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Chris Petrucelli
former women's soccer head coach

Men's soccer coach dies suddenly at age 48

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Notre Dame lost one of its own Tuesday morning with the death of Irish men's soccer head coach Mike Berticelli.

Berticelli, 48, died suddenly at his home of an apparent heart attack.

University officials received word of Berticelli's death during an 8 a.m. meeting in which the coach was supposed to be present.

"The meeting was cancelled and I advised the coaches of what had occurred," said Notre Dame athletic director Michael Wadsworth. "People just couldn't conceive of it. It was just shocking."

The University's coaching staff was not the only group shocked and dismayed by news of Berticelli's death. As Irish head coach since 1990, Berticelli made many bonds and forged many friendships with colleagues and players.

"The team is taking this very hard," said Stephen Maio, who played under Berticelli for three years. "We all saw him at practice yesterday when we were training. ... He was excited about next season and the future. ... Nobody expected this. We're just trying to stick

together and work through this."

A native of Lewiston, Maine, Berticelli began his involvement with collegiate soccer as a goalkeeper and captain for the University of Maine at Farmington.

In his 23 years as a head coach, Berticelli compiled an impressive list of accomplishments.

He began his collegiate coaching career in 1977 at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine, where he guided an ailing soccer program back to health.

He found continued success at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, highlighted by earning an NCAA Division II National Championship in 1983.

"As a coach, he was extremely motivating and driven to succeed," said Chris Petrucelli, former Irish women's soccer head coach and player and an assistant coach under Berticelli. "Coaching with him was a great experience. He taught me everything I know about soccer."

Berticelli went on to bolster a successful men's soccer program at Old Dominion from 1984-1989 before accepting the position of head coach at Notre Dame in 1990.

Hard work and dedication to the needs of his players during his years as

see COACH/page 4



Mike Berticelli suffered a heart attack, leaving behind a wife and two sons. Praise from players and colleagues contributes to his winning record.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Challenger aims to reform

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

With issues of the upcoming presidential campaign centering around finance and healthcare, Democratic candidate Bill Bradley has emerged as the prime competition Al Gore will likely face in the upcoming primaries.

"He's something of a reformer," said John Roos, professor of government and Bradley campaign volunteer. "He brings a different approach to problems."

Bradley, an opponent of unregulated contributions, intends to attack campaign finance. He believes Americans should be able to trust government, instead of finding themselves embarrassed by it.

He is also a strong supporter of social and ethnic equality, and supports healthcare for all Americans. He believes

Americans who earn less than they need to provide adequately for themselves and their families should be given a grant to buy private or governmental medical insurance plan.

Bradley has done well with liberals and young voters, including many college students looking for reform. He has also received much support among male voters.

Bradley was unable to win the majority in Iowa, but was endorsed by the Des Moines Register and two newspapers in New Hampshire.

"Bradley is not simply polls," said Roos. "The most important question is leadership."


If Bradley is to win the Democratic nomination, "[He] will run much better than Gore against Bush," said Roos. Although Bradley is a Democratic candidate, he works as an independent thinker, Roos said.

Bradley originally planned to run in the 1992 campaign, but dropped out because he said he felt his timing wasn't quite right.

"It's got to be the right person at the right time," said Roos, and for Bradley, the right time is now.

Bradley, who turned down a Duke University basketball scholarship in favor of academia, is a graduate of Princeton University. After graduation, though recruited by the NBA, Bradley opted to attend Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. After two years, he returned to the States, and in 1967 was drafted by the New York Knicks, where he spent 10 years as a starting forward.

In 1978, Bradley was elected Senator of New Jersey and served three terms. In 1996, he made the decision to teach, and has since taught at the University of Maryland, Stanford and Notre Dame.



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BACKGROUND

- *1967-1977: Starting forward for NBA's New York Knicks
- *1978-1997: Represented New Jersey as U.S. Senator

"People accuse me of offering big ideas that they say are risky. I say that the real risk is not doing the things that I've set out to do in this campaign."

-Bill Bradley

D E M O C R A T

INSIDE COLUMN

Everyday Heroes

It was at about noon today when I realized that the utopia of the newborn semester was quickly fading. As the deadlines piled high on my desk, the list of things to do became unmanageable and the unfinished reading began to accumulate, I realized that stress, after its month-long hiatus, had triumphantly returned.

I found some solace in knowing I wasn't alone; friends gripped of meetings, missed classes and slipping behind even sooner than last semester. That all-too-familiar feeling of the unstoppable tornado of activity that never lets us stop spinning was beginning to make me dizzy — and already, I feared I was losing my grip.

And when you're struggling to hang on, you start to wonder what you're hanging onto.

You start to wonder if all you're doing is hanging on to the relentless pressure of expectations, the inner struggle to avoid failure, and the horror of admitting that perhaps, this time, you won't be able to do it all.

And that's when you let go.

You reach a point when you have to say it's OK that it won't get done, OK to admit you're not superhuman, OK to occasionally succumb to failure. You reach a point when it's OK to put your feet up on your desk at the end of the day, and even if your list of things to do isn't done, relax.

Someone told me once that stress did not exist, that stress was a self-induced figment of our imaginations that we use as an excuse for our actions. As I tried to hold in my laughter at such a ridiculous notion, the concept struck home.

We choose to accept stress if we choose to accept expectations that others place on us; we choose to accept stress if we do not allow ourselves to fail. The amazing power of that notion is that we choose. We have the power to choose stress; we have the power to choose to rid ourselves of it.

So as the day closed and my tornado of activity flew me out of its whirling chaos and allowed me to rest for the night, I closed my eyes, let the spinning stop, and realized something — only superheroes can fly and spin without getting dizzy. Only superheroes can compete 26-hour days without getting tired. Only superheroes will never fail.

But superheroes aren't real.

It's the everyday heroes that aren't afraid to fail, it's the everyday heroes that choose to live up to their own expectations — choose to take each day as it comes.

It's time I became an everyday hero for myself.



Noreen Gillespie

Saint Mary's
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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Film: Asian American Spring 2000 Film Festival, Room 1001, Wiekamp Hall, IUSB, 7 p.m.	◆ Art: Southwestern Michigan College Art Gallery, "Welding Show," Dale Lyons Building, Dowagiac, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	◆ Theatre: Brighton Beach Memoirs, Bristol Opera House, Bristol, 8 p.m.	◆ Dance: Lula Washington Dance Theatre, O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's College, 8 p.m.
◆ Music: The Altenberg Trio in Concert, Snite Museum, 2 p.m.		◆ Crafts & Hobbies: Collectible Show and Sale, Pierre Morgan Mall, Elkhart, 10 a.m.	◆ Music: Vesper Chorale, First Christian Church, South Bend, 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Study: Fifty percent of college students cheat

EAST LANSING, Mich. It's a scenario that's probably happened to more than one Michigan State University student — during a tough final the professor steps out of the room and a student is close enough to ask a friend for some answers.

Whether or not the student decides to cheat in this instance, there's a 50-50 chance he or she has cheated at least once during college, according to a recent survey published by Ball State University researchers.

Most students who admit to cheating claim they cheat because of pressure on them for high grades. Their behavior can include looking on other students' papers during exams, or plagiarizing other people's work.

"Personally, I have never cheated,"

"When large lecture classes provide an easy way to cheat and get a good grade, students develop that type of mind set."

Linda Gerard
professor of psychology

anthropology freshman Joe DeClercq said. "You take a class to learn the material in it. There is no reason to cheat."

"Cheating has no benefits," he said. "Students who cheat are not learning the material in the course — they are not understanding the subject. They get nothing out of it." However, many students find rea-

sons to cheat, said assistant psychology professor Linda Gerard. She said peer pressure may be one of the most important factors behind student dishonesty.

"Students cheat for many reasons," she said. "The main factor may be a matter of conformity. Social pressure from friends to flirt with danger and try to get away with it may be encouraging a lot of the cheating."

Too large a focus on grades rather than learning course material encourages students to lie and cheat, especially in classes that give students a large opportunity to do so, Gerard said.

"When large lecture classes provide an easy way to cheat and get a good grade, students develop that type of mind set," she said. "It seems an easy way to benefit themselves."

Winter storm closes Rutgers

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

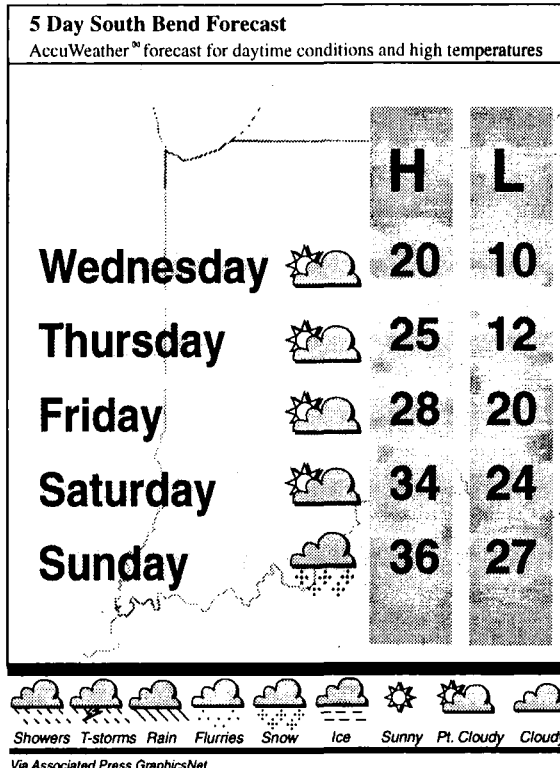
Classes were canceled for the third time this year after snow blanketed campus Tuesday. The New Brunswick, Piscataway, Camden and Newark campuses shutdown all offices except for non-essential personnel this morning. Dining services, police and student center personnel all staying to service students who are stranded on campus. "We base it on if the weather report has been predicting significant snowfall for the day [and] we take into consideration the long term forecast," Leslie Fehrenbach, associate vice president of administration and public safety, said. "There is a strong consideration for the safety of students, faculty and staff." While the streets are not done being plowed and more snow is on the way, no decision has been made if Wednesday's classes will be canceled. The University plans to start clearing residence parking lots Wednesday. Cars will have to move from their assigned lots in order to make way for the plows, Robert Spear, the director of Parking and Transportation Services, said.

New bill bans collegiate gambling

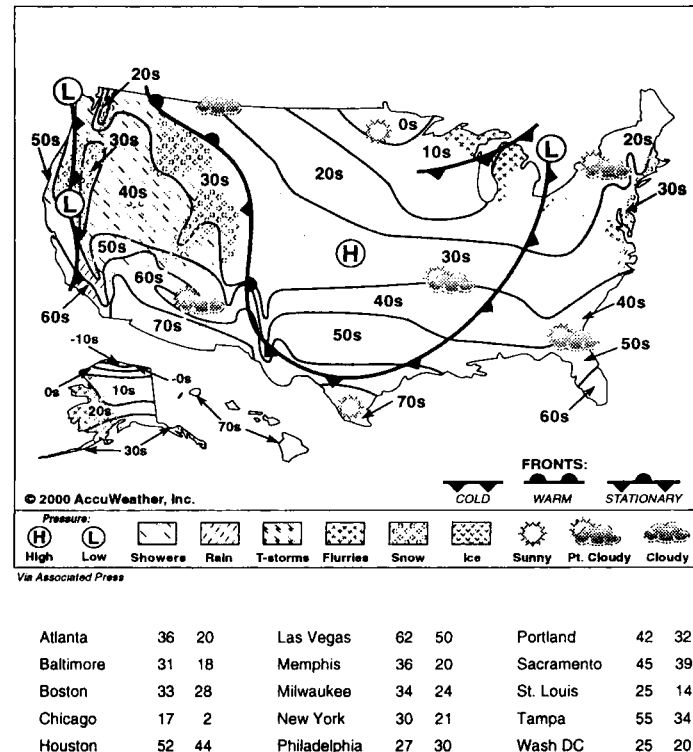
BERKELEY, Calif.

A bill that would ban gambling on collegiate athletics will be introduced to the U.S. Senate Wednesday, a Pac-10 official said Monday. The High School and College Gambling Prohibition Act will be introduced by Senators Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., according to Pac-10 Assistant Commissioner of Public Relations Jim Muldoon. If the bill is passed, it would eliminate gambling on high school, college and Olympic athletic events. It also seeks to eliminate the publishing of point spreads in newspapers. The bill is a reaction to the increase in gambling on college sports — and gambling on college campuses in general — since the early 1990s. The problem has made itself felt in point-shaving scandals, which have hit both Arizona State and Northwestern in recent years. Point-shaving occurs when a student-athlete intentionally doesn't score points when his team is ahead in order to keep the final score under the point spread. Gambling by college students has also become a major issue on campuses across the nation.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Rape victim's survival story educates many

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Katie Koestner, date-rape survivor and sexual assault-prevention advocate, asked her audience Tuesday night, "How long does it take each of you to trust somebody?"

Koestner was raped during her first semester at William & Mary in Virginia and, because of what she calls her University's inadequate response to her story, Koestner now travels to schools all over the country to educate students about date-rape.

"Victims are often described as naïve. The definition of naïve must be to think that it is possible to be alone in a room with someone and not have sex," said Koestner. "But alarmingly, in 84 percent of rape cases, the victim knows her attacker."

Koestner's attacker was another freshman she met during freshman orientation during her first week at school. Koestner reported the incident to her resident assistant a few days later and was immediately taken to the campus health center where a nurse gave her sleeping pills and told her she would feel better after a good night's sleep.

"No one told me about the 72-hour rule. If you or someone you know is

raped, you have three days to go to the hospital to get evidence collected. Do not forget this," said Koestner.

Koestner especially addressed the men in the audience because rape is an issue they must deal with as well.

"One in eight men is sexually assaulted. If that doesn't concern you, keep in mind that one in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. That means maybe your mom, your friend, your girlfriend, your sister or one day maybe your daughter," said Koestner.

William & Mary urged Koestner to rethink her decision to press charges against the young man who raped her,

reminding her of the seriousness of the charge.

Koestner refused to reconsider, and her attacker was found guilty at a University hearing. However, his punishment was a one-semester ban from Koestner's resi-

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Katie Koestner
date-rape survivor

dence hall.

Outraged, Koestner took her story to the media and has since appeared on the cover of Time magazine, the Oprah Winfrey show, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live and more than 30 other programs.

"Last week I told my story to a high school in California and after the assembly I counted 52 hugs from girls who came up to me and said, 'Me too,'" said Koestner. "I didn't reach those girls in time, but I haven't given up yet."

Koestner was invited to Notre Dame by the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), the Women's Resource Center, Lyons Hall, the Counseling Center and Notre Dame Security/Police. CARE vice-president Kelly McGeever said future activities sponsored by the organization include a sexual assault awareness week, which will be held later this semester.



Katie Koestner, a date-rape survivor, visited campus Tuesday to share her story with the hope of empowering others. MARY CALASH/The Observer

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Professor succumbs to breast cancer

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Maureen Mulligan, a visiting assistant professor of history and core course instructor, died of breast cancer Saturday at her home in Dowagiac, Mich.

Mulligan, 53, began teaching at Notre Dame in August. She taught a section of core and a class on Revolutionary America last semester. This spring she was teaching core and a class on the history of the American West.

Mulligan's colleagues remember her for her courage and dedication to teaching.

"She taught all the time that she had this serious illness," said Chris Hamlin, chair of the history department. "She acted

with an enormous courage, which I think really meant a lot to all those her around her. We will miss her."

History professor Walter Nugent directed Mulligan's dissertation when she was a doctoral student at the University, and he praised his late student and colleague.

"God will love her," he said. "She did beautifully with the gifts she was given, and those were considerable. She was renowned as a teacher, both in her commitment and execution. The real loss is to the 20

or 30 years of students who can not benefit from her teaching."

The students who had Mulligan in the one semester she did teach appreciated her as well.

"I think she was a wonderful teacher. She really motivated her students," said sophomore Joe Grabenstetter, one of Mulligan's core students. She brought her perspective as a history professor into her teaching of non-historical subjects in core, he said, and touched the lives of those she met in the classroom.

"Bless her family," he said. "And everyone who knew her. They're better off for having

known her."

Mulligan specialized on women in the American West and had a contract for her book "Common

Carers: Women and the Family Farm in the Midwest, 1920-1930."

