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TOO CLOSE TO CALL



Total National Votes

5:40 a.m.

GORE: 47,811,320

BUSH: 47,603,233

Total Florida Votes

5:40 a.m.

GORE: 2,905,390

BUSH: 2,904,403

Courtesy of CNN.com



George W. Bush (left) and Al Gore (right) are locked in one of the tightest political battles in history. Reports had candidates swapping the lead position throughout the night. Final results are expected later today.

Florida holds key votes in what may be the tightest presidential race in history as poll workers head back for a recount

Observer Staff Report

Despite network declarations of a Bush victory early Wednesday morning, Texas Governor George W. Bush cannot yet move into the White House.

Bush maintains a slight lead in Florida this morning, where the state's 25 electoral votes remain the deciding factor in one of the closest presidential races in history. Florida could put either Bush or Gore over the edge of the 270 necessary electoral votes needed to win the election.

Gore surged ahead in the nation's popular vote slightly before 5 a.m. this morning,

when NBC poll figures showed the vice-president with a 554 vote lead nationally over Bush. Gore had tallied 47,811,320 votes as of 5:40 a.m..

The vote margin in Florida between Mr. Bush and Gore wavered between a low of 629 votes and high of 1,200 votes in the early hours of the morning. Poll workers were called back to Dade County, Fla. shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday to recount state's votes. Under Florida state law, the narrow margin of the election called for a mandatory recount.

Florida had been the epicenter of the campaign as a critical swing state, and was turbulent through evening election returns. Networks origi-

nally gave the state to Gore, but, backtracked as Bush eased ahead.

Gore was prepared to concede the election after vote projections showed a Bush victory in Florida, but he decided not to when new figures showed the margin in that state was just a few hundred votes, and its electoral votes would not be assigned to either candidate yet.

"Unbelievable," sighed Bush adviser Karen Hughes, after fielding a call from Gore say-

ing he was not going to concede the election.

"There's never been a night like this one," said William Daley, after his boss retired for the night —unsure

"There's never been a night like this one."

**William Daley
campaign chairman
for Al Gore**

whether he had won or not.

"Until the results in Florida become official our campaign continues," Daley said to cheering supporters in Nashville.

The election offers voters a choice of four more years of Democratic rule or a Republican "fresh start."

A Bush victory would give America its second father-son presidents after John Adams (1797-01) and John Quincy Adams (1825-29).

Two other states were still too close to call at press time: Oregon and Wisconsin also reported narrow margins. Wisconsin reported Gore with a 233 vote lead early Wednesday morning, while Oregon's statistics also reported that the candidates' margins were narrow.

Gore won Iowa, a Democratic bastion that nearly went to Bush.

With Florida officials continuing their tally, the New York Times said Bush had won and

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CLINTON CLINCHES NEW YORK

Hillary beats Lazio 56-44. See election pullout page 5.

ROEMER EDGES CHOCOLA

Newcomer loses 52-48 to veteran. See pullout page 4.

O'BANNON RETAINS POSITION

Incumbent defeats McIntosh 56-42. See pullout page 4.

INSIDE COLUMN

Show support: stop laughing

How many times have you heard a joke or comment that humiliates or degrades an individual, race or orientation and then proceeded to laugh? I cannot say that I am perfect and never laughed after hearing one of these jokes, but for quite some time I have made it a point to avoid laughing at or saying these poor jokes and remarks. Father Gary Chamberland, eloquently states one of the reasons I strive to do this in his article in the Nov. 2 Campus Considerations advertisement.

Kimberly Springer

Interim Ads Manager

I take this opportunity to commend Father Chamberland for his challenge to the Notre Dame community "to make an honest examination of conscience" and to assess our "attitudes, words and behaviors". I cannot possibly comprehend the feelings and confusion an individual encounters as they come to understand their sexual orientation in the world, let alone at this University. Unfortunately, Notre Dame tends to be closed-minded toward homosexuality. Therefore, it takes even greater courage to "come out" at Notre Dame than it would in another environment. Too often I hear pointed insults on this campus about gays and lesbians and it absolutely enrages me because these people are not merely insulting gays and lesbians — they are also insulting the family and friends of gays and lesbians. These comments hit home for me because although I am not gay, my best friend from home is.

After a difficult struggle, my best friend determined his sexual orientation the summer before our senior year in high school and he has "come out" to several individuals, including his mother. But he has not told his father because he fears the outcome. This fear should not exist and my best friend should be free to express his true self and not have to hide who he is in order to avoid hatred and ostracism. I love my friend for who he is, and the fact that he is gay and brave enough to openly share that trait makes him even more special.

I constantly wonder when people will open their mind to people or ideas that differ from their own beliefs or ideals. Why is it that the minute someone reveals they are bi-sexual or gay, they are suddenly a completely different person? When my best friend sat down with me and explained what he was experiencing, our friendship was strengthened because he trusted me with this difficult decision. But at the same time, I felt horrible for all the senseless discrimination I knew he would endure.

Some individuals believe themselves to be distant from gays and lesbians, but in reality, they probably work alongside or are friends with a homosexual person without even knowing. Just as Father Chamberland stated, "Homosexuals live and work at our University; they are our teachers and our classmates; they work in our offices and empty our trash." Therefore, I strongly advocate his challenge: that we strive to create an environment that respects gays and lesbians for who they are and "commit [ourselves] to acknowledging the goodness and worth of every person, gay or straight." If you do make a conscious effort to do these things, it might be your best friend that finds the courage and strength he or she needs to reveal his or her true self to you.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

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| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| ◆ Free flu shots: Available to all Notre Dame students, faculty, and staff. Requires Notre Dame identification card and short sleeves. 9 to 4 p.m., Hesburgh Library Concourse and the Dooley Room, LaFortune | ◆ Fall Choral Concert: Saint Mary's Women's Choir and SMC-ND Collegiate Choir, 7:30 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium | ◆ Stadium tours: Stadium will be open to visitors, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., enter at the Leahy Gate of Juniper Road | ◆ Concert: "Concert for the Missions," Notre Dame Folk Choir, 9 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart |
| | | ◆ Performance: "Under Milk Wood," 8 p.m., Little Theater | ◆ Pep rally: Gates open to the public at 6:10 p.m., Gate 10, Joyce Center |

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

UCLA students debate FAFSA question

LOS ANGELES

A federal drug conviction provision has left more than 7,000 students with either partial or no government assistance this academic year.

Under the drug provision, which Congress included in amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1998, applicants may be ineligible for financial aid if they have more than two convictions for possession or more than one conviction for selling drugs.

Students may regain their eligibility by entering and completing a drug rehabilitation program that includes two unannounced drug tests, or by having the conviction reversed.

For some students, losing finan-

UCLA

cial aid due to a drug violation could mean the end of their education.

"I would have to drop out of school because I am dependent on financial aid," said Bernardo Castro, a first-year chemical-engineering student at the University of California at Los Angeles. "I would

have to depend on my parents and get a full-time job."

As of Oct. 22, the U.S. Department of Education reported that more than 8.6 million students had applied for financial aid, according to Joe Aiello, media relations director for Student Financial Assistance at the department.

He said 91 percent of those applicants were fully eligible for federal aid under the new drug provision, while only .07 percent, or 5,675 applicants, were partially eligible. Those eligible for partial aid may gain full eligibility one to two years after their last conviction or if they complete a drug program.

Less than 1 percent, or 1,327 students, were ineligible because of recent drug convictions.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

TAs vote to strike in favor of union

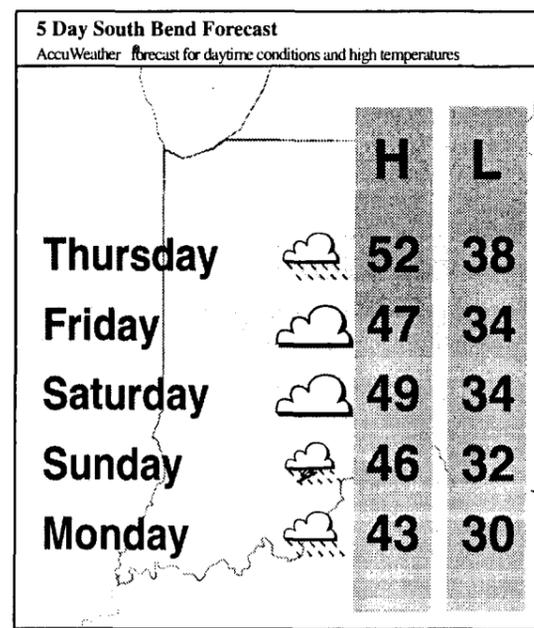
With their polling stations closing last Friday, 86 percent of graduate teaching assistants voted to strike if the University of Washington administration refuses to recognize their union. More than 1,100 graduate TAs participated in the four-day vote, resulting in 984 votes in favor of a strike if necessary. "The number of teacher's assistants on campus range from 1300 to 1400 every quarter," said Melissa Meade, member of Graduate Student Employee Action Coalition/United Auto Workers. "We're pretty pleased with the turnout." GSEAC organizing committee member Ken Lang agreed. "It's exciting," Lang said. "It's another huge mandate for the University to respect our demand for collective bargaining." Since 1998, GSEAC/UAW has argued that a graduate TA union will improve wages, working conditions, job security and employee benefits. Organizing two union card drives last winter and spring, GSEAC reported more than 80 percent of UW graduate students support a collective bargaining agreement. Despite the majority, UW administrators refused to recognize GSEAC/UAW.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

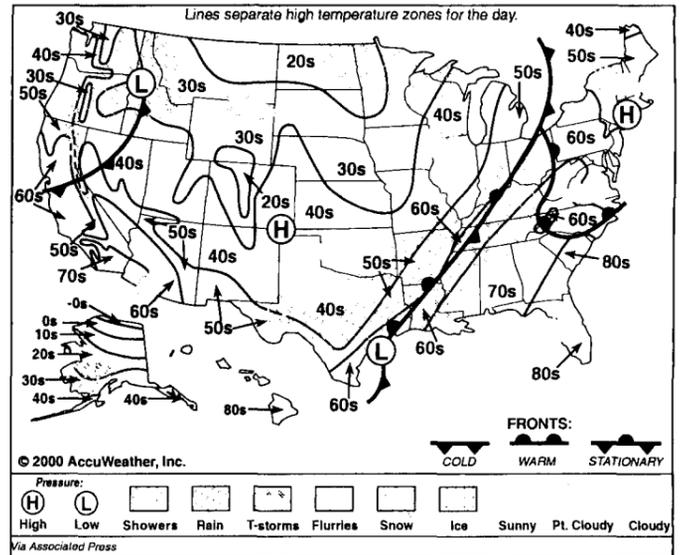
Gene therapy lawsuit settled

The family of Jesse Gelsinger settled their wrongful death and negligence lawsuit against the University of Pennsylvania and others involved with Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy for an undisclosed amount of money last week. The settlement, announced on Friday, comes just six weeks after Gelsinger's family filed the lawsuit, and more than a year after 18-year-old Jesse died while participating in a Penn gene therapy trial, becoming the first known patient to die as a result of gene therapy. Gelsinger's death prompted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to suspend all human experiments at the IHGT and brought Penn national scrutiny for its scientific research methods. Last summer, the administration dramatically reduced the IHGT's mandate. "This has been a difficult year for everybody involved, and we are pleased that we have been able to reach an amicable resolution of the lawsuit," university president Judith Rodin said in an e-mail statement.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	74	62	Las Vegas	84	60	Portland	52	40
Baltimore	65	50	Memphis	65	53	Sacramento	66	53
Boston	53	45	Milwaukee	48	39	St. Louis	71	58
Chicago	52	43	New York	61	51	Tampa	83	56
Houston	65	45	Philadelphia	65	49	Washington DC	68	53

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FACULTY SENATE

Members OK Student Senate rep

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

For years, students have sat in on Faculty Senate meetings. Now, a faculty member will have a seat in the Student Senate.

Stuart Greene, an associate professor in the University Writing Program, was unanimously approved to represent the faculty to the voice of the student body.

Greene has served on the Faculty Senate's Student Affairs Committee for three years. In that time, he has been a part of several major resolutions, including ones supporting the Women's Resource Center and The Observer's independence.

Currently, Greene is working with student and faculty lead-

ers on revisions to Notre Dame's Honor Code.

He is looking forward to the new challenge as a go-between for student and faculty leaders.

"I've always worked closely with students, and thought I could be an advocate for students on the Faculty Senate," Greene said.

He said he hopes to open the lines of communications between students and faculty on important issues that the two groups tackle.

The motion to put a faculty representative on the Student Senate initially came out of that group. Earlier this term, the Senate passed a resolution asking for a Faculty representative. Greene has been doing the job on an interim basis, and

Wednesday, he was given it full-time. He is also one of two

faculty representatives on the Campus Life Council.

In other Faculty Senate News:

♦ While election returns came in from across the nation Tuesday night, finance professor Richard Sheehan was awaiting some results of his own. Sheehan ran for South Bend School Board.

♦ Student body president Brian O'Donoghue and Dillon Hall senator Brendan Dowdall met with the Student Affairs Committee to discuss student concerns and tactics for influencing University policies.

"They had some very politically astute recommendations to make to the committee," said Ed Manier, the committee's chair.

Career Showcase to host over 40 exhibits

By KATIE RZEPKA
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host the 17th Annual Showcase of Careers Thursday to help students navigate the seemingly overwhelming search for a career.

The event is co-sponsored by the College's Counseling and Career Development Center and the Board of Governance.

"The main idea that we want to get across to students is career exploration," said David Wilkeson, assistant director for Career Development.

Wilkeson said that the showcase is geared toward all students. First-year students and sophomores may gather information to assist them in selecting majors and defining career direction. The showcase provides a chance to learn more about the world of work and to talk informally

with employer representatives.

Juniors and seniors can benefit too, he said. The showcase provides students the ability to access up-to-date career information and learn about possible internships.

Nearly 40 organizations will visit campus to offer information about employment opportunities, internships, graduate school and volunteer programs. The variety ranges from Arthur Anderson to WSBT-TV to the Peace Corp.

"There are internship and job opportunities. That's why we ask people to bring their resumes," said Jolanta Szumial, Career Services Secretary.

Employers will gain as well because they have the opportunity to reach a large number of prospects in a short amount of time.

The showcase runs from 3 to 5 p.m. and will be held in the LeMans lobby.

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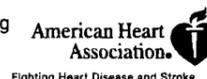
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Student jets to Jersey to complete civic duty

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

At 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, Notre Dame junior Kelly Donnelly decided to fly half way across the country to vote.

"I didn't like the idea of missing this election, it being so close and all," Donnelly said from her home in Edison, N.J. "If I didn't come, it was something I would regret for the rest of my life."

Donnelly purchased her ticket at 2 a.m., and had to wake up at 4 a.m. to make her 6 a.m. flight.

Although she had discussed the plan with her mother, no one in her family knew definitely that she was coming. Donnelly arrived in New York's LaGuardia airport at 9:30 a.m. She took a train to her hometown and called her surprised grandmother for a ride the rest of the way home.

"They all think that it's great that I came home just to vote," Donnelly said about her

family. She added she believes that voting is important enough to be worth spending money for a plane ticket and missing her classes.

Most of Donnelly's generation, however, would not make such a sacrifice. In fact, less than 1/3 or 32 percent, of 18 to 24-year olds voted in the 1996 presidential election.

"If everyone thinks that their vote doesn't matter, nothing is ever going to get done," Donnelly said. "You're giving up the right to have a voice."

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**Kelly Donnelly
Junior**

A major motivation behind Donnelly's decision to fly home was the closeness of the presidential race in New Jersey.

"Gore's ahead, but he's only ahead by the margin of error," Donnelly said, in regards to pre-election polls in her state.

Although she agreed with much of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's environmental and other policies, Donnelly said she decided to vote for the Gore/Lieberman ticket because the race was so close between Bush and Gore.

Election

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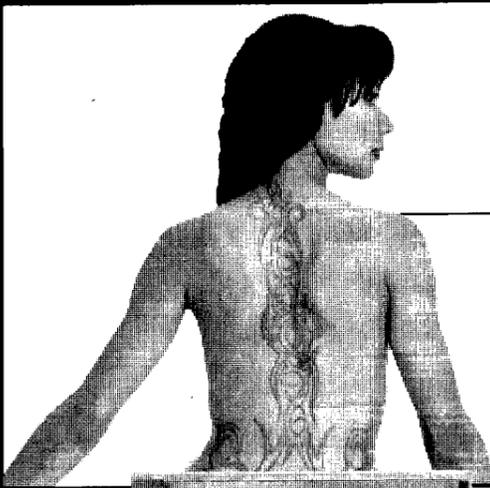
congratulated him on "the amazing political feat of lapping to the White House after only six years in public

office." The New York Post reported that Bush was the winner as well, publishing their morning edition with the headline "Bush Wins!"

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader only captured 3 percent of the national vote, falling short of the 5 percent of the vote needed for the

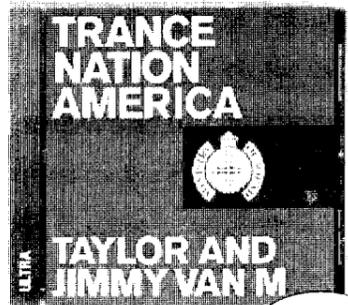
Green Party to be eligible for federal funding in the next election. Nader did well enough to potentially tip several states to Bush, however.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Muslim rebels release prisoners:

About 100 suspected Muslim rebels used rocket-propelled grenades in a daring jail assault early Tuesday, freeing a rebel leader and 67 other prisoners, officials said. One prisoner was killed and five people injured, including two guards, in the clash at the jail in Apupong, a village near General Santos City in the southern Philippines, police said.

Saudis open border with Iraq:

Saudi Arabia has opened its border with Iraq for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War to facilitate exports, a newspaper reported Tuesday. Saudi companies signed contracts worth \$600 under an exception to U.N. sanctions that allows Iraq to export oil to pay for food, medicine and humanitarian supplies, the paper said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Children get E. Coli at petting zoo:

As many as 21 children became infected with E. coli during a visit to a petting zoo in Lansdale, PA., health officials say. Two of the children, girls ages 3 and 4, remained on kidney dialysis Tuesday. E. coli infections have been confirmed in 12 of the children and are suspected in nine others. All of them had visited Merrymead Farm. Investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been at the farm collecting feces and analyzing the water supply and animal health to try to pinpoint the source of the bacteria.

15 years later, Oregon girl found:

An 18-year-old woman who vanished 15 years ago was reunited with her family after she wandered into a sheriff's office and asked for help. Fallon Marie Hodges allegedly vanished with her baby sitter, but the disappearance was not reported at the time, the Medford Mail Tribune in Eugene reported.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Rally and festival respond to KKK:

A Christian-themed rally planned for Saturday in Elkhart is a response to another rally scheduled that day — one by the Ku Klux Klan. And on the same day, the Heart of Elkhart Ethnic Festival is also being held to showcase the city's diversity. The city had already scheduled the ethnic festival when the Klan received approval for its rally. City officials decided to focus a spotlight on the ethnic festival as an alternative to the Klan gathering. Rally organizer, Edith Pasley, expects most people to attend the festival.

ISRAEL



AFP Photo

Palestinian youths throw stones at Israeli troops during clashes Tuesday in the West Bank town of Hebron. One Palestinian was killed and more than 50 were injured in conflicts in West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Barak weighs Palestinian state

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israel's prime minister Ehud Barak said Tuesday, in the clearest terms yet, that a Mideast peace treaty would produce a "viable Palestinian state" but he would not make concessions to the Palestinians under the threat of violence.

In new rock-throwing clashes and gun battles in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Palestinian was killed and more than 50 were wounded.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Tuesday renewed a call for the

deployment of a 2,000-strong U.N. protection force that would shield Palestinians against Israeli troops. Arafat said he would raise the demand when he meets with President Clinton at the White House on Thursday.

The U.N. Security Council was to discuss the Palestinian request on Wednesday. The United States and Israel oppose an international force.

However, U.S. officials did not say whether they would veto the proposal, and diplomats, including some from the United States, noted that international observers were dis-

patched in the past to the tense West Bank town of Hebron.

Barak, who is to meet with Clinton on Sunday, sent a letter to heads of government worldwide to explain Israel's position. Barak said Israel has acted with utmost restraint, while the Palestinian Authority has been trying to "replace the peace process with an armed struggle."

The Israeli leader said he made concessions during a Mideast summit at Camp David in July. "We could resume negotiations which — based on the ideas discussed at Camp

David — will lead to the creation of a viable Palestinian state," Barak wrote, "or we can succumb to the route of violence and unilateral Palestinian action."

