Leaders mull changes in student government

By MATT BRAMANTI

Members of the Council of Representatives moved closer to changing the structure of the Student Union during their meeting Monday, as student leaders heard three proposals to reorganize student government. Members held informal roundtable discussions for the last two Sundays to discuss the details of the proposals, which have been in the planning stages for several weeks.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The rest of the story.

On Sunday afternoon, the Siegfried Ramblers had every reason to play for themselves. The championship game victory over Dillon marked the Rams' third straight stadium appearance and second straight championship. By interhall football standards, that is a dynasty. And everyone knows most players involved in a dynasty begin asking for outrageous selfish perks like parietal exemption and catered press box lunches. But yesterday afternoon, these men of Siegfried were not just playing for themselves. They were also playing for their Owner.

Raymond Siegfried II attended Notre Dame from 1961 to 1965. He graduated with a business degree in business administration and in 1969 founded a small business with his father called Nordam Group. He was elected with a bachelor's degree in business administration and in 1969 founded the Nordam Group. The company has only lost two games in the last 20 years.

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Siegfried

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sophomore 
Siegfried

Brendan Hughes 
senior off-campus

Susan Longabaker 
senior RHS

Jason Laws 
freshman Fisher

Pope Rodrulgo 
junior off-campus

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK PROFESSORS SHOULD PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH?

Matt Moneyn 
Sports Wire 
Editor

“No, because I won't see any direct benefit that I would get from the research.”

"If the research involves finding a way to give us more basketball tickets — yes."

“They should start research on creating a campus monorail.”

“If they start studying sleep deprivation research, I'd be the first to volunteer.”

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OFFBEAT

Britney talks BBC she's a role model

LONDON — Britney Spears insists she is a role model for young girls despite recent revealing magazine covers and her new album with sexually explicit lyrics. According to the British Broadcasting Corp. said Sunday.

In a radio interview to be broadcast Monday, the 21-year-old pop star said parents should not be worried if their children want to copy her.

"I probably have more older fans than the younger ones, but I think the reason why everyone talks about the younger fans so much is because the parents are concerned," Spears said.

Students compete for pillow fight record

CORVALLIS, Oregon — Knocking the stuffing out of each other may also set a record if Oregon State University students are part of OSU's community come down and do this," said Lige Armstrong, a 21-year-old liberal studies major from Hawaii who organized the event as part of a class project.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

IN BRIEF

New York Times columnist David Brooks will speak about "Extremism and the Defense of Politics: The Landscape for 2004" today from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by the Gallivan Program for Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

Steve Ondiar, the CEO of AutoZone, will present a lecture on "The Foundation of Corporate Governance" as part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series, today from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The Canadian-inlaid international film "Atorajust" will be showing today from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre.

Come play Indoor Soccer from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. today at Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

The Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opens Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Information desk.

Film, Television and Theatre professor Jill Godmillow will present "My Life as a Cat" as part of the Last Lecture Series, today from 8 to 9 p.m. in Siegfried Hall.

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

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CORRECTIONS

The New '04 scene across "Church Orchesters and Chicago open venue" (hospitality reenactment) "the end of the Brothers of the Holy Rose." The anonymous should have noted "the end of the University of Notre Dame."
SMC students travel to Washington conference

By ANGELA SAOU
News Writer

Sixteen of Professor Claude Renshaw's students went to Washington, D.C. last Wednesday for a five-day trip highlighted by the University's New Leadership, Saint Mary's Board of Trustees and the U.S. Treasury. The trip was sponsored by the Tax Foundation.

The conference gave the students the opportunity to see how taxes work, Renshaw said. "It allowed us to learn what we have learned in class put into action in," Renshaw said. 

The conference focused on presentations from representatives in various branches of the government, and in Treasury Secretary John Snow. "It was really exciting to see the students getting into it," Renshaw said. "I think they got a lot out of it, and it was a reinforcement of applications I had talked about in class.

Saint Mary's students have been invited previously to this conference, but this trip marked the first time they were able to attend.

Through funding from the Center for Service-Learning and Community Development, Saint Mary's Board of Governance, the Tax Foundation and individual donors, the trip cost each student less than $500.

"When I estimated the original budget, it was supposed to be hundreds of dollars to attend," Renshaw said. "But this was a really low cost trip. They put up grants for BO G and C Y V IL themselves and set up the fundraisers on their own. I think that really said something about this group.

In addition to attending the conference, the group also took tours of the U.S. Treasury building, the Capital Building and the White House and met with Saint Mary's alumnae who live in Washington, D.C.

"It was great to meet with the alumnae," said junior Michelle Cooper. "I was able to detect with them what they are doing now with their Saint Mary's degrees.

During free time, the students, along with Renshaw and his wife, Mary, went on a walking tour of the monuments and attended a play to fundraise, students put up signs around campus to rent themselves out as accountants.

"For $10 professors or students could rent a student to do odd jobs like balance checkbooks or do yard work," junior Tricia Michelak said. The fundraiser helped to add to the grants we had already received.

Overall, the students said the conference was beneficial to their future.

"I was able to learn more about the financial world," junior Bria Zander said. "Tax policies affect our lives more than we think, and I feel like I know a quite bit more.

Contact Angela Saoud at saoud@smcsin.edu.

University receives science grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded $10 million to Notre Dame, Michigan State University and the University of Arizona to establish a Physics Frontier Center for Nuclear Astrophysics.

Known as JINA, the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics, the center is a collaborative effort of the three universities. Michael Winchener, a Notre Dame nuclear astrophysicist and last year's winner of the prestigious Beth Prize of the American Physical Society, will serve as JINA's first director.

According to Winchener, the five-year NSF grant is intended to foster an interdisciplinary approach to nuclear astrophysics that seeks to coordinate efforts between the astrophysics and nuclear physics communities, as well as those between experimentalists, theorists and observers. The $10 million grant to JINA comes at a time when new generations of particle accelerators are being built or proposed that will recreate stellar nuclear processes in the laboratory and study their consequences. Time-dependent processes, for example, are not possible to recreate in stars.

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Elderly

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People to rake leaves are needed to help an elderly man with a large yard. He has the rakes and bags, and leaves could be raked either on a Wednesday or Friday. Contact Alex LaBranco at 256-9806.

Events and Programs

Summer Service Program Internship Information Session

An information session will be held on November 20 from 6:30 pm at the Center for Social Concerns. Two students who have participated in the program will tell about their experiences.

This is an eight week summer volunteer program where room and board is provided free of charge. You will receive a $2,000 tuition scholarship and 3 elective credit in Theology.

Community Development Presentations to be Held

Join Patricia Warner Murphy and James V Cunningham for two upcoming presentations.

"Organizing for Community Controlled Development: Resurrection City" A storytelling with community citizens, leaders, and organizers

Nov. 20 at 6:00pm (Refreshments Served at the Robinson Community Learning Center, 921 North Eddy Street, South Bend)

"Organizing for Economic Development at the Small Community" Concerns to fill out the application form. Direct questions to Andrea Smith Shappell at shappell.l@nd.edu.

