote in," said junior Jeni Harris, academic division head of Notre Dame student government. "Part of being a responsible citizen is voting ... It's a duty." Harris said that some students find getting an absentee ballot to be a hassle.

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"political family." In 1996, only 32 percent of young American adults bothered to vote. Among the general population, voter turnout was 50 percent. "We have the worst voter turnout," said senior Megan Conlon, one of Sedlack's students. "I think that problem needs to be taken seriously." So Sedlack and his class created a project to address the issue. The first phase of the project involved creating a poster. Students created several designs, and then the class critiqued each one — along with graduate growth design students and non-art or design majors from student government. The poster the group selected to print and display around campus reads, "68% of 18 to 24 year olds do not vote in their federal elections. 68% of this poster is a WASTE OF SPACE. What will you do this year on Tuesday, November 7th? Fill the void." With the help of Adworks, Notre Dame's student advertising agency, the class printed and hung over 200 posters around campus. With the large amount of white space on the poster, some people have found room to write messages of their own on the posters and displayed them on clothing or backpacks. "We know it's getting attention when it's getting graffiti," Sedlack said. In addition to the class's efforts, the poster was decided to incoporrate into their other projects. Students designed three different buttons and produced 200 of them. The class distributed the buttons to other students who promised to display them on clothing or backpacks. The class also designed table tents to be displayed this week in the dining halls. Adworks helped the class to actually distribute these tents. In addition, the class designed a graphic for the homepage of Notre Dame's Web site. The site offers a link to the class's own Web site that has additional voter information. The class also designed two large ads to appear in The Observer. The project received free ad space from newspaper, as well as funding from the College Republicans and College Democrats, though Sedlack stressed that it was a non-partisan campaign.

68% of 18 to 24 year olds do not vote in their federal elections.

Go vote!

Fill the Void
Vote on November 7, 2000

Students in a Notre Dame graphic design class participated in a project to encourage college-age adults to vote. In 1996, only 32 percent of 18 to 24-year olds voted, while 50 percent of the general population turned out.
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Doctors perform surgery to separate conjoined twins

Surgeons expect one twin to die during operation

Associated Press

LONDON - Surgeons operated Monday to separate conjoined twin girls in a long and complex procedure that doctors said would kill one baby to give her sister a chance of a normal life. The operation followed months of legal wrangling over whether the parents could refuse surgery and let nature take its course.

St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester confirmed early Monday that the operation involving some 20 staff members — had begun and was expected to take up to 15 hours. The hospital said no details about the surgery's outcome would be released until lunchtime Tuesday.

The girls, identified publicly only as "Mary" and "Jodie," were born at the hospital on Aug. 8 joined at the lower abdomen. Doctors say surgery could allow Jodie to have a normal life, but that Mary cannot survive once she is separated from Jodie's aorta.

If not separated, doctors said, both girls would die within months.

The twins' parents — identified only as Roman Catholics from the Maltese island of Gozo in the Mediterranean — opposed the operation for religious reasons but decided not to contest a Sept. 22 decision by the Court of Appeal that the girls can be separated.

The court had struggled with the issue of whether the surgery would amount to intentionally killing Mary, whose heart and lungs cannot sustain life. Two medical specialists appointed by the court endorsed surgery.

"The sad fact is that Mary lives on borrowed time, all of it borrowed from her sister," said Lord Justice Alan Ward said in the Court of Appeal ruling. "She is incapable of independent existence. She is designated for death."

Pannone and Partners, the law firm representing the parents, said Monday they would not be issuing a statement.

The official solicitor’s office, which represents children's interests in court, had provided legal representation for both children.

On Friday, judges rejected a last-minute appeal by the Pro-Life Alliance, an anti-abortion group that wanted the case to be decided in the House of Lords.

The Times of London reported that the Maltese Pediatric Association had urged British doctors to delay the operation, saying it violated common practice that parents of severely disabled babies were given the final say over treatment.

"In this case the parents have clearly expressed the wish that nature be left to take its course," it was quoted as saying.

News reports said the parents have agreed to give a paid interview to Granada TV and will use the money to care for Jodie as she undergoes further treatment. It was not disclosed how much they reportedly will be paid.

In Monday’s operation, surgeons were expected to begin by exploring the twins’ anatomy, according to testimony to the Court of Appeal. The separation process would start with the pelvic bones and then go to the spines, where the twins were joined.

"Finally and eventually we have a major blood vessel, which is bringing blood across to Mary. It would need separating, dividing. It is at that point that we would expect that Mary would then die," the court's judgment said.

