Tragedy strikes Ebersol family

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

A testament to the bonds of the Notre Dame community, the University was shaken by the tragedy that struck members of its own Sunday, and is extending its support to the Ebersol family in its time of grief.

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By CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

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Plane crash leaves ND senior Charlie, father Dick injured; youngest brother dead

By CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol survived a plane crash that injured his father, NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, and killed his youngest brother Teddy Ebersol and two crewmen in Monroes, Colo. Sunday.

The family said in a release Monday night that Dick and Charlie Ebersol were in stable condition at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo. and are expected to make a full recovery, according to Kim Williams, director of public relations at the hospital.

The private jet, carrying six people, crashed during takeoff from Montrose Regional Airport at approximately 10 a.m., according to a press release from the Montrose Fire Protection District (MFPD).

The airport is located 185 miles southwest of Denver and serves the Telluride Ski Area.

The pilot and a flight attendant of the CL-601 Challenger plane were killed on impact, the Montrose County Coroner’s Office said in a press release.

A body matching the description of Teddy Ebersol, 14, was recovered underneath the wreckage at 5 p.m. MST Monday, following an extensive search of the wooded crash site.

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Group discusses updates

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed business from last week and coordinat ed various events being planned for the week Monday.

At last week’s meeting Student body president Adam Bitton presented a resolution to representatives that proposed changes that the Council felt needed to be made to the new constitution.

Before members approved the resolution, Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty had expressed concern with one provision that suggested Financial Management Board meetings take place on an as-necessary basis, and members chose not to remove it.

COR discussed the issue further Monday, and representatives agreed to make the following changes: that the constitution requires for FMB to meet on a bi-weekly basis is necessary and no constitutional changes should be made.

Still, hall president’s co-chair Claire Fadel, who attends FMB meetings, said although last week’s meeting was very effective, many in the past have failed to be productive due to poor attendance.

If we are going to meet on a bi-weekly basis, then the representatives here are going to have to push the members of your respective groups to come to our meetings. We cannot vote if we do not have enough members present,” she said.

Representatives agreed to do so.

In other COR news:

- Kavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni asked representatives to sign a card for senior Charlie Ebersol and his family, who were involved in a plane crash over the holiday weekend.

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Students feel pain of USC losing streak

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

After watching the football team lose to USC on Saturday, Notre Dame students returned from Thanksgiving break saddened by the season-ending loss.

That was an absolute embarrassment,” sophomore Mac Murray said of the football 41-10 loss to No. 1 USC.

Murray, who is from Chicago, traveled to Los Angeles with his dad, shared

"We shouldn’t have even been on the same field with that team,” Murray said.

Junior Steve Sweeney, who traveled to USC from northern California with his dad, shared
INSIDE COLUMN

‘Saved by the Bell’ bliss

In recent weeks, my friends and I have devoted a good chunk of time to watching every episode from every season of ‘Saved by the Bell.’ Perhaps it’s hit. But, watching the show now, when I am mature enough to recognize that I will never actually become Kelly Kapowski and date the ever-desirable Zack Morris, it is interesting to see how our culture has changed in just 10 short years.

The show had a real innocence and sweetness to it. All of the episodes had reassuring morals and the characters always made the right decisions — no drugs, no racism, no sex and no serious problems. Our generation seems utterly out of control in comparison. And while I am glad that my wardrobe does not consist of fluorescent spandex and tacky patterned dresses, at times, I wish life mirrored ‘Saved by the Bell’ just a little. The perfection of the characters, their relationships and their morals, no matter how ‘made-for-TV’ they may have been, were enviable.

For use, Kelly and Zack’s ‘going steady’ was the epitome of pure, high school love. Zack solicited parental permission before asking Kelly out and made deals with her boss to get her out of work early for a dance. A kiss on the cheek was always followed by an “ooohhhhh” from the audience. Now, such courting and dating is a virtual has-been, while random hook-ups and casual, meaningless relationships dominate high school and college life. When and how did that become the norm?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What did you think of the football game?

Tim Feldmann
junior
Dillon

Daniel Klauer
junior
Dillon

Kat Moravek
junior
Caven

Gabriel Samudio
sophomore
Keenan

Roger Knight
junior
Siefried

Chris Dougher
sophomore
Zahm

“I don’t think it’s appropriate for the newspaper to print.”

“D.J. Fitzpatrick is awesome.”

“Expected.”

“Go Irish!”

“I didn’t watch it.”

“It was football-rific.”

OFFBEAT

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IN BRIEF

The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor a summer service project meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge tonight.

UNICEF will sell Christmas cards and other materials from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library commons. Proceeds will benefit needy children throughout the world.

Theology professor Bob Krieg will lead a seminar on “Catholic Theologians and Nazi Germany,” Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in C-104 Hesburgh Center.

Sally Winn, vice president of Feminists for Life of America, will speak today on the topic “Refine to Choose: Reclaiming Feminism” from 7 to 9 p.m. in 126 DelBartolo Hall.

Pasquella East Hall will sponsor its Silent Night Silent Auction Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include free food, karaoke and a free iPod giveaway.

University of Iowa professor Mary Wilson will speak today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 238 Galvin Life Science building about “Molecular mechanisms of host-parasite interactions in leishmaniasis.”

Political science professor Luke Ledyard will discuss “Universal Jurisdiction over Gross Human Rights Violations: Back to Square Zero?” Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

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

The weather forecast is from the University of Notre Dame's Weather Station.

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LOCAL WEATHER

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Tuesday, November 30, 2004
Board of Governance

T-shirt apology choice discussed by members
By KELLY MEHAN
News Writer

After much deliberation about issuing a second apology for Saint Mary’s Pride Week T-shirt, the Board of Governance decided Monday that a statement would be released to the student body.

BOG said a second apology was not appropriate because the entire student body did not request a second more specific apology, and some students e-mailed the Student Activities Board stating they would be offended by what they deemed an unnecessary apology.

The Board instead will issue a statement about its intentions. SAB coordinator Lauren Fabina said student government did not wish to ignore students who were not offended by the shirt.

“We are in constant review of our activities to provide the best programs possible. We will keep in mind the opinions of all students and what offended them in the planning of future events,” Fabina said.

At the last BOG meeting, the Board considered issuing an apology if SAB opted not to. Student body president Sarah Sweeney said they considered possible options and discussed them with administration.

“We gave a lot of thought to how campus felt about these issues as a whole,” White said.

College reacts to tunnel closure
By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

For nearly a hundred years, Saint Mary’s students and faculty have taken shelter from the South Bend snow and rain by walking through underground tunnels, which are now scheduled to close Dec. 18.

In general, students and faculty said they were concerned about how the closing, which will likely be indefinite, would affect campus.

Junior Elizabeth Voss, a LeMans resident, said she felt the closing would present a safety issue.

She also said the closing would hamper students’ ability to move freely from building to building at times when it may be unpleasant to go outside.

“All the students will be gone from the tunnels, and it will be a great inconvenience to walk around when we all have become accustomed to using the tunnels, especially at night and in the cold,” she said.

Kyla Waltz, a sophomore living in Holy Cross, agreed.

“It’s amazing how the series with USC has changed in the last three years. Four years ago we beat them - they weren’t that good. But they get a new coach and have beat us by 31 every year since,” Sweeney said.

Sweeney said he pointed to coach Tyrone Willingham for the team’s poor performance. Sweeney said he pointed to coach Tyrone Willingham for the team’s poor performance.

“I feel that the current administration is fine with having a mediocre coaching staff,” Sweeney said. “Some people say that Ty’s first recruiting class is only in their sophomore season, and that he needs time, but our recruiting classes have been worse than under former head coach Bolt Dave.”

Freshman Neil Hawley, who lives in Holy Cross, attended the game with family and friends.

“Going into the game, I felt we had a shot,” he said. “USC doesn’t have the practice that we have on our side. We had a good turn around for the game in the first quarter the ND fans were much louder.”

According to Hawley, momentum shifted once USC settled down and found their offense.

“We lost our energy, and from there it was all downhill,” Hawley said.

But students who were upset by the game pointed towards USC.

“The SoCal fans were great, very intense, but an manageable rivalry. Outside of us getting pounded, it was a really fun time,” said Murray.

Hawley enjoyed himself, but noted the difference between ND and USC fans.