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The Financial Management Board and the Judicial Council would remain autonomous units, reflecting their greater need for impartiality. CCC president Seth O'Donnell said that the CCC should also be a separate group, citing its duties to allocate student activities funds. "It's important that we keep CCC independent. It has a huge financial responsibility toward the clubs," he said.

The Council of Representatives would be retained, though its membership would change. Both vice presidents would have seats on the Council, along with the head of the residential council and representatives from the class councils, the CCC, the FMB and the Judicial Council.

"On the dorm level, there's not a lot of communication between the programming and policy sides," she said.

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exceptional.

"It's just a strange situation with 17 people leaving," he said. "We're fortunate that we have what we have."

Although most 400-level classes were closed after junior and senior registration, Fredman stressed that sophomores were in no danger of missing out on requirements. He said the English department structure their courses according to a yearly plan that puts all students on track to earn a degree.

"The traditions courses, methods courses and surveys that are intended for sophomores are still completely open," he said. "The unavailability of electives to sophomores helps reinforce the design that's already there ... Our department is not rigid, and we don't force the prerequisite situation, but the whole purpose of a traditions course is to tell you what's out there — they are not intended to be roadblocks, but to be stepping stones to get you where you need to be before choosing your electives."

Fredman said sophomores in the major who narrowed their choices to specific electives too quickly were not taking full advantage of the department's diversity.

"The [elective] courses every one thinks are most popular are the courses that everyone has heard about," he said. "The traditions course exposes you to your own interest and leads you in the direction you care about."

He added that students who stray too far from the yearly track often make fair instructions more difficult for professors.

"It's frustrating for faculty to direct courses meant for sophomores when seniors [who took their electives before the required traditions and methods classes] jump back in," he said. "The students get frustrated, as well, because they're learning material that's not on a level they're excited about."

English professor and Kegough Institute Director Christopher Fox said he sympathized with students who didn't expect to find certain classes closed so early, but added that the department was still making efforts to accommodate their needs.

"I am very sorry to hear that students are having trouble," Fox said. "But I do think this is a temporary anomaly."

Fox said that some of his colleagues discussed offering classes in future years strictly for sophomores, and at least one 300-level class is currently available for first-year students. Numerous English majors expressed mixed reactions to registration difficulties.

"It's not so much about fulfilling the requirements, but about taking classes that I'll actually enjoy," Valerie Ralph said.

Laura MacLean said she was not worried about fitting in the necessary courses because she plans to study abroad but believed the increased competition facing her peers was a result of the growing popularity of the major.

"I think the increased attention being paid to student literacy and the intellectual side of academics has raised the desire to get into English," MacLean said.

English is not the only major at the University that has seen a recent uprising. The Department of Anthropology has quadrupled in the past five years, said professor Karen Richman.

"In a way, you're a victim of your own success," Richman said. "If you become a popular major, your classes will become larger and the quality goes down."

Richman also said that, despite an expanding faculty, most upper-level courses in the Anthropology department were already closed after senior registration.

"We've added 17 people [in recent years]," she said. "We keep hiring more people, but we have just a tremendous demand for classes."

While this demand does not seem likely to die down for either English or anthropology majors, Fredman said he felt confident that registration conditions did not pose a permanent problem for sophomores.

"We have to react to the trends," he said. "But our first responsibility is to save slots for the seniors who need the electives to graduate ... In a way it's better for sophomores to be directed into these first [traditions and methods] courses before wandering into electives."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ITALIAN coalition leader quits post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Italian member of the U.S.-led coalition has resigned, accusing the Bush administration of inefficiency and failing to understand Iraq. In Tikrit, U.S. forces detained 46 alleged insurgents as they pressed their search Monday for a former Saddam deputy believed to be orchestrating attacks.

Before quitting, Marco Calamai, a special counselor of the Coalition Provisional Authority in the southern province of Dhi Qar, criticized L. Paul Bremer’s administration.

Cops clash with Greek rioters

ATHENS, Greece — Riot squads fired tear gas to disperse groups of protesters throwing gasoline bombs and rocks at police guarding the U.S. Embassy as thousands marched Monday.

Authorities said about 40 people were detained during the rally held to mark the anniversary of a student-led uprising in 1973.

Clashes also broke out in the northern port city of Thessaloniki, where police used tear gas against protesters hurling gasoline bombs.

Investigators probe Turkey blasts

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A brief, blurry image of a pickup driver’s face, taken before a security camera went dead. A bit of flesh stuck to a steering wheel. Apparent connections between Turks and underground Islamic groups.

Investigators scrutinized these and other clues Monday to determine if al-Qaida was behind the near-simultaneous suicide bombings at two Istanbul synagogues Saturday that killed 22 worshipers and passers-by and wounded more than 300.

NATIONAL NEWS

AARP endorses GOP drug bill

WASHINGTON — Republicans consulted Thursday on the legislation in the Senate which the group that organized anti-war rallies in London became more than a flash in the pan.

Last year’s sniper attacks.

AARP is a player in the maneuvering — the number of its members age 50 and above.

AARP chief executive William Novelli told The Associated Press in an interview that his organization was designed to terrorize voters.

The jury deliberated for six hours over two days before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One accused him of taking part in multiple murders, the other — the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law — alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the popu­lation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Student dies in freak bus mishap

WASHINGTON — A 13-year-old student died Monday when he was apparently struck by a low-hanging tree limb as he stuck his head out of an open bus window.

The student, whose name was not immedi­ately released by police, died Monday near 6:30 a.m. while on the bus headed to Perry Meridian High School.

Local police chief’s daughter Phyllis Brown said the teen apparently was sticking his head out while going to school.

Meanwhile, organizers of a demonstration Thursday against the war were also questioned about the vio­lence when police said protesters could pass by the Bush White House.

Earlier police had refused to allow the march to go through London’s main government district, prompt­ing accusations of pressure from the U.S. and British governments.

The protesters appear to have support from a large section of the British public, feeding on widespread discontent with the war and its aftermath, and low regard for the president.

Police “know how big this demo is going to be and they know how angry people were going to be if they weren’t given this route,” said Ghasad Razuki of the Stop the War Coalition, the group that organized the anti-war rally in London in February that drew more than 1 million people.

Bush and his wife, Laura, will be staying at Buckingham Palace as the guests of Queen Elizabeth II. On Monday a woman scaled the palace’s main gate and unfurled an American flag bearing the message "He’s not welcome." The flag was hung upside-down, a symbol of dis­trust.

Officers cordoned off the area and after about two hours the woman climbed down. She was arrested on charges including aggravated tres­pass. Police did not release the woman’s name, but media reports identified her as Linda Percy, 61, a veteran protestor.

Associated Press

Demonstrator climbs palace gate

Washington Post

Associated Press

Virginia Beach, Va.

In a verdict that could cost Maryland’s life, a Virginia jury Monday acquitted John Allen Muhammad Convicted of running a assault-rifle, car­kicked to murder people at random and terrorize the Washington area during last year’s sniper attacks.

