Students send care packages to Iraq

By NICOLE ZOOK  News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, many of whom know what it feels like to be far from home, are joining together to send a little piece of home to troops fighting overseas this holiday season.

Groups on both campuses are participating in care package drives this month, collecting small items to ship to Notre Dame graduates currently serving in the Middle East.

The Army ROTC service organization Alliance To Lead And Serve (ATLAS) began organizing their drive earlier this year. Junior Maggie Lero, an Army ROTC Cadet, is in charge of the project.

"We focus on patriotic activities and supporting our troops and community events," Lero said, adding that Notre Dame graduates' platoons will receive most of the care packages. "We decided for the Christmas season to send care packages to the troops."

The care packages will consist of items Lero found listed from an online soldier wish list - ranging from necessities like soap, shampoo and toothbrushes to stocking stuffers like playing cards and Notre Dame memorabilia. Lero said cadets will be approaching their residence halls to contribute to the project by writing letters, and that anyone who would like to participate should contact their dorm service commissioners.

Irrish basketball coach Mike Brey pauses for reflection during his "Fireside Chat" Monday night.

Coach Brey gets personal in chat

By EILEEN DUFFY  News Writer

A small crowd dominated by basketball-hat sporting males gathered eagerly around Irish basketball coach Mike Brey in the Coleman Morse lounge Tuesday night for the second of the Student Union Board's new series, "Fireside Chats." Brey touched on many subjects including his predictions for the upcoming season, recruiting his coaching career and even the ticket lottery, which left many fans empty-handed.

Patrick Vassel, programmer of SB's Ideas and Issues committee, which organized the lecture series, introduced Brey with a long list of his achievements, including his three NCAA appearances as head coach of the Irish and the $400,000 he
INSIDE COLUMN

Starbucks, squirrels and snow

To all the winter weary out there, you are not alone. Last week, on my daily walk to the dining hall through Our Lady’s grand campus under her glorious trees, I spotted something I had never seen before.

I observed a squirrel wallowing through the grass. There was no snares or spring in his step, just a lethargic walk. Needless to say, this was no ordinary squirrel. What once was a fit and trim scavenger of the wild was now transformed into a giant ball of fluff and fur. I know nuts are fatty, but I had never seen a squirrel that obese. Other squirrels have since followed suit. They are packing on the pounds for the terror that lies ahead.

Unfortunately, it’s beginning to look a lot like winter.

With the end of the home football season and start of spring registration, time has begun to spiral into the vortex of lost days leading into the depths of winter and, consequently, misery. Mother nature is doing plenty to usher out the warm weather too. Leaves are falling from trees. Frost is blanketing the grass. Icy winds have begun to sweep through the Bend.

Why then is it necessary for us to facilitate the process? Each time I walk into Starbucks I cringe. The coffee cups and holiday music lingering in the atmosphere are a little too much for me to handle. The radio waves are jammed with “Jingle Bells” and “Oh, Christmas Tree.” It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Give me a break.

Don’t get me wrong, I am a definite supporter of wintry season. I would like to preserve my last days of my football season experience through the sky.

My serial lies where I lie—on the quad, that is, on those warm and sunny days looking at the sky. Let me have those last days, for the winter will be long and brutal.

Squirrel season is peak playing outside and wearing shorts and sandals.

Make these days last and fight off winter until the bitter end.

Garrett Bassett
Junior
off campus

“Martha Stewart.”

Monica Selak
Sophomore

“Colin Powell.”

Talia Goldman
Junior

“Lance Armstrong.”

Melody Gonzalez
Senior PE

“Alberto Gonzalez. Bush’s nominee for Attorney General.”

Robby Davidson
Senior Fisher

Zach Giles
Senior Alumni

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GIVE A FIRESIDE CHAT?

IN BRIEF

Carol Pollack, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, will speak today from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center about “How Strictly Should Corporations Be Held Accountable for Human Rights Abuses?”

Bob Sarra, a former Marine sergeant stationed in Iraq and current member of Veterans Against the War, will talk today about his Iraq experiences at 8 p.m. in 155 Doherty Hall.

International Student Services and Activities will sponsor a free showing of the film “American Born Confused Desi,” from Indian filmmaker Krutin Patel, today from 7 to 9 p.m. in 117 Doherty Hall.

Robert Catell and Kenny Moore, CEO and corporate ombudsman for KeySpan Corporation respectively will discuss “An Alternative Leadership Model for the 21st Century: Keeping Your Sanity, Sense of Humor and Soul in the Marketplace,” today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Giovanni Commons, Mendoza College of Business.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Northern Iowa today from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Notre Dame international relations professor Dan Lindsay will present Thursday on the topic “Is War Rational?” at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Melissa Ward at mward@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Nov. 15 issue of The Observer, Wake Forest football coach Dave Doeren’s name was misspelled and Wake Forest Athletic Director Hayden Rosenthal was misidentified as Tony Ross. The Observer regrets the error.
Philosophy professor dies after long illness

By KATE GALES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Philip Quinn, a philosophy professor at Notre Dame, died Saturday at St. Joseph's Medical Center after a long illness. He was 64.

"He was a true intellectual, and he would always take whenever he was in the conversation with seriously," said Gretchen Heydams-Schils, a concurrent associate professor with the philosophy department. "He was an absolutely brilliant man, but he didn't have a whim of showboying about him.

Quinn, who specialized in the philosophy of religion, was educated at the Notre Dame philosophy department in 1985. He is survived by two sisters, Barbara Lucas of Wilmington, Del., and Elizabeth Hogen of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born in Long Branch, N.J., on June 22, 1940. He was an undergraduate at Georgetown University and graduated in 1962, then spent a year at Belgium's University of Louvain. Quinn earned a master's degree in physics from the University of Delaware in 1966 and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh in the following three years.

He then joined the faculty of Brown University's philosophy department, where he was appointed to the William Herbert Perry Faunce Professorship in 1982 before coming to Notre Dame three years later.

"He was both a highly accomplished scholar and a real community person ... and that's a huge loss," Heydams-Schils said. "He was very witty — kind of low-key humor, great moral integrity and wasn't afraid to speak on issues he felt were right.

Quinn authored over 100 articles and reviews in a variety of philosophical journals. He published "The Divine Commands and Moral Requirements" and "The Philosophical Challenges of Religious Diversity." Additionally, Quinn co-edited "A Companion to Philosophy of Religion."

In the past two decades, Quinn was named to a number of leadership positions in the American Philosophical Association, most notably president of its Central Division and chair of the National Board of Officers. In 2003, Quinn was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Heydams-Schils noted that Quinn was a "remarkable ally" for women students and professors in the philosophy department.

"He was very visible and he was very present in the intellectual community," Heydams-Schils said. "He was very generous in his conversations with people.

A funeral Mass will be held today at 4:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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BOG

Execs address upcoming events

By KELLY MEEHAN

Saint Mary's College Board of Governors met Monday to discuss upcoming events and issues, including the student body president's annual "State of the School" address.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White called the meeting to order by informing the board that she will deliver the address Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Haggard Parlor. White said she would address her future goals for the College and what she has accomplished thus far in her term.

Members also discussed various diversity initiatives.

Student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran reported that the Social Work 390 class asked the board for $56 to put on an Ethnic Festival, which will be held in the West Wing of Noble Family dining hall today from 5 to 7 p.m. with the goal of further educating Saint Mary's students about diversity.

"I think that this is a really great thing in light of the forum and race diversity issues pressing our campus," Moran said.

Student Diversity Board commissioner Adriana Puente reported that she is currently accepting applications for available positions on SDB.

"Our numbers are really dwindling due to many of our members going abroad," Puente said.

SDB will also be volunteering at a food bank this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Puente or any other SDB member.

In other BOG news:

* Student Activities Board will be having a meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m., which will be open to the entire student body. They will then hold a second meeting at 8 p.m. for students to give feedback on SAB sponsored events. Both meetings will be held in 222 Madeleva Hall.

* "SAB's mission is quality programming for the student body, and although we have heard things about our events we have never gotten direct any direct feedback from students. This will be an opportunity for us to do so."

* SAB commissioner Lauren Fabina said.

