Virus infects 200 Notre Dame students

By COLLEEN GANEY

An unnamed gastrointestinal virus is responsible for the illness that has affected more than 200 students in the past 10 days, according to Notre Dame Health Services.

Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, a low-grade fever and diarrhea, but should not be confused with influenza, which is an upper respiratory virus marked by coughing and a high fever.

As with all viruses, time is the only remedy, according to Health Services. This virus usually lasts anywhere from 12 to 48 hours.

"It's a fairly normal illness that is highly contagious," said Matt Storin, vice president of Communications at Notre Dame.

"If students share air or spit, the virus is going to get passed."  

Pat Brubaker  
assistant director of University Health Services

The virus thrives in closed communities like a college campus. It has also affected South Bend schools and Channel 16 employees, which may explain their coverage of it Monday night.

The bug usually affects the most number of people after winter break, but has swept through campus early this year.

"The overnight census is up," according to Pat Brubaker, assistant director of University Health Services.

The infirmary usually has three to four overnight patients suffering from the disease during the week before Thanksgiving, but this year Health Services was averaging eight students per night.

In fact, the infirmary closed its doors from Nov. 25 until today in order to prevent a campus outbreak.

"Lodging several infected patients could have spread it to students visiting Health Services for other reasons. If students share air or share spit, the virus is going to get passed," Brubaker said, specifying that drinking glasses, doorknobs and keyboards are convenient modes of transfer.

She emphasizes that hand washing is the best way to ward off the disease.

"Health Services is not alarmed at all," said Storin. 

Some people can ride out the disease without seeking medical attention, but they must still be conscientious.

After vomiting begins, Brubaker said, "The best thing is to give the guts a vacation for two to four hours."

During this time, people should stay away from heavy food or liquids, including water.

They should then consume clear liquids. Powerade and Popsicles are good options, he said, but not milk or orange juice.

Brubaker said that people should seek assistance if they become dehydrated.

"When you can't keep up with what you're putting out, [then] go to the health center," she said.

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ND grad commands space shuttle

◆ Mission focused on improving station's equipment  

By HELENA PAYNE

Notre Dame graduate and commander of the space shuttle Endeavor Jim Wetherbee landed Monday after an 11-day mission to the international space station that orbits 240 miles above Earth.

Wetherbee, a 1974 alumnus, majored in aerospace engineering and has been with NASA since 1984 when he was selected to be an astronaut.

"Building the International Space Station orbit is an incredible engineering feat," said NASA spokeswoman Kylie Williams.

While leading the Endeavour mission, Wetherbee has worked primarily with Russian cosmonauts and U.S. astronauts in an international effort to learn more about the effects microgravity has on the human body.

"The fact they're working together gains a lot of experience for both of the nations," said Moritz.

Along with Russia, the U.S. is working with about 16 countries, including representatives from the European Space Agency.

The Space Station has been inhabited for about two years and the most recent crew was the sixth that has gone.

Wetherbee, who has logged more than 1,200 hours in space, completed his sixth mission Monday.

The Endeavour left Nov. 23 with seven members on board to exchange three resident crew members who were at the Space Station. The crew remained in space for eight days before returning with seven people.

The new crew will stay on board until March, Moritz said, adding that missions are usually five months long.

During the mission, members of the crew installed a new segment, the Port Trust, which Moritz called "the backbone of the Space Station."

The Port Trust has support for solar rays as well as an air conditioning system.

The space shuttle Endeavor landed Monday after an 11-day mission to the international space station. The shuttle was commanded by 1974 Notre Dame graduate Jim Wetherbee.

In addition to leading the mission, Wetherbee also provided some camera views of activity occurring at the Space Station, Moritz said.

In addition to Wetherbee's position as a space shuttle commander, he is also a captain in the U.S. Navy and he served as the director of Flight Crew Operations Directorate, the office where the astronauts reside.

According to Moritz, space crews will be making trips to the International Space Station for the next 15 years.

Prof aids UN program

By KIFLIN TURNER

This spring, a professor will travel to a nation ready for change and ripe for international support. The country of South Africa, coming off the heels of apartheid, is ready to compete in the global community.

Annan is determined to give South Africa the chance to excel in a global market. With the efforts of Father Oliver Williams, Notre Dame associate professor of management, spearheading the campaign in South Africa, the project is slated to begin in January 2003.

The initiative sprouted from Annan's address at the Davos World Economic Forum three years ago resulting in the formation of the UN Global Compact, composed of nine principles aimed to infuse humanity into economics. But the plan came full circle this year when the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, with Williams sitting as chair...
INSIDE COLUMN

It’s Christmas

Well all the signs are here: ice, snow, frozen cars and falling students. It’s winter in South Bend. Sitting at home not far away in Indianapolis, I watched the television weather guys go on about how bad the weather is in South Bend was and talk about how lucky we were not to be there. Yeah, well that not that lucky for me, I had to come back. While out the break I saw some snow flakes in Indy, none of it stuck around, and on the drive back there wasn’t any snow until I got about a half hour away from the Bend. It just always surprises that even though I’m still in Indiana it feels like a different state up here.

It’s not that I don’t like winter but it’s just nice to be able to just sit in your room and enjoy a cup of tea, watching the snow fall through the window.

It’s a lot different outside, trying to struggle through the cold wind and over icy sidewalks and already my car door froze shut. Luckily, I could get the passenger side open and I just crawled over to the driver’s seat. Of course, like most people, I enjoy the holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever you choose to celebrate), this time of the semester (if I don’t go insane first) and I get the added bonus of celebrating my birthday (Dec. 31 in case you want to get me something), but I never fully realize how close the end of the year is until I see the snow.

Ultimately, the snow and ice always makes me want to listen to Christmas music and wrap presents. Instead of doing homework when I got back to campus Sunday night I decided to decorate my room with Christmas decor and watch A Christmas Story. This includes setting up my all important dorm Christmas tree, which isn’t that hard since it is the size of my hand and just needs to be taken out of the box.

There is something about the season that definitely brings out the little kid in me. I still wake up before the sun is up on Christmas day, the only day of the year I’m up before 6 a.m., to ohh and ah the tree. And even though I’ve grown up with snow my whole life, I still look forward to the first snowman of the season, snowball fight and snowman building.

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, herb-garlic russet potatoes, haddock with herbs and chicken strips.

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SMC’s BOG prepares for the holidays

Saint Mary’s Board of Governors dedicated Monday’s meeting to planning for the holidays.

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WHAT’S GOING DOWN

Car hits fence, sign

NISP responded to a report that a vehicle hit a warning sign and a fence on Angela Blvd on Saturday. There were no reported injuries.

Intoxicated driver arrested

A visitor was arrested on Saturday for driving intoxicated. The passenger was also issued a restraint violation.

NISP cites driver

A driver on campus was issued a state citation on Friday for driving while suspended and exceeding the posted speed limit.

Visitors apprehended

NISP apprehended two visitors outside of Knott Hall on Friday. The case is currently under investigation.

Lost bike recovered

An abandoned bike was found on Friday and taken to the Security Building.

Compiled from NISP crime blaster

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Tuesday, December 3, 2002
SMC takes action against FGM

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Saint Mary’s is taking a stand against female genital mutilation (FGM), a practice common in parts of Africa.

Assistant professor of English Alexis Brooks-DeVita is provoking interest in the global issues by sharing her experience with FGM. She is currently urging the Saint Mary’s community to sponsor women who have run away from their homes to escape FGM.

"I first read about it (FGM) occurring in my Diaspora class with Dr. Brooks-DeVita and then in my World Civilization class with [associate professor of history] Dr. Hamilton," said Katie Vincer, president of Holy Cross Hall and senior literature major.

Last summer Brooks-DeVita returned to her childhood home of Uganda to chair a panel on African Diaspora women’s literature at the Women’s World 2002 Congress. Upon her return to campus she grabbed the memories and realized that some things needed to change in Uganda.

It is ideas like one that prompted Vincer to complete her senior comprehensive on the book Desert Flower. The Extraordinary Journey of a Desert Nomad by Warsan Diriye. The book describes the struggles and life of the Somalian native who runs away from an arranged marriage to an older man. She flees to England and must deal with her own FGM.

"Most startling is how severe and prevalent it is. I also thought of it as part of African cultures and to find out that it is present in Europe, the Middle East and in the United States," said Vincer. "It could be in your back yard and you wouldn’t even know about it. That’s what really got me and that women don’t have a choice."

Education is the key to understanding and helping women in the West and in Africa to understanding the logistics of FGM. The process facilitates the spread of AIDS and is detrimental to the health of the girls who undergo the procedure is performed on the girls.

"Informing women on FGM is one of the reasons I wanted to do my senior comp on the book," she said. "Enacted the problem may not be happening directly to us here at SMC, but someone coming from SMC may go into a situation that effects the decisions on helping the eradication of FGM."

Student government at Saint Mary’s has also become interested in pursuing the topic of FGM and educating the community on the issue by encouraging the donation of funds for the girls who are attempting to escape the procedure. Donations are being sent to USA/UGanda goparents Association.

"The women who run the program help girls scheduled for circumcision to escape safely from their villages, put them in secondary school or teacher training colleges, and help them eventually return to their villages as self-supporting, high status young women able to earn their own livings and to bring honor to their families because of their enhanced prestige as educators," said Brooks-DeVita.

According to Sara Mahoney, president of the Student Diversity Board, the board has sent $300 for the immediate relief efforts for the school in Uganda.

"We have all asked all of our board and club reps to bring this up at their next board meeting," said Mahoney, president of the Student Diversity Board.

"It makes people feel more at home and it is a good stress buster when people need it," she said.

Festivities start this Thursday with the annual Christmas Around the World from 5-7 p.m. in LeMans Lobby. Many clubs and organizations will be sponsoring tables of food, crafts and entertainment from countries around the world.

"Christmas Around the World is a good show case for clubs," Jablonski-Diehl said. "It gives people in clubs like the Irish dance club an opportunity to show off their talents and hard work.

The holiday spirit will continue when the class boards carol around the world.

"It will be really exciting for students to have a little bit of Christmas brought to them right around the holidays," Sarah Brown, sophomore class president said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Students gear up for holiday season

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

From feeding to entertaining the students, Saint Mary’s Board of Governance is spreading cheer this Christmas season.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body vice president, acknowledges the value of holiday-oriented activities.

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Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame student governments will be funding the portation from campus to the airport for Christmas Break travel, dates and times are still to be decided.

This was a good service for students for Thanksgiving travel, so we have decided to provide the service again." Notre Dame representative Mark Hayes said.