She received her Ph.D. from Notre Dame in 1996. She also received two masters degrees from the University. Before joining the Notre Dame faculty, she taught at the University of Nebraska and Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

She leaves her husband Mike, and her two sons, Michael and Brian. Visitation and funeral will be Thursday at 6 and 7 p.m. at the McLaughlin-Clark Funeral Home in Dowagiac.

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Walter Nugent
history professor

Coach

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a head coach led Berticelli to professional success and a 291-135-42 overall record.

"Mike Berticelli was great to his players," said Notre Dame associate sports director Bernadette Cafarelli. "He was a man who genuinely cared about people and cared about making a difference in peoples' lives. ... He was a terrific individual who always had the best interest of the players in mind. The players were his first priority as a coach. He was driven to succeed but not at their expense — he was always there for his players."

The University held a meeting with the men's soccer team Tuesday to inform them of the death.

"We met with the team and I think it is difficult [for them] to believe," said Wadsworth. "We left our meeting where we were able to give them the basic information that we had, and they went off into their own meeting with assistant coach Chris Apple and

coaching honors

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1983	Collegiate Coach of the Year, Southern United States; Dixie Conference Coach of the Year
1984	Sunbelt Conference Coach of the Year
1989	Sunbelt Conference Coach of the Year
1993	Midwestern Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year
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Father Bill Seetch. Over the ensuing days they are going to want to ask questions and try to get some answers to things that are pretty difficult to understand."

In the wake of Berticelli's death, players and friends remember his commitment to Notre Dame and his team.

"It's very hard to lose a coach," said senior forward Ryan Cox. "When you've been with someone for four years

you form a bond and a connection that's hard to break. All the players can look back on Coach Berticelli and know two things: One, that he brought us to the best university to play soccer, and two, that he coached us on a team that allowed us to establish so many bonds and friendships."

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Berticelli on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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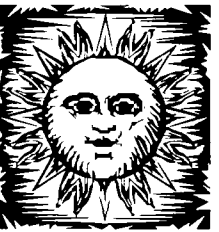
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Further Information: Jay Caponigro at the CSC @ 631-5293

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Cuban grandmothers to meet Elian

WASHINGTON

Under government orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed Tuesday to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers Wednesday at a neutral site, the Justice Department said. The grandmothers pressed their insistence for the boy's return and pleaded with Congress not to force U.S. citizenship upon him. "The meeting will take place at the time and site selected by the Immigration Service," Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said Tuesday evening. The agreement culminated a long day of negotiations marked by an order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to hold the neutral-site meeting, that had been thwarted on Monday by the relatives. Florman said the government had reassured the relatives that Wednesday's session at the Miami Beach home of the president of a Dominican college would be just a visit and would not result in his being taken back to Cuba.

First Euro rocket launch of 2000 works

EVRY, France

The first launch of the millennium of the Ariane-4 rocket successfully sent up an American Galaxy XR telecommunications satellite from the launch site in Kourou, French Guiana. The launch late Monday is the 52nd straight success for the Ariane-4 rocket, the workhorse of the 13-nation European Space Agency. Built by Hughes Space and Communications for the PanAmSat Corporation, the Galaxy XR will allow transmission of television and Internet signals to and from North America. Galaxy XR is the 15th satellite placed in orbit by Arianespace for PanAmSat. Arianespace dominates the world's commercial satellite-launching market, competing with U.S., Russian and Chinese firms.

Elevator cable snaps in Empire State Building

NEW YORK

An Empire State Building elevator with two people aboard plunged 40 stories before a safety system finally stopped the car on the fourth floor. The passengers were not seriously hurt. "I thought I was going to die," Shameka Peterson said. "It was going really, really fast." Ms. Peterson and Joe Masoraca, who work in different offices on the 44th floor, boarded the elevator Monday afternoon and pressed a button for the lobby. "It just plunged," Ms. Peterson told the New York Post. "It was like a bungee fall. It was terrifying." The elevator dropped about 400 feet before the safety system caught it and slowed it to a stop on the fourth floor.

Market Watch: 1/25

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COLUMBIA



AFP Photo

Colombian refugees, who fled the army-guerrilla violence in their hometowns, symbolically crucify themselves in front of the headquarters of the International Red Cross (IRC) in Bogota Tuesday. Refugees took control of the IRC building 40 days ago, demanding help from the government of President Andres Pastra.

Columbian Army violations decline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Colombian President Andres Pastrana expressed hope Tuesday that a substantial decline in human rights violations by the Colombian Army will ease congressional concerns about a proposed two-year, \$1.6 billion U.S. aid package for his country.

"We know we have problems regarding human rights in Colombia," Pastrana said after a 45-minute meeting with President Clinton.

But, he said, there has been a substantial drop in the number of violations committed by the Colombian Army. Without

being more specific, he said, the violations have fallen from 2,000 to 70.

A State Department official, asking not to be identified, agreed that the army's rights record has improved in its struggle against both a leftist insurgency and drug traffickers. He said the paramilitary groups linked to the army are responsible for most violations, followed by leftist guerrillas.

Paramilitary groups have killed thousands of people they accuse of collaborating with the guerrillas.

Pastrana spoke briefly with reporters outside the White House, buffeted by a snowstorm.

Among skeptics about the aid package, is Sen. Patrick

Leahy, D-Vt., who has said a concerted effort is needed by the Colombian Army to thwart the paramilitary groups.

He also says the Colombian Army must show a greater willingness to turn over personnel accused of rights violations. Other Democrats share Leahy's concerns.

Before his meeting with Pastrana, Clinton acknowledged to reporters there was no guarantee that the aid program, primarily aimed at curbing drug traffickers, would produce the desired results.

"There's always a risk when you go out on a limb to try to save a neighbor and help people to help

themselves, that it won't work," Clinton said.

"I believe the risk in the investment is something that we ought to do."

He said Colombia's twin challenges of drug trafficking and a guerilla insurgency could be a microcosm of what lies ahead worldwide — "enemies of nation-states forming networks of support across national borders and across otherwise discrete interests." As examples, he mentioned drug traffickers, organized criminals, political terrorists and weapons dealers.

"We have to ... try to help them (Colombians) gain some measure of control over their own country again," Clinton said.

CROATIA

Election sets Croatia on new course

Associated Press

ZAGREB

There is still a round of voting to go before Croatia has a new president, but that ballot seems almost anticlimactic in the wake of two elections that have set the nation on a new course.

The first election, a contest in January that resulted in a Western-oriented Parliament, dealt a stinging defeat to the party of the late authoritarian president, Franjo Tudjman. The second vote, held Monday, eliminated the Tudjman party nominee from the presidential contest.

Now, the two leading can-

didates, Stipe Mesic and Drazen Budisa, will face each other in a runoff on Feb. 7. Both have pledged to lead Croatia out of nearly a decade of authoritarianism and into genuine democracy.

"It is the end of one historical process, which is opening big chances for Croatia's future," said Branko Smerdel, one of the creators of Croatian constitution.

Croatia is a mix of Balkan, Mediterranean and southeastern European values, and voters seemed ready to be rid of Tudjman, who had ruled Croatia since it gained independence in 1991.

His refusal to initiate

democratic change, suppression of human rights and free speech and dreams of annexing part of Bosnia to Croatia left the country moored in political and economic isolation.

"And now suddenly, we are breathing freely," said Milorad Cupic, a 40-year-old computer expert. "There is hope. There are brighter days ahead."

Western governments have already welcomed Croatia's new course.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright telephoned congratulations to Social Democratic leader Ivica Racan soon after his party and the Social Liberals

won the Jan. 3 parliamentary elections.

Top European Union leader Romano Prodi came to Zagreb last week to show support for democratic changes. The EU, which maintained only low-level relations with Croatia in recent years, decided Monday to form a joint EU-Croatia task force to work on future relations.

Both Mesic and Budisa pledged to accept curtailment of presidential powers that critics say Tudjman abused. And they also have promised to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal and lead Croatia toward EU and NATO membership.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board considers press rights, co-sponsorship funding

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Board of Governance representatives met with College President Marilou Eldred in late December to discuss a proposal by Notre Dame's administration that The Observer refuse ads from certain groups unofficially affiliated with both campuses.

The student government organization has yet to make an official statement regarding its stance on the issue.

"Basically, from an administrative point of view, [the administration felt] it's not really an issue that we can do a lot about," said student body president Nancy Midden. "The Observer administrative falls under Notre Dame, and Saint Mary's does not have the same fiscal relationship."

Executive board members said this does not mean that Saint Mary's administration believes College students should not voice their opinions on the matter.

"They see our position as subscribers and contributors, and as subscribers, we do have a role in the paper," said vice president Angie Little.

"We, as subscribers, should be free to take whatever action we see necessary," said Notre Dame/Saint Mary's liaison Maureen Donovan.

An official statement from Board of Governance is not expected soon. A statement will not be made unless students request one, Midden said.

Selecting co-sponsorship

The board also voted to pass co-sponsorships for athletics, political science, the El Salvador program and a yoga class to begin this semester.

Sophomore class president Michelle Nagle requested funding for two political science students selected to represent Saint Mary's at Election 2000, an intensive academic program that focuses around the Democratic and Republican national conventions this summer.

"This is something that goes right along with the student government mission statement," said Nagle, who will attend the program with junior Heather O'Donnell.

The board passed the motion to give students \$600 to cover airfare, food and transportation expenses while at the conventions.

The athletic department also received financial support for Midnight Madness, scheduled for March 31. Event coordinators received clearance from Eldred to include a free semester's tuition, free semester's books and free room and board for a semester among the prize list.

The board voted unanimously to co-sponsor that project.

Andrea Sondag requested funds to assist eight students who will travel to El Salvador during spring break. The program, which needs approximately \$15,000, is appealing



BOG members discuss the relationship of Saint Mary's students and administration with The Observer.

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

to various boards and outside groups for funding.

"We're basically going to listen to the people and hear their stories," Sondag said.

The board upped its co-sponsorship of the El Salvador project from last year's \$600 contribution to \$1000, voting 12 to one.

Stacy Anderson also presented a proposal that would bring a yoga class to Saint Mary's athletics for the spring semester. Anderson recognized a need for the program, citing the fact that Saint

Mary's students cannot have access to Notre Dame's Rolfs athletic facility unless they are on a sports team.

The board

voted to supply funding for the instructor of the program, but withheld further funding until a strong base of interest was shown by the student body.

In other BOG news:

♦ Elections for student body president and vice president will be Monday, Jan. 31. "Meet the Candidates Night" will be Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in Haggard Parlor. Campaigning begins today at noon, and four teams are running.

♦ All-campus formal tickets can be purchased beginning Monday, Jan. 31, in the Le Mans lobby during dinner hours. One thousand tickets will be sold.

♦ The board voted unanimously to donate \$150 to St. Margaret's House, a shelter for women in downtown South Bend.

♦ Molly Kahn, mission commissioner, expressed interest in receiving student feedback to the first draft of the revised college mission statement. The revision, which has been in the works for several years, seeks to condense the statement to keep Saint Mary's in touch with the heart of the

statement, Kahn said.

♦ The Winter Carnival is currently being planned, possibly to coincide with Little Sibs Weekend, Feb. 25-27. Events will include a recognition ceremony for spring athletes, a dusk bonfire with hot chocolate and s'mores, the SAC college bowl, a snow-woman building contest and a campus Mass in one of the residence halls.

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Storm dumps snow on East

Associated Press

A surprisingly fast-moving storm blanketed the East Coast with up to two feet of wind-blown snow Tuesday, closing airports and schools, paralyzing the nation's capital and leaving North Carolina looking more like North Dakota.

"The snow has completely covered my car. It's gone, I can't even see it," Thomas Allen said in Raleigh, N.C.

A 5-year-old girl was missing and feared dead in Massachusetts after falling into an icy river while walking to school in heavy snow.

At least three people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents Monday or Tuesday in the Carolinas, and two people were found dead outside from exposure in South Carolina.

The storm even intruded on the presidential campaign. Most of the candidates flew to New Hampshire after the Iowa caucuses, but Republican Alan Keyes got stuck in Detroit, unable to fly into Boston.

The storm — known as a nor'easter — drove northward along the coast, with moist air from the ocean colliding with cold air over the land. During the morning, snow fell from South Carolina all the way to Maine.

The storm raced into the Northeast with a speed that surprised forecasters.

"We knew it was coming. It just decided to hit us a day earlier," said National Weather Service meteorologist Tim Morrin in New York.

The storm system was to press toward Maine by Wednesday morning, bringing moderate to heavy snows from Pennsylvania through New England. The Southeast was to get a break from the heavy precipitation.

Tuesday's storm the third snowfall in a week for some states, but for much of the region it was the first major storm in a season that has seen little snow. It was also the worst snowstorm to hit the area since the blizzard of January 1996.

Most federal agencies shut down in Washington, and were scheduled to be closed again Wednesday. Legislative meetings were called off in Delaware, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, and Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper had to postpone his State of the State address for the second time in a week because of snow.

Schools were closed from South Carolina to Maine, including nearly all schools in New Jersey and Maryland.

Up to 17 inches of snow fell in parts of Virginia. The Baltimore-Washington International Airport got more than 7 inches. Ten inches had accumulated outside Philadelphia at King of Prussia, and New York City measured 6.

Snow up to 18 inches deep was forecast by the end of the storm in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts.

The storm hit hardest in the Carolinas. North Carolina got a record 20.3 inches at the Raleigh airport.

The North Carolina utility CP&L had 81,000 customers without power, Duke Power Co. reported 87,000 outages in North Carolina. More than 140,000 people were without power in South Carolina and Virginia Power reported fewer than a thousand customers in the dark.

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Students join march for lives of unborn children

By A. J. BOYD
News Writer

Tens of thousands of pro-life demonstrators participating in the 27th annual March for Life greeted members of Congress as they returned to Washington, D.C., on Monday.

The protest annually commemorates the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that permitted legalized abortion in the United States.

The National Right to Life Association and staple groups like the Knights of Columbus were joined by pro-life organizations of all kinds, from the Dentists for Life to the Pro-Life Elderly and Homebound. However, continuing in the trend of recent years, the majority of the marchers were

students predominately from Catholic high schools and colleges across the country.

Nearly 200 members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community dedicated much of last weekend to participate, according to trip co-coordinator Julie Fritsch, a Notre Dame senior. Members of the Notre Dame Knights of Columbus and two Holy Cross priests joined the ND/SMC Right to Life club for the event.

Father Felippé Morel, of Santiago, Chile, presided at a Mass that began the official events during the busy weekend for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's participants. Father Pat Neary, gave a homily that set the tone for weekend as he invoked the memory of Mother Theresa's prophetic criticism of the United States' pro-abortion

stance in 1994. He likened the weekend's mission to Jonah's warnings of God's wrath at the negligence for life in Nineveh.

Students then attended the Inaugural College Conference for Life held at Georgetown University. The conference featured Helen Alvaré of the United States Catholic Conference, and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde.

Hyde, who compared the estimated 40 million casualties of legalized abortion in the United States to the tragedy of the Holocaust, reminded his audience that "unlike many of the Germans during the beginning of the holocaust, we cannot claim ignorance of this mass homicide."

In her speech, Alvaré described the efforts of her

office in recent years to bring legislation against partial-birth abortions and the sale of victim's organs to research and medical facilities. Twice in recent years Congress has brought such legislation forth only to be vetoed by President Clinton. In both cases the majority was strong enough in the House for an override, but lacked necessary votes in the Senate.

"Clinton is literally the one man in the way of protecting the lives of these children," Alvaré said.

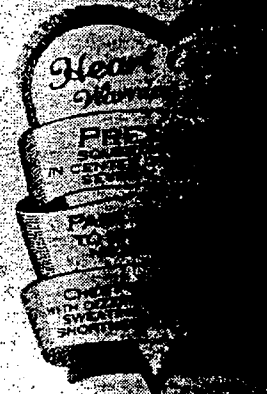
The March for Life itself started with a rally on the White House Ellipse at noon Monday.

About a dozen members of Congress addressed the assembled protesters, offering their support and urging voters to rally behind pro-life candidates in this fall's presidential elections.

More than 30 representatives several religious groups offered prayers and support, in the ecumenical spirit of the movement that was voiced by Orthodox Archbishop Herman of Philadelphia.

"We all gather as God's children to pray for those who don't understand life," he said. "An attitude we can only change if we walk in the footsteps of Christ."