The jury immediately began weighing whether the 42-year­old Army veteran should get the death penalty or life in prison. The penalty phase is expected to last several days.

The jury reserved the death penalty for the worst of the worst," prosecutor Richard C. code told the jurors. "Folks, he still sits right in front of you without a shred of remorse/ Muhammad stood impassively as the verdict was read, looking straight ahead with the same enigmatic smile that he wore throughout the trial.

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Associated Press

D.C. sniper convicted of murder

Muhammad guilty after six hours of deliberation, could face execution

Associated Press

CONVICTED D.C.-area sniper John Allen Muhammad, right, poses with his alleged accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo. Muhammad may face the death penalty for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a Virginia gas station in 2002.
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The deadlines for any ideas, designs or sketches for next year's shirt are due Nov. 26. The winner of the contest will receive a $200 prize, and the winning design will be revealed in the spring just before the Blue and Gold game.

Brenner is optimistic about the design for The Shirt next year.

"It's my hope to get a large number of designs and have a large set of ideas to choose from. ... The record number of design applicants from last year are what made The Shirt so successful. We hope to see the same kind of response this year," Brenner said.

As for the color of the shirt, it is up to the next president and known professors could spend a limited amount of time teaching undergraduates. All agreed, however, that any professor should be passionate about what he or she does to be successful.

"All the great teachers I've had in my life were passionate (about their subject)," Malloy said. "They were excited about their subject, and they passed that excitement on to me."

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U.S. to provide $2.4 billion to AIDS effort

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House-Senate bargainers agreed Monday to provide $2.4 billion this year to combat AIDS and other deadly diseases in Africa and other poor regions.

The amount is $400 million more than President Bush proposed last February. The administration had defended Bush's request as inadequate by advocates of an aggressive global fight against AIDS, as all that could be spent effectively now.

"We see the Congress really defying the president on this by going higher, and that is in a very positive trend," said David Bryden, spokesman for the Global AIDS Alliance, a Washington-based advocacy group.

Congressional negotiators also agreed to provide $650 million for Bush's so-called Millennium Challenge Account, the president's plan to give foreign aid to countries trying to make democratic, economic and human rights reforms at home.

That is half what Bush requested for one of his top foreign policy priorities. Lawmakers and aides, however, said they were very providing extra money later — perhaps in a massive end-of-session spending measure — to bring the challenge account's total to at least $900 million and perhaps $1 billion.

Even so, the reduction underlines the budget pressures lawmakers face from mounting federal deficits, the weak economy and the cost of tax cuts as they try to complete overdue spending bills for the federal fiscal year that started Oct. 1.

Last spring, Congress enacted a five-year, $15 billion plan for fighting AIDS and other diseases worldwide that Bush had proposed in his State of the Union address in January. That legislation set up the program, but left the provision of money to future bills.

The plan called for spending $3 billion a year for preventing and treating AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in 14 African and Caribbean countries, with the bulk of the funds to be aimed at AIDS. The effort was supposed to prevent 7 million new infections, provide care for 10 million HIV-infected people and AIDS orphans, and provide therapy for 2 million others. It represents a near-tripling of previous U.S. efforts against AIDS.

Lawmakers included $1.65 billion for the global AIDS effort in a $17.2 billion foreign aid bill the House-Senate negotiators tentatively completed late Monday. They hoped to push it through Congress this week.

An additional $754 million for battling AIDS abroad is to be included in a $138 billion measure for this year's health, education and labor programs.

That health-education legislation is likely to be combined with several other unfinished spending measures into an enormous bill financing much of the government. Top lawmakers hope that measure will be passed by Congress just before it adjourns for the year, perhaps by the end of this week.

Bush proposed the Millennium Challenge Account in March 2002 as part of a long-term increase in the foreign assistance program. He called for $1.3 billion for the account for fiscal 2004, which started Oct. 1, rising to $5 billion for 2006.

Funds would go to countries meeting standards for good governance, health care, education and investment climates.

The bill also would block U.S. military and other assistance to Nigeria — but not humanitarian aid — unless it cooperates in the surrender of Charles Taylor, the deposed Liberian president who is wanted for trial on crimes against humanity charges. The administration opposes the sanctions, even though they could be suspended under certain conditions.

The overall bill also has $731 million for combating drugs in the Andean region of South America, matching Bush's request and about $1.5 million over last year's level.

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should be expected to practice teaching methods and attend teaching conferences.

Much of the discussion centered around the costs of hiring faculty for the amount of teaching and research for a large university like Notre Dame. Some said the answer lies in support for The Shirt expanded as "more and more alumni realized that this is the shirt you wear on game day," Brenner said. This season, the project made roughly $400,000, selling more than 126,000 shirts. Half of the profits go to student-run clubs and organizations, while the other half is donated to a charity fund to help students with their medical expenses.

Brenner said the project is a great opportunity for the student body to get involved. "Any student can have a direct impact on The Shirt. It's great to see all the interest that people have," he said.

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Markets fall on terror worries

Claims by al-Qaida stoke continued selloff in Asian, European, U.S. equities

NEW YORK — New fears of terrorism sent stock markets tumbling around the world Monday and extended al-Qaida’s stock market slide into a second week.

U.S. investors reacted to mass terror warnings in the United States and Europe following reports that the al-Qaida terrorist network had claimed responsibility for weekend attacks in Turkey and named Japan and other U.S. allies as potential targets. But analysts said only Wall Street’s side was due to normal profit taking.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 130 points before regaining ground in the session. The declines came despite a better-than-expected report on business inventories from the Commerce Department, along with a rising tide of economic data that suggested stabilization in the economy.

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Isolation nation

Whether from the puppets of mass media, the pages of elementary school textbooks or the White House press room, Americans have been and are being fed an outrage-laden lie: the myth of individualism. This myth takes various forms and assumes many guises, yet all its manifestations continue to serve one desired result: the sustained power for the ruling classes.

The myth of individualism runs rampant and undetected in popular culture as the seemingly innocuous story of the American dream. In movies, television shows and literature, and existing hard hearts and cold disdain, while they continue accumulating wealth and possessions.

Due to this prevailing lie, people are also duped into believing class, race and gender issues are negligible. The ruling class gets away with containing people of color in hazardous urban areas filled with pollution, paying women less for their labor, and championing social change. The media and education sources hide and spin the injustices of our world; thus, appropriate outrage is stripped of its messages. People feel their only power exists in an isolated vacuum and refuse to collaborate or organize with minded folks enduring the same challenges.

Unions and worker groups have become suspect in the current American political landscape. People who exercise their most important rights by protesting injustice created by the ruling classes get classified as traitors. Not only are certain events and communities completely absent from history books, but writers distort and manipulate the past in order to perpetuate individualism. Important historical movements are whitened down to the experience of one or two people and diverse groups are presented as static and monolithic. Take any mainstream portrayal of African-American or Asian-American history. If their triumphs and struggles receive any attention, it is minimal and showcases homogeneous images.