Other BOG News:
• Members of Senior Dad’s Weekend are available to view and order online.
• Deposits for the Senior Dance will be $50 and due by Dec. 10.
• Seniors will have a reflection weekend from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 at Moreau Seminary.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Lack of attendance slows body’s progress

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The Campus Life Council did not conduct any official business during its Monday meeting because not enough council members were in attendance to meet the three-fourths attendance rule.

The leadership and the communication task forces did informally report to those council members who were present on the status of their projects.

Jane Ong of the communication task force told the CLC that the small details of the campus life calendar site are currently being worked out. The Web site will display daily events and activities in a calendar format.

The leadership task force reported on its decision not to create a new Web site. Instead, the task force is considering instituting a leadership program similar to one that exists at Creighton University. The Creighton program consists of a series of extracurricular activities that immerse participants in the study and practice of leadership.

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Sen. Kerry increases criticism of president

Associated Press

BOSTON

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry appeared before the Bush administration Monday, saying it gave a boost to terrorist groups last week while allowing 1 million people to lose their unemployment benefits just after Christmas.

"The Bush administration is willing to do terrorism insurance for big business, but they weren't willing to do unemployment compensation for people who are out of work," the senator from Massachusetts said a day after announcing he would form a presidential exploratory committee.

"That's the big difference in how we approach the economy." The White House said Kerry was making a political jab at President Bush.

"It's the political season being used for the Democrats," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan. "The American people know that the president has done a lot to help families and help in fighting the war on terrorism and fighting for economic security for the American people, that's the president's focus." Congress adjourned for the year without extending jobless benefits for laid-off workers facing the expiration of federal unemployment compensation starting Dec. 28.

Last week, President Bush signed a bill that would reimburse the insurance industry up to $100 billion in a future terror attack.

At a news conference Monday, Kerry gave a brief preview of his economic plan, which he planned to lay out Tuesday in Cleveland.

He charged that Bush is focusing on his tax cut while overlooking the plight of working Americans.

"President Bush, beginning with his address to the New Hampshire in the year 2000, has consistently talked about cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans as his one program," Kerry said.

Kerry repeated his call for a "tax break to the working families" and called on Congress to pass payroll tax relief.

"We need to invest in our cities in our rural communities," Kerry said. "This administration has ignored that and 9/11. It's how you put people back to work." Kerry said this was an issue "in this 50 states Senate liberal and a decorated Vietnam War veteran, announced his presidential intentions Sunday. He said an official announcement of his candidacy is months away.

Explorer committees are established by budding candidates mainly to raise money, finance travels and help gauge voter support.

Asked Sunday night about the prospect of running against Kerry, Bush smiled at reporters but said nothing.

Kerry, a 58-year-old former prosecutor first elected to the Senate in 1984, was unopposed for re-election in November to a fourth term.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean already is running for president. Former Vice President Al Gore, the 2000 nominee, and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards expect to disclose their plans after Christmas. Outgoing House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri is expected to begin telling colleagues whether he plans to run.

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and director, invited the UN to hold a dialogue on the Compact in efforts to assure more prominent U.S. corporate support on human rights and environmental values.

Kofi Annan had the strong conviction that if the UN is to be relevant today that it must enlist the help of multinationals," Williams said. "I believe that shared values provide a stable environment for a world market and that within these explicit values businesses can contribute to peace, prosperity, fanaticism and terrorism," he said.

Expecting to serve a one-year appointment to the National Global Compact Network, Williams along with members of the UN will attempt to forge together broad corporate support in placing South Africa in the position to compete in the global market.

"In the world we live in, we've got to find some way to have ground rules for the global economy so that there is a level playing field," said Williams: "We must find some way to develop moral standards that will be followed by all multinational companies, that is the role of the UN Global Compact.

But persuading companies to voluntarily adopt the Compact is sometimes a difficult matter — especially U.S. multinationals. With over two hundred companies joining the Compact, only five U.S. companies have chosen to become members.

Williams pointed out that while most international multinationals are committed to helping South Africa's developed countries, like the U.S. that couldn't potentially influence the local financial market. "We must maintain the Compact primarily because of issues surrounding accountability and human rights."

While the Compact lacks any legal stipulations in the event that a company neglects the code of conduct, that "we believe is the global code of ethics," said Williams. "We don't have a world government so there are no sanctions that can be imposed. Businesses will dread the press and that exposure can be a powerful correction," said Williams.

Companies are also weary of adopting the Compact because of the substantial increase in social responsibility.

"Given the great power of multinational companies in the global economy, it is only right that they should have more responsibilities in bringing peace and harmony to the troubled parts of the world," said Williams.

Also serving as chair on the U.S. board of the United States-South African Leadership Development Program (USSALEP), Williams hopes to apply his experience in building business relationships at the local level.

"USSALEP has brought me in touch with a number of companies in South Africa," said Williams. "Perhaps my contribution in South Africa will be to interest more companies to join the UN Global Compact.

The moral implications are great but imperative, according to Williams.

"I am extremely happy to assist the UN in this noble cause and I hope and pray that the Global Compact will yield much fruit for the good of the country in 2001, the highest number since 1997 and a 37 percent increase over the 51 slain in 2000."

"Law enforcement is a high priority," the FBI report says. "The men and women who serve the public in this way place themselves in danger as a matter of routine."

Still, the nonterrorist deaths are far below those recorded in 1970s, when it was common for more than 200 officers to die violently or in accidents every year said Craig Floyd, chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington. That number for 2001 would be about 148.

"Fewer police are being killed in the line of duty than there were 30 years ago," Floyd said. "We've got more police on the streets than we've ever had. They have better training and they're no longer outrun by the criminals."

Violence against police reaches 4-year high

Associated Press

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks produced the single deadliest year in U.S. law enforcement — 72 officers killed — yet almost as many died in nonterrorist incidents during 2001 as violence against police rose to a four-year high.

The collapse of the World Trade Center in New York after the twin towers were struck by hijacked airliners accounted for 142 law enforcement killings, the highest in nearly a decade, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund said Monday. The 72nd victim was a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer who died when a plane commande­ rered by terrorists crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

Overshadowed by the enorm­ ity of those numbers is another statistic: 70 other law enforcement officers were killed by criminals around the

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U.N. weapons inspectors search Iraqi missile plant

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BAGHDAD

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Egypt

Al-Qaeda statement claims responsibility for attack

Associated Press

CAIRO

A statement attributed to al-Qaeda claimed responsibility Monday for last week's car-bombing of an Israeli-owned hotel in the Egyptian town of Safaga, south of Alexandria. The comments were similar to those of Sept. 12, when al-Qaeda said it had planted a bomb near a Scientologist church in a Cairo suburb.

"They didn't find anything" Iraj Mohammed Salah told reporters.

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World News Briefs

Four Palestinians die in West Bank violence: Four Palestinians, including a teenager, died Monday in violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while a U.N. aid group charged that Israeli forces destroyed a warehouse of food for needy Palestinians in Gaza. Separately, Israeli's military chief denied reports that he said Israel eventually would dismantle most Jewish settlements. Israeli forces were involved in three of Monday's fatalities.

The teenager was shot dead when rock-throwing Palestinians clashed with Israeli soldiers.

American convicted in Monaco killing: An American nurse was convicted Monday in the 1999 death of billionaire banker Edmond Safra and another nurse, and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Ted Maher was convicted of arson leading to death. The fire in this wealthy Mediterreanan enclave also killed one of Safra's other nurses, Vivian Torrente.

National News Briefs

Court to decide affirmative action case: The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities, a subject still heatedly contested a quarter-century after the justices first addressed affirmative action in college admissions. The court will tell universities how much weight, if any, they may assign to an applicant's race. At stake are race-conscious admissions policies at many public and private colleges, law schools and medical schools. The only time the Supreme Court considered a college race case, the justices issued a split 1978 ruling that banned racial quotas but gave states little other direction. Both sides of the affirmative action debate wanted the court to try again. Justices will consider whether some white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were rejected unconstitutionally because of their race, under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for all under the law.

194 sick in latest cruise-ship outbreak: A Carnival cruise ship returned from a three-day voyage Monday carrying nearly 200 people sickened by a gastrointestional virus, with symptoms similar to those plaguing other cruise liners. A total of 190 passengers and four crew members on the Fascination reported vomiting and diarrhea, but experts had not yet confirmed whether they had a Norwalk-like virus, said Tim Gallagher, a Carnival Corp. spokesman. So-called Norwalk-like viruses have plagued more than 1,000 people on other cruise ships in the past few months, including Holland America Line's Amsterdam and Disney Cruise Line's Magic, causing those companies to cancel one sailing each to thoroughly disinfect the ships. The illness is seasonal, peaking in the colder months, and is not uncommon, said Dr. Steven Wiersma, the state epidemiologist. "We've already seen some cases in Florida — this is not just a cruise ship issue," he said.

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BEIJING

The leaders of Russia and China vowed Monday to strengthen their "strategic partnership" and declared common positions on key foreign policy fronts, urging peaceful solutions in Iraq and North Korea and promising to support each other's battles with Muslim separatists.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and China's Jiang Zemin signed a 13-page joint declaration calling for a "multipolar world" — a phrase used by both to express dissatisfaction with U.S. global dominance.

Putin emphasized that Russia — which spans Europe and Asia — wants partners and power in both the East and West. "We're absolutely certain that the special strategic relationship between Russia and China will not only enable us to solve the problems facing our countries, but also will create a basis for stability in the world," Putin said.

His two-day visit comes after a year in which he improved relations with the United States and Europe by supporting the international anti-terror campaign and postponing NATO enlargement.

Putin spoke Tuesday morning at Peking University, where he was expected to take questions from students.

Monday's statement called for a nuclear-free Korean peninsula and appealed to the United States and North Korea to engage in dialogue and stick to a 1994 agreement that North Korea give up its nuclear program in exchange for foreign energy aid.

North Korea said last month that the 1994 agreement had collapsed after the United States, South Korea, Japan and the 15-nation European Union suspended fuel oil supplies. The cutoff was meant to punish the North for starting a new nuclear weapons program.

The statement urged the "normalization of relations" between Washington and Pyongyang.

At this stage we are talking about a political dialogue within the framework of which any questions could be discussed — including those that raise concerns for either America or North Korea," said Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher welcomed the appeal to North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program.

"I think our view is that the more often the international community makes clear to the North Koreans that only by complying will they be able to obtain the benefits they seek from the international community," Boucher said.

Jiang and Putin also said the conflict over weapons of mass destruction in Iraq can only be solved through diplomatic means and pledged to "continue to work together within the United Nations "to ensure that U.N. Secur., nuclear resolutions are not violated."

