Gutiérrez urges Catholics to find ‘solidarity with poor’

Founder of liberation theology movement to speak again today

By TIM LOGAN
Senior News Writer

More than 500 students and faculty packed the seats in McGee Hall Monday night, and spilled onto the carpeted floor around the room. These hundreds who were there heard a challenge, a challenge to follow the words of the Gospel and combat poverty in the world.

And what brought them was the challenger: Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, a Peruvian priest and founder of the liberation theology movement.

At the talk, Gutiérrez outlined his theology, which calls on Catholics to work for, and with, the poor against the forces which keep them in that condition.

The central tenet of liberation theology is a “preferential option for the poor,” said Gutiérrez, or finding solidarity with the poor as a way to tangle with the greater structures of poverty.

“One is to be in solidarity with the poor and at the same time it is a rejection of poverty,” said Gutiérrez.

Although Bush — who labeled himself the “underdog” last Thursday — does not lead in any national poll, the race is far from finished.

### Polling the people

**Newsweek**’s most recent poll showed Gore leading Bush 47 to 39 percent among registered voters, and 49 to 41 percent among likely voters.

Gore leads Bush 47 to 46 percent among likely voters in the Time/CNN poll while the latest Washington Post and ABC News poll has the two candidates locked at 47 percent among registered voters.

Statistical margins of error and other factors make predictions complicated.

**There are two problems with the polls,** said government professor Benjamin Radcliff.

**The first, Radcliff said, is a potential for voters to change their minds.**

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**whose 1971 book “A Theology of Liberation” e...**

“This is the meaning of the Christian commitment,” said Gutiérrez.

Critics have called this notion a form of solidarity with the poor communist, and many of the philosophy’s proponents call it radical, but Gutiérrez said that solidarity has a larger purpose.

“The question is not to imitate the poor, it is to enter the world of the poor and be in solidarity with them,” he said. “Imitation is beautiful, but it’s not efficacious. The poor don’t need this.”

What the poor do need, Gutiérrez said, is for Christians to accept the calling of their faith and work to combat poverty in all its forms. It is not an easy calling, and poverty is not easy to overcome, he said.

It is a difficult condition to overcome, Gutiérrez said, for three reasons: poverty is universal, stretching all across the globe; it is complex, affecting not just the materially poor but all who are dispossessed; and, for too long, it was considered an unavoidable fate for those who were born into it.

“For all these reasons we can say poverty is evidently a social issue, an economic issue, but at the same time it is a big challenge to Christian faith, because poverty is unhuman,” Gutiérrez said.

We can see Christ through the poor, Gutiérrez said, and by solidarity with them, and working for them, we can both grow closer to Christ in ourselves and help combat social injustice towards others.

And the basis for that philosophy is made simple.

“Love is at the root of the preferential option for the poor,” he said. “It is the love for everyone, but especially the last ones, the weak, the abandoned.”

The talk was sponsored by the Theology department as part of its Millennial Series of lectures. Gutiérrez will speak again today at 4:30 p.m. in 131 DeBartolo in a colloquium on “The Church of the Poor: John XXIII and The Council.”

Bush, Gore push towards election

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Senior News Editor

Throughout the spring and most of the summer, many Americans — if they were paying attention in national polls — probably thought Republican nominee George W. Bush would be the next president.

The council was the Democratic National Conventionens. After trailing President Al Gore in most of the campaign, Vice President Al Gore made significant gains in the polls.

“Going into the conventions, Bush should have been a landslide winner,” said Notre Dame government professor David Mendez.

Now, no one knows which candidate is ahead.

**Bush, Gore push towards election**

**By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER**
News Writer

As a result of an unexpected overabundance of Nebraska fans at Saturday’s game, the athletic department will be reviewing its policy on football tickets.

“It’s fair to say that all policies are being reviewed,” said Jim Fraleigh, director of athletics.

According to Fraleigh, the university does not have an official policy regarding the re-sale of tickets, rather there is an alumni ongoing practice based on tradition that fans follow.

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The University reserves the right to revoke ticket privileges for any reason. There are not enough resources to ensure that tickets are not scalped, Fraleigh said.

Alumni usually do not sell their tickets.
The ball is in your court

Maybe it's a mistake on my part to assume that my three white roommates are unconcerned with race and race issues. It's just that all the issues for them to take an interest in race don't come to mind as one of the most likely. Even if it were a worry of theirs, I can hardly envision the focus we engaged in any sort of meaningful discussion of the topic. Our different experiences are, as simple as black and white, and it's almost unimaginable to think that any dialogue among us would be little more than strained, trivial utterances.

Last weekend might have been our chance to get past all that.

Police my roommates—Bill, Joe, Mike and I—were watching front of the television in our dorm room on a Friday afternoon. We were watching the semifinal round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, and I'm entranced by a match between Venus Williams and Martina Hingis. I'm screaming throughout each point, cringing at every missed shot, and desperately cheering for Williams' victory.

"I've never seen anyone so excited about a tennis match," Joe said. "Do you know her?" (Venus) or something?"

I had the breezy, casual look that says, "You just don't understand and probably never will," and resumed my cheering.

But following Williams' win, and after some deep reflection, I wished I would have talked to Joe. I don't know, though, that he— or even I—would have been prepared for the nutsy turns that our conversation might have taken. But I, nevertheless, felt the need to explain some of the things that our conversation might have taken. But I, nevertheless, felt the need to explain some of the things to my roommate.

I wanted to tell him that perhaps we weren't watching the same match. He likely saw two teen stars doing battle in a premiere tennis tournament. I, on the other hand, witnessed the greatest move toward UI president Myers Brand's residence. Brand was still in Indianapolis at the time. The rally grew as word of mouth spread throughout campus.

"I think the 'zero tolerance' policy they put on him doesn't allow him to be a basketball coach," said Pete Wesson, a 1999 graduate. "I think he has done a lot more for this University then he has done wrong."

The mass of people assembled peacefully at Brand's home with police standing guard in front.

At a later rally, George Leach, a red-shirt freshman forward for the basketball team, said he was disappointed with the decision.

"I don't know for the same reason everyone is here — to support coach Knight," Leach said. "Brand just blew us off for a whole year without talking to us, so we were just left in the dark about the whole situation."

Alumni, students, faculty and community members came with signs, bullhorns and homemade T-shirts to show their support.
MBA students to study e-business

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

In response to the drastic changes the Internet caused to modern business practices, the Mendoza College of Business created an e-commerce curriculum to provide students with applicable knowledge about commerce, consulting and entrepreneurship.

Approximately a year-and-a-half ago, Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business and management professor, Khalil Matta discussed the addition of e-commerce courses to the college’s MBA curriculum.

"We knew we wanted to have a differentiated program — one that would build on the strengths and the reputation we have at Notre Dame and use the resources we have to introduce the students to this new area of business," said Matta.

The result of their efforts is the MBA track introduced this fall. Students begin with a general curriculum designed to provide an understanding of the basic concepts and strategies associated with e-commerce.

The students then have a choice between e-consulting studies designed for students interested in starting their own e-business, "E-Consulting and e-entrepreneurship are two areas that we decided to focus on because they are both built on the strengths of Notre Dame," said Matta.

In addition to these options, all first-year MBA students are required to attend a lecture series held Friday mornings throughout the year to gain exposure to e-commerce ideas.

"Ultimately I think a lot of the e-commerce topics will become integrated into the required and elective courses that we offer in the college," said Matta.