Remember when George W. Bush and company marketed the Iraq war to us? It seemed as though, aside from the ambiguous evidencing lurk everywhere, Saddam Hussein was the only person in Iraq. This slimming down of the war in the eyes of the American public is a clear strategy to make bombing it not so bad. Politicians love the myth of individualism. Their rhetoric continually plays off the American dream fabrication to keep the working poor and financially destitute ignorant of the systemic causes ruining their lives, uses isolating language to make war sound benign and objectifies entire communities — global and local — to create and sustain blind support for the current U.S. regime.

The worst consequence of this myth is that it discourages and marginalizes the use of collective action to effect social change. The media and education sources hide and spin the injustices of our world; thus, appropriate outrage is stripped of its messages. People feel their only power exists in an isolated vacuum and refuse to collaborate or organize with minded folks enduring the same challenges.

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Big East Champions. Great Lakes Regional Champions. These are some of the accomplishments of the Notre Dame women's cross country team so far this year, as we go into the NCAA Championship meet next Monday. Where's the support? Where's the coverage for one of the highest-ranked teams on campus?

On Oct. 31, the Irish women won the Big East Championship for only the second time in the program's history, and the men finished second for the second highest placement of the two teams ever. The following Monday, there was a two-page fullpage on how badly the football team lost to Florida State, but only a small article on the Irish cross country team, lost somewhere in the sports section.

Why not show some support to the Irish teams that are representing this University like champions? Winning the Big East is a huge deal, as evidenced by yesterday's front-page coverage of the men's and women's soccer teams in their tournaments for the title.

This past Saturday, Nov. 15, the women's cross country team won the Great Lakes Regional meet, again for only the second time in the program's history. We secured a automatic bid to the NCAA championship, one of only 31 out of the 214 Division I teams in the country to proceed to this level. Again, there was not even a picture in the paper.

I'm sorry, but that's bull. Show some support, let the campus know, so they can be proud of their nationally ranked team.
Life at Oxford different but comparable

Walking through the darkness of the University Parks, a curtained moon glooming over the path, an Oxford student and I were discussing what impact college will have on our lives. He was saying that the individual makes the college experience, and I was arguing that the college itself plays a larger role in one’s education.

No doubt both factors influence one’s experience, so I wondered, “What would life have been like had I gone to Oxford, instead of Notre Dame?” Though I have been here only one month, allow me to shed some light on the question.

Dorms: It’s Gotta Be the Dorms:

The most noticeable difference between the two Universities is the residential atmosphere. Here, each student is allotted a single—no freshmen “closet” triples or elaborate loft schemes. Also, students are more dispersed, about 20 to a house throughout the college campus. The benefits of this set-up are obvious: more living space, more privacy, one’s own bathroom and shower.

However, I believe that Notre Dame has something special in its dorm traditions. Even though the rooms are cramped, and the halls smell, and the partiers are, well, partiers, I would never have met my friends without being thrown together by random assignment, or lock, or grace. Life at Notre Dame revolves around the dorms; we party together, we study together, we eat, sleep and live together. Here at Oxford, life feels more insular, more isolated; even being a part of the football (soccer) team and a singer in the lay choir does not begin to compare with the close community fostered under the Dome.

Ars Grata Arts:

One of the reasons an Oxford education is the availability of high culture. Two weeks ago, the other Domers and I trekked to St. John’s College to watch the annual Gaudete upon-Avon to watch a performance of Richard III by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The performance was polished and professional, the actors’ costumes and lighting were clever, the setting was original (late 19th century) and the actors completely displayed a wide range of emotion, from Richard’s madness to Margaret’s frenzied ranting. We were definitely returning.

Also, New College is blessed to host one of the world’s premier boy choirs, the aptly named New College Choir. Being the choral music junkie that I am, I attended their recent performances of Durufle’s setting of the Requiem Mass. Listening to their pleas for mercy in Latin, the counter-toros and boys reaching as high as any soprano while the basses growled underneath was a moving and powerful experience. I felt as if I, too, had lost a beloved one, and were begging for the release of their soul. There are concerts and plays performed throughout Oxford every day; the lack of arts at Notre Dame is certainly one of its most glaring deficiencies (though the new Performing Arts center will no doubt help).

Think, McFly, Think:

This is probably the first column in which I am actually qualified to make a subjective judgment about Oxford’s academics. My verdict? Academics here at Oxford are comparable to those at Notre Dame (no better, no worse). I must be careful the tutorial system is not as well suited to mathematicians as it is for, say, philosophy, and since I have been enrolled only in math courses, I shouldn’t definitively judge the Oxford’s academics. However, for undergraduate science, the two Universities are equivalent. For arts and letters, I believe that the workload here is slightly harder, but that the graders are slightly more lenient. (Though I will be able to give a better account once I start my undergraduate science courses.)

Keepin’ the Faith:

I chose to attend Notre Dame for many reasons; one of the most important for me was a vibrant faith life. At Oxford, by and large, faith is not as central to students’ lives. I read a recent article in the school newspaper explaining why, explaining how younger people have no need for faith, how we are more skeptical, etc. But there is also a greater faith diversity here than back at home.

One example. A New College student and I were chatting after Hall, when the topic of faith came up. He happened to be a devout Anglican, and asked me why Catholics prayed the Hail Mary. So I recited the prayer to him in Latin (he’s a Classics major) and we went over the prayer line by line, all under the watchful gaze of the Virgin Mary, whose statue happened to be hanging over the quad. (New College was founded Catholic.) Wouldn’t happen at Notre Dame, or at least, such a situation is more unlikely. I enjoy the diversity of opinions here; part of the study abroad experience is being exposed to people from different ideological backgrounds.

So, how different would life be had I attended Oxford? A lot. But the experience wouldn’t be better or worse than that at Notre Dame, merely different. So Domers, enjoy what is great about Notre Dame. Enjoy its unique balance of academics, athletics, residence life and faith. I’ll be here enjoying what’s great about Oxford: its tutorials, its tradition, its sophistication. That, and the free drinks after football games.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marshmallow policy excessively harsh

I am writing in regard to the enforcement of the marshmallow-throwing policy within the Stadium. During the BYU game, many students brought bags of marshmallows into the Stadium, which has been obviously against the Stadium rules since the beginning of the season, and a few of those smugglers were ejected from the game—fine. Other students were ejected, and in some situations escorted out in handcuffs (obviously necessary), for throwing these same marshmallows. Yes, throwing things, even the delectably flavorful products from Jet-Puff, can be very dangerous—point taken. However, for the BYU game it seems that the policy abruptly became more serious, now calling for the ejection of any person seen in possession of even a single marshmallow.

Unfortunately, just before half-time I was in possession of one of these fluffy treats for a few seconds too long after being pelted by one and removing it from my jacket. Before I knew it, I was being given an ultimatum by Mr. Roberto Escobedo (usher #1000) and his section 29 platoon. Either leave on your own, or be dragged out by police.

First of all, when did possession of a single marshmallow become an offense punishable by ejection from the game (not to mention the last home game that I will ever attend as a student)? Secondly, why is it appropriate for ushers to treat cooperative marshmallow-toting students like hardened criminals? When did the policy change from punishing throwers of marshmallows to punishing those who are eating them or picking them off of their clothes?