Do you like to write? Would you like to write for The Observer? Call 1-5323.
Abolish Electoral College

With one of the closest presidential elections in history coming to a close today, there is a chance a candidate who wins the popular vote will lose the Electoral College. The Electoral College is an outdated system that reduces the presidential election to a struggle for a few battleground states while most of the country is ignored by the candidates.

When the United States adopted the Constitution in 1789, Americans could not travel and communicate nearly as quickly as we do today. Voters of the 1700s and 1800s did not have the access to the candidates necessary to cast an informed ballot for president. Given these circumstances, it was a wise choice on the part of the men who wrote the Constitution to provide for the election of trusted representatives who could learn about the candidates and cast a well-considered electoral vote for their states.

But in modern America, the limitations that originally made the Electoral College a necessity no longer exist. With the development of airplanes, television and the Internet, every citizen now has an ample opportunity to familiarize himself or herself with the personalities and positions of the candidates. With this information, citizens no longer need to depend on members of the Electoral College to make this decision for them.

Concerns about the right of each state to equal representation in the electoral process are no longer relevant in modern American. Today, it is more important that each person's vote is of equal value.

Under the present system, each citizen's vote is worth a different fraction of an electoral vote based on the state's number of electoral votes. This process means that one state could determine where the candidates should cast a vote of equal weight. A vote in one state should not count more than a vote in another state.

In states such as Maine where the electoral votes are divided between the winner and loser, a vote for the candidate who does not carry the state does not translate to some value in the Electoral College. In other states, the losing candidate receives none of the Electoral College votes no matter how close the election might have been.

The Constitution gives the state legislatures the power to determine the rules governing the Electors from each state. There can be different sets of rules for electing a President. A national election should have a national set of rules.

There is no longer any reason for America to continue to choose its president through an Electoral College. Instead, the basic rules of equality dictate that each citizen's vote should be of equal value. This can only be achieved through direct popular election.

We, the United States, should eliminate the Electoral College and allow the people to directly choose their leader.

Keeping your computer happy

Molly Strezlecki
Growing Up To Be a Kid

I'm not going to lie to you. Underneath that desk and facade lies a brain of a computer genius. I can reconfigure your hard drive in a couple of hours. I'll install an entirely new network for you in a day. And as an added bonus, I'll even teach you how to play FreeCell.

Ok, that is a lie. I have very little to no knowledge of computers. Computers and I, well, we are not one. And I am ok with that. I have mastered e-mail though I do not get this "sending attachments" thing. It's cut and paste all the way. I know how to surf the web, and I know how to use all sorts of word processing programs for typing papers. So I guess I'm not completely illiterate, computer-wise.

But I'm pretty sure some of the three and four-year-olds I know understand the inner workings of most Macs and PCs better than I ever will.

I question whether or not this is a good thing. However, I've noticed that home computers these days are comparable to what cable television was when I was growing up. Time in front of it was limited. Lust I ruin my eyes and my brain turn to mush, according to my parents. There is something about today's Internet, and computers in general, that, like cable television, merits us in, keeping us indoors like vampires hiding from sunlight. Unless, of course, you have a laptop computer that can give you limited mobility to say, check stock market prices at the beach.

The age of information technology astounds me, really. Who came up with this stuff? We know Al Gore didn't and Bill Gates only sells it, so I'm going with a Big Bang Theory. It had to have been that one day when my computer and BAM! his computer slapped him upside the head and yelled, "Use one thing other than typing papers and balancing your checkbook!" Or something to that extent. Hence, the world is now connected through phone wires, modems, networks and all that other stuff. And it lets us into a variable world of all sorts of stuff.

Frankly, I do not need half the sites and "stuff" that the Internet has to offer. Does that stop me, though, from wasting hours on Hotmail when I should be reading Shakespeare? Of course not. Just like I didn't stop myself from watching the show Double Dare when I should have been memorizing the Act of Crintrion. I'm not here to teach you about word processing programs and 500 cable channels and the Internet and five million websites, I would choose television. Because I know how to work it. I even know how to program a VCR! With computers, it is another story. I think my lack of living for the digital age stems from a deep-rooted fear of those keyboards and hard drives and monitors that tend to go haywire on me at the most inopportune moments. Usually the moments involve a very long paper due in four hours that for some reason has been saved neither on disk nor hard drive. I cannot explain it and frankly, I am not going to try.

I have, however, found a couple of tricks that seem to work, which I will be happy to pass on. If you, too, suffer from computer No-How, try these helpful hints and see what happens, though I'm not going to guarantee you anything.