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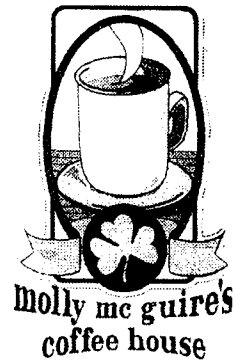


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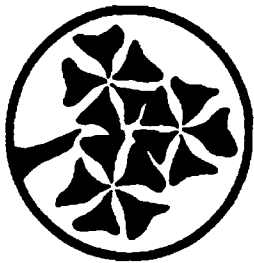
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PAKISTAN

Taliban rejects U.S. requests, condemns terrorism

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD
Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and Pakistan's military leaders have rebuffed U.S. appeals to crack down on terrorism, and one militant group warned Tuesday of a violent backlash if they tried.

On a visit to the region last week, a top American envoy urged the outlawing of a group blamed for hijacking an Indian plane last month and that steps also be taken to bring terror suspect Osama bin Laden to justice.

Pakistan did not agree to any specific actions. India charges that Pakistan had a hand in the hijacking, a claim that the United States has rejected. And in neighboring Afghanistan, Taliban leaders have refused to hand over bin Laden, charged in the United States with masterminding the deadly bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Of particular concern to the United States is Harkat ul-Mujahadeen, the successor to a Pakistani-based organization that has been declared a terrorist group by Washington.

A spokesman for a sister organization, Harkat ul-Jehad, warned of violence if

the government tried to close the group's offices in Pakistan.

"We will not hesitate to take any action and believe me there will be a free-for-all here in Pakistan. It will be anarchy," Abu Mahmood Ashraf said. He added that his group trains in Pakistan and Afghanistan to fight in Kashmir — the flashpoint of two wars between India and Pakistan — and "in other Muslim countries where Muslims are being attacked."

Ashraf also called bin Laden a hero to Muslims worldwide. "Any injury or his death would be a great shock to us and we would not stop until we have severely punished the United States," he said.

India accuses Harkat ul-Mujahadeen of staging the Indian Airlines hijacking that ended with 155 hostages freed in exchange for the Indian government's release of three members of the group.

President Clinton said Tuesday there was no evidence that Pakistan supported the hijacking, which Pakistan strongly condemned again on Tuesday.

"The government of Pakistan regards

the hijacking as abhorrent and is committed to prosecute any person or persons found and apprehended on our territory, or in Kashmir, who may be suspected of having committed that crime. If they are convicted they will be subject to the death penalty," a spokesman for Pakistan's foreign ministry said.

"We will not hesitate to take any action ... It will be anarchy."

Abu Mahmood Ashraf
Harkat ul-Jehad spokesman

But State Department spokesman James Rubin cited concerns for some time "that agencies of the Pakistani government have provided general support to a number of groups operating in Kashmir, including Harkat ul-Mujahadeen."

U.S. assistant secretary of state Karl Inderfurth discussed terrorism concerns last week when he met ruling Gen. Pervez Musharraf and other leaders of Pakistan.

"We hope that the government of Pakistan will take steps against such extremist groups which carry out acts of violence inside Pakistan, as well as in the region," Inderfurth said, specifically

naming Harkat ul-Mujahadeen.

Pakistan did not promise to crack down on such groups. What Inderfurth got was a statement sharing Washington's concern about terrorism.

Two days before the Oct. 12 military coup that ended civilian rule in Pakistan, then-Interior Minister Shujaat Hussein told The Associated Press that militant Islamic groups were created by Pakistan, its military and its intelligence agency.

Hussein said his government had asked the Taliban to shut down camps in Afghanistan, where Pakistanis were receiving military training. While publicly denying the existence of these camps, Hussein said the Taliban privately promised Pakistan to close them.

The United States also has asked Pakistan, one of only three countries to recognize the Taliban, to use its influence against bin Laden.

Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, the Taliban's foreign minister, said Monday that bin Laden won't be extradited or handed over to the United States or a third country for trial. Taliban leaders had met with Inderfurth, but of further discussions with the United States, Muttawakil said "we don't want to talk to them."

GUATEMALA

Police issue warrant in bishop's death

♦ **Authorities seek bishop's assistant for questioning, arrest cook and military personnel**

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY

Authorities again want to arrest a priest who was implicated and then released in the slaying of a Roman Catholic bishop and human rights leader.

The warrant Monday for the Rev. Mario Orantes comes after weekend arrests that indicate possible military involvement in the slaying of Bishop Juan Gerardi. Police did not clarify the renewed interest in Orantes.

Gerardi was bludgeoned to death in his garage April 26, 1998, two days after presenting a report blaming the military and pro-government death squads for most of the deaths during Guatemala's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996.

It was the first slaying of an activist since the government and leftist guerrillas signed the peace accords.

Orantes, who was Gerardi's assistant, was jailed for seven months but was released in February after protests that investigators had overlooked possible military involvement.

Orantes' family members said Monday that authorities may have trouble tracking down the 40-year-old priest, who received permission to travel to the United States in October, citing anonymous threats and health reasons.

Police over the weekend also arrested a church cook and two men with army ties, and said Jose Obdulio Villanueva, a former presidential guard who is serving time for the murder of another priest, had a possible role in Gerardi's death.

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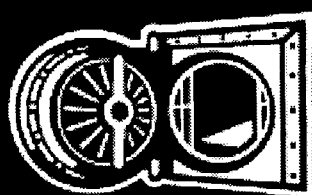
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AFRICA

U. N. begins efforts to reinforce failing cease-fire in Congo

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
Responding to African leaders' requests, the U.N. Security Council was laying groundwork Tuesday for an eventual U.N. peacekeeping force to

shore up Congo's faltering cease-fire.

The gesture of support came after seven African heads of state — including major players in the regional war — accused the Security Council of shirking its responsibilities by delaying the deployment of

peacekeepers.

Congo's government, the country's rebels and the surrounding nations that were drawn into the conflict signed a cease-fire accord last summer. The accord envisioned U.N. peacekeepers.

But the agreement has since teetered on the brink of collapse, with fighting between the two sides in several parts of Congo. Meanwhile, the possibility of a full-fledged peacekeeping mission has remained distant.

The United States has been seen as a major stumbling block to sending in troops. But on Monday, it said it would support a peacekeeping force if all sides begin consolidating peace.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, the current president of the Security Council, told reporters Tuesday that a resolution now being drafted outlines U.N. recommendations for an initial 5,500-man force, including 500 military observers and 3,400 troops to protect them.

So far, there are 79 U.N. military liaison officers in Congo. Approval and deploy-

ment of the observer mission could be weeks away, while authorization for a full-fledged peacekeeping force is still in doubt.

The U.S. Congress must approve any expansion of the current U.N. mission.

"We think that yesterday's extraordinary meeting of the African presidents illustrated both the fact that they all want to make progress, but

that there are serious problems, and that the U.N. has an important role to play there," Holbrooke said.

The war in Congo has drawn in a half-dozen African nations. Uganda and Rwanda back the rebels who rose up in August 1998 to oust Congolese President Laurent Kabila. Kabila, meanwhile, enlisted the support of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia.

The war has destabilized the entire region, killing untold numbers of people and uprooting close to 1 million from

their homes.

Holbrooke invited leaders of the nations involved to New York this week to renew their pledges to last summer's cease-fire agreement. The sides began talks Monday. On Tuesday, they met in closed-door meetings to discuss details of implementing the peace accord.

Kabila said Tuesday he still wants to make the peace process work. He said the cease-fire agreement had failed thus far because it hadn't led to the withdrawal of Rwandan and Ugandan troops from his country. The peace accord calls for the full withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Rwanda and Uganda say they are supporting the Congolese rebels to protect their own borders from attacks by Rwandan and Ugandan rebel groups based inside Congo. Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu

said Tuesday he was willing to withdraw his troops "even tomorrow" as long as Rwandan Hutu militants in Congo are

permanently disarmed. "We don't want them shooting us in our own backs," he said.

"[The] meeting of the African presidents illustrated the fact that they all want to make progress."

Richard Holbrooke
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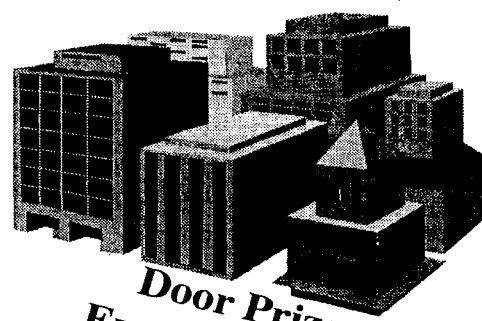
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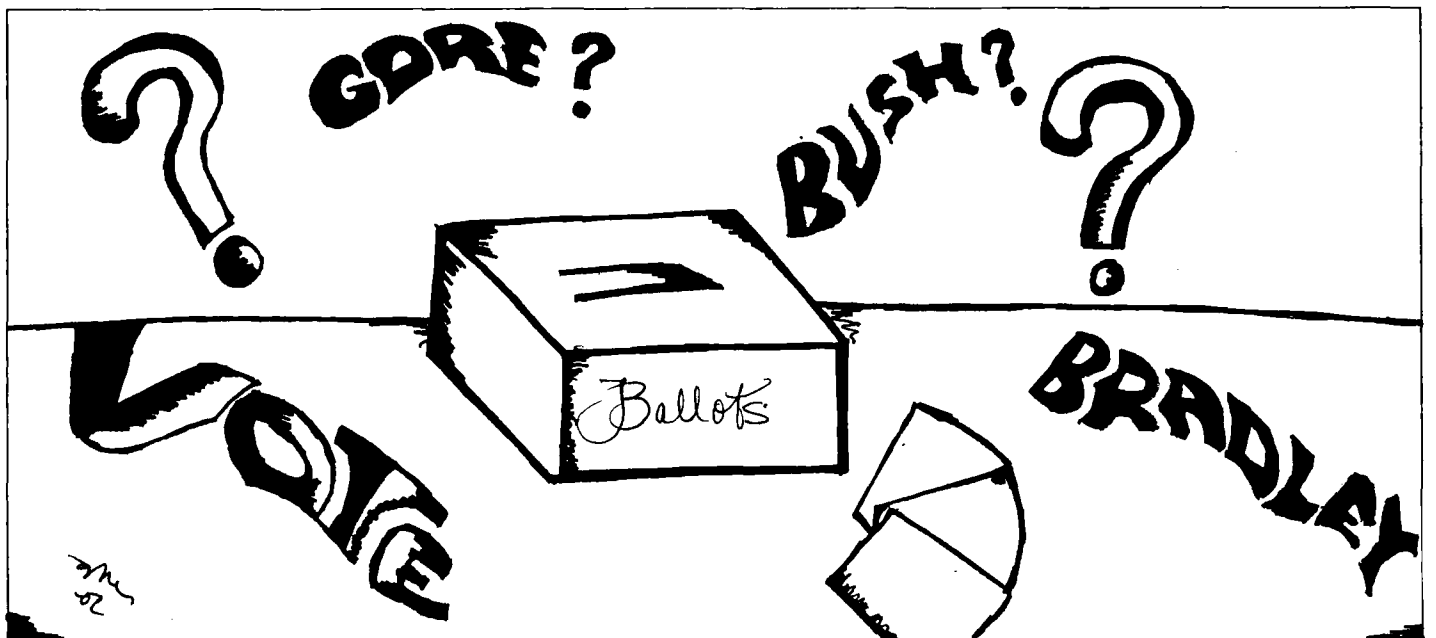
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Don't slash the ballot — I want to vote

This column is a lament for Monday night's losers.

I haven't voted yet. And I don't mean in this election. Being an Independent living in Maryland, I am not allowed to vote until November.

I haven't voted in any election since I became eligible for such a privilege in 1993.

Yes, I was a government major at Notre Dame. Yes, I watch C-SPAN and CNN whenever I can. Yes, I do have extensive opinions about American politics.

A long period of time without any permanent address and a lack of Maryland state elections in 1999 will make the first presidential election of the new century also the first election in which I will vote.

The only problem is that I am not too certain that I want to.

Unlike a large number of people that I know, I am a moderate liberal. I would have voted for Bill Clinton despite his scandals. But he didn't need my help.

I was ready to embrace Al Gore as a carrier of similar ideals but with the added bonus of being an environmentalist (and relatively scandal-free).

Then I heard the man try to give an impassioned speech.

I hate to say it, but our vice president just does not sound sincere in that tone of voice. He sounds like a man who thinks to himself, "This will get applause," before he says something.

Another unfortunate aspect to the Democratic frontrunner is that, in his normal tone of voice, he couldn't inspire wet grass to grow on a warm, sunny day.

So I turned my thoughts to the multi-

talented Bill Bradley. Suppressing the retch of voting for a New York athlete, I watched his demeanor on the campaign trail and the Sunday morning talk shows.

What I saw was a man who could lead the country. He gives off the air of a leader. None of his policy statements about gun control, education or campaign finance seemed too radical for a Republican Congress but rather like a step in the right direction.

Ignoring media-fed hype about his temper or his heart problems, he seems dynamic enough to do the job. Unfortunately, a poor showing in Iowa against Gore may go a long way in eliminating him from consideration before I even get around to the booth.

I hope not.

I wasn't even going to think about the Reform Party. It should be renamed as the I-don't-have-a-chance-in-hell-of-a-regular-party-nomination Party. Donald Trump probably thinks he could convert the White House into a nice, posh tower hotel. Jesse Ventura is a "sexual tyrannosaurus," as he so eloquently puts it in the movie "Predator," and therefore completely out of contention for a job that needs to be held by a man who will NEVER have sex, at least not for the next few years.

In my estimation, Pat Buchanan is the perennial recipient of the Adolf Hitler award for most hatred espoused in one lifetime since 1945. Plus, he went to my rival high school, Gonzaga College-High School in Washington, D.C., so I couldn't vote for him even if he were human.

Then I considered whom I might take from the right.

George W. Bush is the great unknown. As governor of Texas, he has led one of the largest states in the country. But that doesn't help me to get past the creeping sensation that he is a front candidate whom a large portion of the Republican Party is getting behind simply because he can win with his name. I liked his father as presi-

dent. But that doesn't mean I am ready to vote for the son.

Steve Forbes is trying to buy the presidency and should therefore be sent to Canada.

Alan Keyes is from Maryland. We have heard enough out of him here.

Gary Bauer gives me the creeps. The way that he stares at the camera, I want to run and hide under my bed. I don't know anything about him and I am afraid that if I find out it might only scare me more.

Orrin Hatch has all of the charisma of a man without a pulse. Has anyone checked for it recently?

I lived in Arizona for a couple of years and thus felt a special connection to John McCain, who used to be my senator. Yes, he has a temper. Yes, he did say that Nancy Reagan's "Just say no" campaign actually worked. But still, he has proven that he is willing to work with Democrats on such vital issues as campaign finance reform and gun control measures. Such non-partisanship is what I was hoping for in a candidate. That, in addition to his record of war service to this country and his attitude of certainty about his principles, makes him the only candidate on the right that I can vote for.

But alas. He, like my Democratic choice, also did poorly in Iowa. I only hope that this state — and other minor players like it — don't keep either of those candidates from my ballot when I step up in November.

I want to vote. I really do.

I just don't think that I can, in all good conscience, unless Bradley or McCain is on the ticket.

Can you?

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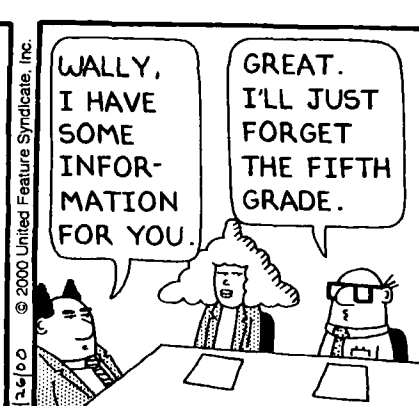
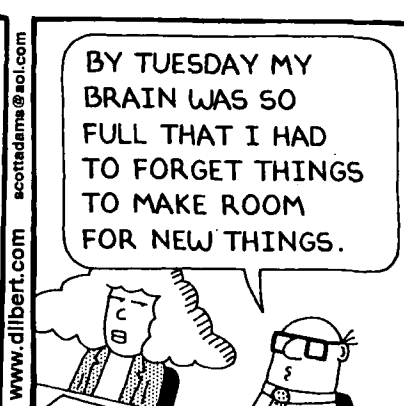
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Matthew
Loughran

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Thoughts

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing."

