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

Voter turnout low among 18 to 24-year-olds

By ERIN LaRUFFA

Every November, Americans get to decide who their leaders will be on local, state and national levels. But Americans in that age bracket were broken down into age groups, the 18 to 24-year-olds have the lowest turnout.

Many observers of this trend, and even non-voters themselves, attribute low turnout to apathy.

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

Low voter turnout among this age group, however, involves more than just laziness. For example, many 18 to 24-year-olds simply do not have faith in the electoral process.

Sophomore Matt Wilkerson, who is also not voting this year, said that main-party candidates position themselves too closely to the political center in order to get more votes.

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

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

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

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

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

“I think of my dorm as the place where I live, study and work. I’d rather go somewhere else and party.”

Meaghan Donovan
Pasquerella East sophomore

“I noticed that the passion and spirit at Notre Dame was great. I wanted to do some Duke stuff here.”

Mike Brey
Men’s basketball coach

“We are light years ahead of where we were last year now that we are global.”

Adam Frick
WFU station manager

“We don’t think girls dorms should have different rules from guys dorms and vice versa. There should not be any discrepancies.”

Kevin Berchou
Sorti Hall senator

INSIDE COLUMN

Web dependency

I never really bought into the whole “information superhighway” hype about the Internet. I always thought that the Internet was convenient, and it was nice to be able to find information quickly and easily. I never really thought it was very revolutionary. Then the Internet went away and I learned just how much I really rely on the Internet.

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

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

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

It got even harder when I started working on Monday’s issue. The email system that let us communicate and send stories back and forth to other campuses was down. Getting even the most basic information was nearly impossible. Our weather service was cut off.

We lost access to national photos and graphics. Everything that made production of a newspaper easy and painless was gone. Getting stories back to our political reporters in Washington proved to be nearly impossible. Driving back and forth from South Dining Hall to Saint Mary’s (where e-mail still worked) as we tried to collect stories and photos from hundreds of miles away.

A system we rely on to make our everyday life easier was gone and we were left scrambling to find a new system.

When the information superhighway broke down Sunday, my life came to a screeching halt. Even finding out information concerning the network breakdown was nearly impossible. What about basic business information about Ameritech and the location of its corporate office? It’s all on the Internet.

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Law could ease voter registration

An amendment to the 1998 Higher Education Act should have put voter registration forms at students’ fingertips, courtesy of the state. Instead, schools like Northern Illinois University were required to find their own ways to provide forms — and they did.

Voter registration information was funneled to students via a state-sponsored clearinghouse called Illinois Votes. The clearinghouse was supposed to ease the burden of voter registration for both students and universities.

Governor George Ryan decided not to provide the groups with the forms, saying the state would provide them instead. State Board of Elections spokesman Scott Anderson said they could have requested them through the clearinghouse.

But the Illinois law requires that a group provide its students with the forms and that the school notify the state of the forms it is distributing.

Besides, the law requires that the state make the forms available to all students who are registered to vote in Illinois. Ryan’s action may have violated the law.

“Those laws are there to protect students’ rights,” Anderson said.

Leto said, “Since Election Day is so close with Veteran’s Day, they could mangle the two together and tie in that this is what vets fought for.

At the Centre County Democratic Committee’s headquarters, the feeling about a student walkout was mixed.

“We certainly think voting is a great idea. Having classes is never a good thing, although it can be fun sometimes it’s important to make a dramatic statement,” said Bob Shepherd, Centre County Gore 2000 chair.

Shepherd, however, doesn’t neces­sarily think the day should be a national holiday.

“Isn’t that very long to vote, and the polls are open for 13 hours,” he said.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Grad students seek to form union

Should the results of April’s Graduate Assistants Union election — which were sealed pending last week’s National Labor Relations Board decision — be in favor of GA union, New York University’s only two options would be to bargain with the union or refuse to bargain and push the case into federal court.

In the wake of the decision, which gives NYU graduate teaching assistants the green light to form a union, university officials say they are deciding what their next step will be. NLGB decisions cannot be directly appealed to federal court. The only way the NYU case could be heard by a Circuit Court judge would be for the university to refuse to bargain, forcing the union to file a grievance with the NLGB. Should the Board determine NYU refused to bargain, it would order the university to negotiate. If it still refused, the Board could take the university to court in an effort to compel it to bargain. NYU could also take the Board to court, asking a federal judge to review the Board’s order to bargain.

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SMC welcomes high schoolers to campus

By ALICIA ORTIZ
New Writer

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

“What is neat about Fall Day on Campus is so many different departments — dining, athletics, admissions, and current students come together to make this day happen,” said Ann Kearns, admissions counselor, class of 98. “That is what being part of the Saint Mary’s community is all about.”

The day began at 8 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The students and their families were formally welcomed in the O’Laughlin Auditorium. Some of the morning’s speakers included Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions and Crissie Renner, student body president.

Following the welcome, parents and students separated to address concerns they might have about attending Saint Mary’s. Students were free to ask current Saint Mary’s students about classes, homework, and residence hall living. Parents were also encouraged to ask questions they have about the necessary steps to prepare their students for college.

Mary Nucciareno, director of financial aid, addressed concerns about funding college expenses and applying for financial aid. After parents and students were treated to lunch in the Noble Family Dining Hall and toured college buildings and residence halls, Fall Day on Campus ended in a faculty and administrator Open House. There, prospective students learned about majors available at the College.