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SCOTT ADAMS
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards."

Aldous Huxley
author

DILBERT

ON THE OBSERVER
WORKING FOR SERVICE AFTER GRADUATION

On the eve of Oct. 26, The Young Leaders of Old Saint Patrick's Church in Chicago held their fourth annual fall dinner and award presentation. The group was indeed diverse. Among the invited guests were educators of all ages, successful figures in the religious order and eager students. The gathering was in honor of the "2000 Young Leader Award Recipient for Exemplary Leadership in Chicago." The young man acclaimed as this year's model Patrick's Church their fourth annual fall dinner and award presentation. The winner, freshman Ryan Crochet of Keenan Hall, put on a show for the ages. His talent was a Chippendales-style dance to the Divinyls' "I Touch Myself" that had the audience on their feet both cheering and laughing at the same time. By the end of it, he was in black tights and a red bow-tie. Let me not forget one important factor, he's about 300 pounds. The other finalists were quite good, but the night was stolen by Ryan as he charmed the ladies during the question and answer section.

"You are the most intelligent students from the best schools choosing to commit two years of their lives to service, earning only $5 a day plus room and board," Patrick asked. Certainly for the first year, the rewards are few and the challenges many but graduating students still jump at the chance.

This is a question that seems all too familiar to a large group of seniors at Notre Dame. When a degree is that much more expensive than awarded to the average university it is natural to make it "worth while" in terms of capitalism's standards.

The more I thought of pronouncing to family members one's desire to do service after having just spent $100,000 in education is enough to chase a student straight to the hands of Big Business in Chicago where most ND graduates flock together to embark on a fifth year of Notre Dame. Still, though the call seems tough, there are many that confidently march forward on the path of service, never looking back. Those who pursue the Alliance for Catholic Education are prime examples.

In structure to ICTC, ACE is in the words of senior Tara Mahnessmith "just awesome." Tara has worked for the office for two years now and over time developed the utmost respect for its people. "These people are some of the most amazing you will ever meet," she says. Tara was so decided on ACE that she spent her fall break visiting one of the sites, shadowing one of its teachers. Tara returned with an even greater appreciation for the program. She is certain that not only do the teachers make an impact in a way that will change children's lives, but they also find their own lives forever enhanced.

"As freshmen, sophomores and juniors, this philosophy applies to you too. Don't ever think you are too young for service. One of my favorite sayings is "Confronting Homelessness in American Society" taught by Professor Ben Giamo. No amount of book reading could replace the lessons learned from the experimental portion of the course. In fact, in my opinion "Confronting Homelessness" should be a required part of the curriculum, just like Theology and Philosophy."

Patrick's adopted motto for ICTC, "You can't just talk the talk; you must also walk the walk." Patrick has, and continues to set the pace.

Patrick G. Ryan Jr. is the eldest brother of Brittany's biggest buddy, junior Corbett Ryan of Kroukh Hall. Brittany Morehouse is a senior majoring in American studies and anthropology. She is open to all post graduation offers if anyone is interested in her services, she may be reached at Morehouse.100nd.edu.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATING MR. NOTRE DAME

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Andrew Warner
Fresman
Keenan Hal
November 6, 2000

ALLOWING FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS

The Executive Members of the Student Union Board would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the Guster concert this weekend.

Our sincerest thanks goes out to the band, the crew, the students and fans who made for a sold-out show and especially the members of the Student Union Board without whose help it would never have been possible.

With everyone's help, we will continue to program quality shows for the future. We hope to see you there.

Beky Hagerlin
Legs
Dave Clark
Creative Leads
Candis Wilkinson
Student Union Board Executive member
November 6, 2000
CONCERT REVIEW

Guster thrills Irish crowd with quality rock show

By LISA BRUNO
Some Music Critic

To have a great concert, a couple of things are needed. Obviously a great band that plays amazing live music is at the core of what’s required. But sometimes you get lucky, and not only do you get that, but you get a band that is completely unique and the real thing — not a mass-produced, choreographed, accessorized bunch. This is the type of who Guster is, a band that appreciates its fans, a band that not only reads but replies to e-mails or Without a Net. As Guster’s fan base steadily increases and it opens for musical giants like Barenaked Ladies and Dave Matthews, people like me (a girl who isn’t a U2 fan) can’t help but perk up when the name Guster is mentioned.