The United States has threatened war to disarm Iraq if it violates the latest Security Council resolution, but Russia and China insist that only the council can make that decision. Both are permanent council members with power to veto U.N. actions.

Moscow and Beijing have tried to restrain U.S. dominance by insisting that the United Nations should have the last word in international affairs.

Putin and Jiang also offered each other mutual backing for China in its struggle against separatists in its Muslim northwest and Russia's war in predominately Muslim Chechnya.

The leaders accused other governments of "double standards" on terrorism and human rights, saying they reject "the use of human rights questions as a lever for pressure in international relations."

They said "terrorists and separatists" in Chechnya and northwestern China are international terrorists who "should be condemned and become the object of a common fight on the part of all the states of the world."

Putin also met with Premier Zhu Rongji, legislative chief Li Peng and President Jiang as Communist Party leader last month and is expected to become president in March.
Market Recap

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In Brief

Argentina eases partial bank freeze

President Eduardo Duhalde eased a year-old partial banking freeze on Monday, allowing Argentines unfettered access to their checking and savings accounts.

“Today, life begins without the ‘cortafinados,’” declared Alfred Atanasof, a government spokesman, using the Spanish nickname for the widely unpopular restrictions imposed last Dec. 1 as the economy unraveled.

Atanasof said the government had decided to relax the restrictions on the anniversary of the freeze in an effort to stimulate the country’s stagnant economy. Restrictions still remain on longer-term certificates of deposit. Since the freeze was put in place, Argentina’s deposits have been slowly reopening the banking system, which was virtually locked down last year after Argentines pulled $20 billion from the banks during a panic that threatened to collapse the financial system. At major banks in Buenos Aires, Argentines lined up to withdraw cash from newly unfrozen accounts Monday. Others crowded exchange houses, hoping to change their pesos for dollars.

Bank, insurers face off in Enron trial

A $1 billion trial over who will share the blame — and the cost — for the Enron Corp. debacle began Monday with a bank and a team of insurance companies claiming to be blame victims of a commodities-trading company ....

EU asks Swiss banks to drop secrecy

Switzerland's government has been delaying the opening of Swiss bank accounts to prevent the collapse of an agreement among member nations to automatically release information about account holders to non-EU countries like Monaco, Andorra, San Marino and the Isle of Man.

“We’re prepared under certain circum­stances to help our EU neighbors,” said Swiss President Kaspar Villiger, who also acts as finance minister. “But we always start from the position that the citizen is basically honest and should be treated as such.”

Frustrated by failure to agree on common rules, EU finance ministers will meet Tuesday in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss possible measures against the Swiss government.

The bloc wants Switzerland automatically to release information about deposits of EU nationals in Swiss bank accounts to prevent the collapse of an agreement among member nations to exchange information on cross-border savers.

The EU plan, adopted in 2000 and due to come into force on Jan. 1, was to enable tax authorities in a deposi-
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"Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, which frightens us. We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, handsome, talented and fabulous?’ Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God; your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is not just in some, it is in everyone. Moreover, as we let our light shine, we consciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others." —Nelson Mandela’s Inaugural Speech
Endeavour unlocks from space station

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour unlocked from the international space station Monday and headed for home with the seven American and two Russians who spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost.

"We promise to take good care of space station," astronaut Donald Pettit told its departing commander, cosmonaut Valery Korzun.

Before leaving, shuttle skipper James Wetherbee urged Pettit to try to keep his sense of humor during the long stretch ahead.

"Oh, I will," Pettit assured him.

Endeavour is due back on Earth on Wednesday, though storms are forecast for Cape Canaveral and could delay the long- overdue homecoming for Korzun, cosmonaut Sergei Treschov and astronaut Peggy Whitson.

They spent an extra 1 1/2 months aloft because of various shuttle problems. Monday was their 180th day in orbit.

The space station’s three new occupants are Pettit, astronaut Kenneth Bowersox and cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin. Unlike the first two sets of spacestation crews, they will spend the next four months in solitude, with no one showing up until it is their turn to go home in March.

"It’s much quieter here now, Houston. I don’t know what the deal is," Bowersox radioed.

"We’re still here with you," Mission Control replied.

UNITED KINGDOM

Britain accuses Iraq of torture

Associated Press

LONDON Britain’s government accused Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Monday of masterminating the widespread and systematic torture of his political opponents and other citizens to hold on to power.

"Some commentators dismissed the evidence in the dossier presented by Foreign Secretary Jack Straw as old news and part of a propaganda war to back up the case for possible U.S.-led military action in Iraq," Bowersox said.

"I think that this highly unusual, indeed unprecedented, publication is cracking up for war," said Tam Dalyell, a lawmaker from the governing Labor Party.

The dossier includes the story of Umm Hayaal, a 25-year-old woman who was dragged from her home and publicly behead ed in 2001 after her husband, suspected by the authorities of involvement in armed opposition activities, fled Iraq. Guards took away her children and mother-in-law, and they have not been heard from since, the dossier said.

Straw said the 23-page govern ment report showed that the Iraqi people lived in fear and that Saddam’s regime was in breach of its international obligations.

"By disarming Iraq, we not only help those countries in the region which are subject to Iraqi threats and intimidation," Straw said, "but we also deprive Saddam of his most powerful tools for keeping the Iraqi people living in fear and subjugation," said Straw.

The dossier, entitled "Saddam Hussein: Crimes and Human Rights Abuses," includes intelligence material, firsthand accounts of Iraqi victims of torture and oppression, and reports by non-governmental organizations.

"The dossier makes for bar baric policy of the regime. The aim is to remind the world that the abuses of the Iraqi regime extend far beyond its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction in violation of its international obligations."

Legislator George Galloway, whose visits to Iraq and dogged opposition to U.S. sanctions have earned him the nickname "the MP for Baghdad West," said there was no doubt the Iraqi regime was guilty of gross human rights abuses, but that the report had vested interests.

"There is torture and murder in Iraq, but that isn’t a reason per se for going to war and killing tens of thousands," Galloway said.

Britain and United States have warned they may take action if Baghdad holds back any information or fails to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors, who recently returned to the country.

Amnesty International, one of the non-governmental organizations whose research was quoted in the dossier, warned that the human rights situation in Iraq should not be used for political ends.

Amnesty said the United States and other Western governments turned a blind eye to reports of widespread human violations in Iraq during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

"As the debate on whether to use military force against Iraq escalates, the human rights of the Iraqi people, as a direct consequence of any potential military action, is sorely missing from the equation," the statement said.

Even an Iraqi scientist asked by the Foreign Office to provide details about abuses was critical of possible military action against Iraq.

"I’m extremely concerned of the consequences of this intervention to the Iraqi people," said Husseini Al-Shahrani, a former expert with the Iraqi atomic energy organization. Al Shahrani has said he was held in solitary confinement for 11 years for refusing to work on Saddam’s nuclear weapons program.

"I’m concerned that weapons of mass destruction, the chemical weapons in particular, could be used again by the regime against the people if they show any opposition or uprising," he added.

Regarding the dossier, Iraq is a "terrifying place to live" where "arbitrary arrests and killings are commonplace."

Political dissidents are tortured and killed, and human rights are routinely raped by security personnel while in custody, and political prisoners are kept in inhumane and degrading conditions, the report said.

It details Saddam’s persecution of Iraq’s ethnic Kurds and the Shiite religious community and gives a chapter on methods of torture, including eye gouging, electric shock and piercing hands with electric drills.

The dossier has been ruthless in its treatment of any opposition to him since his rise to power in 1979," the report concluded. "A cruel and callous disregard for human life and suffering remains the hallmark of his regime."
Don't let what you consume consume you

When drinking a Starbucks Frappacino, you eventually get to a point at which there's no real coffee left, but your cup is still half full of foam. I've always thought this to be a great metaphor for the consumer culture that Starbucks represents: in the end, it's all foam and no substance. But before I preach to you about the problems with consumerism, let's first establish that I'm the biggest hypocrite in the world. I drink my fancy coffee drinks, wear sweat-shop produced Nikes and consume all sorts of useless products on a frequent basis, all the while trying to present myself as an opponent to the very problems with which I struggle.

In attacking consumerism, I've also set up a convenient threshold for excessive consumption, a threshold I myself could never reach. I deplore Escalades and cruises as wasteful, but then again, I could never afford them anyway. Meanwhile, books and CDs, my primary consumption goods, are obviously perfectly acceptable.

The view from my ivory tower is rather nice actually, and the music is great. So yeah, hello there kettle, I'm pot, and great to meet you. I'm a consumer just like you, and I have no real right to judge, but it looks like I'm in control of print culture right now, and you're not, so put down the Palm Pilot and listen for a bit.

Consumerism as an end in itself is very problematic. Before you prepare your passport to China, let me explain myself. I'm not suggesting you abandon all your possessions and live off of roots, herbs and Barbara Streisand albums. After all, if we stop buying Escalades, the hard-working Americans who make them will be out of their jobs and might have to work at Starbucks.

We've embraced an economic system that pretty much forces us to buy crap we don't need just to keep the system going, and it appears as though this system is the best one out there. So, because it gives a job to someone else, and because having that DVD player doesn't really hurt anyone, consumerism is arguably morally neutral. So buy, buy away!

Not so fast, Sue. It's not the things that are bad, but basing your life around attaining more and more materials possessions is. A little while back, my parents lost one of their two count 'em, two - cell phones. Before it was found, there was cursing, spitting and general mayhem. all over something they didn't really need in the first place. Last May I thought the world was going to end when my computer wasn't working properly. My parents and I let our lives be controlled by our possessions, and it is at that point where we have to question consumerism. There is a lot of outcry right now about corporate greed exists because personal greed exists. If we base our lives on attaining more money so we can get more stuff, people will indeed get hurt, as a former tenon engineer. No, you're certainly not a bad person for liking your XBox, but when you don't get that paper done because you've spent the last two hours trying to figure out which remote control is for the satellite and which is for your automated tie rack/Pee dispenser, you might want to take some time to reexamine your priorities.

Don't let what you consume consume you, whether it be electronics, cars or books on esoteric literary theory. And perhaps you might occasionally want to spend your money or your time helping those with nothing instead of trying to obtain everything. However, there are plenty of people at this school who do many more good things than I do, so let's just stop my hypocrisy while we can.

So the point is, you don't really need that Abercrombie shirt, and I don't really need the 100th expansion pack for The Sims. I'm slowly learning, though, that as long as I realize what's really important and work for the day when more people can participate in economic life, I'm not doing for having a few nice things. I hope you've all learned something. I have to make my Christmas list now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defining racism

Minorities cannot be racist. Misusing the word "racism" is extremely damaging. I write weekly in Notre Dame classrooms, The Observer, and conversations around campus. I hear people misstate actions as "racist." Though some use the word correctly based on its intended and true definition, most misunderstand the message of the word by not fully understanding its meaning. I want to offer some clarification.