“USC fans don’t have the heart Notre Dame fans do - when we lose you down there are so many other fans who are cheering. Win or lose, USC football just isn’t Notre Dame football,” Sweeney said.

Sweeney has attended Notre Dame-USC games since he was little.

“It is a great rivalry and must USC fans are respectful, at least the ones I’ve been around,” he said.

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Professor edits book on human migration

Information Session Presented by Allstate Insurance Company

Tuesday, November 30, 2004 6:30 p.m.
Foster Room, LaFollette

Strong math, computer, analytical, and communication skills are valuable assets for students pursuing an Actuarial Career. All majors are welcome to attend this session to learn about the many opportunities available to those interested in an Actuarial Career.

WHAT’S AN ACTUARY?

By Angela Ellison

Actuaries are the professionals who analyze the financial impact of risk and uncertainty. Actuaries help organizations make informed management decisions based on the analysis of data. Their most well-known contribution is to the insurance industry, where they help organizations determine premiums and reserves needed to cover future expected claims.

Actuaries are in high demand and many fields other than insurance also pursue the services of actuaries. For example, they help businesses determine the need for and the best way to fund and maintain pension plans. They also work in the health-care field, government, and education.

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Allstate Insurance Company supports Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students and faculty through a variety of programs and services. Allstate sponsors two annual events: the Notre Dame Allstate Football Kickoff and the Notre Dame Allstate Climb.

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Crash
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Young declined to discuss the condition of Teddy Ebersol's body out of respect for his family.

News reports on the status of the Connecticut boarding school freshman were scattered Sunday as local authorities conducted a search of the area, which is covered by brush and cedar trees and contains a large drainage ditch. At a press conference at the airport Monday morning, broadcast nationally by CNN, Montrose County Chief Deputy Coroner Matt Kilker said Teddy Ebersol was presumed dead and that the investigation had begun to identify the representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board arrived on the scene. Another press conference was held at 6 p.m. MST after the body was found.

The Ebersol's, who own a home nearby, stopped in Colorado to drop off Dick Ebersol's wife, Nancy, in San Antonio, according to 2004 Notre Dame community director Kevin White.

FAT and NTSB officials were investigating possible causes of the crash Monday. The plane's flight data recorder was found in the wreckage, burned on the exterior but protected by a layer of ash, according to the Montrose Daily Press. It will be flown to the NTSB's Denver office to conduct a continual readout, the results of which should be available Tuesday.

NTSB Inspector Arnold Scott told the Montrose Daily Press: "At this point there are still a lot of questions unanswered." Montrose Airport manager Scott Brownlee said in the first news conference, broadcast by CNN.

Brownlee added he did not know if the plane's wings had been de-tied before takeoff, saying it was the pilot's choice.

Steve McLaughlin of MTI Air Services, which de-ices private planes at the airport, told the Denver Post his company did not de-ice the Ebersol's plane before it took off.

The Challenger plane was operated by Air Castle Corporation on behalf of Jet Alliance of Millville, N.J. Clifford Russell, president of Jet Alliance, issued a statement Monday morning that offered condolences to those involved.

Charlie Ebersol was involved in other recent accidents, including a crash that killed three crewmembers on takeoff in Wichita, Kan., in October 2000, according to the Denver Post.

Charlie Ebersol played a vocal role in Notre Dame student government, twice running for student body president and losing by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. Ebersol served as manager of the Student Union Board and a member of the Council of Representatives during the 2003-04 term. He was a key player in the recent restructuring of student government and the rewriting of the student union constitution.

A film, television and theater major, Ebersol lived in Keough for two and half years before moving off-campus.

Dick Ebersol, 57, became president of NBC Sports in 1989, and was a chief negotiator in agreements to televise Notre Dame home football games on NBC. Most recently, he, University President Father Edward Malloy and athletic director Kevin White collaborated on a December 2003 contract extension that granted NBC rights to nationally broadcast the Irish through 2010.

Dick Ebersol also led NBC's successful negotiations to televise the Olympics and NASCAR events, and in the early 1980s he served as executive producer of Saturday Night Live.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congo to send reinforcements

KINSHASA, Congo — Congo intends to send 10,000 reinforcements toward its eastern border with Rwanda, a presidential spokesman said Monday, after credible reports that thousands of Rwandan troops crossed into its territory, raising fears of reigniting a devastating five-year regional war.

A Western diplomat told The Associated Press Monday that thousands of Rwandan troops moved into the remote forested hills of east Congo — an account supported by park rangers and local chiefs near the border of the two neighbors and wartime enemies.

Rwanda refused to confirm or deny the reported incursion, and the U.N. mission in Congo said U.N. helicopter patrols and other sources had failed to turn up any immediate sign of Rwandan troops.

Victims compensated for torture

Chileans who will finally get government compensation for torture they endured in the nation that we were tortured is the first state admits that we were tortured," Garcia said.

Every victim is anonymous for almost 31 years, that the compensation. In addition, victims and their relatives will receive free education, housing and health benefits.

National News

7 killed in helicopter crash

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, Texas — An Army helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashed and burst into flames Monday after hitting a support wire on a TV transmission tower whose warning lights had been knocked out in a storm last week, officials said. Everyone aboard was killed.

The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood. The fog was so thick when emergency crews reached the scene they could not see more than halfway up the tower, authorities said.

The helicopter was headed to check out equipment that was to be used in a training exercise, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division. The names of the victims, all from Fort Hood, were not immediately released.

Medical marijuana laws disputed

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who aren't really sick as it debated on Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders.

Watching the argument was Angel Raich, an Oakland, Calif., mother of two who tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she turned to marijuana. She and another ill woman, Diane Monson, filed a lawsuit to protect their access to the drug after federal agents confiscated marijuana plants from Monson's yard.

Local News

Favor for mom leads to death

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IRAK

Insurgent attacks kill American soldiers

WASHINGTON — U.S. and Iraqi troops recaptured Samarra from insurgents in September, but the city remains tense.

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China forges free trade pact with Southeast Asian nations

Associated Press

VIENTIANE—Rising power China moved Monday to expand its influence in a region long dominated by the United States, signing an accord with Southeast Asian nations aimed at creating the world's largest free trade area by 2010 — a sprawling market of nearly 2 billion people.

China's concerns about securing vital sea lanes and feeding its booming economy's voracious appetite for oil and raw materials were seen as key motivations for the trade pact with the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations at the group's annual summit in Laos.

But some analysts believe the agreement shows how an increasingly bold China is forging new alliances that would reduce, and possibly eventually challenge, America's influence in Asia.

"China is using its huge market as a bait to lure ASEAN countries away from U.S. and Japan and build closer relations," said Chao Chien-min, a China watcher and political science professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University.

"I think what Beijing has in mind is to forge good economic and trade relations now and then increase exchanges in other areas, particularly in the military and security areas," Chao said.

The agreements signed Monday removed tariffs on goods and created a mechanism to resolve ASEAN-China trade disputes. The accord aims to end all tariffs by 2010, drawing ASEAN's combined economies — worth $1 trillion annually — closer to China's $4.4 trillion economy.

Ong Keng Yong, ASEAN's secretary-general, said trade with China would speed up with the free trade agreement. "So by the time this whole FTA (free trade agree-

ment) is done, as we want to by 2010, it should become quite substantial. $130 or $140 billion, perhaps," he told reporters.

In comparison, the annual ASEAN-U.S. trade is $120 billion and ASEAN-EU trade is $110 billion per year, he said.

Ong said it would be a long time before China surpassed the United States because the Americans are bigger investors in the region.

"China's deal with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was sealed as the 10-nation group agreed to another pact that would build an ASEAN community, much like the European Union, by 2020.

The run-up to the ASEAN summit in the Lao capital was clouded by concerns that Thailand's crackdown last month on a protest that left 85 Muslims dead could inflame militants, and over Myanmar's failure to deliver on pledges to move toward democracy.

Some member countries indicated they might call those two ASEAN colleagues to task — in a break with the group's tradition of keeping out of domestic affairs. But both issues were kept off the table during the summit's ASEAN-only agenda Monday.

Thai government spokesman Jakrapob Penkair said.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had threatened to walk out if the crackdown was raised at the summit of Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Singapore, ASEAN members Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.
Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Wal-Mart was a big loser because they didn’t get the same numbers of early bird shoppers as they did a year ago," said C. Britt Bennet, chairman of America’s Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. “The retailers that won this weekend were the ones that were super aggressive in special purchases and special pricing.”