“Fall Day has been extremely helpful. It has given me an idea of what Saint Mary’s is all about,” said Adrienne Garcia, a high school senior from New Carlisle, Ind. “The people are friendly and I would like to come here next year.”

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ND prof honored for dedication

Special to The Observer

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

The award is the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the NSC, a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to the protection of life and the promotion of health. Selected for the award by his peers, Taylor was one of 19 safety professionals to receive the honor Oct. 16 at the opening convocation of the NSC’s 88th annual Congress and Expo in Orlando, Fla.

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

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

Taylor received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Case Institute of Technology in 1956 and 1962. He earned his doctorate in civil engineering from Ohio State University in 1965.
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DePalma couldn't use PsychInfo, a tool to search psychology journals online, to find articles for a presentation due next week.

"I'm stuck because I need to use PsychInfo before I go to the library, because I can't look through all of the journals that they have by hand," said DePalma.

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

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

"On Sunday, the students' attitude was that the library has some print back-ups. "We have basic things that we can use to get by. We do have print resources, but they take more time to use. We can usually get [the students] something," said reference librarian Doug Archer.

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

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

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

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

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However, last year the CLC discussed the issue and since then the hall monitors were supposed to be notified that males do not have to leave the 24-hour space when the hall monitors leave.

"A lot of guys are intimidated to go into 24-hour space of women's residence halls because they're afraid of what's going to happen if they get yelled at by security monitors and they don't even know exist," said Reali.

approved by Student Affairs, the policy will go into the residence halls' 24-hour spaces. The policy also allows rectors to amend it if they want more specific guidelines, but these amendments also have to be approved.

"They'll have to get the rules approved by Student Affairs and then they'll be added," said Escobar.

Members debated the necessity of posting the policy, but after other dorms, like Dillon Hall, student monitors shook their heads and glanced at each other. Reali referred to his fellow senators and said, "I have to support my constituents here. The real spirit behind this was to have something posted.

Even after nothing hall monitors of the rules, Reali said, "It has been a challenge to enforce this policy."

St. Edward's Hall rector Father David Scheidler said he has noticed problems as well.

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

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

"I would rather not post signs anywhere, ever," said Doyle. "I try to inform residents that it's a lounge and not a lodge."

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

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

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

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In Other CLC News:
The Service, Tenure and Promotion task forces met with representatives of the Kamen Center for Teaching and Learning Barbara Walvoord to discuss interaction between students and faculty. Student Body President Jeff Escober said the meeting was very successful. The task force also planned a meeting with Dean of First Year Studies Eileen Kolman.

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

Fatal bus accident in Banos: A bus plunged from a mountain cliff near a resort town in central Ecuador early Monday, killing at least 39 people and injuring 16, the Red Cross said. The bus, transporting local laborers, plummeted 820 feet from an isolated highway into a ravine, 85 miles south of the capital, Quito.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Indianapolis man found dead: Police are trying to identify a man found dead on Interstate 65 last weekend. The man's body was found shortly before 10:30 p.m. Saturday near an overpass on the north side of Indianapolis. An autopsy showed he died of blunt injuries suffered in an accident, according to police. Authorities were looking for information about the man.

YUGOSLAVIA

Inmates protest Albanian prisons

Associated Press

YUGOSLAVIA Police stormed a state prison late Monday, trying to control it as a hunger strike became a riot in solidarity for other Serbian inmates in the northern town of Sremska Mitrovica. Those inmates, who began protesting last Sunday, alleging that they were beaten "like horses" and demanding they be released in a proposed amnesty for ethnic Albanian prisoners from Kosovo.

Prison Warden Miodrag Djordjevic said the prisoners in Nin also wanted to be included in the amnesty and he expected justice ministers to arrive Tuesday for talks.

The riot in Sremska Mitrovica, in one of Yugoslavia's largest prisons, began late Sunday and spread throughout the jail. Prisoners armed with iron bars positioned themselves on the rooftop of one building.

Officials inside the prison said the inmates were angry that a proposed amnesty law could free ethnic Albanian prisoners but not Serbs convicted of other crimes.

Ethnic Albanian inmates were evacuated from the prison Monday evening and taken by bus to an undisclosed location, the independent Beta news agency reported. Most of their cells were destroyed in the fire. Beta said.

Dragan Subasic, one of three Justice Ministry officials negotiating with the inmates, said three people had been hospitalized with slight injuries suffered during the riots in Sremska Mitrovica, about 50 miles northwest of Belgrade, the capital.

The standoff, shown on Serbian TV showed two inmates, surrounded by hundreds of other cheering prisoners, complaining of severe beatings they claimed had taken place since 1994.

"They used to beat us like horses," an unidentified prisoner with head bandages said, looking at the camera. "People have been destroyed physically, psychologically and morally. They were left with no desire to live."

Others displayed a baseball bat allegedly used by guards to beat inmates and chanted: "Amnesty!" and "Down with the war!"

In Nin, Djordjevic confirmed that hundreds of prisoners had set fire to their cells, ransacked the jail's offices and climbed onto the roofs of several buildings, demanding the justice ministers meet with them.

A prisoner told The Associated Press that about 1,000 inmates, including 300 ethnic Albanians, had gone on a hunger strike, demanding their sentences be reduced by 30 percent, and the prison management be replaced by Wednesday.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

As a participant in Notre Dame's Semester in Washington, D.C., she interned the summer term Monday through Wednesday, taking some night classes starting when they return from work until 9:30 p.m. They attend one class Thursday and Fridays can be filled with day trips to museums, monuments and legislative offices.

