**ND announces Roemer internship**

By TERESA FRALISH
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In recognition of a commitment to public diplomacy, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy has created a special internship at Notre Dame to honor retiring Congressman Tim Roemer. The internship will be awarded each semester to a student participating in the University's Washington Program.

Michelle Celli, a sophomore double major in political science and French, will be the first recipient of the Tim Roemer Internship.

"I'm really excited," said Celli. "I'm going to be a great opportunity for me." 

The advisory commission consists of a member appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The members work on the issue of public diplomacy, the U.S. government's direct communication with the public in foreign countries, and make policy recommendations to the president, secretary of state and Congress.

Celli said her internship duties would likely include assisting with the nomination process this spring when President Bush names his choices for appointment to the commission.

Roemer received his master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1981 and 1985 in government and international studies, respectively, and has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1990 as a Democratic representative from Indiana's 3rd Congressional District. Roemer was influential in preserving the oversight role of the commission and pushed to keep the committee in operation.

"Congressman Roemer played the key role in supporting and reauthorizing the commission on public diplomacy," said Mark Brown, chief of staff for Roemer's Washington office. "He was able to get legislation approved which kept the commission going." Brown said Roemer's contribution to maintaining the committee will be especially needed in the post Sept. 11 world. Roemer's office said it was pleased and surprised when the new internship was announced, as staff members had no involvement in creating the new program.

The new internship will help further Roemer's commitment to involving others in public service, according to Brown.

"It's a great opportunity for other people to take part in public service," Brown said. "Internships are quite often the starting point for people who go on to have long and successful careers in public service."

Celli said she first learned about the possibility of receiving this internship through the Washington Program and American studies Professor Robert Schmuhl.

"I wanted to do something along the lines of international relations," she said. "It turned out that they decided to create this new internship."

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**EXECUTIVE CABINET**

**SUB, BOG present to group**

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Executive Cabinet members met Monday evening to hear presentations from the Student Union Board and Saint Mary's Board of Governance and also to discuss ways to further publicizing club and organization events.

The Office of the President is in the process of creating an online calendar for student events that will be posted on the Saint Mary's Web site. Any student club or organization can submit postings to inform students of planned activities. The calendar is about 80 percent complete and will be available for use soon. The Executive Cabinet will also have an Instant Messenger screen name by which they will list the day's events.

"Feedback from students is always welcome," said Executive Council member Susan Longenbaker. "I would like to encourage them. I would like to know more from students how we can better serve their needs."

Council members also discussed ways to improve the accessibility of "Everything Under the Dome." Student Government's twice-weekly publication to inform students about the week's activities. Council members brainstormed ideas to make the publication more accessible to students and decided to give copies to each dorm's resident assistants to ensure a constant posting place within each dorm. The Cabinet proposed having each RA post one copy by their door and spread a few copies of the publication throughout the dorm to ensure that many students will have the opportunity to discover the week's events.

"We are trying to reach students on a more personal level - right where they live," Longenbaker said. "Hopefully we will have a greater impact on how we are able to reach students and increase our audience base."

Saint Mary's Student Body President Kim Jensen, Student Body Vice-President Elizabeth Jaklonski-Diehl, and Executive Council Representative Lindsey Evans explained the organization of their Board of Governance and their efforts to pass a study day proposal. Executive Council members noted that hearing about the set-up of Saint Mary's Student Body had been more effective than providing复印s to students, which they had also considered doing.

Executive Council member and junior class president, "I gave them some insights into different ways that our student government could be taking. There is a sense of cohesion that I would really like to see happen," Brown said.

Executive Cabinet members were also asked to give comments on the idea of new positions within the Student Body. The Student Council was also discussed.

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**Students allege assault**

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

Two male students allege they were assaulted in the D6 parking lot adjacent to the security building early Friday morning on their way to their dorms, according to a Notre Dame Security/Police crime alert.

Both students were struck in the face but only one sustained injuries. He suffered minor lacerations and a chipped tooth and was treated at a local hospital, the crime alert reported.

Currently, officers have a rough description of one of the suspects and the vehicle. According to the crime report, one of the suspects was a college-aged white male with short brown hair. The other suspect could not be identified as he did not leave the vehicle, a dark-colored Jeep Grand Cherokee, the report said.

Associate Director of Security Phillip Johnson said that campus police couldn't come to any conclusion about the motivation behind the assault, saying that it was too early in the investigation to know. He said, however, that he suspects road rage could be the motive as the victims first reported seeing the suspects while stopped at a traffic light in the D6 parking lot.

"Suspects may have simply followed students back to the parking lot," Johnson said. 

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

We'll resume publishing Dec. 2
Christmas already?

It's my favorite time of year again. Christmas carols are being sung, and people are rushing to check everyone off their Christmas lists. The only difference this year is that it seems to have come a bit earlier than normal. Finals are still weeks away, yet the Christmas buzz is all around. A local radio station plays Christmas music 24-hours a day.

It even looks as though this year's wishes for a white Christmas are being answered early. While walking around campus, one can see freshly built snowmen adorning the property. I even heard a group of girls strolling down the side walk belting out the words to "Let it Snow!"

My question is, what happened to Thanksgiving? Amidst all the holiday cheer, we seem to have left out an important celebration. Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings, reflecting on what we were thankful for. Our holiday traditions are associated with this season. That's what Thanksgiving is all about.

I'm not saying that we should put our N'Sync Christmas album into our holiday conversations, but shopping day of the year. Now is the time to not focus on the commercialism of Christmas, but to remember the spirit of the first Thanksgiving. So many traditions are associated with this holiday, yet this year, they appear to have been forgotten already.

Every year at my house, the heavenly scent of food wafts through the air as the family watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in the living room. The banquet is often interrupted as Mom asks someone to make yet another trip to the grocery store for that necessary ingredient she inevitably forgot.

Caring the turkey is just the beginning. As much as we all hate to admit it, Thanksgiving wouldn't be Thanksgiving without its corny traditions as well. Though the children of my family always complained about having to express what we were thankful for, our holiday wouldn't be complete without Dad passing around the piece of bread, requesting that everyone break off a chunk and give thanks for some aspect of our life.

Another Thanksgiving tradition is decorating for Christmas. The tree goes up, lights garnish the shrubbery outside, and various other Christmas paraphernalia decorate the house.