Wal-Mart said Saturday it now expects same-store sales in November to be up only 0.7 percent, instead of the projected 2 percent to 4 percent that led many retailers to higher expectations for the third-fourth quarter of the year. Its sales gain of 3 percent to 4 percent was lower than was expected by the industry.

Carolyn Labarba clutches her selections during the early-morning shopping blitz at a Wal-Mart in Texas. Wal-Mart, among others were disappointed in this weekend’s sales.

**In Brief**

Creditors banned from seizing jets

CHICAGO — A federal bankruptcy court judge has blocked a group of creditors from repossessing up to 14 airplanes from United Airlines, saving the bankrupt carrier tens of millions of dollars.

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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra
Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 8 p.m.
Harel's Messiah
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
Leighton Concert Hall
Tickets $6, $5 faculty/staff, $3 all students

The Notre Dame Glee Club Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/gleeclub.html
Leighton Concert Hall
Tickets $6, $5 faculty/staff, $3 all students

ND University Band
Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m.
Leighton Concert Hall
Free and open to the public

ND Jazz Bands
Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndjazzband/
Leighton Concert Hall
Free and open to the public

ND Collegium Musicum
Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/collegium.html
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
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Organist Craig Cramer
Professor of Music, University of Notre Dame
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Friday, January 21, 8:00 PM
Saturday, January 22, 8:00 PM
Sunday, January 23, 4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 25, 8:00 PM

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The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to the only state that allows gay marriage, declining to hear an appeal aimed at overturning the Massachusetts law that prompted a national debate on the legality and morality of same-sex unions.

The decision ended the legal fight over a 4.3 Massachusetts high court ruling last November giving gay couples the right to marry. But both sides say the U.S. Supreme Court's unwillingness to intervene means there will be more fights in courts and legislatures around the country.

President Bush has promised to make passage of an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment a priority in his second term.

"Activist judges are seeking to redefine marriage for the rest of society, and the people's voice is not being heard in this process," said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. "That's why the president is committed to moving forward with Congress on a constitutional amendment that would protect the sanctity of marriage."

Lambda and other gay-rights groups were heartened that the Supreme Court let the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court stand. In the past year, at least 3,000 Massachusetts couples have wed.

"The bottom line is nobody is being harmed by the Massachusetts law treating all couples equally," said David Buckel, Lambda's legal marriage project director.

Lambda currently is suing in four states — California, New Jersey, New York and Washington — on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage.

Liberty Counsel, the Florida-based conservative group that filed the challenge to the Massachusetts law, urged the state Supreme Court voting to invalidate the U.S. Constitution because state judges had made a decision more properly declined by elected legislators.

The high court rejected the liberty counsel's argument.

Liberty Counsel is continuing the fight elsewhere, lobbying more than two dozen states to pass state amendments banning gay marriage.

"We will see legal battles around marriage hashed out in the courts, state legislatures and in state referenda," said Chad Flethfield, a civil rights attorney at Georgetown University.

Gay marriage is opposed by a majority of Americans, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. The poll taken Nov. 19-21 found that 61 percent oppose gay marriage and 35 percent support it.

People are about evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them many of the same legal rights as marriage, other polls have found.

Earlier this month, anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives passed in all 11 states that had them.

Massachusetts voters may have a chance next year to change the state constitution to bar gay marriages but allow same-sex couples to form civil unions that make them eligible for the same benefits as married couples.

Legal analysts said the Supreme Court's decision to stay out of the battle wasn't surprising, because the lawsuit made a rarely used claim that activist Massachusetts judges had violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a republican form of government.

Legal challenges elsewhere in state and federal courts including whether other states must recognize Massachusetts' gay marriages — are likely as the nation grapples with the issue, said Harvard law professor who sat on the Massachusetts high court from 1995-99.

C.J. Doyle, executive director of the anti-gay marriage Catholic Action League, called the Supreme Court decision "one skirmish, one battle in a much larger issue."

David Buckel legal marriage project director for Lambda
H.R. 4818: A lesson in 'bringing home the bacon'

I take my assertion of last week back that there is nothing left to rant about in the realm of politics. While it is true that the behavior of grown men that act like children is an easy target, by no means is it limited to the NBA. Specifically, our government has sunk to record lows in its quest to squander the hard earned tax dollars of the American people. By no means do I mean to limit my criticism to the traditional Great Society Democrat pork-barrel spender, but the new breed of Republican pork-barrel spender as well.

Contrary to promises made in 1994 after forty years of Democratic control in Congress, Republicans have gone back on the original promises that regained them the House and Senate. Discretionary spending over the past few years has grown through the roof. In 2003, inflation adjusted federal spending topped $20,000 per household for the first time since WWII. Overall for 2003, the federal government spent $20,300 per household, taxed $16,780 per household, and ran a budget deficit of $3,520 per household. Spending outside of defense and Sept. 11-related expenses is increasing 5 percent annually.

From 2001 through 2004, discretionary spending increased 16 percent from 2001 through 2003, according to research from The Heritage Foundation.

Of course, it is reasonable to expect a tight budget with increased spending for Iraq and Homeland Security. However, discretionary spending increases of 16 percent are utterly inexcusable. Looking further into the research done by Heritage's budgetary expert Brian Biedl, I came across an extremely interesting list of what exactly the federal tax dollars are paying for.

I hope all of you like baseball and rock 'n' roll, because almost a million dollars was earmarked in this past spending bill toward both of those Hall of Fame's. One and a half million dollars will be used to transport naturally chilled water from Lake Ontario to Lake Onondaga. I also hope you all like grapes as much as I do, because $3 million is going to a Center for Grape Genetics in Geneva, New York. As well, $950,000 will go to the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, $2,000,000 will be given for kitchen relocation in Fairbanks, Alaska, and $150,000 will fund therapeutic horse-back riding in California. Across many states, $6,253,000 will also go to "wood utilization research."

The list goes on for municipal swimming pools, parks, etc. in red and blue states. Contrary to Democratic assertions, none of these problems have to do with lower taxes or defense spending. They have everything to do with the generous, and I mean generous, politicians that get by with no means of public outcry.

Democrats, or the "please everyone" Democrat, feel there is something wrong when the Republicans can run on a platform of fiscal responsibility. As bitterly divided as the election was, the American people have given Republicans a genuine opportunity to accomplish the conservative vision of limited-government. Hopefully the next few years will be different, and they will begin to put prudent conservative policy before pork barrel waste.

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We supposedly "returned to glory" in 2002 with our new coach and fancy new offense. Since then, we've always been viewed as a pretender. Our football team has been viewed as a pretender and not necessarily those of The Observer. As many of you may have heard, our football team is not the one to be looked down upon in any way. Our team is not going to let anyone get ahead of us. We are going to continue to work hard and play to the best of our abilities.

**NASA’s new budget doesn’t deserve recent harsh criticism**

The recent approval of NASA’s fiscal year 2008 budget has taken a lot of flak in the political arena and the scientific community, but both groups, for one reason or another, fail to see the scope of what NASA’s vision for future space exploration is. The House of Representatives voted in favor of the budget and the Senate followed shortly after.

A call for change

"A stark financial and resource refocusing is underway at NASA in which robotic efforts will be planned less for pure science and more for supporting future human spaceflight," said Space.com writer Robert Britt. In layman’s terms, this means that the agency is shifting its focus from understanding the universe to preparing for a manned mission to Mars in the 2030s.

"We have a lot to gain leads, we play to not lose rather than to win. And when clutch decisions have to be made in key situations, there is no confidence or even clear competence displayed. Too often the team looks like a giant chicken with its head cut off, which is why I have finally come to the conclusion that the head must be replaced. Consider this my call to action for change."

With no disrespect intended because I love the man, I say "Goodbye, Ty. Notre Dame, hire Urban Meyer? Go Irish!"