Yes, the season is over, but this issue goes beyond marshmallows at football games. How can Cappy Gagnon and his battalion of Stadium ushers claim that they are looking out for the best interests of student attendees if their policies are so vague and sporadically enforced?

Mr. Gagnon, make your policies clear and enforce them accordingly.

Mr. Escobedo, if you stop treating students like felons, then that respect will be reciprocated and all of our lives will be a lot less frustrating.

Justin Brandon Associate
Dileo Hall Nov 15

EDITORIAL CARTOON

YES, YOU AND I HAVE A BIT OF AN IMAGE PROBLEM HERE IN BRITAIN.

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DVD REVIEW

HBO delivers simplistic DVD set

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Some Movie Critic

Love it or hate it, Sex and the City is an undeniably popular and culturally influential show. Look at any trend in fashion, and you can trace its roots to Sex and the City, and the same is invariably true of trends in all forms of recreation. To put it in no vague terms, the show is a product-placement paradise. The show’s appeal has been somewhat narrowed due to the fact that it is on HBO and not network television, but with its release on DVD, the show will continue to grow in popularity and reach an even broader audience. The newly-released Season Four will be the focus of this article, but Seasons One through Three are also available to be purchased on DVD.

Sex and the City follows four single women through the relationship rat race in New York City, each with a very different personality but none immune to bad dates or emotional ups-and-downs. Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker), a shoe-obsessed sex down, is a shoe-obsessed sex down. Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker), a shoe-obsessed sex dow

Sex and the City
The Complete Fourth Season
 HBO

discs are played in Dolby 2.0 sound, and the dialogue-heavy episodes benefit from the clear audio quality. The color on all of the discs is bright and clear — a definite benefit for watching the vibrant and extrava

gant wardrobe of the show’s women. Overall, the DVD adds little to Sex and the City, and it really leaves viewers wanting more. It’s great to be able to watch the show without subscribing to HBO, but it would add to the viewing experience if some extras, such as interviews with writers or cast members, were included. The DVD adds so little to the show that, if you’ve seen the show already, there’s nothing to be gained by actually buying the season on DVD. The show has such a massive following and such a huge impact on popular culture that it really is too bad that nothing is added to this season’s DVD release.

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Tony Award-winning play returns home

Special to the Observer

Ireland gave us Riverdance. England produced Blast! Now come the Americans with Blast! Following triumphant successes in London, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Washington D.C. and on Broadway, Blast! is coming back home to Indiana Nov. 18-23, 2003 at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

Blast! is a novel form evolved from the Showmanship of Outdoor pageantry. A unique experience, Blast! explodes the genre with the artistry of the theatre. Blast! is a musical spectacle; it is music in motion. Blast! evolved from the drum corps Star of Indiana, which was founded in 1984. An innovation, Ind. businessperson Bill Cook to benefit young people in our community. The artistic director, James Mason, is a veteran longterm of drum and bugle corps and other musical activities. In its initial year, Star of Indiana became the first rookie corps ever to place among the top ten corps at the prestigious Drum Corps International World Championships. Star of Indiana improved each year until it became the World Champion in 1991. Competing against other organizations from the United States, Japan, Canada and Europe, the performance revolutionized the world of drum corps, bringing an evermore sophisticated sense of musicanship, exciting showmanship and dynamic choreography to this wonderful genre.

Since 1993, this group has evolved into a theatrical show which brings the power, passion and precision of outdoor pageantry to the stage in a musical performance now known as Blast! Blast! is comprised of 54 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique exploitation of music and theatre. The cast ranges in size from 18 to 31 members and collectively play 64 different instruments, including classical, blues, jazz, rock-n-roll and techno-pop musical styles.

Kevin Glickman of the Lansing State Journal claims, “Blast! is filled with color, spectacle, youthful energy and the sound of great brass and percussion playing. Visually, the show is stunning.”

Blast! is a family show suited for all age groups. Single tickets are available at the Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office at (574) 234-9190. Excellent student discounts are still available.

Group tickets for 20 or more people can be purchased by calling Group Sales at the Broadway Theatre League at (574) 234-4044.

Call now to reserve your seat for the best show in town because Blast! is here for one week only. For further information on Blast!, please visit their official website at www.BlastTheShow.com.

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Senator Moynihan, a leading figure in Senate deliberations, continues to press for a vote on a significant piece of legislation. He argues that the bill, if passed, would provide much-needed funding for education and healthcare. The senator emphasizes the importance of bipartisanship in addressing these critical issues and encourages his colleagues to consider the long-term benefits of this legislation.
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki overcame a slow start to energize a third-quarter rally, and Steve Nash had 14 points, eight rebounds, and six assists in the closing seconds and led the Dallas Mavericks past the Portland Trail Blazers 105-98.

Nowitzki, who made his first two shots and then went more than 27 minutes without scoring again, had 20 points and eight rebounds. Nash had 14 points, 12 assists and a career-high 10 rebounds, the final one coming in the closing seconds and drawing a loud roar from fans.

Rashad Wallace scored 31 points and eight rebounds, and Zach Randolph had 26 points, 19 rebounds and six assists, but it wasn't enough to keep Portland from falling to 0-4 on the road.

The first meeting between the Mavericks and Blazers since their preseason series last spring rekindled some of the same emotions and drama, even if both teams have changed front-line players since then.

Dallas won the first three games of the postseason, then lost the next two and came within one of becoming the first team to lose a seven-game series after being up 3-0. The Mavericks Game 7 and went on to reach the Conference finals.

This time, Dallas was in control early, then Portland opened the second half by hitting six of seven shots to go ahead 67-53 midway through the third. Nowitzki was on the bench, having just entered the game for his first two and looking out of sync.

Three straight 3-pointers — two by Nash, one by Michael Finley — made it 71-58 as the crowd went. Then Nowitzki returned, giving Dallas its five best scorers on the court together, and he scored right away.

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Knicks 99, Celtics 86

Michael Beasley scored the Knicks' final four points and grabbed eight of his nine rebounds while playing the entire fourth quarter, helping New York defeat the Boston Celtics 89-86.

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Jarvis Hayes keyed a fourth-quarter turnaround by Houston with a go-ahead 3-pointer and the Washington Wizards snapped a four-game losing streak with a 106-97 rout over the Atlanta Hawks.

Hayes had a rough time in the first quarter, finishing 1-for-8. He got his second chance with Theo Ratliff just 38 seconds in — one of six blocks for Ratliff — and also made a power-play goal at 4:10.

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NHL

Sabres get back-to-back goals to nip Senators

Associated Press

OTTAWA — J.P. Dumont and John Paddock scored 14 seconds apart early in the third and Martin Biron made 23 saves as Buffalo Sabres' 2-1 victory over Ottawa.

Dumont scored from the slot .52 into the third to break a scoreless tie, and Patrick added his third of the season at 2:06. Ottawa defender Wade Redden scored for the third straight game, pulling the Senators with within one with a power-play goal at 4:10. The Sabres went 2-for-4 with 26 points, and Gilbert Arenas added 23. Washington outscored the Hawks 30-19.