This is when the real countdown can begin. What better way to kick off the holiday season than with the biggest shopping day of the year? Now is the time to visit Santa at the mall, send out your holiday greetings, kiss under the mistletoe and sip hot chocolate by the fire.

Remember this before you get swept up in the holidays and take out your copy of "It's a Wonderful Life," or pop your N'Sync Christmas album into your stereo. Take the holidays one at a time, and enjoy them all.

Be grateful when Dad makes you take your N'Sync Christmas album into your car, so you can drive? A Notre Dame employee reported a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was last reported seen in front of the building.

NDSF covers bike

The rider of the bike discovered an abandoned bicycle outside of Alumni Hall. The bike was taken to the Security building for safekeeping.

Car sustains damage

A student's vehicle was the object of vandalism while parked in the South Lot. The car sustained a broken window.

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Baked meatless ziti, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable and supreme pizzas, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, tortilla soup, smoked creole flank steak, roasted ed pepperonini, pasta primavera, baked Swiss spinach, Philly steak sandwich, sweet and sour chicken and baked salsa. The view expressed in this Inside Column is that of the author and not necessarily that of The Observer. Contact Liz Gaydos at Gayd3731@saintmarys.edu.

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South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, white pizza, Greek pork loin, turkey pot pie, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, chicken teriyaki and portobello fajita. Today's Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, white pizza, peppered flank steak, buffalo chicken wings, grilled chicken, bbq rib sandwich, peppered tangerine chicken and grilled spicy chicken.

Mac's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Chicken rice soup with jicama, Minnesota wild rice soup, mushroom garlic and cheese pizzas, teriyaki chicken wings, Italian beef sandwich, curly fries, twice cooked pork, country kitchen vegetables, baked pomegranate, cantor bean burger, Santa Fe salad wrap, chef's pasta, sizzling fajitas and fudge mint brownies.

Today's Dinner: Chicken rice soup, Minnesota wild rice soup, cheese pizza, fried fish portions, grilled hamburgers, tempura chicken and shrimp, garden burgers, Santa Fe burritos, chef's pasta and broccoli and cauliflower salad.

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What's Going Down

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Complied from NDSF crime blotter.
Poet’s words criticized

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS Assistant News Editor

An award-winning Irish poet who gave a lecture at Notre Dame Thursday has been under criticism for his anti-Israeli views. Tom Paulin, a lecturer at Oxford University's Herford College, has sparked widespread debate because of comments he made during an interview with the Egyptian newspaper Al-Aram in April.

In the interview, Paulin voiced his concerns and misgivings of the state of Israel and how the Israeli government was dealing with the Palestinians. "Israel is a state created by the powerful nations somewhere else. It is an artificial state," he said.

Also, when the issue of Brooklyn-born Jewish settlers was brought up, Paulin was quoted as saying, "They should be shot dead. I think they are Nazis, racists, I feel nothing but hatred for them." Paulin's views on Israel has sparked widespread criticism. Last year Paulin’s views on Israel has sparked widespread criticism. Last year Paulin was asked to speak at Notre Dame last summer when members of the Institute learned that he would be a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York. Although Harvard and later, the University of Vermont canceled lectures with Paulin, the Institute did not feel it was necessary to cancel as well. "Harvard, like Notre Dame has the word ‘university’ in its tile. If one has a problem with what a speaker says or reportedly said, a talk provides an open forum and an opportunity to come and disagree with him," said Christopher Fox, director of the Institute.

According to his comments, Harvard University canceled a scheduled lecture Paulin was to conduct. Protestors from students, faculty and alumni caused the university to retract its invitation. Yet, only a week after the event was canceled, Harvard’s English Department decided to re-invite Paulin.

The department cites free speech as their primary reason for deciding to reconsider Paulin’s appearance on campus. "We are ultimately stronger as a university if we together maintain our robust commitment to free expression, including the freedom of groups on campus to invite speakers with controversial views," said Lawrence Summers, Harvard’s president.

On Thursday, Paulin gave a lecture at Notre Dame entitled, "William Blake, Irish Visionary: His Influence on Yeats, Joyce and Van Morrison." The Keough Institute for Irish Studies sponsored the event. Paulin was asked to speak at Notre Dame last summer when members of the Institute learned that he would be a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York.

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SMC celebrates Kwanzaa

By MELANIE BECKER New Writer

In honor of Kwanzaa, Brother Sage, a.k.a. Verge Gillan, will host a pre-Kwanzaa celebration at Saint Mary’s Monday at noon in Spelman. Gillan is the host of the radio program “Providing Options” which airs Sunday evenings for WSBT 960 AM. He is also well known for his Kwanzaa Celebrations.

“Brother Sage said he is honored to come on campus and wants the participants of the celebration to understand that the Kwanzaa celebration focuses on a African American value system,” said Marie Willis, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs. "Our hope is that the Saint Mary’s community join us in the great learning opportunity." Marie Willis, assistant director Multicultural Affairs.

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Although the victims said that the incident occurred at 3:30 a.m., they did not report it until noon Friday, according to the crime report. Johnson said that the time difference is significant because it affects Security’s ability to follow-up on leads. “We are hopeful that victims will report crimes immediately,” he said. “When there’s a significant delay in reporting, it makes it difficult to follow-up on the case.”

Johnson advises anyone who suspects that they are being followed to go to either a security station or a call box on either side of campus.

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Board presented its 10-year strategic plan, stressing ways to assess both the quality and the quantity of their sponsored events and encouraging other clubs and organization to co-sponsor activities with them. SUB is also looking for a relatively inexpensive mainstay event like Acoustic Cafe that will become a constant fixture.

Senior Class President Matt Smith announced the plans to collaborate with other class councils to engineer a “Toys for Tots” drive the last week of the fall semester.

Members brainstormed ways of publishing The Shirt Charity Fund. A portion of the proceeds from The Shirt sales go into a rectors’ fund that students can use in times of crises like health emergencies or to ensure that financial considerations will not prevent them from enjoying activities like football games or retreats.

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SMC honors heritage month

By MELANIE BECKER
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In honor of Native American Heritage month, Linda Topash-Yazel held a workshop in the Beinbeaux Lounge of Le Mans on Monday evening.