Signs of changes in business practices are already evident in a growing trend for students to skip MBA work in favor of starting their own e-business.

"People with ideas for starting their own business can develop a prototype while in school; get in touch with [an alumni network] to fund this prototype; and as such, reduce the risk associated with starting their own business," Matta said.

Although e-MBA was developed before the Mendoza gift, the program hopes to benefit from their donation through an increased number of faculty positions, technical resources, and continuing education programs to maintain a state-of-the-art status for the curriculum.

The program also has hopes for expansion. PricewaterhouseCoopers donated $150,000 to bring these e-commerce concepts to the undergraduate level and encourage all areas of business to revise their offerings to include Internet business ideas.

"We are hoping that the entire faculty of the college of business will be involved eventually because e-commerce does not just affect technology-oriented faculty," said Matta.

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LAST CHANCE!

SMC creates club to boost athletic support

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

This year, Saint Mary’s athletics will be bringing its alumni back into focus as the College begins the Saint Mary's Belles Varsity Club.

"This is a great chance for us to bring alumni into [athletics]" athletic director Lyon Kachmarik said.

The club, which began its early operations last year, will enter into full swing during the 2000-2001 academic year, with the approval of the College.

"The Belles club will serve an essential role of ensuring the success of Saint Mary’s athletics, continuing expansion of intramural and club sports and assisting us with creating a state-of-the-art personal wellness and fitness center for all members of the Saint Mary’s community," Kachmarik said.

The idea for the Varsity Club has its roots in athletic support, increasing expansion of the athletic department, and alumni information.

Following this year’s successful pilot program, the idea was expanded to include membership to any alumni, parents of current students, faculty, or staff members.

A contribution of $50 or more will guarantee receipt of four newsletters per year. Larger donations will include additional incentives such as athletic brochures and lapel pins. A donation of $1,000 or more will guarantee membership in the College’s Madeleva Society.

Donations to the program may be restricted for use to any area of the athletic department or may be given for use as the athletic department sees fit. Restricted areas include specific varsity sports, intramurals, personal wellness and sports medicine.

All members of the club will receive quarterly newsletters that will detail progress in the athletic department, news on the current season’s sports and alumni information.

The first two newsletters will be sent to all faculty, staff, parents of current students, and alumni. A mailing, including an enclosed membership application, will follow.

"By joining the Belles Varsity Club [the member] will continue to receive our newsletter and become an important member of Saint Mary’s athletic family," Kachmarik said.

The first newsletter, planned to be mailed in the next two weeks, will contain information about fall sports, the expansion of the intramural program and information on the club itself.

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Students create book of SMC stories, history

By MARGARET HOOD

Three Saint Mary's students are compiling College ghost stories, which will serve as a book to make people aware of Saint Mary's rich history.

The whole point of this book is to give something back to the College because we have received so much from it over the years," said Veronica Kessencich, one of the co-authors. The idea came about this summer while Kessencich, junior Shelly Houser and sophomore Kristin Matha, were working at The Leaders of a New Indiana (LNJ) camp.

Kessencich and Houser told Matha different stories about the residence halls and various buildings on campus, but eventually tricked down to the camers, and the response was enormous.

"We said it was a great idea for a book, and made a part to pursue it," said Matha.

The past became a reality when the three students received the grant to write the book from LNJ.

"LNJ is a wonderful program. The and we are very excited to have been a part of it," said Matha.

Current students, alumni, faculty, staff security and the sisters are compiling the stories. The three students plan on researching all of the residence halls, and have been working with John Kovach, head of archives at Saint Mary's, to research the details.

The book, which has yet to be named, is due out the week after spring break and proceeds from the sales will go to Saint Mary's. The students with stories to add should email Quiethours@saint-marys.edu.

Nelson: care-givers do not earn adequate pay

By ANDREW THAGARD

Workers in primary education, elderly and childcare and nursing industries are drastically underpaid, said Julie Nelson, a notable economist from Harvard Divinity School in a Monday night lecture titled "For Love or Money — Or Both? Gender, Justice, and Caring Labor."

"Some people talk about crisis in the caring-industry with good reason," Nelson said.

She said workers in these industries are generally underpaid and people with master degrees in teaching generally earn a median annual salary of $43,000 compared to $70,000 in other fields.

"Is work in these industries being done for love or money?" Nelson asked. She said most care-giving industry workers are actually motivated by both factors.

"A higher wage may make it possible for a caring person to care," she said.

Nelson warned failure to address low wages in the caring-industry will further contribute to societal problems such as poverty and burned-out caregiving employees. Low wages will also foster a poor environment for the care recipients.

She pointed to the 100 percent turnover rate among nursing care aids within the first three months of employment as proof and added that a quarter of nursing homes actually cause harm to their residents. Within the childcare industry, Nelson said inadequate care results in cognitive and brain development problems among young children.

Nelson explored and debunked some of the justifications that people generally held for under-paying caring-industry workers.

"Arguments justifying low pay included employees receiving emotional satisfaction in lieu of higher pay, unskilled workers should receive lower salaries than those with more marketable skills and people may need to work in the same position until they are fully trained." Nelson emphasized "caring labor has been unjustly under-valued." She stressed "we need to fully appreciate this kind of work." Although the purpose of her presentation was to address why workers in these industries should receive higher salaries and not the dynamics behind this, she said, "There is a difficult road ahead," she said at a news conference.

President Clinton, addressing a dinner here Monday night honoring people who helped seek restitution for Holocaust survivors, declared: "We cannot give up on that future and energy to building bridges over the deep social divide between our people," he told Jewish leaders in New York.

His plan is to take Israel on a secular course despite its grounding in religious precepts of the Old Testament. He has said he would invite the main opposition party, Likud, and other critics into his government to try to gain support for a secular democratic agenda.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Tire accidents cause deaths: The president of the Japan-based Bridgestone Corp., suggested Monday that fatal accidents blamed on tires produced by the company's U.S. subsidiary weren't caused by defects. While stopping short of blaming Ford, Yoichiro Kaizaki said it struck him that there was a high accident rate only for Ford Explorers fitted with the Bridgestone/Firestone tires and not for other carmakers' vehicles that used the same products.

Campground flooding claims 11: Hundreds of workers and police units were searching for missing people among the debris Monday, a day after the rain-swollen waters of a stream swept away a campground in southern Italy, killing at least 11 people. At least four people were missing, civil defense official Sabaturo Motola said.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Marion teen faces move: A teenager arrested on murder charges faces extradition to Missouri for his alleged role in the death of an Arkansas man. Earl Brown, 17, was arrested Friday by two Marion police officers outside a Marion residence.

Man's photos prove incriminating: A LaPorte man who had snapshots of himself taken with plants he had grown in his home made the mistake of taking the film to a processor who recognized the indoor garden and called authorities who then tracked down the man.

LIBYA

Libyan mediator Rajab Azzaroug (center) hugs Finnish hostage Seppo Fraentzi (second from right) as French Stephane Lousy (L) and Finnish Risto Vahanen look on upon their arrival at Ras al-Khaimah airport Monday.

Released hostages relate story

Associated Press

TRIPOLI

A plane carrying four former hostages freed by Muslim rebels in the Philippines arrived Monday in Tripoli, and one of them said their captors raped some of the female hostages.

Risto Vahanen, a Finn who was among 21 captives held for as many as 140 days in the Philippines jungle, told Finnish MTV3 in an interview aired Monday that they were powerless to help the women.