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Bishops release statement about role of Church in politics

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC
In an effort to clarify the responsibilities of Catholics in modern American politics, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement entitled "Faithful Citizenship: Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium" last September. This statement does not represent a new step for the Church, which has been involved in politics for decades. "We believe that politics is everywhere, that in reality is enhanced when people bring their deepest convictions into group, life, vote matters," said the director of social development and world peace for the conference. "Our faith has something to say about all our lives, including our public choice,

This year's statement does have a new focus, however. "The new document emphasizes that citizenship is a virtue, that participation is an obligation," said Carr. "It calls people to more, not less, involvement in public life in order to overcome the cynicism of our day."

In that spirit, the document encourages Catholics to consider the Church's constant life ethic when deciding which candidate to support. That ethic includes the Church's opposition to abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia as well as its support for programs that aid America's poorest citizens.

"It's a reflection of American values where believers in religious institutions have the same rights..." John Carr
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"For believers, the most important question is not, 'Are you better off that you were four years ago?'" he said. "It's 'Are we all better off? Are the poor better off? Are unborn children better off?' It's not just the economy."

Carr believes the document elucidates the importance of faith and personal beliefs in the political arena.

"It's a reflection of American values where citizens in religious institutions have the same rights — no more, no less than others — to contribute to public debate," he said. "What this document is doing is asking Catholics to form a community of conscience in the larger community."

The Church has put forth extra effort this year to make sure that American Catholics are aware of the document exists for their consultation. In addition to its publication on the Internet, "Faithful Citizenship" is available in print and on video. Each Catholic parish received a kit containing these materials from the National Council last spring, said Carr.

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ly with the Electoral College, which determines the presidential elec-

Lambrecht did not vote in any of the three elections he has lived in his home state of Minnesota this year.

"I'm not knowledgeable about

state and city candidates," he said.

People in this age group may also feel that it does not matter who is in office.

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"political family."

In 1996, only 32 percent of young American adults bothered to vote. Among the general population, voter turnout was 50 percent.

"We have the worst voter turnout," said senior Megan Conlon, one of Sedlack's students. "I think that problem needs to be taken seriously."

So Sedlack and his class created a project to address the issue.

The first phase of the project involved creating a poster. Students created several designs, and then the class critiqued each one — along with graduate graphic design students and non-art or design majors from student government.

The poster the group selected to print and display around campus reads, "68% of 18 to 24 year olds do not vote in their federal elections. 68% of this poster is a WASTE OF SPACE. What will you be doing on Tuesday, November 7th? Fill the void."

With the help of Adworks, Notre Dame's student advertising agency, the class printed and hung over 200 posters around campus.

With the large amount of white space on the poster, some people have found room to write messages of their own on the posters.

"We know it's getting attention when it's getting graffiti," Sedlack said.

In addition to the posters, the class decided to incorporate other elements into their project as well.

Students designed three different button designs and produced 200 of them. The class distributed the buttons to other students who promised to display them on clothing or backpacks.

The class also designed table tents to be displayed this week in the dining halls. Adworks helped the class to actually distribute these tents.

In addition, the class designed a graphic for the homepage of Notre Dame's Web site. The site offers a link to the class's own Web site that has additional voter information.

While he wants the posters send a message to the entire Notre Dame student body, Sedlack said the project also gave his students a chance to see how their designs can play an influential role in informing the public.

"I hoped that it even moved just one person," Conlon said. She added that she hopes getting her peers to vote now will get them in the habit of voting, so they will continue to do so throughout their lives.

"You've got a say. You can affect the outcome of elections," said Sedlack. "Ignorance and apathy are not the answer."

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

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

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Doctors perform surgery to separate conjoined twins

♦ Surgeons expect one twin to die during operation

Associated Press

LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Could refuse surgery and let of a normal life. The operation could allow Jodie to have a normal life, but that Mary cannot survive once she is separated from Jodie’s aorta.

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

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

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

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

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

When the United States adopted the Constitution in 1787, Americans could not travel and communicate nearly as quickly as we do today. Voters of the 1790s and 1800s did not have the access to the candidates necessary to cast an informed ballot for president. Given these circumstances, it was a wise choice on the part of the men who wrote the Constitution to provide for the election of trusted representatives who could learn about the candidates and cast a well-advised electoral vote for their state.

In modern America, the limitations that originally made the Electoral College a necessity no longer exist. With the development of airplanes, television and the Internet, such citizens now have an ample opportunity to familiarize themselves with the personalities and positions of the candidates. With this information, citizens no longer need to depend on electors to make decisions for them.

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

Under the present system, each citizen's vote is worth a different fraction of an electoral vote based on the state's number of constituencies. For example, a man who lives in Maine should cast a vote of equal worth. A vote in one state should not count more than a vote in another state.