Topash-Yazel is part Ojibway and Potawatomi and an active member of the Potawatomi tribe, located in Michigan. She is also renowned for her Native American beadwork. Topash-Yazel regularly attends “pow wows,” Native American traditional gatherings where she sells her beadwork.

Through the Title IX program, federal funding has supported Yazel’s many appearances in all levels of school. Additionally, Topash-Yazel has worked in various museums. Currently, she works in the Catalog Center at Notre Dame.

Topash-Yazel has spent over 20 years educating the public on Native American culture. “People need to do beadwork. It’s a dying art. Our history is so oral rather than written, you are forced to learn (Native American) history,” she said.

Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff participated in the event. The workshop gave all participants a chance to take a study break and socialize while gaining a greater appreciation of Native American art.

Each participant was given the face of a watch and then created a wristband out of beads. The participants in the workshop were given a taste of the time, concentration and creativity of Native American beadwork. Several of Topash-Yazel’s own beadworks were displayed for sale at the workshop.

“I think that this is a fun experience that everyone should take part in,” sophomore Mercera Payne said.

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Bush taps Ridge to lead Homeland Department

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Monday named close friend Tom Ridge to head the new Department of Homeland Security, but said even the biggest government shakeup in more than a half century "cannot獭to prevent every conceivable attack." "We're doing everything we can to protect America," Bush said as he signed a bill creating the department. "In a free and open society, no department of government can completely guarantee our safety against ruthless enemies who move and plot in shadows.

With that sobering assessment from an East Room stage, Bush asked the Senate to confirm his nomination of Ridge to head the new department and named two high-powered deputies: Navy Secretary Gordon England and Drug Enforcement Administration Director Asa Hutchinson.

A large portion of the department will take shape March 1, when the Secret Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and a few other agencies transfer their employees and budgets to the new entity, officials said. The final pieces will be put in place Sept. 30, 2003 — more than two years after the attacks that prompted the overhaul.

The officials spoke on conditions

of anonymity.

Ridge, 57, is a Vietnam hero, a former congressman and longtime political ally of the Bush family who nearly four months ago left his position as Pennsylvania governor to live in the White House. No one else was seriously considered for the job, Bush aides said.

As the president's homeland security adviser, Ridge has praised for improving communication between Washington and local governments. His most visible creation — the color-coded national warning system — became an instant butt of jokes but has helped Americans understand the ebb and flow of terrorism threats, even if they're still unsure what, if anything, to do about the danger.

Bush initially opposed creating a new homeland security department. But, facing criticism from Democrats, he embraced the concept in the middle election campaign.

"The continuing threat of terrorism, the threat of mass murder on our own soil, will be met with a unified, whole-of-government response," Bush told an over-flowing White House crowd.

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Blix warns Iraq must provide convincing evidence

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Monday Iraq must that it that "maintains — as it did last week — that it has no illegal weapons programs.

Iraqi officials said Monday they intend to cooperate fully with U.N. inspectors who will resume work on Oct. 1, a day after nearly 200,000 people gathered in Baghdad's central square to demand the United States hand over their country's sovereignty.

But on the critical issue of access, Iraqi officials remarked during talks last week in Baghdad "that the entry into a presidential site or a ministry was not exactly the same thing as entry into a factory," Blix said, according to his briefing notes.

The resolution allows inspectors to go anywhere at any time, including presidential sites, and Blix said he stressed this point to the Iraqis and told them his teams would exercise this right. "We said — we would inspect all sites on an equal basis," he told a news conference afterwards.

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Blix told the council that the Iraqis had expressed "some uncertainty," about how it should prepare a declaration of all nuclear, chemical and biological programs.

Iraq is mandated to provide the council and inspectors with the declaration by Dec. 8.

Some of the Iraqi concerns appeared to be technical, including how detailed the submissions should be on Iraq's petrochemical industry.

"Clearly, the most important thing was that whatever there existed by way of weapons programs and proscribed items should be fully declared," Blix said he told the Iraqis.

"I added that four years had passed since the last inspections and that many governments believed that weapons of mass destruction programs remained in Iraq. The council had wanted to offer Iraq a last opportunity," he said.

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U.S. charges 3 in ID theft case

Associated Press

NEW YORK Federal authorities broke up what they said was the biggest identity theft case in U.S. history and charged three men Monday with stealing credit information from more than 30,000 people, draining victims' bank accounts and ruining their credit.

U.S. Attorney James Comey said the losses were calculated so far at $2.7 million but said balloon to many more millions and affect consumers in every state. He called the case "every American's worst financial nightmare multiplied tens of thousands of times."

"With a few keystrokes, these men essentially picked the pockets of tens of thousands of Americans and, in the process, took their identities, stole their money and swiped their security," the prosecutor said.

Authorities said the scheme began about three years ago when Philip Cummings, a help-desk worker at Teledata Communications, a Long Island software company, sold an unidentified person passwords and codes for downloading consumer credit reports.

Cummings was allegedly paid roughly $30 for each report, and the information was then passed on to at least 20 other people who set out to make money from the information, prosecutors said.

"The potential windfall was probably far greater than the content of a bank vault, and they didn't even need a getaway car. All they needed was a phone and a computer, or so they thought," said FBI Assistant Director Kevin P. Donovan.

More than 15,000 credit reports were stolen from Experian, a credit history bureau, using passwords belonging to Ford Motor Credit Corp., officials said.

They said thousands of other credit reports were stolen from companies such as Washington Mutual Finance Co. in Crossville, Tenn.; Dollar Bank in Cleveland; Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Illinois; the Personal Finance Co. in Frankfurt, Ind.; the Medical Bureau in Clearwater, Fla.; Vintage Apartments in Houston; and Community Bank of Chaska in Chaska, Minn.

Victims have reported losing money from their bank accounts, seeing their credit cards hit with unauthorized charges, and having their identities assumed by strangers.

Comey said one sobbing victim telephoned prosecutors to say someone stole her identity, open a $35,000 line of credit and cashed a check for $34,000.

"So that's now on her back, that $34,000," he said. "The people that take the hit ultimately will be all of us, although in the short term it will be the companies that paid on the credit cards, the banks that lent them money."

Parents damage children's credit

Associated Press

CHICAGO It was her first credit card application, or so she thought, prompted by a mailer on her Ohio college campus for a free T-shirt.

But a rejection letter uncovered troubling news — someone had already opened four credit cards in her name and racked up $50,000 in debt.