"Some, a few, women there were treated in an inappropriate manner," Vahanen said, and answered "yes" when asked if they had been raped.

He said the raped women did not want their names disclosed but wanted the incidents to be made public.

"They were of the opinion that it had to be made public, without names, so that the world would know what Robot had done," Vahanen said, referring to rebel leader Ghalib "Robot" Andang.

"It was quite surprising because otherwise we were treated in a proper way," he said in the interview conducted before leaving the Philippines.

That's more than twice as far as the top of the Hubble Space Telescope, where other astronauts have worked.

The spacewalk official inside Mission Control, Mike Hess, said it would be like working on the 11th story of a 13-story building.

The spacewalkers were to be tethered to the structure the whole time, with mini jetpacks on their suits for added safety.

Atlantis linked up with the space station as the spacecraft soared nearly 230 miles above Kazakhstan on Sunday, ending a two-day chase complicated slightly by a failed navigation device aboard the shuttle.

"It was really great to see that the station has changed since the last time we were there" in May, said flight director Mark Ferrigno. He was referring to the July arrival of the long-delayed Russian control module Zvezda. "The assembly is starting to pick up speed, and it's very exciting for us to see," he added.

The crew was unable to get an air sample from the station because of bad equipment. But NASA said that would not prevent the seven astronauts and cosmonauts from entering the complex as planned Tuesday to deliver thousands of pounds of supplies for the first residents, due in November.
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Wolbrecht said.

On the other hand, she pointed out, there are a lot of independent voters, many of whom have not decided which candidate to support. Radcliff, however, believes most voters have made up their minds at this point in the race.

Past history indicates voters may wake up their minds by early September. Over the past 50 years, the presidential candidates with a significant lead on Labor Day went on to win in November. However, that trend is not relevant in this election year.

When one candidate is clearly ahead going into Labor Day, that maximum holds, but neither candidate had a clear lead, said Lege. "It's a very close race."

Of course, national polls do not determine the outcome of elections — the electoral college does. Win, a candidate must receive 270 electoral votes from the states.

Electoral College up for grabs.

Experts disagree as to whether Bush or Gore are leading in terms of electoral votes.

"On that basis, at the moment, Bush looks somewhat stronger. But Gore may have the edge on the issues and in his mastery of the rapid-response techniques that will dominate the endgame," according to a Sept. 11 U.S. News and World Report article.

"The election is over if Gore can win Pennsylvania," the final toss up state, according to Radcliff.

A four-way race

Bush and Gore are not the only candidates running for president this year. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan are also expected to be on the ballot in November.

A four-way race is "much more difficult to predict," according to Lege. Nader may pull liberal voters from Gore's left, while Buchanan will be pulling conservative voters from Bush's right.

Currently, 4 percent of likely voters support Nader and 1 percent of likely voters back Buchanan, according to the Time/CNN poll.

Radcliff said Buchanan is not significantly affecting the race because divisions within the Reform Party prevent him from receiving money from the Federal Election Commission.

"He could become important later if he can get his hands on that large chunk of money," Radcliff said.

Similarly, Nader will have only a "marginal" effect, according to Radcliff. While Nader could take some votes away from Gore, Radcliff said Gore's move to the left since the Democratic convention will convince those voters to support Gore.

The convention appears to have been a major boost to Gore's campaign. Candidates usually go up in the polls immediately following their conventions and, right now, Gore appears to be holding onto his gain.

"Gore got a large bump out of the conventions and has been able to hold onto that," Radcliff said.

Radcliff explained the Democratic National Convention was designed to "electrify" traditional Democratic constituencies such as labor, women's and minority's groups.

The question now remains whether Gore will be able to maintain his new support.

VPs not secondary players

Voters will not simply be choosing between Bush and Gore on Nov. 7 — the candidates' running mates will play a factor as well. Gore's choice to run with Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman and Bush's choice of Texas businessman Dick Cheney could be an important factor in deciding their vote.

Lege said he believes Lieberman is a positive addition to the Democratic ticket.

"Joe Lieberman helped him immensely because Lieberman brings credibility to the differences between Clinton and Gore," Lege said.

On the other hand, Bush may be hurt by Cheney, who served as defense secretary under Bush's father. Lege said.

"I think that Cheney actually hurt Bush," Lege said. "It suggests that he needed an old hand around to reassure voters."

The upcoming presidential debates will also shape the way voters view the candidates.

"I think George Bush has an opportunity to allay some fears people have about him," Wolbrecht said.

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ets, which are received through the annual football ticket lottery, directly to fans from the other team. Instead, they sell the tickets to other alumni, who might sell the tickets as fans from the opposing team. Since opposing fans do not obtain the tickets first-hand, it is even more difficult to control scalping.

"In reality, we have a limited staff," said Fraleigh. "It is virtually impossible for us to track any situation."

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Temple visit organizer praises Gore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A woman at the center of one of Vice President Al Gore's fund-raising controversies says he should be proud that he visited the Buddhist temple where money was illegally raised for the Democratic Party.

"He should not feel embarrassed or ashamed of relating to the temple," Maria Hsia told The New Yorker magazine in her first interview since her March conviction for making false statements in the case. "He should feel very proud of himself."

She praised Gore for reaching out to all cultures and advised, "He should say, 'Look, this is no different from people visiting the black churches or any churches or a Jewish temple. There's nothing wrong.'"

"All politicians are cowards," she said. "But they could be better cowards."

Hsia, pronounced "sha," is awaiting sentencing on five felony counts of raising false statements to be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Each charge carries a five-year maximum prison term. She has asked for a new trial.

A Justice Department task force continues to investigate 1996 campaign finance activities and Gore's role in them, but Attorney General Janet Reno declined to appoint a special counsel to determine whether he knew the Buddhist temple event was a fundraiser and about how many White House coffees he had attended.

More than $100,000 was illegally raised for President Clinton, Gore and other Democrats at the April 1996 event.

Republicans have made Gore's integrity an issue in his Democratic presidential campaign by releasing an ad pointing to his temple visit in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

Gore said after the event that he didn't know he was attending a fundraiser. After documents turned up referring to the event in advance as a fundraiser, Gore modified his characterization, saying he had thought it was a finance-related event.

A fundraising event was initially scheduled at a nearby restaurant and a rally was planned for the temple, but when Gore's staff said he couldn't make both, the two events were combined at the temple, Hsia said.

She said she raised questions with fundraiser John Huang about whether it was OK to use the temple, "because I know this is a religious facility," and was assured there would be no problem. Huang later pleaded guilty to conspiring to contravene campaign finance laws.

Study: many children left without day care

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite attempts to lower child-care costs and expand choices, many children are left alone after school ends and before their parents come home from work.

One in five children ages 6 to 12 are regularly left without adult supervision after school, according to a survey of working parents.

Older children are more likely to spend their after-school hours at home alone rather than in day-care, activities at school or under the supervision of a relative or baby sitter, researchers at the nonpartisan Urban Institute reported Monday.

They also found that more affluent, nonminority workers reported leaving children home alone even if they worked 9-to-5 jobs. That surprised some analysts and parents who believed the main barrier to supervision was cost.

"Self-care among school-age children is clearly a fact of life for millions of working families," said report co-author Gina Adams, an Urban Institute researcher.

The report, based on a telephone survey of more than 44,000 households in 1997, does not explain why parents make the choices they do.