It is such a Maine where the electoral votes are divided between the winner and loser, a vote for the candidate who does not carry the state still could translate to some value in the Electoral College. In other states, the losing candidate receives none of the Electoral College votes no matter how close the election might have been. The Constitution gives the state legislatures the power to determine the rules governing the Electors from each state. There is no longer any reason for America to continue choosing its President through an Electoral College. Instead, the basic rules of equality dictate that each citizen's vote should be equally important. This can only be achieved through direct popular election of the President. The United States should eliminate the Electoral College and allow the people to directly choose their leader.
Working for service after graduation

On the eve of Oct. 26, The Young Leaders of Old Saint Patrick's Church in Chicago held their fourth annual fall dinner and auction presentation. The group was indeed diverse. Among the investors were educators of all ages, well-known entrepreneurs, successful figures in the business world, community leaders from the local and national levels, representatives of the religious order and eager students. The gathering was in honor of the "2000 Young Leader Award Recipient for Exemplary Leadership in Chicago." The young man acclaimed as this year's model for leadership is Patrick G. Ryan Jr., Founder and President of the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC); an urban teaching program similar to the Peace Corps.

One by one, representatives of the Leadership Council approached the podium and proceeded to reflect on the award and on Patrick. He received accolades for his integrity, anecdotes for his accomplishments, admiration for his heart and approbation for his guts. One friend noted how effortlessly Patrick managed to integrate all of his disparate interests into his life so that not one cause in which he believed had to wait its turn. She added that in addition, through it all Patrick kept in touch — with everyone. He never forgot a name or a face.

One would think after hearing this endless list of praises that here was a man who must real- ize his exceptional qualities and that he is a saint of a guy. Yet, when he stepped to the microphone to accept the award, Patrick stood comfortably in the front of the room and after expressing gratitude began his speech that assured his audience this award was not about him. "Don't mistake the match for the fire," he said.

Patrick's words quickly changed the tone of the night. Patrick was able to deftly reflec- tate the spotlight from himself and onto the current leaders of the ICTC program who quietly but proudly sat in the back wearing symbolic green carnations. Patrick's passionate plea for better education in America echoed through the room, leaving many eyes to brim with tears. He declared that "parents should not have to pretend to live in another city just so that they can provide quality educa- tion to their children.

Patrick then profiled one specific visiting one of the sites, shadowing one of its teachers. Tara returned with an even greater appreciation for the program. She is certain that not only do the teachers make an impact in a way that will change children's lives, but they also find their own lives forever enhanced.

Service after college just might be the best thing you'll ever do. What better time to sacrifice monetary privileges than right after college when we are all used to living at college poverty levels? Don't cheer the corporate world sooner or later you'll get tired of it. Service in the form of teaching is even better. Our future is still behind the doors of grade schools and that will never change.

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

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

Patrick G. Ryan Jr. is the eldest brother of Brittany's biggest buddy, junior Corbett Ryan of Knob Hill. Brittany Morehouse is a senior majoring in American studies and anthro- pology. She is open to all post-graduate offers and if anyone is interested in her services, she may be reached at Morehouse.10@nd.edu.

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Allowing for successful concerts

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

Our sincerest thanks goes out to the band, the crew, the stu- dents and fans who made for a sold-out show and especially the members of the Student Union Board without whose help it would not have been possible.

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

Becky Hagelin
Student Union Board Executive member
November 6, 2000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations Mr. Notre Dame

Last Thursday, between 800 and 1,000 students attended the first ever Mr. Notre Dame pageant. The winner, freshman Ryan Crochet of Keenan Hall, put on a show for the ages. His talent was a Chipmunk-style dance to the Divinyls "I Touch Myself" that had the audience on their feet both cheering and laughing at the same time. By the end of it, he was in black tights and a red bow-tie. Let me not forget one important fac- tor, he's about 300 pounds. The other finalists were quite good, but the night was stolen by Big Ryan as he charmed the ladies during the question and answer section. We're animately- awaited The Observer's take on the pageant, but since no article as of yet has been printed, we at Keenan Hall would like to give him some well-deserved press. Congratulations to the big fella and we can't wait for a repeat performance next year.

Andrew Wanner
Keenan Hall
November 6, 2000
CONCERT REVIEW

Guster thrills Irish crowd with quality rock show

By LISA BRUNO
Some Music Critic

To have a great concert, a couple of things are needed. The band must be a great band that plays pleasing live music and be at the core of what's required. But sometimes you get lucky, and not only do you get that, but you get a band that is completely unique and the real thing — not a mass-produced, choreographed, accessorized bunch.

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And that's not all there is to Guster. It is also completely unique and very real. If there were any doubts to this latter quality, they should have been squashed by the fact that Guster had two Notre Dame students, Kevin Hearn and Mike Murphy, play violins and tuba during "Window" and "Bury Me." This is a indication of what Guster is, a band that appreciates its fans, a band that not only reads and replies to e-mail...

Guster's fan base steadily increases and it opens for musical giants like Barenaked Ladies and Dave Matthews Band, Desert Rose Band, and Pulp. And, but for musical giants like Barenaked Ladies and Dave Matthews Band, Desert Rose Band, and Pulp. And, it doesn't impress me with the fans. The album, which pays tribute to the band and the sound of the record in Windmill Lane recording studio.

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Unfortunately, the band has had problems with its voice, so its singing is not at its best. That is no more evident than with the performance of the Massachusetts-based trio, Guster. They are simply a great band live, apt to impress both longtime fans and first-timers.

When listening to a Guster recording, it's hard to know what it is about Achtung Baby, the timelesss "One," on Zooptopa, "Stay (Far Away, So Close)," on Pipt, it was "If God Will Send His Angels." On All That You Can't Leave Behind, this song is "Walk On." "Walk On," like its predecessors, demonstrates why U2 has remained the world's largest and most enduring rock band. "I can't say where it is but I know it. I'm going Walk on, walk on."