The win was only the third of the season for the Knicks, who got 26 points from Allan Houston, 17 from Rasheed Wallace and the crowd going. Then Nowitzki returned, giving Dallas its five best scorers on the court together, and he scored right away.

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NFL

Owens shines in 49ers’ Monday night victory

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — His catches were beautiful. His blocking was gritty. Terrell Owens thrived in the spotlight again — and he even kept his pens in his socks.

Owens had a 61-yard touchdown catch among his eight receptions for 155 yards, and Tim Rattay went 24-of-27 for 327 yards in the 49ers’ 30-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday night.

Helped by two downfield blocks by Owens, Kevan Barlow rushed for a 78-yard touchdown catch among his eight receptions for 155 yards, and Tim Rattay went 24-of-27 for 327 yards in the fourth straight home victory.

Fullback Fred Beasley also caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Rattay, who added more spice to the 49ers’ quarterback controversy with a second straight near-flawless performance in place of injured Pro Bowler Jeff Garcia. Former Steelers kicker Todd Peterson also made three field goals.

In the teams’ first meeting since a rain-soaked game at Candlestick in 1999, San Francisco (5-5) dominated the matchup of defending division champions who have struggled so far this season.

Tommy Maddox was 25-of-44 for 327 yards for Pittsburgh (3-7), which lost its sixth in seven games thanks to key defensive errors and Antwaan Randle El’s fumble on a kickoff return, which allowed San Francisco to score two touchdowns in 14 seconds.

Owens thrived in the spot­light again — and he even kept his pens in his socks. The NFL isn’t the only pro league taking a fresh look at steroid use since THG was first detected this summer. Baseball, which already has had at least five athletes test positive for the steroid, and football are not the only pro leagues with players for steroid use.

Drug claims upset Raiders

Associated Press

Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan has heard the reports of steroid use by four of his players, and he acknowledges it’s hurt the team’s mood.

But until there’s proof one of his guys used such banned drugs, he’s standing by them.

“No one’s been proven guilty at this point so we’ll just see how this turns out,” the coach said Monday at the team’s practice facility in Alameda, Calif., responding to repeated questions from the media.

“They’ve been indicted but no one’s been found guilty yet,” Callahan said he knew nothing about any Raiders testing positive for the newly discovered steroid THG or facing subsequent suspensions.

His comments came a day after CBS reported that defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, center Barrett Robbins, linebacker Bill Romanowski and defensive tackle Chris Cooper tested positive for THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, and could each face four-game suspensions.

“I haven’t had any confirmation on that from the league yet,” Callahan said.

NFL officials again Monday refused to comment on the report. However, they noted that if players test positive, additional samples would still have to be tested and any suspensions would be subject to appeals that could delay punishment for at least several weeks.

Such suspensions would mark the first time THG has been linked directly to any sport outside track and field, which already has had at least five athletes test positive for the steroid.

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Kasten resigns as Atlanta's president

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Stan Kasten left his job Monday as president of Atlanta's Braves, Hawks and Thrashers amid the decision by corporate owner Time Warner to sell the teams.

Kasten said he might offer to return to management of the Hawks and Thrashers once a pending deal was approved. He said he decided to leave now because of major changes going on within the teams' organizations, including likely payroll cuts by the Braves.

"It was the whole package of things all at once. I just felt this was a real convenient time for me to make this move," he said.

A group led by Boston businessman Steve Belkin reached a deal in September to purchase the Hawks, Thrashers and Philips Arena for $250 million. The deal is expected to be approved within the next month.

Meanwhile, the sale of the Braves has been put on the backburner by Time Warner.

Belkin said he welcomed Kasten's availability.

"Clearly he would be a serious candidate because of his experience and knowledge. This frees us up to at least talk about it," Belkin said Monday.

Kasten, 51, was perhaps the most powerful figure in Atlanta sports, the man who oversaw three of the city's four major sports teams.

It all grew out of a chance meeting with former Braves owner Ted Turner at a baseball game in St. Louis in 1976. Shortly after his graduation from law school, Kasten was appointed legal counsel of the Braves and Hawks. One year later, he was named assistant general manager of the Hawks.

In 1979, Kasten became the youngest general manager in NBA history at 27. Additional duties came in 1986 when Turner named Kasten as president of the Braves and Hawks.

Kasten surrendered the GM position with the Hawks in 1990, hiring Pat Bev and Boblabcock. But he became involved with the company's third sports team in 1999, taking over as president of the Thrashers when Harvey Schiller left.

By that time, Turner was losing his grip on the teams. His role lessened when TNT merged with Time Warner, and he was forced out altogether after a merger with AOL.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies overcome 1st half deficit in win

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut needed 20 minutes to start looking like the No. 1 team in the country.

The Huskies rallied from a three-point halftime deficit to beat Yale 70-60 Monday night in the opening round of the Preseason NIT.

It was better than the last time Connecticut was a preseason No. 1. The Huskies opened the 1999-00 season with a 70-68 loss to Iowa in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

The undermanned Bulldogs used a patient offense to spread the floor and keep the Huskies from getting out on the break.

That changed in the second half as the Huskies used a 14-2 run to take a 48-37 lead and they went on to lead by as many as 17 before struggling at the free-throw line over the final 4 1/2 minutes.

Emeka Okafor, the AP's preseason player of the year, had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead Connecticut, which will host the winner of the first-round game between Vermont and Nevada in the second round on Wednesday night.

Denham Brown had 15 points and Ben Gordon added 13 and six assists for the Huskies, who took the lead for good at 36-35 with 17:13 left on a fast-break dunk by freshman Josh Boone.

In addition to getting on the break, Connecticut turned up the pressure defense as well. Yale, which was playing a No. 1 team for the first time in school history, committed just three turnovers in taking the 31-28 halftime lead. They committed six turnovers in the opening five minutes of the second half and the Huskies were turning most of those into easy baskets.

Dominick Martin and Edwin Draughn each had 14 points for Yale, which lost its 12th straight season opener.

Here, it's merit we turn to. We're not interested in how old you are or where you're from. If your idea is good, it's good. That's why we'll put you alongside teammates with the experience and knowledge to spot it. It's your time to shine.
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — It was a long, intense offseason for the Purdue Boilermakers. Exhaustive conditioning drills. Pressure-packed scrimmages. Gut-busting weight training.

Through it all, there was one constant — seniors Shereka Wright, Erika Valek, Lindsey Hicks and Beth Jones.

Junior Hannah Anderson knows why.

"Everyday we come down the tunnel (at Mackey Arena), look up and see that 1999 national championship banner," she said. "That's what our seniors have been working for. That's why coach brought them in."

The four seniors comprise one of the most successful classes in school history. In three years, they have amassed an 85-19 record, two Big Ten titles and three NCAA tournament appearances, including a runner-up finish in 2000-01. This year, they've carried Purdue to a No. 5 ranking.