Set List
November 3, 2000
Notre Dame - Stepan Center

· What You Wish For
· Happier
· X-Ray Eyes
· Airport Song
· California Dreamin’
· Window
· Either Way
· Center of Attention
· My Hero
· Parachute
· I Spy
· Great Escape
· Barrel of a Gun
· All the Way Up to Heaven
· Demons

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Guster will appear again on 10 albums.

Rock giants U2 continue to grow after 10 albums

By JOHN HEECK
Some Music Critic

The new album. Long lines outside of record stores at midnight. Screaming fans. Rock ‘n’ Roll. No, these frenzied-fans are not for 10mp Birkli or The Backstreet Boys or Britney Spears. They’re U2 fans.

So, it is not exactly the Grammy-winning Joshua Tree, but All That You Can’t Leave Behind. U2’s 10th studio album, is the most anticipated U2 album since Achtung Baby, the follow-up to the Joshua Tree. And for good reason.

Rumors began circulating early this year about a new U2 album. First of all, U2, known for its last minute-cramming in the recording studio, wrote the majority of the album before even stepping foot in Windmill Lane recording studio, its home away from home. The album, which pays homage to the rawness of Boy, its first album, is also the most mature sounding album U2 has ever made.

The band, lead by Bono, the quintessential front-man, and backed-up by The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen, Jr., have had over two decades to perfect its sound. But it appears now that All That You Can’t Leave Behind may be U2’s last hurrah.

Driven by Clayton and Mullen Jr.’s distinct rhythmic combination, The Edge’s haunting guitar personality, and the most amazing lyrics Bono has ever written, All That You Can’t Leave Behind begins with the already radio-friendly “Beautiful Day” and ends with the soulfully tranquil “Grace.”

Left in between is a kaleidoscope of emotions of four hip, middle-aged rock stars just trying to catch a ride home.

“Elevation,” reminiscent of the Tokyo club scene Bono is so fond of, is the most synthesized and fun song on the album. “A star lit up like a cigar/ Strung out like a guitar/ Maybe you could educate my mind/ Explain all these contours/ I can’t sing but I’ve got soul.”

Bono, heavily considered one of the best singers in rock music, has had problems with his voice the last couple years; however “off-season” conditioning has greatly helped. “I found my voice again.” Bono has been quoted saying.

That is no more evident than on the soothing “In A Little While,” in which Bono melodically lowers, “In a little while/ Surely you’ll be mine/ In a little while/ I’ll be there/ In a little while/ This hurt will hurt no more/ I’ll be home.”

The Edge, like Bono, is also responsible for some of the most moving moments on All You Can’t Leave Behind. The Edge, named for his distinct echo guitar style, copiously decorates the album with unique guitar solo and transcendent keyboard sounds. The most notable example of The Edge’s pristine guitar playing occurs on “Kite.”

Besides the band line-up, there has been one constant on each of U2’s albums — the song. “Since” and “With or Without You” on the Joshua Tree album, U2 has had at least one haunting, genius-of-a-song on each album. On Achtung Baby, it was the timeless “One,” on Zooropa, “Stay (Far Away, So Close),” on Pop, it was “If God Will Send His Angels.” On All That You Can’t Leave Behind, this song is “Walk On.”

“Walk On,” like its predecessors, demonstrates why U2 has remained the world’s largest and most enduring rock band. “Home/ hard to know what is if you’ve never had one/ Home/ I can’t say where but I know I’m going/ Walk on. Walk on.”

In essence, “Walk On” sings of a band that has already conquered the world and is now ready to walk away from it.

The entire album is littered with sentiments, sentiments that have lead to the rumors that All That You Can’t Leave Behind is the last call for U2. If that is the case, better get your tickets as soon as they are available for U2’s next, and probably last, tour.

Rumors are circulating that U2 will tour the U.S. in the spring, Europe in the summer, and then return to the U.S. in the fall. Unlike the ZooTV or Popmart tours, U2’s next tour will be a stripped-down version of anything U2 fans have seen in the last 10 years. Although the glitz and glamour will be gone from the stage, U2’s goal, through its seemingly infinite music catalog, will be one of elevation. Guaranteed the best show in town.
Poe returns with haunting sophomore release

By MAUREN SMITHE
Some Music Critic

With her father’s ghostly voice sampled throughout her newest release, Poe has produced a truly haunting sophomore album.

The album, appropriately titled Haunted, tells the story of the stressed relationship Poe shared with her father during his life. While some songs tell of regret and lost chances, others speak of sheer adolescent defiance. Most tracks would be perfect background music for any scary movie.

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Poe’s mother was killed in a car accident, a fact which Poe attributes to her inability to deal with her father’s passing.