"I'm sure they are anguish­ing and struggling and talk­ing to their kids on the phone as frequently as they can, cobbled things together from one day to the next," said L.ives Salisbury, director of Children Now, an Oakland, Calif.-based group that deals with the affect on families of health care, media and tax policies.

Researchers, policy-mak­ers and child advocates say the time any child spends unsupervised is filled with risks such as injury, drug use, falling behind in studies.

"Millions of children without care in the hours after school are in harm's way," President Clinton said in a statement. He is seeking $1 billion for after-school pro­grams for 2 million children.

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Thousands of protesters target economic summit down under

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Associated Press

Screaming, protestors clashed with police Monday and vandalized the cars of delegates trying to enter an international economic forum — the latest target of an anti-globalization movement.

Thousands of demonstrators surrounding the hotel and casino complex where the three-day Asia-Pacific Economic Summit is being held. They delayed the start of the event organized by the Switzerland-based World Economic Forum.

One delegate, Western Australia state Premier Richard Court, was trapped in his car for about 20 minutes as a crowd of protestors jumped on it and slashed its tires. Angry clashes broke out as police, some on horseback, broke through the crowd to allow Court's car to pass.

Court condemned the protesters as a "mob." They basically slashed the tires, painted the car, jumped up and down on the roof, the boot," he said. "It was un-Australian and marked a sad day for the nation's history.

Another state politician's car was sprayed with the slogan "WEF kills." Buses carrying dozens of delegates were unable to pass through the crowd. A police spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity said two officers were hospitalized for injuries sustained in the crush. Two protesters were arrested "on suspicion of assaulting police." They were released but would be charged later, the spokesman said.

The violence quieted quickly, although tense standoffs between police and protestors continued at several entrances to the complex. Most of the 800 registered delegates were able to enter the complex, conference organizers said. The start was delayed by less than an hour.

"The forum brings together business and government officials to discuss the global economy. Government leaders and business executives, including Microsoft's Bill Gates, were to discuss future economic development in Asia. Protest organizer David Glanz said he considered the demonstration a success despite the violence, which he said was limited to the "fringe."

"I think the people who have felt some of that anger (from protesters) have to realize that if they continue pushing through privatization and cutbacks, then they must expect to meet the anger of the people," Glanz said.

Conference spokesman Claude Smadja slammed the protest, saying the WEF was the wrong target for opponents of globalization.

"It is done out of sheer ignorance of what the forum is and what it stands for," Smadja said. "The aim is not to promote globalization. The aim is to discuss the issues raised by globalization."

About two hours before the summit was to begin, thousands of protestors gathered as police boats patrolled the nearby Yarra River and a helicopter buzzed overhead. Dozens of groups, from pupils at an exclusive girls' college to gays claiming they are exploited by corporate greed to green lawmakers, said they would march Monday. Fearing violent protests like those in Seattle at last year's World Trade Organization talks, Nike closed its flagship Melbourne store on Sunday and boarded up the windows. Other stores also closed for the day and police patrolled hotels used by summit delegates.

One group inconvenienced by the protest was the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team, which missed a 9 a.m. training session after being stranded in the casino hotel lobby because its bus could not penetrate the crowd of protestors. The team, in Melbourne to play exhibition matches before the Sept. 15-Oct. 1 Sydney Olympics, later walked through the protest and caught a bus.

"We realize that there are bigger things going on in the world than our practice so we've pretty much learned to just be flexible," said Carol Gallan, a team spokeswoman.

After the summit was under way, Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Shi Guangsheng addressed the delegates about his country's likely ascension to membership in the WTO.

"China's reform and opening up will enter a new phase of development and realize new growth of its national economy," Shi said. He said Asia's fate is tied to the positive benefits of economic globalization.

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COLOMBIA

Citizens March for Peace in Capital

Associated Press

BOGOTA

Thousands of Colombians waving white flags poured through the streets of Bogota Sunday to call for an end to decades of lighting between the government and rebel groups, a conflict that has claimed nearly 1,400 civilian lives so far this year.

The march, which filled an avenue of the capital and wound through the center of the city, came as peace talks between the two sides have stalled, and as the United States is pumping $1.3 billion into peace efforts.

"We're sick of the violence," said Eugenio Marulanda, president of Colombia's chamber of commerce. "We are a kid-napped country. A murdered country."

In addition to the more than three-decade-old war between leftist rebels and the government, Colombia has one of the highest murder and kidnapping rates in the world. Right-wing paramilitary squads are also murdering more and more suspected sympathizers of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, and the National Liberation Army.

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"No more FARC, no more ELN, no to kidnapping, yes to life," read a sign held by Stella Cortes, an accountant.

Among the marchers were children who carried large photos of their fathers who are soldiers or police and are being held captive by the FARC, the ELN and other groups.

The FARC, which earns millions of dollars a week in protection and taxing producers of cocaine and heroin in Colombia, has vowed to combat the initiative.

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ENGLAND

No evidence found on origin of AIDS virus

Associated Press

LONDON

Independent laboratory tests have found no evidence to support the theory that an experimental polio vaccine used on about 1 million Africans in the 1950s inadvertently triggered the AIDS epidemic.

The findings, presented Monday at a conference at the Royal Society in London, found no evidence that the vaccine, administered between 1957 and 1961, contained any virus from the chimpanzee.

Scientists believe that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, most probably originates from the type of SIV, or simian immunodeficiency virus, found in chimpanzees in western Africa. But they don't know how or when the chimp virus got into humans.

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"Does this definitively rule out the vaccine theory? No, but it makes it more unlikely," Basilico said. He said recording-keeping was sketchy at the time and that there may have been other samples not tested that were used in Africa.

The tests were also designed to find traces of SIV and found none. But that may not be important, Basilico said, because the virus could have died out after 40 years in a freezer.

The findings did not dampen the views of writer Edward Hooper, chief proponent of the polio vaccine theory.
The Associated Press.

Three Supreme Court cases last June provide a look at what passes for constitutional law (or what is left of it these days).

First, in Stenberg v. Carhart, the Court held unconstitutional Nebraska’s prohibition of “partial birth abortion” (PBA). Various types of abortion the child is killed inside the mother, by vacuum suction, injection or disememberment. PBA involves killing the child after partial delivery.

Consider Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg agreed that, “the most common method of performing pre-viability second trimester abortions is no less dis- tressing or susceptible to gruesome description.” Stevens and Ginsburg got that one right. The “equally gruesome” D&amp;E abortion, as clinically described by the Court, “involves (1) dilation of the cervix; (2) removal of fetal tissue using non-vacuum instruments, and (3) after the 15th week) the potential need for instrumental disarticulation or disem­ berment of the fetus or the collapse of fetal parts to facilitate evacuation from the uterus.”

The PBA ruling confirms the Court will permit no law to prohibit any method of abortion at any stage. The PBA prohibition, incidentally, was symbolic. It would be outlawing a procedure Nebraska claims it still permits. The three cases are related. The Court holds convictions for a public school district in allowing a student-initiated and student-led prayer after a football game. In his dissent, Chief Justice William Rehnquist accu­ rately said, “The Court distorts...preced­ ent (and) the tone of the Court’s opinion ...brings with it all things relig­ ious in public life.”

The three cases are related. The Court forbids the people to affirm in their pub­ lic capacity that God is the source of inalienable rights. We ought not to be surprised at the result. The quote is wrongly attributed to Dostoevsky, but it remains true that “If God does not exist, then everything is permitted.” Even the legal protection of baby killers as a privi­ leged class.