If the Palestinians choose violence, he warned, "Israel will be forced to take measures to ensure the security of our citizens."

In the past, Barak has said he would not absolutely rule out the creation of a separate Palestinian state, but Tuesday's statement was his clearest promise yet of an eventual Palestinian independence.

Market Watch 11/7

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AMEX: 919.10 +5.16
 Nasdaq: 3415.79 -0.42
 NYSE: 664.52 -0.87
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JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-4.28	-3.31	74.12

Spain monitors Basque separatists

Associated Press

MADRID

Police broke up a Basque separatist commando group in Madrid that may have been just days away from staging an attack, the government said Tuesday.

Police on Monday arrested two women and two men believed to belong to the armed Basque separatist group ETA and found four apartments allegedly used as safe houses. The women were arrested as they left the Cuban Embassy.

Two other people accompanying

the four suspects were also detained, although it was not immediately known if they belong to ETA, which has been fighting for Basque independence for more than 30 years.

As part of the operation, police raided an apartment late Tuesday in the northeastern city of Barcelona and arrested two women, one French and the other Argentine, who both had recently lived with one of the Madrid suspects and whose links with the armed group were being investigated, a spokesman of the Interior Ministry said.

The suspected ETA members

arrived in the Spanish capital on Oct. 31, a day after a car bomb explosion in Madrid killed a Supreme Court judge, his driver and his bodyguard, Interior Minister Jaime Mayor Oreja said.

The suspects did not take part in that bombing but were studying targets for a new attack and were probably weeks away from acting, he said. Police who arrested them seized two pistols and three sets of false identity papers.

Mayor Oreja said the dragnet began when the suspects realized that they were under surveillance.

TANZANIA

Chaotic election ends with ruling party win

Associated Press

ZANZIBAR
The ruling party candidate was proclaimed Zanzibar's new president Tuesday, ending a chaotic election that was criticized by international observers and by an opposition that said it would not recognize the results.

The Zanzibar Electoral Commission, hand-picked by the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party, said party leader Amani Karume won 67 percent of the vote in the semi-autonomous region, while the leader of the opposition Civic United Front, Seif Sharif Hamad, got 33 percent. International and Tanzanian election moni-

tors said the original Oct. 29 vote was fundamentally flawed because of stolen ballot papers, voting irregularities and police interference.

A rerun was held in 16 districts on Sunday to address some of those problems, but the Civic United Front had demanded new elections in all 50 districts under an interim government to guarantee a fair vote.

Despite opposition calls for a boycott of Sunday's vote, the electoral commission said a total of 85 percent of Zanzibar's 446,482 registered voters took part in the elections.

As soon as the results were announced, hundreds of jubilant Chama Cha Mapinduzi supporters took to the streets of the impoverished island region, chanting the party's name and singing campaign songs.

In opposition-dominated neighborhoods, shops were closed and people cleared the streets. Civic United Front officials have told their supporters to stay indoors to avoid any

confrontation with police or ruling party supporters.

The electoral commission said the ruling party had won 34 seats in Zanzibar's 50-member House of Representatives, a two-thirds majority that will allow it to alter the islands' constitution. The Civic United Front won 16 seats, all on Pemba, the smaller of Zanzibar's two populated islands.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi leaders and electoral commission officials have said they are satisfied that the election was free and fair and deny there were any serious irregularities.

Karume, 52, is the son of Zanzibar's first president, Abeid Karume, who was assassi-

nated in 1972. He has distanced himself from outgoing Zanzibari President Salim Amour, who is reportedly under investigation for fraud.

Zanzibar united with Tanganyika in 1964 to form the United Republic of Tanzania. Zanzibar, a group of islands offshore, retained a limited amount of autonomy, including its own president and legislature.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi faces no serious competition on the mainland. But voting in Zanzibar has been plagued by problems this year and in the nation's first multiparty election, in 1995.

International donors cut all financial aid to Zanzibar in 1995 after observers said that election was rigged, and the sanctions are now expected to remain in place.

Serious riots followed 1995 vote, but this year police used beatings and arrests to avert opposition protests. The Civic United Front said more than 150 opposition members were arrested in the week after the Oct. 29 vote.

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CAMBODIA

Hospitals face rise in acid attacks

Associated Press

PHINOM PENH

In Cambodia, awash in weapons after decades of war, there are plenty of ways to take revenge. But for those who throw acid instead of grenades, the aim is not to kill but to strip a woman of her beauty.

And unlike in other countries where acid-burning is usually done by men, in Cambodia some two-thirds of attacks are perpetrated by women.

"I have little hope for anything now," whispers 17-year-old Tat Somarina, a model and karaoke star who was doused with nitric acid one year ago in a high-profile attack by the wife of a man

she was seeing.

Doctors and human rights workers count at least 20 copycat attacks since Somarina's, and many more probably have gone unreported.

Some blame rapid social change. Though still one of the world's poorest countries, a market economy and international aid after years of isolation and communism have bred a rich urban elite.

Girls don't get equal access to education, so beauty is often the only ticket to a comfortable life.

Bigamy, once discouraged, has become commonplace among the male elite.

"It's not seen as a moral issue any more, even if the girl is very young," said Oung

Chanthol, executive director of the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center, which provides acid victims with shelter and basic medical treatment.

A woman whose husband takes a "second wife" may beg him to stop or threaten the newcomer. But if she resorts to acid, it is most likely to be against the other woman, not the man.

Somarina now lives with a brother in Lynn, Mass. Her skin is a thick, immobile mask, her nose reduced to two holes, her newly reconstructed lips swollen and raw.

She will undergo years of treatment at Shriners Hospitals in nearby Boston, but has little hope of regaining anything like her former looks.

SOUTH AFRICA

Passenger trains collide south of Johannesburg, at least 2 killed

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

Two passenger trains crashed head-on late Tuesday afternoon, killing at least two people and injuring 76 others, police said.

The two Metro Rail trains apparently were traveling toward each other on the same track and collided about 4:30 p.m. in Wadeville, an industrial area south of Johannesburg, Superintendent Andy Pieke told The Associated Press.

"There's one coach on top of the other so it's really difficult at this stage to determine what

may have happened," he said.

Rescue workers were trying to get into some of the damaged carriages to see if people were trapped inside, Pieke said.

The trains have the capacity to carry hundreds of people, though it was unclear how many were aboard at the time of the accident, he said.

The South African Press Association reported the two dead were the trains' drivers.

One of the trains was traveling to the Johannesburg suburb of Katshehong, while the other was headed toward the suburb of Elsburg.

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DENMARK

Queen Mother Ingrid dies at 90

◆ Swedish-born queen helped modernize crown

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COPENHAGEN

Swedish-born Queen Mother Ingrid, beloved for her casual, forthright style and mother of Denmark's first female monarch in five centuries, died Tuesday, the royal palace said. She was 90.

Ingrid died at 4:27 p.m. at the Fredensborg Castle north of the capital, Copenhagen, the palace said. Her three daughters — Queen Margrethe, Princess Benedikte and ex-Queen Anne-Marie of Greece — and 10 grandchildren were by her bedside.

"Denmark today has lost a wise queen and a great human being with a deep solicitude for our whole country," Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen said in a statement.

Dozens of people with torches and candles silently gathered outside Fredensborg Castle, while others laid flowers at the central royal palace in downtown Copenhagen.

"When she said something, everyone listened. She was everybody's grandmother," said Michael Birk, a 43-year-old computer consultant.

Ingrid Victoria Sofia Louise Margaretha was born March 28, 1910, at the royal castle in Stockholm, Sweden. She was the only daughter of Sweden's King Gustaf VI Adolf, a great-granddaughter of England's Queen Victoria and an aunt of Sweden's current King Carl XVI Gustaf.

She married then-Crown

Prince Frederik of Denmark at the age of 25 and entered Europe's oldest royal house, putting her mark on the monarchy from her earliest years as crown princess.

Ingrid was credited with helping to shape the modern, democratic royal way of doing business, an approach carried on by her daughter Queen Margrethe II, the first woman to take over the monarchy since her namesake Queen Margrethe I ruled from 1387 to 1412.

Ingrid herself sat on the Danish throne as wife of King Frederik IX from 1947 until his death in 1972.

Danes loved the queen mother from the moment she sailed into Copenhagen in the spring of 1935 as Frederik's bride. By 1972, when she and her daughters followed on foot as a gun carriage carried Frederik's coffin through Copenhagen streets, the sentiment had expanded to respect and admiration.

As a young mother during the bleak years of Nazi occupation in World War II, Ingrid pushed a baby carriage along Copenhagen sidewalks and used her bicycle for shopping. She also walked her daughters to school and steered them clear of some of the isolation of the royal court.

Elegant and graceful, Ingrid was sometimes referred to as the first Danish queen to take a professional approach to the job,

insisting on system, order and accuracy in her undertakings.

Ingrid remained active into old age, though osteoporosis often forced her to use a wheelchair in recent years and she broke her hip bone in a fall in 1997. She was patron to some 40 social welfare and aid organizations, compiling a unique record of visiting virtually every Danish social welfare and cultural institution.

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Poul Nyrup Rasmussen
Danish prime minister

Her summer home in Graasten in southern Denmark became a common gathering place for her children and grandchildren living in Denmark, Germany and Greece.

Ingrid was credited with sorting out affairs in 1964 when Anne-Marie, her youngest daughter, fell in love at the age of 15 with the young King Constantine of Greece. She allowed Anne-Marie to become engaged at 16 and to marry at 18. The couple went into exile in London after the Greek monarchy was abolished in 1974.

Princess Benedikte married German Prince Richard of Sayn-Wittgenstein Berleburg.

During a banquet in January 1997 celebrating Margrethe's 25 years as Denmark's popular figurehead monarch, Ingrid made a very personal and moving speech.

Turning to Margrethe and addressing her by her nickname, she said: "Daisy, you have two wonderful sons and they will do their best for Denmark so I can safely close my eyes."

RUSSIA

Authorities call off sub recovery effort

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russian and Norwegian divers cast a wreath Tuesday on the arctic waters above the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk and gave up their effort to recover more bodies from the vessel, saying they had done all they could.

The remains of only 12 of the 118 crewmen who died in the Aug. 12 disaster were brought to the surface and identified during the risky 18-day operation in the Barents Sea off Russia's northern coast. But navy officials had cautioned that most bodies would not be recovered.

The explosions that sank the Kursk likely blew many of the crew to bits, and hurled heavy equipment and machinery around the shattered vessel's compartments, making it impossible for divers to safely reach parts of the sub.

Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky said the decision to end the operation was made after a conference between Russian and Norwegian officials supervising the work. The divers assembled on the mother ship Regalia for a short ceremony before the vessel headed for home in Norway.

"In their short speeches, the divers said they had done everything possible for the Kursk, and more," Navrotsky said.

The divers had worked for the past two days to remove jagged debris from the upper deck of the submarine's fourth compartment, yet could only move 6 feet along a single passageway, and no remains were found. The divers then welded shut the hole they had cut in the section.

Divers decided not to search for remains in the fifth compartment because any bodies were likely to be located on a lower level, which

could only be reached through a hatch too small for the divers' bulky suits, Navrotsky said.

All the bodies were recovered from a rear compartment, farther from the bow where the explosions are believed to have occurred.

Navrotsky said the Russian cruiser Peter the Great and a Russian ship checking for possible radiation leaks stayed at the site. The Russian divers will remain aboard the Regalia for several more days to complete decompression necessary after deep diving, he said.

Navrotsky and officials from the Norwegian arm of Halliburton, a Dallas-based oil-services company hired by Russia to organize the recovery effort, said the operation had been a success.

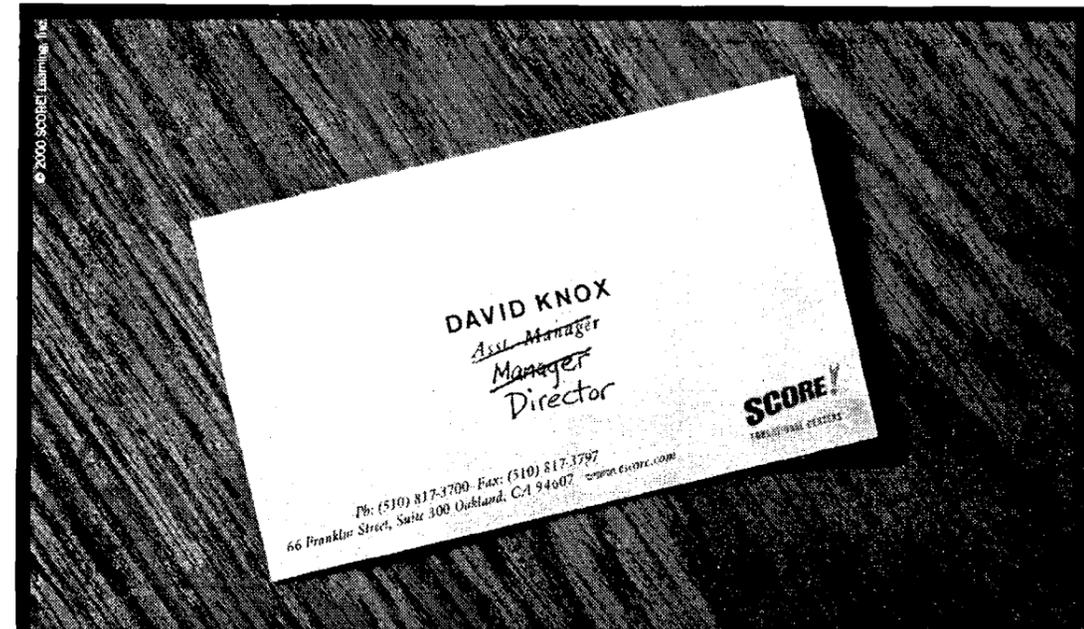
"We did what we set out to do," Halliburton spokesman Birger Haraldseid said. "We did something no one else has done, by cutting a hole in a submarine at the bottom of the ocean."

After attempts to find more bodies failed, divers went back down to the submarine Tuesday to inspect the hull in preparation for a possible operation to raise the entire vessel next year, Navrotsky said.

The divers worked in shifts around the clock more than 300 feet below the surface, with occasional pauses because of harsh weather.

At least 23 sailors survived the initial explosion in the rear of the vessel, as indicated by a letter found on the body of Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov.

The cause of the Kursk's sinking remains unknown. Russian officials favor a theory that a collision with a foreign submarine set off the powerful blasts. But others have said the most likely reason was a torpedo exploding in its tube because of a technical malfunction.



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EUROPEAN UNION

Ministers support intervention in spiraling euro crisis

About the Euro

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Recent euro developments

Friday Nov. 3

Wim Duisenberg
ECB's President



Decided Friday, Nov. 3 that the ECB should take care of the interventions and has not requested international help.

Tuesday Nov. 7

Finance ministers, backing ECB President W. Duisenberg, agreed with the intervention decision.

The finance ministers

Pedro Solbes
EU's commissioner for economic and monetary affairs



Predicted that the euro-zone will have an economic expansion of 3.4% growth for this year and a 3.1% for year 2001.

Laurent Fabius
French Finance Minister

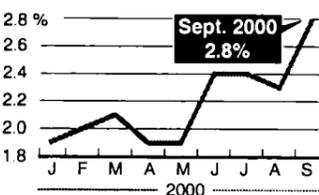


Believes the ECB's intervention should be judged on a longer term and committed to a stronger euro, beneficial to the euro-zone and world economy.

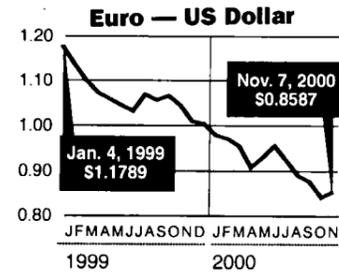
L. Fabius and P. Solbes on inflation

Believe that underlying inflation (excluding fuel prices) is under control despite the impact of expensive oil.

Inflation in EMU since Jan. 2000



The euro has lost a quarter of its value since Jan. 1999



Karl-Heinz Grasser
Austrian Finance Minister



Believes that the euro-zone's economy has sustainable upward potential.



Associated Press

BRUSSELS

European finance ministers expressed support Tuesday for the European Central Bank's decision to intervene in world money markets in support of their shared currency even though the euro continued to sink.

Speaking for the 11-nation currency bloc, French Finance Minister Laurent Fabius said he was confident continued robust economic growth at over 3 percent this year would eventually boost the euro.

"There is large possibility of appreciation for the euro because of the fundamentals of the European economy," Fabius told a news conference.

"The euro group remains committed to a stronger euro because a stronger euro is good for growth in the euro zone and the world economy."

"There is large possibility of appreciation for the euro because of the fundamentals of the European Economy."

Laurent Fabius
French Finance Minister

The beleaguered currency was selling at 85.94 cents in New York trading Tuesday after the ECB's effort to buy euros Friday and Monday briefly took the it above 87 cents.

Since its launch at \$1.17 almost two year's ago, the euro has lost over a quarter of its value.

The ECB's intervention has been criticized as too little too late, particularly since this time it acted alone, unlike its first foray into the markets in September, when central banks of the United States, Japan, Britain and Canada joined in defending the euro.

Nevertheless the euro-zone ministers backed the

decision to intervene and stood by ECB President Wim Duisenberg. Fabius said the bank's action should be judged in the longer term, rather than looking at its lack of immediate success in pushing up the euro.

"We in the euro group welcome the presence of the ECB in the exchange market," Fabius said. "It's a continuing process. We will continue to pay attention to the markets."

Fabius chaired a dinner meeting of euro-zone finance ministers late Monday and the regular monthly gathering of ministers from all 15 European Union nations Tuesday. Despite the euro's ongoing shakiness, ministers were buoyed by prospects of a stronger economy.

Pedro Solbes, the EU's commissioner for economic and monetary affairs, said the euro-zone would meet or even exceed growth forecasts

predicting an economic expansion of 3.4 percent growth this year and 3.1 percent in 2001.

"The euro has the potential to rise and that's becoming ever more clear."

Hans Eichel
German Finance Minister

Karl-Heinz Grasser as he arrived for Tuesday's meeting.

German Finance Minister Hans Eichel said the euro would recover as the European economy begins to outstrip U.S. growth.

"The euro has the potential to rise and that's becoming ever more clear," Eichel told reporters.

"The growth rate in the euro zone is stronger than it is in the dollar zone, at least in the last quarter. That's an essential change."

Fabius stressed the need for vigilance to ensure creeping inflation did not undermine growth.

But he and Solbes said underlining inflation, which excludes fuel prices, remained under control despite the impact of expensive oil which ministers blame for driving up euro-zone inflation to a six year high of 2.8 percent.



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UNITED KINGDOM

Metropolitan 'Flying Squad' foils Dome diamond heist

Associated Press

LONDON
Police foiled an elaborate plot to steal hundreds of millions of pounds worth of diamonds from a display at the Millennium Dome in what they said would have been the world's biggest robbery.

Scotland Yard police headquarters said 12 people had been arrested following the attempted heist — which would have netted some 350 million pounds — after a police operation that took months to plan.

With robbers disguised as workmen, Flying Squad officers disguised as cleaners and a powerboat waiting on the River Thames outside as a getaway, the audacious bid had all the makings of an action movie plot.

The robbers' plan may even have been inspired by the latest James Bond movie "The World is Not Enough," which featured a speedboat chase to the Dome — showpiece of year 2000 celebrations — in the opening sequence.

But even if they had been successful the raiders would not have netted the fortune they were after — the diamonds had been switched for replicas shortly before

they struck.

Lying in wait for the thieves after a tip-off, police allowed the gang to punch through the side of the Dome and into the vault holding the diamonds with a heavy earth-moving vehicle. Officers directed 64 visitors already in the Dome away from the trouble.

Police only discarded their rubbish sacks and grabbed their guns to arrest four of the suspects — all of whom are believed to be British — after they had smashed through the glass case protecting the diamonds with sledgehammers and nail-guns.

The vault usually holds a rare display by South African diamond mining company De Beers, including a huge diamond described by experts as priceless.

"When they entered the vault they imprisoned themselves for us," Detective Superintendent Jon Shatford, who led the 100-man operation, told a news conference. "Had we arrested them beforehand we would have increased the threat to the public."

"If this robbery had been carried out ... this would have been the largest robbery in the world."