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Arizona ranked No. 1 in first AP basketball poll

Arizona basketball

Arizona, with all five starters back from a team that was a top seed in the NCAA Tournament, edged Duke on Monday as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll.

The Wildcats, who were the preseason No. 1 in 1997 after they won the national championship, had a sizable lead in first-place votes from the national media panel, but finished with just four more points than the Blue Devils.

"This one has fewer question marks than probably any team that we've had," Arizona coach Lute Olson said of the group that features the sophomore backcourt of Jason Gardner and Gilbert Arenas and junior forwards Richard Jefferson and Michael Wright.

Senior center Loren Woods, who missed the end of last season with a back injury, has been impressive returning from off-season surgery.

"We've got everything," Gardner said. "We've got an inside game. We've got an outside game. We've got quickness. We've got strength. It's going to be hard for anybody to match up with us." Arizona, which finished 25-7 last season and lost to Wisconsin in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, had 31 first-place votes and 1,733 points.

Duke, which has four starters back from the team that was No. 1 in the final poll and lost in the round of 16, was first on 29 ballots, and its 1,749 points were 260 more than defending national champion Michigan State.

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Florida, which lost to Michigan State in the championship game, was 11th, followed by No. 12 Kentucky, No. 13 Utah, No. 14 Creighton and Arkansas and Notre Dame, which tied for 15th. UCLA was 17th, followed by Texas Tech, No. 9 North Carolina State, No. 10 Michigan State, No. 11 Illinois, No. 12 Kentucky, No. 13 Duke, No. 14 Virginia, and Ohio State's freshman center Loren Woods, who missed the end of last season with a back injury, has been impressive returning from off-season surgery.

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seconds, Verlin also claimed first in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:55.71. Four swimmers were individual event winners for the Irish. Freshman Matt Obarin had a key performance for the Irish, capturing the 200-meter individual medley in 2:03.12. Freshman J.R. Teddy put another Irish first place on the board in the 400-meter freestyle, finishing in 3:48.04. Senior Dan Sillier clinched the first place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke in 2:07.02. But the middle part of the meet was the crunch. where the Irish found three Irish sweeps over Oakland University. capturing only five of 15 events. There were some bright spots for the Irish, however, especially in the distance events.

Junior Jonathan Pierce clinched victories in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:00.45, and in the 500 freestyle in 4:40.99. Sophomore diver Andy Maggio kept the divers undefeated in dual meet action, winning both the one and three meter board events. Sillier took first in the 200 breaststroke in 2:07.02.

The Irish now take a break from competition. not returning to the pool until the Notre Dame Invitational, Nov. 31 through Dec. 3. The dual meet season will resume at the end of the break. with the Irish lagging behind in the conference standings. and in need of a strong performance to start the season on a high note. The Irish will look to improve their times this week. We’re just going to be a year where we’re going to have to work hard every day. and we’re going to have to push ourselves every day. Welsh said. "We are only going to be as good as our level of improvement — this break is to our advantage."}

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VOLLEYBALL
Bomhack named player of week

Special to The Observer

Junior outside hitter Marcie Bomhack was named the Big East Player of the Week on Monday, Nov. 6, for her performance in three Notre Dame victories last week.

Bomhack was instrumental in the three Irish sweeps over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence, pushing the Notre Dame 2000 season record to 21-5 and 10-0 in the Big East Conference. She hit .340 in the three matches with 36 kills (5.1 per game), 23 digs (3.2 per game) and seven blocks (1.0 per game).

Against BC on Friday, Nov. 3, Bomhack had six kills while playing just two games on .417 hitting. She also had a team-high nine digs in the contest.

On Nov. 4, she posted 16 kills on .483 hitting against non-conference opponent North Carolina. She also had five blocks and five digs in the contest, including a game-winning solo block to score the deciding point of the second game to give the Irish a 2-0 lead in the match.

Taking on Providence on Sun., Nov. 5, she continued her hot hitting with 14 kills on 20 attempts without committing an error, while also having five digs, an ace and a block.

Bomhack becomes the third Irish player to earn player of the week accolades from the Big East. Senior setter Denise Boylan earned the honor on Sept. 4 and senior outside hitter Christi Girton was a double-award winner on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.
Griese compared to Montana by coach

Associated Press

DENVER

His coach compares him favorably to Joe Montana. While that might be premature, Denver Broncos quarterback Brian Griese, in only his second full season as a starter, is putting up Montana-like numbers.

Never was that more apparent than in the Broncos' 30-23 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

Griese was outstanding, completing 22 of 35 passes for 327 yards with two scores.