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Charles Rice

I hid the emergency flashlights so no one can play with them.

Who plays with the lightbulbs? That’s the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard.

The short JEDI will die first.

“Look, when that crowd gets to cheering, when we know they’re with us, when we know they like us, we play better. A hell of a lot better!”

Bill Carlin

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Scott Adams
Adapting saves the environment

In Heffterhof, Salzburg, Innsbruckers place of residence, all of the lights work on timers. A stay in the shower of longer than 15 minutes guarantees an abrupt descent into darkness and a desperate cry for plastic, one for aluminum and one for biodegradable waste.

The parking lot across the street noticeably lacks the Chevrolet Suburbans and the Ford Explorers that dominate the asphalt fields outside of American malls and corporate centers. The Austrian version of the sport utility vehicle most closely resembles a Toyota Rav 4 with a growth disorder.

Austrian version of the sport utility vehicle most closely resembles a Toyota Rav 4 with a growth disorder. Meanwhile, we Americans struggle to adopt this environmentally friendly lifestyle that permits us to maintain habits that stand in stark contrast to the respectful and mindful environmental routines practiced in Austria, a country lacking a Texas to provide oil and great plains onto which residents can dump bottles, cans or spare tires.

And yet Americans must wonder how much longer we will have Texas of the great plains that graciously allows us to ignore the affects of the American lifestyle on the ozone layer, on the water supply and on the land quality. As the development continues near my home-town of Innsbruck, arguments rage two hours north over the spaces of Appalachian mountains that will hold the waste created by the new businesses and homes two hours south to the death. The treasure of our country and its seemingly unending supply of natural resources have permitted us to maintain habits that stand in stark contrast to the respectful and mindful environmental routines practiced in Austria, a country lacking a Texas to provide oil and great plains onto which residents can dump bottles, cans or spare tires.

On behalf of my fellow alumni, I would like to apologize to those Notre Dame students, for the actions of a large portion of my fellow alumni. (I would applaud, season ticket holder who scrambled their tickets and contributed to the embarrassing sea of red which overwhelmed the campus.) It was unfortunate to have won three tickets to the game and was happy to have two of my three sons with me. I am sorry that the alumni failed to match the enthusiasm and school spirit expressed by the ND student body.

Stephen E. Hoey  
Professor of Physiology
ALBUM REVIEW

Fame doesn’t help Dogstar’s lack of originality

By LISA BRUNO Scene Music Column

Yes, Keanu Reeves is in band. As are Bret Downshore and Robert Mignon. Unfortunately for Reeves, he may not prove as big a hit as “Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure.”

In fact, what has been touted as a rocky road for the band, may continue: Happy Ending, the band’s second album, but first U.S. release, contains 11 songs, only a few of which stand out even enough to be considered as noteworthy. Regrettably, Dogstar does little — beyond having Keanu Reeves on bass — to distinguish itself from the likes of many current “rock” bands like Creed or Matchbox 20.

The band was created in the shadows of Hollywood. This becomes heavily evident after a quick tour of their high class website. With just a few double clicks, the suspicion that Dogstar is a little too created, a little too much like a boy band with guitars is confirmed. The problem for Dogstar is that it tries to present itself as a simple garage band, just trying to make their mark in musical history. What they don’t seem to realize is that they don’t offer anything different or distinct to the musical history books. They describe their songs as “lovingly-crafted, intimate songs.” Crafted is definitely true, because this band doesn’t feel like it’s for real. Dogstar seems to feel as if they have a doubly difficult struggle to success because of Reeves’ presence in the band. This comes across almost like a chip on their shoulder, criticizing those who have preconceived notions about the band without listening to Happy Ending. Yet, after a single run through a p p y Ending, most of these notions stick. There are, however, a few noteworthy songs, songs that may, on a musical level, cause the listener to seek out H a p p y Ending and The second press play. “Slipping Down,” actually contains some of the better Keanu, lyrics. “I worked on it for awhile, until I saw that it was going nowhere. I gathered it into a pile and put it with the rest of the things that didn’t work.”

The song, “Cornerstone” is the first release from Happy Ending. And after a first listen on the radio, it can cause one to look for new CD buyer’s remorse. The eighth track, “Washington,” is a pleasant ballad, however the lyrics just feel wrong — as if they’re forced to rhyme. “We rode upon a town, people all around.”

It seems as though Bret Downshore, the lyricist, missed the day in lyric writing class where they discussed that to be a good verse, it necessarily have to rhyme. Dogstar’s sophomore offering unfortunately leaves the listener wanting more uniqueness of both the album and the band, particularly today, when the radio offers so much of the same.

Happy Ending
Dogstar
ULTIMATUM Music

Rap music thrives, despite logic

By GEOFFREY RAHIE

Why do I listen to rap music? Every time I hear the latest Dr. Dre or Eminem song, I find myself hating the whole bass line and every keyboard loop. I make fun of the idiotic lyrics. I realize that a well-trained ostrich could equal the songs, I of criticizing and belittling the songs, I

For example, DMX’s latest masterpiece, entitled “Life in Here.” There is some sort of hop hop thing that leads to start the song and shows up sporadically throughout the piece. It is really impossible to make sense of the whole mixture. I give credit to Dr. Dre because he can do some good producing work, but every one of his songs has a keyboard sound very similar to a flute. The opening keyboard/rule line to “Nurkin” Rul G Thang” basically takes a new form in every one of his songs (“Dre Day”) etc. Detroit’s finest, Kid Rock, splits his rhymes over electric guitars, which is a nice change from the keyboards and samples. But it even becomes hard to decipher one of his riffs from another.

The biggest part of a rap song is obviously the lyrics. Most rappers have no musical talent (save for the Roots, Beastie Boys and Kiff Rock) so they have to make it with their mouth. And boy is it a sweet ride!

Kid Rock’s anthem “Drinking and Smoking” contains verse that would win it like Yzerman/ I drink about 15 beers get a hold of that one. But it still think rap music is the laughing stock of American pop culture. (Vanilla Ice, Mr. Hammer, Kris Kross.)

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Winton Marsalis is an artist. Eminem can be called entertainers rather than artists. (showed here with guitarist Bret Downshore) Dogstar fails to achieve any significant musical break-through.

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They say all good things must come to an end, and for fans of the Blake Schwarzenbach led punk group, Jawbreaker, the end to Schwarzenbach’s intelligent punk music appeared to occur in 1996 when the group disbanded. However, the end proved just to be a new beginning for Schwarzenbach. Taking their name from a movie poster seen in the background of the film “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” Jawbreaker, along with former Texas is the Reason drummer Chris Daly and Jeremy Chatelain, the bassist Schwarzenbach, along with former Texas is the Reason for Schwarzenbach.

Soared well above the confines of traditional punk music. The album music appeared to occur in 1996 when the group disbanded. Along with power chord buoyed choruses, the album was one of great space, with a wide sampling of guitar tar line while Schwarzenbach was singing and then a traditional song format. The addition of guitarist Brian Maryansky freed up Schwarzenbach, allowing for such a concentration on piano. Unfortunately Schwarzenbach was never taught piano, as he plainly admits in the last song. While in no way detrimental, the piano does little besides making the fact that Schwarzenbach was singing and then a more intense guitar between verses. The resulting effect was one of great space, with a wide sampling of guitar effects that added as much to the songs’ imagery as Schwarzenbach’s lyrics. Maryansky’s guitar seems like it could have been done just as well by any studio guitarist hack. However, for all the changes made for the new album, there are still a few signs of the old Jawbreaker. Particularly in Schwarzenbach’s lyrics. Ranking relationships and a disregard for an over mediated, impersonal modern world still provide material for such songs as “You’re Having the Time of My Life” and “Your X-Bays Have Just Come Back From the Lab and We Think We Know What Your Problem Is.” However, the lyrics are more obscure this time around, and instead of narrating a story or fueling the imagination, the lyrics are essentially just lyrics. Considering that Schwarzenbach may be one of the most creative singers in music today, this is not so much a reduction in meaning as a change of focus.