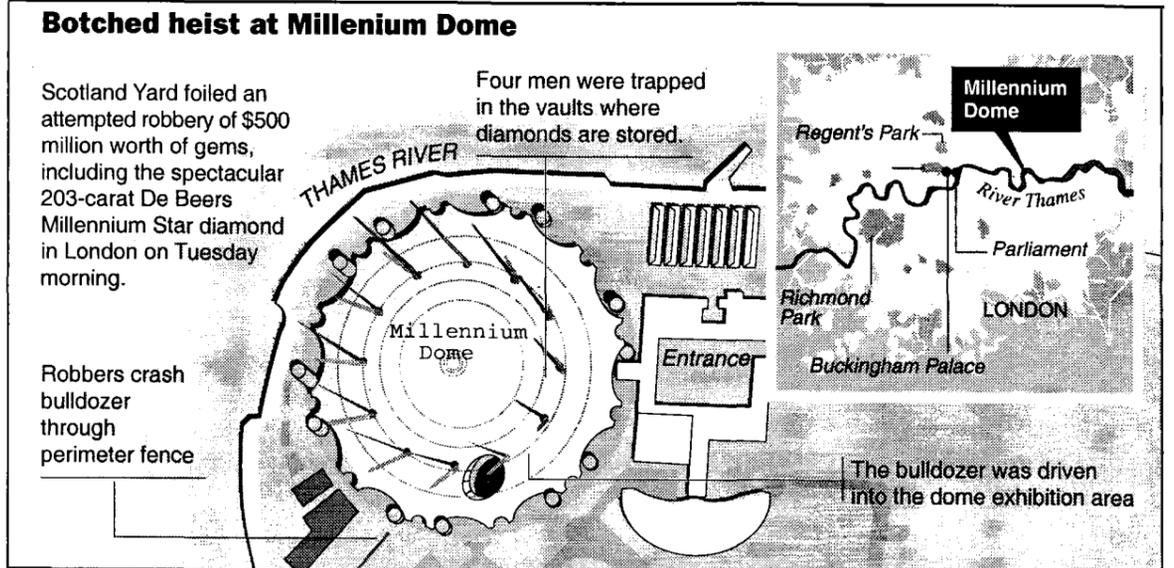
Shatford said Tuesday

Botched heist at Millenium Dome

Scotland Yard foiled an attempted robbery of \$500 million worth of gems, including the spectacular 203-carat De Beers Millennium Star diamond in London on Tuesday morning.

Four men were trapped in the vaults where diamonds are stored.

Robbers crash bulldozer through perimeter fence



The bulldozer was driven into the dome exhibition area

Source: Millennium Dome NMEC; compiled from AP wire reports

William Castello, François Ducket/AP

was just one of 24 dates on which police had expected the robbery attempt to take place.

Dressed in gas masks and body armour, the robbers also used smoke bombs in a vain bid to hide from police but it was unclear whether they were armed with guns.

One of the gang was caught in the speedboat, one was arrested in a getaway car on the far side of the Thames and six more were held in raids in Kent. Police hinted there could be more arrests, saying the operation was still going on.

The prize the robbers were striving for was a huge, flawless

203-carat pearshaped diamond dubbed the Millennium Star — one of the world's largest gems. It is surrounded by 11 other unique blue diamonds.

De Beers said they had been told about the raid and had replaced the diamonds with worthless copies late on Monday.

"We have been working closely with the police and our own security advisers and had been notified this raid was going to take place," company spokesman Andrew Lamont told Reuters.

"On the basis of that information we switched the diamonds literally hours before the raid."

Dome Chief executive Pierre-

Yves Gerbeau was simply relieved the operation was over without any injuries. "I had known [about the operation] for some time. I was very worried," Gerbeau said.

Publicity is just what the beleaguered attraction badly needs.

The Dome has been a business failure, swallowing up a billion pounds of public money. Having fallen far short of its target for visitor numbers, the buyer lined up to take it over at the end of the year then pulled out amid a financial scandal.

The government is now struggling to offload the celebration showcase, which many say should simply be demolished.



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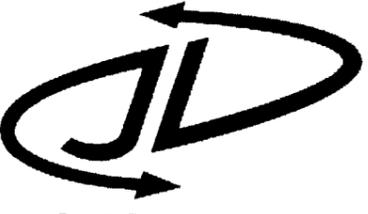
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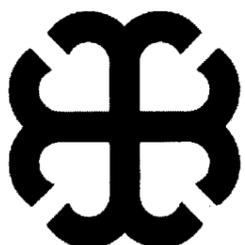
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Truly live with free resources

I believe it was the so very wise Mel Gibson who once said (in "Braveheart") that "every man dies but not every man really lives." And then he proceeded to really live, painting his face in bold, I'm-going-to-save-my-land blue, raising a big broadsword over his head and kicking some British butt. People don't "live" anymore quite like William Wallace did. I wonder why?

Anna Barbour

Get a Life

That's my question for the day. Why the heck don't we fight the British anymore? No, not exactly, that's a separate issue. I want to know why the heck the apathy of individuals, at least in the United States, has skyrocketed; why people are everywhere so depressed, bored, tired of living or generally unimpressed by life? I'd also like to know why boys can play video games until their eyeballs fall out on Monday and be back playing more games on Wednesday, but that's also a separate issue.

Now, I've pondered the apathy of people, and I've come to some conclusions. People are apathetic because they buy water. We buy water. We also buy sunlight, but I will discuss this in a moment.

Why do we buy water? We buy water because we have no sense. In a two-hour time period at the Huddle, \$30 worth of water will easily be purchased. If you do the math and analyze a lot of factors, you will come up with statistically significant figures concerning people's water buying habits. People have lost the will to get free water. We have discovered that a fresh bottle of Evian is so much easier for us to obtain than standing by the old-fashioned drinking fountain with an old

but faithful, bent-up water bottle. We've got to have new, new, new. Have we lost our minds? The water in South Bend, after its purification processes, is fine.

Now, imagine this scenario: Next spring break you decide to go to Baja California. As you are flying over Death Valley, your plane goes down. You survive but you wish you were dead because you are stranded in Death Valley. We all know that in Death Valley any water is good water so why can't we translate this extreme love of free-flowing, Death Valley water into our normal, everyday lives?

Because we have lost the gift of appreciation somewhere in the midst of fast food, Land Cruisers and 32-screen movie theaters, we have lost the ability to appreciate the freer things in life. And because we can no longer appreciate what comes freely, cheaply, naturally, how can we expect ourselves to know happiness? Nothing will ever be good enough in a world where people would rather buy bottled water than have almost the exact same water for free.

This brings me to my second agenda — the American need to buy sunlight. Now, what the heck is this all about? The goal of tanning is basically to burn oneself, and we are actually willing to pay for burnt skin? I'm sure Freud would have a field day with this and would probably triple his hourly rates for people with these tanning issues. Why don't you just throw your money away? Just flush it down the toilet as soon as you get it. I am assured that people have lost appreciation for living when they decide to closet themselves in a tanning bed.

All right, it is faster than natural tanning and much more even over the entire body surface. But it costs money. Some things ought not be bought. Love.

Love cannot be bought. Air. Air cannot be bought. Or can it? There have been oxygen bars in Tokyo. Are we just going to name a price for everything?

As soon as everything has a price tag, everything is in jeopardy of becoming unobtainable. When cars were considered unnecessary luxury items, people did not need them. Now cars are very important to everyday life for most people. But what happens when you take something you already cannot live without, like water, air or love, and you make it profitable? A person can live without a car but not without the essentials for physical and mental well-being.

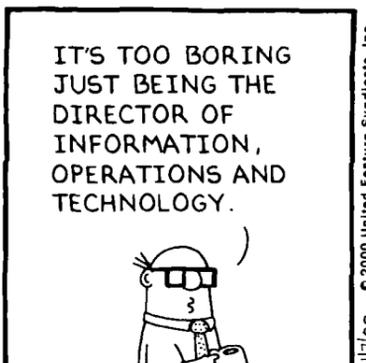
So, in a decidedly roundabout way, the next time you buy water or pay for sunlight, you are contributing to your own unhappiness. You have chosen not to really live. Sometimes it is necessary to have discomfort, to take the longer route or to reuse one water bottle over and over so that in the end, the ability to appreciate the naturally free things, to appreciate life, can still exist. Don't lose the ability to appreciate life.

And for God's sake, stop buying gold and blue, twice-as-expensive M&Ms at football games, when the regular ones, already overpriced, taste exactly the same, melt-in-the-mouth-not-in-the-hand, exactly the same. One is tempted to tell people who buy water, tans and the most expensive colored M&Ms that she also has some land in Florida she would like to sell them.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is a maze in which we take the wrong turning before we have learned to walk."

Cyril Connolly
author

Open dorms to co-ed life

Did you know that no two students who claim to be Asian/Pacific-Islander, African-American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American on their admissions application respectively are going to be roommates with one another as a freshman? As a matter of fact, minority students are intentionally placed throughout the residence halls so that each hall is as diverse as it can be, relative to the percentage of minority students on our campus. Apparently, many Notre Dame administrators feel it is important to diversify our residence halls so that students can share with one another the unique differences that they have. Sound like a good idea?

MSPS

What's Your Shade?

Did you know that Notre Dame administrators have pondered the question of whether or not to have designated "dry" residence halls or floors for students who wish to avoid the alcohol-dominated social parties that occasionally occur during the week and frequently occur during the weekend? Apparently, however, one of the reasons "dry" halls or floors have never been established is because administrators feel it is important that those non-drinkers who are responsible are among the drinkers who might not be. Babysitters and designated drivers are a good thing, don't you think?

Did you know that it was in the early 1990s that Notre Dame started making a concerted effort to make their residence halls handicap accessible? A student named Alex Montoya, who was born with only one limb, was accepted to Notre Dame, but didn't have an accessible home. A ramp and a couple automatic doors later, St. Ed's became a place that someone like Alex could live with his classmates — and his classmates could learn about him. Enter the 1990 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, exit inclusion at Notre Dame. Do you have someone like Alex living in your hall now?

Did you know that Sorin is going to be co-ed?

Okay, I lied. That isn't true. That would never happen at Notre Dame. Breaking tradition is one thing, but not having parietals is another. Having men and women living together is completely different than having people of different races living with one another, right? At least with people of other races living together, the University is making a concerted effort to improve race relations on campus. If men and women were living together, what would the University get out of it? Improved gender relations? Of course, there is not really any problem with gender relations at Notre Dame, is there? Men and women on campus get along fine, right? They have plenty of opportunities to interact, get to know one another, and bond with one another, right? They know how to act around one another and how to treat one another, don't they?

In classes, men and women interact together all the time. You never see all the men sitting on one side of the room, and all the women on the other side. And even if that does happen, you always have the dining halls. Men and women are always eating together in the dining hall, aren't they? Well, they at least say hi to one another, don't they? Okay, well they are at least talking about one another, or staring at one another, right?

So men and women might not establish relationships in the classroom or the dining halls. But social gatherings are always taking place in the residence halls with both men and women. And of course there are always the SYR dances. I am not sure how meaningful the male-female interactions are at those particular events, but at least some interaction is taking place — very often as both parties are in a drunken stupor. Come to think about it, I am not sure that SYRs reveal such a good example of the gender relations on campus. As a matter of fact, they may just expose how terrible gender relations seem to be.

Men and women certainly do have to learn from one another, and as we all know, treated equally. Since the University finds it to their advantage to be inclusive in the residence halls with respect to people of color, non-drinkers and physically challenged individuals, I think it is time that the residence halls be inclusive with respect to gender. Maybe if we had co-ed halls, men and women would have more substantial and significant relationships. Maybe then they would be more inclined to interact with one another in the classroom. Maybe then it would be a little easier for some to find a date. Maybe then people would actually go out on dates. Maybe then there would not be such disparity in residence hall regulations. Maybe then women would be treated with more respect. Maybe then it would be easier for you to meet the person you keep talking about in the dining hall.

Do you think if I double-dared Father Malloy he might consider the whole Sorin idea?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter did not address 'reality'

In her letter in the Monday edition of The Observer, Emily Dagostino promises one thing and then delivers the opposite. With a title like "Facing Abortion's Reality," you might expect either a discussion of a woman's right to privacy, an unborn child's right to life or even whether or not a fetus is a living human being. Instead, the letter is a series of stream-of-consciousness musings on such things as our imperfect world, God and the evil of judging the behavior of others. It essentially bypasses any serious discussion of the abortion issue.

Ms. Dagostino says that "God understands that we're just humans and so we screw up every once in a while." Therefore, she says, we should be allowed to "deal with the sometimes unforeseeable and unexpected consequences of our actions without being condemned by our more perfect neighbors." The fact that Ms. Dagostino could make it to her junior year in college believing pregnancy to be an unforeseeable result of sex is the most compelling argument for sex education that I have ever heard.

Beyond that, the suggestion that we should be above reproach in however we choose to deal with the consequences of our mistakes is so overly broad a statement that I doubt even Ms. Dagostino actually believes it. Suppose I "screw up" and spend all my money on beer and cigarettes. Broke and hungry, I decide to deal with the consequences of my actions by walking into a 7-11, shooting the clerk and stealing a couple of big-bites.

Would Ms. Dagostino support me in this decision to deal with the consequences of my actions or would she become one of those "more perfect neighbors" and condemn my decision to shoot the clerk and rob the store? I have to think that the latter would be the case and she'd be right. As soon as my decision to deal with the consequences of my mistakes involved trampling on the rights of another person, my decision ceased to be personal and rightfully became the business of Ms. Dagostino and the rest of society.

Likewise, the question of whether or not a woman's right to an abortion outweighs an unborn child's right to life is a matter for debate. However, to offer a supposedly considered opinion on abortion without even addressing the argument that it destroys an innocent human life can hardly be described as "facing abortion's reality."

Emmet Day

Notre Dame law student
Fischer Graduate Residences
Nov. 7, 2000

Applauding broadcast

I was extremely pleased to see The Observer's support of the expansion of WVFI Friday. As an alumnus of both Notre Dame and WVFI (I was a staff announcer for four years), it was heartbreaking to see the administration pull the plug last fall on the student body's opportunity to broadcast globally via the Internet. In fact, I can recall the sweat and tears that were put into the station's futile attempts to go FM while I was there.

Thankfully, the Internet has changed the game and instead of fighting to be heard all over South Bend, technology has allowed the current body to be heard across the world. What an incredible opportunity! Indeed "why weren't students always given this opportunity?" Campus radio stations are a tremendous way for aspiring broadcasters to hone their communication skills. Moreover, they embody our first amendment right to freedom of speech. Students can discuss their views on important campus issues and play music that may not have otherwise been played on commercial radio.

I applaud the administration's decision to let the "Voice of the Fighting Irish" be heard globally. I ask that station manager Adam Frick and his staff confirm this ruling by demonstrating the professionalism, creativity and enthusiasm that Notre Dame students are capable of. And I hope that the administration's decision marks a turning point in allowing other previously "silenced" voices on campus be heard.

Anthony Limjuco

class of '98
Nov. 7, 2000

Alcohol-free on the FlipSide

I am responding to the Wednesday, Nov. 1, "In Focus" section on the Notre Dame alcohol policy, mainly to the article entitled "University begins long-term study of alcohol policy." I simply want to set the record straight.

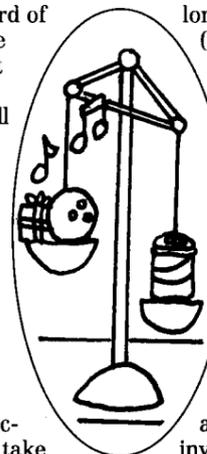
Throughout the report, the article lays out the three-pronged plan of action that the Board of Trustees proposed in order to improve the social scene of Notre Dame. The blueprint begins with a plea for consistency in the application of du Lac, continues with a call to increase alcohol education and ends with a need for more alcohol-free events.

In all but the final step, the article cites examples of past or present successes in these programs, yet only criticizes the existing non-alcoholic events. The final paragraph of the article states, "[Student government chief of staff] Smith pointed out that such events currently have low turnout because it is difficult to compete with Rally in the Alley, Lafayette." Until Student Activities can afford bigger productions, said Smith, non-alcohol events may take a back seat." This is simply not true, and FlipSide proves it every weekend.

FlipSide is a student-run organization whose sole purpose is to provide alcohol-free events on the weekends for those who choose not to party and drink, either as a lifestyle or for only one night. We are not an "anti-alcohol" group — we simply do not want any person to feel pressured to drink due to a lack of alternatives.

Yes, we find fun things to do in South Bend, and when we cannot uncover them, we create them.

Over the past couple of years, we have at least doubled our numbers and popularity with activities such as trips to haunted houses, bowling and dances. Last weekend at our ice skating event, we set a new FlipSide record with more than 250 attendees; however, this record will not last for long.



With upcoming events such as paintball (this Friday), a Christmas shopping and sightseeing trip into Chicago (Dec. 2) and snowtubing (next semester), we could not possibly go anywhere but up!

One of my biggest frustrations as a student is to hear other students complain about the lack of social options on campus, despite our attempts to rectify this situation. I realize that not every event is suited for everyone, but we strive to serve as much of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross communities as possible. If students have any ideas on how we could help them (i.e., suggestions for events, more effective advertising, etc.) or would like to become involved with one of the fastest growing organizations on campus, they can always contact me or come to our weekly meetings at 8 p.m. on Sundays in the second floor lounge of LaFortune. We are taking alcohol-free programming from the back burner into the spotlight. Before long, Rally in the Alley will have to compete with us.

Tim Ruggaber

sophomore, FlipSide president
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 7, 2000

Robots can now play fetch, mow lawns, score goals

Hey kids, what's more American than getting someone else to do something for you? Getting a robot to do it instead! And if you have the pocket change to drop on robots, they can dramatically increase your time on the couch, leaving you to watch the Bears and the Vikings with a frosty beverage of your choice.

We've all seen "The Real World," where our beloved whiny 20-somethings cuddle with a robot dog so real it will even mount your leg "if the mood catches him right." That dog is Aibo, a Sharper Image product, and can be had for a cool \$1,590.

Jeff Baltruzak

Short Circuits

The technology that makes Aibo like a real dog is its ability to learn and mature with artificial intelligence. It can even adapt to its surroundings with a camera in its nose.

Included with your Aibo is a software package for "personality." It allows Aibo to express surprise and anger, among other emotions. There's nothing quite like an angry robot dog chasing a kid around the house because the ankle-biter threw Aibo's pink ball at it. Pink ball included.

Although Aibo is dumb as a post at first, it can eventually learn up to 50 verbal commands like "sit," "stay," "bite" and "chase cars." Apparently, they have even programmed a soul into this plastic puppy. It will respond to your voice, and you can even name it. Suggested names include "Waste of Money," "Rich People's Toy" and "Spot."

No cash for Aibo? I think they still sell Chia-pets and real dogs at the mall. But seriously, this product shows the degree of commercialization of artificial intelligence.

Some critics believe we should keep "intelligence" strictly human. But Aibo is hardly a threat to the human race's unique thinking capabilities, although its wagging tail could be construed as a threat to dog intelligence. The National Association of Real Dogs Against Aibo (NARDAA), led by president Lassie and treasurer Old Yeller, have lobbied Congress to ban Aibo.

While you may not share Lassie's passionate protesting of Aibo, you may still want a more useful robot for your money. Take Sundays, for example. Sundays are for football, not for mowing the lawn. And nobody wants to pay the neighbor's kid \$20 to do a sub-par job.

Straight out of Europe comes the Robomower, a product that uses ultrasound technology. The Robomower is a machine aimed at the huge lazy-American market. All the owner must do is put special pegs around his or her yard, press a button, and off the Robomower goes, avoiding birdbaths, dogs (even robot ones) and that pink flamingo Aunt Helga bought you for Christmas.

An on-board computer directs the mower, which retails for \$795. The processor interprets ultrasound signals from the pegs while mowing in a triangular pattern. These signals tell the Robomower when to turn and how to avoid obstacles. It will mow any shape yard and go up and down hills easily.

But there are several downsides to this gift from heaven. The Robomower will take up to three times longer to mow your lawn than it would take you, and will only run for 2 1/2 hours. That means if you start the Robomower at halftime, you might have to leave the living room during the fourth quarter to stop it — a tough sacrifice to make.

Still, using the Robomower is better than cutting your lawn yourself, and you can justify your laziness by saying it's environmentally friendly, which it is. The Robomower is virtually silent and produces enough no emissions from its battery-powered operations.

Even the presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush shared opinions about the Robomower in this frenzied election season. Gore said that, like the Internet, he "invented the Robomower." When Bush was asked about his position on robot lawnmowers, he replied, "What's a lawnmower?"