Obviously a proud papa, the elder Griese, who became emotional while doing television commentary on his son's Michigan team in the national championship game in 1997, prefers to let his son's career stand on its own.

Contacted at his Miami home on Monday, Griese said, "I really don't want to comment. He's got his own career going there."

And what a career it has become.

Emerging from the long shadow of John Elway, whom he succeeded as the Broncos' quarterback in 1999, Griese is quickly making his own imprint.

In a day-after assessment of the win over the Jets, coach Mike Shanahan said, "It's hard for a quarterback to play much better than he played, especially in that environment, in those conditions, against an excellent defensive football team.

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Drained Ross resigns as Lions' head coach

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. - The Detroit Lions replaced a burned-out coach with one who wore out his welcome less than 70 miles away.

Bobby Ross is the second in a trilogy of receivers, physically d r a i n e d after 3 1/2 y e a r s, r e s i g n e d Monday and was replaced by assistant coach Moeller, who was fired as Michigan's coach in 1995 days after his assistant coach描写了他在俄亥俄州的四年。 Ross resigned is the third coaching change in the N F L this season, but it's the first with a team that has a relatively successful season. The Lions are 5-4 and have a chance to earn a playoff berth.

Two weeks ago, Arizona fired Vince Tobin and replaced him with Dave McGinnis. On Sept. 25, Bruce Coletti resigned in Cincinnati and was replaced by Dick LeBeau.

Moeller has served as an assistant head coach and linebackers coach.

Jim Brandstatter, a former Michigan linebacker who is an analyst for Lions' radio broadcasts, believes Moeller is equipped to deal with the rigors of being a head coach in the N F L.

"I think one of his more telling statements was that he's learned how to deal with pressure," Brandstatter said. "Since being at Michigan, he's learned lessons on his own and through observation as an assistant at Cincinnati and now in Detroit as it relates to dealing with pressure."

Moeller is taking over a franchise that hasn't won a world championship since 1957 and is 1-9 in the playoffs since.

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The Belles had a meet full of in-season bests and strong swims, Hildebrandt said. "Because the longer (distance) events were new to the freshmen, I looked at how they swam the race — not just their times. I am very happy with their performances. They swam smart, consistent races."

Smart and consistent times couldn't help the Belles come out with a win against Western Ontario Saturday afternoon. Struggling to notch high place finishes, the Belles could only capture two first place finishes. Ramsey continued to perform outstandingly in the 400-yard freestyle, and the 400-yard freestyle squad also wrapped up the meet in first.

This was the Belles first time competing against Western Ontario and they weren't sure what to expect, admitted Hildebrandt.

"Even though we couldn't put a win in our column, we gained some valuable experience," said Hildebrandt.

Other top performances this weekend were seen from Elizabeth Doro on Saturday with a second place finish in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

The Belles sole diver, senior Brian Cox debuted a front dive with a full twist Friday night and contributed first place points for the Belles.

"She was truly amazing. She went out there and did dives that she had never attempted before. She's a trooper," said Hildebrandt.

The Belles will not see league competition until Nov. 14 when they face off against Olivet. In the meantime they will travel to Wabash over the weekend to compete against the women of Transylvania.

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Giants sit atop NFC East standings with 7-2 record

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Forget that the New York Giants haven't beaten a good team all season. Just look at the standings.

The Giants (7-2) have won four games in a row after beating Cleveland on Sunday, and suddenly have a 1 1/2 game lead over Philadelphia and Washington in the NFC East.

With seven games left in the regular season, Jim Fassel's team has a shot at winning home-field advantage for the playoffs.

"All I care about is that we keep getting better and keep getting better," said Fassel, whose team hasn't made the playoffs since 1997, his rookie season. "There is a formula to being in this league. You've just got to keep getting better and you've got to win all those games and keep creeping up on those teams that everybody says are better."

The Rams are one of those teams, although Fassel doesn't want to overemphasize the importance of the game.

"All I care about is that we keep getting better," Fassel said. "We don't have to beat everybody. All we need is to keep doing our jobs. We'll make a bang at the end. Hopefully we'll make a bang at the end."

Fassel thinks these Giants are better than the team that lost 34-10 to the Rams in St. Louis last season.

New York is faster on defense with the addition of Mike Barrow at middle linebacker, and with cornerback Jason Sehorn seemingly ready to prove they are as good as everybody says arebet- ter.

The Giants' head coach admits he has glanced at the possibilities if the Giants keep winning, it's only been for a split second.

"All I care about is that we keep getting better and keep getting better," said Fassel.