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Jets to Brazil strays from its punk past to create a much more melodic and popish sound for its second album, Four Cornered Night.

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    - Chicago
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      - Jets to Brazil, Tina Turner, Bad Religion: UIC Pavilion

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- **Today**
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  - The Marvelous 3 - Ready Sex Go
  - Boyz II Men - Nathan Michele Shawn Wanya

- **September 19**
  - Madonna - Music
  - Fastball - The Harsh Light of Day
  - Poe - Haunted

- **September 26**
  - David Bowie - Bowie at the Beeb
  - 98 Degrees - Revelation
  - Juvenile - Playaz of Da Game

- **September 24**
  - Matchbox Twenty - Mad About You
  - Smokey Robinson - Just How High
  - Bad Religion - Psychotic Girls
  - Mindless Self Indulgence - The Hunger"
McGwire ends drought with homer in Cardinals' win

Distributed Press

PISTONSH

Mark McGwire hit his 49th home run of the season in the third inning Wednesday night as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-4. McGwire, who is the major league leader in both home runs and runs batted in, hit his two-run homer in the first inning, his 30th home run of the season and 101st of his career since July 1. He had been limited to one plate appearance in each of the four games since he came off the disabled list last week.

McGwire, sidelined from July 6-Sept. 8 with patella tendinitis in his right knee, has been listed as a second baseman and has left each game after batting in the top of the first.

St. Louis put up, popped out and was hit by a pitch during three weekend games at Milwaukee.

Garrett Stephenson (11-6), working for the fifth time in six decisions, allowing four runs, seven hits and four walks in seven innings. He retired the side in order just twice.

St. Louis, which overcame four RBIs from John Vander Wal, is 8-3 in September and had won 19 of its last 26.

With their 82nd loss, the Pirates were mathematically eliminated from postseason contention and assured of a losing season. The longest string of consecutive losing seasons began in 1949-57.

With the score 4-1, Pony Tavarez (1-3), the Pirates' fourth starter, got the final out to complete his third straight scoreless outing. Peter Harnisch (7-6) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings with five strikeouts.

The Giants' three-game win streak ended.

San Francisco added its final run in the 10th, leading the San Francisco Giants over the Houston Astros.

San Francisco, which lost 5-0 before falling behind 5-4 in the 11th and six runs and eight hits in five innings with five strikeouts.

San Diego loaded the bases in the top of the first, but it was out on an extra-out chopper when the ball went down the middle by Matt Williams. San Diego loaded the bases in the bottom half with his tie-breaking single and needs just one more to reach 600 for his career.

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Testaverde finds Chrebet in end zone for last-minute win

Associated Press

East Rutherford, N.J.

So much for Keyshawn Johnson.

Wayne Chrebet, who stepped up from the Jets’ No. 2 receiver to their top gun, caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde with 2:28 left as New York scored twice in the final 6:25 to beat the New England Patriots 20-19 Monday night.

It was a dramatic ending to a game that had a lot of grinding around midfield until the final quarter.

New England built up a 12-7 lead on four Adam Vinatieri field goals and extended it to 19-7 on Drew Bledsoe’s 4-yard touchdown pass to Eric Bjornson with just under 10 minutes left.

That seemed to energize the Jets, who drove 85 yards in 10 plays to score on Testaverde’s 2-yard TD pass to Chrebet. Fullback Richie Anderson had five catches for 78 yards on that drive.

New York got the ball back with 2:28 left.

On the first play, Testaverde hit Derek Ward for 44 yards, then threw to Chrebet, who caught the ball at the 3 and dove into the end zone.

The 2-point conversion failed, but New England went nowhere. John Abraham and Shaun Ellis, two of New York’s first-round draft choices, combined on one sack of Bledsoe, and Abraham got another.

The Jets are 2-0 while the Patriots are 0-2.

Meanwhile, the Patriots plugged along between the 20s. They led 12-7 at halftime, courtesy of Vinatieri’s field goals from 32, 35, 30 and 33 yards.

Two were set up by Troy Brown’s punt returns of 31 and 38 yards, a third by an interception that Antonio Langham returned 24 yards to the New York 14.

But the Patriots never got close to scoring a touchdown on any of those threats.

New England drove from its own 26 to the New York 11 with the opening kickoff of the second half.

But Vinatieri’s field-goal attempt appeared to be deflected and went wide left.

Bledsoe completed 25 of 43 passes for 229 yards but just one touchdown.

The rest of the scoring was Vinatieri’s and that made the difference.

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Jets’ No. 80 Wayne Chrebet catches the winning touchdown from Vinny Testaverde behind the back of Patriot Antonio Langhans with less than two minutes remaining Monday.

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Olympic officials refute drug study

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia
The International Olympic Committee, under renewed attack for its anti-doping policies, says critics in the United States and other countries should fix their own drug problems before giving lessons to others.

IOC members complained Tuesday about a study, financed and released by the White House last week, that criticized the international committee and other sports organizations for failing to do enough to combat the use of banned performance-enhancing drugs in the Olympics.

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The IOC has frequently cited the absence of a comprehensive anti-doping program in the United States, particularly in professional sports.

The U.S. study triggered a backlash during a discussion on the activities of the world anti-doping agency, which was created by the IOC last year to coordinate out-of-competition testing.

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Knight situation heats up on Bloomington campus

Players demand IU keep Davis, Treloar on staff

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - The post-Bob Knight era at Indiana began Monday in a way one might expect from the Hall of Fame coach himself: an ultimatum.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Players demanded that assistant coaches Mike Davis and Larry Treloar be retained and that one of them be hired as head coach.

Otherwise, center Kirk Haston said, there would be "serious repercussions." He said he'd leave. Several players threatened to leave. I could put a specific number on it, but a number," Haston said. "I think we're all going to walk off.

"We're not going to let you fire this coach and this team together," Haston said. "We'll give you some support, but now it means they'll keep coach Treloar and coach Davis here.

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Kirk Haston
Hoosier center

Fife, Moyer choose Knight over university

Associated Press

The General's iron hand is still on the Indiana basketball team. At the urging of Bob Knight, junior forward Jarrad Odle decided Monday to leave the Hoosiers. He said he does not think there is any reason to stay, now that his coach has been fired.

Assistant coach Mike Davis, Knight's top recruiter the past two seasons and the key link to the team for many players, also said his future in Bloomington rests with Knight.

"Whatever coach tells me to do, whatever they say, I'm going to do," Davis said. Monday, walking out of Assembly Hall.

Another player, freshman swingman A.J. Moyer, said he likely would leave, too, and lashed out at university president Myles Brand, who fired Knight a day earlier.

"I just feel like the whole administration, this whole school is screwed up, basically," Moyer said. "We were lied to, we were deceived and now it's all over, because all people wanted coach out. They got their wish, I hope they're happy. ... I hope they're just dancing somewhere happy.