Racism, as defined by author Beverly Taum, exists in a "system involving cultural messages and institutional policies and practices — a system that clearly operate to the advantage of whites." This element of social power is crucial to understanding racism. Racism goes beyond just "prejudice plus power" but implies an access to social resources by those with social power. In the United States, this includes whites, Christians, heterosexuals, economically privileged and the able-bodied, among others. As such, minorities do not have the traditional and institutional power to be racist.

Though all people can be prejudiced, discriminatory and cruel, being racist goes beyond individual actions and beliefs. Dr. Moss, assistant vice president of student affairs, uses a definition in his diversity education class which states that "systematic subordination is supported by cultural norms and values and the institutional structures and practices of society." This system has strong roots and ubiquitous effects. This systemic racism, specific situations in which a African-American CEO, for example, exercises power over a certain white employee, but as soon as the CEO leaves her office, she is subject to the same institutional system. These social disadvantages have been in place for centuries. By and large, she simply does not benefit from the systematic structures of power in society.

Clearly, most people are simply unaware of full meaning of racism.

But consistently overlooking the most fundamental component of social power and what this means in today's society works against the vision of cultural awareness and diversity education. I call on all students and faculty to further explore the dimensions of the issue. More information is available at the office of Multicultural Student Program and Services.

Ken Seiffert
senior
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Carol Hall
Nov. 28

Democrats act like sore losers

I didn't think they could do it, but Tom Daschle, Al Gore and the rest of the Democrats have outdone themselves once again. Last week Daschle blamed conservative radio shock jock Rush Limbaugh for inciting supposed "threats" made against his family and compared Limbaugh and conservatives to the Muslimati with whom we are currently at war. Daschle declared, "We see it in foreign countries and we think." Well, my God, how can this religious fundamentalism become so violent? Well, it's that same shrill rhetoric, it's that same shrill power that motivate... and that's happening in this country.

He went on to say, "What happens when Rush Limbaugh attacks those of us in public life is that people aren't satisfied just to listen, they want to act because they get emotionally invested." Who would think that citizens in a democratic republic would want to become "emotionally invested" in the issues facing their country? I think Election Day 2002 clearly demonstrates Mr. Daschle's apprehension — the American people became interested in the actions (and inactions) of their elected officials, especially in the aftermath of Sept. 11. Perhaps this is just another indication of why the Republicans are still scratching their heads after their unprecedented defeats on Nov. 5.

Regarding the "shrill rhetoric," Daschle condemned, "how soon we forget Alec Baldwin's urging, at the height of the Lewinsky scandal, that the government manager Henry Hyde be stoned to death, or the television commercials warning that black churches would burn if Repubs were elected or many others." George W. Bush pushing an old lady in a wheelchair off the roof of a high-rise building on the Democratic National Committee's own website.

Michael Dorsch
Carroll Hall
Nov. 28

Homosexuals should not be blamed for Church scandals

I would like to clarify some of the misconceptions in Stephen B. Sanchez's Nov. 25 letter, "Homosexuality presents problem to priests," which Sanchez blames gay priests for the recent instances of sexual misconduct. Sanchez charges the "homosexual minority" with cover-up when the bishops, concerned to act as the representatives of Christ and shepherds of the people, single-handedly covered up cases of abuse and allowed the abuse to continue by transferring pedophiles.

The idea of a powerful gay subculture in seminaries is a myth. Granted, gays are present in seminaries, a significant large number of those in religious formation, but in the context of a celibate lifestyle everyone is vulnerable. To argue that homosexuals are somehow without the fault of sexual orientation is absurd.

Sanchez is adamant that "Homosexuals cannot escape the temptations of the world by becoming priests." The priesthood has never been about removing temptation; rather, formation has sought to help priests develop the willpower and the resources to control temptation. To say that straight men can control their temptations while gay men cannot is prejudiced. Sanchez writes that the priesthood is, "not something you do because you can't do something else." What Sanchez fails to realize is that when gay men enter the seminary, they are entering many other arenas. Whether the Church will recognize it or not, homosexuals can have fulfilling, exclusive same-sex relationships.

Sanchez cites disagreement with Church practice as a cause of the scandal. Had the Church remained faithful to its own teachings coming from Vatican II and decentralized some power, cover-ups by our bishops would not have been able to occur on so grandiose a scale.

The Church is attempting to avoid accepting responsibility for the scandal by shifting blame and scapegoating gays. If gays responsible for the scandal, the seminary will certainly become a more sexual-pressively respectable. A repulsive seminary produced the sexually immature priests who abused in the Church. The Church is forced to restrict gays, aside from a major downturn in the numbers of men ordained, the decades to come will foster scandal by sexually immi­ tural priests on a much greater scale than has been seen in the past year.

Robert J. Davidson
sophomore
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Nov. 28

Requiring alternative vehicles won't ease pollution

I am writing in regards to Joanna Mikoluski's Nov. 26 column "What Would Jesus Drive?"

Jesus was a carpenter, and he would drive the very type of vehicles this group seeks to discredit: light trucks. Most likely he would have a Ford F150 with a big V8, a lumber rack and tool box in the bed for work and a large SUV — perhaps a Ford Excursion — for hauling around all the apostles and their fishing boats.

As for mandating alternative fuel vehicles, it is a serious mis- take. California's Air Resources Board (CARB) has tried many times to do this. However, by ultimately forcing manufacturers down the dead-end road of the electric car, it is actually creating more pollution by refusing to allow car companies to cut emissions other ways like buying up other polluters, selling CARB credits, using ULEVs and Hybrids and replacing defective gas containers and pumps. GM's effort to meet the new CARB requirements alone cost them an estimated $1.5 billion and resulted in 1,000 EV1 electric cars (that's $1.5 million per car). These losses were inevitably passed on to the consumer. As for EV1s, they can't even give them away.

Good old gasoline, though demonized by environmentalists and now apparently Christian fundamentalists, is still the most efficient way to propel a car down the road. Even the environmentalists would admit that using Feng-Tsi Fuel Cell, "whose only emission is pure water," actually pollutants more per mile than gasoline because producing the hydrogen it requires is an extremely energy-intensive process. The industry, driven more by consumers than Congress, is already moving in the direction of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs), but in small, logical steps, such as hybrid technology first. Trying to force ZEVs upon industry and consumers will only result in more disasters like CARB.

Brian Malin
class of '92
Nov. 26
ALBUM REVIEW

Fo' shizzle Snoop needs some work

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Scene Music Critic

Snoop Dogg, formerly Snoop Doggy Dogg, is one of the most popular and influential gangsta rappers of all time. His work and activities with Dr. Dre, Warren G and the late Tupac Shakur landed him his first solo record with 1994's Doggystyle.

Since then, Snoop Dogg's fame has elevated not necessarily because of his rapping and multiple albums released to date, but the fact that he's always getting in trouble with the law. In 1993, Snoop was arrested and tried for the murder of a rival gang member, but was not convicted. From 1996-1997, Snoop's popularity rose with the conviction of Death Row head hauncho Suge Knight and the deaths of Tupac and Biggie Smalls (Notorious B.I.G.). Snoop was the last man standing. Fo' shizzle.

After releasing a few smaller, relatively unsuccessful albums with Master P and No Limit Records, Snoop survived with hit singles like "Lay Low" and guest appearances with other popular rappers. With the release of his sixth major album, Paid Tha Cost To Be Da Bo$$, Snoop attempts to show the rap world that he's still the Top Dog. The first song, "Tha Bo$$ Would Like To See You," sets the tone for the album. Snoop isn't simply entertaining, he's preaching that he's better than everyone and has the money, the style and the hoos to prove it.

The songs "Stoplight," "Wasn't Your Fault," "Hourglass," and "I Miss That B--" are all co-produced and performed with the help of none other than George Clinton and some P-Funk members. The songs all include many different sound effects that create a absurdly convoluted noise. Snoop's presence on these songs is hardly apparent and he mumbles lines like "You can't control this game" during pauses in the beat.

The songs "I Believe In You" and "Ballin'" sound as though they should be on Whitney Houston's Christmas album and Bert Bacharach's Greatest Hits, respectively. "I Believe In You" features a gospel singer in the background as Snoop testifies, "I couldn't get you away/ No mafia what my friends is tryin'/ When I'm gone/ I'm alone everyday/ "Ballin'" contains a piano melody throughout the song with a delicious samba beat.

Snoop and fellow rappers place their ego in the forefront and the "talent" they talk about is certainly absent from this song. The rest of the songs are overproduced and stray from the quality of Snoop's earlier work, with the exception of "Lollipop" and "From Long Beach 2 Brick City." "Lollipop" includes the production of the Neptunes and a brick flute and conga beat. Snoop's rapping is humorous and the guest appearances of Jay-Z, Soopafly and Nate Dogg construct a strong song. "From Long Beach 2 Brick City" sounds like a Doggystyle song with a gurgling bass beat and smart rapping from the professionals.

Paid Tha Cost to Be Da Bo$$
By MIKE SCHMUHL

Snoop Dogg
Priority Records

It is only in rare instances that a music reviewer can know the quality of an album before it even hits the shelves. Even the most credible artists in the music business have their dud albums. The Beatles, however, are an exception. To look back on their albums now, one is awed at the quality of music that lies on each track.

The Beatles are one of the few bands whose albums can be listened to in their entirety without skipping any tracks. Every album, from the nascent strumming of Please Please Me to the smooth medleys of Abbey Road, is remarkable. It is this consistent musical quality which earned the Beatles their reputation as the greatest band of all time, an opinion which hardly anyone can refute.

Even though any hope of a Beatles reunion has faded since the deaths of John Lennon and George Harrison, the band's songs continue to represent the highest quality of music just from the mere mention of their titles. That is why it is quick to look at the list of songs on Paul McCartney's latest release, Back in the U.S. Live 2002, is enough to give the album an excellent review. Any album that includes songs like "Hello Goodbye," "All My Loving," "Blackbird," "The Fool on the Hill," "Can't Buy Me Love," and "Yesterday," can only be of the best quality. Listening to the album is an unconscious confirmation of what is already known from a brief scan of the track listing.