The Rams also feel the need to prove they are as good as everybody says are better.

"These guys are still the lightweight champion of the football world," he said. "They can still move that football and score a whole lot of points. Until somebody else takes their throne away from them, that's who they still are and with a heck of a record."

Fassel is also trying to downplay the absence of Warner and Faulk.

"If you think for one minute that this football team or myself or this coaching staff is going to look at these guys any differently — with or without Marshall Faulk — you're crazy," Fassel said. "You guys may do it. We're not. These guys are still the lightweight champion of the football world."
Miami may be ranked No. 2 in the media and coaches polls, but Florida State is second in the ratings that count most — the BCS standings.

The Seminoles, despite a 27-24 loss to the Hurricanes last month, were in second place behind Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series released Monday, a scant .39 points ahead of Miami.

The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings released Dec. 3 will play in a national title game in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. The standings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, schedule strength and number of losses.

Florida State (9-1) came out ahead of Miami (7-1) this week based on a stronger computer ranking.

In the eight computer rankings used, the Seminoles — third last week — had an average rating of 2.14, while the Hurricanes were at 3.57. The Seminoles close against Florida (8-1), fifth in the BCS standings, while Miami has games against Syracuse and Boston College.

Nebraska's (8-1) is in fourth place this week. Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, naturally, was thrilled with the new standings.

"It makes us very happy," he said. "We're apprehensive about the future, but it makes you feel like if you can win the rest of your games you've got a great shot of getting into the championship game.

Miami coach Butch Davis took the keep-winning, things-will-work-out-approach.

"We told the kids winning is the only thing we have control over and we'll let the results speak for what needs to be spoken for," Davis said. "You just want to give yourself a chance to be in position to play for a national championship."

If Miami is upset, how about Washington? The Huskies (8-1) beat the Hurrhicans 34-29 on Sept. 9, but are in sixth place. "It's so convoluted," Davis added. "I don't know the strength-of-schedule things. We have three games left, all against teams having good years. We'll just keep playing and not worry about it."

Oklahoma totaled 2.76 points against teams having good ratings, the Hurricanes 6.01.

Bowl Championship Series Rankings

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A point for poll average; one for computer rank average; 0.28 for losses. The Sooners (8-0) beat Baylor 56-7 on Saturday. Florida State had 6.42 points for poll average; 2.14 for computer rank average; 0.28 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

In the computer ratings, the lowest ranking is discarded and the seven highest are used to come up with an average. For example, the Seminoles have one first, five seconds, a fourth and a sixth. The sixth-place rating is tossed out. The Hurricanes have three thirds and four fourths. A fourth-place is thrown out.

The BCS was created two years ago to come up with a national title game without instituting a playoff. After the top two teams are decided, the remaining BCS games — the Rose, Sugar and Fiesta bowls — select from the remaining pool of qualified teams.

Champions of six conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC — qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.
FOOTBALL
Irish seek revenge against Eagles

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

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Key performances were Van Saa's first place in the 200 yard freestyle, Labosky's 1.650 yard freestyle win, junior Kelly Hocking's double backstroke victories, sophomore Amy Deger's first places in the butterfly events and Mattingly's double wins on the boards.

Irish backstrokers made the biggest dent in the competition, sealing their opponents with a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the 100 backstroke. Led by Hocking, freshmen Lisa Garcia, Jessica Roberts, and junior Tiffany O'Brien sealed the event for the Irish. O'Brien and Hocking's performances were crucial. Weathers said. O'Brien post- ed "some of her best" times this season, Weathers said, and Hocking, who bounced back from illness, was a solid contributor.

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November, BCS adds excitement to college football

It felt like Bowl Championship Series season.

When I woke up on Saturday morning, I knew how hard the Horned Frogs would be to knock off. The weather was warmer than usual, and the 85 degree heat hanging in the room like a Joey Hildebold punt, I thought I had magically been flown to Miami or Tempe during the night.

Even though the warm weather just turned out to be my radiator gone mad, there was a lot that went on in college football that kept all of us asking the same question we've been asking all year: What's going to happen next?

When I woke up on Saturday, the only one left was Texas. Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, and Wisconsin all had only been able to climb to No. 9 in the BCS rankings. Florida State didn't do them any favors either, pasting BCS No. 13 Clemson 54-7.

But for all of this to ever become an issue assumes a lot, too. Just look at all the stuff that could still happen.