If getting robots to mow your lawn isn't high on your agenda, how about using them to improve sports? Everyone knows soccer is boring. So those enterprising Australians have come up with something better: robot soccer. RoboCup 2000, held in Melbourne, Australia from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, brought together robots from all over the world to test their metal in five divisions.

The competing robots pass, shoot, and execute soccer strategy just like Manchester United. However, because these robots are simulating soccer players, no artificial intelligence is required.

Apparently the games have scores high enough to make it a legitimate spectator sport, unlike human soccer. Also in development are robot soccer hooligans that throw computer chips at the competing robots and trash each other's circuits in the stands.

The moral of the story is that you can make robots do lots of things you don't want to do, like play soccer and mow the lawn. And that's a good thing, for us, the lazy Americans.

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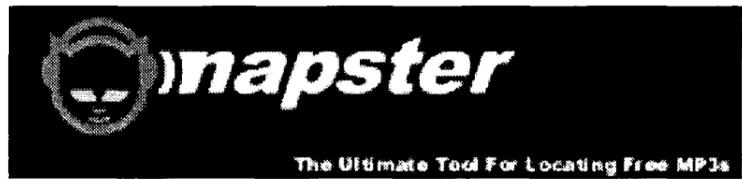
Weighing the benefits of mp3 sharing

File sharing services like Napster, Scour, iMesh

By JOSEPH REISING
Scene Writer

A quiet afternoon last April turned into a day that will live in infamy. After more than a semester of mp3 downloading frenzy that drained the resources of Notre Dame's network, the University decided to block Napster usage.

The resulting panic sent many students searching for



alternative mp3 sharing sites to satisfy the urge for free downloadable music. Such searching turned up sites like Scour Exchange and the friendly insect-themed iMesh as suitable substitutes for Napster.

Over the summer, students could once again gobble up harddrive space with mp3s from Napster, to the chagrin of pouting heavy metal stars like Metallica who nearly shut down the whole system once and for all.

Yet Napster survived Lars' battle, and students returning this semester to their beloved computers were greeted by a welcome surprise. Napster worked again and all was right with the world.

But unfortunately the status of free mp3 sharing has been turned on its head once again, as both Napster and Scour Exchange have been bought by corporations pledging to charge for their file sharing services.

Here is a look at how the major file sharing sites stand at the moment.

Napster (www.napster.com)

According to Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Residence Life, the fortuitous reappearance of Napster had nothing to do with any University decision. Napster use is still currently prohibited by the University, which

has blocked the primary port for downloading. Yet Napster's inventiveness has allowed Notre Dame students to get around the blockage and continue downloading music.

However, the German media corporation Bertelsmann's recent purchase of Napster means the service will no longer be free.

The two companies are working to develop technology that will keep track of what is

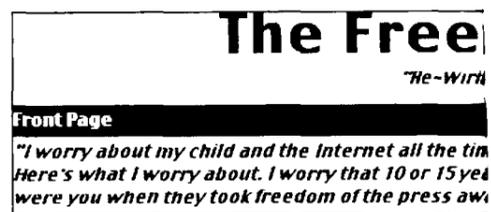
downloaded so that the appropriate royalties can be paid to the record company. Hank

Barry, the chief executive of Napster, has suggested a monthly fee of \$4.95 for the Napster service, but no definite fee has been established.

Neither Napster nor Bertelsmann have a concrete plan for how the fee-based sharing will work. Napster may still allow free file sharing, but with limited access and fewer features. Paying members would get unlimited access to files and additional features. Until all the questions with the new fee-based sharing system get ironed out — and there is no definite time set for that — Napster will not be a viable option for students looking for mp3s.

Scour Exchange (www.scour.com)

The Scour Exchange service was very similar to Napster but in addition to mp3 trad-



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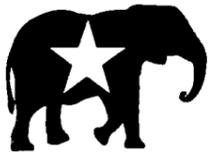
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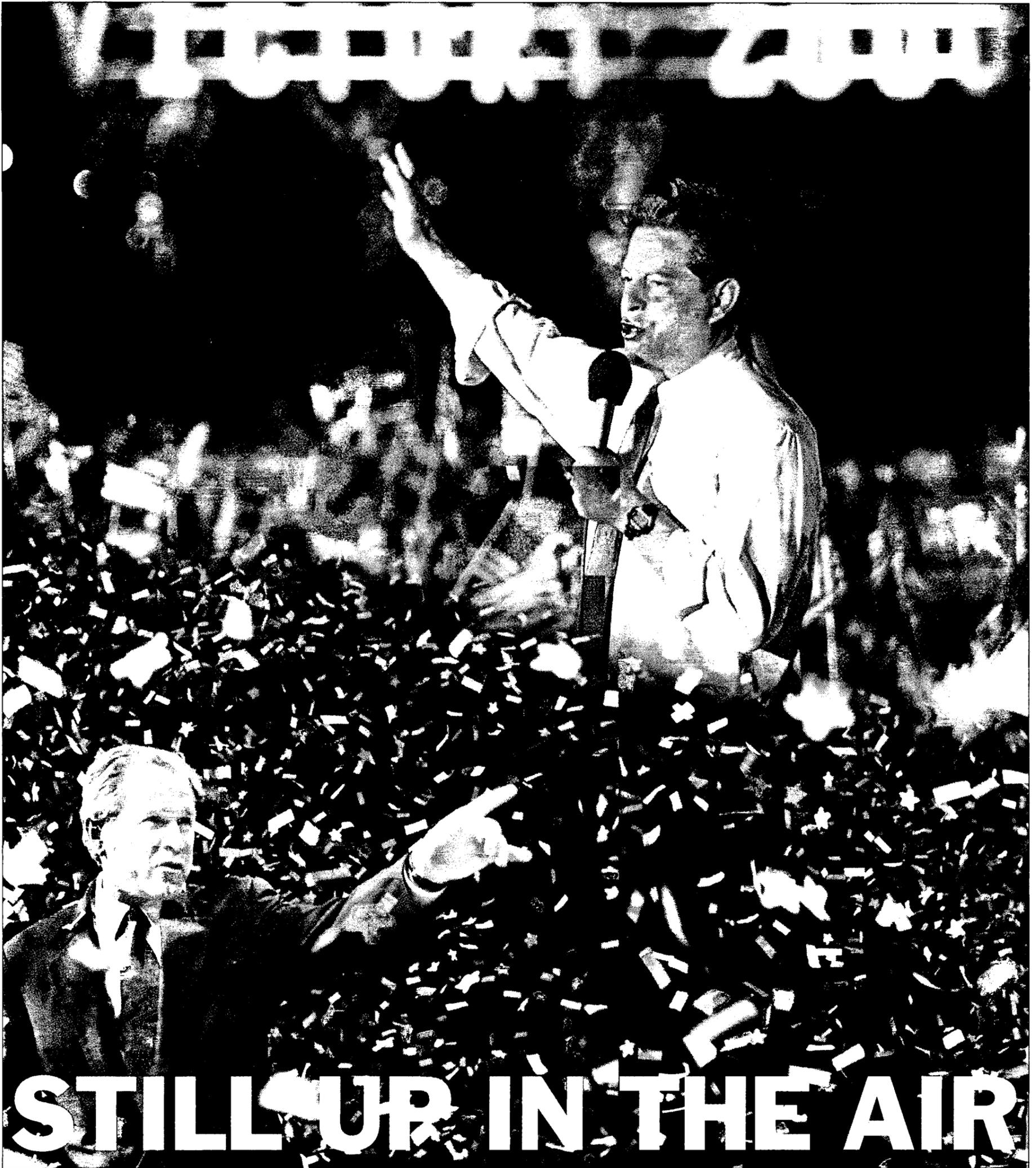


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AROUND THE NATION

Michigan still undecided: Republican U.S. Sen. Spence Abraham and Democratic challenger Debbie Stabenow spent more than \$18 million — the most expensive campaign in Michigan history — in a fight that drew national attention as Republicans fought to hold onto their majority in the U.S. Senate. Then they waited into Wednesday morning to find out the result.

With 57 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Abraham had 51 percent with 1,192,702 votes and Stabenow had 48 percent with 1,121,429 votes.

"Regardless of what happens, what's important is that the people have participated and come to the polls, and it's wonderful to see that happen," Stabenow told supporters just after midnight.

"What can you say? We've just got to wait until all the votes are counted," Abraham spokesman Joe Davis said.

An exit poll, which found the race too close to call when the polls closed, showed Stabenow fared better among women, while Abraham did better among men.

Suburban voters were almost evenly divided between the candidates, but Abraham dominated rural areas and Stabenow ran strongly in cities, according to the exit poll conducted by Voter News Service, a partnership of The Associated Press and the ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox and NBC television networks.

Montana seniors power Republican win:

In the U.S. Senate race, a majority of voters over age 65 favored Republican Conrad Burns, despite Brian Schweitzer's campaigning for lower prescription prices and powered Burns to a tight win. Independents and moderates favored Schweitzer but the Democrat still lost by 13,000.

Democrat wins Jersey race: New Jersey voters rewarded multimillionaire Democrat Jon Corzine with a seat in the Senate for a campaign that set new standards for spending by a very slim margin.

Corzine, the former chairman of Goldman Sachs & Co., assured himself a place in the record books by spending an estimated \$65 million — most of that from his own pockets — in an effort to succeed retiring Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.

Franks, a four-term congressman and former state GOP chairman, accused Corzine of trying to buy the election and confidently predicted he would pull off an upset for the ages.

But it was not to be, as Republicans continued a string of futility in Senate races. The last GOP win came in 1972, when Clifford Case won a fourth term.

"We were outspent better than 10-to-1," Franks told supporters after calling Corzine to concede. "The assault on the airwaves, it never stopped."

Nebraska Republican squeaks by:

George Bush's popularity lifted Republican Don Stenberg into a tight Senate race against former Gov. Ben Nelson, but Nelson pulled out a close victory 51 to 49 percent.

Nelson had 51 percent of the vote, while Stenberg had 49 percent. That was a much tighter margin than the 12 percentage point lead that Nelson had in a poll released last week.

Despite wintry weather in much of the state, Secretary of State Scott Moore stood by his predictions of 71 percent of the state's 1,085,000 voters would cast ballots.

Overwhelming voter turnout caused polling places in at least four counties — Douglas, Sarpy, Cuming and Buffalo — to run out of ballots and others faced long lines as polls closed. After long waits to get their ballots, no voters were turned away.

Some 538,000, or nearly 50 percent, of the state's voters are registered Republican. About 392,000, or 36 percent, are Democrats. Another 153,000, or about 14 percent, are registered as independents

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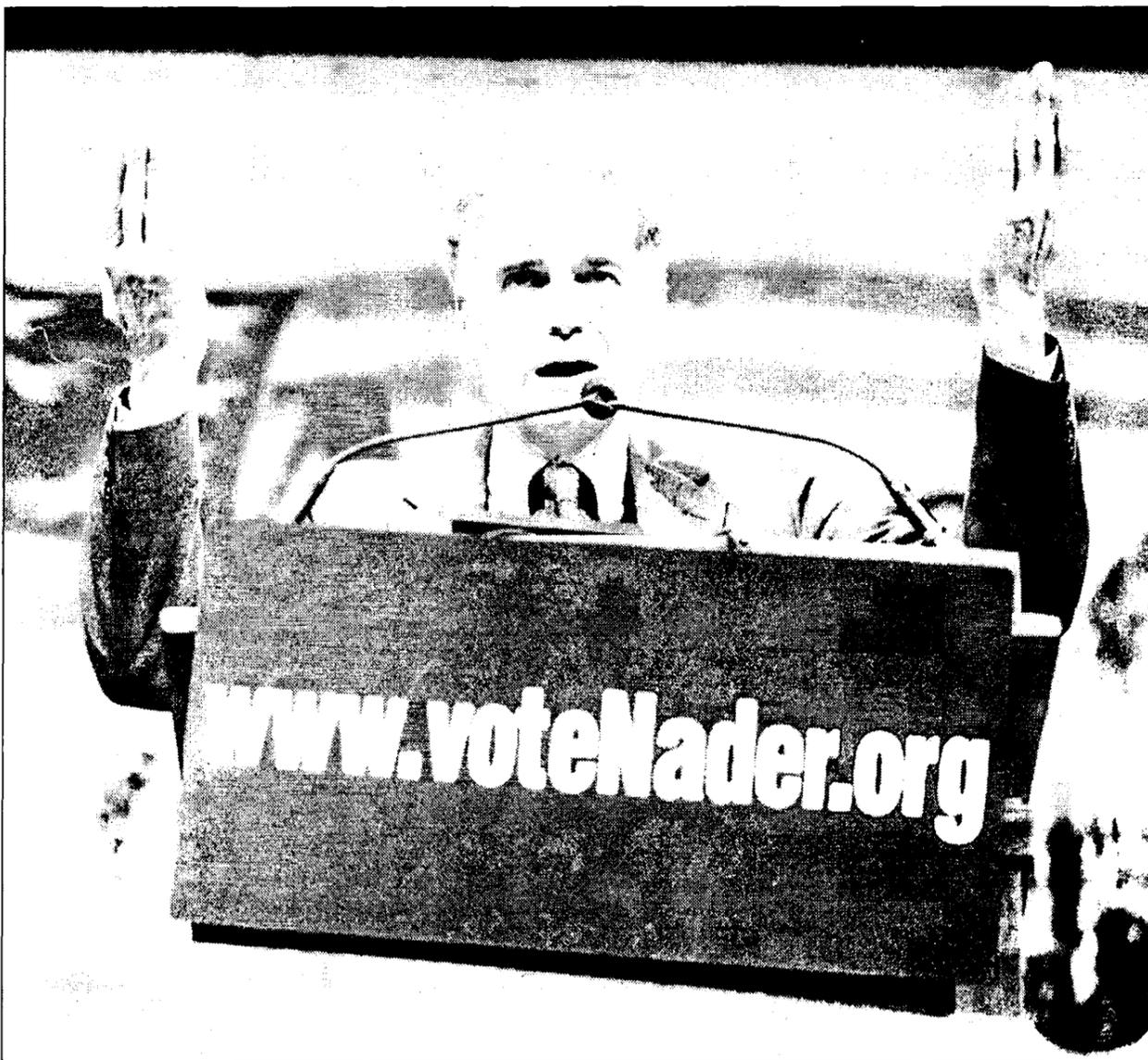
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NEWS ANALYSIS



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Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader speaks at the last of his campaign SuperRallies in Washington, D.C. at the MCI Center Sunday. Nader encouraged his supporters to vote for him despite claims that their votes would hand a victory to George W. Bush, saying, "A vote for Nader is a vote for Nader."

Nader may spoil election for Gore

♦ Green Party candidate garners 2 to 3 percent of nation's popular vote

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Ralph Nader's failed presidential bid Tuesday won't keep his name out of the history books.

With the votes the Green Party nominee received, he may have become the first third-party candidate to possibly cost a major-party candidate the election, according to some.

Although Nader only received about 2 to 3 percent of the nationwide presidential vote Tuesday, he took votes from Democratic nominee Vice President Al Gore in key battleground

states, said Notre Dame sociology professor Robert Fishman. In particu-

lar, Nader's showing in Florida may have handed George W. Bush the presidency.

"In effect, Nader has hurt Gore. He's handed the presidency to George Bush," Fishman said.

As of 5 a.m. today, that had yet to be determined.

The initial announcement of Bush as President-elect came around 2:20 a.m. today, shortly after the Texas governor received Florida's 25 electoral votes. Just prior to the announcement, campaign strategists' projections indicated that the candidate — either Bush or Gore — who won Florida would win the election.

By 3:30 a.m., major television net-

works had rescinded their earlier predictions about Florida, deeming the race too close to call.

With nearly all precincts reporting, Bush appeared to have won the popular vote in Florida by some 200 votes over Gore. Nader's 3 percent showing in the state represented about 95,000 votes.

"As far as making any strides or statements, that's irrelevant. Nader's campaign will to little more than usher Bush into office," Fishman said.

Polls seemed to indicate that Nader may have impeded a Gore win Tuesday. According to a CNN exit poll conducted in Oregon Tuesday, 61 per-

cent of Nader supporters would have voted for Gore had the Green Party leader not run. The poll showed that only 10 percent would have voted for Bush and that 24 percent wouldn't have

voted at all.

Fishman isn't surprised. He said Gore and Nader tend to attract the same types of voters — people interested in social and environmental issues.

"Those who feel racial discrimination may have agreed with Gore's views and voted for him; or they may have voted for Nader. It's a similar situation with the environment, and both believe that corporate power should be restrained," said Fishman, who noted that issues such as abortion and gun

control may have also been blurred the line between the candidates' views.

The difference between the men is that "Nader gathers votes to the left of Gore and also the middle-of-the-road people," Fishman said. "Nader goes to greater lengths than Gore."

While some Democrats complained

prior to the election

Tuesday that

Nader's campaign

would hurt Gore's

chances, Nader

appealed to sup-

porters to "vote

their conscience,"

even in states

with close races

between Gore and

Bush, the Associated Press reported

today.

"You can't spoil a system spoiled to

the core," Nader told a standing-room

crowd in the ballroom of the National

Press Club in Washington, D.C.,

Tuesday.

Nader failed Tuesday to collect the 5

percent of the national vote needed to

qualify for federal campaign funds in

the 2004 elections. But he may have

also played a factor in races between

the major-party front-runners in

Colorado, Nevada and New Hampshire

— states predicted to have been won

by Bush Tuesday.

Nader, who made it a point through-

out his campaign to blast the other

candidates for their seemingly similar,

moderate views, denied accusations

that his candidacy might dictate the

outcome of the election.

"I did not run for president to help

elect one or the other of the two major

candidates," Nader told the Associated

Press earlier Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Material from The Associated Press

was used in this report.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Republican students promote political activity



By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

WASHINGTON
Members of the College Republicans at the University of Maryland-College Park felt it was important to show their support for Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush Tuesday, though they correctly believed that Democratic candidate Al Gore would carry the state.

Gore won the state's 10 electoral votes by a 17-point margin, 57-40.

"I think it's important that we have a presence on campus," said Jessica Ryan, a 19-year old sophomore. "I think some people are Republicans but they feel shy or they feel like it's hopeless, and even though it probably won't amount to a whole lot in the state of Maryland because we are majority Democrats, I think just letting people know we're here and that there are people on the other side [is important]."

To that end, the university's College Republicans passed out signs, bumper stickers and literature outside their Stamp Student Union. Government and politics major Ken Shepherd said he believes that although the state has traditionally voted for Democrats, the students' presence could cause others to reconsider their political affiliations.

"On this campus, it's like, Democrat turf. But that's going to change. That's going to end, because we're starting to fight back," he said. "We're starting to say, 'We're going to get the people of this campus to see that there's a viable alternative to the Democrats. We're going to get them to see how the Democratic policies hurt them and how the Republican policies help them."

"We're sick and tired of being told that we're always going to be in the minority in this state, that Gore is going to win, that Clinton and Gore have reshaped the whole process," Shepherd continued. "Even though we might not sway this campus to vote for Bush ... people will see that we're out here, that we're fighting for their vote, and that they should pay attention to us to see what we have to say."

Despite expert opinion that last minute campaigning has little or no influence on the outcome of an election, 18-year-old Lindsey Garver felt that her efforts this afternoon were important. Garver explained that the purpose of her presence at the College Republicans table this afternoon was less about influencing voters' choices and more about encouraging participation in the political process.

"It's last minute and maybe it won't make a difference in this election, but always it's just getting the message out. Even if somebody just reads a bumper

sticker, it makes an impact. It can discourage the opposition and it can encourage people who maybe wouldn't have voted," she said. "It's not so much as changing people's minds, but it's more like enforcing it, and people that were maybe a little shaky, maybe didn't have the propulsion to go out and to vote, maybe if they keep seeing it over and over again, they will."

Maryland's student Republicans ultimately concurred that more youth interest in campaigns and elections are needed. Junior George Waranonwitz said that turning out to vote in large numbers is the only way in which youth can solicit the attention of major candidates in future elections.

"I think it's very important, especially among this age group, because this is the age group that has always been the least active in voting. There's just a lot of apathy there," he said. Waranonwitz noted Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader's efforts to target youth voters and said that this is a tactic the major party candidates should adopt.

Ryan emphasized that voting is a privilege which citizens must exercise proudly.

"I think a lot of people take it for granted," she said. "So many people made sacrifices just so that we could have this opportunity."

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University of Maryland-College Park students Ken Shepherd and Jessica Ryan encourage students to consider voting for Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush Tuesday.