The album is the exact set list McCartney treated fans to on his recent Driving Rain tour throughout the United States. Disc 1 gets off to a buoyant start with the delightful surprise "Hello Goodbye." Next comes "Jet," a crowd-pleaser from McCartney's years with Wings, the band that he formed with his late wife Linda in the '70s. Some other highlights from the disc include a gorgeous rendition of the delicate "Blackbird." For this song, McCartney accompanies his vocals with only an acoustic guitar, emphasizing the tenderness of this classic song and the strength he still possesses in his voice. Showcasing some of his newer songs, McCartney also includes the Oscar-nominated "Vanilla Sky," the theme from the movie of the same name, and "Your Loving Flame," a lovely piano ballad dedicated to his new wife, Heather.

Disc 2 continues the magic with McCartney bouncing out classic after classic right from the start. He opens with a haunting version of "Eleanor Rigby" from the Beatles' 1966 masterpiece, Revolver. From that same album, McCartney plays the melodious "Here, There And Everywhere" before he shakes things up with the energetic numbers "Band on the Run" and "Back in the USSR." McCartney shines on the many piano ballads he chooses to include. "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Let It Be," "Hey Jude" and "The Long and Winding Road" are only a few examples of the memorable medley that McCartney is famous for. Rounding out the album, McCartney fittingly selected perhaps his most well-known song, "Yesterday." His gentle guitar picking accompanied by mournful lyrics is as poignant now as it was in the 1960s, showing that McCartney is still a possessor of immense talent in both performance and songwriting.

In order to bring the album to a proper ending, McCartney rocks out with a medley combination of "St. Pepper Reprise" and "The End," a song from 1969's Abbey Road thatrooks McCartney's final words of advice, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

With such an excellent selection of songs, Live 2002 is a wonderful compilation representative of McCartney's vast musical career. McCartney, however, doesn't need the glory and praise his songs deserve. As this album shows, from the oldest song to the newest, his music speaks for itself. And oh, what an echo it leaves.

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Quality defines McCartney's music

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

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The album is the exact set list McCartney treated fans to on his recent Driving Rain tour throughout the United States. Disc 1 gets off to a buoyant start with the delightful surprise "Hello Goodbye." Next comes "Jet," a crowd-pleaser from McCartney's years with Wings, the band that he formed with his late wife Linda in the '70s. Some other highlights from the disc include a gorgeous rendition of the delicate "Blackbird." For this song, McCartney accompanies his vocals with only an acoustic guitar, emphasizing the tenderness of this classic song and the strength he still possesses in his voice. Showcasing some of his newer songs, McCartney also includes the Oscar-nominated "Vanilla Sky," the theme from the movie of the same name, and "Your Loving Flame," a lovely piano ballad dedicated to his new wife, Heather.

Disc 2 continues the magic with McCartney bouncing out classic after classic right from the start. He opens with a haunting version of "Eleanor Rigby" from the Beatles' 1966 masterpiece, Revolver. From that same album, McCartney plays the melodious "Here, There And Everywhere" before he shakes things up with the energetic numbers "Band on the Run" and "Back in the USSR." McCartney shines on the many piano ballads he chooses to include. "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Let It Be," "Hey Jude" and "The Long and Winding Road" are only a few examples of the memorable medley that McCartney is famous for. Rounding out the album, McCartney fittingly selected perhaps his most well-known song, "Yesterday." His gentle guitar picking accompanied by mournful lyrics is as poignant now as it was in the 1960s, showing that McCartney is still a possessor of immense talent in both performance and songwriting.

In order to bring the album to a proper ending, McCartney rocks out with a medley combination of "St. Pepper Reprise" and "The End," a song from 1969's Abbey Road that rooks McCartney's final words of advice, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

With such an excellent selection of songs, Live 2002 is a wonderful compilation representative of McCartney's vast musical career. McCartney, however, doesn't need the glory and praise his songs deserve. As this album shows, from the oldest song to the newest, his music speaks for itself. And oh, what an echo it leaves.

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LOS ANGELES

In a match-up that promised a renewed rivalry and return to glory for two of the nation's premier football programs, the Trojans proved they were a little closer to their return to national prominence, as No. 6 Southern California trounced No. 7 Notre Dame 44-13 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

After claiming a 13-10 lead with just over a minute to play in the first half, the Irish yielded 34 unanswered points as the Trojans moved the ball at will on the ground and through the air in the second half.

"The best thing I can say is that we played a good football team today, and that they took it to us and we were not able to stay with them," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer picked apart the Irish secondary all night. The 5-foot-10 star shone bright in the national spotlight Saturday, going 32-for-46 passing for 425 yards, with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

"I thought Carson did everything he needed to do tonight. I know he wished he could have a couple plays back," Trojan coach Pete Carroll said. "Everything else about him, he was stellar Sunday night. He missed only one play he knows how to be."

 Palmer was near perfect against the Irish, making a late season statement for his place in the Heisman trophy race. The 425 yards passing and 610 total yards given up by the Irish were the highest in the team's history.

"We were clicking, rolling - it got to the point where we didn't score, we were mad," Palmer said. "A lot of people say Notre Dame doesn't have a weakness, and we found them all over the place."

While the Trojan offense kept the chains moving and the Irish defenders on their heels, the USC defense, led by Jim Thorpe Award finalist safety Troy Polamalu, was a nightmare for quarterback Carlyle Holiday and the Irish offense. The junior signal caller finished only 18-for-29 for 270 yards with three interceptions. Holiday entered Saturday's game with only two interceptions on the season.

"I thought the USC defense did a great job in every category, not just in limiting our quarterback's ability to scramble," Willingham said. "I thought they pressed us at great times, kept us off balance, didn't allow us to get very much rushing and made it very difficult even when we had time to find the right throwing lanes. I thought they did a great job."

The Trojans held Notre Dame to just 109 yards of offense, with just 15 of those coming in the second half.

"I thought it was an extraordinary night for our defense — might be the best night we've put together," Carroll said. "We have so much respect for Notre Dame. For us to stop them like that, it was just fantastic."

The Irish jumped out to an early lead on USC, using the successful formula they have followed all year of capitalizing on opponents' mistakes. The Irish turned a missed Ryan Killeen field goal and a fumbled kickoff by Dennis Hershel into a pair of Nicholas Setta field goals for an early 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Trojans responded in their first drive of the second quarter with an 11-play, 93-yard scoring drive, capped off by a six-yard touchdown pass from Palmer to freshman Mike Williams. The touchdown catch was just the start of a big night for the Trojan's leading receiver Williams, who finished with 10 catches for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The Irish appeared to take control of the momentum just before halftime when fifth-year senior linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine blocked a Tom Mallone punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for the 13-10 Irish lead with just 1:07 left to play in the half.

But Palmer engineered a seven-play, 75-yard drive capped off with a 19-yard touchdown strike to Williams just before the half to give the Trojans the lead and the momentum.

In the second half, the Trojan rout was on. In the half, the Irish managed only eight drives, six of which ended in punts, one turnover on downs and one interception.

On the other hand, USC scored on five of seven drives, outscoring the Irish 27-0 in the half.

The back breaker for the Irish came at the beginning of the fourth quarter. With the Trojans leading 30-13 and deep in Irish territory, Palmer threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted at the goal line by Watson, who returned the ball 60 yards to the USC 45-yard line.

But the Irish were unable to capitalize, turning the ball over on downs in four plays. Seven plays later, USC running back Suelton McClough scammed into the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown run and the Trojan 37-13 lead.

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A USC fan holds up a shirt showing the sentiments after Saturday's 44-13 Irish loss. The Trojans, led by Carson Palmer, dominated all 60 minutes and destroyed any visions of Irish glory.
report card

quarterbacks: Hurt thumb or not, Holiday didn't get the job done. His passes were off target all night and he totaled only 79 yards while tallying three interceptions.

running backs: You can't win a game with 39 rushing yards. Although they didn't stumble, Grant, Wilson and Powers-Neal just couldn't move the ball.

receivers: The Irish receiving corps didn't have much of a chance to make good catches because Holiday was off his mark. But they did nothing extraordinary to help the effort.

offensive line: The line gave Holiday no protection and opened up no holes for the Irish rushing attack. Holiday was sacked three times and the Irish got only 39 yards on the ground.

defensive line: The defensive line gave Palmer all the time he needed to throw passes. There was no pressure, no forced fumbles and no good stoppage of the run game.

linebackers: The linebackers were the most effective part of an ineffective Irish defense. Watson and Gooliby each had an interception.

defensive backs: There was some effort on the part of Duff and Walton but Palmer was more than the secondary could handle. The safeties didn't offer any help and the result was 425 passing yards.

special teams: Special teams was the highlight for the Irish. Pierre-Antoine blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown, Setia hit two field goals and Duff had a 55-yard punt return.

coaching: Southern Cal outcoached Notre Dame on both offense and defense. The Irish were not prepared to play USC and it showed.

overall: The Irish grades are low enough to put them on probation after their worst outing of the season.

adding up the numbers

number of third downs Notre Dame converted out of 13 attempts 0

34 straight points USC scored after being down 10-14

26 total number of offensive yards gained by the Irish in the last 45 minutes of play

4 number of Irish first downs, two in the first quarter and two in the fourth quarter

610 total Trojan offensive yards — the most yards any team has scored against Notre Dame in history

425 Trojan passing yards — another record against Notre Dame

52 number of times the USC band played their fight song

Irish not BCS material

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham shows his disappointment after his team's performance on Saturday. Th!l ballgames and we've been a very improved and very sound football team. This one game can not be a true indicator of that. However, the Irish players had mixed feelings concerning the Irish opportunity of making a BCS bowl. "After the way we played, we don't deserve to play in the Orange Bowl," Irish offensive tackle Jordan Black said. "This wasn't this year's team, it was last year's team that showed up tonight."
In the palm of his hands

Palmer throws for 425 yards as he looks to BCS, Heisman

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Spurs Wire

LOS ANGELES

Fans chanted his name. Teammates chanted his name. But all Carson Palmer wanted to do was savoir the final moments of his final game at Los Angeles Coliseum. "I don't even know how I'm feeling right now," he said. "To finish our careers here, this way, I don't know how to explain the way I'm feeling right now. This is amazing.”

Palmer walked off the field after orchestrating the most successful offensive performance by a Notre Dame team, he allowed himself a brief smile — one of many the senior quarterback cranked Saturday evening.

All Palmer did was complete 32-of-46 passes for 425 yards and four touchdowns, handily picked apart a normally stingy Irish secondary, and single-handedly improved USC's case for making a BCS bowl and his chances for winning the Heisman Trophy.

In his wake, the Trojan quarterback left a befuddled Irish defense searching for answers and sent USC officials scrambling back to meeting rooms.

"I hope we showed that we're BCS worthy," Palmer said. "I hope everybody paying attention looks at the score and realizes that it was a dominating game, we're for real and able to compete in the BCS.”