* BOG Campus food commissioner Becky Hanson highlighted the board's work in placing linen table clothes and votives on the tables in the dining hall Dec. 8 in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

"I think this is a great way to commemorate the day," Hanson said, adding that the results of the dining hall's survey of the student body's thoughts on campus foods and policies will be available in a week. Hanson said she would be prepared to share those results with the Board at the next meeting.

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CROSSING OVER

American students and African students share reflections on their Cross-Cultural experiences

Wednesday, November 17, 6pm, Coleman-Morse Center Lounge

Dinner Provided

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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

ND Symphonic Band and Winds
Wednesday, November 17 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
Free and open to the public

ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra
Fall Concert
Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m.
Bach's "German Magnificat," and works by Haydn and Monteverdi
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chamber.html
Leighton Concert Hall
Free and open to the public

Student Chamber Music Concert
Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m.
Penrose Performers Hall
Free and open to the public

ND University Band
Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m.
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ND Jazz Bands
Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m.
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ND Collegium Musicum
Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/collegium.html
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Free and open to the public

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Empire Brass Christmas Concert
Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/empire.shtml
North America's finest brass ensemble, The Empire Brass, share their brilliant virtuosity and unparalleled diversity in a celebration of Christmas in the Leighton Concert Hall. The ensemble greets the season with a mix of favorite Christmas music through the ages. There will even be a sing along.
Tickets $44, $35 faculty/staff, $15 all students

The Chief Tains
Sunday, January 30 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/chieftains.shtml
Leighton Concert Hall
The first word in Irish music is the Chief Tains. In 1969 the Republic of Ireland appointed them the official musical ambassadors for Ireland. They have exported Irish music to every corner of the world and finally they come to Notre Dame. Their appearance is far overdue. There are a lot of groups who play traditional Celtic music, but they all owe a great debt to the Chief Tains who paved the way for them. There are few concert experiences as completely fulfilling as an evening spent in their company.
Tickets $48, $38 faculty/staff, $15 all students

I CENTO PASSI (The Hundred Steps)
[Italy, 2000]
Thursday, November 18
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies
In the Sicilian seaside town of Cinisi, Luigi Impastato (Luigi Maria Burruano) works for Mafia chief Don Gaetano Badalamenti (Tony Sperandeo). When Luigi's rebellious son Peppino (Luigi la Cascia) develops a conscience he starts a private radio station and exposes Badalamenti as a Mafia boss. Peppino's revelations initiate a chain of violence that reaches its climax in the lead-up to local elections in which Peppino has declared his intention to run for office. Based on a true story.

EXPERIMENTAL "POETIC" FILMS
(110 minutes)
Friday, November 19
Featuring works of Henry Hills, Stan Brakhage, The Brothers Quay, Marcel Duchamp and more.

GARDEN STATE
[93 minutes]
Saturday, November 20
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
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-Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE
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U.S. Bishops elect new president
WASHINGTON — America's Roman Catholic bishops chose on Monday President Bush's second term, a starkly different look from President Bush's second-term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly has a high-water mark for stability, known for his moderate views and unembellished reputation. Powell was picked in 2000 to become the first African-American secretary of state in the nation's history, in a cabinet that promises a starkly different look from President Bush's second-term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly has a high-water mark for stability.

In a statement, Bush called Powell "one of the great public servants of our nation." Still, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman recommended Bush for the seat of the administration's top public servant. He was widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomatic job despite reports that he intends to return to California — she was provost at Stanford University — or was hoping to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

Most of the speculation on a successor to Powell has centered on Rice, who is generally seen as more hawkish and is one of Bush's closest advisers. She is widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomatic job despite reports that she intends to return to California — she was provost at Stanford University — or was hoping to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary. Rice has been named as a likely replacement.

Secretary of State Colin Powell announced his resignation from the Cabinet Monday, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice has been named as a likely replacement.
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Also getting involved with the ROTC project are the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Republicans and Democrats. The two groups have each day planned for Seniors on campus, the weekly Saint Mary's College Republicans. This is great, but there is very limited parking.

According to Ivatan and Baran, the solution to this problem can be found with the cooperation of Transpo, which Istvan praised for its cleanliness and affordability. Transpo, which Istvan said, "is a jewel. and they can't get to it on the weekends," he said. For students on campus, the University Transportation Service (UTS) is better, but there is very limited parking.

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FDA orders Viagra to pull tv ad

Pfizer Inc. cannot air ‘Wild Thing’ ad because it fails to disclose known risks

WASHINGTON — The government has sued Pfizer Inc. to yank cheeky television ads that promised better sex for men taking Viagra because they failed to disclose that the drug is associated with the, according to a letter released on Monday.

"The TV ads omit the indication for the drug (namely, treatment of erectile dysfunction) and fail to provide information to patients regarding the major side effects and contraindications of the drug, as required," Christine l. H. Klos, chief Drug Administration regulatory review officer, informed Pfizer in a letter posted on the agency's Web site.

"Remember that guy who used to be called 'Wild Thing'?" the ad says as a middle-aged couple shop, looking in the window of a lingerie store. "The guy who wanted to spend the entire honeymoon indoors?" Later, blue horns sprout from the frisky man's head with "He's back" written on his forehead. "The horn morphs into the letter 'V' of Viagra."

"The TV ads claim that Viagra will provide a return to a previous level of sexual desire and activities," Smith wrote to Robert B. Califf, Pfizer's vice president. "FDA is not aware of substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience demonstrating this benefit for patients who take Viagra."

Smith wrote that Pfizer's most recent removal of the TV ad clip from its Web site, and is "in the spirit of the TV ads, said spokes­man Daniel Watts.

Pfizer also is drafting a formal reply to the FDA's letter, posted Monday on the world wide web, Watts said, to ensure the company complies with the

Associated Press

Marvel sues over trademark characters

LOS ANGELES — Marvel Enterprises Inc. is suing two firms behind a computer superhero role-playing game it claims allows players to make virtual characters that are too similar to its own. "The Hulk," "X-Men" and other heroes in the comic book company's stable.

The lawsuit claims South Korea-based NCSOFT Corp. and San Jose-based Stormrise Inc. violated Marvel's trademark characters in their game "City of Heroes." Marvel seeks unspecified damages and an injunction against the two companies to stop using its characters.

The personal computer game enables players to design superheroes' look and abilities and then battle against other players' characters in a virtual city. Like similar so-called massively multiplayer role-playing games where thousands of players can be playing simultaneously at any given time, "City of Heroes" claims to offer a myriad of combinations so that no two players' characters are exactly the same.

But in its lawsuit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, Marvel argues that the game's character creation engine easily allows players to design characters that are virtual copies of its own superheroes, including "The Incredible Hulk.

The company singles out a game feature for creating "a gigantic, green, 'science-based tanker'-type hero that moves and behaves nearly identically" to the "Hulk." Players can also create a "mutant-based" hero powers and a costume nearly identical to Marvel's "Wolverine," according to the suit.

The New York-based company also took issue with the ability of players to go as far as to name their superhero creations after Marvel comic book characters.

Marvel claims the firm's are responsible because the game is played on servers operated by the companies, raising the question of whether a company is responsible for their customers' actions on its computer server.
Afafurudin, like Gaffney, also blamed Israel and its conservative Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for many of the problems Palestinians have faced during the peace process. "Sharon's government has not exactly been over-eager to participate in these talks either," said Afafurudin.

"The odds against a settlement are pretty high. Israel's structural opposition to the formation of a Palestinian state is very great."

Patrick Gaffney
Professor

Afafurudin described sanctions and terrorism as "forms for every possible assault on Israeli territory and civilians. We don't want to deal with him because he doesn't control the people."

"It's with an example the Sharon-led killing of Palestinians in Lebanon that occurred in 1992. We did not invade them; they invaded us. We did not kill them; they killed us. We did not make them a pariah upon them; they made a pariah upon us," he said.

The rigidity of the Israeli government has nullified any positive effect Arafat's death might have on the peace process, Hamad added.

"His death will not make any difference because the problem is not with Palestinian leaders. It's with the Israeli leaders."