Young Democrats work to energize youth voters

By CHRISTINE KRALY
News Writer

WASHINGTON

On campuses and in polling units across the nation Tuesday, college students and volunteers rallied to support Democrats Al Gore and Joe Lieberman and the voting process in general.

Tashik Trich, a 20-year-old junior at the University of Maryland-College Park, was no exception.

Trich spent the day on her feet at the campus's student union, talking up the importance for young blacks to vote, especially for Gore, and she didn't show one bit of fatigue. That's probably because the executive vice president of the campus Black Student Union is a self-proclaimed political hound.

"I was always a person who hates to see things not getting done," she said. "I like things to develop, create new things, events programs, whatever it may be — to bring about change. You can't progress if you're not changing."

Part of the change Trich hopes to make is a general increase in youth voting.

Low turnout for young voters isn't good, the criminology and politics major said, because "we're the next generation. We're the ones who will be leading the nation."

"If we do not let them [candidates] know that we have a focus, that we are important, that we do have needs," she added, "then they'll never focus towards us."

Sara, 23, who works for the federal government and could not give her last name, is a recent graduate from Smith College in Massachusetts and worries about youth voting apathy. She was one of several volunteers handing out election information fliers supporting Gore in front of polling spot at Hine Junior High School in Washington Tuesday.

As a recent graduate, she added, she feels it is vital to students that Gore win the presidency, especially for his stance on education issues. It's very important, she said, for young people to make their voices heard because "voter turnout for our generation is so low. We need to show the leadership that we have a voice."

She calls herself "100 percent supportive" of Gore and Lieberman, and said more Democrats need to be in Congress.

Democrats are more in tune with important issues, she said, especially those that affect her as a young woman.

Rachel Kibiaer, a volunteer in D.C.'s Gore/Lieberman headquarters, agreed. "[It's] crucial for women especially," specifically those of reproductive ages, to understand and agree with the Democratic Party, she added.

In a room wallpapered with hundreds of "Gore/Lieberman 2000" posters, volunteers from across the Washington, D.C., area went to work campaigning for Vice President Gore.

Her job as a campaign volunteer is important, she said, because a lot of Democrats are not necessarily those who had the time or transportation to get out and vote.

Kibiaer, who plans to study political science at the University of Maryland next year, said she voted for Gore mainly because of his stance on contraception and financing education, both hot button

issues for young voters.

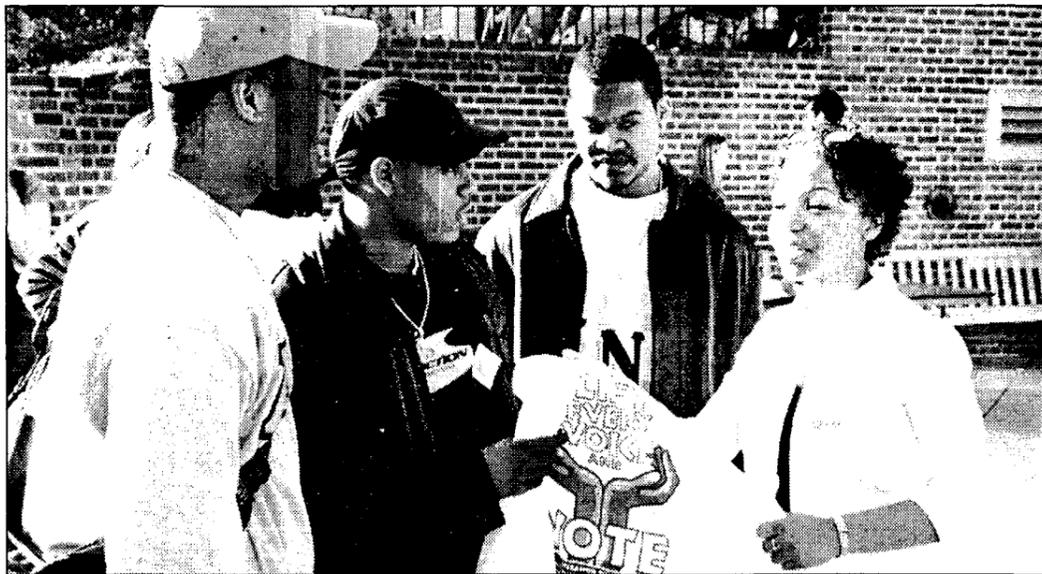
"This is their future," Jean Daniel, deputy press director for the D.C. Gore/Lieberman headquarters said of the youth vote this year.

Daniel, who involved herself in campaign volunteering when she was college-age, said she is "shocked" at how few young people get out and vote.

"This is so much fun, I can't imagine not ... investing in the future and being a part of it," Daniel said.

The 45-year-old public affairs director has worked on campaigns at the national and local level, and said young voters should take as much advantage of political volunteerism as they can.

"It's important for [students] to volunteer because one day they'll be in the age



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Tashik Trich (right), a University of Maryland-College Park junior, explains the importance of the youth vote to fellow students Tuesday. Trich is the executive vice president of the Black Student Union.

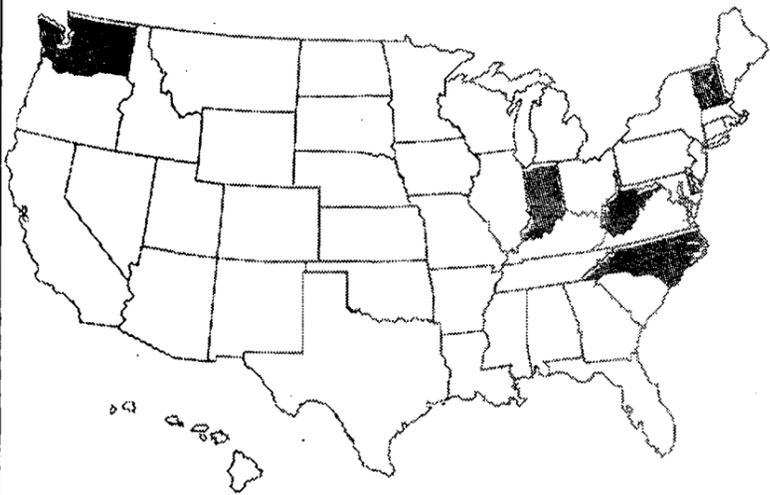
group where issues like Social Security will impact them," said volunteer Cynthia Owens, 49.

Owens, among others, spent her election day calling people encouraging them to vote, specifically for the Gore/Lieberman ticket. Other volunteers focused on providing transportation for those voters whom otherwise could not reach their polling places.

Volunteering for the Democratic Party, Trich said, is one way she has been able to help energize her generation in the political process.

"I think it's really important that we do show we are here, bring some attention to ourselves if we have to," she said. "So that they see that we care about what's going on."

Gubernatorial results



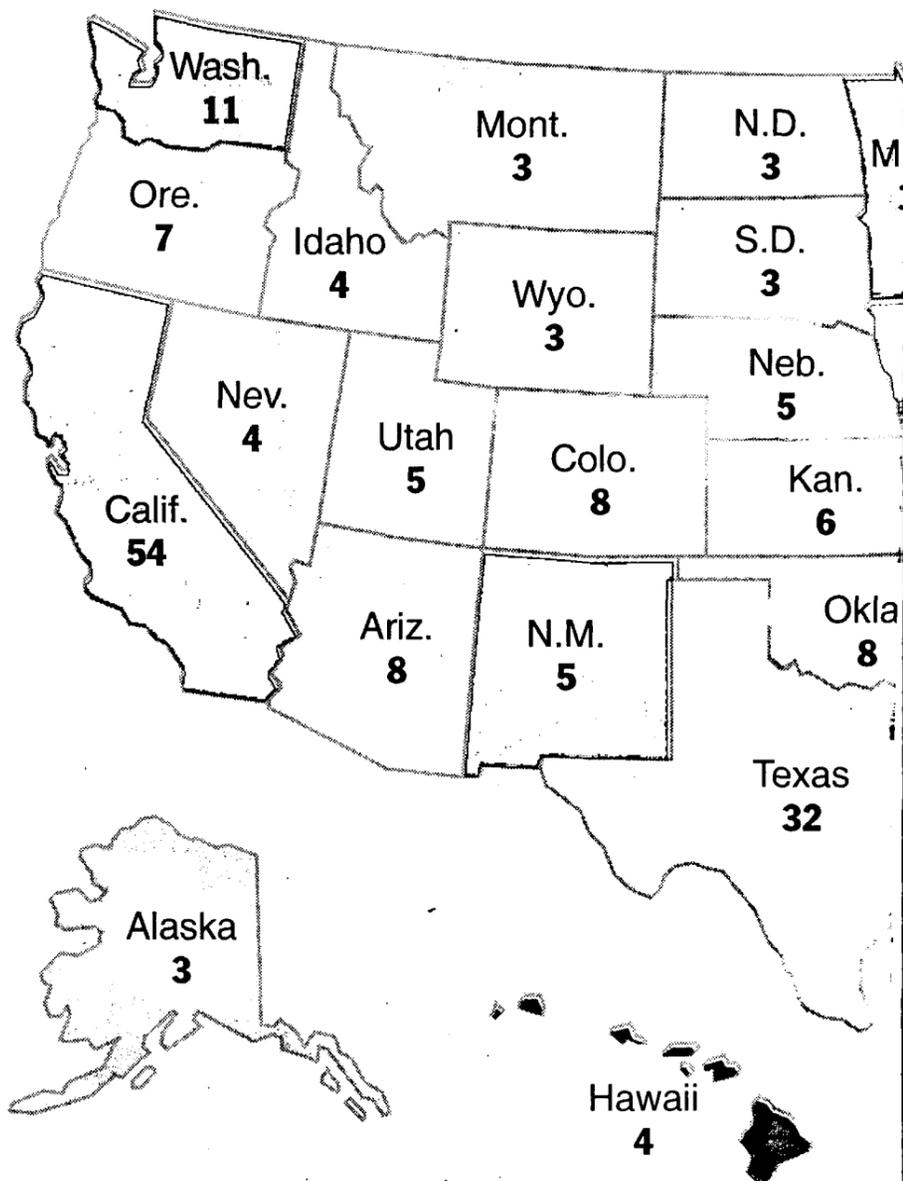
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 Results as of 2:27 a.m. EST

STATE	PRECINCTS REPORTING	CANDIDATES (Winners in bold)	
DELAWARE	100%	Minner (D) 59%	Burris (R) 40%
INDIANA	98%	*O'Bannon (D) 56%	McIntosh (R) 42%
MISSOURI	87%	Talent (R) 49%	Holden (D) 49%
MONTANA	76%	Martz (R) 51%	O'Keefe (D) 47%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	100%	*Shaheen (D) 49%	Humphrey (R) 44%
NORTH CAROLINA	99%	Easley (D) 52%	Vinroot (R) 46%
NORTH DAKOTA	88%	Hoeven (R) 55%	Heitkamp (D) 45%
UTAH	64%	*Leavitt (R) 57%	Orton (D) 41%
VERMONT	95%	*Dean (D) 50%	Dwyer (R) 38%
WASHINGTON	67%	*Locke (D) 59%	Carlson (R) 39%
WEST VIRGINIA	93%	Wise (D) 51%	*Underwood (R) 47%

Breakdown of



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roemer wins 6th term in 3rd district

Observer Staff Report

Congressman Tim Roemer won a tight race for reelection Tuesday, edging Republican challenger Chris Chocola 51 percent to 48 percent.

Roemer, running for his sixth term, prevailed early Wednesday morning when results came in from LaPorte County. The Notre Dame graduate will return to Washington for another two years.



Roemer

Roemer survived an aggressive advertising blitz from Chocola, and visits to the district in the last two weeks by high-profile Republicans, including George W. Bush and John McCain. The challenge to Roemer was framed by some as a chance for Republicans to maintain their slim lead in the House.

But an upset was not to be. A handful of supporters gathered at South Bend's West Side Democratic Club for a post-election victory rally, but as the night wore on and no final results came in, Roemer cancelled his appearance at the club. He is expected to make a public statement at 10:30 a.m. today.

Chocola concedes defeat

By ERIN PIROUTEK
 Senior Staff Writer

Remington Anksorus spent the last several months campaigning to elect Chris Chocola to an office he hopes to one day hold himself.

"I want to be a politician when I grow up," said Anksorus, noting he hopes to be Indiana Representative from District 3 someday. And the Penn High School senior isn't even old enough to vote.



Chocola

But for now, Democratic incumbent Tim Roemer will return for a sixth term in Congress. And although Anksorus is disappointed in the election results, Chocola supporters can look forward to supporting Anksorus in future elections.

"I picked Chris because he basically stands for the same beliefs that I have," Anksorus said.

The race between Chocola and Roemer was too close to call for much of the night.

Even when local media declared Roemer the winner around midnight, Chocola staffers refused to accept

defeat, counting on the final precincts to push their candidate into the lead.

Finally, at 1 a.m. Chocola conceded the race.

Nevertheless, he remained positive.

"There is no losing tonight. We've got a lot more friends than we had a year ago," the challenger said.

Many of his volunteers had no previous political experience, but supported Chocola because they believed in his message. Volunteers included the very young.

"A lot of people have had their kids involved with the

campaign from the beginning," said Chocola volunteer Brenda O'Grady, a mother of five. She supported Chocola in part because of his support for school voucher programs. She felt that the campaign offered a good opportunity to teach her children about the political process, an experience that she didn't have when she was younger.

The future voters at the Chocola gathering learned first-hand how important a few votes can be as the race unfolded.

Although Roemer jumped into a large early lead from St. Joseph County returns, Chocola steadily gained throughout the night, as results from the traditionally Republican Elkhart County and Kosciusko County were reported.

The atmosphere grew more tense, as Chocola slowly and surely made the race a dead heat. Even into the early hours of the morning, support remained strong at the Republican camp at the Holiday Inn in South Bend. People crowded around big screen televisions, trying to

glimpse the election results and local television shots of Roemer's sparsely-attended South Bend victory party.

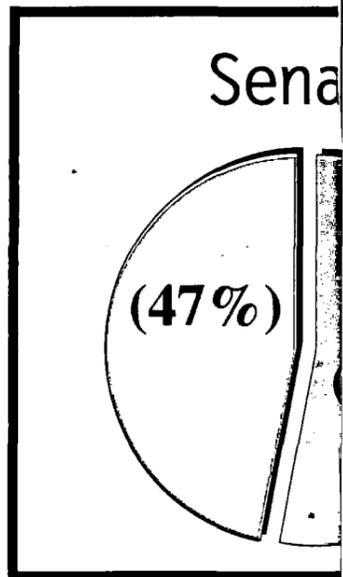
Supporters consider the relatively unknown Chocola's effort a successful challenge to the popular incumbent.

"I think it opened a lot of people's eyes. I think [Roemer's] next election will be tough for him to win," said Chocola headquarters director Jason Mazurkiewicz.

Chocola did not discuss his future plans.

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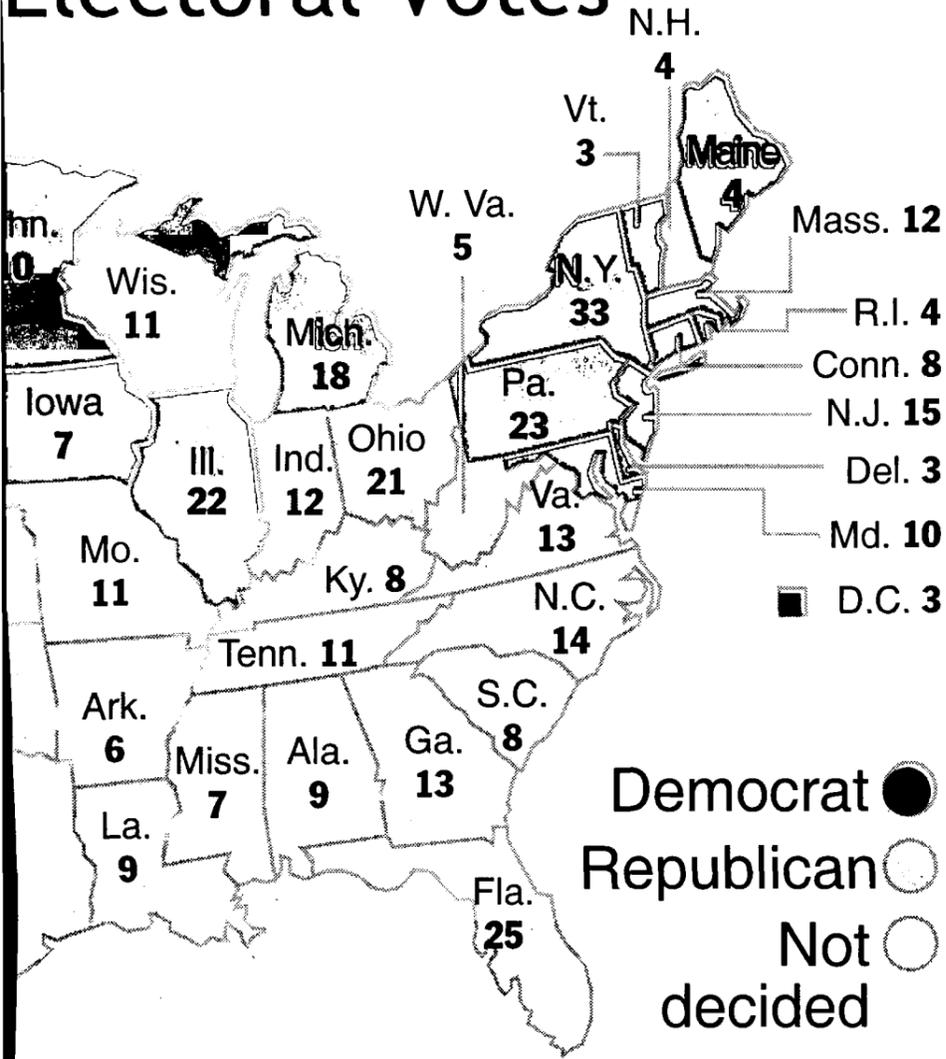
Republican

For the first time since 1920, the Republicans will retain control of both houses of Congress for four consecutive sessions.

With all 435 House seats 34 of the 100 Senate seats at stake, the Republicans appeared to have held control of both houses at press time.

Republicans held 223 seats compared to the Democrats 215 seats with independents holding the other two. At 4:30 a.m., the Republicans had won 215 seats while the Democrats had won 203. Both independents appeared to have retained their seats. Fifteen seats remain undecided at

Electoral Votes



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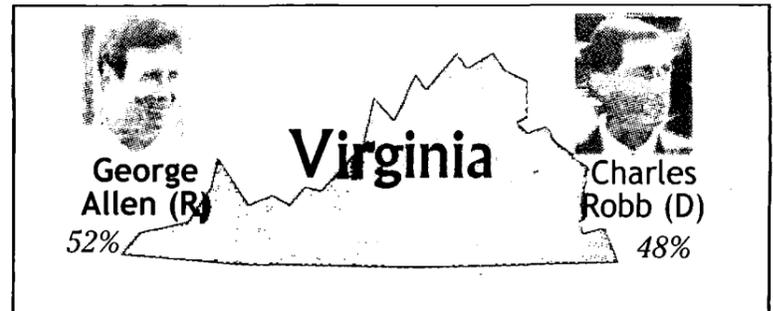
SENATE



Hillary Rodham Clinton triumphed in her historic quest for the U.S. Senate, defeating homegrown GOP Rep. Rick Lazio on Tuesday to become the only first lady ever elected to public office. Just before 11 p.m. Tuesday, with 51 percent of precincts counted, Clinton had 1,698,421 votes, or 54 percent; Lazio had 1,423,562 votes, or 45 percent. "You came out and said that issues and ideals matter," Clinton told a cheering crowd minutes later. In the wings, her husband, the president, watched and grinned. "I am profoundly grateful to all of you for giving me the chance to serve you," she said. "I will do everything I can to be worthy of your faith and trust and to honor the powerful example of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan." The campaign, which pitted her against a powerhouse New York City mayor and then a lesser-known Republican congressman, was the longest and costliest race in the state's history. It saw issues of character, place of birth, marital fidelity, and campaign finance collide with discussion of education, Social Security and the state's economy. But Clinton herself — her activism, her issues, her president husband and her love-it-or-hate-it personality — proved to be the main issue in the campaign against the Long Island congressman to replace retiring Democrat Moynihan. "She overcame the skeptics, and worked and worked and won," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.