What made Palmer so effective? He picked apart Notre Dame's defense at will, often threading passes past the outstretched arms of Irish defensive backs and safety Gerome Jenkins. In all, Palmer connected with eight different receivers.

Of course, USC has a horde of talented receivers, beginning with freshman sensation Mike Williams, who caught 10 passes for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

But Palmer was at his best creating offensive masterpieces. During a second-quarter drive, the Trojans held two touchdowns. Palmer first led the Trojans on a 93-yard drive to give the Trojans a 20-3 lead. Then, after Irish blocked a punt a touchdown, Palmer led the Trojans 75 yards in 1:02 for the touchdown that put USC ahead for good.

"We were clicking, rolling, and it got to the point where everywhere we didn't score we're mad," he said. "We expect to score touchdowns every series, even if we're playing Notre Dame's defense.”

Palmer set all sort of records in the Trojan victory. His 425 passing yards were the most ever recorded by a Notre Dame quarterback and the Palme-led offense posted 610 yards, the most a Notre Dame defense surrendered in its illustrious history.

To put USC's offensive dominance in perspective, the Trojans had 328 yards at the end of the first half. Notre Dame allowed only three other teams to surpass that total in a game. More importantly, USC scored 34 unanswered points against an Irish defense that hadn't allowed an opponent to score over 25.

A lot of people say Notre Dame doesn't have a weakness,” Palmer said, "and we found them all over the place.”

Palmer also broke past Rob Johnson for first on the single-season touchdown passes rankings, finishing the regular season with 33 touchdown passes. Palmer threw just 39 touchdown passes in his first three years as a starter with the Trojan. He also broke a 23-year old record for most passes thrown without an interception until Mike Goolsby picked off a second-quarter throw. Palmer later threw another interception to Courtney Watson in the third quarter. Those two picks were on Palmer's mind even as he celebrated the victory in the locker room after the game.

"It's kinda like the BCS, I have no control over that from here on out," he said. "Those 2 stupid picks might keep me out of it, but whatever. I'm happy to be a part of this team." A team that, with Palmer’s arm, might be headed for a BCS bowl.

Irish, Trojans leave BCS fate up in the air

Observer Staff Report

While Notre Dame had the opportunity to clinch a spot in a BCS bowl with a victory against Southern Cal, the Trojans were hoping to attract the eyes of the BCS with their prime time performance Saturday against the Irish.

Now both teams leave themselves as the mercy of the polls and the Bowl Championship Selection Board.

"We hoped we showed that we're BCS worthy," Palmer said. "Hopefully, everybody paying attention looks at the score and realizes that it was a dominating game, that we're for real and able to compete in the BCS.”

Meanwhile Irish coach Tyrone Willingham lamented for a spot for his Irish in one of the four BCS bowls. "We make a case for us going to a BCS bowl," he said. "The case is that we've won 12 ballgames, and we've won 10 of those ballgames, and we've been a very improved and very sound football team. This one game cannot be a true indicator of that.”

No time for a Fiesta

For some around the Irish program, Saturday night’s loss to USC was reminiscent of the 2001 Fiesta Bowl, in which a supposed-up-and-coming, Tony-Rankin-led Trojan team was outclassed at the line of scrimmage by No. 5 Oregon State in a 41-10 lopsided victory.

In that game, the 10-1 Beavers outgained the 9-2 Irish 446-155 and outscored them 29-6 in the second half. This time the records were reversed, but the 9-2 Trojans moved the ball 610 yards — more than any team has ever gained against the Irish — and outscored 10-1 Notre Dame 27-0 in the second half.

"It feels exactly like the Fiesta Bowl," Irish offensive tackle Jordan Black said after the game. "I want to go home and throw up. I feel awful.”

Spreading the wealth

Irish defensive backs have faced some of the top receivers in the country this season in Michigan State’s Charles Rogers, Florida State’s Anquan Bolden and Stanford’s Tpose Johnson.

But this time freshman standout Mike Williams led a corps of talented USC receivers against the Irish defensive backfield, and the Trojans came away on top.

Williams, the leading receiver for USC this season, grabbed 10 passes for 169 yards, including the Trojans’ first two touchdowns of the game. Junior Keary Colbert added another solid performance with five receptions for 73 yards, and six other Trojans caught passes from Palmer in the game.

"I'm so fortunate to be a part of an offense with so many guys that can catch the ball and so many guys who can make big plays," Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer said.

Gameday captains

Captains for the Irish Saturday were wide receiver Arnaud Battle, offensive guard Sean Mahan, safety Jerome Sapp and cornerback Shane Walton.

Irish, Trojans leave BCS fate up in the air

scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
Notre Dame 6 7 0 0 44
USC 17 13 14 14 60

First quarter
Notre Dame 3, USC 0
Nickle: 3-11, USC 0
Notre Dame 7, USC 0
Drive: 4 plays, 6 yards, 0:17 elapsed
Notre Dame 10, USC 0
Drive: 6 plays, 93 yards, 4:11 elapsed
USC 10, Notre Dame 6
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 3:18 elapsed
Notre Dame 13, USC 10
Drive: 4 plays, 46 yards, 9:45 elapsed
Carlos Pierre Antebo 27-yard blocked punt return (Setka kick) with 1:07 remaining
USC 17, Notre Dame 13
Williams 19-yard reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 0:35 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 1:52 elapsed

Second quarter
USC 24, Notre Dame 6
Malcolm Mackenzie 55-yard reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 12:01 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 45 yards, 1:08 elapsed
USC 27, Notre Dame 13
Killeen 18-yard field goal (Setka kick) with 11:58 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 67 yards, 3:32 elapsed
USC 30, Notre Dame 13
Killeen 29-yard FG with 3:15 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 41 yards, 2:19 elapsed

Third quarter
USC 28, Notre Dame 13
Sullivan McCullough 11-yard run (Killen kick) with 11:54 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards, 2:57 remaining
USC 44, Notre Dame 13
Malcolm Mackenzie 17-yard reception from Palmer (Killeen kick) with 12:01 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 55 yards, 1:56 elapsed

Fourth quarter
USC 49, Notre Dame 13
Sullivan McCullough 10-yard pass (Killen kick) with 5:29 remaining
Drive: 13 plays, 91 yards, 4:36 remaining
USC 56, Notre Dame 13
Killeen 26-yard FG with 1:50 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 61 yards, 4:23 elapsed

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USC 44, Notre Dame 13

Brian Pucevich fThe Observer

Amaz Battle dives after a badly thrown pass. Holiday had trouble finding his receivers all evening and passed for only 79 yards during the 44-13 Irish loss.

 Destruction

USC found every single one of Notre Dame's weaknesses and capitalized on them. The Irish couldn't pass, they couldn't run, and they couldn't defend against the Trojans. USC picked up 610 offensive yards — the most of any opponent in Irish history — and managed to hold the Irish to a total of 26 yards in the final three quarters of the game. For Notre Dame, it was worse than not getting it done, they couldn't get it started.

Nellie Williams fThe Observer

Ryan Grant gets taken down by several USC defenders. Grant was Notre Dame's leading rusher with a total of 16 yards on the way to a season-low 39 Irish rushing yards.

Malaefoi MacKenzie breaks past Courtney Watson on his way to a touchdown. The Irish could not contain the USC rush game.

An Irish fan despairs after Saturday's loss to the Trojans.

Running back Ryan Grant dives after a loose ball. The sophomore recovered the fumble, preventing the fourth Irish turnover of the game.
Sigur Ros, foreign sound from frozen soil

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Not many people have heard the name Sigur Ros mentioned in everyday music conversations, but they are the biggest band to come out of Iceland. While Sigur Ros (Icelandic for “a victory rose”) has been popular in Europe for several years, they’ve only recently gained attention in America. Their debut album in the United States, Agaetis Byrjun, (Icelandic for “for a good start”) received critical acclaim in 2000, and some of their music was even featured in the movie Vanilla Sky. Shortly after releasing Agaetis Byrjun, Sigur Ros wrote several new songs while on tour in America. Eight of these songs make up their latest release, an album with no title.

Sigur Ros’ newest album has no title, but instead is represented by a two-disc CD. The insert has no lyrics or credits, allowing historians to compare the music to Sigur Ros’ sound. The band is thus not the most popular album, but it is the most emotive rock and blues album that has come out to the end of the first half of the year. Sigur Ros divides into two halves, with the first half being lighter and having an optimistic feel to it, while the final four songs have a darker feel. The final song, for instance, starts off with a subdued guitar riff that could come from any modern pop song. Sigur Ros puts its signature touch on it, however, with Jonsi’s vocals adding a darker feel to the song. The final track for instance, starts with a subdued guitar riff that could come from any modern pop song. Sigur Ros puts its signature touch on it, however, with Jonsi’s vocals adding a darker feel to the song. The final track for instance, starts off with a subdued guitar riff that could come from any modern pop song. Sigur Ros puts its signature touch on it, however, with Jonsi’s vocals adding a darker feel to the song.

The standout track on the first half of the album is “Pilgrim.” Known as Jonsi’s aching vocals that can only be described as the high pitched singing of whales. The song then explodes into a beautiful mix of guitars, strings, and keyboards. The song then fades out very quickly leaving only an impression of mood rather than melody. The second track, for example, opens with a slow guitar rip off a groaning organ. This eventually gives way to Jonsi’s achingly beautiful vocals. The result is a track that is both soaring and haunting. The song then explodes into a beautiful mix of guitars, strings, and keyboards. The song then fades out very quickly leaving only an impression of mood rather than melody. The second track, for example, opens with a slow guitar rip off a groaning organ. This eventually gives way to Jonsi’s achingly beautiful vocals. The result is a track that is both soaring and haunting. The song then explodes into a beautiful mix of guitars, strings, and keyboards. The song then fades out very quickly leaving only an impression of mood rather than melody. The second track, for example, opens with a slow guitar rip off a groaning organ. This eventually gives way to Jonsi’s achingly beautiful vocals. The result is a track that is both soaring and haunting. The song then explodes into a beautiful mix of guitars, strings, and keyboards. The song then fades out very quickly leaving only an impression of mood rather than melody. The second track, for example, opens with a slow guitar rip off a groaning organ. This eventually gives way to Jonsi’s achingly beautiful vocals. The result is a track that is both soaring and haunting.

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Sigur Ros is a true masterpiece that captures everyday moments in a way that few other musical acts can. The album is a must-have for any Sigur Ros fan’s collection.
Pierce's 27 points help lift Celtics over Magic

Associated Press

A BOSTON blowout, punctuated by several four free throws in the final 1:07, shooting 10-for-12 from the line, to snap the Magic's eight-game winning streak. Pierce added 25 points, Morris Peterson scored 24 and Travis Best had 17 points, and Dallas pushed its winning streak to 18 games, including eight in a row. The sixth win in their seven-game road trip, the Celtics improved to 10-0 away from the Garden, where they have lost their last seven games.