Mohammad Hamad
Student

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Israel\n
Official offers conciliatory gesture

Israel withdrawal from Gaza contingent on terrorist crackdown

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Monday offered its first indication it was reassessing relations with the Palestinians after Yasser Arafat's death, suggesting it might coordinate a planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip if the Palestinian Authority cleans up its act.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had previously refused to negotiate the "unilateral disengagement plan" with Arafat, insisting that he was responsible for four years of fighting. Arafat's death opened up what many leaders believe is a crucial opportunity to revive the Middle East peace process by clearing the way for a more moderate leadership.

If leaders emerge who are willing to stem the violence, Israel is prepared to coordinate the plan to move troops and 8,800 Jewish settlers out of the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements. Israeli officials said Monday. Such coordination is considered critical to avoid a chaotic transition.

"Israel has every interest that Gaza will be ruled in a responsible manner when redeployment takes place," Sharon told a conference of North American Jews in Cleveland. "If the new leadership on the Palestinian side does not command, then we will be able to consider coordinating aspects of the 'day after' with them."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Ickeey confirmed Sharon's comments constituted a "new policy."

Israel's security establishment is currently examining ways to work with Palestinian security forces to hand them control of the Gaza Strip when Israel withdraws, senior Israeli officials said Monday on condition of anonymity. The negotiations would be discussed with Sharon in an upcoming meeting of senior officials on the matter, the officials said.

Israeli and Palestinian officials alike have expressed concern about an evacuation from Gaza that is not coordinated would bring chaos to the Gaza Strip, where militant groups have been vying for control in recent months.

In a sign of the uncertainty, shots were fired in Gaza on Sunday as Mahmoud Abbas, a leading candidate in Palestinian elections on Jan. 9, attended a ceremony opening a mountain road to Arafat. Two security guards were killed, and fears were raised that the violence could spiral.

A cease-fire by Palestinian militant organizations is a central Israeli condition for the coordination of the Gaza pullout plan, a senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity. Israel also expects the Palestinians to disarm the groups, stop anti-Israeli incitement and implement security and financial reforms, the official said.

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Associated Press

VIENNA — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency Monday endorsed Iran's offer to suspend all uranium enrichment within a week, the key element of a deal worked out with European countries.

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The next few weeks will prove to be interesting to say the least with recent shakeups within the Bush administration cabinet. As for liberal pundits still sore over the election, the firing range is now open for you to take pot shots at the administration. Being a survivor myself of the Clinton years, I understand it will provide some much needed therapy. However, in all seriousness, these changes in controversial policy arenas will have very important implications on the U.S. agenda of the next few years.

Monday morning, it was confirmed Secretary of State Colin Powell is on his way out. According to the Associated Press, he still plans to continue work on the Middle East and North Korea until a successor can be named. Possible successors reportedly include National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Dick Lugar. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has also expressed interest in the job, but critics seem to slim none to that such a controversial figure will be appointed as Secretary of State.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Secretary of Education Rod Paige, Secretary of Commerce Don Evans and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham are also on the way out. Controversy and stressful conflicts over policy have been the norm in all of these offices. In agriculture, the controversies over genetically engineered foods has heated up over the past four years. The Department of Education has had its hands full quarreling over details and funding for the No Child Left Behind Act. Evans has also had his hands full in dealing with the World Trade Organization, outsourcing and the continuing U.S. trade deficit.

While other columns may focus on some obvious differences of opinion within Bush’s cabinet, I believe there are other more simple explanations for the departures. These explanations run contrary to the hypothesis of Bush haters who will use this as vindication for their own biases. The most compelling I believe is the sheer workload these jobs must have carried over the past four years. Although we have not even begun the second term of the administration, these people are exhausted. To use a baseball analogy, they have all pitched a hard fought eight-inning game. Imagine for a moment what Powell’s day-to-day schedule must have been like. Placing yourself in his shoes, what would your plan be to lead the foreign policy of the United States? So, beginning in 2000, you must deal with North Korea, Iran, Iraq, the United Nations, as well as reviewing the successes and failures Clinton’s foreign policy in a Post-Cold War world. No, that doesn’t seem like enough to keep you busy.

Let’s add the first Secretary of Continental United States by a foreign power since the War of 1812, organizing an international coalition to deal with Afghanistan and a galactic war on terror. That doesn’t keep you busy, now how about proving to a skeptical world why intervention is needed in Iraq as half the Security Council stands to benefit from the continuation of the status quo and the eventual oil costs since sanctions are lifted? At the same time, you and the Defense Secretary are at war with Iran and Iraq, the United Nations, North Korea, Haiti and the Sudan. Why intervention is needed in Iraq as a controversial figure will be appointed as Secretary of State.

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Elephants on parade

America has spoken, hopefully with better grammar than her president, who has won a second term in office. For many Americans, George W. Bush's victory represents the triumph of family values and Texas home cooking over marauding bands of liberals, formed from alliances between gays and gulls in the heads of the elderly. For others, the election outcome represents an attempt by John Kerry to demonstrate his pretense at social responsibility, multilateralism in foreign policy or a good vocabulary. Exchanging sarcasm for melodrama, this election has been one of the more depressing events of my lifetime. (Give me a break. I grew up in the suburbs.)

America has shown her preference for the black and white, and I'm not talking about her alleged fondness for Michael Jackson songs. The nuanced position of those who, like John Kerry, have expressed a more nuanced position in favor of the right to marry, which was much more likely to stir up the ire of the religious right. He was a proud, self-made, high horse, and pose by my ranch in various ads, in order to falsely imply that sanctioning a civil union would be a monumental sacrifice of our sacred values and personal liberties. Karl Rove's evangelical vote came through, in droves and on buses, making their mark at the polls.

I don't want to pretend that there are no positives to four more years of Bush. He does have a great haircut. He may also be able to implement important medical liability reforms, alleviating doctors' insurance premiums, and so lowering the costs of medical procedures for all Americans. Whether or not he accomplish this task remains to be seen.

Over the next four years, Bush has the opportunity to validate the choice of conservatives in this country. He also has the option of giving me a great chance to say, "I told you so"! I never claimed to be mature. So far, I'll try not to lambaste him too much. Attorney General John Ashcroft has resigned, which can only be for the good of the nation. Whether his replacement, Alberto Gonzales, who described the Geneva Conventions as "obsolete" when referencing atrocities at Abu Ghraib, will prove to be a part of that. (To make life easier for out­

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**DVD GUIDE**

A beginner’s guide to DVD, part 2

**Special editions and more**

By BRIAN DOXTADER

**Scene Writer**

DVD has been commercially available for nearly a decade and has revolutionized the home theater market. Yet, just as with any burgeoning phenomenon, there can be confusion and complication; the back of a DVD case can contain countless terms like Aspect Ratio, Dolby Digital, and Regional DVD. For many, it is difficult to understand what is worth purchasing and what is not. Hopefully, this guide will demystify many of the more confusing features of the video market.

**Special Features**

Special features have become ubiquitous on DVDs. They usually take seven distinct forms: commentary, documentaries and/or advertising spots, audio commentaries (usually from actors, directors, writers or a combination of the three) are separate sound tracks that can be played over the film. Usually, they consist of the participant giving insight into the making of the film. Some of these running commentaries are revelatory, especially on David Fincher films (“Sniff: ‘Fight Club’) or James Cameron films (“Aliens,” “Terminator 2: Judgment Day”) where the director gives great perspective into the filmmaking process. On older films, commentaries tend to be by film historians or critics, as in the case of Roger Ebert’s commentaries (“Casablanca,” “Citizen Kane”) or Paul Schrader’s commentaries (“Unforgiven,” “Once Upon a Time in the West”). These commentaries and making-of featurettes range in quality as well. The quality of those that depend on the DVD producer. In the case of well-known producers such as Van Ling (“Indiana Jones: The Greater Good”) or Walter Salles’s commentaries (“Kill Bill”), viewers are treated to a wealth of detail. In the case of poorly made documentaries, the information provided is often difficult to follow and is of little value.

**Audio supplements**

Audio supplements are also available, either as part of a special edition or as a no-frills edition as well as lavish special editions such as “Almost Famous” or the Alien Quadrilogy Box Set.