That someone, it turned out, was her father.

"I couldn't believe it," said the young woman, who asked not to be named for fear of humiliating her father, who was never charged criminally.

Now 25 and living in Chicago, she said she knew her father was struggling financially after his divorce from her mother and the failure of his restaurant. But she never imagined he'd fill out credit card applications sent to his home in her name. "He completely violated my trust and my privacy and my future," she said.

With the proliferation of credit cards, experts say parents who've botched their own finances are increasingly tempted to dip into their children's credit. As co-signers, all they need is a birth date and Social Security number.

"I've seen it happen a lot — and the damage it takes to correct it is tremendous," said Howard Doorkin, president of Florida-based Consolidated Credit Counseling Services. "These people don't go in with the intention of screwing up their kids' credit. The problem is, old habits are hard to break."

In some cases, law enforcement is stepping in. Last month, a father from Billings, Mont., was sentenced to five years in prison for charging $12,000 in credit cards in his daughter's name.

Some parents put bills — cable TV, utilities — in their kids' names.

That's what Teena Touch, a 28-year-old Los Angeles resident, said her father did.

"It started with my summer job — checks my dad was supposed to deposit but never did," said Touch, whose father was convicted of embezzlement in 1993.

Dionicio Campos, a 29-year-old Chicagoan, said he's been stuck unearthing the trouble caused by his mother's ex-boyfriend and others using his Social Security number.

"I'm sure a 17-year-old kid isn't worrying about his mom taking his stuff from him — but maybe he should," Campos said.

Overall, identity theft and credit card fraud have reached an "epidemic level," said Carol Persago, national director of Fraud Investigations for accounting firm BDO Seidman.

Vital information, he said, is stolen by everyone from parents to co-workers to bookstores who post fake job listings or run other schemes.

He said young people whose parents have money problems should consider running regular credit reports — and request that the three major credit agencies notify them when new accounts are opened in their name.
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Due to the short week, there is no poll question.

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**GUEST COLUMN**

Big Brother’s watching

**What would Jesus drive?**

Car commercials to air in Indiana are giving new meaning to the popular Christian expression, "If I were Jesus, I would drive a Buick," or perhaps, "What would Jesus drive?" but instead, "What would Jesus drive?"

The organizers of the campaign, the Evangelical Environmental Network, have at least part of the answer to these questions.

They claim that the big GC would not drive a big SUV.

Instead, they say he would opt for small-fuel-efficient vehicle. The WWJD campaign, led by Rev. Jim Ball and supported by both Christian and Jewish groups, contends that the God he created would drive vehicles powered by gas and electricity.

By this measure, I am told I was fired by my own conviction. Since my 16th birthday, I have driven a number of cars, including a Ford Explorer and an Oldsmobile Delta. That’s the car that got the the OK from God, according to the WWJD campaign.

Furthermore, God wants his followers to lead by example and to drive vehicles that are more fuel efficient, thus helping to make the world a safer and cleaner environment.

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ALBUM REVIEW

By MIKE SCHMUL

Scene Music Critic

David Gray is quite a popular name on college campuses and it isn't uncommon to hear one of his songs being played in a dorm room. However, things weren't always this way.

Gray has been writing and producing music for more than 10 years. In the early '90s, Gray released two small albums with not much acclaim and parted ways with two record labels.

Just as things were spiraling downward, Gray decided to release his fourth album, White Ladder, on his own record label in 1999. The album achieved much commercial and critical success, and secured Gray as a powerful folk-rock artist.

With his latest release, A New Day At Midnight, Gray overcomes new struggles. He shows that his work is consistent and creates an album of the same caliber, better than White Ladder.

The album gets off to a strong start with the songs “Dead in the Water,” “Caroline” and “Long Distance Call.” They each include Gray’s signature acoustic arrangements and a rapid, pulsing beat. Gray’s voice, perhaps his most gifted asset, rattles over the upbeat tempo, giving the songs a simplistic and humble tone.

The chorus of “Caroline” is the catchiest on the album. The final war/A steel-eyed dinosaur/ Girl I need you more/ Than I can say/ But Caroline/ It seems like every time/ Honey all I get is further away.

Ironically, the last three songs on the album, “Be Mine,” “Easy Way to Cry” and “The Other Side,” shift from the accelerated pace of the early few songs and are obviously slower, more reflective ballads. On these, Gray’s voice and piano take center stage. On “Easy Way to Cry” he sings: “Faith gone from your eyes/ Each word it flits/ Straight to the heart and I k now / Watching you go/ There ain’t no easy way to cry.”

“Real Love” and “Freedom” combine lucid lyrical melodies and a heavy beat that progresses into rhythm instruments and layered effects.

From start to finish, it may seem as though all the songs on the album sound the same. Gray uses the same pattern to construct the skeleton of most of his songs and the common themes of love, despair and hope fill in the rest. His vocals and basic mixing techniques allow the listener distinctive differences between songs and draw from his own experience.

At a time when music is driven by sex appeal and pop culture, Gray remains devoted to his work. As he says on his website, “I’ve never had to follow up the success. The challenge is to reinvent your music, keep yourself interested, and keep yourself moving forward — to keep it about the right stuff rather than be swapped by money and attention. It means you focus on what’s important. Music is far more enjoyable than those things.”

A New Day At Midnight could be titled “White Ladder 2” for its comparable sound and Gray’s unchanging, solid vocals. All in all, David Gray’s consistency and talent have created another enjoyable, laidback album.

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After the successful release of Parachutes, Coldplay’s début album, critics immediately began comparing them to other bands from the United Kingdom including The Verve, U2, Oasis and Travis, ultimately deciding that the British quartet was just another band of “Radiohead lite,” a brand worth trying but not nearly as good as the original. Coldplay’s infectious hit single “Yellow” received a decent amount of airplay, and Parachutes achieved notoriety despite the numerous comparisons to other British bands. Very few listeners, however, expected Coldplay to have any sort of lasting impact on the music scene. Boy, were they wrong.

With the release of their sophomore album, A Rush of Blood to the Head, the youthful and rapidly maturing band has silenced its critics and surprised nearly everyone. Though echoes of the mournfully mellow style found on Radiohead’s 1995 release The Bends still exist on A Rush of Blood to the Head, Coldplay’s latest release has forced critics to retract their Radiohead clone assertions. Coldplay has successfully found its own niche in the music scene.