The Celtics led 94-93 on Williams' dunk with 4:01 remaining, and Pierce walked by a Walker defender with a fast-break layup. Walker had 19 points and eight rebounds.

After McGrady hit a jumper to cut the deficit to one point with 2:41 to go, Orlando missed four shots and committed two turnovers. McGrady, picking earlier Monday as the Eastern Conference First Place, rebounded around the court in obvious pain before collapsing on the bench. He returned to the game after a brief visit to the locker room, but he ran gingerly for the rest of the night.

In a game that wasn't close for most of the game midway through the first quarter, Cleveland led 14-12. The Knicks went on a 14-4 run ending with an 11-fof layin run by Houston for a 26-16 lead. Houston had 29 of his 31 points in the first half.

New York had a 9-0 run to start the second quarter and an 18-0 run later in the half, taking a 26-Point lead on two free throws by Alonzo Mourning with 5:42 left that made it 52-26.

Thomas had all of his blocks from the line, to snap the streak. He also had eight assists. Mike Miller had 18 points. Dajuan Wagner had 25 points and 11 assists for the Cavs, who have won three in a row, and Eric Williams added a season-high six blocks to go with 22 points.

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Vince Carter, who scored 17 points, picked up his fifth foul with 2:17 left in the third quarter and didn't return until 8:51 remained in the game. Carter had two baskets during a 10-4 run as the Raptors closed within 99-96. But Nowitzki scored from close range on consecutive possessions, Nash hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 3:51 left, and added two layups to cap an 11-2 spurt that gave Dallas a 102-97 lead with 1:45 left.

Dallas took an 82-78 advantage into the fourth quarter. The Mavericks opened the game with a 104-0 run, but the Raptors got their offense on track following a timeout and finished the first quarter leading 25-24.

The Heat went cold in the fourth quarter, shooting 1-of-12 from the field, with just one point in the final 14 minutes, while the Nets finished the game 2-of-12 from the field. All five Miami starters finished the game without a field goal.

A brief visit to the locker room, and Both his free throw shots and committed two

Cleveland was without three key players, Ricky Davis (team suspension), Tyrone Hill (strained ankle) and Darius Miles (knee tendinitis), and only managed to keep the game competitive for a few minutes.

The Observer offers classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 515 South with a victory over the Knicks, with 11 at the half. New York had a season-high 30-point lead on a 3-pointer just 1:12 into the third quarter, then hit three more 3s over the remainder of the period to help the Knicks take a 99-71 lead into the fourth.

Heat 100, Suns 90 (OT) The Heat were perfect in overtime — after a nearly imperfect performance in regulation. Best made a tying 3-pointer with 37 seconds left in regulation, then added three baskets in overtime, leading the Miami Heat over the Phoenix Suns 100-90.

After missing his first nine field goal attempts, the biggest lead in regulation. 53-48, Heat over the Mavericks 123, Raptors 102 Steve Nash scored seven of his 11 points in a crucial fourth-quarter run as the Dallas Mavericks extended their home winning streak to nine games with a victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Dallas had 15-25 turnovers. Davis scored a season-high 30 points, rookie Amare Stoudemire had a season-high 20 points, and Stephan Marbury scored 18. Mavericks had nearly as many rebounds as the Suns with 11 at the half. Jones gave the Heat their biggest lead in regulation, 53-48, by scoring 10 consecutive points, including two 3-pointers, early in the third period.

The rest of the Heat's 21 points in the extra period — their most ever in a first overtime — came on foul shots.

Best finished with 16 points, Eddie Jones led Miami with 21 points, rookie Caron Butler had 20 and Brian Grant had 17 points and 17 rebounds.

Miami scored its final 12 points on free throws, six by Grant, as the Suns fouled desperately in an effort to catch up. The Heat finished 27-of-31 from the foul line, while Phoenix was 11-of-12. The Heat also out-rebounded the Suns 49-35.

Shawn Marion topped the Suns with a season-high 31 points, rookie Amar'e Stoudemire had a season-high 20 points, and Stephan Marbury scored 18. Marion and Stoudemire each had nine rebounds.

Another key to the game was Miami going to a zone defense, after the Suns had opened a 13-point lead in the third quarter.

For a team not noted for its accuracy, the Suns were very proficient in the first half, connecting on 51.3 percent of their 20-of-39 in building a 44-41 lead at the break. Coming into the game, Phoenix ranked 27th in the league in field goal percentage (401).

The Heat stayed close because of their rebounding. They out-rebounded the Suns 23-13, including 12 off the offensive glass, and had 17 second chances for Phoenix as the Suns had 23 during the 1st half.

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 Packers beat Bears 30-20 to secure NFC North

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Spectacular touchdown-saving plays by two backups named Walker allowed the Green Bay Packers to win their first division title in five years.

The Packers won the NFC North by beating the Chicago Bears 30-20 Sunday, despite losing running back Ahman Green to a knee injury after he had produced 123 yards of offense.

Ronnie Tony Fisher, an undrafted free agent from Notre Dame, ran for 91 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Packers (9-3), who were coming off two straight losses, became the first team to clinch a playoff spot and remained the only team without a loss at home.

They couldn't do it without rookie receiver Javon Walker, who chased down a corner tackle for the end zone to prevent the Packers' halftime deficit from reaching 15 points.

Then nose tackle Rod Walker forced a fumble from the Bears' center on first-and-goal at the Packers' 1 in the third quarter.

"The Packers rep-re-sent-ed today!" defensive end Vonnie Holliday said.

On a cloudy, windy day at Lambeau Field, Brett Favre threw two second-half touchdowns and improved to 3-0 at home when the temperature is 34 or below. He completed 20-for-42 yards and two interceptions.

Browns quarterback Drew Bledsoe overcame the elements and the Buffalo Bills' defense, the Bills and Bledsoe are much more accustomed.

"I played in cold weather for a long time, now, since high school," said Bledsoe, who grew up and played college football in eastern Washington, and spent his entire four years growing up and playing college football in eastern Washington, and spent his entire four years.

"It was cold, it was freezing. We just went right on through," Bledsoe said.

"It's been a long time since I played a whole game," said Bledsoe, who started his junior season, before getting hurt and losing his job to Joey Harrington.

Warner, the NFL MVP last season, was 20-for-42 for 216 yards and two interceptions. He also lost a fumble in the first quarter, and lost a yard before he was tackled from behind on a punt fake.

The Rams (7-1), who beat the Eagles 29-24 in the conference title game 11 months ago and lost 10-3 Sunday in a rematch of last season's NFC champi-

onship game.

The NFC East-leading Eagles proved they can win again, losing their job to Joey Harrington.

"We fought hard. We had some turnovers, but we never gave up," said Bledsoe, who finished 15-for-27 for 228 yards and two touchdowns.

"We had some bad things happen to us," said tight end Wesley Walls, who scored three points or fewer and had blown fourth-quarter leads in all four games in the past two seasons, the Panthers really damaged somebody else's season.

If the Panthers (4-8), who began the final game of the season, would be playing for the first time since Sept. 22.

"In most cases, it's very difficult to win a really tough loss because of how much it meant to us. It's tough to take," said Tim Couch, Browns quarterback.

The Carolina Panthers were smiling, laughing and hugging their teammates, their coach, their owner, their fans, their players, and their coaches.

They had finally made it through the season, and they were going to get a victory for all the fans who had been preparing for it since Monday.

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The Bills (6-6) ended a nine-game losing streak Sunday with a 13-6 win over Cleveland, snapping the sloppy Browns' playoff chances.

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"We didn't stay disciplined even when we made that comeback," Fighting Irish coach Tim Crean said. "We used so much energy to come back. I don't think we had anybody that could play that many minutes."

There could have been very easily been much more. Carroll only connected on 1 of 11 point attempts and generally struggled to find the basket all night.

"We should definitely have had over a hundred," Carroll laughed about how high his total might have been. "It's a great sign when I don't shoot the ball too well and we still score 90 points. That says a lot about our team."

The Irish held vaunted guard Dwyane Wade, who entered the game averaging 23.5 points, to 19 points on 7-of-19 shooting. Most of Wade's points came on the bench. Wade, a smile on his face, three more points on his resume and a foul left on the stat sheet.

"They brought all kinds of defensive players at me," he said. "When I started getting in trouble, I knew none of those guys could guard me."

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he drove to the basket, basketed, drove again, hesitated, then zoomed up an ugly shot as Todd Townsend chopped his arm down like a cherry tree.

The ball dropped straight through the net.

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Oklahoma State upsets Oklahoma again

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Hashaun Woods and Josh Fields helped Oklahoma State upset Oklahoma for the first time in 16 years.

Woods had 12 catches for 123 yards and touchdown pass to Anquetta Boldin to help the Seminoles earn their biggest win of the year, 31-14 over Florida on Saturday in Atlanta.

Oklahoma was penalized 15 yards for excessive celebration, however, setting up a 36-yard extra point. Oklahoma's Carl Yokes was plenty long enough, but it curved left and was barely good.

Randall, who came off the bench in a 14-13 win over Ole Miss last week, completed four of six passes on the opening drive, throwing a touchdown pass to Hichard with 34 seconds left in the half to give Arkansas a 24-6 lead.

A little later, Grossman, who finished with 303 yards, led the Gators on an 84-yard touchdown drive to cut the deficit to 10.

But Rix and Boldin answered with what might have been Florida's best drive of the season. They connected for a 26-yard gain and for a 19-yard touchdown as part of an 80-yard drive that made the score 31-14 and turned the rest of the night into a Seminole celebration.

It was an odd combination, considering Boldin was in McPherson's corner when Rix struggled earlier this season and several Seminoles were calling for a change.

Arkansas 21, LSU 20

Now LSU knows how it feels to lose on the last pass of the game, too.

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Dr. Gates' decision, I do recognize that the university has the right to decide who coaches the team. Slocum said.

I felt our future was bright," said A&M President Robert M. Gates. Slocum said.

Since giving the university's traditional bowl fire collapsed and killed 12.

We have not achieved the success we had hoped we would. Telephone messages were left at Lynch's home and office.

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**MLB**

Jim Thome reportedly agreed to an $87.5 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies Monday. Thome, who hit .304 with 318 RBIs and had a .445 on-base percentage last season, will replace Travis Lee at first base.