Bernard M. Baruch
former presidential advisor

VIEWPOINT

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Give Democrats a chance!

This letter is in response to Laura Antkowiak's column entitled "Abortion issue still vital no matter what candidates say."

Laura is certainly correct. Abortion, whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, is an important issue, and it should be taken into consideration when deciding for whom to vote. But is abortion the only issue? In a country where one out of five children lives in poverty, 45 million people are without medical insurance and the political system is flooded with massive "soft money" contributions from special interest groups, I tend not to let a single issue decide my ballot.

Laura, on the other hand, has chosen to "ignore the Democratic primary, as Vice President Al Gore and Senator Bill Bradley both staunchly support abortion."

In the upcoming elections, I urge voters to take a look at all the issues confronting our nation. I think a surprising number of Notre Dame students will actually find themselves in support of the Democrats.

Currently, the Democrats are fighting to guarantee health care for every child, provide access to affordable health care to every American, reduce child poverty and ease the pressures on working families. Republicans are more intent on finding new and creative ways to "slash" the welfare rolls. The Democrats are fighting for an

income tax system with lower and fewer rates that would increase fairness to millions of Americans by closing billions of dollars worth of special interest loopholes. By contrast, 36 percent of G.W. Bush's proposed \$800 billion-plus tax cut is directed toward the top 1 percent of income earners.

The Democrats are fighting to reduce handgun violence and decrease the proliferation of the guns that kill 13 children a day.

Conversely, Republicans are notorious bedfellows with the NRA. While Democrats fight to reform the campaign finance system so that you and I have equal influence on our government as big business, the Republicans routinely vote to keep big money firmly within the political arena.

Finally, the Democrats are far superior to Republicans regarding race relations, the environment and opposition to the School of the Americas.

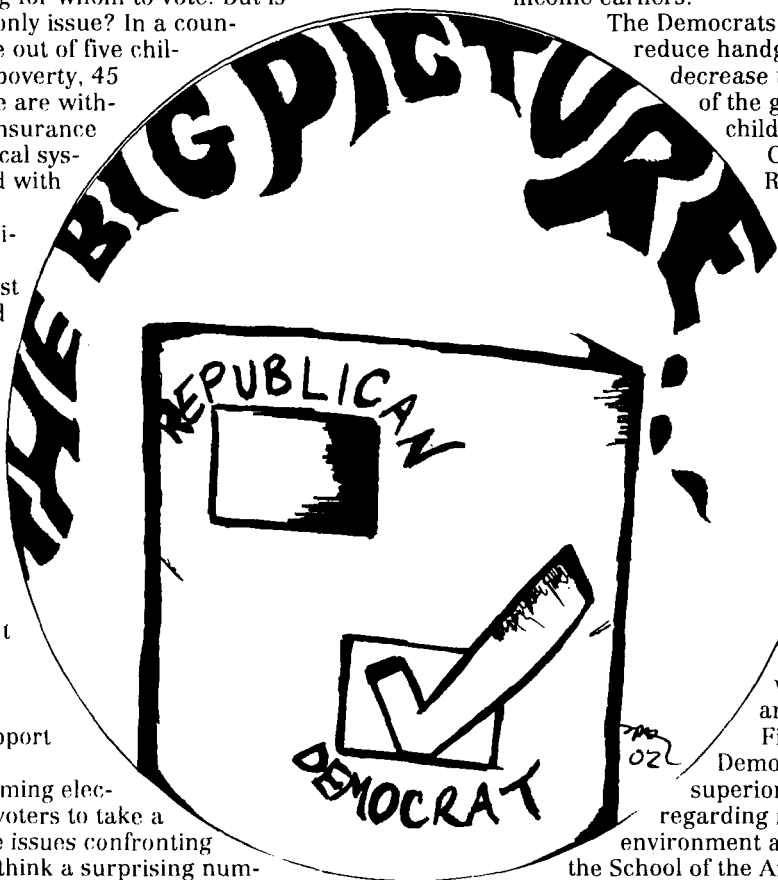
In the upcoming election, I urge you to look at the big picture and refrain from narrowing your decision making process down to one issue.

Jeffrey Stuffings

Secretary

College Democrats

January 25, 2000



Notre Dame still needs to diversify

"Why do you talk so white?"

"Aren't you going to wash your hair?"

"If you are supposedly Latino, why is your skin so white?"

"Hey chink, why are you here? Go back to your lab!"

"Do you speak Mexican?"

"I refuse to live with a black girl; I demand to change roommates."

"That stuff you are eating smells so bad, get it out of here!"

"White people can't dance!"

Whoa! Pretty appalling comments, huh?

Surprisingly, they are actual statements between students collected to catch your attention and interest you into reading this column.

While some of you have been at either the receiving or giving end of these comments, others might be shocked and wondering, "How can this be happening? Not at Notre Dame! Not at a Catholic school, an institution that stood by Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement and a university that embraces all cultures and races without prejudice!"

Well, you better start believing because problems involving race relations are still rampant on this campus. At this point, you may be pondering your own views on diversity. You might personally believe that everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation should have equal treatment and opportunities. Since you are void of any prejudiced sentiments and have never experienced offensive comments (or been aware of them), race relations may not be a priority. Perhaps you think claims of racism on campus are outrageous and unfounded, especially since this has never affected you directly. Perhaps you think that this is nothing more than people making a storm over a cup of water. My question to you and to myself, however, is this: How have you actively promoted and enhanced diversity in your life?

For instance, let's analyze the issue of race relations. When was the last time you sat by someone with a different color of skin, dress-style or accent? And even if you have sat by people different from you, how often do you talk with them and make an effort to hear their stories? Minority students, in particular, represent a segment of the Notre Dame culture whose diversity is magnified within the mass of the majority. It is sometimes hard to imagine being the only person in an entire classroom, dining hall, dorm room or party that has certain physical characteristics — unless you have been in that situation.

Imagine walking into a classroom where everyone is Native American, and you are the only one who is not. Can you contemplate how strange and awkward it is to sound different and to look different from the majority, day in and day out?

Minority students often react by clinging to one another and isolating themselves from the majority. Consequently, this creates distinctive groups that are isolated, and the communication between them is almost negligible.

There becomes an invisible barrier as people begin to lose their desire and willingness to reach out to each other. The dining hall offers many ways these barriers are exemplified. Whether it be students desperately seeking to be with those people with whom they identify or other students who feel intimidated and unwelcome at the "Black," "Asian," "Hispanic," "Athletic" or even the "Zahm" table; the invisible lines are drawn.

Many students face these lines over and over, but their stories often go unheard. Other students recognize these lines, but have no motivation to do anything about it. Either way, the fundamental idea is that people are scared to leave their comfort zones. They get trapped in a path of complacency, so secure in their apathy, that they never make the initiative to bridge the gap. Is failing to leave these comfort zones or making an effort to understand how diversity enriches life any different from being a racist?

It is easy to see why many people feel overwhelmed and disillusioned. But what can be done to revert this sad picture? It all begins with the little things. Instead of just passing by students that look different from you, go up to them and introduce yourself. If you hear offensive jokes or comments, do not let it just slip by — speak up! When you sit at a table filled with diverse people, make an effort to really get to know them.

Take the time to notice various cultural events on campus, and make an active effort to attend and participate in these events. (Note to self: Don't delete the OMSA messages, and if you don't know what OMSA stands for, find out!)

More than anything, remember to be persistent, be courageous and be willing to learn about the overlooked diversity of our "Notre Dame bubble." The path of complacency leads to a dead end. Each person has a responsibility to leave his or her comfort zones and embrace the spirit of reciprocity in which you receive and contribute to who we are today.

Anthony Sieh, Sharon Watson and Ken Seifert contributed to this column.

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THEATER PREVIEW

Student players present 'Jeffrey'



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Quincy Starnes and Tom Dolphin star in this weekend's Notre Dame Student Players production of "Jeffrey."

By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

A gay man's decision to give up sex spurs the complex series of events that take place in the Notre Dame Student Players' production of "Jeffrey."

The play centers on the main character, Jeffrey, played by senior Quincy Starnes, who decides that sex is too complicated. Consequently, he decides to detach himself completely from all temptations.

Supporting characters include Steve, an HIV-positive man who wants to be with Jeffrey, and a gay couple, Sterling and Darius, who offer their unique insights to Jeffrey's situation.

The play contains controversial matter, including some vulgar language, sexual dialogue and homosexuality and religion. Sophomore Kathleen Lane, who serves as student director for "Jeffrey," acknowledged the potential for controversy, but remained confident in the production. "I've gotten good reactions from most people I've talked to about the play," said Lane.

This material posed a challenge for some actors. Lane said one challenge lays in "forming deep relationships between some of the characters. We had to work on connections [between characters] and instant attraction. One look has to show so much emotion."

In a play with only nine cast members, eight of whom play multiple characters, character development proved especially important. Sophomore Michaela Murray-Nolan, who plays four strikingly different characters, from a "Jersey Mafia princess" to a symbolic Mother Teresa, particu-

"AIDS is out there. What if you do fall in love with someone who's HIV-positive? You need to know how to deal with this."

Quincy Starnes
actor

larly enjoyed the role of Debra Moorhouse. "She's the nation's hottest post-modern evangelist," said Murray-Nolan, quoting the script. "I love her because she's so confident and kick-butt."

The Notre Dame Student Players is an entirely student-run group, so students do everything for "Jeffrey," from costumes and lighting to directorial decisions. Lane noted that the players do work with the theater department, but all decisions are student-made. "We don't have scenery and lighting to work with like mainstage productions," said Starnes.

Instead, the cast uses creative costumes and distinct acting to separate characters. Scenes are designated by details as small as the addition or removal of chairs or tables. Still, the impact of "Jeffrey's" content far outweighs its scenery. The subject matter proves strong enough to carry the play through Jeffrey's tumultuous emotions.

Cast members seem to share the desire to enlighten their audience. "I hope people can come in and take something away from [Jeffrey]," said junior Tom Dolphin, who plays Steve, Jeffrey's love interest.

Starnes agrees. "It's hard being so young, but we deal with this every day," he said. "AIDS is out there. What if you do fall in love with someone who's HIV-positive? You need to know how to deal with this."

"Jeffrey"

- ◆ Who: Notre Dame Student Players
- ◆ Where: Washington Hall
- ◆ When: Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tickets: \$2 at the door



Quincy Starnes and Otis Hill star in "Jeffrey."

MARY CALASH/The Observer

NIELSEN RATINGS



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The Golden Globe Awards was fourth in last week's Nielsens. Angelina Jolie shows off her best supporting actress Globe, which she won for "Girl, Interrupted."

TOP TEN

Week of January 17-23

Television show	Rating	Total Viewers
1. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Thursday)	19.6	19.8 million
2. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Tuesday)	19.2	19.4 million
3. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Sunday)	17.4	17.5 million
4. Golden Globe Awards	15.0	15.1 million
5. NFC Football Championship Post-Game Show	14.1	14.2 million
6. Friends	13.3	13.4 million
7. Everybody Loves Raymond	12.3	12.4 million
7. Frasier	12.3	12.4 million
9. Jesse	11.8	11.9 million
10. NYPD Blue	11.5	11.6 million

VIDEO REVIEW

FTT's 'The Loft Tapes' showcases ND's student films

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

The '90s were a tumultuous decade. With the threat of an oncoming millennial revolution (which never took place), all facets of American culture encountered identity crises concerning their roles and purposes in the future. But within the mind of every man and woman in every corner of the world, all imaginable risks and dangers disappeared into nothing. Those minds lived daily on creative inspiration found in the most commonplace bits of life.

Alas, those minds created what common folk call student films. But in truth, they are gateways into the crazy imaginations of Generation X. In the newly released conglomeration "The Loft Tapes," one sees the Seinfeldian minutiae that dominated the 1990s.

The 110-minute videotape, available at the bookstore, begins with the film "Eat, Mate, Die" by Brent DiCrescenzo and M-K Kennedy. The film takes a look at the future of humanity, presenting a monotonously doomed world in which all that people do is eat, mate and, of course, die.

The nonchalance of the inhabitants of this world allow them to take a jog over countless dead bodies and discuss the "Star Wars"-ian nature of humanity while burying bodies at the beach. Eventually, the mildly sarcastic tone of the piece prepares viewers for the rest of the student films to appear on the videotape.

In Brian Faiola's and Kevin Loncar's "Lungwamen," a young boy who feels a primordial urge to find his Native American roots becomes a legend among his Native American peers. What first seems to be a coming-of-age narrative, though, soon becomes a critique of and

"The Loft Tapes: Student Films from Notre Dame"



out of five shamrocks

Facets Video

At the bookstore for \$24

explanation for the current state of various Native American economies, which rest largely upon casinos.

The film has a storybook quality, making its initial attraction understandable. But soon the lack of a consistent tone — is it serious or mocking? — makes "Lungwamen" just another student film.

"The Loft Tapes" does not get into its groove, really, until its eighth film, Jennifer Crescenzo's and Jim McNamee's "Full Frontal Nudity," which is perhaps the most provocative film in the collection.

The film opens with a female voiceover speaking about the trials and tribulations of being a

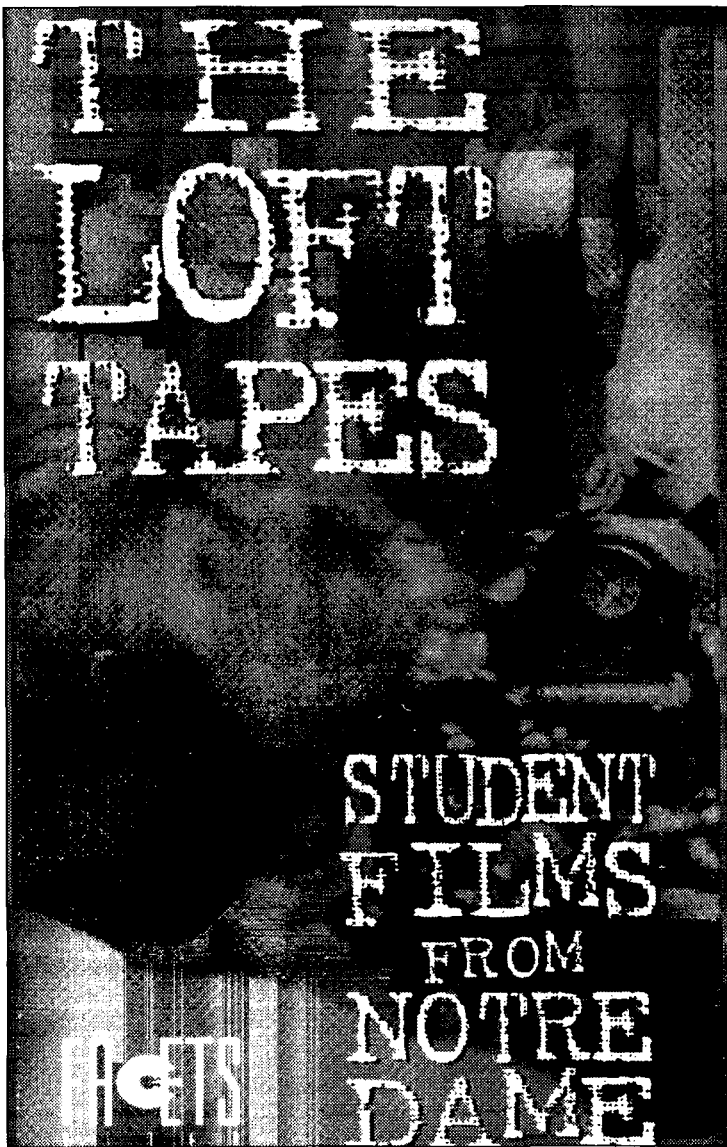


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"The Loft Tapes" is FTT's new video containing student films.

nude model for art students. Simultaneously, one sees a screen behind which someone — perhaps a female — is stripping in preparation for a session.

Suddenly, though, viewers realize that the nude model is a man.

The juxtaposition of the male body and the female voice was indeed a surprise. The effect was that a female sensitivity was given to a sometimes insensitive subject — the male body. Despite the awkward presence of, as the title of the film warns,

full frontal nudity, the film succeeds in making an emotional connection with viewers. In this case, one realizes the sacredness of the human body, in all forms, and the often absurd preoccupation Americans have with nudity.