The Edge, like Bono, is also responsible for some of the most moving moments on All You Can't Leave Behind. The Edge, named for his distinct echo guitar style, cooly decorates the album with unique guitar solos and transparent keyboard sounds. The most notable example of The Edge's pristine guitar playing occurs on "Kite," where his sound seems to take the listener to a different world. Besides the band line-up, there has been one constant on each of U2's albums — the "bongos." Into With or Without You" on the Joshua Tree album, this has had at least one haunting, gem-of-a-song on each album. On Achtung Baby, it was the timeless "One," on Zooropa, "Stay (Far Away, So Close)," on Pipt, it was "If God Will Send His Angels." On All That You Can't Leave Behind, this song is "Walk On."

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Guster effortlessly rolled through 15 songs displaying its versatility and growth as a band. "Demos" ended the show, it seemed, to see if the band would live up to the hype. But when it did, a satisfied crowd remained, wondering only how long it would be until Guster would return.

ALBUM REVIEW

Rock giants U2 continue to grow after 10 albums

By JOHN HEIECK
Some Music Critic

The new album. Long lines outside of record stores at midnight. Screaming fans. Rock 'n' Roll! No, these phrased-fams are not for Limp Bizkit or The Backstreet Boys or Britney Spears. They're U2 fans.

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

Rumors began circulating early this year about a new U2 album. First of all, U2, known for its last album, is the most anticipated U2 album since Achtung Baby, the follow-up to the Joshua Tree. And for good reason.

Driven by Clayton and Mullen Jr's distinctive rhythm combination, the Edge's haunting guitar personality, and the most prominent lyricists Bono has ever written, All That You Can't Leave Behind begins with the already radio-friendly "Beautiful Day" and ends with the soulful "In A Little While," the album... the most notable example of The Edge's pristine guitar playing occurs on "Kite," where his sound seems to take the listener to a different world.

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Ben Harper rocks sell-out crowd in Chicago

By NATE PHILLIPS
Scene Music Critic

In a brilliant performance Saturday night, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals displayed their true rock talent at the Aragon Theater in Chicago, Ill.

Harper, who opened for Dave Matthew's summer concert tour, played a wide range of music that appealed to many different types of music fans. Harper is slowly growing in popularity, and has slowly been drawing a larger and larger audience from the Dave Matthews' fan base.

Harper is known specifically for his grassroots type of rock, but does a great job of incorporating different kinds of musical techniques into his songs. The song, "Steal My Kisses," which is his biggest hit to date on the radio, has influences from both rock and hip-hop. A number of his most popular songs simply consist of Harper singing to the radio, has influences from both rock and hip-hop. A number of his most popular songs simply consist of Harper singing.

Audiences are drawn not only to the variety of musical elements found in his music, but also his soulful lyrics -- lyrics that are filled with emotion and reflect aspects of life that most people experience. His most popular songs are humorous, soulful and powerful, oftentimes expressing love lost and/or heartbreak. The concert venue at the Aragon Theater was relatively small and, as a result, had little trouble selling out. The audience itself encompassed a wide variety of people from high school students to older concertgoers. The venue served Harper's personal style perfectly through, as it allowed him get the entire audience involved in the show.

Almost as if to prove his musical diversity, Harper brought a small rap band named Black-Ilicitious open the concert. They encouraged audience participation, and were a fun and entertaining warm-up to Harper. And though surprising to hear a rap group at a rock concert, it served well to mix-up the usual concert experience.

After a brief talk, Harper finally emerged from backstage to the sound of the crowd. While his bassist began strumming his guitar, Harper calmly placed a chair in the middle of the stage. Behind him stood a large drum set, one for each of his band's two drummers.

Harper began the set on his chair -- from his chair -- with a blaring rendition of "Burn One Down," immediately bringing the crowd into the concert. Following his first song, Harper showed his tendency to have a little fun with his audience by sarcastically dedicating the concert to George W. Bush. He quickly found himself receiving a round of boos, which he then bashed into cussing Bush's tenure as owner of the Texas Rangers. "I worry about Bush as our possible future president," Harper said. "Anyone who could trade there's a problem with the Chicago Cubs definitely needs some help with his decision making." After each song, a stagehand would run out to Harper with yet another guitar, each different style for the guitarist. The result of the comparison between electric and acoustic guitars was that every song was unique and different. The concert maintained a fresh and exciting feel throughout.

For the first hour, Harper belted out a number of different songs. Throughout his first set, Harper focused on songs that were relatively unknown, leaving his music with a distinct rock feel, though the songs remained upbeat and energetic.

Once he had finally settled in, however, Harper began to vary his music, ranging from softer upbeat music to harder more emotional songs like "Please Bled." The first set climaxed with a fresh rendition of "Steal My Kisses," which involved a rap portion of the song. Harper sang the first several verses from his chair, and then picked up his guitar on a stand, began to dance around the stage leaving a rapper, whom Harper had brought out from backstage at the start of the song, to take over. As "Steal My Kisses" was quickly transformed to a hip-hop song, Harper began to dance around the stage working up the audience. By the time the song ended, the entire arena was brimming with excitement.

Harper, however, took this time to walk off the stage with his band. But it didn't long for the demanding cheers from the audience to produce their desired result, as Harper again emerged back-stage, this time alone.

He sat down on his same chair and pulled out an acoustic guitar. For the next several songs, he played guitar and poured his heart out with rich and entertaining lyrics.

The entire atmosphere of the concert had changed once again -- mellowing out the soundscapes of Harper's solo performance. When finished, Harper thanked the audience and walked off stage.