Each track on A Rush of Blood to the Head contains majestic orchestrations featuring Jonny Buckland’s guitar melodies capped with Chris Martin’s soaring falsetto.

Opening the experience is “Politik,” Coldplay’s memorial to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a song that was written the same week that the 2001 tragedy occurred. Buckland’s Pacific guitar riff pounds Martin’s message to “open up your eyes” into the heads of listeners.

“We imagine ‘Politik’ to be your beliefs about something, your own ‘politik,’” explained Martin in an interview with MTV News. “As soon as it arrived, we thought, ‘Alright, that’s going to be the first song’ because it seemed like a good idea for a band everyone thinks does acoustic songs to have a record that starts by going ‘Bash! Bash! Bash! Bash! Bash!’ With no grace or beauty whatsoever!”

The opening strains of “Politik” alert fans of Coldplay’s previous album that they are in store for something quite different from the original. “I think the differences on this new album -- they’re more extreme,” bassist Guy Berryman told MTV. “The Scientist” is a slow piano piece and the opposite would be something like ‘A Whisper,’ which is more of a heavier guitar sound, a chop and loss of the song. We still want to make a record that you would put on and you could listen to from beginning to end without being bored and without it being too long. We could have put on four or five more songs if we wanted, but I don’t think that works. Eighteen songs like Moby’s got, it’s just too much for us.

At times, A Rush of Blood to the Head does enter into familiar territory -- for example, on the track “In My Place,” the album’s first single. This song was written just as Coldplay had finished recording Parachutes, barely missing the cut for their previous release.

Coldplay

A Rush of Blood to the Head

Capital Records

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Building from that song, Coldplay has created a masterpiece. Possessing cohesion rarely found in modern albums, A Rush of Blood to the Head is a success from start to finish making it difficult to praise individual tracks. The entire album is praiseworthy. With their second release Coldplay has refuted claims that they are just another Radiohead clone band.

Photo courtesy of mtv.com
Harrison’s guitar sounds from the grave

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

As the year anniversary of his death rolls around, it is only fitting that George Harrison should have one final word to say. His new album, Brainwashed, was the project he had been working on when he succumbed to cancer in late November of last year. Although the album remained unfinished at the time of his death, Harrison was prepared. He left specific instructions for his son Dhani, and his good friend and former Travelling Wilburys’ bandmate, Jeff Lynne about how to finish the project he had been working on when he began his project, “Any Road.” Nearly every word that Harrison sings on this mellow mix shows acceptance that life’s mystery shall remain a mystery, even at the point of death. If his lyrics leave the mystery of life unanswered, Harrison uses his music to draw some conclusions. During his lifetime as a musician, the guitar had always been his outlet. As the quiet sideman in the Beatles and even on his own as a solo artist, Harrison’s guitar was his voice. This album serves to showcase Harrison’s guitar. In the form of acoustic and electric, and even his late favorite, the ukulele.

“Give me plenty of that guitar,” are the first words heard from Harrison as the album begins, and the music obeys quite nicely.

The opening song, “Any Road,” is a jaunty number that moves quickly with the smooth strumming of Harrison on acoustic as well as slide guitar and the banjulele. Harrison sings of the to and fro rhythm of life, “I’ve been traveling on a wing and prayer by the skin of my teeth by the breadth of a hair,” but he reassuringly adds that although the destination of such traveling is uncertain, the only certainty is that there is an end. “And if you don’t know where you’re going/Any road will take you there.”

On “Stuck Inside a Cloud,” Harrison seems to address his emotions regarding his illness. “Never been so crazy/But I’ve never felt so sure/That I had the answer to give/Don’t even have the cure.” He finds a temporary cure with his dazzling slide guitar solo that breaks between the simultaneously haunting and heartbreaking lyrics, bringing an uplifting spirit to the song.

The gem of the album comes in the instrumental piece, “Marwa Blues.” Harrison’s slide guitar gracefully slips along and envelops the listener in what feels like a tour of the deep blue depths of a rippling sea. The effect is together mysterious and magical, simply gorgeous.

The final song on the album, “Brainwashed,” is a juxtaposition of musical, poetic and religious genres that leaves the listener a little uncertain as to what Harrison was trying to accomplish. Harrison sings somewhat bitterly about the brainwashing of society at the commence-ment of the song, “Brainwashed in our childhood/Brainwashed by the school/Brainwashed by our teachers/And brainwashed by all their rules.” Spliced in the middle of a song is an ill-fitting female voice that preaches a gospel from “how to Know God” (The Yoga Aphorisms of Patanjali). The song picks back up with the brainwashing lyrics again, but at the end it suddenly transforms into Indian hymn chanting. This odd mix doesn’t hold together as one song. After 11 other enjoyable tunes, “Brainwashed,” ends things on a jumbled and confusing note. Perhaps if Harrison had had the time to complete the album during his lifetime, he might have smoothed out the rough edges. Despite the last song, the rest of the album can stand on its own as a final statement from a dying man. Harrison lived his life as a “dark horse,” but he had immense talent behind the guitar. And as this album shows, even with its uncertain tone, Harrison found peace in life and death through his music.

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A year after his death, George Harrison has released an album showcasing his skill on the guitar, ranging from the electric to the acoustic to the ukulele.

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Newsome named Ravens GM

Associated Press

BOSTON The Red Sox made 20-year-old Theo Epstein the youngest general manager in baseball history Monday, ending a long search for a front-office leader by promoting one of their own.

The Red Sox had been without a permanent general manager since Florida financier John W. Henry bought the team in spring training last year and fired Dan Duquette. Mike Port was interim GM for six weeks before deciding to stay in the front office and candidate for the long-term job that went to Epstein. The team said Port has been named the team's vice president of baseball operations.

Epstein, who was raised near Fenway Park in suburban Brookline, became director of baseball operations for San Diego in 2000, when Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was running the Padres. Epstein also spent two years each in San Diego’s media relations department and as a baseball analyst for WNEX in Springfield.

"The Red Sox are very much in my blood, which makes this — standing here today as the new general manager of this club — a humbling experience," Epstein said at a Fenway Park news conference.

Randy Smith, previously the youngest GM, was 29 when he was hired in San Diego in 1993. "We concluded that the right person was right before our own hearts," Lucchino said. "We believe this franchise will benefit from a new perspective and fresh philosophies.