**Special Editions**

Special editions generally include a featurette of the director’s cut. The sequel takes both of those traits and doubles them in volume and quality. However, “Halo 2” shines the most with its multiplayer mode, where the original left its mark on the gaming world. The multiplayer has all the features of the previous game and then some. The appreciated cooperative mode has made a return, making the higher difficulties accessible to all.

**by MARK BEMENDERFER and SARAH VARULAS**

**News Columnist**

Mark: One hundred twenty-five million dollars. That is how much “Halo 2” earned in the first 24 hours after it was released. That roughly translates into “Halo 2” pulling in around $5 million every hour. After 2 years of waiting and an incredible amount of hype, it is finally here. The question is, is it worth it? The answer is a resounding yes. The game is quite literally jaw-dropping, both in graphics and gameplay. Encountering the towering Covenant Scarab tank, and subsequently taking it down is an experience unique before seen in a video game. It looks and feels like it was pulled straight from a movie.

The single-player campaign is filled with moments that could have been lifted straight from a Hollywood blockbuster. The scale of the war is vast. Seeing numerous enemy tanks and vehicles fighting with opposing forces is quite common. The original “Halo” was known for its huge levels, and varied enemies. The sequel takes both of these traits and doubles them in volume and quality.
Game blows away predecessor, competition

If you own an Xbox, you must own this game. It's that simple. While adding Xbox Live to the list of things you must have is not necessary, it is a feature that furthers this game beyond a gamer's wildest dreams. Having the ability to play fellow fans across the globe in combat or "King of the Hill" or "Capture the Flag" is a rush that cannot be duplicated. After playing matchmade games — the typical killing multiplayer battles — gamers can even go online to bungie.com and look at their world rank, something which could drive the fanatic insane in efforts to be ranked.

"Halo 2" is sold in two versions — the standard edition and Limited Collector's Edition for the dedicated fans for a mere $5 more. This version includes an extra disc, packed with bonus content in a sturdy, silver metal box.

Campaign mode has been revamped and starts out significantly more difficult than in the original "Halo." It is much more exciting and challenging. "Halo 2" even has a strategy book available to give tips and help guide the Master Chief through the ships and terrain to achieve his goal.

While campaign mode is amazing to play by oneself, "Halo" was most popular for the multiplayer mode, which in "Halo 2" is worth even more excitement and glory. There are more maps to play and more weapons, making this multiplayer experience incredible. Who doesn't want to go around killing their fellow fans across the globe in combat or "King of the Hill"? It's a rush that cannot be duplicated. After playing multiplayer battles — garners can even go online to bungie.com and look at their world rank, something which could drive the fanatic insane in efforts to be ranked.

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**MLB**

Bonds earns his seventh NL MVP award

At 40 years-old, he is the oldest player to win the award

 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds won his record seventh NL MVP award in a walk.

Capping a season of suspicion and success, the San Francisco Giants' star fielder became the oldest player to win the award. The 40-year-old received 24 first-place votes and 407 points Monday in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to clinch the award for the fourth straight season.

Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 313 points, and Los Angeles first baseman Albert Pujols was third with one first and 247 points. St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen got the other first-place vote and finished fourth, followed by teammate Jim Edmonds.

Bonds is the only player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell was previously the oldest to win it, sharing the 1979 NL award with Keith Hernandez at 39 1/2.

Among the four major North American professional sports, he trails only the NFL's Wayne Gretzky, who won nine MVPs. In the NBA, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leads with six.

Bonds became only the third player, along with Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, to win MVPs after the stars of their storied careers.

His personal trainer has been indicted for illegal distribution of steroids, but Bonds has denied using illegal steroids.

Bonds' season was unparallelized statistically. He hit .362, won his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record he set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season, and his 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, also set by Bonds in 2002.

Bonds .812 slugging percentage led the major leagues for the fourth straight season but fell short of the record he set at .863 in 2001. He hit 45 homers and matched Aaron's NL record of eight 40-homer seasons, trailing only Ruth's major league mark of 11. He also became the first player in major league history with 13 consecutive 30-homer seasons.

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**NBA**

LeBron soars as Cavaliers move above .500

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is playing for an NBA winner. Around here, that’s something new.

James scored 20 points with 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers moved over .500 for the first time in more than three years with their fourth straight win, 99-88 over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

Z y o m n u s h i t 16 points — 10 in the fourth quarter — for the Cavaliers (4-3), who hadn’t had a winning record since Jan. 12, 2001, when they were 17-16.

James was a high school standout back then, but now he’s the NBA’s reigning rookie of the year, player of the week and league-leading scorer.

“That doesn’t mean a thing,” James said of the Cavaliers’ winning mark. “It’s the early season, so we can’t be worrying about that. We’ve got to win a lot more.”

But after losing 52, 55, 65 and 47 games the past four seasons with little more to look forward to than the NBA lottery, being above .500 was worth celebrating.

“It means a lot more to me,” Cavs coach Paul Silas said. “We’re one game over .500 and we just have to keep this thing rolling.

“I had a bunch of points on Cleveland’s decisive fourth-quarter spurt that helped the Cavaliers open a six-point lead and put the Warriors away.

This was the type of game that a year ago the Cavaliers probably would have lost.

“Ain’t no question,” James said. “I’m not sure why, but we would have.”

The Cavaliers were passive on offense in the first half, relying on jump shots and getting to the free-throw line just twice. But they got more aggressive after halftime, driving hard to the hoop and attempting 26 free throws.

“We came together during a timeout in the third quarter and talked about keeping the energy,” said forward Drew Gooden, who added 13 rebounds.

“That’s what allowed us to pull away,” Gooden said.

Jason Richardson matched a season high with 27 points for Golden State, which was within 84-81 with 7:50 to play on Derek Fisher’s 3-pointer.

Houston 80, New Jersey 69

Irrate at the way his team started the game, Jeff Van Gundy moved a muscle.

The Rockets went on to win 80-69.

Van Gundy was only mildly satisfied with the victory, lamenting how Yao Ming had been out in the two games Tracy McGrady missed prior to this one because of an injury.

Yao was in foul trouble most of the night and scored just six points. McGrady had 14, while James Jackson scored a season-high 18 and Taylor added 12.

Houston snapped a two-game losing streak and sent the San Antonio Spurs to their first six games in a row.

For a second straight season, Yao had an off game, and he scored Houston’s winning basket with 20.02 seconds to go.

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Titan lose Williams due to torn knee ligament

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee strong safety Williams will miss the rest of the season after an MRI exam Monday confirmed he had torn left knee ligaments, and tackle Brad Hopkins will miss at least one game and possibly three with broken bones in his right hand.

These latest injuries mean the Titans, who already had lost four players for the season, will be without six starters for Sunday's game against Jacksonville.

"It's been par for the course this year," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth also will be out with damage to his right elbow.

Williams had started 41 straight regular-season games since being drafted in the second round in 2002. The Titans will be without both starting safeties, because Lance Schulters has not played since hurting his left foot Sept. 26.

Fisher said Williams will have surgery on his ACL within the next week to 10 days.

The Titans may seek a second opinion for Hopkins, the Pro Bowler who has started 171 of 177 games since being drafted in the first round in 1993. Fisher said the tackle will need to have a plate inserted and possibly some screws to fix his hand.

If Hopkins is able to return, he would have to play with his hand in a cast.

Veteran Jason Mathews will start. Right tackle Fred Miller is nursing a sore ankle on one offensive line that has featured rookie Jacob Bell at left guard since Week 2. The Titans also checked on free agent Linsey Lister, a tackle who can start.


"I love Kordell, but I don't want to see him back there putting a whole lot more, even though he did a great job for us," Billick said.

Cornerback Chris McAllister (shoulde numbness) and left guard Edwin Mulitalo (broken toe) hope to be ready for Dallas.

Green Bay

Ahman Green looks like his old self again and so do the Packers. It's no coincidence the tailback's re-emergence has coincided with the Packers' four-game winning streak that has propelled them into a first-place tie atop the NFC North with Minnesota at 5-4.