*Dave Daley  
*Senior, Dillon Hall, Nov. 28

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**Pray for the Ebersol family**

As many of you may have heard, one of your classmates and my roommate, Charlie Ebersol, and members of his family were involved in a tragic plane crash on Sunday morning and Thanksgiving. I cannot begin to fathom what Charlie must be going through right now. The past 48 hours have been indescribably surreal. This horrific experience has reminded me about the unpredictability of all of our lives. I have been indescribably surreal. This horrific experience has reminded me about the unpredictability of all of our lives. I request, from the bottom of my heart, that you pray for him and his family as they attempt to recover and seek closure during this crisis. Whether you acknowledge it or not, Charlie has constantly made efforts to improve the quality of our Notre Dame undergraduate experience. From countless hours dedicated to student government and SSU-sponsored events, Charlie has created student unity and promoted school spirit. Having lived with him for the past four years, I can assure you that few students, if any, have demonstrated a similar level of dedication to making Notre Dame a better place. His level of compassion, motivation and maturity is a rarity among Notre Dame students. We have not bothered to person­ally know Charlie; instead, they opt to base their character on rumors, unqualified opinions or assumptions. However, those who truly know him will agree that he is one of the most selfless and kindesthearted people you will ever meet. I know for a fact; regardless of affiliation or impression, he would willingly pray for any of you in this unimaginable situation. Please abandon any preconceived notions and reflect on the magnificence of his loss. Charlie, not only a roommate but one of my best friends, is like a brother to me. As part of the Notre Dame family, please keep the Ebersol's in your thoughts and prayers.

*Austin Chen  
*Senior, off-campus, Nov. 29

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**'Poke' this**

"Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."

— Franchesco Guicciardini

As Internet community and networking sites continue to spring up and prosper in cyberspace, we are reminded that popularity is still a factor in determining one's self-confidence. Sites like Friendster and more recently, The Facebook, have enabled students across the country to reestablish communication with old friends. This, of course, is in addition to connecting to the current friends an individual has, the "tried" tally marks keep adding up. And perhaps this is where these sites go wrong: their uses.

"Sure, it may be great to be virtually connected to a group of people, let alone friends, but sites like Friendster and the Facebook begin to push quantity over quality. Without a doubt, this was not the site's original intention, but it slowly has evolved into a major underling theme of its use."

Certainly the harsh stereotype does not describe all users. If one is truly "loved," though, they do not need an online service to tell them so; and the same goes for friendships. As many elders would tell us, were we to try to count on our hands the number of truly close, long-term and real friendships we have, we may be very surprised at the amount we have at our fingertips. However, if we still have at least a few fingers up, we should consider ourselves quite lucky.

Simply put, friends are invaluable. And by the way, if you were wondering: Aside from being qualified, Guicciardini was also a politician.

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**The Daily News**
Depp shines as the author behind Peter Pan classic

By CHRIS KEPNER

"Finding Neverland" explores the life of playwright J. M. Barrie (Johnny Depp) and the experiences that inspired him to write the classic story of Peter Pan, the boy who refused to grow up.

In an era when stardom has recently soared to new heights on the incredible success of "Pirates of the Caribbean," a trend that promises to continue with his forthcoming role as Willy Wonka in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and another stint as Captain Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean 2," but as one of the finest craftsmen in modern American cinema, the depth of Depp's acting extends well outside the Hollywood blockbuster. One's attention is called to another of his nonfictional characters: Gruff, portrait of eccentric author Henry S. Thompson in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Depp prepared for that role by spending four months with Thompson, learning his mannerisms and affect and his inflections. He borrowed Thompson's car and some of his clothes for the film, and played Thompson's voice-box on the phone years ago, and studios are still using that dedication.

Unfortunately this approach wasn't available to Depp for "Finding Neverland," as J. M. Barrie passed away in 1937. The famous playwright's absence might actually work to Depp's advantage, however, as he is afforded the opportunity to interpret the character in his own way, adding more of his own nuances and really making the character his own.

The resulting performance is another bright gold star on the ever-more-impressive list of career credits for Depp. He captured the film's prevailing theme of undying youth brilliantly, setting the tone for the rest of the cast — even the children.

Barrie is already a successful playwright in turn-of-the-century London when the film opens. He is just coming off a flop, however, when he meets a widow and her four sons at the park. Before he knows it, he's helping the boys to put on impromptu performances in their backyard. As he becomes more and more a part of their family, he distances himself from his already unhappy wife. While simply trying to show these kids how to grow up without losing their childhood innocence, Barrie is inspired to write "Peter Pan." This classic children's tale tells the story of a magical place called Neverland, where children are held onto their innocence.

Kate Winslet shines as Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, the mother of the four boys. Dustin Hoffman also appears as Charles Frashman, the producer of Barrie's plays, but his screen time is unfortunately sparse. "Finding Neverland" is clearly Depp's film from start to finish.

Freddie Highmore does an excellent job playing the character of Peter Llewelyn Davies, the inspiration for Peter Pan. Depp enjoyed working with Highmore so much that asked director Tim Burton to cast the young man as Charlie Bucket in next year's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Powered by Depp's performance, "Finding Neverland" is as innocent and touching a tale as the original "Peter Pan" classic.

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'Mnational Treasure' anything but buried gold

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

"National Treasure" is as cliched as any movie that concerns itself with uncovering ancient artifacts in the name of public good, all while finding foreign bad guys and getting your own government to hate you. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is all about the author shoving his head.

But at least "National Treasure" isn't afraid to hide the fact that it's recycling the same material again, just as long as its audience understands this and enjoys the capers of the treasure-hunters.

The cast for "National Treasure" is actually quite solid, given the backyard plotline: archeologist Benjamin Gates (Nicholas Cage) descends from a family bred to believe that the Founding Fathers of the United States left clues to the burial of a priceless treasure across the world. Teamming up with Riley Poole (Justin Bartha) and Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger), the trio of treasure-hunters travels to the Arctic Circle to begin searching for clues regarding the treasure.

After Herr Howe and his cronies turn on the Gateses, the pair escapes and heads to Washington, D.C. to warn officials of a plan by Istan to steal the Declaration of Independence, which apparently contains another clue to the treasure.当然，还有其他一些有趣的元素，比如德普在《加勒比海盗2》中的表现。他既是一名演员，又是一名导演。他可能正在考虑如何将这些孩子带到一个叫做Neverland的地方，那里是孩子们的乐园，他们可以保持他们的纯真。但是，他和他的妻子之间的关系并不幸福。他只是在尽力让这些孩子长大成人，而不失去他们的纯真。

幸运的是，这对孩子来说，他们的故事被一个叫Peter Llewelyn Davies的母亲所启发。她被Llewelyn Davies所吸引，甚至导演都让Johnny Depp的角色变得更有吸引力。他饰演的Barrie在影片中扮演了一个好父亲的角色，他用自己独特的视角来讲述故事。他和他的孩子们在一起度过了美好的时光，他以自己的方式来诠释这个角色，而不是按照剧本的指示。

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California creamin’

Leinart throws for 400 yards and 5 touchdowns as USC destroys Irish 41-10

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Different year. Different teams. Same 31-point result.

Two years after allowing Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer to throw for 425 yards and four touchdowns on route to winning the Heisman Trophy, Notre Dame let Matt Leinart make his own case for the nation’s most prestigious award on Saturday.

The Trojan quarterback tallied a career-high 400 yards and five touchdowns while leading No. 1 USC to an easy 41-10 victory in Los Angeles. It was the third straight season USC beat Notre Dame by 31 points.

“They are No. 1 for a reason,” Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. “They demonstrated tonight that if you take something away from them ... they will find some other way of getting past you.”

The Irish shut down USC’s running attack for most of the game, holding the Trojans to just 91 yards on 28 attempts. But it was USC’s passing game — led by Leinart and his arsenal of receivers — that was simply too powerful for Notre Dame.

Leinart threw two touchdown passes to 6-foot-5 freshman Dwayne Jarrett of 12 and 57 yards, a 69-yarder to Reggie Bush, a 35-yarder to Steve Smith and a 23-yarder to Jason Mitchell.

“What we have to do is make the plays,” Willingham said. “They made big plays tonight. We had opportunities in some cases and we didn’t live up to them. To me, that was the difference.”

Notre Dame began the game like a team poised for the improbable upset. Behind 6-7 passing from quarterback Brady Quinn, the Irish marched 92 yards in 13 plays and began taking control midway through the first quarter. Darius Walker’s 35-yard touchdown drive, capped off with a 12-yard pass to Jarrett on a slant pattern, gave the Irish a 7-0 lead.

Southern California’s defense held Notre Dame on its next possession, and Leinart went back to work, this time finding Jarrett for a 57-yard score. The freshman wideout streaked through a leaky Notre Dame secondary and Leinart tossed a near-perfect strike for the go-ahead score.