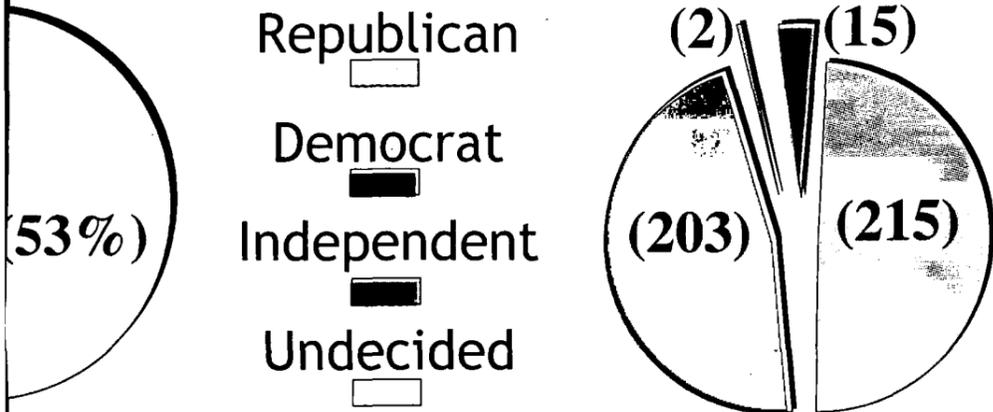
Missourians elected a deceased to the Senate on Tuesday, choosing Gov. Mel Carnahan — who perished three weeks ago in a plane crash — over Republican incumbent John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow had agreed to take her husband's place. With 84 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Carnahan had 1,075,872 votes, or 50 percent. Ashcroft, a Republican, had 1,039,409, or 49 percent. The plane crash that killed Carnahan, his son and an aide Oct. 16 turned the nationally watched contest against Republican Sen. John Ashcroft from notoriously bitter to decidedly bizarre. Carnahan died too late to revise the ballot. No one had ever posthumously won election to the Senate, though voters on at least three occasions sent deceased candidates to the House. Gov. Roger Wilson, who took office after Carnahan's death, said he would appoint Carnahan's 66-year-old widow, Jean, to a two-year term should Ashcroft lose. Mrs. Carnahan became the implicit challenger when she declared herself strong enough to accept appointment. Some Republicans had threatened a court challenge if that happened. Early Wednesday, as her husband pulled ahead, she addressed hundreds of St. Louis-area supporters by phone from her home in Rolla. "You have stayed the course; you have kept the faith; you have carried our hopes and dreams," she said.



Republican George Allen became the first Senate candidate to unseat an incumbent with his victory over Democrat Charles Robb in a close Virginia Senate race. Allen, the former Virginia governor, had a 52 percent lead with almost all the precincts reporting. Robb's loss ended more than 20 years of public service for a man who was first elected to statewide office in 1977. Robb was first elected to the Senate in 1988. Before his election to federal office, he served as governor and lieutenant governor. Allen's upset victory helped the Republicans hold onto their slim majority in the Senate. "Tonight, my friends, we begin moving forward and it sure is sweet," Allen told the hundreds at his election celebration at the Richmond Marriott. "This is your Senate seat and I will be a senator for all the people of Virginia." The turnout in Virginia was high and lines were reported at many polls. There also were some problems at the polls as prospective voters who thought they had registered at Department of Motor Vehicles offices found out they weren't entitled to vote. The Democratic Party of Virginia was gathering complaints. Craig K. Bieber, executive director of the state Democratic Party, said the General Assembly would have to deal with the unexpected fallout from the motor voter legislation.

-compiled from The Observer's wire services

House of Representatives



Republicans retain Senate, House

At press time. The Republicans held a 54-46 advantage in the Senate and had 19 seats up for reelection. At press time, cnn.com predicted the Republicans would win only 15 of those seats. Hillary Clinton and deceased Missouri governor Mel Carnahan helped the Democrats win 18 seats. The race in Michigan was still too close to call at 5 a.m. Democrat Debbie Stabenow held 20,000 vote lead with 87 percent of all precincts reporting over Republican incumbent Spencer Abraham. In addition to Missouri incumbent John Ashcroft who lost to Calahan, Republicans

lost several key Senate seats. Delaware Senator William Roth, the former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, lost to Democratic governor Tom Carter. Internet millionaire Maria Cantwell defeated Washington Senator Slade Gorton and Minnesota Senator Rod Grams fell to Mark Dayton. The Republicans, however struck back with wins in Nevada and Virginia. Incumbent Democrat Charles Robb lost to former governor George Allen in Virginia while Republican John Ensign captured the empty former-Democrat seat in Nevada. In the House, Republicans

captured open Democratic seats in Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri and Virginia and barely retained seats in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina. The narrow victories and tiny majority held by the Republicans could make partisan battles even worse in the next two years. "We will have to reach across the aisle and do things on a bipartisan basis," Republican House Speaker Dennis Hastert said on CNN. Hastert recaptured his seat in Illinois with 74 percent of the popular vote.

INDIANA GOVERNOR

Incumbent O'Bannon eludes GOPs McIntosh

♦ Democrat runs away with 13-point victory

By LAURA ROMPF
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INDIANAPOLIS

Coming as no surprise to most Indiana voters, Democrat Frank O'Bannon was reelected as governor for a second term, beating Republican David McIntosh handily — 57 to 42 percent.

The outcome was evident early because O'Bannon led McIntosh by double-digits for much of the campaign season.

Some Indiana voters waited in lines for up to 90 minutes Tuesday, giving this year's election one of the highest turnouts in recent history.

At a celebratory party in Indianapolis, O'Bannon thanked his many supporters from across the state.

"I want to give thanks to all of you who believed we put Hoosier families first, and we will continue to put Hoosier families first," O'Bannon said. "It's been a remarkable, remarkable year, and we're glad to come to a victory on this night."

O'Bannon cited his improvements over the past four years, including adding 500 police to the streets and a \$1.5 billion tax cut. He also said he intends to further improve education.

"We look at the next four

years to make sure the community college system is up in the state of Indiana," O'Bannon said. "There are things that need to be done in the state of Indiana. We've got a lot more to do. ... We look forward to continued progress here."

From his political headquarters in Muncie, Ind., McIntosh

delivered his concession speech around 7:50 p.m. Tuesday. McIntosh, who was elected to Congress in 1994, thanked specific supporters, including his campaign manager, campaign chairperson, finance chairperson, volunteers and staff.

"I want to thank everyone here, everyone in this team ... You are all winners because you supported the cause," McIntosh said.

During the speech, McIntosh also highlighted the strong points of his political career, including protecting social security, tax relief for working families and increased jobs in Indiana.

"I plan to be forever dedicated to make sure Indiana's best days are here to come," McIntosh said. "I absolutely believe Indiana has a specific destiny ... It can be a great place to live, raise a family and own a home."

Lieutenant governor and

Notre Dame alum Joe Kernan said his reelection signifies Indiana's movement in the right direction.

"The state of Indiana spoke loudly, clearly, wisely and decisively today in reelecting Frank O'Bannon as our governor. He has led our state for four years with great distinction and our

state today has never been stronger by every objective measurement you can imagine," Kernan said.

David Johnson, who lost his bid to

unseat five-term Republican Senator Dick Lugar, expressed his support for O'Bannon at the post-election party in Indianapolis.

"Thank God he is going to be our governor for the next four years," Johnson said in his concession speech. "Many of us [Democrats] had conceded that the other side had so much more money to spend on the races this year."

Kernan and O'Bannon cited areas where the will focus over the next four years, including education, economic development and public safety.

O'Bannon has had a long political career. Prior to his position as governor, O'Bannon served eight years as the lieutenant governor and 18 years as a part-time legislator in the Indiana Senate.

"I plan to be forever dedicated to make sure Indiana's best days are here to come."

Frank O'Bannon
Indiana Governor

♦ O'Bannon camp cheers Governor's re-election

By LAURA ROMPF
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INDIANAPOLIS

The day the music died for Indiana gubernatorial challenger David McIntosh, the band played long into the night to celebrate Frank O'Bannon's reelection.

Red, white and blue balloons floated through the air at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, while more than a dozen television news announcers reported to voters at home.

The celebration, sponsored by the state Democratic Party, attracted supporters from all over the state.

"I'm very excited for tonight. This party will be wild, absolutely wild," said Lavon Siaeoi, of Indianapolis. Siaeoi said she attended the party to support her daughter who worked on O'Bannon's campaign.

"Tonight is definitely going to be a happy celebration and very long lasting," said Jayelynn Willman, who worked for the campaign at phone banks. "I like him better because of his views on the issues."

The party included supporters of all ages. Even 1-year-old James Welch III cheerfully celebrated O'Bannon's victory. In a small green shirt decorated with O'Bannon campaign stickers, James danced to the band's songs and ate popcorn.

Because the race was not close, many O'Bannon supporters began celebrating before the polls closed. The party in Indianapolis began at 5 p.m., but polls remained open until 6 p.m.

"I got up this morning and had some pre-game jitters, as you do before any big game," said lieutenant governor Joe Kernan. "But by two o'clock this afternoon I knew this thing was going to be alright."

Other polls didn't want to celebrate too early.

"I am a very cautious person because I never want to be embarrassed by a surprise. Any celebration would be premature in an election season as tight as this one, but I still felt confident O'Bannon would win," said William Cordell, who worked on the U.S. Senate campaign for Democrat David Johnson.

Since a law passed in Indiana in 1972 allowing governors to work for two consecutive terms, an incumbent has never lost. O'Bannon continues that legacy.

"What I admire most about Governor O'Bannon is his integrity. What he says is what you get. There are no political smoke screens," Cordell said.

"I think he is definitely the best man for the job. He has the experience to do it, he's been governor for four years, and I just don't think the other guy was ready for the job," Siaeoi said.

The excitement of the evening even served to ignite the enthusiasm of Running With Scissors, the band.

"This is very cool," said lead guitarist and vocalist Mark Sullivan. "We get to play in an awesome room with great acoustics, to a big crowd."

Both said they supported Governor O'Bannon for reelection, citing his experience and character.

"He's been leading Indiana as governor and lieutenant governor," Sullivan said. "It's been the same group in office and we definitely want four more years."

When O'Bannon stepped up to the podium at 9 p.m., he thanked his many supporters in Indianapolis and throughout the state.

"I want to thank all the people in Indiana who said we were moving in the right direction," said the once and future governor.

As O'Bannon finished his speech, "These Are The Days" by 10,000 Maniacs blasted over loud speakers. Young James cheered as loudly as the next supporter — although it was a bit harder to clap with a bottle full of milk in his hands.



Frank
O'Bannon (D)

57%

Indiana



David
McIntosh (R)

42%

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ehrhard fails to win state house seat by 30 percent

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

After graduating from Notre Dame Law School in May, James Ehrhard made a run to represent South Bend in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Ehrhard, the Republican nominee, lost Tuesday, 65 percent to 35 percent, to Democratic incumbent Pat Bauer in the race for the District 6 seat. But before the results came in, he reflected on the past few months of planning and campaigning for office.

Ehrhard had been planning to run for office, with the help of a few fellow classmates, since his third year of law



Ehrhard

school.

"Me and my law school buddies decided to go for it — organized a primary campaign and mapped out everything up until election day and besides studying for the bar this summer, the campaign was my absolute priority," he said.

Ehrhard said Notre Dame was a source of encouragement in the beginnings of his campaign.

"When I won the primary, I was still a law student, and my support from the Notre Dame community has been overwhelming," he said.

Ehrhard became involved with local Republicans, and this network, as well as what he saw as an opportunity to

knock off Bauer, influenced his decision.

"I became very close the Republican community in St. Joseph's County," he said. "They had all along wanted me to take on Pat Bauer, one because I'm very young and very energetic and I had built a lot of political ties."

The race against Bauer has been an unbelievable experience, according to the young candidate.

"I loved it," he said. "It's been one of the key experiences of my life, especially at the state [representative] level, you get to touch upon campaign fund raising to media advertising and an extensive door to door campaign."

Taking the initiative to go out into the neighborhoods and the communities is

not only politically strategic, but they have been the most important and memorable aspects of Ehrhard's campaign.

"The best part is that I've been able to actually get involved in politics to a level that most people would never get a chance to, from all aspects of fund raising, to grassroots, to the speeches and the debates."

Ehrhard's campaign focused on taking on a more personal and fair approach involving the people of the county. Going door-to-door and pursuing a grassroots campaign is the key to victory, he said.

Ehrhard's stated that his outreach to the St. Joseph community as being rewarding and supportive.

"Being an opponent makes me a public figure by nature, and people have rallied around my race to take out Pat, and they actually want to hear what I have to say, and I have found that to be very enjoyable and encouraging."

"The best part is that I've been able to actually get involved in politics to a level that most people never get a chance to ..."

James Ehrhard
Indiana house candidate

BEHIND THE SCENES

Poll workers keep elections running smoothly

By KERRY SMITH
News Writer

The imposing metal box stood cloaked in a dingy off-white drape as a Portage Township resident cast his vote using the machine ballot during Tuesday's election.

Poll worker Martha Choitz looked on from her Precinct 1 post at a table in the Joyce Center. As she heard the crank of a vote being cast, she grinned broadly.

"When they decide to get rid of that thing, I want to buy it and put it in my basement," Choitz said. "It's so old, it reminds me of my childhood."

Almost as old as the machine ballot is Choitz's affinity for involving herself in the community, particularly around election time. A long time public activist, Choitz is in her element helping voters cast their ballots in a precinct made up of students often bewildered by Indiana's particular voting regulations.

"It's always confusing to vote here," Choitz said. "The

records can't be kept up because students are always moving and changing addresses. We're here to help them and thank heaven they have been coming in and asking us questions. That's why we're here."

If voters are the lifeblood of a democracy, then poll workers are the arteries that keep the election flowing smoothly. Without the help of the poll workers stationed in the Joyce Center, many Notre Dame students would have been out of luck at the voting booth.

Students poured in with questions about casting their votes; some came armed with absentee ballots unsure if they could still be counted, others unaware of the differences between Indiana and their home states' registration and voting rules, while others had no idea what

precincts were or where their designated ones were located.

"A lot of the people coming in here today have been confused," inspector Diane Freeland said. "One, there weren't many advertisements

about where to vote and two, some of the students' voting places were moved."

Despite the confusion inherent in student balloting, Choitz and the Precinct 1 staff patiently worked through each problem.

"We want everyone to vote," she said. "That's why we try our darndest to straighten everyone's situation out right here."

Yet despite their attempts, the poll workers were not able to remedy all students' voting needs and some that tried to vote were unable to do so because of improper registration or voting procedures.

Notre Dame students were not the only ones blocked from the voting booth. Less than a mile away from the Joyce Center, 17-year old Saint Joseph High School junior Mara McDonald also was unable to cast a ballot Tuesday.

But that did not stop her from participating in the elections as a pollworker in South Bend's fourth district.

In a small high school weight room, with exercise equipment pressed against the walls to make room for a check-in station and voting booth, McDonald worked alongside other poll workers to keep the fluctuating line of voters moving.

Wedge between a leg press and sets of dumbbells, McDonald sat checking off names as she gained a first-hand taste of the electoral process.

"A lot of people have come already — the turnout has been good," McDonald said as Indiana's election day moved into its third hour. "We've had some confusion with people showing up at the wrong

precincts, but everyone has been working hard and they've been working it out."

In the end, McDonald's hard work will pay off for state legislature candidate Michael Dvorak.

"I'm doing this because he's a family friend," McDonald said, pointing to two separate lists spread on the table in front of her. "My job is to mark off the voters on one list and then circle the number that's been assigned to them on this one. Then every couple of hours someone [from Dvorak's campaign] will come and pick up the list from me. I'm not sure what they use it for, but I guess it helps."

Not yet old enough to vote, McDonald has just begun to learn the ins and outs of election day strategy and the roll poll workers play in it.

While just up the road, Choitz added one more election to her list. And together they, along with thousands of other poll workers across the country, work tirelessly each year to assure voters are able to cast their ballots and elections run as smoothly as possible.

"We want everyone to vote. That's why we try our darndest to straighten everyone's situation out right here."

Martha Choitz
Joyce Center precinct worker

CAMPUS CONNECTION

College Republicans, Democrats support Bush, Gore

♦ Republicans volunteer at headquarters, host election return watch

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

The Notre Dame College Republicans finished a season of campaigning aimed at mobilizing students and South Bend voters on Election Day.

"I'm proud that we helped to increase voter awareness on campus," said Trip Foley, College Republicans treasurer and campus representative for the Bush campaign.

Club members spent Election Night watching the returns in three different places. Some gathered in Sorin Hall and others went to the Holiday Inn downtown with volunteers from the Chris Chocola congressional campaign.

Others joined College Democrats and student government for an election watch in LaFortune Student Center. This was the last of the 2000 election season's many bipartisan voter awareness events.

While the bipartisan events were successful, some antagonism naturally remained during election season, according to Geoff Heiple.

"[Disagreement] is typical of both of our parties. You've got to put on a game face," he said.

Besides co-sponsoring events, the College Republicans promoted local Republican candidates by volunteering at their headquarters.

"A lot of people have been amazed just how grassroots it is," said John Sadowski, a campus coordinator for the Chocola campaign.

During the election, the club has grown and the new members have become involved in the 2000 campaigns, according to Heiple.

"We've had eager people who've been coming out to do whatever they can," he said.

Despite the campus-wide effort by the

College Republicans along with others to increase student voter registration, they did face some lack of interest from students.

Foley said that even apathetic students should have exercised their right to vote.

"Students don't have to know what they think or what political party or candidates they support," he said. "But it is important that they educate themselves."

♦ Democrats work at Roemer phone bank to increase local turnout

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Notre Dame College Democrats pulled together for a final effort Tuesday to re-

elect candidate Tim Roemer to his sixth term in the 3rd District Congressional race against Republican challenger Chris Chocola.

It began at 9 a.m. as a group of Notre Dame students made their way to Congressman Roemer's headquarters in downtown South Bend. Students were put to work at the phone bank, calling local Democrats and reminding them to vote.

Junior Kristin Corcoran, who worked on one phone bank, said she was excited to watch volunteers immersed in the election process.

"Volunteers are important to every election," she said.

Roemer's campaign is only one of the many activities the Notre Dame Democrats have sponsored or participated in since the beginning of the school year in August.

In a joint effort with the College Republicans, the College Democrats were involved in a Voter Awareness Drive before the election. In 13 residence halls on campus, a group of students from each party addressed questions and concerns over campaign issues and voter registration.

The purpose was to answer questions for the undecided and provide material on absentee ballot registration, said sophomore Lisa Demidovich, Vice President of the College Democrats.

Vice presidential candidate Senator Joseph Lieberman's speech at Washington Hall on Oct. 25 was a momentous event on campus for the College Democrats. Many worked with his advance team by helping with the National Press Corps and the motorcade.

"We were surprised how much the Gore and Lieberman staff depend on volunteers in each place they go," Stuffings said.

They have also reached off campus, and out of state. Sophomore Clayton Swope and several other students traveled to Michigan last Saturday to go door-to-door for Presidential candidate Al Gore.



Members of the Notre Dame College Democrats (above) and College Republicans (left) gathered for election watches in Tuesday's race. The election was too close to call.

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CAMPAIGN CLOSE TO HOME



All of the three most publicized tickets seeking the White House visited the South Bend or Chicago area during their campaigns.

♦ Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader addresses citizens at the University of Chicago-Illinois on Oct. 11 (left).

♦ Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, running for Vice President on the Democratic ticket with Al Gore, discusses faith and values at Washington Hall Oct. 25 (below).

♦ Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush rallies a crowd at the Michiana Regional Airport after a visit to Lake Michigan College Oct. 28 (bottom).

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♦ 47,824,378 votes
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November 7, 2000

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ring sites: cost, speed, accessibility separate competitors Mesh, Gnutella, Aimster and Freenet fight to keep music free for eager fans

ing, it also allowed users to download movies and other video files. These services led to a lawsuit filed by the Motion Picture Association. In October Scour.com filed for bankruptcy.

Just one day after Napster's deal with Bertelsmann, Listen.com, a music search site partially sponsored by all five major record companies, bought out Scour.com and its file sharing technology. The deal prompted Scour to shut down its service, and when it finally becomes available again, it will no longer be a free service.

iMesh (www.imesh.com)

How can anyone sue a free file sharing site when its icon is a cute little ladybug? That may be what the creators of iMesh were thinking when designing the site. If so, their theory has worked so far. Of the three major file sharing services connected by a central server, iMesh is the only one currently working.

While iMesh does not boast as many users as either Napster or Scour, and thus offers less files to search from, it is still very easy to install and use, working just as well as either Napster or Scour. The

iMesh application also allows the user to search for

eos, images, software and documents.