In the monthlong losing streak, Green, bothered by a sore Achilles' tendon after wearing cleats that were too small during an August scrimmage, gained just 286 yards rushing and never reached the end zone. In the monthlong winning streak, he's rushed for 459 yards and four touchdowns and he's thrown for a TD on a kick return.

And after fumbling four times in the first five games, Green hasn't put the ball on the ground for a month.

On Sunday, Green, who played the second half with a bruised left knee, switched the ball from his left arm to his right toward the end of a 35-yard run, his longest in a 145-yard performance that helped the Packers beat Minnesota 34-31.

Switching hands is second nature to most NFL running backs. It's big news when Green does it.

Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher, middle right, signals for a safety after Tennessee recovered a fumbled ball in the end zone during overtime on Sunday. Chicago defeated Tennessee 19-17.

The Packers had just about given up on trying to get their enigmatic tailback to switch hands after previous attempts only led to more mistakes.

"If he's not in traffic and he is clean and he is not about to get hit and he feels comfortable with that transition, he's going to try to do that more often," coach Mike Sherman said Monday.

"But in traffic, he's going to cover up.

"We've asked him to protect the football. This is something that he worked out where he feels comfortable. I never wanted to make him do something that was awkward for him."

Minnesota

Randy Moss will probably miss at least one more game. The All-Pro receiver hasn't caught a pass in a month because of a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday that Moss is progressing well, but won't be allowed to play again until he completes a week of practice. The Vikings (5-4) have lost three straight, although Daunte Culpepper passed for 345 yards without Moss in a 34-31 defeat at Green Bay.

Tice said he doubted Moss would be ready to play this Sunday against Detroit, but a return for the Nov. 28 game against Jacksonville is "more than likely."
Falcons starting to pick up as season progresses

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pick just about any other season in their mostly lamentable existence, and the Falcons probably would have fallen apart at a moment like this.

They had scooped up a fumble and returned it for an apparent touchdown, only to have the officials take it away. Suddenly, the Falcons' defense was back on the field, deep in its territory and trying to stop Tampa Bay from converting fourth-and-less than 1. What transpired over the next four plays was the most convincing evidence yet that these aren't the same Falcons.

The defense stuffed Michael Pittman for a 4-yard loss, giving the ball back to Atlanta. After an incomplete pass, T.J. Duckett broke off a 21-yard run. Then Michael Vick spotted Alge Crumpler breaking free down the middle, an overmatched linebacker in futile pursuit. A perfectly thrown pass by Vick and a feathery catch by Crumpler resulted in a 49-yard touchdown.

This time it counted. Game over.

Yep, the Falcons seem to have found something. A gritty resilience that bridges the fine line between championships and mediocrity.

"You prove it and you emphasize it, but until you get yourself in a situation where you have to prove it, it's just words," coach Jim Mora said Monday. "I think our team has been able to prove it to themselves and to others that we have resiliency and we have resolve."

Indeed, the Falcons (7-2) have a comfortable three-game lead in the NFC South largely because they've been able to bounce back from times of hardship. A 24-14 victory over the Buccaneers was just the latest example.

After their first loss, at home against Detroit, the Falcons trailed San Diego by 10 going into the fourth quarter. But Vick ran for one touchdown, passed for another and ran out the clock on a 21-20 victory.

Atlanta was humiliated the next week at Kansas City, giving up an NFL-record eight touchdowns rushing in a 56-10 loss. Looking like a team on the ropes as they headed to Denver, the Falcons were burned for a season-high 567 yards, but still cruised to a 41-28 victory.

Now, this.

The Falcons scored on their first three possessions Sunday for a 17-0 lead, then went into hibernation. The next six possessions produced no first downs and a grand total of 14 yards. The Buccaneers rallied, scoring a pair of touchdowns and driving into position for the game's first score — or at least a tying field goal — early in the fourth quarter.

But give credit to Mora, a rookie coach who had handled his first team like he's been doing it for years. He's been preaching since the earliest days of training camp to keep looking forward, not back. For a franchise that's won only two division titles in its 39-year history, that's not always easy to do. But the message seems to be getting through.

"You build on it," Mora said. "It becomes a feeling of confidence, I think, that our guys have. No matter what happens, we've got a chance if we just keep plugging away and keep believing in what we're doing."

This was a true leap of faith. The Bucs had third-and-1 at the Atlanta 28 when the craziness began.

Pittman was stopped short of the first down, and Travis Hall stripped the ball loose. Chris Draft scooped it up, was tripped by a teammate, got back up and ran some 60 yards for an apparent touchdown.

The officials didn't signal anything at first, but finally decided that Pittman's forward progress was stopped before he fumbled. Mora argued the call vehemently, but acknowledged after the game that the officials sorted things out correctly.

"He was going back when the ball came out," Mora said. "It looked discombobulated, but the officials made the right call."

The Atlanta defense didn't have time to whine. Bucs coach Jon Gruden sent his offense back on the field, deciding to go for it on fourth down — his team needed less than a yard — rather than attempt a field goal.

"The great thing about this team is when we are faced with tough times that's when we turn it up," linebacker Keith Brooks said. "That's when you find out a lot about your team."

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**NFL**

Philadelphia Eagles receiver Todd Pinkston pulls the ball away from Dallas Cowboys cornerback Jacques Reeves. The play resulted in a touchdown for Philadelphia en route to a 49-23 win.

**Eagles destroy Dallas in Texas Stadium**

Associated Press

HIRVING, Texas — Donovan McNabb spun away from one would-be tackler and sprinted to his right, only to find another defender waiting. So he went back to his left, chased by two more players, and finally heaved the ball, letting loose a 60-yard pass that looked more like a punt.

Freddie Mitchell ran under it for an easy catch, of course. The way the Philadelphia Eagles were rolling against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, it seemed they could do no wrong.

McNabb led Philadelphia to six touchdowns, throwing three of them to Terrell Owens, and topped them all with his amazing improvisation, when Lito Sheppard added a 101-yard interception return for one final score, helping the Eagles resoundingly bounce back from their first loss of the season with a 49-21 victory over the reeling Cowboys.

The Eagles' (8-1) quickly made it known that they still should be considered the midseason favorite to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl by scoring 35 points in the first half — more than they'd scored in any game this season — and wound up with their most points since beating St. Louis 52-10 in November 1981. McNabb was 15-of-28 for 345 yards, with four TD passes and no interceptions.

Owens caught six passes for 134 yards. Philadelphia scored touchdowns the last five times it had the ball before halftime.

There was the minor interruption of a punt, but the Cowboys (3-6) fumbled the return, adding to the humiliation of their fifth loss in six games — and their eighth in nine tries against the Eagles. Their last three losses have been 21, 23 and, now, 28 points.

This one was historically ugly as Dallas gave up its most points ever at home and its most anywhere since a 50-24 loss at Cincinnati in December 1985. The Cowboys allowed four touchdowns in one quarter (the second) for the first time in franchise history and the 35 points Philadelphia scored in the first half tied another dubious record.

Owens pretended to skate in the end zone after his first score, a 59-yarder, then playfully argued with McNabb on the sideline, mocking their confrontation from last week.

**IN BRIEF**

**Indiana State dumps coach after seven losing seasons**

TERRILL HVAE, Ind. — Tim McGaure was fired Monday after seven years without a winning record as football coach at Indiana State.

The Sycamores never won more than five games in a season since McGaure became coach in 1998. He was the team's defensive coordinator for five years before that.

"This is one of the unfortunate realities of intercollegiate athletics," athletic director Andrea Myers said. "All of our head coaches have specific experience expectations, and they are addressed as part of their annual evaluations. Regrettably, those expectations have not been met."

McGuire, who played at Nebraska, was defensive coordinator at Kansas State and Northern Illinois. He also was an assistant at Navy and was head coach for two years at Morningside, a Division II college in Sioux City, Iowa.

His teams at Indiana State were 24-55, including 7-7 this season.

**Lawrence North hoisting favored to repeat state title**

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawrence North's defending champion Wildcats are feeling the pressure already.

With 7-foot Greg Oden among those returning starters, Lawrence North was picked No. 1 Monday in the Associated Press Class 4A pre-season basketball poll. The vote by a statewide media panel was unanimous.