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The group headed by Henry and Epstein was assembled in 1999. "One of the biggest things that I can do is to get this franchise behind us," Epstein said. "I’m sure that the best is yet to come."

But the Ravens are 5-6 and just 1 1/2 games out of first place in the AFC North, a testament to the solid relationship between Newsome and head coach Brian Billick.

Billick, who recently signed a new four-year contract, said of Newsome’s promotion, "You couldn’t be more excited, because he’s the best of the best. I think he will consider myself lucky."
**Women**

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The reality of how good we are," King said. "Really early in the season, we had a third place ranking and we just kind of laughed it off, like 'yeah right.' The fact that now we are sitting here and that's the reality that is just amazing." King said the team's great performance was due not only to the runners on the course, but also to the other team members who traveled down to Terre Haute to cheer for the Irish.

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"I am just really proud of the girls on the team who ran and who didn't run," King said. The Irish fans were all wearing bright green shirts, and their presence and noise gave the Irish barriers confidence as they tackled the course.

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An Irish runner competes in the Big East Championships. The mens cross country team finished in 22nd place. Injuries and a youthful lineup hurt the Irish at the NCAA Championships.

To my Notre Dame Leaf Raking Angels

Eric Cushing
Allie Depaola
Austin Fazio
Conor O'Brien
John Sarson

Just in time!

Thank You

Keep up the good work, Stud!

Happy 21st Bobbolo

Happy Birthday
Vanessa

Finally...Old enough to vote.

We love you, Mom & Dad

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**Men**

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**Eye on Irish Opponents**

**Saturday**

- Wake Forest at Maryland
- Pittsburgh at West Virginia
- Rutgers at Boston College

**College Basketball**

Maul Invitational: 7:00 p.m., ESPN

**High School Basketball**

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Classic: 8:00 p.m., FOX

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**Florida State loses McPherson as quarterback**

Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson tried to evade Notre Dame's defense earlier this season. Following rumors of police investigation coach Bobby Bowden dismissed McPherson from the team Monday.

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE

Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson was dismissed from the team Monday amid reports that police planned to question him in the theft and forgery of a blank check.

Coach Bobby Bowden would not give details of the violation, but said McPherson would remain in school and on scholarship through the end of the semester.

"That's about all I can say," Bowden said. "This is kind of new to me, too."

Bowden called his decision to dismiss McPherson "clear cut."

A source familiar with the situation told ESPN The Magazine's Gene Wojciechowski that when confronted with the issue by FSU on Monday, McPherson did not tell the truth. FSU then felt it had no choice but to dismiss McPherson from the team.

At the end of Monday's news conference, sports information director Rob Wilson said the investigation did not involve gambling or point shaving.

No one has been charged in the check forgery, and police would have no further comment until criminal charges are filed, the Tallahassee Police Department said in a statement.

McPherson attorney Grady Irvin said McPherson had not spoken to police but that he would cooperate fully with the police, any Florida State investigation or any investigation by the NCAA. Irvin said McPherson is not the subject of the investigation but that the police wanted to talk to him about the conduct of another individual.

Irvin told reporters that McPherson talked to the Florida State coaching staff last week about an issue regarding conduct and was allowed to play and start against North Carolina.

Irvin said he was surprised McPherson, a 19-year-old sophomore, was kicked off the team.

"They jumped the gun," Irvin said. "Florida State acted so that the NCAA won't come to investigate them."

McPherson led Florida State to victories over Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and North Carolina. Though his numbers through those three games were not spectacular — 51 of 98 for 654 yards, McPherson threw one interception while throwing eight touchdowns.

**In Brief**

**Texas A&M lineman dies**

A promising Texas A&M freshman defensive lineman from Colleyville died Monday at a hospital after collapsing on the field during his first workout of the season.

Brandon Fails, 18, was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan at 9:03 a.m. CT after collapsing in his Cain Hall dorm room without any previous indication that he was having health difficulties.

Fails played in four games for the Aggies this season as a true freshman before undergoing knee surgery Oct. 22. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

Coach R.C. Slocum said Fails' roommate, Aggie tight end Patrick Fleming, told him Fails collapsed as the pair prepared to leave for breakfast in the dorm cafeteria.

"It would be only speculation at this point as to the cause of his death," Slocum said.

The team did not practice Monday. Slocum said workouts would resume Tuesday for Friday's regular-season finale against the Texas Longhorns in Austin.

**NFL will not fine Sapp**

Warren Sapp will not be fined for a hit that badly injured Green Bay offensive tackle Chad Clifton and prompted the NFL to fine Sapp $25,000 for hitting him.

"The play was reviewed," NFL spokesman Michael Signora said Monday. "And because it was legal, there will be no disciplinary action."

The NFL also will not discipline Sherman, who appeared to initiate the obscenity-filled confrontation after his 3-yard 27-6 loss to the Buccaneers.

The league has been taking stronger measures on illegal hits this season, often handing out tough penalties. The Minnesota offensive tackle was fined $15,000 for contact with Green Bay's Frank Winters last week.

If the Hurricanes win their final game against Syracuse (4-7) on Saturday and Virginia Tech (8-3) on Dec. 7, they will play the Buckeyes for the national championship.

Miami still a contender

Ohio State may be headed for the BCS national title game in the Fiesta Bowl, but Miami still sits atop the BCS standings.

The defending national champion Hurricanes increased their lead over the Buckeyes to 1.32 points Monday, from the slimmest margin of 0.03 points last week when they moved ahead of Ohio State for the first time.

The Buckeyes (13-0) completed their regular season with a 14-9 victory over Michigan on Saturday. As one of only two unbeaten teams remaining in the nation (Miami 10-0) is the other — Ohio State assured itself of at least a second-place finish when the final BCS standings are released Dec. 8.

If the Hurricanes win their final game, they will take the BCS title.
McGraw and the Irish ready to play for real

Irish finally start season against Cleveland State tonight

By KATIE McVOY
Sports & Press Editor

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Muffet McGraw and her team watched.

The Irish, who haven't played a regular season game yet this season, watched the scores roll in from around the country. They watched the Cleveland State score flash across the screen — the Vikings lost to Western Michigan, the Irish watched and they wished the scores had Notre Dame next to them. Now, they're ready to play.