Probably the most useful feature of iMesh is that once an item is added to the download list, it remains there until it is completely downloaded.

This is particularly helpful when you only manage to download a part of the song. iMesh keeps on searching for the user to complete the song, and often finishes the download unexpectedly.

iMesh contains many other features, like a "media manager" which allows you to preview all of your new files without having to open, install or run a separate player. This feature is confusing to operate, however, and may not be particularly useful.

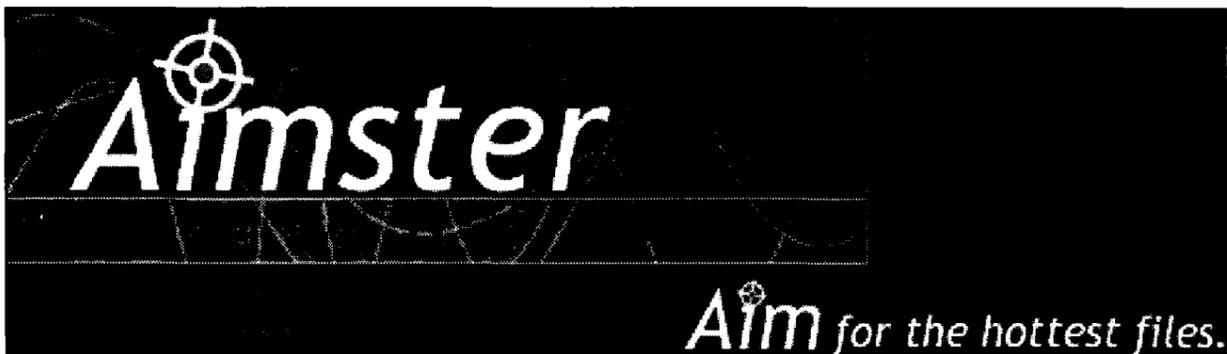
iMesh also allows you to chat with other users — a new feature common to Napster and Scour as well. In the absence of Napster and Scour, iMesh is the best option for finding mp3s, even though it may take a little more patience to find obscure songs.

Gnutella (gnutella.wego.com or www.gnutelliums.com)

Since the Napster blockage on campus, Gnutella has grown in popularity. Unlike Napster, Scour or iMesh, Gnutella has no central server. Each computer connects individually to other computers, forming a large network.

Gnutella therefore lacks a central database where a list of all the songs and files available for transfer are stored. No central server means Gnutella software is a lot harder to block and according to the gnutellanews.com Web site, allows it to withstand a band of hungry lawyers.

Gnutella was originally created by



Nullsoft, the creator of Winamp. The original version was scrapped, however, because AOL, Nullsoft's parent company, declared it an "unauthorized freelance project."

The open source code was still made available for testing to a few hundred users, and thus the technology spread through many different clones, which are still available from different sites.

The one disadvantage to using Gnutella is that it is nowhere near as user friendly as Napster or iMesh. In order to get the most out of it, you need to read all the various tutorials and FAQs available. Even then it may take a lot of trial and error before you can begin to download on a consistent basis.

Despite this difficulty and the lack of cute insect icons, Gnutella still promises to be the most versatile and legally-resistant file sharing service in the future.

And for anyone with an interest in computers, the time spent trying to choose between the various Gnutella clones and learning how to use them can be an adventure.

Aimster (www.aimster.com)

Aimster is actually listed as one of the clones off the gnutella.wego.com site. According to the Web

file-transfer system, the Aimster service seems somewhat irrelevant.

Also, Aimster's recent development has resulted in many minor problems that still need to be worked out.

Still, in the absence of Scour and Napster, Aimster may prove to be a valuable tool in sharing files.

FreeNet (freenet.sourceforge.net)

If you thought Gnutella was complicated, you may want to steer clear of FreeNet. This application works along the same lines as Gnutella — it has no centralized server, making it hard to trace information transfers. However, FreeNet claims to be more efficient than Gnutella.

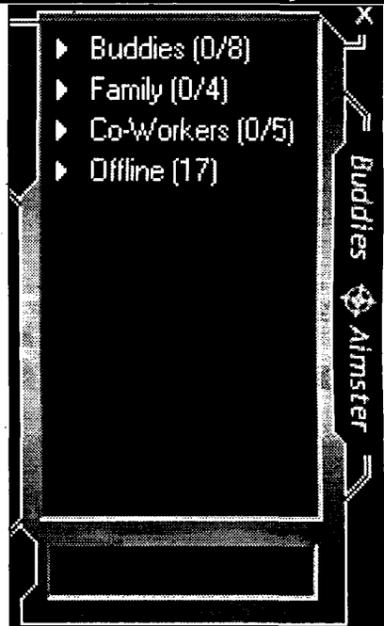
Despite this, FreeNet's download instructions are complicated and a bit intimidating.

Yet in the post-Scour and Napster environment, Freenet may become a legitimate option, provided one has the patience to figure out how to run it and is not intimidated by computer jargon.

With all the options out there, this is just a glimpse of the various file sharing resources available. There is no definite date for Napster or Scour services to begin again. There is also no word on how much they will cost or how they will operate.

In the meantime iMesh remains the easiest and most reliable source for getting mp3s, even though its library of files is not as extensive as Napster's was.

For the more adventurous and technologically-adept, Gnutella and Freenet are two other viable options whose technology is likely to become more widespread and popular in the future.



Photos courtesy of aimster.com

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even though she's too young to have logged on yet. from now, she will come to me and say 'Daddy, where from the Internet?' —Mike Godwin

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is that Aimster allows you to trade files with people on your buddy list. However, your buddies must also be running Aimster and AOL at the same time, and have the file you want.

Since AOL's Instant Messenger already contains a

basic idea

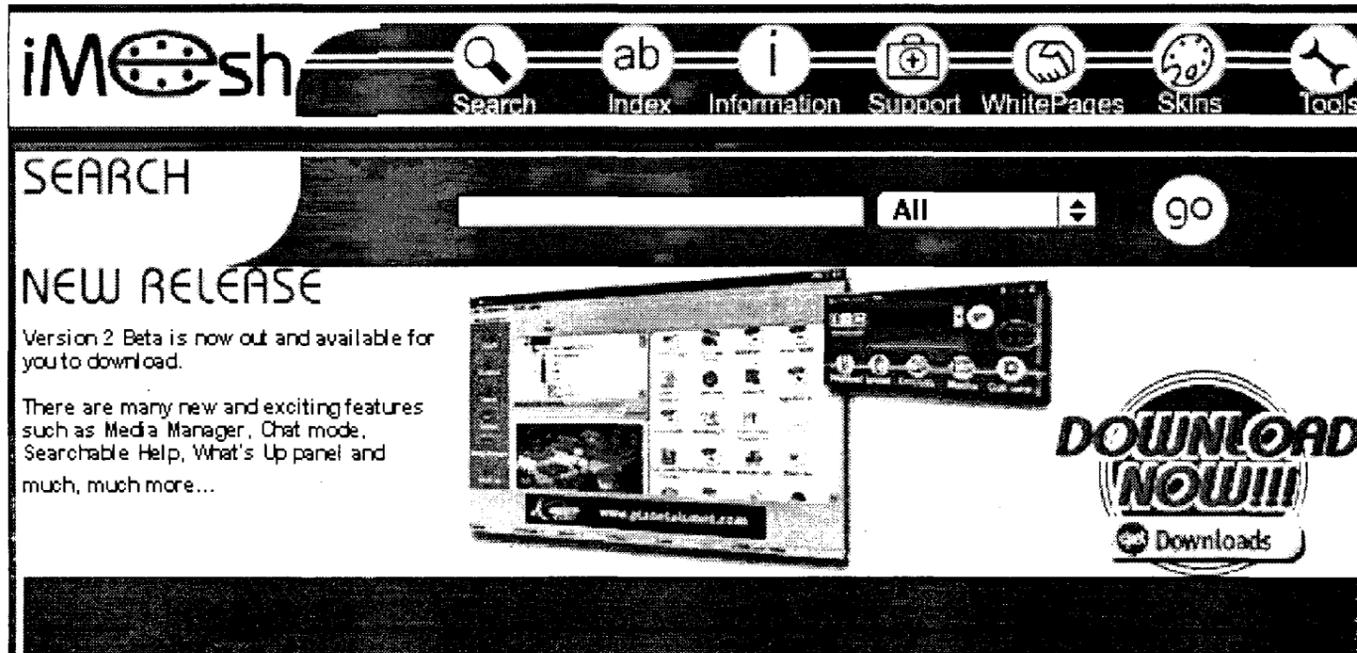


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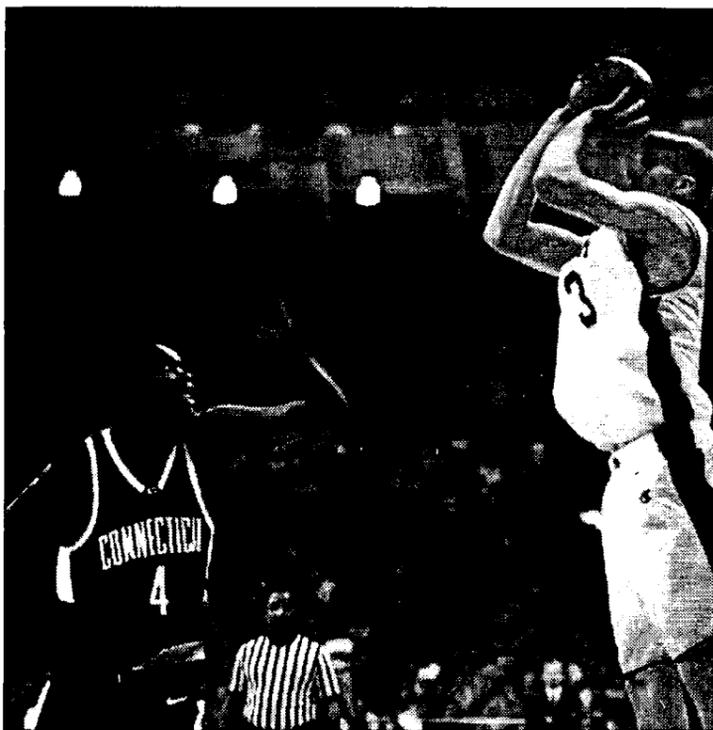
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defense in their practices leading up to the exhibition contest.

"We've focused a lot on defense in the preseason," Carroll said. "Last year, we played a lot of zone and this year we are going to push out and play a lot of man-to-man. We've been working on our help on our backside defense."

The Irish will also look to their bench for some quality minutes. Sophomores Jere Macura and Ivan Kartelo saw extensive playing time last season and were key contributors. Brey will also get his first glimpse of freshman point guard Torrian Jones and center Tom Timmermans.

"The great teams in college basketball all have eight, nine or 10 guys that can play," Carroll said. "We are a lot deeper than we were last year and that will help as the season progresses."



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Troy Murphy goes up for a jump shot over a Connecticut player. Murphy and the Irish play in an exhibition game today.

NFL

Aikman's health causes concern

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

After giving Troy Aikman a new offense and a new star receiver, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones came into this season figuring his quarterback would play anywhere from three to six more years.

Now, Jones wonders whether Aikman will be back next year.

"We all want to be very realistic," Jones said Tuesday.

"The best way to express our feelings now is that we're concerned."

Aikman's back is the latest reason for concern. He received a second round of pain-relieving injections Monday in hopes of easing the lower left side of his back. The gains made by the first series of shots were lost when he was slammed to the turf by Jacksonville's Tony Brackens.

Aikman was going to try

practicing Wednesday in hopes that he can play Sunday against Cincinnati. Whenever he returns, there's the fear that another big hit will again trigger the pain. He must go 10 days between shots and can have no more than three rounds in one year.

Should Aikman, who turns 34 in two weeks, decide to retire after this season, the already salary-cap-strapped Cowboys would be in seriously bad shape.

NFL

Pittsburgh struggles with poor offense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Steelers are closing in on a defensive record set by the famed Steel Curtain defense, yet it almost seems overshadowed by the griping and complaining about their offense.

Those complaints made it to the coach's office shortly after the Steelers' 9-7 loss at AFC Central leader Tennessee on Sunday, and Bill Cowher wants to prevent them from reaching his player's ears.

That's why Cowher suggested his players simply tune out the media and fan criticism of an offense that has scored only four touchdowns in each of its last four games. And not lose sight that the defense is playing as well as any in the NFL.

The Steelers' streak of 20 consecutive quarters without allowing a touchdown is the NFL's longest since the 1976 Steelers had a team-record 22-quarter streak. That team shut out five of its final nine opponents.

These Steelers haven't allowed a touchdown since Jacksonville's meaningless score with nine seconds left in a 24-13 Steelers victory on Oct. 1.

"I told our football team that every team in this league, or most of them,

have shortcomings right now," Cowher said Tuesday. "The teams that can handle that and recognize that and not dwell on it are the teams that will separate themselves."

"The thing you try to do is strengthen your weakness, but, at the same time, don't weaken the strength."

So, even though Kordell Stewart was only 7-of-22 for 112 yards and an interception Sunday, Cowher said the Steelers (5-4) must throw the ball often — only more effectively — to prevent defenses from loading up against the run.

Stewart will start Sunday against Philadelphia (6-4), his first start in Three Rivers Stadium in more than 11 months, or since he was pulled from a 27-20 loss to Cincinnati on Nov. 28, 1999.

"If you don't strengthen the weakness, you put too much burden on what you're doing well," Cowher said. "We've got to try to throw the football and make people honor that, to allow the running game to continue to be the success it is."

Obviously, the Steelers' strength is a defense that has allowed 93 points in nine games, including six field goals in five games. They are the only NFL team to allow fewer than 100 points.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Indians let Ramirez explore market without guarantee

Associated Press

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. The Cleveland Indians appear willing to let Manny Ramirez check out the free agent market for himself.

But general manager John Hart also has a warning for the slugger: There might not be any money left in Cleveland for him if he eventually decides he wants to come back to the Indians.

"We're probably first on a lot of people's list," Hart said Tuesday at the GM meetings, where he is plotting a strategy for life without Manny. "Players on the market view Cleveland as a very attractive place to play. We have a great team, a great core, great ballpark and great fans."

Owner Larry Dolan said last week after receiving Ramirez's request for a \$200 million, 10-year contract that the team would respond to agent Jeff Moorad by Tuesday.

Moorad still is awaiting a counter-proposal, and Hart said there probably would be one before Saturday, the first day Ramirez can discuss money with other teams.

"We are in the same place we were last week and for several weeks before that," Moorad said. "Manny Ramirez would prefer to play with the Cleveland Indians. The organization asked us for a proposal and we gave them one in good faith."

"Nothing has happened to change our position and it doesn't appear that anything has changed theirs," he added. "There really hasn't been anything new in the last 24 hours."

Hart said he believed that Moorad had created an "artificial market" for Ramirez, and could be in for a surprise when he starts negotiating dollars with other teams on Saturday.

"They made it very clear that this will be an economically-driven contract," Hart said. "They made that very clear to us, and I think they will make it very clear to other clubs."

There are few teams that can afford the salary Ramirez wants. The Yankees are one of them and have made Ramirez one of their top priorities.

Armed with a new cable television contract, their revenues could top \$200 million next year. However, even they appear unwilling to give Ramirez either \$20 million annually or a 10-year contract.

"This is Cleveland. It isn't New York," Hart said. "Our seven-year run has continued because we haven't paid too much to one player."

Hart has cited statistics that no team since 1985 has won the World Series paying more than 13.4 percent of its payroll to one player. Figuring on a \$90 million payroll, that would limit the Indians to paying about \$12 million to their top player.

"If you have five kids surrounding one star, will that get you to the promised land? Will you be playing meaningful games in September and make the postseason?" Hart asked.

The Indians are already lining up replacements for Ramirez, and will be one of the leading contenders for free agent outfielder Ellis Burks, who is expected to get a two-year deal worth about \$16 million.

NHL

McSorley suspended 1 year

◆ Suspension will expire Feb. 20, 2001 for Feb. 21, 2000 attack

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Marty McSorley was suspended through Feb. 20 by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman on Tuesday for slashing Donald Brashear across the head.

That makes the total suspension for the former Boston Bruins defenseman one year — the longest for an on-ice act of violence in NHL history.

Bettman had suspended McSorley indefinitely after the attack during a game in Vancouver on Feb. 21, 2000.

McSorley was convicted this past month in a Canadian court, but received a suspended sentence.

McSorley, a free agent, can negotiate and sign with any NHL club, and he can begin practicing on Jan. 1. But he can't play until Feb. 21.

Bettman, who noted that the player skipped a hearing held two days after the game, originally suspended McSorley for the remainder of the 1999-00 season and playoffs.

He then was convicted of assault with a weapon on Oct. 6, with Judge William Kitchen giving McSorley a

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**Gary Bettman
NHL commissioner**

conditional discharge, meaning McSorley will not have a criminal record.

The conviction, which McSorley said he will not appeal, was the first of an NHL player for an on-ice hit since 1988.

McSorley, a 17-year NHL veteran, met with Bettman a week ago, seeking approval to resume his career.

Bettman looked at enhanced videotapes of the slash before rendering his decision. McSorley claimed he was trying to goad Brashear into a fight late in a 5-2 loss and was not attempting to injure him.

Brashear missed 20 games with a concussion, but rejoined the Canucks this past season.

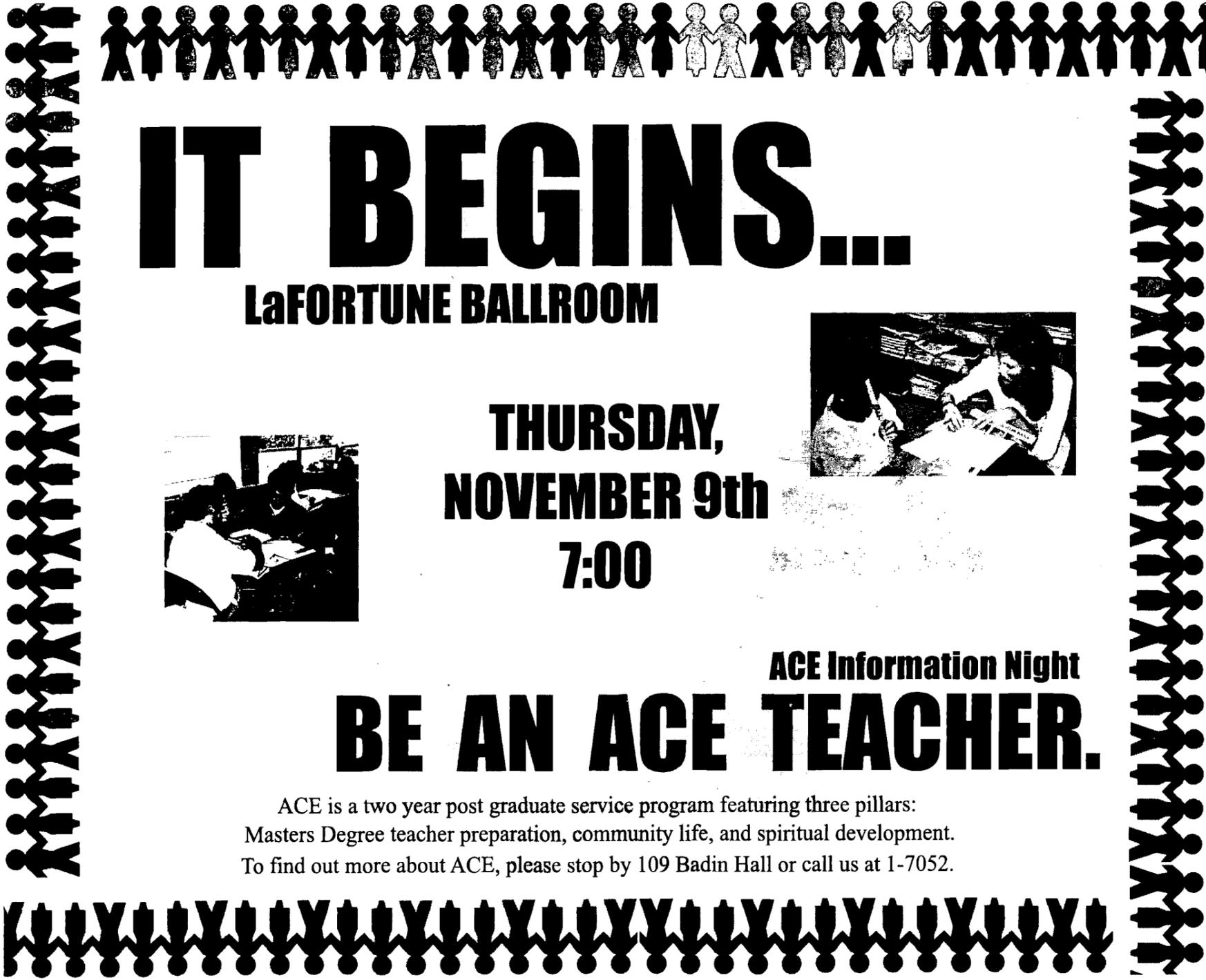
Before making his decision, Bettman met with McSorley, his agents Mike Barnett and J.P. Barry, and his attorney Paul Kelly. Ian Pulver and Ian Penny of the NHL Players

Association participated in the meeting by telephone, while Bettman was joined by Colin Campbell, the league's executive vice president and director of hockey operations, who handles most disciplinary cases.