"We are a marked team now. Every game will be a battle," coach Jack Keefe said.

The Wildcats also finished in the No. 1 ranking last season, when they wound up 29-2 with a 50-29 rout of Columbia City for the championship.

"This is not the same team that won the state, but they will have to play an outstanding game each Friday because of our ranking and the fact that we are defending state champ," Keefe said.

Indianapolis Pike, which finished third last season, was voted No. 2 in the pre-season poll.

**Manning to start for Giants Sunday against Atlanta**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning has replaced Kurt Warner as the New York Giants' starting quarterback.

Coach Tom Coughlin made the move Monday after Warner and the offense struggled for the second consecutive week in a 17-14 loss to the Cardinals in Arizona. The Giants (6-4) have lost three of their last four games after a 4-1 start.

"Manning, the top pick in this year's draft and the brother of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, will face the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday at Giants Stadium.

"He is the future of the New York Giants, it just starts now," Coughlin said of Manning, who lost a close training camp competition with Warner for the starting job.

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After ankle surgery, Hill hospitalized for staph infection

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Not yet in uniform, Grant Hill rolled up the sleeve of his dress shirt to reveal a scar running from the back of his left elbow to the top of his triceps.

This is the scar, created by doctors removing skin and arteries to patch the incision on his left ankle, that made Hill push back his comeback and think about life and death, not just running and jumping.

The untold story of Hill’s comeback from four ankle operations is the staph infection that came afterward, hospitalizing him for a week and forcing him out of intravenous antibiotics for six months.

In the first year and a half after surgery, Hill is finally comfortable discussing a scary unplanned downturn in his career.

“I didn’t like to talk about it, and the team kept quiet about it,” said Hill, whose ankle problems transformed one of the NBA’s most promising young stars into its most famous gimmick.

But the ankle was only part of the problem after the infection set in. Staph infections can kill, and Hill’s condition was severe enough that it took six months of treatment with the strongest antibiotics available to rid his body of the bacteria.

“As time goes by, I’m more comfortable talking about it,” Hill told the Associated Press on Sunday. “But I look at it as a blessing because it forced me to slow down and really say ‘Let’s get this thing right.’”

Five days after Hill underwent a major surgical procedure in March, 2003, in which doctors re-fractured his ankle and realigned it with his leg bone, he developed a 104.5-degree fever and convulsions.

His wife, Tamia, rushed him by taxi to the hospital.

“When we both saw the reaction of the people at the hospital, we knew there was something wrong,” Hill said.

Doctors removed the splint around his ankle and discovered the incision was infected. Hill had developed red and black welts on his leg, and the shaking and convulsions progressed to the point where he orderlies had to hold him down.

“I was in the living room and his teeth were chattering, and I thought he was just being overly dramatic, like he was a bad actor or something, but he was truly delirious,” Tamia said in a telephone interview. “We got to the hospital and they took him in on a stretcher.

“It was bad, and I don’t think we realized even then how bad it was.”

Luckily, the infection hadn’t spread to the bone.

Hill’s slow recuperation, including getting booked up to an IV machine three times a day, erased any ideas he had about returning during the 2003-04 season.

Associated Press

Computers keep Oklahoma No. 2 in BCS, Auburn No. 3

Associated Press

Computers prefer Oklahoma over Auburn — and Southern Conference.

The Sooners held on to second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, staying ahead of third-place Auburn because of a stronger computer ranking.

USC is still first in the BCS standings with a grade of .9808. Oklahoma’s grade is .9621, and Auburn is third.

Last week, the Sooners led the Tigers by .0567. That lead is down to .0271.

The Trojans, Sooners and Tigers are all 10-0. Each has two games left and one loss by their conference. The Sooners and Tigers are tops in five of the six computer rankings.

“We’re in the situation we are — a tight race here, everybody thinking, and the question is, or computers,” Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

The polls each count for a third of a BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third, and according to them Oklahoma is the best team in the country.

The Sooners are tops in five of the computer rankings and second in the other. A team’s highest and lowest computer score is tossed out.

USC is second by the computers and Auburn is third.

The BCS computers were responsible for putting Oklahoma in the national title game last season after the Sooners lost the Big 12 title game and dropped to No. 3 in the polls.

A similar situation is developing.

Unless the Tigers can pull far ahead in each poll by about 60 points to make up Oklahoma’s advantage in the computers.

ECDC ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

When: November 12-22, 2004
Where: ECDC-ND and ECDC-SMC (ECDC-ND is located on Bullo Road across from O’Hara Grace Residences, ECDC-SCMC is located in Havican Hall on the Saint Mary’s Campus)

What: Scholastic Book Fair with a wide selection of quality children’s books for preschoolers through upper elementary grades, including chapter books. Cookbooks and other books great for families are also available for purchase.

How: Come and check out the wide selection of quality books available. Pay by cash, check or credit card.

Why: SUPPORT ECDC! Great holiday gifts. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of educational materials.

Volleyball vs. Northern Iowa

Tuesday, October 16th
7 PM @ the Joyce Center

First 500 fans receive a Lena Cluness nesting doll sponsored by Drive and Shine

Come out to support the Irish seniors in the last home match
Olympics

Paris favored to win 2012 Olympic bid

Associated Press

LONDON — The five cities looking to host the 2012 Summer Games submitted bids to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, entering the final stage of a long process in hopes of landing one of the biggest trophies in sports.

"The bid document itself is not enough to get you across the line, but it will make your bid better," said London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe, the Olympic 1,500-meter champi­on in 1980 and 1984. "This is what I would describe as the business of the race. You're not quite into the last lap, but you're just beginning to group at the bell."

The IOC evaluation commis­sion travels to the candidate cities early next year, and will give its recommendations to the 100-plus IOC members a month before they vote by secret ballot in Singapore on November 16.

British bookmaker Ladbrokes on Monday installed Paris as the 1-2 favorite to host its third Olympics after holding the games in 1900 and 1924. London, the 1908 and 1948 host, was at 3-1, with Madrid at 4-1, New York at 14-1 and Moscow, the 1980 host, at 33-1.

Paris has much of the infra­structure in place after hosting soccer's World Cup in 1998. "We are not overconfident but we feel due to all the work and checking that has been done and the support from the French Government, politicians, IOC members, athletes and community leaders, we think we have put together the best of France," Paris 2012 spokesman Jerome Lensfant said. London plans to regenerate a rundown area of east London, building an Olympic Park. London's bid also includes landmarks such as Wembley, the new Wembley Stadium and Hyde Park.

New York's bid is backed by U.S. Olympic Committee chair­man Peter Ueberroth, who ran the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"This city offers an outstanding combination of marketing, financial and media power that can help the games achieve a new level of global prominence," Ueberroth said Monday.

New York is anchoring its bid on a plan for a stadium on Manhattan's West Side that would be built in the New York Jets. Ueberroth touted the organization of the New York bid and the city's place on the world stage.

"New York is renowned as one of the most international cities in the world with strong ties to every nation," he said.

NFL

Houston's 49-14 loss to Indianapolis leaves team puzzled

Associated Press

HOUSTON — David Carr was reminded of those painful afternoons during his rookie season, when the expansion Houston Texans were simply fodder for the NFL's heavy­weights.

"It's been a long time since I've been beaten like this," Carr said Sunday after the Indianapolis Colts routed the Texans 49-14. "We have a long way to go.

"I've been beaten like this. We are suddenly looking less like a young team on the rise and more like the p a u n c h l e s s expansion team they were in 2002."

"In the past two weeks, Houston has lost by a total of 52 points to a couple of division leaders, Denver and Indianapolis. The playoffs might be nothing more than a pipe dream for Houston."

"We have a long way to go." Carr was hammered by defensive end Dwight Freeney on his first play of the game and threw an intercep­tion that was returned 77 yards for a touchdown on his last snap.

"It's been a long time since I've been beaten like this." Altogether, Carr completed 22 of 41 passes for 215 yards and three intercep­tions against the NFL's worst defense.

He was sacked a season-high five times, and was battered all afternoon by the Colts' sur­prisingly effective pass rush.