“They have some great receivers and some great speed,” Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. “We were in positions at times, but we just didn’t make the plays. That’s the bottom line. I thought we did some things that probably confused them at times, especially in the first half. But they’re a pretty good second half team.”

The Trojans dominated the Irish in the second half as Leinart continued building a strong resume for the Heisman Trophy. When the junior signal-caller found a streaking Bush for a 69-yard touchdown with 3:06 left in the third quarter to put USC ahead 27-10, the game was all but over.

“Matt played great tonight,” USC coach Pete Carroll said. “He made some great throws and had some great protection. We had guys running down the field and he found them. He just made another statement tonight. He’s done it all.”

Meanwhile, Notre Dame’s offense struggled after its promising first quarter. Quinn finished the game 15-of-29 for just 105 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions.

The Irish rushing attack gained a more-than-respectable 195 yards, but that wasn’t enough to win.

“We just didn’t make the plays we needed on defense and then we didn’t make the plays we needed on offense,” Darius Walker Irish running back

Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby pursues USC running back Reggie Bush during Notre Dame’s 41-10 loss to the Trojans Saturday. Bush scored a 69-yard touchdown in the third quarter, one of five passing touchdowns from quarterback Matt Leinart.

Irish running back Darius Walker said.

Leinart’s five touchdown passes ties for the most ever against Notre Dame. The Irish yielded five scores to Pittsburgh’s Tyler Palko on Nov. 13 in a 41-38 Panther victory.

“I know coming into this game, everybody really believed we could win, that we were going to win. I think you saw that in the first half,” Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby said. “Coming out in the second half, they were more successful than us — bottom line. “All I can say is there’s a reason [Leinart’s] a Heisman candidate and there’s a reason they’re No. 1.”

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Irish insider player of the game

Matt Leinart

The USC quarterback was 24-for-34 with five touchdowns and 400 yards.

stat of the game

Reggie Bush’s third-quarter touchdown

The speedy back’s score made the margin 27-10 in favor of USC and all but eliminated any chance at the upset.

quote of the game

“It was kind of like taking candy from a baby.”

Matt Leinart

USC quarterback referring to Reggie Bush’s third-quarter touchdown

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

Southern California 41, Notre Dame 10

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Adding up the numbers

- Number of third down conversions out of 15 chances by the Irish Saturday — Notre Dame converted 3 of its first 4 third downs in the game.
- Number of games in USC’s current winning streak: 4
- Minutes left in the third quarter when the game’s first penalty was accepted: 3:18
- Completion percentage for Matt Leinart (56-of-68) in his last two games against the Irish: 73.5%
- Number of times the Irish have allowed an opposing quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in the team’s history — both have come in the past two games.
- Number of yards gained by USC in the second quarter after getting only 72 in the first: 174
- Margin of victory in points for each of USC’s last three wins over Notre Dame.
- Number of times a Notre Dame athletic director lost his seat in the press box to a Scholastic writer: 1

C+ quarterback: Quinn had one of his least productive games this season, throwing for only 105 yards. He didn’t turn the ball over, but also only had one touchdown.

A- running back: Despite the work of Ryan Grant (94 yards) and Darius Walker (64 yards), the Irish were still only able to muster one touchdown. You can’t blame the backs for that.

D+ receiver: Palmer was the only receiver with a touchdown, and nobody had more than two catches. Nowall and Holiday each had some drops at key points in the game.

B offensive line: The offensive line did a good job opening holes for the backs but allowed three sacks.

B+ defensive line: The line only managed one sack, and didn’t provide too much pressure on Leinart. They did shut down the Trojans running game, making White a non-factor.

B+ special teams: Flipkirk was outstanding on kicks and kickoff returns, keeping the ball away from Bush all day. The return game struggled yet again and Flipkirk’s missed field goal was costly.

C coaching: The Irish looked great in the first quarter, then seemed to lose it for the next 45 minutes. The team was prepared, but couldn’t sustain momentum from a positive start.

F overall: The Trojans are a good team, but the Irish should have kept this one closer. Losing by 31 points to anybody is embarrassing.

Blowouts a disturbing trend

- Los Angeles — Coming into a game as more than a 20-point underdog.
- Allowing five touchdown passes to an opposing quarterback for the second consecutive game, after it never happened before in Notre Dame history.
- Losing by more than 21 points to eight opponents in the past two years.
- This is what Notre Dame football has become.
- It’s becoming the standard for the Irish under coach Tyrone Willingham.
- Since the 8-0 start in 2002, the Irish are 13-15. Bob Davie’s worst overall in all the areas, not just one opponent in these blowouts — it comes down to big plays on Saturday.
- "What I look at is our inability, overall in all the areas, not just one in particular area, to really make big plays and sustain drives."
- Willingham said. "That’s where I think we fall short."
- But it’s hard to believe only big plays are the reason USC is 31 points better than Notre Dame.
- More than one player has questioned the attitude and focus of the team in weeks where the opponent wasn’t a big name.
- Just watching the teams come out after halftime, the Irish showed few signs of life despite being down by only seven points and getting the ball.
- The Trojans came out fired up, and you could just see them smelling blood. They won for and got the kill.
- With an opportunity to knock off the best team in the country, the Irish seemed defeated before the second half even started.
- Not only have the results taken a 180-degree turn since the return to Glory, but also the attitude has played a four quarters of Notre Dame football.
- The attitude, that 60-minute mentality, I think we played a great 15 minutes in the beginning, there were times we pieced 30 seconds of it together,” Irish center Bob Morton said. "We just didn’t have the mentality in here to go the entire game.”
- How can anyone say progress has been made in the past three seasons? How can the University expect students, fans and alumni to continue to support a team that looks more like a team that belongs in the Insight Bowl and watching on New Year’s than playing on Jan. 17? How can the coaching staff expect top recruits to commit when after this loss an ESPN analyst is saying Notre Dame came to play?
- Something needs to change.
Irish surprised by USC's fake punt

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

With a comfortable 34-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter Saturday, Southern California coach Pete Carroll surprised Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham by calling the punt with 12:27 remaining in the game.

"We've been looking for a chance to do that for weeks," Carroll said. "Finally the right opportunity showed up and we were able to call the play perfectly. We'd like to have run it earlier in the season, but it never came up.

In this case, defensive back Mike Richardson was called for defensive pass interference, which resulted in a 16-yard penalty. The Trojans scored on the next play when Leinart found receiver Jason Mitchell for a 23-yard touchdown.

After the game, Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said he did not fault USC for calling the fake punt.

"That's their call," Willingham said. "It was a good play on their part. I thought we were in pretty good position. I have no problems with them doing it.

Leinart's performance Saturday evoked memories of USC quarterback Carson Palmer's game against the Irish just two years earlier. Palmer threw for 425 yards and four touchowns as the No. 6 Trojans defeated No. 7 Notre Dame 44-13 in Los Angeles on Nov. 30, 2002. Palmer's performance all but wrapped up his Heisman Trophy award, and Leinart's impressive showing could do the same for him this season.

But Leinart and his Trojans still have fish to fry. With this victory against rival UCLA, USC will finish the season and head to the Rose Bowl, the national championship game.

"We're going to relish this victory, but then we have to get ready to play against UCLA," Willingham said. "I wouldn't really focus on (talking about the Heisman), I just wanted to go out there and do the same thing I've done for this team all season – lead the offense, make plays, hit the open guy.

"All that other stuff is what other people say: I just want to go out there and help this team to win games."

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USC quarterback Matt Leinart looks for an open receiver during Notre Dame's 41-10 loss to the Trojans Saturday. Leinart threw for 400 yards and five touchdowns.

scoring summary

1st quarter
Notre Dame 7, USC 0

2nd quarter
Notre Dame 10, USC 10

3rd quarter
Notre Dame 10, USC 20

4th quarter
Notre Dame 10, USC 41

USC 28:30

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USC 41, Notre Dame 10

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES — It took 117 years before Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko became the first quarterback to throw for five touchdowns against the Irish. It only took two weeks for USC's Matt Leinart to repeat the feat.

Leinart passed for 400 yards and five touchdowns Saturday as he made his case for the Heisman Trophy in No. 1 USC's 41-10 rout of Notre Dame.