The final seven films of the collection continue what "Full Frontal Nudity" begins — a look at the diverse nature of mankind's thoughts, fears, likes and dislikes. "Restroom" acts as a teaching tool to those interested in everything having to do

with lavatories. Using various scenes from a "Leave it to Beaver" dinner to a Mafia shoot-out, the film humorously but effectively brings the bathroom into American social prominence.

Addressing a more serious subject through lighthearted teen angst, "Pocket Guide to White Youth" flashes through various sequences of typical American teenagers. But when the film spirals toward its attack on suburban race relations, it strays from the "Dawson's Creek" it tries to be and advances toward the "American History X" it becomes. Well, perhaps it is not as dramatically heavy as "X," but it does prove to be a smart commentary on "White Youth."

Perhaps the wackiest of the 15 films, "Leather Coat" at first glance looks to be another social commentary on the dreary subject of homelessness. But it quickly becomes a farcical enjoyment that puts into question the motives of those advantaged Americans who at all costs try to help the disadvantaged. But like "Pocket Guide to White Youth," the film ends bravely, with the goodness of good will winning out over the cynical nature of life in the '90s.

Finally, "Love Dad" takes a look at dads and their unwillingness to show their love for their kids, especially their sons. But instead of some mother-daughter melodrama on the lines of last fall's "Anywhere But Here," "Love Dad" is a slapstick

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



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Robert De Niro will receive a lifetime achievement award at the Berlin Film Festival.

Film Festival will honor De Niro's life

BERLIN

Robert De Niro will be honored with a lifetime achievement award next month at the Berlin Film Festival.

Festival chief Moritz de Hadeln said De Niro "has captivated the theater public worldwide with some of the most exciting and noteworthy acting performances in films."

De Hadeln said he hopes De Niro will accept the award in person during the Feb. 9-20 festival, which also will feature 12 of De Niro's movies.

De Niro won an Academy Award for best actor in 1980 for "Raging Bull." His other movies include the Oscar-winning "The Godfather Part II," "Taxi Driver" and "The Deer Hunter."

Boss makes encore of reunion tour

NEW YORK

The Boss and his band are coming back for an encore of their acclaimed reunion tour.

On Tuesday, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band announced 28 new shows in 24 cities beginning in February and running through June.

The first show is scheduled for Feb. 28 at State College, Pa. Tickets go on sale Feb. 5. The tour concludes with a five-night stand at Madison Square Garden — June 12, 15, 17, 20 and 22. Those tickets go on sale Feb. 19.

Tickets will go on sale this Saturday in nine other cities, and additional shows will be announced later this year.

Last year, Springsteen and the band did 87 shows in 44 cities in Europe and the United States for more than 1.8 million fans.

It was their first extended series of shows in more than a decade and the second highest-grossing tour of 1999, bringing in \$61.4 million, according to Pollstar magazine.

1930s record may be Sinatra's first

HOBOKEN, N.J.

Experts say a lacquered aluminum record from the 1930s could contain Frank Sinatra's first recording as a solo artist.

The recording, made by amateur musician Walter Costello, features Sinatra singing "Roses of Picardy," accompanied by Costello on the accordion.

"My opinion is that the record is for real," said Tom Owen, a voice identification expert. "If it's not Sinatra, it's the best fake you could do."

Sometime over the past decade, sound from the warped record was transferred to a CD.

Costello's widow, Angela "Dolly" Calandriello, said she has no plans for the disc other than to display it at a Sinatra museum in Hoboken, called From Here to Eternity.

Tennis Hall of Fame inducts Navratilova

LOS ANGELES

The International Tennis Hall of Fame has thrown open its doors to Martina Navratilova.

She will be inducted July 15 in Newport, R.I.

In a career that stretched from 1973 until 1994, Navratilova won 167 singles titles and 165 doubles crowns, both records. Her singles titles include a record nine Wimbledon, four U.S. Opens, three Australian Opens and two French Opens.

NHL

Sabres shock Lightning, 2-1

Associated Press

BUFFALO
Miroslav Satan and Michael Peca scored goals 2:37 apart in the second period, leading the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday night.

Martin Biron made 21 saves for the Sabres, who snapped a three-game losing streak as well as a three-game home losing skid.

Darcy Tucker scored for Tampa Bay, which has lost six straight games and is 1-16-2 since mid-December. Dan Cloutier, who gave up eight goals Monday night at Washington, had 22 saves against the Sabres.

Satan opened the scoring with 8:01 remaining in the second period. He scooped up a loose puck behind the net and guided it into an empty net for his club-high 24th goal of the season. Cloutier misread the rebound on a shot by Cory Sarich and was caught on the wrong side of the goal.

Peca then scored his eighth goal of the season, poking home a rebound after Cloutier made the stop on Eric Rasmussen's slapshot.

Tucker spoiled Biron's shutout bid 1:30 into the third period. Chris Gratton made a nice pass from behind the net, and Tucker scored his 13th goal with a shot through Biron's glove.

The Sabres remain 11th in the Eastern Conference standings, but moved within four points of Boston for eighth place and the final playoff seeding.

The team also announced

goaltender Dominik Hasek is slated to practice for a limited time with the team Wednesday morning. It will be his first participation in a team practice since a groin injury Oct. 29.

Rangers 4, Penguins 3

Mike Knuble scored twice in the third period and the New York Rangers won their seventh game in a row, rallying twice from two-goal deficits to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Rangers were 1-17-3 when trailing after two periods until Knuble tied it with his eighth goal at 8:48, then won it by grabbing a loose puck along the goal line and lifting it over goaltender Tom Barrasso at 15:37.

The winning streak is the Rangers' longest since the 1993-94 season and was accomplished largely on the road, as they completed a four-game road sweep by winning three times in four nights in three cities.

By winning eight of nine, the Rangers (21-20-7) have moved over .500 for the first time since Oct. 17.

The Penguins squandered a two-goal lead for the second time in three nights and are 1-2-1 without injured NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr, who has an injured stomach muscle and may not play again until after the All-Star break.

The Rangers, obviously growing weary of the road, looked tired and sluggish for most of two periods before closing to 3-2 on Valeri Kamensky's fifth goal at 8:05 of the second period.

Knuble tied it in the third, grabbing a rebound of Eric Lacroix's shot as it skittered along the goal line near the right-wing boards and wristling over Barrasso's right shoulder at a difficult angle.

Knuble's game-winning goal came from the opposite side of the ice and gave the Rangers their first victory in Pittsburgh in exactly three years, or since Jan. 25, 1997. The teams' last three games in Pittsburgh ended in ties.

The Penguins, 1-6-1 in their last eight games, took an early 2-0 lead for the second game in a row. For the second consecutive game, they quickly lost it.

Former Rangers player Alexei Kovalev deflected a shot off goaltender Mike Richter on a Penguins power play at 7:19 of the first period — his 16th goal and third in six games against New York. Richter stopped 20 of 23 shots and faced only three shots in the third period.

Pittsburgh made it 2-0 at 13:23 on Tyler Wright's fifth goal, off Matthew Barnaby's backhanded pass from along the boards and into the low slot. But, just as they did in Sunday's 4-4 tie against Philadelphia, the Jagr-less Penguins couldn't keep their momentum, or the lead, as the Rangers' Tim Taylor scored his ninth goal less than a minute later.

Hans Jonsson restored the Penguins' two-goal lead with Pittsburgh's fourth short-handed goal of the season, putting in a rebound of Tom Chorske's missed shot on a breakaway at 4:51 of the second.

Rangers, Penguins miss Stevens on ice

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

There was something — actually, someone — missing from the New York Rangers-Pittsburgh Penguins rivalry on Tuesday, and it bothered the Penguins as much as it did the Rangers.

Kevin Stevens, a Rangers forward and a star on the Penguins' Stanley Cup championship teams in 1991 and 1992, wasn't on the ice. He wasn't even with his team.

Instead, Stevens is awaiting treatment in a substance abuse facility after being arrested early Sunday in suburban St. Louis on felony drug charges. A prostitute who was with Stevens told police that the player purchased \$500 worth of crack cocaine before his arrest.

Stevens was one of the most popular Penguins ever, not just with the fans but with his teammates, and his personal troubles clearly troubled the players who once played alongside him.

"It's sad, it really is," Penguins forward Rob Brown said. "You don't want to see anybody get in trouble. I hope it's a wakeup call and he gets the help he needs. Maybe this will turn his life around. He's got a wonderful family."

Stevens has two children, and his wife is pregnant with the couple's third child.

Penguins owner Mario Lemieux, who played alongside Stevens on the Penguins' top line for nearly five years, issued a statement of support for Stevens, who faces imprisonment if convicted of a felony.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Kevin and his family," Lemieux said. "He knows that his many friends in the Pittsburgh Penguins organization are here to help him in any way possible during this difficult time."

Several players said they

couldn't believe it when word of Stevens' arrest filtered through Mellon Arena during the Philadelphia Flyers-Penguins game Sunday night.

"He was a very good hockey player — and a very good guy," said Penguins captain Jaromir Jagr, whose transition to the NHL as an 18-year-old rookie in 1991 admittedly was eased by playing alongside Lemieux, Stevens and Ron Francis. "It's too bad it happened to him."

Assistant coach Eddie Johnston, the Penguins general manager when he acquired Stevens from the Los Angeles Kings in 1983, remembered how Stevens often loosened up the locker room with his humor.

But he also said Stevens was a leader, such as when Stevens promised the Penguins wouldn't lose their Wales Conference championship series against Boston in 1991 even after they fell behind 2-0.

The Penguins won the next four games.

Stevens had 54 goals in 1991-92 and 55 in 1992-93, when the Penguins set an NHL record by winning 17 consecutive games. He scored 40 or more goals for four consecutive seasons from 1990-94, finishing with 251 goals and 276 assists in 458 Penguins games from 1987-95.

Stevens' scoring dropped up significantly after he smacked the ice face-first and was knocked unconscious in the Penguins' Game 7 upset loss to the New York Islanders in the 1993 playoffs.

Still, the Penguins apparently were interested in reacquiring Stevens just prior to Stevens' arrest.

"I don't know if he was coming back, but I know that [general manager] Craig Patrick was talking to the Rangers about some things," Johnston said.

"I know there was a possibility that he [Stevens] was going to be bought out, so there was a possibility he might be available."

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NFL

Titans, Rams tighten lips to media

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Call it the Ray Buchanan Rule.

The Tennessee Titans and St. Louis Rams, both Super Bowl neophytes, left their dog collars at home Tuesday. For good measure, they avoided anything that could be construed as an insult and respectfully declined to guarantee a victory in Sunday's game.

"We want to be careful in what we say and what we do," Tennessee receiver Derrick Mason said Tuesday at the annual phenomenon known as media day. "We don't want to say anything about the Rams that might get them motivated."

A year ago, Buchanan first guaranteed a victory, then arrived for interviews wearing a silver-studded dog collar as a way of dramatizing his team's underdog role against the Denver Broncos.

Instead of being motivated,

the Falcons melted, losing 34-19.

With that in mind, everyone watched their words this year.

"We're not going to do stuff like that," Rams tight end Roland Williams said. "We're going first class to get the job done. We respect our fine opponent, the Tennessee Titans."

Hey, wait a minute. Who's that guy over there wearing the black bandana and carrying a microphone? Why, it's Mr. Dog Collar himself.

"These guys look a little tense, a little intense," Buchanan said, a special media badge around his neck instead of something studded. "They need to loosen up, have some fun."

Figuring he was just the guy to dress down this formal affair, Buchanan waded into a group of reporters surrounding Titans safety Blaine Bishop, armed with a microphone from the Black Entertainment Television network.

"You should be loose. There

should be a smile on your face," Buchanan advised, grinning mischievously.

"I'm pretty loose," Bishop responded, managing a weak smile.

"Just don't guarantee a victory," Buchanan quipped.

"Oh, no," Bishop said. "I would never do that. Not with all the weapons they have."

Not the kind of answer you'd get from Deion Sanders or Jim McMahon. Then again, this game just doesn't have the star power of past Super Bowls.

Many reporters kept glancing at the one-page rosters that were handed out at the Georgia Dome, trying to figure out who they were talking to.

No. 77. Who's that?

Long before each team exhausted its one-hour session, the crowd in front of most podiums went from thick to thin. Soon, reporters were interviewing each other, pointing microphones toward players-turned-commentators like Joe Theismann, Jim Kelly and Ron Jaworski.

Players Association files against Cards

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz.

The NFL Players Association filed a grievance against the Arizona Cardinals, saying the team improperly retained its franchise player tag.

The Players Association claims the Cardinals violated the collective-bargaining agreement last year by negotiating a deal with franchise player, Rob Moore, that was designed to ensure the franchise player tag could be used on a different player this year.

The union says Arizona should lose its right to apply the tag to another player for the four-year duration of Moore's contract, a move that could keep the Cardinals from designating star defensive end Simeon Rice as its franchise player this year.

At issue in the grievance, filed two weeks ago, is whether Arizona came to a one-year agreement with Moore while a long-term deal already was completed or near completion simply to retain the franchise tag.

By announcing a one-year agreement with Moore 12 days before a multi-year deal was inked, Arizona believed it had retained the right to use its franchise tag on another player for the 2000 season.

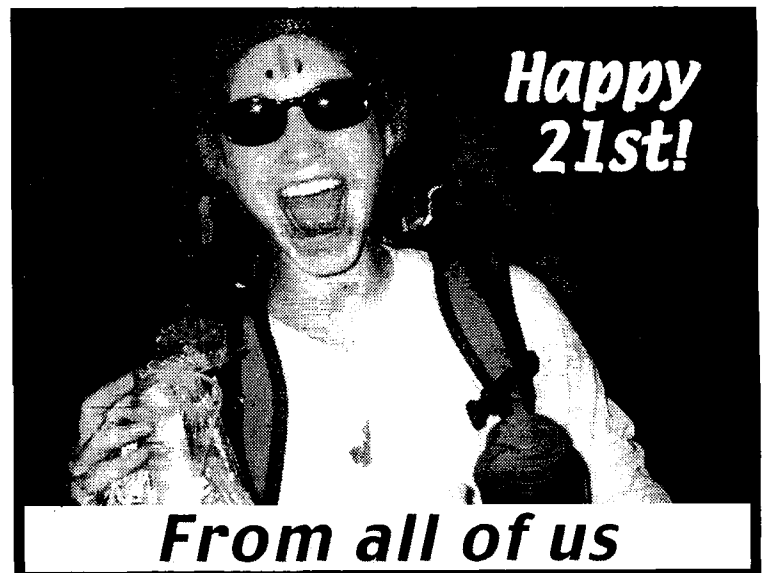
Had the four-year deal been announced originally, the Cardinals would have lost the franchise tag for the duration of that contract.

"Any situation in which there was a wink, nod or tacit agreement," in order to retain the tag is not allowable, Richard Berthelsen, general counsel of the NFLPA, told the Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix.



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NFL

Judge denies Belichick's request

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.

Bill Belichick remained a coach without a team Tuesday as a federal judge denied his request for an order allowing him to seek another NFL coaching job.

In a sternly worded ruling, U.S. District Court Judge John W. Bissell said Belichick created the very problems he asked the court to solve for him when he resigned as coach of the New York Jets one day after being appointed to succeed Bill Parcells.

His lawyers claimed the NFL is preventing Belichick from making a living the only way he knows, and Bissell acknowledged Belichick's distress at not having a team to coach.

"But who does he have to blame for that?" Bissell asked.

"He had a head coaching position with the New York Jets, highly compensated, with the prestige, the title, the exposure, the market and the team that certainly should have provided to him adequate rewards. It was he who turned his back on that," Bissell said in denying Belichick's request for a temporary restraining order that would have enabled him to seek coaching opportunities with other NFL teams, notably the New England Patriots. "In large measure, he put himself in this position."

Belichick, angry with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling last week that he cannot coach another team this year without the Jets' permission, sued the league on Monday. His lawyer, Jeffrey Kessler, said the league's coaches have been ordered to "boycott" Belichick in violation of federal antitrust laws.

Tagliabue's ruling applied only to the upcoming 2000 football season, and did not address the other two years remaining on

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**Jeffrey Kessler
Belichick's lawyer**

the contract Belichick signed with former Jets owner Leon Hess, who died a year ago.