"We played too soft." Carr sounded like a beaten man after the game — and almost was. Carr said he hadn't been so frustrated since his guer­rilla rookie season when he was sacked a league-record 76 times.

"Their scheme covered up everybody," he said. "I dropped back, and it looked like there were 11 guys in cov­erage."

Typical of a distraught lock­er room, someone even had the temerity to question the play­calling and direction of the team.

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Women's boxing club semifinals to be held Thursday

**TENNIS**

**Federer dominates in round of Masters Cup**

Associated Press

HOUUSON — Roger Federer still looks unbeatable on the court.

Showing no signs of a torn thigh muscle that sidelined him for weeks, Federer returned to action Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory over Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the first round of the ATP Masters Cup championships.

Two-time Masters Cup winner Lleyton Hewitt of Australia met the Argentine in a later match.

Federer no longer wears his hair in a pony tail. He cut it two months ago in Toronto, and more recently it's been even shorter.

"Who knows, in a couple of weeks it might be even shorter," Federer said. "I'm taking it step by step, just like my tennis."

Federer played in a tournament for the first time since he beat Andy Roddick at Bangkok early last month for his 10th title of the season. On Oct. 25, Federer tore his left thigh muscle.

The Swiss star sped through a rain-delayed first set, breaking Gaudio in the fourth game on the fourth break point. Gaudio didn't win another point in the first set. The match was interrupted by rain for two hours.

Although Gaudio rallied in the second set, Federer moved well, chasing down drop shots and retreating to run down overheads.

"I am quite relieved to play my first match, to have won it," Federer said. "Coming back from playing no tournaments, no play, to win the first match, you know, I'm just happy it's over, won or lost. Now I can actually build from this and I'm in a good situation."

Gaudio, who staged a comeback to win the French Open, fought back in the second set to force a tiebreaker. Gaudio was down three break points in the ninth game before managing to hold serve.

Gaudio held again in the 11th game after overcoming three more break points. Federer served the final two points of the tiebreaker, taking it to match point with a strong volley winner and closing the match with a forehand winner.

"I didn't play good today in the first set but I think I still have more good tennis to play," Gaudio said. "I hope the next time I play Roger will be better for me. Today he played well, chasing down drop shots and retreating to run down overheads."

Federer's No. 1 ranking for 2004 was assured Sept. 13 when he defeated Hewitt in the U.S. Open final for his third major of the year.

Federer has been almost unstoppable since he beat Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 in last year's Masters Cup final. Since that tournament, Federer has a 19-0 record against top 10 opponents.

"I'm much more relaxed coming into this year's tournament because last year I didn't feel great at all coming in here," Federer said. "This year, my No. 1 ranking is locked up already. I have had a fairly strong season. No matter what happens here, I am going to walk away happy."

**NFL**

Cardinals' playoff hopes not a false allusion

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tough, fast, mean. The Arizona Cardinals aren't pushovers anymore, thanks to an aggressive, hard-hitting defense.

Even the "p" word — playoffs — isn't as ridiculous as it might seem.

After a 17-14 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday, Arizona is 4-2, equaling its win total for all of last season, and is just a game out of first place in the animpossible NFC West.

In his first season, coach Dennis Green has changed the attitude of this mirthless franchise. The Cardinals aren't winners yet, but they're no pushovers, either.

"I think we are a step closer to being a good team," Green said Monday.

Since an 0-3 start, the Cardinals are 4-2 going into next Sunday's game at Carolina. After that, Arizona plays four of its last six at home.

The Cardinals are 3-1 at Sun Devil Stadium and ended a 17-game road losing streak with a come-from-behind 24-23 win over Miami two weeks ago.

The last two victories might have been ugly, but the hits have been hard for a defense that shut out the Giants in the second half.

"We've been able to develop a style of play here," Bertrand Berry said, "and the fans really respond. That's what good teams do — they win at home."

Green brought a reputation for high-scoring offense from his decade as coach of the Minnesota Vikings. But defense has been Arizona's strongest asset.

"When a guy makes a play, then somebody else wants to make a play," defensive tackle Russell Davis said. "It gets contagious."

The lone holdover on a defensive line that was one of the worst in the NFL a year ago. Rookie Darnell Dockett is the other tackle. Peppe Zellner, acquired in a trade with Oakland, plays one end, and the team's un unquestioned defensive leader, Berry, signed as a free agent out of Denver, had four of Arizona's six sacks of Kurt Warner on Sunday, and has nine for the season. Green thought the biggest play of the game came when Berry dropped Tiki Barber for a loss.

"You can talk sacks and all that," Green said. "Just when he knifed in there and hit the blocker and knocked him back into the ball carrier for like a 4-yard loss, that was a stunner."

Many times you need to be a dominating play to make a team think maybe they can't do what they thought they could do coming in."

Berry has been a mentor for Davis, who has stepped into the third round because of some off-field problems at Florida State.

"I've learned so much from him and just being on the field," Dockett said. "He's a class guy and he plays hard. Every time I line up next to him I'm comfortable because I know that I'm going to be playing 110 percent, because he's playing 110. If you're here, you know you can't hold out because they are going to take you how you to be a better person."

Emmitt Smith has been a major reason for Arizona's impressive 4-5 start this season.
and sixth, respectively, in the saber division, while freshman Greg Howard finished eighth in epee and freshman foilist Jakub Jedrzkowski took second, failing to Nonpaytan Panchan in the finals of the men's foil division.

"It was a good competition for Jakub," Bednarski said. "He showed that he will be one of the challengers for the title this year. It's good news because he's only a freshman."

Not to be outdone, following the four male top-10 finishers, the Notre Dame women posted four of their own Sunday.

In addition to Providence's victory over Ohio State's Siobhan Byrne in the women's saber division finals, sophomore Angela Vincent placed 10th in the saber, sophomore epeeist Amy Orlando finished fourth and senior Alicia Kryczalo posted a fourth-place finish in the foil division.

"I said [before the tournament] that some fencers would be rusty, like those who didn't compete last weekend," Bednarski said. "Kryczalo lost two bouts, and she didn't get to first place. She's already won three NCAA championships — she just needs more bouting and competition to get to form."

In addition to allowing the Irish to test their pre season form, the tournament also afforded them the unique opportunity to directly scout a number of fencers from a pair of key rivals in Ohio State and host Penn State. The Buckeyes picked up five top-10 finishes over the two-day event while the Nittany Lions recorded a tournament-high 14 top-10 finishes and tied with Ohio State for division champions with a pair.

"The top of the university (rankings) is Ohio State — Penn State is very close to them, and at the moment, we are chasing them," Bednarski said. "I think that Columbus will be very strong, and what was interesting was the very good performance from Princeton University."

Nevertheless, while in Bednarski's opinion the Irish are currently trailing Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State, the future of Irish fencing appears bright.

"We were very happy with the performance of the young fencers," Bednarski said. "So it is the hope that we will be progressing."

After fencing each of the past two weekends, the Irish will take several weeks off before competing in more individual action Dec. 4 at the Culver Cup Individuals in Culver, Ind.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Big East to switch to one 16-team conference

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Big East will be one 16-team division in 2005-06 and only 12 schools will participate in the postseason basketball tournament.

The league announced the new structure Monday and it takes effect following the addition in 2005 of five schools from Conference USA and Boston College's departure for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Miami and Virginia Tech left for the ACC this academic year, leaving the Big East with 12 schools.

"The move will add conference excitement to games between top-10 teams and improve the quality of nonconference matchups," Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said.

The schools will still play a 16-game regular-season schedule with 13 opponents and three repeat matchups. The league office will decide the repeat matchups and it will be based on television, rivalries and geography.

Only 12 schools will advance to the annual postseason tournament at Madison Square Garden, the same as the current setup.

"The bottom line is we want to help our best teams prepare for success in the NCAA tournament," commissioner Mike Tranghese said. "If we expand our tournament field to 16 teams, there would be no byes — or rewards — for what's going to be an exciting but grueling regular season."

Many within the league were apprehensive about the size of the new conference.