He played an excellent ball game," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of the Trojan quarterback. "What he was so strong at was that he did not turn the ball over (versus USC) is No. 1 for a reason.

The Irish all but stopped the Trojan ground game, keeping running backs LenDale White and Reggie Bush corralled for only 83 rushing yards. But Leinart was more than up to the task, shielding the Irish secondary as he completed 24-of-34 passes with no interceptions. His 400 yards Saturday were also a career high.

"I was very proud of the way we played," Leinart said. "We knew that Notre Dame had a very tough defense, especially their front seven, and so we had some difficulty running the ball at times.

"We just kept pounding and knew that things would start to open up eventually.

Leinart was aided by a bevy of talented and speedy wide receivers — headlined by true freshman Dwayne Jarrett, who had two touchdowns of 12 and 57 yards, Sophomore running back Reggie Bush, and wide receivers Steve Smith and Jason Mitchell also scored for the Trojans.

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Notre Dame went to Los Angeles in hopes of pulling off the biggest upset of the year. Instead, USC showed its No. 1 ranking is no fluke, dismantling the Irish secondary en route to an impressive 41-10 victory. It was the third year in a row Notre Dame lost to the Trojans by 31 points, and the second straight game the Irish have allowed an opposing quarterback to throw for five touchdowns. After scoring the initial touchdown of the game, the Irish simply could not get anything else done on offense and couldn’t stop Heisman candidate Matt Leinart and the rest of the Trojans.
Animated antics, characters soar in beloved sequel

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Most students are familiar with the typical fairytales. A princess is taken and locked in a tower guarded by a ferocious dragon. It is the duty of the honor­able, perfect rescue, Prince Charming, to slay the dragon, rescue the princess and win her heart. The original "Shrek" took a slightly different route, with the princess being rescued by an ogre, and his sidekick falling in love with the dragon. Those twists from the ordinary were a big reason for the original film's charm and success, both at the box office and with critics.

Well, with "Shrek 2," the story begins with Prince Charming finally arriving at the tower to rescue the fair princess. Needless to say, he is a little irked to find her missing, having already been rescued by some­one else. And then the scene is set for the rest of the movie.

While a bit of sequels are content to star the original characters in an unin­spired plot. "Shrek 2" continues in the vein of the first by consistently being original and fresh with each viewing. The characters include everything from an assassin cat to a 10-foot Gingerbread Man named Monty, and the original characters return, so fans of the original will not be disappointed.

Since the first movie established the main characters, and the roles that they play, it was the job of the sequel to place the characters into new situations that would shake up their roles. This is done very well as all the returning characters are given a chance to shine in humorous situations that keep "Shrek 2" fresh and distinct from the original.

This keeps the movie from getting stale, and falling into the typical bad sequel realm. However, this movie keeps the same formula as the first, meaning if you didn't like that one, this one has little to offer.

The picture quality on this DVD is excellent and is one of the finest trans­fers ever released on DVD. With the entire film being largely computer generated, the film is one of the highest clarity Typical hard points to animate, such as water and hair, are done with ease within "Shrek 2." There is also beautiful animation, and could be seen for that reason alone.

The sound is also very good, with all of the audio coming through clearly. However, the sound doesn't play evenly on all speakers. There appears to be an emphasis on the front speakers. But that should only bother the harshest of DVD critics, not the average Notre Dame student.

The special features mirror those found on the original's DVD, with commentaries, behind-the-scenes documentaries and specials. The commentaries are a little flat, as they consist of people talking about the technical aspects of the film. None of the stars participated in the commentaries, although they did make appearances for some of the interviews.

In response to the first film's inclusion of a karaoke snippet starring all of the characters from the movie, "Shrek 2" has "Far, Far Away Idol." A parody of a certain popular television show and starring the notorious Simon Cowell, this one is pretty humorous and gives the audience a chance to listen to the characters within the movie sing their favorite songs.

"Shrek 2" is a great movie, filled with parodies and humor. No fairy tale is spared, nor any piece of pop culture. It would almost be impossible to watch and not enjoy it.

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Darker, scarier 'Potter' is the best of the series

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

Adolescence isn't easy, particularly if you're Harry Potter. Not only does the young wizard experience the feelings of angst and embarrassment that all teenagers face, but he is also hunted by an escaped murderer, followed by a group of soul-sucking wraiths known as Dementors, finds a werewolf on the grounds of his school and has some experience with time travel.

The third installment of the interna­tionally popular series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," finds the appropriately darker tone and gothic sensibility that was present in the books but missing in the earlier movies, thanks in part to an edgy new director, Alfonso Cuarón ("Y Tu Mamá También"). This "Harry Potter" proves to be the best so far in the series. The actors continue to grow into the roles and display their experience and growth in this latest installment. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" also benefits from a solid screenplay that darts to stray slightly from J.K. Rowling's novel.

The film opens with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) discovering that Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) escaped from Azkaban prison, and is coming after him, with his and his friends Ron ( Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) having to deal with finding Black, as well as the mysterious werewolf that has been spotted around the Hogwarts school grounds. On top of juggling the usual schoolwork, the trio also has to face themselves and their feelings that are known to the Dementors, the soul-sucking Azkaban guards who prove Hogwart's searching for Black. The plots intertwine at the end, and all is resolved with a little help from Hermione's newfound means of time travel.

The third film suffers from what seems to be the curse of all the "Harry Potter" films, which is being unnecessarily long and slow moving. But the writers do a much better job with adjusting the plot for the big screen. They are less obsessively faithful to the original text and help translate a difficult plot effectively for the screen. The DVD for "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," like the two films before, is definitely aimed at a younger audience. The first disc includes the movie, a cast list trailers from all three of the movies, scene selections and subtitles. The second disc is all extras, including deleted scenes, coming from various members of the cast and crew, a making-of game, a few-degree tours of various sets from the movie and a few "making-of" featurettes. There is no audio commentary or full-length documentary.
Men's water polo finishes 13th at Championships

SMC Basketball

Belles post 3-game winning streak ahead of holiday break

Irish season with solid performances in various fields

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Sunday, and Saint Mary's used all of its players in its 60-43 win. Lipke and Bridget Boyle passed for the way the Belles scored 15 points apiece. Emily Creachbaum added 14 points and seven rebounds. A stingy Belles defense forced 28 turnovers and held the Prairie Fire to just 45 total shots. Lipke had four steals to top her on 13 points, and Creachbaum thwarted the Prairie Fire three times in the game. Bridget Boyle was impressed with the Belles’ defense and both offense and defense. "It wasn't pretty," Boyle said. "But we were clicking on all the right spots," she said. "Right from the get-go we were real good on steals, fast breaks and lay-ups." Saint Mary's 68, Manchester 52

Alex Creachbaum and Emily Creachbaum stepped up and delivered big in the second half to lead Saint Mary's to its first win of the season last Tuesday. The pair combined for 12 of the Belles first 13 points of the final period as Saint Mary's extended its four-game win streak over Manchester College to a comfortable 12-point margin with eight minutes left in the game. Creachbaum began the second half with consecutive three-pointers, each after a Manchester turnover. He then led the Belles lead. Boyle shot 9-for-9 from the free throw line in the second half en route to a breakout 13-point outing and a comfortable performance. Her skill at the line was emblematic of Saint Mary’s suc­ cess all night in converting opportunities into scores, as she hit 8-for-9 (89 per­ cent) from the stripe. For Saint Mary’s, double- Manchester's Erica Sewell scored in the second half and played a pivotal role in pre­ serving the lead. sewell scored 15 in the first half, but only five in the second. "We really wanted to double team her to start the game," Boyle said. "We got it done in the second half," Boyle said.

Saint Mary's is back to action as the Extended Stay America champi­ on ships, hosted two weeks ago at the ANGELA ATHLETIC CENTER.

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**College Football**

Stanford head football coach Buddy Teevens watches his team lose a home game to Oregon 16-13 in the rain on Oct. 23. Teevens has been fired after three straight losing seasons.

Associated Press

**STANFORD, Calif. —** Three years ago, Ted Leland thought he’d found the right offensive football mind for Stanford in coach Buddy Teevens. The results eventually told the athletic director otherwise, and Teevens was fired after three straight losing seasons.