The crowd immediately began chanting for another encore, as Harper emerged once more in full force for a third set. It launched into music dominated primarily with the electric guitar and loud drum solos. The set finished with a dramatic rendition of "The Woman in You." And then the band thanked the crowd for a final time, and walked off the stage for good.

Overall, Harper's performance was exceptionally impressive. He offered a wide range of music -- appealing to all members of the audience.
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seconds. Verlin also claimed first in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:55.71. Four swimmers were individual event winners for the Irish. Freshman Matt Oberlin had a key performance for the Irish lagging behind Oakland University, capturing only five of 15 events. There were some bright spots for the Irish, however, especially in the distance events. Junior Jonathan Pierce clinched victories in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:00.45, and in the 500 freestyle in 4:40.99. Sophomore diver Andy Maggio kept the divers undefeated in dual meet action, winning both the one and three meter board events. Siller took first in the 200 breaststroke in 2:07.02. But the middle part of the meet was the crunch, where the Irish found themselves falling to Oakland's sprinting forces, dropping both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. "This is just going to be a year where we just have to keep working on sprinting," said head coach Tim Welsh. "But our times were better this time. We're making progress, but we're not done." he said.

The Irish now take a break from competition, not returning to the competitive scene until the Notre Dame Invitational, Nov. 31 through Dec. 3. The hiatus gives the team the opportunity to prepare well, Welsh said. "This gives us a couple of weeks of very intense preparation," Welsh said. "We are only going to be as good as our level of improvement — this break is to our advantage."

Volleyball
Bomhack named player of week
Special to The Observer

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

Bomhack was instrumental in the three Irish sweeps over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence, pushing the Notre Dame 2000 season record to 21-5 and 10-0 in the Big East Conference. She hit .540 in the three matches with 36 kills (5.1 per game), 23 digs (3.2 per game) and seven blocks (1.0 per game).

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

On Nov. 4, she posted 16 kills on .483 hitting against non-conference opponent North Carolina. She also had five blocks and five digs in the contest, including a game-winning solo block to score the deciding point of the second game to give the Irish a 2-0 lead in the match. Taking on Providence on Sun., Nov. 5, she continued her hot hitting with 14 kills on 20 attempts without committing an error, while also having five digs, an ace and a block.

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

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Browns' quarterback Brian Griese gets dragged down in a game against Atlanta earlier this year.

Griese compared to Montana by coach

Associated Press

DENVER

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

Never was that more apparent than in the Broncos' 30-23 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday. Griese was outstanding, completing 22 of 35 passes for 327 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He has thrown 18 touchdowns and two scores. He played against Atlanta earlier this year.

NFL with a passer rating of 104.9, trailing only St. Louis' Kurt Warner. Griese was 13-for-16 for 225 yards and two touchdowns compared to Montana — he was otherworldly.

In those critical situations, Griese was 13-for-16 for 225 yards and two scores. He accounted for 12 first downs, and his third-down passer rating was 158.3 — the maximum rating possible.

For the year, Griese leads the AFC and is second in the worldy.

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

"I really don't want to comment. He's got his own career going there."

And what a career it has become!

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

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

Drained Ross resigns as Lions' head coach

Associated Press

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

Bob Ross resigned Monday after signing a three-year contract. "But I don't think anybody saw this coming," Ross said. "I doubt anybody saw this coming." Ross does not want to coach again, according to Moeller.

The highlights of Ross' career occurred before he came to Detroit in 1997. He led the San Diego Chargers to the 1995 Super Bowl, five years after taking Georgia Tech to the national championship.

Moeller had a lot of success in five years at Michigan before he was fired. He was 44-13-3, with three Big Ten titles and four wins in New Year's Day bowl games. The Wolverines won a Big Ten-record 19 straight conference games and were unbeaten over a span of 22 games from 1990-96.

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Moeller served two seasons as Cincinnati's tight-ends coach before being hired in 1997 as the Lions' running backs coach. This year, the 58-year-old Moeller has served as an assistant head coach and linebacks coach.

Jim Brandstatter, a former Michigan lineman who is an analyst for the Lions' radio broadcasts, believes Moeller is equipped to deal with the rigors of being a head coach in the NFL. "I think one of his more telling statements was the fact he's learned to deal with pressure. Since being at Michigan, he's learned lessons on his own and through observation as an assistant at Cincinnati and now in Detroit as it relates to dealing with pressure."

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

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system. Ramsey also won the 500-yard freestyle. The Belles had a meet full of in-season bests and strong swims, Hildebrandt said. "Because the longer (distance) events were new to the freshmen, I looked at how they swam the race -- not just their times. I am very happy with their performances. They swam smart, consistent races."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Giants sit atop NFC East standings with 7-2 record

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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New York is faster on defense with the addition of Mike Barrow at middle linebacker, and with cornerback Jason Sehorn seemingly ready to prove they are as good as everybody says are better than the team that lost their throne away from them, their importance of the game. He isn't looking past the Rams this weekend. While he admits he has glanced at the possibilities if the Giants keep winning, it's only been for a split second.

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The Giants also feel the need to prove they are as good as their record.

"You look at what we've done and there are only a couple teams in the whole league with a better record," Fassel said. "On the other hand, we'll just keep on marching through. We don't have to beat the drum right now. Hopefully we'll make a bang at the end."
**NCAA Football**

**Seminoles ranked ahead of Hurricanes in BCS poll**

Associated Press

Miami may be ranked No. 2 in the media and coaches polls, but Florida State is second in the ratings that count most — the BCS standings.