Alas, none of them were here for the Boilermakers' last trip to the Final Four in 1999, the last and only time they have advanced beyond the regional quarterfinals.

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"But obviously, how you do against Ohio State is a big part of any career here."

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Michigan quarterback John Navarre hands the ball off in a game against Notre Dame Sept. 13.

"Navarre holds a slew of Michigan passing records, but those accomplishments are marred by an 0-2 record against Ohio State.

Some believe the senior has to lead the fifth-ranked Wolverines to a win against the No. 4 Buckeyes to be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks to wear a winged helmet.

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Navarre threw for 206 yards with two touchdowns, four interceptions and a fumble in a 26-20 loss two years ago.
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**INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL**

8 p.m., FOXCH 22

**College Basketball**

Louisiana (Lafayette) at Georgia Tech 7 p.m., ESPNU

Davidson at Texas Tech 9 p.m., FOXCH 22

**NHL**

Mighty Ducks at Avalanche 9 p.m., ESPN2

Blackhawks at Oilers 9 p.m., FOXCH 22

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**MLB**

**Texas' Rodriguez named AL MVP**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez became the second player from a last-place team to win a Most Valuable Player award, then confirmed that the Texas Rangers have talked to him about a possible trade.

"Management has approached me with a situation and some choices, and I'm just going to keep my doors open right now," Rodriguez said Monday from Mexico during a conference call.

Rodriguez received 242 points for the American League award in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado was second with 213 points, followed by New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada with 194.

Showing the split among the writers, 10 players received first-place votes, one short of the record set in the 1947 NL vote and matched in the 1977 AL vote.

Last year, Rodriguez finished second in MVP voting to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada and in 1996 he finished third behind the Rangers' Juan Gonzalez.

"It means the world to me," Rodriguez said. "I'm so proud. It really is a validation to all the hard work and dedication." Rodriguez has completed three seasons of a $252 million, 10-year contract, the richest in baseball history. He has been paid $56 million and gets another $1 million on Dec. 1. He also is owed $12 million plus interest in deferred payments from the contract's first three seasons.

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**IN BRIEF**

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**NHL**

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The expansion Charlotte Bobcats, the NBA's 29th franchise, were placed in the Eastern Conference and the New Orleans Hornets were moved to the Western Conference. The Hornets previously played in Charlotte before moving to New Orleans two seasons ago.

Joining the new Charlotte franchise is the Southeast Division of the Eastern Conference will be Atlanta, Miami, Orlando and Washington. The Central Division will have Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indiana and Milwaukee. Atlantic Division teams will be Boston, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Toronto.

New Orleans will play in the Southeast Division of the Western Conference with Dallas, Houston, Memphis and San Antonio. The Northwest Division will have Denver, Minnesota, Portland, Seattle and Utah. The Pacific Division teams are Golden State, the Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix and Sacramento.

Teams will play divisional opponents twice at home and twice on the road. They will play conference opponents outside their division three or four times, and teams from the other conference twice — at home and road.

Divisional winners each earn a playoff berth. The remaining five playoff berths for each conference will be based on regular-season record with no regard to divisional alignment.

Ohio State moves into second place in BCS

Ohio State moved past USC into second place in the BCS standings Monday. Even so, the Buckeyes might need more than a win at Michigan to defend their championship.

The Buckeyes edged ahead of Southern California by 0.19 points following their 16-13 overtime win over Purdue. The Trojans lost ground in the computers and strength of schedule after winning 45-0 at Arizona (2-9).

"That's great, I guess, but it doesn't really mean anything until we go up and play Michigan," Ohio State defensive end Will Smith said.

Oklahoma (10-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which two teams will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Bowl games have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.46 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.6 bonus points for beating fifth-place Texas for a 1.8.

Ohio State was second with 7.52 points, followed by USC at 7.71 and LSU at 12.21.
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ner of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (15-5-1) and Western Michigan (13-6-2) on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Michigan (13-6), the 12th seed, will host the winner of St. Peter's (17-4-2) and Brown (10-3-3) on the other side of the bracket.

The Irish are riding high coming off their second Big East Championship (and first since 1996) over the weekend, defeating No. 4 St. John's 2-0 in the title game. The depth and talent in the team's roster was evident as senior forward Justin Detter led the way with two goals in the Big East Tournament. Detter scored two game-winning goals during the Big East Championship last weekend and was named the tournament's most outstanding offensive player. His header against Providence in the semifinals proved to be the only scoring in the game. This season, Detter has 11 goals and four assists for a team-high 26 points.

The WIAA Division 1 state tournament begins Friday with the quarterfinals to be played at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Alumni Field. Michigan (13-6), the 12th seed, will host the winner of WISconsin-Milwaukee (15-5-1) and Western Michigan (13-6-2) on the other side of the bracket. The Irish are riding high coming off their second Big East Championship (and first since 1996) over the weekend, defeating No. 4 St. John's 2-0 in the title game. The depth and talent in the team's roster was evident as senior forward Justin Detter led the way with two goals in the Big East Tournament. Detter scored two game-winning goals during the Big East Championship last weekend and was named the tournament's most outstanding offensive player. His header against Providence in the semifinals proved to be the only scoring in the game. This season, Detter has 11 goals and four assists for a team-high 26 points.

The Irish forward Justin Detter dribbles the ball up the field in a match against Georgetown Sept. 28. The senior recorded two game-winning goals in the Big East Tournament.

RecSports
Women boxers to hold Charity Bouts

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's boxing club will hold its Charity Bouts this Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. in Gym 1 of the Joyce Center. Twenty bouts consisting of three 90-second rounds are scheduled for the evening, a culmination of hard and dedicated practice since the beginning of the school year. Entrance to the event will be through Gate 8. Admission is free although donations will be accepted at the gate. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Sports Camp for Girls in Siguapetexpeque, Honduras, a charity selected through the Center for Social Concerns.

Women's Ice Hockey

Tori Blaine, Becca Friddy and Saint Mary's Megan Mattia will lead the Irish this weekend in a very challenging schedule. The club will travel to East Lansing, Mich., on Friday to play Michigan State at 10:45 a.m. and again Saturday at 5:30 p.m. before returning home. The Irish will then host Western Michigan Sunday, at 9 a.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink. Mattia and Blaine, with strong support from Jaky Kehler and Lizzy Coghill will try to get the potentially potent offense in gear for these key CCWHA games.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball club will open its season this Saturday at the Rolfs Sports and Recreational Center as it hosts the Notre Dame Golden Dome Invitational. Top players for the Irish include Brian Michalek and Dan Parazynski. The squad will square off with defending champion Club Nowak at 9 a.m., play Indiana at 11 a.m., the Notre Dame-Alumni at noon and Northwestern at 4 p.m. The semifinals will be played at 6 p.m., with the Finals held an hour later.

Women's Water Polo

Also swinging into action for the first time this season is the women's water polo club. With starting goalie Briegte Alte anchoring the defense and veteran Kim Moore leading the attack, the Irish open their usual tough schedule at the Penn Invitational in Philadelphia.