“It was an extremely difficult decision, but I simply felt that the program was in need of new direction and leadership,” Leland said Monday. “It’s a tough day that we find ourselves in, a tough place, I guess. I am comfortable with the process we’ve gone through. I am comfortable with the decision.”

Leland, a close friend of Teevens, met with the coach last week after the Cardinal finished 4-7 for the second consecutive year. Stanford lost 41-6 to archival California in the Big Game on Nov. 20 for its fifth straight defeat, ending a season that began 4-2 with hopes of a bowl game.

The 45-year-old Teevens, who had two years remaining on his contract, is the first Stanford football coach to be fired since Jack Elway was dismissed in 1988 after going 3-6-2. Teevens learned of his fate Sunday morning, then met with his players Monday afternoon.

Respected for his class and loyalty, Teevens even showed up for the official announcement of his firing. “Unfortunately, it’s a win-loss business and I didn’t win enough ballgames,” Teevens said. “The attitude I have is I do believe I improved the quality of the program. I appreciate the opportunity. When you look back, there are a lot of things that could have, should have.

Leland said a search for a successor would begin immediately, but he doesn’t have a timeline for making a hire. His focus is an offensive-minded coach.

Stanford has six recruits coming to campus this weekend and Leland wanted a decision on Teevens’ job status to be resolved before then.

“Things that he’s built here, they’re going to stay,” linebacker Jon Alosta said. “He started the butt rolling. Unfortunately, with the nature of this business, 10 wins in three years at Stanford is just something that people don’t accept. The outlook is very positive among the team.”

Fans and alumni seemed to lose faith in Teevens for good following the embarrassing Big Game defeat.

**IN BRIEF**

**Police suspect identity of Pistons’ chair thrower**

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Police believe they know the identity of the man who threw a chair in a brawl between players and fans during the Indiana-Detroit game on Nov. 19.

Police did not identify the man Monday, though they said he is a 35-year-old Pistons’ season-ticket holder. He has not been interviewed and is not in custody, Police LT. James Manning said police have met with the man’s attorney.

The lawyer, Kenneth Karasick, did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

The fight among spectators and players broke out near the end of the game after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Indiana’s Ron Artest, who then charged into the stands and began beating a man he thought had done it.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Goraya has said the man who threw the chair, which hit several people including a police officer, could be charged with felony assault. Other participants could be charged with misdemeanor assault and battery.

Hokies, Hurricanes prepare for new league

Coral Gables, Fla. — After years of battling for supremacy in the Big East, Miami and Virginia Tech will now do so in the same Atlantic Coast Conference.

In their first meeting as ACC rivals, the Hokies eased past the Hurricanes 31-7 last year in Blacksburg, Va.

If No. 9 Miami (9-2, 5-2 in ACC) wins, it’ll finish in a three-way tie atop the league with the Hokies and Florida State_. which would have at least a share of the ACC title for the 12th time in the last 13 years.

Clemson, South Carolina players suspended for fight

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Six Clemson players and six South Carolina players were suspended one game by their conferences Monday for brawling during a game between the in-state rivals Nov. 20.

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference handed down the punishment.

“The actions of these suspended student-athletes violate the letter and spirit of the SEC and NCAA rules and regulations of sportsmanship-like conduct,” SEC commissioner Mike Slive said. “These suspensions are intended to send a clear and unequivocal message to all student-athletes in the Southeastern Conference that this conduct will not be tolerated now or in the future.”

Both schools declined bowl invitations last week as punishment for their teams.

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Dame’s 26th postseason appearance, and its first in the Insight Bowl. The payout for the bowl is $750,000 for both teams.
Willingham hopes the bowl game will give the Irish positive momentum for next season.
“It makes the winter a lot easier,” Willingham said of a possible bowl win. “You finish on a higher note, as opposed to finishing with that losing taste in your mouth. Even though our season should provide great motivation for us through the winter — because it was a season in which we didn’t reach our expectations — but you like to go into the next season feeling good about where you are.”
Notre Dame has not won a bowl game since they defeated Texas A&M, 24-21 in the Cotton Bowl following the 1993 season.
Willingham recognized this and said the seniors can use this game as an opportunity to leave their legacy.
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Despite the fact that with a win over USC, the Irish could have possibly been participants in the Jan. 1 Gator Bowl due to Boston College and West Virginia’s losses, Willingham sees the Insight Bowl as a good opportunity for players.
Number one, it’s a chance to get a win,” Willingham said. “It’s also a great opportunity for our underclassmen to continue their preparation because what we hope and believe is there are great things on the horizon for this football team. So, this is an opportunity to continue that because you can’t get better sitting in the dorm. You can only get better by practicing and performing on the football field and this is an opportunity to do that.”
The Irish will have to wait until this weekend’s games in the Pac-10 Conference, California against Southern Mississippi and USC against UCLA, to see who they will face.
“I think that this team, coming off of two losses, is hungry for a win,” Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. “But at the same time, there’s a lot of things that we need to fix with ourselves, fix some things that we weren’t executing to the best of our ability.”
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Men’s Basketball

Irish struggle to score, still come away with win

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Mike Brey was disappointed after his team scored only 66 points against Harvard. He said if the Irish were going to average 65 points a game this season, they would be in serious trouble.

After three games, Notre Dame is averaging 64.3 points. But despite offensive problems in the first half against Charleston Southern Friday, the Irish got use of the second half and limited Charleston Southern to the second-lowest opponent point output in Joyce Center history and won, 54-38, to improve to 3-0.

"I wasn't active on the defensive end so coach took me out, but in a smaller lineup and they were effective," Francis told the South Bend Tribune. But Francis and Latimore had their day in Notre Dame’s second win Nov. 23. Unlike Friday’s game — when Quinn and Thomas were the only two Irish players in double figures — Tuesday’s 73-45 win over Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) saw four players score in double figures.

While Quinn led Notre Dame with 15 points, Francis scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Latimore had career highs of 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Thomas had his best game of the season so far, scoring 10 points along with 11 assists and only one turnover.

Notre Dame shot 50 percent from the field and 43.8 percent from 3-point range.

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-16 (Quinn 3-7, Cornette 2-5, Maloney 1-2, Lanier 1-3), Charleston Southern 4-14 (Harrison 3-4, Williams 1-1, Rice 0-2, Lane 0-2, Covington 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 22 (Latimore 7), Charleston Southern 34 (Harrison 7). Assists: Notre Dame 22 (Latimore 7). Charleston Southern 27 (Lane 11). Total fouls: Notre Dame 15, Charleston Southern 17.

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Irish don’t play well at USC, but survive

The good news — the Irish faced stiff adversity, and came out on top in their first road game of the season. The bad news — Notre Dame looked nothing like the team that beat top-10 Duke and Ohio State just a few days ago.

For much of the contest, it appeared like the Irish had taken out the blueprint from the 2003-04 season on 'How To Lose Road Games,' and then followed it to a T. The Irish made uncharacteristic turnovers, couldn’t hit key shots, didn’t rebound, missed free throws, got into foul trouble and didn’t play anywhere near their potential.

Breona Gray summed up most of Notre Dame’s night when she stole a pass with 7:13 left in the game. Gray raced down the court for the basket, looking to cut the Trojan lead to one. Instead of making a seemingly easy layup, Gray lost control of the ball out of bounds. Gray was called for a foul, giving USC possession with 6:56 remaining.

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Yet, the Irish didn’t quit or fold. They didn’t panic when USC sprinted to a 20-7 run to begin the second half. Instead, Notre Dame found a way to make the big plays and ultimately sneak away with a 60-56 victory.

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The score was the same but the winners reversed as Notre Dame (3-6-4, 2-5-3 in CCHA) split a two-game series with Alaska Fairbanks (6-4-0, 5-2-0) this weekend, winning 3-2 on Friday before falling to the Nanooks 3-2 on Saturday.

"We played well all weekend," Irish coach Dave Poulson said. "We wanted more than two points." Notre Dame's win Friday was the second consecutive road win for the team, as David Brown made 35 saves on the night, with many of those saves coming on nine UAF power plays. The Nanooks were held scoreless on those power plays.

"I would say it was David's most consistent game," Poulson said. "He was really solid. I always tell our guys to just let it be one less than the other guy."

The Irish picked up goals from Tim Wallace, Tony Gill and Jason Paige in the contest. Paige and Wallace's goals both came on the power play as the Irish went 2-5 in the five-game series.