The Seminoles, despite a 27-24 loss to the Hurricanes last month, were in second place behind Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series released Monday, a scant 0.39 points ahead of Miami.

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

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

In the eight computer rankings used, the Seminoles — third last week — had an average rating of 2.14, while the Hurricanes — fifth last week — were at 3.57. On Saturday, ahead with an impressive win Florida State plays Wake Forest (1-8). But schedule strength could help Florida State in the end — the Seminoles close against Florida (8-1), fifth in the BCS standings, while Miami has games against Syracuse and Boston College.

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

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

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

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

Oklahoma totalled 2.76 points this week — one point for poll average, one for computer rank average, 0.76 for schedule strength and zero for losses.

In the computer ratings, the lowest ranking is discarded and the seven highest are used for losses. The Sooners (8-0) beat Baylor 56-7 on Saturday. Florida State had 6.42 points — 3 for poll average; 2.14 for computer rank average; 0.28 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

Miami had 6.81 points — 2 for poll average; 3.57 for computer rank average; 0.24 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

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

Champions of six conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC — qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.
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backstroke. "We weren't quite finishing our races the way we needed to," Van Saun said. "I'm not going to say that I'm not upset, but losing one meet is not going to ruin our entire season."

The Irish did have bright spots in the weekend, however, sweeping a quad meet at University of Miami-Ohio against Miami (Ohio), Kenyon, and Pittsburgh on Friday.

Key performances were Van Saun's first place in the 200 yard freestyle, Lahosky's 1.650 yard freestyle win, junior Kelly Hecking's double backstroke victories, sophomore Amy Degers first places in the butterfly events and Mattigley's double wins on the boards.

Irish backstrokers made the biggest dent in the competition, soaking their opponents with a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the 100 backstroke.

Led by Hecking, freshmen Lisa Garcia, Jessica Roberts, and junior Tiffany O'Brien sealed the event for the Irish. O'Briens and Hecking's performances were crucial. Weatherly said. O'Brien posted "some of her best times" this season, Weatherly said, and Hecking, who bounced back from illness, was a solid contributor.

"O'Brien had some of her best swims outside of the Big East Championships since she's been at Notre Dame," Weatherly said. "Her swims were pretty incredible. With [Hecking] being sick, her times were incredible."

The Notre Dame swim team will take a week off, and return to competition at the Indiana University Invitational Nov. 17-19.

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Football
Irish seek revenge against Eagles
By TIM CASEY
Associated Sports Editor

Sounds like a scene straight from Hollywood. Notre Dame had just lost 27-21 to Michigan State on Sept. 23, fallen to 2-2 and faced the possibility of losing its starting quarterback, Tim Hasselbeck will be back for the remainder of the season.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," Davie said on Monday. "I thought at that time it was realistic because of the attitude of this team to say that we could win and we could have a successful season."

And now, after four straight victories the Irish are steadily climbing the rankings. They stand at No. 11 in the Associated Press poll, No. 12 in the USA Today/ESPN poll and most importantly, No. 12 in the latest Bowl Championship Series standings. If Notre Dame wins their three remaining games, an invitation to the Sugar Bowl or New Orleans or the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. is a strong possibility.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for this football team," Davie said. "But everyone realizes after watching college football this weekend how topsy-turvy things are and how every week is a different challenge."

Davies cautious attitude stems from the past two seasons, when his November remember" motto became more forgetful than memorable. In 1998, one week after Jamal Anderson injured his knee in the Irish's 34-10 loss to USC ended their BCS chances. Then last year, after starting 7-0, the Irish lost their final four. Included in the stretch was a 31-29 loss to this week's opponent, Boston College. Notre Dame entered the game at 5-5 and could have qualified for a bowl berth with a victory.

Following the game, several Boston College players regained the field and celebrated by tearing up pieces of grass from the Stadium.

"I remember vividly (former Boston College defensive line man) Chris Hovan picking up grass and running around," senior offensive guard Jim Jones said. "You don't like to see that on your home field."

When the Eagles came to South Bend in 1999 with a formidable defense, a 7-2 record and a No. 1 national ranking, this year's squad has struggled against quality opponents. Their 6-3 record includes wins over teams with a combined 15-33 record. The Eagles have lost by an average of nearly 17 points a game against West Virginia (4-4 on the season), Virginia Tech (8-1) and Pittsburgh (5-3). Boston College has won two straight, including a 31-3 victory over Temple on Saturday.

"They cost us a bowl game (last year)," senior wide receiver and Jabari Holloway said. "As far as them celebrating that's going to come when you beat Notre Dame. Beating Notre Dame is a life-crowning achievement."

And for Holloway, one he hopes does not occur again in 2000.

Hasselbeck out for game
One year after playing arguably the best game of his career, Boston College quarterback Tim Hasselbeck will be a spectator on Saturday.

The Eagles starter suffered an medial collateral ligament injury in his left knee during the second quarter against Temple. On Monday, Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said "whether it's two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, we don't know right yet. But he definitely cannot play this weekend."

Brian St. Pierre, who threw for 118 yards and a touchdown after replacing Hasselbeck on Saturday, will start against the Irish. St. Pierre, a junior transfer, has played in all nine games this year and has completed 30-of-45 passes for 309 yards. He has also rushed seven times for negative 17 yards and a touchdown.