Twelve players are living never to go back the same way because of them."

Other players — many came to Indiana solely because of Knight — were also turning to their former coach for guidance. Junior forward Jarrad Odle said Knight made it clear to the team he's available anytime they want to talk.

"He's going to be a friend to us now instead of a coach," Odle said, standing outside the building Monday. "I'm happy for him. I'm happy for his family."

What remains to be seen is whether the best place will be Indiana.

"They've just got to simmer down and see what happens," Davis said of the players. "It all depends on what coach says."

Knight, an old-school disciplinarian known as The General, was fired Sunday for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

The university now faces the task of replacing one of college basketball's most prominent coaches. While keeping together a team many considered the most talented Hoosiers squad in years.

They've got some quality people and they are stunned by all of this. They are hurt by all of this," he said.

"There's no question they came to Indiana University to play for coach Bob Knight. We'd like to think they came to Indiana University because of the Indiana University logo, the name Indiana University too, but I know the facts of life here, and they came to play for coach Knight.

"If they want to keep this team together, they'll give us some support," Haston said. "I'm not just going to keep coach Treloar and coach Davis here."

He said the search for an interim coach would begin right away. "In the permanent coach not too long after that.

"My best guess is you start thinking about the process even now, you get the current coaching staff intact," Doninger said. "It's something you need to address very early on. It becomes awkward as the season goes on, but everybody knows that's going to be the situation."

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American League

Red Sox salvage last game from Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Rolando Arrojo pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, Jose Offerman and Manny Alexander homered and the Boston Red Sox salvaged the final game of an unusual four-game series, beating the New York Yankees 4-0 Monday night.

The Yankees swept a three-game set during the weekend in Boston.

Not since July 8-9, 1939, had these long-time rivals played at Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium on consecutive days & a rainout on June 12 caused this makeup.

Arrojo (5-2) outpitched Orlando Hernandez (11-11) as Boston stopped New York's four-game winning streak.

The Red Sox trail the Yankees by eight games in the AL East, but closed within three games of Cleveland in the wild card face.

Arrojo gave up five hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out seven and did not allow a runner past second base. He was in complete control, even after being hit in the right hip by Jorge Posada's single in the second inning — only four days after Red Sox reliever Bryce Florie sustained extensive eye damage after being struck in the face by New York's Ryan Thompson.

With the crowd of 40,326 getting loud, Derek Lowe relieved with runners on first and second in the eighth and got Paul O'Neill to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Lowe finished with a hitless ninth for his 32nd save, giving the Red Sox their AL-leading 12th shutout.

Orioles 3, Angels 1
Sidney Ponson stopped his three-game losing streak with his fifth complete game of the season, and Jeff Conine hit a solo homer as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Anaheim Angels.

Ponson (8-11) scattered eight hits and struck out six, including Mo Vaughn twice. Vaughn's AL-high strikeout total rose to 160.

The complete game was the 12th by the Orioles this year, tying Toronto for the major league lead.

Ponson walked two in winning for only the second time in seven starts since July 31, with four losses over that span.

His previous win was 2-1 over Kansas City on Aug. 20.

He gave up the Angels' lone run on Garrett Anderson's RBI single in the fourth.

Conine restored the Orioles' two-run lead in the sixth when he connected off Scott Schoeneweiss (7-8) for his 13th homer.

White Sox 10, Tigers 3
Frank Thomas hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, increasing his AL-leading total to 139 as the Chicago White Sox beat Detroit, sending the Tigers to their sixth straight loss.

Chicago, which has won four of five, increased its AL Central lead to eight games over idle Cleveland.

Thomas hit an RBI double in the first and added a second grand slam of the season in the eighth off Nelson Cruz. Thomas, who has seven career slams, leads the AL with 42 home runs and his RBIs total leads the major leagues.

His previous career high was 134 in 1996.

Mike Sturkia (14-10) won his fourth straight decision and matched his career high in wins, set in 1998. He gave up three runs and six hits in seven innings.

Bob Howry pitched two innings for his seventh save in 12 chances.
Winless Belles look to end slide

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Assistant Writer

The Belles volleyball team has nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Two games and one tournament into the 2000 season, it has not brought home a single victory.

Today the victory could come to them. The Belles play their home opener tonight against the Kalamazoo College Hornets at 6:30 p.m.

"I think the home court advantage will definitely help us," said Victoria Buicko, senior defensive specialist.

"This is our first home game, I hope we will be able to resurrect and play as a team," said freshman LeighAnne Matesich.

The Belles are not relying on optimism alone to carry them against Kalamazoo, however.

"We have been working on reaction defense drills, going for everything, so nothing will hit the floor," Buicko said. "Kalamazoo has always been a solid team and we have played well against them."

Last year, the Belles defeated Kalamazoo in the first round of the MIAA volleyball tournament. The Hornets are 3-6 with a 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns at Juniata High School in Tampa, Fla. Because of his size, Godsey was initially a tight end prospect. When C.J. Lesu spun the Irish (and signed with Wake Forest) on signing day in February 1999 and Eric Chappell was dismissed from the team last September, Godsey became the third-string quarterback behind Jarious Jackson and Battle.

He entered last spring as the backup to Battle and completed 12 of 23 passes for 148 yards in the Blue-Gold game. Godsey has also been in touch with his older brother George, the starting quarterback at Georgia Tech, who completed 18-of-32 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown in a 26-21 loss to No. 2 Florida State on Saturday.

"He's a little bit beat up right now but he's given me confidence as well," the younger Godsey said. "He's put me in the worst situations to try to get me to think about what's going to happen. He's helped me out a lot."

With Godsey at the helm, the Irish offense will be limited. Davie expects to run little or no option plays and quarterback draws against Purdue when Godsey is in the game.

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"If you go back and look at that tape [against Nebraska] as an unbiased person, you've got a hard time saying who the No. 1 team in the country was as far as effort, as far as intensity, as far as physicalness," Davie said. "And though he "expects Godsey to play the whole football game" on Saturday, Davie has not ruled out using one of the freshmen in a limited capacity.

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She proved to herself that she can be a really good cross country runner, and that's going to be a big help to us down the road." The Irish used the first meet as a test of how well they could run as a pack, rather than focusing on times. "We still have some work to do, but we did work together as a pack at the beginning," Handley said. "We were concerned with us running as a team and winning overall more than times. Our freshman I was impressed with especially." The men's team also handsomely out-raced its competition, but not by as large a margin as the women. Notre Dame totaled 27 points, while Western Michigan wound up in second with 39 points. "It was a fairly good start, but we still have a lot to work on, so it's fairly mixed emotions," sophomore Marc Striowski said of the meet. Junior Luke Watson, the top returning runner, captured the individual men's title in an 8,000-meter time of 25 minutes, eight seconds. It was his first individual cross country meet championship for the Irish. Striowski crossed the line 16 seconds behind Watson for second place. "We can pretty well up front, and we're pretty strong in our first six men or so, but we need to work on our depth and work together more," Striowski said. "It was a rust-buster to get the rust out of our system after not running since May." Senior Bridget O'Brien and the Irish started their season on the right foot with easy wins over Western Michigan and Chicago State last weekend.