Thome scores millions with Phillies

Associated Press

**Philadelphia**

Jim Thome, the most coveted hitter in the free-agent market, agreed Monday to a six-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies, two baseball officials said.

Thome, who hit a club-record 52 homers for the Cleveland Indians last season, accepted a deal worth about $87.5 million, one of the officials said on the condition of anonymity.

For the deal to become final, Thome must pass a physical. Philadelphia is aggressively trying to improve as it prepares to move into its new ballpark in 2004.

The Phillies agreed to a $17 million, four-year contract with third baseman David Bell on Nov. 24. The Phillies also have a $30 million, three-year offer out to left-hander Tom Glavine, the top free-agent pitcher.

Phillies general manager Ed Wade wouldn't discuss whether Thome had signed.

The 32-year-old Thome turned down a $40 million, five-year offer from the Indians, the only team he has played for since he was drafted in the 1989 amateur draft. The Philadelphia Phillies, the only team he has played for since he was drafted in the 1989 amateur draft.

The Indians won six division titles and went to the World Series twice during Thome's tenure. The Phillies, meanwhile, are coming off their 14th losing season in 16 years.

Thome began his career as a third baseman, but moved to first to start when the Cleveland Indians acquired Matt Williams before the 1997 season.

Thome has played at least 146 games in each of the last seven seasons.

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**In Brief**

**Warner out for at least 2 games**

Kurt Warner's throwing hand is broken, and he will miss at least the St. Louis Rams' next two games.

Coach Mike Martz ordered Warner to have his right hand X-rayed Monday after the quarterback insisted several times during a meeting that he is fine. The exams showed a hairline fracture, which won't require surgery. Warner could play, in theory, but Martz said the pain is too strong.

The two-time NFL MVP appeared to have trouble gripping the ball in Sunday's 10-3 loss to the Eagles. He fumbled trying to tuck the ball in, and also lost control of the ball trying to pass.

Against Philadelphia, Warner threw two interceptions and lost his third fumble of the season. He has three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions in going 0-6 as a starter in 2002.

Martz said backup quarterback Jamie Martin will start next weekend against the Kansas City Chiefs, with Marc Bulger — 5-0 as an emergency starter this season but new hampered by a sprained index finger on his throwing hand — as the backup.

**Jordan back in starting lineup**

The doubts about the knees are gone. Michael Jordan has made his inevitable return to the starting lineup, and he's there to stay.

The experiment that had Jordan coming off the bench for the Washington Wizards went on the shelf for good Saturday night against Philadelphia. Jordan will start again Tuesday against Milwaukee and plans to do so as long as his body holds up.

Jordan and coach Doug Collins agreed that he wasn't ready to start at the beginning of the season because he had rested his knee so much over the summer and had played so little in the preseason.

Asked if his desire to start was the result of his knees feeling better or his frustration over the losing streak, Jordan said: "Both."

**Fiedler to start against Bears**

Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler will start next Monday night against the Chicago Bears after sitting out six weeks with a broken right thumb.

Ray Lucas, who started at quarterback back Sunday, underwent an MRI exam Monday, but results will not be available until Wednesday.

Lucas was knocked out of the game in the third quarter with a deadered nerve in his shoulder and neck.

Fiedler played in the third and fourth quarters in a 38-21 loss to the Buffalo Bills in the snow Sunday. He reported no lingering problems with the thumb despite throwing an interception with a wobbly pass.

The loss ended the Dolphins' two-game winning streak and dropped their record to 7-5. Miami is in a tie for first place in the AFC East with New England, while Buffalo is a game behind at 6-6.
**Hoosiers end Irish season with 1-0 victory**

By BRYAN KRONK

One trend this season for the Notre Dame mens soccer team was rather odd: in its two previous games this season in which a player was ejected for receiving a red card, the ejected player's team — in both cases, not the Irish — won the game.

That streak was broken Wednesday night, as the ejection of Irish midfielder Justin Ratcliffe with 27 minutes remaining forced the Irish, already trailing to Indiana 1-0, to play 10-on-11.

The Irish were unable to overcome both deficits, and fell to the Hoosiers in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Bloomington.

"I thought it was a very competitive game," said Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. "We are very disappointed, because I thought we controlled large parts of the game."

The Irish seemed to control much of the early part of the first half of the match, culminating in a scoring opportunity by midfielder Kevin Nolly.

However, after this early stretch that saw the Irish defense hold the Hoosiers without a shot, the Irish offense fell silent for a long stretch that lasted well into the second half.

Indiana finally got onto the scoreboard at the 51:03 mark, as midfielder Ned Grabavoy knocked a lead pass to Brian Plotkin standing at the edge of its offensive penalty area. Plotkin — the Big Ten's Rookie of the Year — chipped a shot over charging Irish goalie Chris Sawyer to put the Hoosiers ahead.

The goal was Plotkin's first of the season.

"It was almost like a slap in the face to dominate a team like that and not come out with a victory," Sawyer said. "If we can take anything out of it, we can feel good about the way we played. But I know this team expected to go further."

The Irish then became more aggressive on the offensive side of the ball, which led to the red card on Ratcliffe. With 27:37 left, Ratcliffe was ejected for a hard tackle on the Irish offensive side of the field, and the Irish were forced to play a man down for the rest of the game.

"He's an incredibly passionate player and we all realized he was just doing everything he could to help the team and it just didn't go in his favor," Sawyer said. "We really admired his passion all season so you really got to hand it to the kid and feel for him after a game like that."

Without its senior captain at midfield, the Irish struggled, yet still managed some late scoring attempts. In the 89th minute, defender Jack Stewart led a late charge deep into Indiana's end of the field and booted a solid shot that sailed just wide of the net.

With the victory, the Hoosiers advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament to face off with Connecticut.

"The hard thing was after the ejection, when we went down to (playing with) 10 men," Clark said. "To play Indiana is a tough enough task when you are 11 versus 11. But I was really proud of how our team played when we went down to 10 men."

The win also extended Indiana's home unbeaten streak to 13 games, dating back to the middle of last year, when the Irish knocked off the Hoosiers.

With last year's win, the Irish felt they had a slight edge over previous Hoosier opponents. But it just wasn't meant to be.

"We played here last year and won 1-0, but I felt that we actually controlled more of the game this year," Clark said. "It's a great in-state rivalry and we love to play here."

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VOLLEYBALL

NCAA awards Notre Dame tournament site

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After winning its third consecutive Big East Conference Tournament championship Nov. 24, the Irish were rewarded over the weekend by being named a host of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish have never faced the Cougars. The Cougars have won 22 straight matches — the second longest active streak in the country.

The Irish are currently on a 35-game winning streak at home in the Coleman-Morse Center. The Irish have not advanced past the second round since making it to the regionals in 1995. Overall, the Irish are 8-1 at home in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish enter the NCAA Tournament after sweeping Miami and Connecticut in the semifinals and finals of the Big East Tournament, respectively, en route to earning an automatic bid. The Irish won their seventh conference title overall. Michigan State (19-11) and George Mason (22-7) will play in the first semifinal Saturday at 4 p.m. The Spartans are participating in their ninth straight NCAA Tournament and finished fifth in the Big Ten. George Mason won the Colonial Athletic Association and has not qualified for the NCAA Tournament since 1996. The Spartans and Patriots have never played each other. Saturday's winners will play at 4 p.m. the following day. The winner of that game should face number one seed USC in the regional semifinals next weekend. In last season's NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame was eliminated in the first round by Michigan State 3-1. The Irish have not won a regional since making it to the regionals in 1999.

The Irish won their third straight Big East Conference Tournament championship on November 24th. Sophomore outside hitter Emily Loomis goes for the ball during a match earlier in the season.

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

*Golden Boy*

- Irish knock off No. 10 Marquette with 92-71 win

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When the Irish basketball team walked into the locker room before Notre Dame played No. 10 Marquette Monday night, they noticed a small surprise waiting for them—92-71 win after each game. At the Thomas and a Marquette Monday night, they why style of play, Notre Dame put on a strong half-court game to spread the ball around the perimeter, and then played a lineup that included Thomas, Matt Carroll, Dan Miller, Torin Pracht and Chris Quinn to spread the Golden Eagles defense out.

The result an Irish shooting clinic put on for the benefit of Golden Eagles. Miller finished with 20 points, Carroll had 14, Quinn had 12 and Francis had 11.

"We got tons of open looks," said Thomas, who also finished with 10 assists. "You give our team tons of open looks, we'll make more than them." The score tied at 11, the Irish reeled of seven unanswered points to take a 12-11 lead. After the Golden Eagles scored a lay-up, the Irish proceeded to score on 11 of their next 14 offensive possessions, turning a tight game into a 42-26 blowout.

Marquette didn't back down. Slowly but surely, they chipped away at Notre Dame's lead.

But that was as close as the visitors would get. Keyed by a trio of Thomas' 3-pointers, the Irish went on a 25-8 run to close out the Golden Eagles.

**WOMENS BASKETBALL**

*Irish win first road victory of season at USC*

By JOE HETTLER
Los Angeles Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES

Meghan Duffy provided the dagger, and Alicia Ratay drove it through the Trojans' heart.

Duffy assisted Ratay's 3-pointer with 4:55 left in the game that gave Notre Dame a 10-point lead, and helped the Irish hold off a physical USC team 59-57 Friday night at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

"I think that was the turning point of the game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

"That put us up ten and we felt that was going to be enough cushion. [Ratay's] a veteran player and someone we can count on in the clutch situation."

With the win, Notre Dame (2-0) gained its first road victory of the young season. The Irish didn't win on the road until Jan. 2 last season.

"This is a big deal for us," said Teresa Burton, who with her 10 points was one of five Notre Dame players who scored in double figures. "I'm so excited to win on the road and [USC] is a good team... they played a good game and we did too, so it's exciting to win."

Ratay led the Irish with 22 points, and Jacqueline Batteast added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Notre Dame looked lost as the game started and quickly fell behind 11-2. Trojan forward Rachel Woodward tallied nine of USC's first 11 points. She ended the first half with 16 points.

"Woodward had a phenomenal first half and we talked about her quite a bit at half-time," McGraw said. "I don't know how many she got in the second half but I thought we did a much better job."

Notre Dame cut the Trojan lead to 13-9 before finally grabbing their first lead of the game at 15-13 with 13:36 remaining in the first half.

The game saw-sawed for the rest of the half, until USC went on a small 9-5 spurt and took a 37-34 lead into intermission.

The Irish came out strong in the second half and overtook USC 42-41 on a Le'Tania Severe lay-up with 15:07 left in the game. Five minutes later, Borton's layup gave Notre Dame its biggest lead of the game to that point, at 52-45.

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