I said the Miami-Va. Tech game was "in effect" the Big East championship game because those two squads are both in the top ten in the country. But while Virginia Tech's conference season is over, Miami still plays Boston College, Syracuse, and probably most dangerously, the frequent flyer mile gathering air show of Pitt. One loss and the BCS is off the hook again. An improbable two losses and the Hurricanes win the conference crown. After all, Miami is a team that beat Louisiana Tech by a lopsided 11 points last week.

Even if none of that happens, Oklahoma and Nebraska could meet up again in the Big 12 Championship. Oklahoma scored 31 unanswered points to win the first meeting 31-14. Huskers don't forget that sort of thing.

Then, you would have the three way debate between Miami, Nebraska and Florida State to see which two would go to the national title. That is, of course, assuming Florida State beats another in-state rival in Florida, who also has a shot at the Orange Bowl.

Confusing? Yes. Fun? You bet.

Where does all this leave Notre Dame? They're moving up, thanks to games like Northwestern's win over Michigan, a 54-31 final that featured more scoring than a lot of Big Ten basketball games. Had TCU been able to climb to sixth in the BCS standings and had Notre Dame been able to win out, then some sort of contractual thing would have given the Irish one of the at-large bids in the BCS. Notre Dame can still win out, but the computers don't take TCU's losses to unranked teams too well.

Nine wins will most likely place the Irish in the top 10 of the BCS, so for a Fiesta or Sugar bowl berth are still alive. If not, then maybe they'll grab a return trip to the Gator Bowl after a one year hiatus.

Unless, of course, Big East No. 2 and Heisman hopeful Michael Vick go there. But then again, that assumes Miami wins out.

So many possibilities, and they leave only one possible conclusion: college football is cool.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

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Chris Christensen, Ice hockey goalie\nBillie Jean King, Tennis player\nBilly Graham, Evangelist\nJoni Mitchell, Singer

Happy Birthday: You can get ahead this year if you focus on finishing what you start. You will not tolerate others getting in your way and will more firmly state your wishes and demands. This is a year to meet people, develop new interests, take chances, go on vacation. Change will be sweeping, and taking a risk will become second nature. Your numbers: 11, 14, 31, 34.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Attend a social event and focus on meeting those who can help you get ahead. You will have to be careful not to forget your loved ones. Neglect will lead to upset. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your best efforts will come through work. To accomplish the most, it is best to work with your peers. Love interests may lead you back to school. You may develop a professional position. Go for interest in learning something new that will lead to promotion. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your interest in learning something new may lead you back to school. You will benefit through courses you take, regardless of whether or not you use your new skills to make money. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get busy turning your home into the place you want to live in. Don't let money lead to an unpleasant situation. Unusual investments will lead to profits.

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Men's Swimming

Notre Dame splits weekend dual meets

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  Sport Writer

Losses aren't taken in stride on the men's swim team. After dropping their second dual meet of the season 136.50-101.50 Friday night at Oakland University, Saturday's dual with University of Western Ontario became a chance to avenge Friday's loss. And avenge they did. Rising to the challenge, the Irish shut out Ontario in a swift 103-62 final tally, marking a victory and solid season times that affirmed they have the speed they need. Bouncing back from Friday, the Irish upped the win column to go 3-2 on the season.

"Coming off the loss the previous night, we knew it would be important to maintain our focus," said senior co-captain Ryan Verlin. "It's easy, especially coming off a loss, to be down and be negative — the guys realized that we had to put the loss behind us and use this meet as a new opportunity for a win. We realized that every race is a battle," Verlin said.

The Irish posted individual victories in six of 11 events Saturday, with Verlin leading the way, winning two events for the Irish. Securing a first-place finish in the 800-meter freestyle in 7 minutes, 57.56 seconds, Verlin said. "The meet was more important to them than we realized," said women's head coach Bailey Weathers. "There's a natural rivalry with Purdue and Notre Dame that carries into all the sports. It was a critical meet for them."

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Women's Swimming

Women suffer first dual-meet loss in two years

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  Sport Writer

Losing isn’t a familiar feeling for the women’s swimming and diving team. They've won Big East Championships four times. It had been nearly two years since the team had experienced a regular season loss, resulting in last year's undefeated dual meet run. Gaining into Saturday’s dual against Purdue University, their 2000-2001 season had the makings of another undefeated dual meet campaign.

But Purdue had other plans. Ready for the No. 18 ranked Irish squad, the Boilermakers handed the Irish their first dual meet loss in two years, edging them 161-138. "The meet was more important to them than we realized," said women’s head coach Bailey Weathers. "There’s a natural rivalry with Purdue and Notre Dame that carries into all the sports. It was a critical meet for them."

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