"I think at this point, we're so happy to play a game," McGraw said. "We've been watching all weekend, watching the scores come in, and we're just anxious." The Irish are getting used to taking breaks. After the first three weeks of pre-season practice, they played an exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars. They won and then they waited. They waited an entire week before watching all weekend, watching the scores come in, and they're just anxious.

The Irish have liked to have a few more games on their schedule — the Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine added 15 games to the year this weekend, "I wish we had played some- time this weekend," McGraw said. "They're a good team." Tip-off is tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Irish coach Muffet McGraw is ready to lead her team into its first regular season game this year tonight against Cleveland State.

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Work off your extra turkey pounds by writing for Observer Sports! Call us at 1-4543 to join in the action today!
Irish slip down to No. 4, Miami stays at top

Can you smell the salsa? Ohio State and Miami can. The Buckeyes and Hurricanes both remained unbeaten, despite facing quality opponents as they took major steps toward an appearance in this year's national championship, the Toilette Fiesta Bowl.

In one of the nation's most bitter rivalries, Ohio State narrowly upended the Hurricanes both remained set for another set of No. 1-100.

With Michigan driving for a late score, the table was set for another showdown. The Buckeyes' win over Miami is their 28-21 triumph over the No. 1 Hurricanes, bringing home the Big Ten title in a game that was not without its share of drama.

Panthers no breeze for Hurricanes

In one of the few Thursday night games that featured teams anyone actually wanted to watch, Miami trounced Pittsburgh in a comeback attempt to remain in the driver seat for the remaining spots in the Fiesta Bowl. After trailing for all 22 seconds, Miami scored three straight touchdowns to take a commanding 28-14 lead late into the fourth quarter. The resilient Panthers clawed back into the game with a 2-yard touchdown run by Dorsey in the end zone on fourth-and-5 from the Miami 20. With the 28-21 victory, Miami held onto the top spot in the Sendelbach Index. Pittsburgh dropped to No. 31.

Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey struggled mightily after a road victory at an improving Syracuse team on the road before wrapping up the season with a No. 100 ranking and their tails between their legs. Adding Rutgers to their list of former opponents really hurt Notre Dame's strength of schedule.

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Irish update

So you may be asking, "How could Notre Dame drop two spots this week in the Sendelbach Index, despite dominating Rutgers 42-0?"

First off, Rutgers is horrible. They are the Cincinnati Bengals of the Big East. The Scarlet Knights left Notre Dame Stadium with a 1-10 record, a No. 100 Sendelbach ranking and their tails between their legs. Adding Rutgers to their list of former opponents really hurt Notre Dame's strength of schedule.

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Top 4 Games to Watch for Week 15

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Forecast: Irish secondary shuts down Carson Palmer's aerial assault for a gritty win.

No. 15 Florida at No. 10 Florida State
Forecast: Gators easily handle FSU but the Noles are looking for all the way to the BCS with 5 losses.

No. 26 Georgia Tech at No. 7 Georgia
Forecast: Georgia Tech struggles more than an SEC Championship warm-up for Georgia but they prevail.

No. 19 LSU at No. 11 Arkansas
Forecast: Razorbacks capitalized on the SEC Championship with a major victory over the struggling Razorbacks.

Irish drop to No. 4, Miami stays at top
Center for Social Concerns

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Tutors
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A tutor is needed for a male junior in Algebra. He is available M-W after school or in the evenings and he could come to Hesburgh Library. Contact Elois White @ 233-5666.

A tutor is needed for a high school junior in Government and Algebra. He is most available M-W from 4-5. It would be best if he could be tutored at his house. Contact Rosemary Collin @ 291-7965.

A tutor is needed for a seven-year old boy. He could come to Hesburgh Library on Thursdays at 5. Contact Rachel Scrugs @ 287-6573 or 1-4682.

A tutor is needed in the afternoons for a girl with cerebral palsy. It would need to be at her house. Contact Kim Cavinder @ 254-1352.

A tutor is needed for an eleventh grader in physical science. Either Mondays or Tuesdays. Contact Stephanie Overhalter @ 289-2746.

**If you have any questions about these volunteer projects, please email cschvs@nd.edu.**

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A male mentor is needed for a seven-year old boy who does not have a dad in his life. There would be no cost to the student and the commitment would be about two times a month. Contact Delores at 631-4115.

Children
A tutor is needed for a five-year old to help him pass into first grade. The mother has workbooks and all tools necessary. Mornings for an hour or 2 would be best. He could come to Hesburgh Library. Contact Turell Lewis @ 246-1720.

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MENS SOCCER

Irish hope to upset No. 5 Hoosiers in playoffs

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

If the Irish have any say about it, the series between themselves and the Hoosiers of Indiana University, a trend is about to be broken. The Notre Dame mens soccer team, for the second year in a row, will travel to Bloomington, Ind. Wednesday to take on the fifth-ranked Hoosiers.

Last October, the Irish made the trek across the state and upset No. 5 Indiana in Bloomington, 1-0, on a goal by Erich Braun.

This time around there's much more at stake, specifically, a trip to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, to face the winner of Wednesday's Connecticut-Penn game next weekend.

Prior to last year's Irish victory, the series between the two teams had been thoroughly dominated by the Hoosiers - in fact, the Hoosiers had won 18 of them, while the Irish won only one.

In addition, the Irish and Hoosiers have a postseason history, albeit a brief one -- the Irish and Hoosiers faced off in the NCAA Tournament back in 1994 at Bloomington. The Hoosiers escaped that meeting with a 1-0 overtime victory.

However, the Irish know this year's squad can take motivation from last year's team, knowing that the mighty Hoosiers are indeed beatable.

"We have good memories there from last year," forward Rafael Garcia said. "Hopefully we can start a little streak against them."

The Irish have plenty of momentum on their side. They have won eight of their last 10 games, including a victory over then-No. 5 Connecticut on Oct. 20.

Notre Dame beat Akron Friday, marking only the second-ever victory for the Irish in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish clicked on all cylinders in Friday's match and are looking forward for the opportunity to exact some 5-year-old revenge.

"I think we're confident at this point in the season," coach Bobby Clark said. "I think we've looked forward to the NCAAs. When we lost to Georgetown, it wasn't the worst thing to happen because this is the thing you want to do well in."