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played the front three spots in rotation last year. Victoria Butcko and Angie Meyers only played the back three, and Jamie Diwenn was the back-up setter. The Saint Mary's volleyball team has not recruited for its team in the last 2 1/2 years. This, along with the lack of returning players, really causes problems for the team. "We really have very little depth," Schroeder-Biek said. Because of that, the women who are new to the team are being called on to play positions that are not their true positions. Freshman Leigh Ann Mateiczak was moved from a setter to a lead defender for the team. That's quite an adjustment for any player, especially one who is also trying to adjust to college competition. "But we have to play the women where we, as a team, need them," Schroeder-Biek said. In addition to not having depth, and moving to new positions, several of the new players just do not have the refined skills that are usually found on a college volleyball court. The players come from a variety of backgrounds, and at this point in the season the team still needs to work on the basic skills. With the Belles still focusing on basic skills they cannot be expected to be able to face off against strong competition successfully. "We have to give 100 percent heart, 100 percent body and 100 percent soul to even think about a win," Schroeder-Biek said. Unfortunately, there are teams with stronger skills giving that same 100 percent. This year's focus cannot be wins. This year's focus has to be the education necessary to become a power in volleyball. Basic skills, plays, and team cohesion are going to be what is important this season. Schroeder-Biek knows that her team is going to be fighting for wins this year. Challenges lie ahead. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Belles take on defending MIAA-champion Hornets

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

If this weekend was big for Saint Mary's soccer, Tuesday is even more important. Not only are the Kalamazoo College Hornets ranked 22nd in the NCAA Division III preseason poll, they are also the defending MIAA champions two years running. But the Belles are ready and waiting.

"I don't think ranking has to do with anything," Jessica Klink, Belles co-captain, said. "We've been very competitive lately. I have confidence in the team."

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get out with friends. Your home environment will be unstable and upsetting if you stick around. You need to be around positive people who can offer you good conversation and sound advice.**

**TAURUS (May 20-June 20): Let the talks begin. Your lover may be having trouble with the way your relationship is going. A short relative may be able to shed light on your situation.**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Rom antic encounters will be emotional and intense. You are likely to meet someone new now when least expect it. Take care of medical or financial problems.**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mate will be quite ready at making you feel bad. Get out of the house and start to do things that will raise your self-esteem. It's time to get back into shape both mentally and physically.**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get busy moving things around at home. Invite friends over for a fun-filled night of entertainment. Property investments will pay off. Lady Luck is on your side. Take advantage of your good fortune.**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Push to get your work done and involved in groups you belong to. You can expect him to be relaxed and happy. He'll be glad you took him by the cook.**

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need to get back into the hidden things you used to enjoy. Let your talent grow and satisfy your needs. It's time to do a little something for yourself. If you're happy, you can make others happy.**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be a coward. If you are having a medical problem, get it checked out. You'll feel much better knowing that you're going to be all right. Putting off something uncomfortable is a mistake.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Time to look at your options. It's time to do a little self-reflection. Don't think your family hasn't noticed the change in you. You might be wise to spend some time by yourself sorting out your thoughts and direction.**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have so much to offer. Put your creative imagination into work for you. Incorporate your ideas into your everyday routine. It's time you start believing in yourself.**

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Find ways to improve yourself. Change your hair style or buy new outfits that fit. Take a fresh look at your image. It's time to make changes.**

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FOOTBALL

Davie names Godsey new starter

By TIM CASEY  Assistant Sports Editor

He was recruited here as a tight end, played only two seasons at quarterback in high school and has never taken a snap in a college game.

But on Saturday, sophomore Gary Godsey will be the starting signal caller when Notre Dame hosts No. 12 Purdue.

"I'm ready," Godsey said after practice Monday. "I've just got to keep calm and stay focused and things down. With the athletes I have around me, I don't think that will be that big of a problem."

Godsey was thrust into the role after Arnaz Battle fractured the navicular bone in his left wrist on the first play of Saturday's 27-24 loss to Nebraska. Battle will have surgery Tuesday and have a screw placed in the navicular.

According to coach Bob Davie, Battle will be out for a minimum of six to eight weeks and that there's a "strong possibility" of Battle missing the remainder of the season.

"With each player it heals a little bit differently," Davie said. "We're not going to even risk it to bring him back until it's fully healed. I think the right decision has been made. It's what's best for him."

Davie announced his decision to the entire team before practice Monday, a day after saying the position was open for competition. The 6-foot-6-inch, 235-pound Godsey beat out freshmen Jared Clark, Matt LeVeech and Carlyle Holiday for the starting nod.

In the hours after hearing of Battle's injury, several players approached Davie and unanimously pleaded for Godsey as the starter against the Boilermakers.

"That was important to me," Davie said. "Our players feel good about it, they're excited about Gary Godsey."

LaVeech, a 6-foot-3-inch 200-pounder from Franklin Lakes, N. J. worked as the backup Monday but may not necessarily be the remainder of the season.

Sophomore Gary Godsey pitches the ball during fall drills. The quarterback is slated to take over starting duties Saturday against No. 12 Purdue.

Cross Country

Irish pass first test with win at Valparaiso

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  Associate Sports Editor

The Irish cross country teams passed their first test of the 2000 season, easily defeating its lesser opponents Western Michigan and Chicago State in the Valparaiso Invitational.

The women's squad stonewalled the competition, finishing first, second, third, fifth and sixth in the race for an overall score of 17 points, far better than Western Michigan's 45 points.

"To be very honest, the competition wasn't great," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said.

"We scored 17 points and actually had 15 in the top 20. We put three in front of the first runner. It was actually even more lopsided than the score."

Sophomore Jennifer Hantley won the 5,000-meter race in a time of 17 minutes, 58 seconds. Just behind her were junior Hilary Burn in 18 minutes, 16 seconds, and freshman Megan Johnson.

"I'll tell you who I was really, really pleased with was Hilary Burn," Connelly said. "She and Megan did a really, really good job of running together the entire race."

"Last year Hilary missed the entire season with mono, and freshman year she came in and wasn't really ready to go a whole lot after a long track season," Connelly continued. "I don't think she was really sure of herself as far as her ability to run cross country."

Sophomore Nathan Shay and the men's cross country team earned first place at Valparaiso by a 32-point margin.

Belles need to net wins

They're young.
They're inexperienced.

They're still adjusting to playing at the college level.

Sure, these are all very good reasons why any team would have a rocky start to their season. But all this is just what we've been seeing from the Belles this season.

Volleybelles were expecting starting players last year, but would prove otherwise.

Any team, but this young team alone would cause problems for most a coach, and now, for the second beginning of the 1999 season the team has not had consistency in play. Jolie LeBeau, this year's head coach from 1991-1996, has other problems to face as well.

Her prior experience gave fans and those of us who follow the Saint Mary's volleyball team some reason to expect a bang for the Saint Mary's volleyball team. That was shown to us again last year. But the Belles are young.

They're inexperienced.

They're inconsistent.

They had to dig.

They wanted them to pass, set and jump and compete. They laughed at last year.

This season has started off with something more like a flop than a bang for the Saint Mary's volleyball team. Following last year's 17-15 season that left the Belles in third place in the MIAA, it was starting to look as if maybe Saint Mary's would have a real winning sports team this season.

However, this year's statistics would prove otherwise.

It's true that the Belles graduated several of their important starting players last year, but those of us who follow the Volleybelles were expecting much a coach can do for her team.

Saint Mary's is again trying to make up for the loss of its star players. The Belles have no starters as they begin another season in a row they face readjustment. Jolie LeBeau, this year's head coach from 1991-1996, has other problems to face as well.

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