That \$1.4 million contract called for Belichick to become coach upon Parcells' retirement, which occurred Jan. 3. Belichick stunned the team by resigning the next day, citing the uncertainties posed by the impending sale of the team, and potential problems from Parcells' continuing association with the team in a front-office capacity.

The judge scheduled a conference call with lawyers for the sides Wednesday to determine if another hearing should be held Friday to consider a preliminary injunction enabling Belichick to seek another job in the league.

The practical difference between a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction is that an injunction could last longer. But, more significantly, if Bissell denied a preliminary injunction, Belichick's lawyers would then be free to take the case to a federal appeals court.

Bissell said an early look at evidence in the case did not bode well for Belichick's antitrust claims. He said Tagliabue's ruling prohibiting Belichick from coaching elsewhere for the 2000 season was logical and well-reasoned, and said the league's anti-tampering policy was "a legitimate program to ensure the sanctity of contracts."

Belichick's lawyers argued that he would suffer irreparable

harm if a restraining order was not granted. Kessler said New England presents an ideal situation for Belichick, who was an assistant there under Parcells. He also said there is no guarantee that Belichick would receive another head coaching offer.

"New England is particularly well-suited for him," Kessler told the judge. "It's in a conference he knows, he coached there, he's familiar with the players, and he has a relationship with the owner of the team. If this opportunity is lost to coach Belichick, there is no assurance he will ever be given another opportunity to be a head coach in the NFL again."

Bissell rejected that assertion, noting that former Philadelphia Eagles coach Dick Vermeil, after a long absence from coaching, led St. Louis into the Super Bowl.

"We do have examples of people who have left the NFL coaching lines and returned to successful revivals of their careers: Bill Parcells, Jimmy Johnson, and Dick Vermeil. Mr. Belichick a year from now will bring to the table, for any team that may have a vacancy, still an excellent resume," the judge said. "He's acknowledged as a defensive genius. He will not lose the benefit of that ability or that reputation one year from now. He is being asked to abide by the consequences of his own actions."

Kessler said he was disappointed by the judge's ruling, but declined further comment until after he could discuss it with Belichick, who did not attend the hearing.

Jets lawyer Glenn Kurtz declined comment other than to say, "We're happy with the decision."

He would not say whether the Jets would pay Belichick's salary if he were forced to sit out the 2000 season.

"That never came up," he said.

NCAA

NCAA adopts basket review rule

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Officials will be allowed to review last-second baskets on a replay monitor under a rule change adopted Tuesday by the NCAA.

The men's and women's basketball rules committees unanimously approved the change after an emergency conference call Monday. The change takes effect Friday once officials are made aware of the change.

The rare midseason switch was prompted by controversies over last-second baskets that altered the outcome of recent games, including Johnny Hemsley's buzzer-beating 3-pointer Jan. 17 that gave Miami a 67-66 win over Villanova, and the final basket in Texas A&M's 88-86 victory Jan. 15 over Texas Tech.

"Obviously there is no call in the game that is more important, and it's the one call that's remembered longer than any other. If we have the technology available to help us, we want to make sure we

use it to get the call right," said Reggie Minton, chairman of the men's basketball rules committee and Air Force coach.

Previously, officials were barred from using monitors to see if a shot was released before or after the buzzer, which led to the suspension of a Big 12 referee who counted Texas A&M's game-winning basket.

Officials at the Miami-Villanova game declined to review their decision to count Hemsley's three-pointer.

The last time the NCAA made a midseason rule change was in 1990-91, to stiffen the penalty for fighting.

Villanova coach Steve Lappas welcomed the change Tuesday, but said it should be used to reverse his team's loss.

"I think, first of all, they're a day late and a dollar short, that's for sure," Lappas told The Associated Press. "Do I think it's better for the game? Yes, I do. But I think it should be grandfathered in, as they say — or don't put it into effect until next year."

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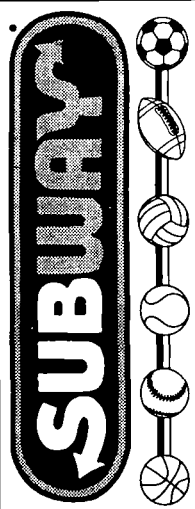
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agassi meets Sampras in semis

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia
At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round too soon in the Australian Open semifinals.

It is the final before the final, a match that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

The women final would be infused with greater drama if Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport, Olympic champions who took different paths to reach the same juncture, were to meet for the title. Instead, they will face each other in the semifinals.

Reaching the semis on the other side of the women's draw Wednesday were three-time defending champion Martina Hingis and 1998 runner-up Conchita Martinez.

Hingis crushed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-1, 6-1, and Martinez emerged a 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 winner over Elena Likhovtseva, who had previously knocked out Serena Williams.

Defending men's champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the semis, beating Younes El Aynaoui 6-0, 6-3, 7-6 (4), and will face the winner of Wednesday night's match between No. 4 Nicolas Pietrangeli and No. 12 Magnus Norman.

Agassi and Sampras both are anticipating the high voltage that courses through all their matches, a charge that emanates from their days in the juniors and intensifies year by year as the stakes rise and they edge closer to the end of their careers.

On this occasion, Agassi will be seeking to become the first player to reach four straight Grand Slam finals since Rod Laver swept them all in 1969. For Sampras, history awaits as he tries to win his 13th major title and surpass Roy Emerson.

"Once 6 o'clock, 6:30 comes around, you get the nerves going and you feel like, 'This is it,'" Sampras said. "We are always a little nervous in the beginning of the matches, but once we get into it we are fine."

Yet there is a fear that Sampras senses against Agassi and no one else.

"He stands on the baseline and is basically looking you in the eye and saying, 'Ace me!' And if you don't ace him, he is going to pounce on that second serve," Sampras said.

Similarly, Agassi is undaunted by everyone else, but he knows that Sampras is capable of breaking down his baseline game with relentless net attacks.

"With Pete, there's a certain respect that goes along with playing him that makes you focus even more," Agassi said. "With the respect comes a level of anticipation and energy."

"It's always going to be close and it's always going to be a little that decides the difference. He's one of the greatest big-situation, big-match players that have ever played the game. Every time we're playing, it's a stage of the tournament when he's probably the least vulnerable. He's just a difficult player to beat."

The pity is that the top-seed-

ed Agassi and the third-seeded Sampras, so obviously performing at a higher level than everyone else in the Australian Open, will meet Thursday night, not in the final Sunday.

"It's much different playing a semi than a final," Sampras said. "It's the way the draw worked out. I would sooner walk out on Thursday with the atmosphere like a final, but we know there is a lot of work ahead, if he beats me or I beat him. On Sunday, you have that trophy sitting on the court."

From Agassi's point of view, too, the trophy is far more important than the rivalry.

"While I think it's better for the game if we play in the final, just because of the interest that it draws, it doesn't matter a lot," Agassi said. "We both feel like the other is the potential guy in our way."

By the time Sampras finished his aerial performance in the quarterfinals Tuesday night — flying high for overheads, launching 135 mph serves, rocketing backhands down the lines — he left no doubt he is ready to take on Agassi.

"I felt like I was playing one-on-one with Michael Jordan," Chris Woodruff said after absorbing a 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 pounding by Sampras. "He brought the A-game today. He came ready to play from the first ball. I didn't have a chance."

Sampras had struggled to find his rhythm the first week and nearly crashed out in the third round when he lost the first two sets to Wayne Black. But, as he has so often in the past, Sampras raised his game match by match.

"It took a week and a half, but it definitely came together tonight," Sampras said. "It was my best match

so far. As the match went on, my confidence grew and grew."

Of the 28 times Sampras and Agassi have played against each other in their pro careers, Sampras has won 17, including four of six in Grand Slam tournaments.

Agassi believes his best performance against Sampras came in the 1995 Australian Open final, which Agassi won in four sets.

"Quality wise, some of the best tennis that we ever had between us happened at the quarterfinals of Paris [indoors] in 1994," Agassi said. "Unfortunately, it wasn't televised back home, but it was incredible tennis, explosive and powerful."

"The match he probably played best against me, you could probably flip a coin between the 1990 final of the U.S. Open, or this last Wimbledon. But I would have to say last year at Wimbledon."

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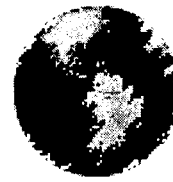
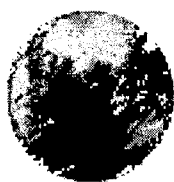
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NFL

Doctors rebuild Thomas' spine

Associated Press

MIAMI
Derrick Thomas underwent more than four hours of surgery Tuesday to rebuild part of his spine and doctors said his spinal cord was not damaged as badly as feared.

Thomas' spinal cord was severely bruised, neurosurgeon Barth Green said.

Doctors originally thought it might have been severed when Thomas, 33, was thrown from his car Sunday after losing control on an icy highway near Kansas City, Mo. Thomas broke his spine and neck and wound up semiconscious with no feeling in his legs.

Though the NFL star remained paralyzed from the chest down at Jackson Memorial Hospital, doctors expressed hope he'd walk again.

"There have been cases of people with similar injuries who have recovered and there have been people who haven't recovered," Green said.

"Anybody who knows Derrick knows that you don't bet against him. But it's too early to tell right now. We just have to see how he does."

Barth Green
Thomas' neurosurgeon

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The Kansas City Chiefs line-backer's operation included decompressing the spinal cord, stabilizing the spinal column with screws, titanium rods and hooks, and implanting bone grafts from Thomas' hip.

Doctors said surgery went as planned and that Thomas, who remained sedated Tuesday afternoon, could be transferred to a rehabilitation

facility in about two weeks. He already has begun working with therapists.

In the meantime, he will be surrounded with family and friends. His mother, Edith Morgan, and other relatives were at the hospital along with teammate James Hasty and former teammate Neil Smith.

"Derrick is in very good spirits, he's got his usual sense of humor and he's taking all of this one day at a time," Morgan said. "One of the first things he said to me was, 'Mom, I'm going to have to have a lot of rehab.' But he's real positive and real optimistic about everything."

"We know that we have a long road ahead of us, but we're going to get through this."

The hospital is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on several famous athletes, including race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Capriati sails into semis over Sugiyama

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia

If there were any doubts that Jennifer Capriati is ready to challenge for Grand Slam titles again, she erased them Tuesday as she charged into the Australian Open semifinals.

Not even a strained abdominal muscle, which caused her to take an early injury timeout, slowed Capriati in a thorough 6-0, 6-2 thrashing of Ai Sugiyama, who had knocked off No. 4 Mary Pierce.

Capriati, 23, hadn't reached a Grand Slam semifinals since Wimbledon and the U.S. in 1991, when she was almost universally viewed as the future star of women's tennis.

But she fell in the quarterfinals of majors six times over the next two years, then drifted out of the game and didn't return to play the full Grand Slam circuit until last year, when she failed to get past the fourth round.

This time, at a tournament where she had never gone past the quarters, she showed that all her work in coming back, all the practice sessions with coach Harold Solomon, all the counseling she has undergone, have paid off.

Playing under the closed roof because of light showers, Capriati crushed returns so consistently that Sugiyama managed to win only four points on serve in the first set, which lasted just 24 minutes. Capriati kept pummeling groundstrokes down the lines to race to a 4-0 lead in the second set before finally yielding on her own serve.

After Sugiyama held serve for the first and only time, Capriati closed out the match by holding serve easily and breaking Sugiyama for the sixth time to win in 55 minutes.

"I really felt in a groove out there," said Capriati, who hit

16 winners to Sugiyama's one.

Capriati shrugged off the injury and said it won't hamper her in the semis against the winner of Tuesday night's Lindsay Davenport-Julie Halard-Decugis match.

Martina Hingis felt sorry to see Serena Williams depart so soon from the Australian Open, only because she wanted to knock Williams out herself.

Williams, seeded No. 3, might have stood in Hingis' way in the semifinals but self-destructed with unforced errors in a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Russian Elena Likhovtseva.

Asked whether it was a relief for her to have Williams gone from the tournament, Hingis smiled and shook her head.

"I would have liked to play her actually, especially from what I've seen of her play," Hingis said. "She didn't do that great, so I thought I would have a good chance to beat her right here right now, because it has been my tournament for the last three years."

"A champion, even if she's not playing well, still gets through matches like that," Hingis said in a jab at Williams. "But she hasn't played much."

To become the first player to win the Australian Open four times in a row in the open era, Hingis must get past Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the quarters, Likhovtseva or Conchita Martinez in the semis, and, most likely, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport in the finals.

"You see all these girls out there, especially the younger ones, and they hit the ball so hard," Hingis said. "They run and they work every day. Then you see Conchita and Arantxa still in the draw and they make the quarterfinals again, over and over, because they use what they have. They use their weapons very well and they are very experienced. They know what to do out there. Sometimes that's more important than anything else."

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Texas uses stingy defense in 82-55 routing of Nebraska

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No. 25 St. Johns 61, Rutgers 57

Erick Barkley scored 18 points, including the final five of the game for St. John's, and the 25th-ranked Red Storm snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory over.

Lavor Postell added 16 points and nine rebounds for St. John's (13-4, 5-1). His free throw with 3:19 to play gave the Red Storm the lead for good at 56-55 and his block of a drive by Joel Salvi with 20 seconds to play and St. John's leading 60-57 sealed the victory at Madison Square Garden.

After Postell's free throw, Barkley hit a foul line jumper with 2:45 to play and three seconds left on the shot clock. Salvi scored on a rebound with 1:19 left to bring the Scarlet Knights (11-7, 3-3) within 58-57.

Barkley, who was just 7-for-20 from the field, then hit a driving jumper with 28 seconds to play and the shot clock again in single digits. Postell made his big defensive play eight seconds later and Barkley closed it out with a free throw with 7.3 seconds to play.

St. John's overcame a horrible shooting start — the Red Storm missed 13 of their first 14 shots — by closing the first half with a 10-1 run to get within 29-26 after trailing by as many as 12 points.

Neither team led by more than five points in the second half.

Chudney Gray added 11 points for St. John's, which finished 25-for-63 from the field (39.7 percent).

The Red Storm were 1-for-11 from three-point range with Barkley missing all five of his attempts.

Dahntay Jones led Rutgers with 18 points and 10 rebounds. It was his basket that tied the game 55-55 with 4:25 left. Jeff Greer had 11 points, all but two coming on 3-pointers.

St. John's had lost to Seton Hall and Ohio State last week after beating then-No. 5 Connecticut on its home court.

AUSTIN
Lawrence Williams and Chris Mihm each scored 14 points and No. 17 Texas held Nebraska to five points over the last 11 minutes of the first half in an 82-55 victory Tuesday night.

Williams was 4-of-5 from three-point range for Texas (13-5, 5-1). Steffon Bradford led Nebraska (9-10, 2-4) with 13 points.

Long on talent under the basket, Williams and the Longhorns found their shooting touch from the perimeter early. Texas hit five of its first six 3-point attempts.

The Longhorns also forced 14 Nebraska turnovers in the first half which Texas converted into 20 points. Texas forced 28 Nebraska turnovers for the game as Williams also had four steals.

Texas looked like it could be in for a long night when Nebraska center Kimani Ffriend caught Mihm flat-footed with a lightning quick spin move and layup for the game's first points.

Ffriend also blocked Mihm's first shot attempt before the Longhorns' 7-foot center made a layup and scored seven of his team's first 11 points.

The game was tied 14-14 at 12:28 of the first half when Texas caught fire from 3-point range. Chris McColpin, Lawrence Williams and Darren Kelly each hit 3-pointers in a 13-4 run that put Texas ahead 31-18.

After a timeout, Ivan Wagner hit an off-balance 3 from the top of the circle and Gabe Muoneke jammed two dunks as Texas reeled off a 14-5 run to close the half with a 45-23 lead. Muoneke also grabbed 14 rebounds.

The Longhorns kept up the pace in the second half as Wagner and Williams hit three straight three-pointers to stretch the lead to 60-32. Texas held its largest lead at 71-36 with 8:33 to play.

The loss left Cornhuskers coach Danny Nee one victory shy of 253 wins at Nebraska, the school record held by Joe

The victory was the sixth straight over Rutgers for St. John's, a streak that dates to Jan. 29, 1997.

Indiana 85, Michigan 50

Indiana's defense never looked better. Michigan's offense never looked worse.

Kirk Haston had 19 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday night, including eight points during a 25-2 first-half run that carried Indiana to an 85-50 victory over the struggling Wolverines.