"It's not like he's a typical backup quarterback," Davie said. "Anytime you lose your starting quarterback it's difficult but I think in their situation, they have about as close to having two starters as any one in college football does."

Hasselbeck completed 26-of-30 passes for 272 yards and gained 60 yards on 15 carries in last season's victory.
November, BCS adds excitement to college football

It felt like Bowl Championship Series season. When I woke up on Saturday morning and felt the 85 degree heat hanging in my room like a Joey Hildebold punt, though I had magically been flown to Miami or Tempe during the night. Even though the warm weather just turned the radiator gone mad, there was a lot that went on in college football that all of us asking the same question have been asking all year: What's going to happen next? Going into Saturday's games, there were only three undefeated teams left in Division I: Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, and Texas Christian. Coming out of Saturday, the only one left was undisputed No. 1 Oklahoma.

Miami won easily, 41-21, snapping a five game losing streak to the Hokies. However, the man many regard as the best player in college football, Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick, was only able to play about one ineffective quarter because of an ankle sprain suffered against Pitt the week before. Could the Hurricanes have won if Michael Vick had been healthy? That's one question I think I'll never really know the answer to.

But another interesting question involving the 'Canes is looming bigger and bigger than the Miami-Virginia Tech game season. Miami still plays Boston College, Syracuse, and, probably most dangerously, the frequent flyer mile gathering air show of Pitt. One loss and the BCS is off the hook again. An improbable two losses and the Hurricanes win the conference crown. After all, Miami is a team that beat Louisiana Tech by a lopsided 113 points last week.

Even if none of that happens, Oklahoma and Nebraska could meet up again in the Big 12 Championship. Oklahoma scored 31 unanswered points to win the first meeting 31-14. Buckeyes don't forget that sort of thing. And you would have the three way debate between Miami, Nebraska and Florida State to see which one would go to the national title tilt. That is, of course, assuming Florida State beats another in-state rival in Florida, who also has a shot at the Orange Bowl. Confusing? Yes. Fun? You bet. Where does all this leave Notre Dame? They're moving up, thanks to games like Northwestern's win over Michigan, a 54-31 final that featured more scoring than a lot of Big Ten basketball games.

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Men’s Swimming

Notre Dame splits weekend dual meets

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Losses aren’t taken in stride on the men’s swim team. After dropping their second dual meet of the season 136.50-101.50 Friday night at Oakland University, Saturday’s dual with University of Western Ontario became a chance to avenge Friday’s loss.

And avenge they did. Rising to the challenge, the Irish shut out Ontario in a swift 103-62 final tally, notching a victory and solid season times that affirmed they have the speed they need. Bouncing back from Friday, the Irish upped the win column to 3-2 on the season. “Coming off the loss the previous night, we knew it would be important to maintain our focus,” said senior co-captain Ryan Verlin. “It’s easy, especially coming off a loss, to be down and be negative — the guys realized that we had to put the loss behind us and use this meet as a new opportunity for a win. We realized that every race is a battle,” Verlin said.

The Irish posted individual victories in six of 11 events Saturday, with Verlin leading the way, winning two events for the Irish. Securing a first place finish in the 800-meter freestyle in 7 minutes, 57.56 seconds, Verlin helped the Irish upped the win column to 3-2 on the season.

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head coach

Women’s Swimming

Women suffer first dual-meet loss in two years

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

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

But Purdue had other plans. Ready for the No.18 ranked Irish squad, the Boilermakers handed the Irish their first dual meet loss in two years, edging them 161-138.

“The meet was more important to them than we realized,” said women’s head coach Bailey Weathers. “There’s a natural rivalry with Purdue and Notre Dame that carries into all the sports. It was a critical meet for them.”

Purdue got off early, defeating the Irish from the get-in in the 200-yard medley relay. The Purdue team, which featured Sydney Mattingly put on a spectacular performance. Individual winners included junior Allison Lloyd in the 200-yard freestyle and junior Kelly Hieckning in the 200 yard medley relay, finishing in one minute, 46.20 seconds. The Boilermakers victory cracked the Irish in a new pool and sent the Irish down and out.

The Irish refused to give Purdue an easy victory, however, combining the talents of underclassmen and newcomers to notch solid performances. Freshman Marie Labosky took the 1,000 freestyle in 10:14.61, and earned another win for the Irish in the 200-yard medley relay. Junior diver Heather Hieckning put on a spectacular performance. Individual winners included junior Allison Lloyd in the 200-yard freestyle and junior Kelly Hieckning in the 200 yard medley relay, finishing in one minute, 46.20 seconds. The Boilermakers victory cracked the Irish in a new pool and sent the Irish down and out.

“With watch timing, times can be slower than actual or faster. It all depends on the person with the watch,” commented Gretchen Bledsoebrand, head coach.

The 400 yard medley relay team of Lane Herrington, Lauren Smith, Megan Ramsey, and Colleen Sullivan thought their first place finishing time of four minutes, 15 seconds was a new school record.

But under the circumstances the 11 second faster time could not be ratified. Smith, Ramsey, and Sullivan joined with Chloe Lenihan to challenge the record again Saturday, but missed by 6 seconds.

Ramsey faced the timing challenge again in her individual race Friday night in her 200 yard butterfly. Her first place time of 2:13.87 broke the 1995 school record by over three seconds, but was discarded because of the timing issue.

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vs. California AAU All-Stars
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Women’s College Cup
Second round
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