However, the Hoosiers bring into the match an strong streak of postseason success. The Hoosiers are 39-3 at their current home stadium, and will be playing in their 16th consecutive NCAA Tournament and 27th in the last 30 years.

"We've got to be very disciplined," Clark said. "(Pat) Noonan and (Ryan) Mack up front are a real handful, so we've got to deal with that. We'll have to deal with their organization -- they're very well organized. And they've got a history of doing well, so they've got the experience."

Noonan and Mack occupy the top two point-scoring positions for Indiana this season, with 37 and 21 points respectively. For comparison, Braun and Chad Riley lead the Irish with 23 and 20 points respectively.

The key for the Irish in this match will be its defense.

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HOCKEY

Irish break through against Michigan to earn split

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The Irish continued their streak of tough play against the nation's top teams this weekend, going into Ann Arbor, Mich., and coming away with a two-game split from the No. 5 Wolverines.

With the win and loss, the Irish moved to 5-4-2 on the season and 4-4-0 in CCHA play. Notre Dame's victory Saturday ended Michigan's nine game unbeaten streak and gave the Wolverines their first conference defeat this season.

"From our standpoint it's a confidence builder," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It sort of shows us where we're at -- we're pretty good hockey team."

Six of our eight league games have been against the top three teams in the conference, and then we played the number one team in the country in Boston College.

Friday night, the Irish were unable to overcome a 2-0 first period deficit to Michigan and ended up losing 4-2.

Freshman goalie Al Montoya made 35 saves for the Wolverines as Notre Dame out shot Michigan 37-24 in the losing effort. It was after a fantastic performance by Michigan's goalie and hockey dad, Brian. Montoya trends and success.

In the second game of the series Saturday, the Irish got three third period goals from UAF to take on the Wolverines. 4-3 in come-from-behind fashion.

"We were down 1-0 after the first period and 2-1 after the second," Poulin said. "In that building, I wouldn't imagine they've given up many leads. They had gone 16 in a row without losing in the CCHA going into that game -- they just don't lose at home."

The Irish fired 24 shots at Montoya through the first two periods with only one goal to show. But in the final period Saturday, the Irish got three third period goals from defensemen Tom Galvin and wings Chad Riley and Rob Globke to upset the Wolverines 4-3 in come-from-behind fashion.

"They came up big when we needed them," Poulin said.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
You may have to deal with institutions. Your approach to emotional matters may alienate people. Try not to listen to your siluatioons in terms of possibilities rather than limitations. Remain open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22):
You may make major improvements if you set your sights on the future. Someone you love will make a positive move. This year your relationship will improve.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 22):
You will have a more stable life. Your need for harmony and fairness should help. Keep your reactions from damaging your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Your mental agility will be at an all-time high. Your ability to communicate with others and understand their tips will be renewed. Purge your professional peaks.

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Tension could damage your reputation. Keep the door open to your partner. Some activities could damage your reputation. Be flexible.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Irish turn in mixed results**

*The Irish women finished a school-best 3rd place*

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's cross country team turned in the program's best ever performance Monday as the Irish took third place at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Freshman Molly Huddle led the Irish with her sixth-place finish, the highest finish for a Notre Dame women's runner since former Irish standout Joanna Deeter finished third in the national championships in 1996. Huddle ran 19 minutes, 55.7 seconds and was 12 seconds behind the individual champion, Shalane Flanagan of North Carolina.

"We couldn't have hoped for more," sophomore Lauren King said. King, who led the team all season, earned All-American status for the second year in a row with her 19th-place finish. Deeter is the only other Irish women's runner to have achieved that honor twice. The team had high expectations, but knew a third-place finish would be challenging.

"I thought we could finish in the top five," Huddle said. "That we finished third is awesome." The Irish had 170 points behind national champion Brigham Young who had 85 and second-place Stanford with a score of 113. The Irish finished just ahead of Colorado, which was a surprise to the team given the Buffaloes' storied program. "The whole season has been such a cumulative real-

*The Irish men finish in a disappointing 22nd place*

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's cross country team couldn't overcome a young lineup and an injury to its All-American in the NCAA Championships held at Terre Haute, Ind., Monday.

While the Irish did not place as high as they had hoped, their 22nd-place finish in a field of 31 still showed the other teams that Notre Dame belonged among the nation's best after being the last at-large team to qualify for the national championship race. Monday marked the first time that Notre Dame has finished lower than 15th in the last 10 times the Irish have competed in the NCAA Championships.

Freshman Tim Moore led the Irish with his 63rd-place finish and 10 kilometer time of 30 minutes 50 seconds. Junior Todd Mobley, who achieved All-American status at the same meet last year,

**FUTBALL**

**Trojans and Irish play for possible BCS berth**

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Finally the rivalry means something.

Notre Dame and USC meet Saturday in a game with huge BCS implications for both teams. It's also an ever first meeting that both teams are ranked in the top 10 -- the Irish are No. 7 in the BCS, the Trojans No. 6 -- since 1989.

If the Irish win Saturday, they'll finish in the top six of the BCS standing and automatically earn an at-large bid to one of three BCS bowls.

And even if the Irish narrowly lose to the Trojans, they still remain an attractive choice to BCS bowl organizers looking to put people in seats.

But the Irish want to win. And in order to win, they have to contain USC quarterback Carson Palmer.

"This is a young man who's playing probably the best football of any quarterback in the country and he's complemented by some of the best receivers in the country," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "So I consider that more than just a little problem. I think that's one of those huge, truckload-full of problems that you have to deal with every now and then."

What kind of problems does Palmer, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate who played his way into contention by carrying the Trojans on the strength of his arm, present for a veteran Irish defense?

Pleanty. He's easily the most experienced — and most talented — passing quarterback the Irish have faced this season. This season, he's thrown for 3,214 yards and 28 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. USC's offense averages 296 passing yards a game, good enough to rank them 10th in the nation.

"They'll beat Notre Dame," UCLA coach Bob Toledo said after his team got crushed 52-21 Saturday behind Palmer's 254-yard, four touchdowns performance.

"What more can you say about Palmer's great leadership ability?" USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Carson is playing better than anyone in the country right now. He should win the Heisman if we win next week."

While Saturday's game could easily turn into a horse race, the Irish corner back Shane Walton makes a tackle against a Rutgers player. No. 7 Notre Dame plays No. 6 USC Saturday.