Michigan (12-5, 3-3) came in as the best-shooting team in the conference, but with Indiana coach Bob Knight shouting "Defense!" from the sideline, the Hoosiers (15-3, 5-2) applied constant pressure that held the Wolverines to a season-low 25 percent from the field.

Indiana wasn't much better at the start, but after the first few minutes the Hoosiers began hitting their shots while the Wolverines never recovered.

After a three-point play by LaVell Blanchard, who finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, the Wolverines managed just one field goal over the next nine minutes.

The Hoosiers reeled off 14 straight points, including six by A.J. Guyton and four by Haston. After a basket by Michigan's Peter Vignier, Indiana ran off another 11 straight points for a 39-11 lead.

The Wolverines had made just 3-of-22 shots at that point, and they

missed their next nine shots before another three-point play by Blanchard with 2:42 left in the half.

Indiana took a 45-18 lead at halftime and, playing reserves much of the second half, built the margin to 38 points. Guyton finished with 18 points and freshman Jeffrey Newton had 10 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

Michigan, which has won only two games on the road, started hitting some shots in the second half, but by that time, it didn't matter.

Two three-point baskets by Guyton and a fast-break dunk by Lynn Washington pushed the Indiana lead to 57-23. The Hoosiers matched their 34-point margin 20 seconds later

when Guyton hit two free throws on a technical against a frustrated Wolverines coach Brian Ellerbe, who claimed one of his players had been fouled.

Knight yanked most of his starters midway through the second half, and Indiana took its biggest lead at 76-38 on a three-point basket by Luke Jimenez with 5:45 to go.

The only other Michigan player in double figures besides Blanchard was Jamal Crawford with 12 points.

The Wolverines' previous low shooting percentage this season was 38 percent at Boston College last month. The previous low for an Indiana opponent was 30 percent by Canisius.

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Cavaliers snap five-game losing streak in overtime win

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CLEVELAND

Brevin Knight found his range just in time and Bob Sura scored a career-high 31 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing streak Tuesday night with a 116-107 overtime win against the Detroit Pistons.

Knight, who missed his first four field-goal attempts, scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and four more in overtime on 7-of-8 shooting as the Cavs rallied after blowing a 19-point lead.

Cleveland, playing its first

home game following a disastrous 1-6, West Coast road trip, outscored the Pistons 20-11 in overtime.

Jerry Stackhouse, forced to carry the scoring load with star Grant Hill injured, scored a season-high 38 points for the Pistons. Hill missed his second straight game with a bruised right hip despite getting all-day treatments.

Lamond Murray had 19 points — nine in overtime — and Shawn Kemp had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who were welcomed home by just

10,930 fans, the smallest crowd in Gund Arena history. Kemp played just 23 minutes because of foul trouble.

Lindsey Hunter added 17 points and Terry Mills 14 and 12 rebounds for the Pistons, who lost their fifth straight.

With the score tied 96-all, Stackhouse, who scored 24 points in the second half, missed a fadeaway jumper from the left corner at the regulation buzzer.

Sura scored to open the extra session and Knight's defense was responsible for Cleveland's next two baskets. He tipped away a Detroit pass before hitting a short jumper to make it 100-96, and then made a steal that Murray followed by draining a 3-pointer to put the Cavs up by seven.

After trailing by 14 to start the second half, the Pistons quickly pulled within eight after Mills hit two three-pointers in the first four minutes. And when the Cavs failed to get out to cover him again, the 6-foot-10 Mills hit another trey to bring Detroit within 61-55.

Jud Buechler's three cut Cleveland's lead to 67-63, and with Kemp on the bench with four fouls, the Pistons closed the quarter with a 13-1 run to open a 73-68 lead after three.

Even Hill, dressed in street clothes and sitting at the end of Detroit's bench, was impressed, gingerly walking out onto the court to greet his teammates when they came off the floor.

Heat 115, Celtics 89

The Miami Heat ran off 16 consecutive points in the second period for a 25-point lead and coasted past the Boston Celtics.

Voshon Lenard scored 21 points and Alonzo Mourning 20 for the Heat, who shot 55 percent, including 9-of-13 on three-pointers. Miami's starters played only half the game and took the fourth quarter off.

The Celtics missed 13 consec-

utive shots early in the second quarter, which allowed the Heat to score 16 points in a row, their largest run of the season, for a 47-22 lead.

The margin was 59-39 at half-time, and Boston was never closer than 18 points after that.

Miami won without starting guard Dan Majerle, who went on the injured list before the game. He's expected to be sidelined six weeks with a stress fracture in his left leg.

Boston played without starting forward Paul Pierce, who strained his left hamstring Saturday against Charlotte.

Pacers 93, Phoenix 87

A return home was just what the Indiana Pacers needed.

After losing three consecutive road games, the Pacers defeated for their 14th straight victory in Conseco Fieldhouse.

Reggie Miller led Indiana with 21 points, including four free throws in the final 24 seconds that helped Indiana hold off the Suns after they had reduced an 18-point deficit to one.

Clifford Robinson led the Suns with 24 points and Jason Kidd had 22.

Phoenix trailed 83-68 after Miller, who made all 10 of his free throw attempts, was fouled attempting a three-pointer and hit all three shots with 7:35 to play. But Indiana missed its next seven shots while the Suns rallied.

Consecutive three-pointers by Rodney Rogers ignited an 11-point run by Phoenix. Sam Perkins responded with a 3-pointer to give Indiana an 86-79 lead.

Two free throws by Jalen Rose, who had 15 points, put Indiana ahead 88-79 with 3:55 remaining. Phoenix then surged again on a layup and jumper by Penny Hardaway and four free throws by Kidd.

Dale Davis made one of two free throws for Indiana, which shot only 29 percent from the field in the fourth quarter, to give Indiana an 89-87 edge with 39.4 seconds remaining.

After Tom Gugliotta threw up an airball for Phoenix, Miller was fouled with 23.7 seconds

left and his free throws put Indiana ahead 91-87. He then hit two more free throws after Kidd missed an off-balance 3-point attempt.

Kings 110, Hornets 99

Nick Anderson scored a season-high 29 points and the Sacramento Kings kicked off their longest road trip in 13 years with a victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Chris Webber had 30 points and Sacramento shot 53 percent in its first victory in Charlotte in nearly 10 years.

The Kings, starting an eight-game Eastern swing, shot 9-of-17 from three-point range, including their first three in the fourth quarter. Anderson led the way with a 3-for-3 showing from beyond the arc, helping Sacramento end the Hornets' five-game home winning streak and four-game overall winning streak.

Charlotte could not overcome an off night by top scorer Eddie Jones, who missed 11 of his first 13 field-goal attempts and wound up with 11 points on 5-for-18 shooting.

The Kings hit three-pointers on back-to-back possessions in the fourth, with a 26-footer from Anderson making it 100-89 with 5:36 remaining.

Charlotte got no closer than eight, and Sacramento stretched it as high as 12 in the closing minutes.

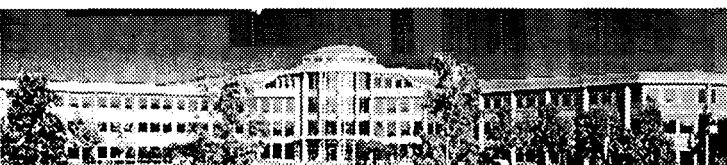
Hawks 96, Bulls 89

Isaiah Rider scored 28 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 14 points and 23 rebounds to lead the Atlanta Hawks past the Chicago Bulls.

In a game between the two worst teams in the Central Division, the Hawks put together their first two-game winning streak since Dec. 8.

Mutombo's rebound total, his best since pulling down 29 against Minnesota on Dec. 14, helped Atlanta to a 52-42 advantage on the boards.

Elton Brand, who fouled out with 1:01 remaining, led the Bulls with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Ron Artest had 17 points and four steals.



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Irish fans should take cue from Wolverines

The semester has just started, but I already have some confessions to make.

First of all, like I said once last year, I don't know a whole lot about hockey. Secondly, despite being a so-called sports-writer, before last Friday, I had never actually been to a Notre Dame hockey game.



Ted Fox

Fox Sports... Almost

However, over break, I had the chance to attend two Michigan hockey games with a friend who prides himself on being a Wolverine. The second game was on Michigan's home ice at Yost Ice Arena.

My third confession? Well, whenever I go to Yost, although I have a general aversion to cheering for any sports team donning the maize and blue, I become a Michigan fan for three periods.

How, you ask, could someone whose dislike of Michigan football pumps through his blue and gold blood and who has little more than a working knowledge of hockey attend and enthusiastically cheer for the enemy for three hours?

Confession No. 4: It's really fun to mess with the other team, especially their goalie.

Now I don't mean just standing there by yourself, yelling: "Hey Burleigh. Your mom wears combat boots!" But when the whole crowd starts to mess with the other team, well, that's just beautiful.

Example: Michigan just scored its third goal of the game. Everyone holds up three fingers and waits for the announcer to say who scored the goal and who collected the assists. Then, someone in the band yells: "Ready!" like a drill sergeant, and everyone counts out: "One! Two! Three!" Then, while twirling their index fingers yell, "We want moooooore goals!"

And finally, the conclusion, by far the best part, the whole house accusingly points at the goalie, first screaming "Sieve!" about seven times, and then, "It's all your fault!" four more times.

A mid-game variant of this cheer occurs when a face lost somewhere in the crowd bellows out the goalie's name to which everyone immediately responds, "Sieve!" It goes on as long as the bellow's voice holds out.

The reason I bring all this good-natured yelling up has to do with the absence of this environment at the Notre Dame's game versus Western Michigan on the Jan. 21.

Sure, there were about 20 or 25 students who heckled and cheered in this way, and I give them credit for doing so. However, when

there is only a handful of people getting into the act, you can't call that a raucous atmosphere.

Twenty people yelling "Sieve!" doesn't quite have the effect of a couple thousand.

The person who heard most of the heckling was not the Broncos' goalie but the usher who told the small group to clean up their cheering act.

Please, they haven't seen an entire crowd take up this mission to annoy and bother the opposing squad. They've only seen a few guys who like to think of themselves as "freedom fighters" but whose revolution is often met by the deafening silence of the cavernous JACC.

We can't let this be the case. The student section on the other side of the maze of concourses at the Joyce is coming back to life for basketball games, so why not make the rink just as imposing?

I'm not saying copy Michigan's cheers. The guys cheering now have a good base of heckles. Although the lengthy tirades shouted at the goalie by one fan don't really do much except wear one person's voice out.

If everyone, or most everyone, could join in and direct those guilty of penalties, "To the box!" or remind the goalie, "It's all your fault!" (except, of course, when he makes 52 saves, as the Western goalie did) the JACC would be transformed into a true college hockey venue.

After that, people will look at the Joyce Center a little differently.

Hockey seniors across the country will tell the incoming freshmen: "Going to South Bend? Man, that's tough."

And then, stating the obvious, a new sign will be hung outside the JACC bearing this simple message: "When the JACC starts a-rockin', don't come a-knockin'."

Or we could just forget that last part and leave it to become a really tough place to skate three periods.

That works for me.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Berticelli

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pushed his players to do the same.

"I had been injured and out for a while and then I came back and got another minor injury," said Ryan Cox, a senior Irish forward. "I shied away from playing because I was afraid of getting injured again and he came up to me and said, 'You need to get back on track and get over that injury mentality.' He was very direct with the team — if he thought you should be doing something or needed to improve on something, he would come right out and tell you. He was that kind of coach."

In a career that spanned three decades, Berticelli earned enough professional accolades to fill a room.

He was awarded consecutive coach-of-the-year honors from 1977 to 1984, then again in 1989 and 1993 in the conferences in which he coached.

Berticelli's players respected him both on and off the field. They paint a picture of a man who was dedicated not only to his passion for coaching but also his concern for others.

"He'd go to bat for anybody," said Maio. "He was everybody's friend on the team and he would support his players no matter what their history ... He was always there when you needed to talk. He was a coach and a friend."

His dedication to his players' well being was so apparent that his players viewed him as more than simply a coach.

"He was very demanding, but he always had your back," said Cox. "He would support you no matter what. You could call him in the middle of the night and he would be there for you — he was just that type of father figure."

In October, after garnering his 100th win as Irish head coach, Berticelli told about his strong love for Notre Dame.

"One of the quotes Lou Holtz used to say is that 'No matter what background you come from or what you think is important, Notre Dame will not become you, you will become Notre Dame,'" said Berticelli. "For me, that reflects all the beliefs and traditions of this place. Everyone here has their priorities in the right place."

Luckily for Notre Dame, Berticelli's heart was there, too.

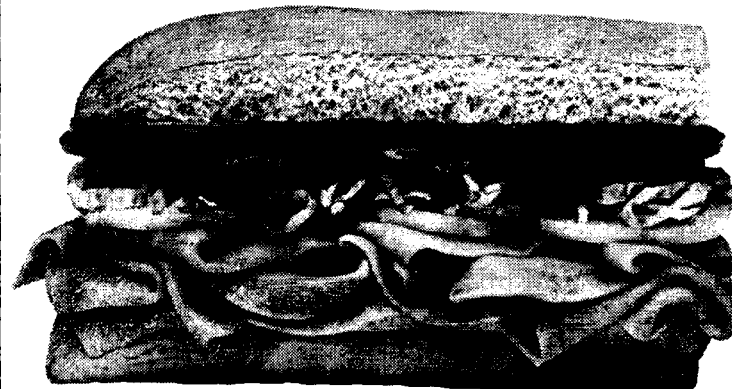


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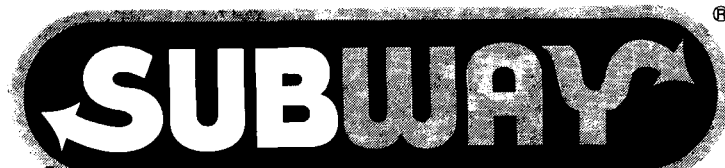


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we're going to put things together and we'll be the team to beat."

That day better come soon. With just 10 games remaining on the regular season schedule, the Irish need to make a move if they hope to earn a NCAA bid.

Saturday's game with St. John's could be the turning point of the season. A win over the Red Storm would get the Irish in the right frame of mind as the season winds down toward rematches against Syracuse, Connecticut and Miami.

But the Irish obviously didn't have that frame of mind last night, as two Irish players were benched for not being mentally prepared.

"Everyone has a scouting report and they're supposed to know the players or group of players they could possibly guard," head coach Matt Doherty said. "David [Graves] and Harold [Swanagan] weren't as prepared as I would have liked them. So I got on them and told them starting is a reward. After that I said this was behind us and I thought Jere and Ivan should start."

In addition to not being prepared, last night's 63-49 loss to the Hurricanes could be an indication that the Irish are going to have a difficult stretch ahead of them.

"During the key moments we tried to turn things around and hope momentum would swing our way," Dillon said. "It's tough. It's the Big East and it's hard for us, but we're going to strike back and learn from it and get ready to play Saturday."

"Our defensive effort wasn't bad," Dillon continued. "We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. That was the bottom line."

According to Doherty, the loss had nothing to do with a lack of effort.

"I think at Rutgers they took the fight out of us. Tonight I think our kids competed," Doherty said. "We didn't execute our plays as well as we should have, but that's something we'll work on."

It has been Notre Dame's

"play hard" attitude that has bred confidence and made this season a successful one. On the down side, it has also been a source of encouragement for opposing teams.

"I think our players' effort tonight was a result of the respect our players have for the Notre Dame basketball program," Miami head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "The coach has done a tremendous job with that team. They play within themselves. They have one of the top four or five players in the country. They are a tremendous shooting team and our youngsters went in to the game with a clear understanding that if we were not on our defensive game tonight we could very well have our hat handed to us."

Nevertheless, Doherty was apologetic about his team's performance.

"I want to apologize to the fans and the students. I appreciate them being there. That means a lot to me and the guys. We want nothing more than to give them reason to get them really excited and we didn't do that. It's not that we didn't try. I promise you that."

And the Irish will be sure to give it the good ol' college try when nationally ranked St. John's storms into town.

"I think we really have to watch the film and see what we can do in the framework of our personality and what we have," Doherty said. "I'm not going to scrap our offense or what we've been doing because it's been successful here and it's been successful at Kansas. We just have to make sure we execute it."