The Nanooks got on the scoreboard first, as Wallace deflected a Brock Shipman shot past UAF goalie Wylie Rogers at 17:40 of the first period. The Irish increased their lead in the second period as Gill, the younger brother of last year's captain, Aaron Gill, scored the first collegiate goal of his career at the 13:08 mark of the period.

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Searching for some offense, McGraw inserted Melissa Demings into the Irish lineup and the freshman sparked a 7-0 run by scoring five points and blocking a shot that led to an easy Batteate layup.

"I thought she was the differ­ence in the first half," McGraw said, "and then the opposite in the second half. She did a great job."

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"It says how well Amanda McGraw is doing this year. Ten percent of the season for a freshman is incredible," Waldrum said.

"My team mates make it easy," Cinalli said. "The pass we gave her for the goals were beautiful passes." Her two goals produced a win that has a two-fold signif­icance for her coach. The vict­ory gives Waldrum 300 wins during her tenure with the Irish. She cam­e in, she was strong in the post, blocked a shot, got a couple of rebounds and scored. That's what we needed her to do."

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Despite the messy condi­tions, Cinalli got Notre Dame off to a quick start when she scored in the game's fourth minute. Junior Annie Schefter took a pass from Cinalli and then lifted a high crossing pass which Cinalli headed in. She saw her first action since the season opener early in the first half of the game against the Trojans and played 14 minutes overall. Gaines had missed the past four games due to a neck injury.

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"They had a span of maybe 20 minutes when they had control in the game but after that we just picked it up.

"The first half, (Portland) really had us rolling with it really well.

The Irish made all six of their free throws in the last 26 seconds to close out their sixth straight win to open the season.

The Irish return to the court tonight at Valparaiso.

Notes
- Duffy was hit in the neck in the second half and had trouble talking for the rest of the game. She went to the bench to couple of plays after getting hit, but returned later and finished the game.

- Forward Courtney LaVeire injured her right ankle in the second half after making a jump shot with 4:49 remaining in the game. She did not return to the game.

- Irish freshman Tulyah Gaines saw her first action since the season opener early in the first half of the game against the Trojans and played 14 minutes overall. Gaines had missed the past four games due to a neck injury, and the national ranking for the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Twenty-fourth Annual Distinguished Student Award and Fifteenth Annual Distinguished Graduate Student Award is December 3, 2004.

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whatever reason, because they think the team played well," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "There was no lack of passion or effort and they played very hard."

The Irish fell behind early, and that obviously set the tone for the rest of the game, said Clark. "We didn’t come without its share of controversy. "The whistle (to begin play) went after the kick was taken," Clark said. "Their player didn’t know he had to wait until the whistle was blown."

The Irish took it, and just after he took the free kick, the ref, who wasn’t looking at the ball — which didn’t make sense — blew his whistle. (The Irish defenders) hesitated because they didn’t know why the whistle had gone and somehow the ball ended up through a lot of players (and into the net).

Feeling slighted by a questionable call, the Buckeyes took the game from inside the box and beat Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer for an early 1-0 Ohio State lead.

"They got a goal early and that obviously set them," Clark said. "It was a disappointing point from our point of view. (Burse) just got it, raced to the edge of his box and hit the enormous punt and (Cook) latched on to it, made a good run in and our two central defenders and finished it very well."

Although Notre Dame held a 5-4 advantage in shots at the half and dictated the pace of the game, the Irish had trouble producing quality scoring opportunities in the game’s first 45 minutes.

"When looking at the video, we actually didn’t do so badly in the first half," Clark said. "We controlled the first half without making a lot of chances — we had about 70 percent of the possession."

Faced with the prospect of early elimination, the Irish fought back in the second half. After forward Tony Megna and midfielder Nate Norman nearly put Notre Dame on the scoreboard, defender Christopher High headed home a free kick off the foot of fellow defender Kevin Goldthwaite to provide the equalizer just over 13 minutes into the second half.

"It was a set piece," Clark said. "The boys had worked on it in the days before the game. (High) made a good run and connected with the ball. It was a good goal, well-taken."

With the score knotted at 1-1, the Irish continued to play for its tournament life, the Irish had trouble producing quality scoring opportunities in the game’s second half.

"Even after the (Ohio State) goal, we kept our dignity," Clark said. "In a game where the outcome means so much and you seem to get a tough call, it’s very easy for teams to dissolve and I think they hung tight and continued to play tight and well within the rules of the game all the way through."

Regardless of the score, the belief that the Irish were the better team remained unaltered, even to injury. "It was a little bit like last year — without taking anything away from (Ohio State), we felt that we were the better side," Clark said. "I think Ohio State has a good team — you don’t win a share of the Big Ten without being a good team — but at the same time I think that we were the better side, and we proved that."

While the wounds from Nov. 23’s upset are still relatively fresh and need time to heal, it would difficult to classify a season in which the Irish claimed their first Big East regular season title in program history as anything other than a success. "I think if you give it another week’s time, it will seem a pretty decent season," Clark said. "It’s a tough pill to swallow when you see everyone still playing and you say, ‘we should still be playing.’ When you get a loss like that, the only thing that make it seem better is time."

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Men’s coach Joe Piane was upset with the team’s performance, despite the fact it was better than anybody expected at the start of the season.

"I was very upset, we did not run up to our potential," Piane said. "To a man, each guy, to the severe that competed, each could have run a little better. Some could have run a lot better." Piane attributed part of the disappointing finish to certain runners simply not doing what they were supposed to do.

"A couple guys didn’t go out and do that, and that certainly did hurt them," Piane said. "The culmination of their brilliant season was slightly disappointing, but considering where they were at the beginning there is something to be proud of."

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FOOTBALL

Team accepts invitation to Dec. 28 Insight Bowl

By HEATHER VAN HOEGERDENVarsity Editor

After closing out the regular season with a 41-10 loss to USC Saturday, Notre Dame announced Sunday it has accepted an invitation to the Insight Bowl Dec. 28, in Phoenix.

"We're excited and I think our young men are excited," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said Sunday evening. "There are a lot of places in this country where you could spend the holidays and Phoenix will be a delightful spot for our team and our fans. "Hopefully, we can go in there with a positive mindset and a lot of energy, and get a win. I think it gives our football team another opportunity to play football and I think they will enjoy doing that. I believe the game gives us that feeling that we still have some business to take care of and we'd like to be a part of that." The Irish finished the regular season 6-5 and will face a Pac-10 opponent, who will be announced Dec. 5. The game will be held at Bank One Ballpark, capacity 42,915 and home of the Arizona Diamondbacks of Major League Baseball.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Finally, four

By MATT MOONEY

Sports Writer

The Irish shouldn't have to deal with any more snow where they're headed.

Fourth-seeded Notre Dame (23-1-1) will make the trip to Cary, N.C. for the Final Four of the Women's College Cup following Friday's 3-1 NCAA quarterfinal win over fifth-seeded Portland (20-4-0) at Alumni Field. Despite the cold and slippery conditions, Irish freshman Amanda Cinalli lit up the scoreboard with two goals and teammate Katie Thorlakson tacked on a goal and two assists to send Notre Dame to its seventh national semifinal appearance in program history.

"It's indescribable, this feeling," Cinalli said. "I don't think it's hit me yet, I don't think it will until I get to Cary." see ADVANCEpage 22

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish runners finish among nation's best

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Sports Writer

As the Grateful Dead once sang, "What a long strange trip it's been.

No truer words could be spoken about the men's cross country team, who started the year unranked, ran its way to No. 5 in the nation, and then finished 11th in the NCAA championships Monday, Nov. 22 in Terre Haute.

On the other side, the Irish women finished fourth in the nation, an impressive finish.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Close USC game is Irish victory

By MATT LOZAR

Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Last season it took five games. This season it only took one, but it wasn't pretty.

The Irish fell 59-48 to the Trojans Friday night and are now 6-5 on the season and 1-0 in the Big East.

"I thought they played a great defensive game," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "They are terrific defensively. They are physical, strong inside, rebound like crazy. I thought that was the difference in the game."

The Irish outrebounded the Irish 41-39, including 16-11 on the offensive boards. The Irish committed 23 turnovers and the teams combined for 48 overall.

"It was a little bit of a track meet especially in the beginning," McGraw said. "We want to run too, but maybe a little smarter, ... I did expect a very physical game, and we certainly

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