The season will again feature an extended trip to California to play both inter-collegiate varsity and club squads, as well as to compete in tournament play against the top teams from the Midwest and East.

Figure Skating

The Notre Dame figure skating club will compete in its first event of the season this weekend at the Nick-Off Classic in Kalamazoo, Mich. Led by Monica Hitz and Saint Mary's Bridget Purcell, the Irish hope to contend for national honors and another top 10 ranking this year.

Ultimate Frisbee

The Ultimate club will travel to Knoxville, Tenn., this weekend for the Dave Baldwin Invitational. This tournament traditionally draws a large field, including highly-ranked teams from across the country.

Field Hockey

The Notre Dame field hockey club will face Chicago and Michigan State this weekend and will be rescheduled at a later date.

ECDC ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

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Where: ECDC-ND and ECDC-SMC
(ECDC-ND is located on Bolla Road across from O'Hare Grace Residences, ECDC-SMC is located in Hovean Hall on the Saint Mary's Campus)

What: Scholastic Book Fair with a wide selection of quality children's books for preschoolers through upper elementary grades, including chapter books.

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closer," Morton said. "On the field and off the field, you really develop a trust among each other. It's a really good situation." Quarterback Brady Quinn has seen his sack numbers decrease in the last few games, and he said the line's play has enabled the entire offense to make great strides.

"Anytime I see [the offensive line] come together, and the running game is picking up, it gives me confidence in the passing game," Quinn said. After a slow start, Jones has seen his numbers improve.

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Maureen Palchak took a pair of events, winning both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races. Senior Megan Ramsey also won two races, taking first place in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard freestyle. Other top races for the Belles included sophomore Kelly Nelis, who won the 500-yard freestyle, and freshman Caitlin Fitzpatrick, who won the 100-yard backstroke and took second in the 40-yard individual medley.

"They were ready for us," Petcoff said. "[Albion] did not want to lose three years in a row." Saint Mary's now faces the challenge of maintaining focus during an extended break as the Belles will not compete until the first weekend of December at the Gene Davis Invitational, where they will be competing against several Division III programs at Lawrence University in Wisconsin. "We are going to be looking for season-best times across the board," Petcoff said.

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn sits in the pocket against the Cougars. Notre Dame allowed only two sacks Saturday.

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Pearsce. After scoring in the final minute of the first, the Irish came back to score in the first minute of the second as defenseman Brett Lebda took a cross-ice feed from forward Matt Amado and took advantage of a defensive breakdown to slip past Pearsce. Brown, while still picking up the shutout, may have gotten a little lucky in the second period. Following a turnover in the neutral zone, the Under-18 team came in on a two-on-one, forcing Brown to move to his right to guard the shooter. The Under-18 team's Jack Johnson received a cross from his teammate and had a wide open net, but hit the post as he tried to slip it in. Brown was able to get back in time to keep Johnson from getting another chance at the puck. Notre Dame added goals from Tim Wallace and Mike Walsh later in the game to put it away, and outset the Under-18 team by a count of 39-28. Notre Dame returns to regular season action next weekend at home when the Irish play host to Lake Superior at the Joyce Center. Game time on Friday is 7:35 p.m.

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Just Having Fun?

Everyday on this campus, someone is made to feel that he or she doesn't belong. It may not even be obvious to anyone except the person that is hurt. When I walk across South Quad, I don't see anyone with a t-shirt that says "White Anglo-Saxon Males Rule!" But I do see it in the attitudes of people and in the comments that I hear. "That's so gay," when someone disagrees with what a friend says. And I hear the embarrassment and desire in someone's voice when all her friends are going to shop at the mall, again, because there's nothing better to do on a Tuesday afternoon, when she can't afford a $250 shopping spree at Abercrombie & Fitch just for the heck of it!

C'mon - the guys are just using a common expression, it's not like they really said it to degrade homosexuals. And the girls are just having a good time; it's not their fault that their parents make a ton of money!

And these arguments may be true. The guys might not really hate homosexuals and the salaries of their parents are not in the control of the girls. But everyone is capable of sensitivity to others.

One of the worst things about discrimination on our campus is that the majority of students don't even realize that it is here! It's not aimed at the straight white upper-middle class Catholic population. For every blatantly hurtful action, there are hundreds of every-
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FOOTBALL

Push 'em back

Irish offensive line coming together after rough start

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They took much of the blame when Notre Dame's offense struggled this season, but after Saturday's win over BYU, they deservedly took much of the credit.

The Irish offensive line has battled through injury and inexperience to become a better unit as the season has progressed, and the results have been clear in the last few games.

"The line has really matured throughout the season," tackle Jeff Samuels said. "We've had our tough times, but we're really coming together as a unit.

The group did not allow a sack against Florida State, Boston College and Navy, before giving up two against BYU. They have blocked well for Julius Jones in his two 200-yard rushing performances, as well as the tailback's 161-yard game versus the Cougars. After losing four players to the NFL draft at the end of the 2002 season, this year's offensive line was a concern from the beginning of spring practice. The only returning starter, guard Sean Milligan, was injured early in the season and hasn't played since the Michigan game Sept. 13. Centers Bobby Morton and Zachary Giles have switched in and out of their position throughout the season, and tackle/guard Dan Stevenson hasn't played in two games because of an injury.

That's left a thin offensive line even thinner. But the Irish have persevered and made strides in the last few weeks. "I think anytime you put five guys — in our case nine — into the heat of battle, over a ten- or 11-week span, you grow as a team, and I think we've done that," Irish offensive coordinator Gregg Price said.

SMC SWIMMING

Lack of divers hurts Belles against Albion

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's faced a 29-point deficit before the Belles hit the pool during their dual meet against Albion College last Saturday. The Belles needed to overcome the challenge of not having a diving team but came up short as they lost to Albion 126-106.

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HOCKEY

Irish handle Under-18 team

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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The Irish took the early lead with less than a minute left in the first period when Globoke sent a crisp pass to forward Michael Bartlett, but Bartlett was unable to handle it. The deflection off Bartlett's stick went right to forward Tom Galvin, who put a shot past the Under-18 team netminder Jordan Valek, Lindsey Hicks and Beth Jones hope this is the year they capture the title they were brought to Purdue to win.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn huddles with his offensive line against BYU in Notre Dame's 33-14 win Saturday.

Despite the large number of youngsters on the ice for both teams, Poulin said it was senior forward Rob Globoke — who assisted on the first goal of the game — who really helped keep the team focused.

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NCAA FOOTBALL
Michigan quarterback John Navarre's name is already atop the Wolverine record books, but a win over Ohio State Saturday could make him a legend.

Purdue seniors Shereeka Wright, Erika Valek, Lindsey Hicks and Beth Jones hope this is the year they capture the title they were brought to Purdue to win.

49ers 30, Steelers 14

Wide receiver Terrell Owens had eight catches for 155 yards in San Francisco's victory over Oakland.

NFL

Raiders coach Bill Callahan is upset that the circulating accusations that four of his players have been using illegal steroids could be hurting the team.

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NBA

Wraps up from Monday's action around the National Basketball Association.