Dillon, however, still remains confident and knows the Irish will be ready to play Saturday. The only question for him is whether St. John's will be ready for Notre Dame.

"I've been here four years now and I was talking to people before the game and they're asking, 'Are you going to be ready for these guys,'" Dillon said. "I don't look at it like that anymore. Those teams should be ready for us."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare to weather Red Storm in Big East match up

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

While everyone wants to win, there is always an advantage to being the underdog. If you're not at the top, then you have nothing to lose.

That's not the case with the Irish this season, however, as they sit atop the Big East rankings with an unblemished conference record and hold fast to a fifth-place national ranking. Riding an 11-game winning streak, the Irish have little room for improvement and everything to lose.

But as pressure seemingly mounts for the Irish as they enter a pivotal final stretch of the regular season, the squad isn't nervous.

"Most people say that with being ranked fifth in the nation comes more pressure, but we don't put emphasis on that. We don't feel it that much," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "We've just been concentrating on playing well during each game."

In fact, the only pressure the Irish have felt most of the season is the pressure that they've put on their opponents.

Despite a rocky 4-2 start, the Irish have doled out decisive defeats to their opponents since their winning streak began in December. And the only two losses that scar the squad's 15-2 record were on the road to Illinois and Purdue — two top 20 teams.

Downing their opponents by double digits in all but one of their wins, the Irish have seen stellar performances by more players than just their starters.

"We're a deep team. That's one of our advantages," said Riley. "We change the starting line up around quite a bit."

Riley has been a necessary

component of the squad's winning style. The junior All-American candidate leads the Irish across the board, averaging more than 15 points and seven rebounds a game.

Veteran guard Niele Ivey has also been a solid player all season. Even though she is the third-leading scorer for the Irish, she leads the team in assists, proving herself as a playmaker.

With a firm foundation for the team to be built around Riley and Ivey, the rest of the Irish players have stepped up when necessary to get the job done.

"Each game a different player steps up," said Riley. "Everyone has the ability and each time it's someone new."

Freshman starter Alicia Ratay has had her share of impressive outings. She leads the team in scoring and comes up with key baskets at several points throughout the season. Meanwhile, senior guard Danielle Green had her best game of the season as she turned on the heat to lead the Irish in their win over Miami (Fla.) Saturday.

Riley also credits the team's chemistry for their success so far this season.

"This year we're a lot closer as a team," said Riley. "I think that has a lot to do with experienced players coming back. During my freshman year, we were a relatively young team. This season we've got more experience and play together well."

Given the squad's style of play, which calls for a big presence in the paint backed by more than capable shooting from the perimeter, any player on the court can earn her time in the spotlight.

The Irish will have their next opportunity to shine tonight as they make their

final stop on a three-game away stint in New York to take on the Red Storm of St. John's.

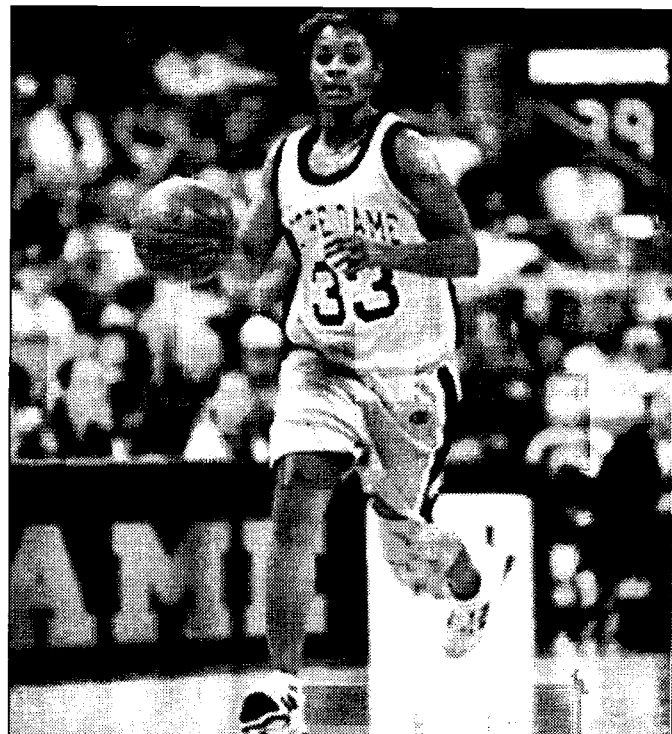
The Irish won't be doing anything different than what has worked for them all season long when they step on the court.

"We really don't change our game plan a lot from game to game," said Riley. "We basically use the same strategy for each game. We don't change according to who we're playing."

St. John's, with a 6-11 record has struggled to put together a successful program all season. With one of the worst conference records at 1-6, next to Seton Hall and West Virginia, the Red Storm has won only one of its last nine games.

A St. John win over Notre Dame could be a turning point for the Red Storm, as the squad has been unable to pull off a win over a ranked team yet this season.

The Irish hold the edge over the Red Storm if history plays a role. Notre Dame has never lost to St. John's in the schools' six-game history.



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Senior guard Niele Ivey leads the Irish in assists while remaining the third-leading scorer on the squad.

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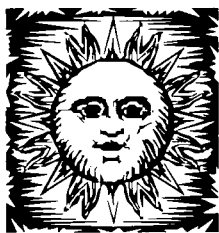
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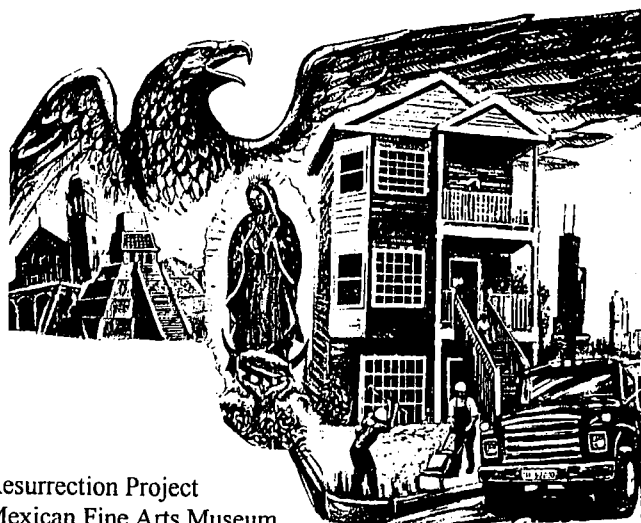
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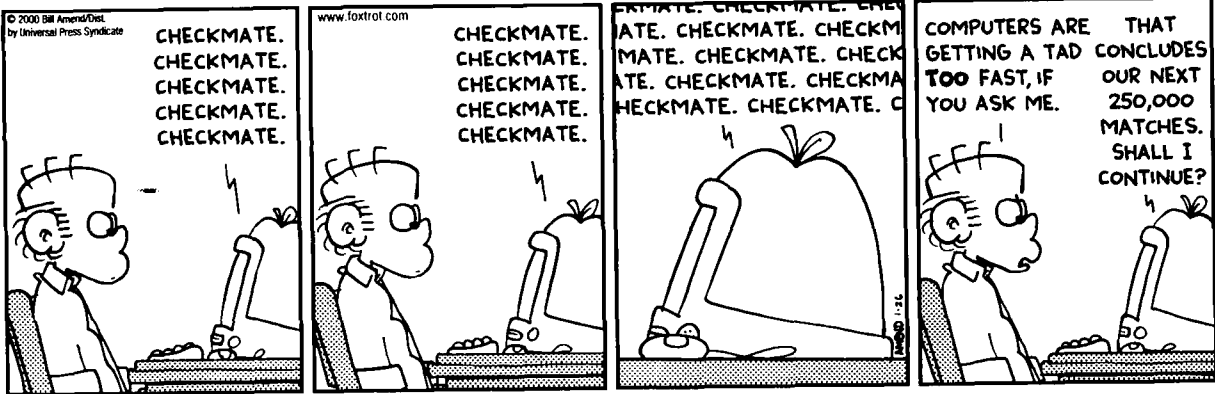
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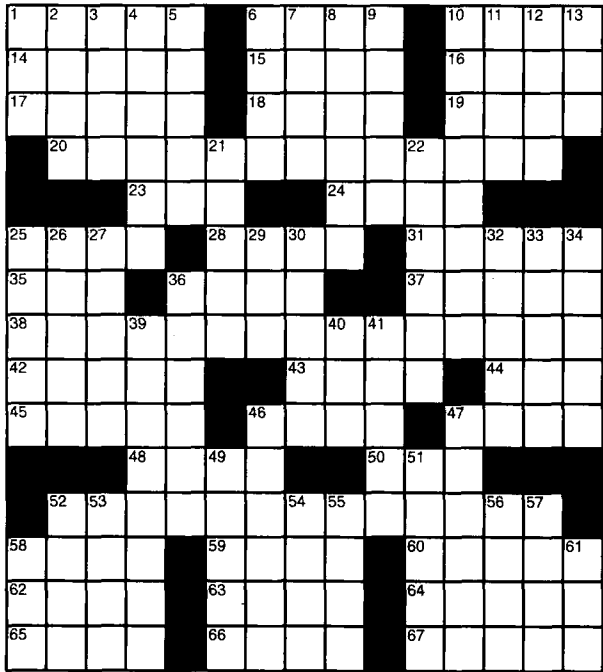


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 - 10 Wrists, anatomically
 - 14 Duck
 - 15 Shiite leader
 - 16 Place for a turkey
 - 17 Mercury model
 - 18 French parent
 - 19 Leaf part
 - 20 Soft headrests
 - 23 "___ won't be afraid" ("Stand by Me" lyric)
 - 24 Common cowboy nickname
 - 25 Chinese Mafia
 - 28 Undiluted
 - 31 Certain steak
 - 35 Amiens
- DOWN**
- 36 Mideast's Gulf of ___
 - 37 ESPN anchor Rich
 - 38 Loser in the first World Series, 1903
 - 42 Rhea's role on "Cheers"
 - 43 Bifocal, e.g.
 - 44 End of some Web site addresses
 - 45 Zeno was one
 - 46 New Jersey cagers
 - 47 Two tablets, maybe
 - 48 "The Godfather" novelist
 - 50 Purpose
 - 52 Rich pie filling
 - 58 "Stop your gabbin'!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Unsold of the N.B.A.
 - 2 One of five Norwegian kings
 - 3 Yokel
 - 4 Grammy winner for "Constant Craving," 1992
 - 5 Take care of
 - 6 Five's partner
 - 7 One of the major leagues: Abbr.
 - 8 Player with a string quintet
 - 9 It may be picked up in a gym
 - 10 Equatorial nation
 - 11 Swear
 - 12 Graycoats
 - 13 Log cabin material, maybe
 - 21 Shiva worshiper
 - 22 Engine measures
 - 25 Subjects
 - 26 ___ first (diamond call)



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- 27 Prefix with glycerine
- 29 Alway
- 30 It's measured in degrees
- 32 Bone: Prefix
- 33 Food and shelter, e.g.
- 34 Follow
- 36 Item with beads
- 39 Sloppy
- 40 Worked (up)
- 41 Starts to raise, as a hem
- 46 Register button
- 47 Reserved
- 49 Full of life
- 51 Fly catcher
- 52 Think (over)
- 53 "Gotcha"
- 54 Take aback
- 55 Guadeloupe and others
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Berticelli embodied ND spirit

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Bernadette Cafarelli was having a bad day. So, of course, she went to talk to the friend she knew could cheer her up.

Cafarelli, the associate sports information director, vented her frustrations to Mike Berticelli.



Berticelli

The next day, a bouquet of flowers sitting on her desk welcomed her to work.

Mike Berticelli always knew the right thing to do.

Whether it was cheering up a co-worker or demanding his teams play to their fullest, the 10-year Irish soccer coach seemed to have the perfect words or gestures for any situation.

"Mike could cheer up your day just by saying something funny," said Cafarelli. "I always enjoyed talking to him. Many times I would go down to his office with the intention of staying only five minutes but end up being there for over an hour just talking."

The unexpected death of Berticelli leaves a void in the Notre Dame community that will be hard to fill.

The University will remember Berticelli, who died Tuesday of a heart attack at the age of 48, as a demanding soccer coach, a thoughtful colleague and a loyal friend.

In his 23-year coaching career, Berticelli was known for rebuilding failing soccer programs into success stories. In the last 10 years, he took Notre Dame from a lackluster program in the late '80s and thrust it into the national spotlight with impressive recruiting and consistent winning records in the '90s.

Although he could share a joke off the field, Berticelli was an intense and demanding coach on the sidelines.

"As a coach he meant a lot to the team. He cared more about the players and the team than anyone," said Stephen Maio, a junior defender. "He put so much effort into coaching and brought a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to the team."

Berticelli worked hard and

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior guard Jimmy Dillon dives to knock a loose ball away from a Miami player in Notre Dame's Big East loss at the Joyce Center Tuesday night. The Irish shot only 32 percent and registered their lowest score of the season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurricanes hand Irish 63-49 defeat

◆ Notre Dame fails to match Miami's shooting

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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The ball didn't fall in Notre Dame's favor Tuesday.

Notre Dame (12-8, 3-3) and Miami (12-7, 5-2) were virtually even in every statistical category Tuesday, with one major exception — shooting, which led to a 63-49 Miami victory.

"It's tough when we're shooting the ball and it's not going down for us," Irish forward Harold Swanagan said.

The Irish shot 32 percent from the field compared to the Hurricanes' 47 percent, leading to the lowest point output of the season for the Irish.

Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said the effort was there, but Miami came at the blue and gold with more than it could handle.

"You really have to credit Miami's defense, and I didn't have an answer for it," Doherty said. "It was really an awful, helpless feeling on the sidelines. I thought their defense took the energy out of us. I thought our kids played hard, and I thought our kids competed. We didn't have many open looks."

Miami had a lot of open

looks, thanks to the 11 assists by Vernon Jennings.

The two teams played on an even keel to open up play, but the Miami defense smothered Notre Dame's shooting.

Trailing by four with 5 minutes, 29 seconds remaining in the first half, the Irish were called for five fouls in the next 2:16, and the Hurricanes pulled ahead by eight.

The Hurricanes built their lead to as many as 12 early in the second half behind five points from Johnny Hemsley, who had 18 in the game.

The Irish began to make a move, however, as Carroll hit a long three to close to within nine.

Then Murphy rebounded a David Graves miss, taking it up for a slam-dunk to lower the gap to seven.

But what could have been a momentum swing for the Irish swung to the other side of the pendulum as the officials whistled Murphy for a technical foul for hanging on the rim. Hemsley nailed both free throw attempts.

"I didn't see him hanging on the rim," said Doherty. "It was unfortunate because we were kind of getting a little juice going."

Murphy tried to use the technical as motivation.

"I played harder after that because it got me fired up," Murphy said. "I wanted to get down and play some defense

and get a run going."

Unfortunately for the Irish, that run never developed.

On the following possession, Mario Bland knocked two free throws on a Jere Macura foul. The next time down the court, Bland got two points more on a short jumper to put the Hurricanes ahead by 13.

Notre Dame never got any closer, falling behind by as many as 21 late in the contest.

The Hurricanes' defense controlled Irish star forward Troy Murphy, limiting him to 14 points, compared to his usual 25 per game.

"Our kids were energized," Hamilton said. "[Murphy] worked awful hard inside. He fouled Elton Tyler out, and I think Mario [Bland] had four fouls guarding him."

Notes

◆ The Hurricanes were an impressive 17 for 18 from the free throw line, giving them an advantage the Irish couldn't combat.

◆ Both teams had 31 rebounds and 18 personal fouls in the conference contest. Miami had 16 assists to Notre Dame's 13, and 17 turnovers to 18 for Notre Dame.

◆ Macura and freshman Ivan Kartelo started in place of Graves and Swanagan, who Doherty said were not mentally prepared at the pre-game dinner.

◆ Irish cannot stay on top of game

After last night's disappointing loss to Miami, Irish fans have to wonder which Notre Dame basketball team will take the floor each night.

The one that knocked off Ohio State and Connecticut on the road or the one that got spanked by Rutgers and Syracuse? The team that shot the lights out against Pittsburgh or the team that wasn't able to execute at home against Miami.

"We have everything there. I just can't figure it out," point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "Matt [Carroll] and I were sitting in the locker room trying to figure out what more we can do to be ready for games. We're a young team and one day it is just going to click for us and

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