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TUESDAY, November 16 at 12:30 p.m.
LECTURE — C103 Hesburgh Center
"Melting Cans and Recycling Traditions in Kankan, Guinea (West Africa): Aluminum Casting, Social Change, and Global Commodities, 1940-2000," by Emily Osborn, Kellogg Faculty Fellow, Department of History

Lunch is served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, November 18-19
CONFERENCE — Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Reforming the State in Mexico: The Challenge After Fox and NAFTA (see http://kellogg.nd.edu/afterNAFTA.html)
Conference Chair: Christopher Weina, Kellogg Institute, Department of Political Science

FRIDAY, November 19 at 10 a.m.
COFFEE AND COOKIES with Michael McCary, N.D.'71 - 131 Decio
Learn how to forge a fascinating international career by meeting Michael McCary, Executive Director, Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange, Washington, D.C. (see www.alliance-exchange.org)

For a complete list of IEW events, see www.nd.edu/~issa, the International Student Services & Activities Web site.
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary’s places in NCAA regional

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Six members of the Saint Mary’s Cross Country team gave a strong showing on Saturday at the NCAA Division-II Great Lakes Region Championship meet. Saint Mary’s finished with a score of 608 and placed 22nd out of 26 scoring teams at the meet.

The overall winner of the meet was Shannon McConville from John Carroll University. McConville finished in a time of 21 minutes 31 seconds.

A total of 32 teams were represented at the regional competition. Denison University took first place at the meet with a score of 84, followed by DePauw University and Kenyon College who brought in scores of 99 and 136, respectively.

Last year’s regional champions, Mount Union College, finished fourth place with a score of 152. Megan Gray, Erin Nolan, Meghin Murphy, Becky Feauto, Lisa Zander and Sara Otto ran for the Belles in the 6000-meter race that officially completed the Saint Mary’s 2004 cross country season. All of the runners achieved their best performances of the season for a 6K.

Gray, the only freshman to compete for Saint Mary’s on Saturday, finished first for the school and 99th overall with a time of 24:14.4. Zander, who was the only senior to represent the team on Saturday, gave her final showing as a Saint Mary’s runner. Zander, co-captain, was a consistently dependable runner for the team, nearly always placing within the top five or six for Saint Mary’s.

Coach Dave Baratik has counted on Zander, along with co-captain and senior Elizabeth Commers, to provide leadership for a team comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

For the rest of the women, Saturday was one more opportunity to prepare for next season’s conference competition. Nolan and Otto have become increasingly effective for the Belles in their sophomore years.

Feauto, who will return for her senior year, has consistently finished strong for the Belles. For Zander and Murphy, the 2004 season was their first with Saint Mary’s. Both runners finished in first and second for the team throughout the season. With a year of experience, these two will be looked upon to play a more critical role for the team next season.

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Bowl

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receive had it beaten the Panthers.

“We have two remaining games,” Willingham said leading up to the Pittsburgh game. "So if we can win those two, not putting the second game in front of the first game... hopefully it will establish a certain level of Bowl game we can go to.”

But Pittsburgh also needed the magic number six for its bowl hopes, and the Panthers pulled off an upset much like the Irish did the week before.

As the bye week begins, Notre Dame is projected by CBSSportsline to meet Georgia Tech in the Continental Tire Bowl on Dec. 30, a heavy step down from the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl. CBSSportsline.com now has Texas and LSU penciled in to play in Dallas instead of the Irish.

Notre Dame has a week off, then, to prepare for its final test against No. 1 Coaches’No. 1 AP Southern California, a team loaded with talent and confidence and a record of 10-0.

The Irish, whose coaches and players worry about the inconsistency displayed in losses to Brigham Young, Boston College and now Pittsburgh, enter the game desperate for win.

“I think frustration for a coach comes moment by moment, there are so many things you can put in there,” Willingham said. “But... the one thing I know about this game, I know that every coach is talking about inconsistency. There’s not one Jihrt isn’t” whether they’re the No. 1 team in the country or they’re the No. 117 team. They’re all talking about inconsistency.

“Usually what happens is the team that is most consistent makes a few more plays that given day than the other team and they win,” Willingham said.

And in some cases, they make a lot more plays.

USC has made a lot more plays than its opponents this season.

Running back Reggie Bush – a former Notre Dame recruit – and quarterback Matt Leinart are both Heisman candidates who have helped the Trojans outscore opponents 371-116.

While Pittsburgh’s Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and five touchdowns against the Irish secondary last Saturday, Leinart brings more impressive numbers into the match-up. The southpaw has a 64.0 completion percentage, with 21 touchdowns and four interceptions.

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Zero percent Cotton?
Team's loss to Pitt hurts chances for a prestigious bowl game

By PAT LEONARD
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Notre Dame's win over Tennessee was not just an upset of a Top-10 team. The Irish walked away from Knoxville with the magic number 1-0 attached to their name. Six wins. And those wins made Notre Dame bowl eligible with two games remaining on the schedule.

But the Irish also gained control of that bowl destiny with its win over the Volunteers. Notre Dame enters its second bye week of the season knowing some of the control slipped away in a loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"What do we know: we are bowl eligible," Willingham said after the Tennessee victory. "We do know with every win we have a chance to increase, in most cases, what bowl we can go to. So that is my focus for our team. Every win creates another level."

Willingham and the coaches knew a win over Pittsburgh was crucial to keeping their hopes alive in playing in higher bowls, like the Cotton Bowl bid that Notre Dame seemed poised to see.

Ryan Grant breaks a run uphill against Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Irish lost the game on a last-second field goal, after giving up 28 first half points.

ND VOLLEYBALL
Irish set to play final home game

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame takes on No. 15 Iowa tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center in the last home match of the season for the Irish.

The Panthers are currently in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) with a record of 13-4 and 21-6 overall. They come into South Bend riding a five-match winning streak, their last loss a sweep at the hands of league-leader Wichita State on Oct. 30.

Notre Dame setter Ashley Taruii feels that even though the Panthers are not from a major conference, they still pose a tough challenge for the now-crowned Big East regular season champion Irish.

"I think that they're a really good team and that we should be evenly matched," she said. "The game will be really good.""}

Northern Iowa outside hitter Laura Rowen was named MVC freshman of the week after posting a hitting percentage of .455 in matches against Western Illinois, Creighton and Drake last week. Rowen led the Panthers with 14 digs against Creighton and tallied a season-high .542 hitting percentage against Drake.

The Panthers have also been led this year by junior Rachael Tink. The junior had 18 digs and 18 kills against Drake and 14 assists against Iowa.

Editor's note: This story was originally supposed to run Friday in the Senior Irish Insider. However, due to a production error it did not appear. The Observer regrets the error.

Wilson makes most of time

Marcus Wilson has 33 carries for 133 yards this season for the Irish, playing behind Ryan Grant and Darius Walker.

Marcus Wilson saw his first significant playing time this season, and has made the most of it. The senior running back, who has one year of eligibility remaining, has played in all 10 games for the Irish, the only running back to do so.

He has rushed 33 times for 133 yards, a career best, and good for four yards per carry average. He is third on the team in rushing, behind Darius Walker and Ryan Grant. Wilson scored his first career touchdown against Navy, a 33-yard sprint to the end zone that, at the time, was the longest run of the season by Notre Dame.

Wilson has a year of eligibility remaining. Should he return for a fifth year, Wilson should remain at least second in the depth chart to emerging freshman Darius Walker, who has seen the bulk of the carries this season.

FENCING
Providenza takes home gold medal

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

For a second consecutive weekend, an Irish fencer took home a gold medal.

And, no, this time it wasn't Olympic gold medalist freshman Mariel Zagunis.

With Zagunis resting at home, sophomore Valerie Providenza took the riens for the Irish, winning the women's saber - one of eight top-10 and 13 top-20 Irish finishes - at the 32nd Penn State Max Gatters Open this weekend.

"I think it was a strong performance - we got a medal and we were seen on all strips," coach Janusz Redzinski said. "The tournament had a high level of competition - a lot of these fencingers have medals or were participants of the Olympic games, so it was great to see our kids competing against them very strongly."

The men kicked off the annual tournament, fencing Saturday. Sophomore Paul Ghattas and Matthew Stearns placed fourth.