"I believe I owe it both to this player and to all other present and future NHL players to impose a suspension of a definite and ascertainable length," Bettman said. "I have also considered Mr. McSorley's desire to have an opportunity to play in the NHL again in conjunction with his expressed remorse for his actions."

"I simply cannot in good conscience justify imposing a suspension of less than one calendar year given the nature of the incident in question, regardless of the effect that suspension may have on Mr. McSorley's career. At the same time, however, by imposing a suspension of one year (as opposed to a set number of games), and with the suspension scheduled to end nearly one full month before this season's trade deadline, I believe it is quite possible that Mr. McSorley might, in fact, be able to sign another NHL contract and therefore continue his NHL career during the 2000-01 season."

Phone calls to McSorley and his agent were not immediately returned. The Bruins declined to comment.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Furcal named Rookie of the Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal was a runaway winner Tuesday in voting for the NL Rookie of the Year.

Furcal, who hit .295 with 40 steals in 54 chances, received 25 of 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The only player listed on all 32 ballots, Furcal got six seconds and one third for 144 points.

Rick Ankiel of the St. Louis Cardinals, who gained notoriety during the playoffs by becoming the first pitcher in 110 years to throw five wild pitches in one inning, was second with 87 points, getting six firsts, 17 seconds and six thirds.

New York Mets outfielder Jay Payton was third with 37 points, followed by Philadelphia outfielder-first baseman Pat Burrell with 10 points and Houston catcher Mitch Meluskey with seven.

Furcal, whose claimed age of 19 has been disputed, became the first middle infielder to win the NL award since Steve Sax of Los Angeles in 1982. He became the sixth Braves player to win, joining Alvin Dark (1948), Sam Jethroe (1950), Earl Williams (1971), Bob Horner (1978) and David Justice (1990).

After spending 1999 at Class A, Furcal led NL rookies in runs (87), walks (73), steals and on-base percentage (.394). He had only four homers — all in September — and 37 RBIs.

Though he batted .306

against right-handers, Furcal slumped to .250 against left-handers.

Ankiel was 11-7 with a 3.50 ERA and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings, helping St. Louis win the NL Central.

That was overshadowed by his performance in the third inning of the Cardinals' postseason opener, when he became only the second pitcher in major league history to throw five wild pitches, joining Bert Cunningham, who did it for Buffalo of the Players League on Sept. 15, 1890.

"Something obviously was wrong," Ankiel said. "What do you do? Put it behind you and look forward to the next one."

During the regular season, Ankiel threw 12 wild pitches. By the time the postseason was done, Ankiel had nine wild pitches and 11 walks in only four innings.

"He's a young kid and he's tough as nails," Cardinals pitching coach Dave Duncan said after Ankiel threw two wild pitches in the NL Championship Series finale against the New York Mets. "He's going to be fine."

Voting was done before the end of the regular season, and the 21-year-old left-hander impressed his opposition.

Woods lashes out at PGA Tour in interview

Associated Press

TRUMBULL, Conn.
Tiger Woods lashed out at the PGA Tour for taking advantage of him, saying in a magazine interview that his frustration is serious enough that it "could escalate into a bigger situation."

In an interview for the Nov. 10 issue of Golf World magazine, Woods said commissioner Tim Finchem speaks to him only when he wants the No. 1 player in the world to play in a certain tournament.

Woods also said he didn't like how the tour was using his image for its own marketing and promotional purposes.

"I believe what I believe in," Woods said. "I understand the whole picture. What amazes me is how much the public doesn't understand."

When asked the seriousness of his conflict with the tour, Woods said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation."

Tour spokesman Bob Combs said Finchem does not discuss player relationships with the media, but added that the commissioner and Woods have a "solid relationship."

"I'm confused by these implications," Combs said. "At every tournament, Tim has been very public and very clear about the excitement Tiger has injected into professional golf."

"Obviously, the Tour takes the concerns of any of its members seriously. I'm sure the commissioner and Tiger will have an opportunity to discuss Tiger's concerns."

Asked to characterize his relationship with Finchem, Woods said a dialogue barely exists.

"The only time he talks to me is when he wants me to do something for him," Woods said. "To play in this tournament or that tournament. It's not like he comes up to me and asks me how I'm doing."

Bob Combs
Tour spokesman

"Obviously, the Tour takes the concerns of any of its members seriously. I'm sure the commissioner and Tiger will have an opportunity to discuss Tiger's concerns."

The magazine said Woods' relationship began to sour a year ago when the tour refused to let his father follow the "Showdown at Sherwood" against David Duval in a golf cart.

Since then, he has become perhaps the biggest celebrity in sports. Woods has won nine tournaments this year, including three majors that made him, at 24, the youngest player to complete the career Grand Slam.

Woods said he doesn't want to discuss his relationship with the tour. "I believe what I believe in," Woods said. "I understand the whole picture. What amazes me is how much the public doesn't understand."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Strawberry's lawyer argues his condition

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.
Rather than expose Darryl Strawberry's medical and mental health secrets, his lawyer is dropping a legal strategy that argued his client should be treated leniently because of problems not related to drugs.

Joseph Ficarrotta said Tuesday he will continue arguing that Strawberry should be returned to a Tampa drug treatment center instead of being kept behind bars.

Some of Strawberry's doctors may be called to testify Thursday when the case resumes.

Strawberry, 39, is battling a drug addiction and colon cancer. He is being held in the Hillsborough County Jail on charges that he violated his house arrest in October by leaving a residential drug treatment center with a friend to use crack cocaine and the prescription drug Xanax.

Tuesday's developments come just four days after Strawberry appeared before Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster and told her he was using drugs and had stopped chemotherapy because he wanted to die.

Prosecutors said it's the third time Strawberry has violated his probation from a 1999 arrest for drug and prostitution

solicitation. The State Attorney's Office is asking that the eight-time All-Star be sent to prison.

"It's the State Attorney's position that he is a threat to society," prosecutor Steven Wetter said.

Initially, Ficarrotta had indicated he would ask the judge to consider that Strawberry has a "dual diagnosis," a legal term that could net Strawberry a lighter sentence.

Under Florida drug laws, a dual diagnosis means a defendant has both a mental illness and a drug addiction. The designation — which comes after doctors complete formal evaluations — lets judges opt out of mandatory prison sentences and instead send defendants to treatment.

In Strawberry's case, Florida's sentencing guidelines wouldn't require Foster to send him to prison, but she could. She also has the option of sentencing him to more time in the county jail or returning him to the treatment center.

Strawberry had lived at the center since Foster sentenced him to house arrest in early September. Ficarrotta said Strawberry would agree to wearing an electronic monitor if he could be sent back to the center.

"The bottom line is this guy is a drug addict and he needs treatment," Ficarrotta said.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defending champion Connecticut tops rankings

Associated Press

NEW YORK
UConn was unanimous at No. 1 Tuesday in the Associated Press women's basketball poll, the third time since 1995 the Huskies have started the season on top.

The defending national champions, ranked No. 1 from beginning to end last season, return all five starters and all but two reserves from a 36-1 team that romped through the NCAA tournament, winning every game by at least 15 points.

Two years ago, when the Huskies were No. 1 for seven weeks, coach Geno Auriemma said his players weren't ready for the pressure that followed. Now, he said, they thrive on it.

"I think if we weren't pre-season No. 1 and people didn't expect us to win the whole thing, our kids would be disappointed," Auriemma said. "That's just the way they feel."

Connecticut's power-packed lineup includes two first-team All-Americans from last season, Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova. The supporting

cast is deep and talented, and Auriemma brought in a top-notch recruiting class headed by Naismith player of the year Diana Taurasi.

Last season, the Huskies had an average victory margin of nearly 31 points and overwhelmed Tennessee 71-52 in the national championship game. Only a one-point loss to Tennessee on Feb. 2 kept UConn from being undefeated.

"I think there's a feeling that hey, that was last year's team, this is this year's team," Auriemma said, "and we're going to be even better than we were last year."

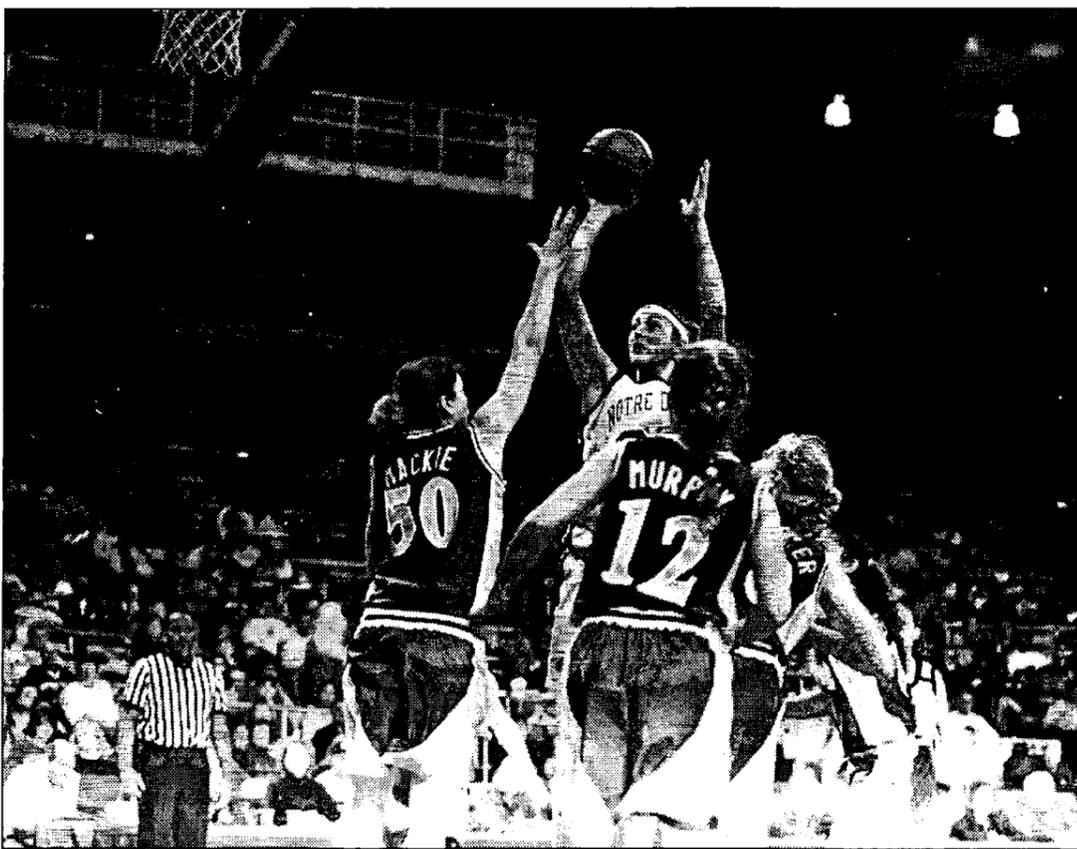
Connecticut received all 42 first-place votes from the national media panel and had 1,050 points. Tennessee, which also returns its entire starting lineup, was a solid No. 2 with 1,002 points - 48 more than No. 3 Georgia, which has twins Kelly and Coco Miller for one more season.

Georgia and Connecticut meet Sunday in the Tip-Off Classic at Hartford.

Tennessee, 33-4 last season, will rely on its senior trio of Tamika Catchings, Semeka Randall and Kristen Clement. Catchings was the national player of the year.

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Geno Auriemma
Connecticut head coach



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Ruth Riley, shown above, goes up for a shot. Riley and the Irish start the 2000 season No. 5 in the Associated Press women's basketball poll.

Purdue, the 1999 national champion, was fourth, Duke was fifth, Notre Dame sixth, LSU seventh and Rutgers, coming off its first NCAA Final Four appearance, is eighth. Louisiana Tech and Iowa State complete the Top Ten.

At No. 11, Stanford is the highest-ranked team that did not appear in the final poll last season.

Old Dominion was 12th and Penn State 13th, followed by Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas Tech, Mississippi State,

Wisconsin, North Carolina State and Vanderbilt.

The final five were Southwest Missouri State, North Carolina, Oregon, Auburn and UC Santa Barbara.

Wisconsin, Vanderbilt, Southwest Missouri State and North Carolina also were not in the final poll last season. Vanderbilt and Southwest Missouri State were not ranked at all during the season.

Vanderbilt was last ranked

the week of Nov. 30, 1999. Southwest Missouri State last appeared in the poll the week of Feb. 17, 1998.

Among the conferences, the Southeastern leads with six teams in the Top 25 - Tennessee, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and Auburn.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has Duke, Virginia, North Carolina State and North Carolina. The Big East, Big Ten and Big 12 each has three ranked teams.

AP Top 25 Women's College Basketball				
	Team	Record	Points	Prev
1.	Connecticut	(30-1)	1,097	1
2.	Tennessee	(28-3)	1,055	2
3.	Louisiana Tech	(28-2)	1,001	3
4.	Georgia	(29-3)	970	4
5.	Notre Dame	(25-4)	860	5
6.	Penn St	(26-4)	843	7
7.	Iowa St	(25-5)	785	10
8.	Rutgers	(22-7)	770	8
9.	Santa Barbara	(30-3)	736	9
10.	Duke	(26-5)	712	11
11.	Texas Tech	(25-4)	662	6
12.	Mississippi St	(23-7)	605	12
13.	Purdue	(22-7)	567	13
14.	Old Dominion	(27-4)	543	14
15.	LSU	(22-6)	503	15
16.	Auburn	(21-7)	377	16
17.	Boston College	(25-8)	312	17
18.	Oklahoma	(23-7)	270	18
19.	Virginia	(23-8)	265	19
20.	Oregon	(23-7)	226	24
21.	Arizona	(24-6)	216	22
22.	Tulane	(26-4)	214	21
23.	No Carolina St	(20-8)	210	20
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25.	Michigan	(22-7)	89	25

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NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 2 Miami scrutinizes BCS

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. Defensive tackle Matt Walters stared at the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings, analyzing Miami's position in each poll and trying to figure out what the Hurricanes need to happen to move into one of the top two spots.

Walters, like many of his teammates, is learning more and more about the BCS every day. Even coach Butch Davis is studying the system for the first time.

Miami has to, especially since beating the top two teams in the country and being ranked second in both major polls may not be enough to get the Hurricanes into the BCS championship game.

"It's getting kind of interesting," Walters said. "The BCS was a good attempt to do something other than the polls, but right now it doesn't look like it's the best idea. I'd be really disappointed if we won out and didn't play for national title. But we'll see. Hopefully, it will take care of itself."

"Who knows? It might work out."

Or it might not.

The Hurricanes (7-1, 4-0 Big East) might need to win big against Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Boston College, their three remaining opponents. They also might have to hope for help, despite already beating then-No. 1 Florida State 27-24 last month and then-No. 2 Virginia Tech 41-21 on Saturday.

Miami moved up two spots

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Matt Walters
Miami defensive tackle

to third in Monday's BCS rankings, but is a little more than three-tenths of a point behind the Seminoles. And by the end of the year, FSU's strength of schedule will rank higher than Miami's. The Seminoles play No. 5 Florida on Nov. 18; Miami does not have a ranked opponent remaining.

But perhaps the biggest reason Miami trails FSU is the computer polls, one of four components used to determine the BCS rankings. Of the eight computer polls, seven factor in margin of victory.

Florida State is beating teams by an average of 37 points a game; Miami is winning by an average of 26 points. FSU's 54-7 win against No. 10 Clemson probably means more than the Hurricanes' 20-point win against Virginia Tech.

"It used to be there was a time when only the bookies were concerned with how many [points] people won the games by," Davis said. "Obviously now, that's become a factor."

Also hurting Miami is an 11-point win over lowly

Louisiana Tech and a season-opening win over McNeese State that doesn't factor into the BCS because the Cowboys are a Division I-AA school.

Miami could make up the difference by running up the score in its final three games. If not, the Hurricanes might need to start rooting against Oklahoma, Nebraska and Florida State.

"We have to continue to keep scoring points," receiver Reggie Wayne said. "It's going to be real important because that's what it's all going to boil down to. It's different when you're running up the score for no reason. But when you're running up the score to try and get some where, to the national championship, it kind of makes you look good."

"We're trying to get to the national championship. [The computers] don't care who's running up the score. People have to understand it's out of our hands, so we have to do what we have to do to get there."

Davis, once opposed to a playoff system for college football, seems to be leaning toward one after what has transpired in the BCS rankings the last few weeks. He paused for a few seconds when asked about how he would like to see the national title determined.

Then he said, "Ask me in a month and I'll tell you."

By then, the Hurricanes will know their BCS fate.

"Ultimately all that really matters is winning," Davis said. "If you just keep winning, everything else will take care of itself." Maybe.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Battier, Murphy lead All-America team

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Shane Battier, a defensive star with an impressive all-around game, and Troy Murphy, the first player to lead the Big East in scoring and rebounding, were the leading vote-getters Tuesday for The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.



Murphy

Battier, who enters his senior season at Duke, was one vote short of being a unanimous selection by the 72-member national media panel, while Murphy, who will be a junior at Notre Dame, was on 62 ballots.

Joining the forwards on the preseason team were Arizona senior center Loren Woods, who got 46 votes, and senior guard Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State and sophomore guard Joseph Forte of North Carolina, who both had 39 votes.

Maryland senior forward Terence Morris was sixth with 19 votes.

The 6-foot-8 Battier is known for shutting down the opposition's top scorer regardless of size, as well as for the lost art of taking charges, but his offensive game has been impressive throughout his career.

He averaged 17.4 points and 5.6 rebounds last season and was among the top five in the ACC in 3-pointers per game, scoring, free-throw percentage, field-goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

Then there is the matter of Battier, a second-team All-America last season after being an honorable mention pick in the preseason, being one of the best leaders Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has ever had in his program.

"Shane can score in every way," Krzyzewski said. "He's our best 3-point shooter, he's an outstanding foul shooter, he can post, he can fill a lane, he has really improved on driving the basketball. His position defensively is magnificent, almost on every play."

Murphy averaged 22.7 points and 10.3 rebounds last season to lead the Big East in both categories, but even more surprising was that he returned to Notre Dame for his junior season. Matt Doherty left after one season to become coach at North Carolina, but Murphy is ready to play for new coach Mike Brey.

The 6-10 Murphy is the only returning All-America from last season but it's not individual accomplishments he's looking for.

"Until I accomplish all of the goals I have, I'll be around here," Murphy said. "The thing that's missing from my college experience is playing in that NCAA tournament. I don't care if I average 12 points a game or four points a game. I want to get into the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame hasn't been in the NCAA tournament since 1990.

"I think he wants to be the guy that gets them back there," Brey said. "I think that means a lot to him."

Woods missed the final month of the regular season and the NCAA tournament last season because of a back injury that required two operations. That forced him back for a fifth year of college and he said he's stronger than ever.

The 7-foot-1 Woods, who set the NCAA record for blocked shots in a game last season with 14 against Oregon, averaged 15.6 points and 7.5 rebounds. The other four starters for the top-ranked Wildcats all received votes in the preseason All-America balloting.

"If we win the national championship and we play to the level we're capable of playing, then we will be the greatest team ever," Woods said.

Tinsley ran the offense last season for the Cyclones while Marcus Fizer received all the individual attention. The 6-3 New York City native averaged 11.0 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.6 assists last season, but impressed even more people over the summer when he played for the Select Team of college players that worked out with and played against the U.S. Olympic team.

Forte was the ACC's rookie of the year last season as he became the first North Carolina freshman to lead the team in scoring. His 16.7 scoring average might be affected this season as he will help with the ballhandling chores following the graduation of point guard Ed Cota. Still, the 6-4 Forte was more than a shooter last season when he averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists.

Last year's preseason All-America team consisted of Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State, Scoonie Penn of Ohio State, Chris Porter of Auburn, Quentin Richardson of DePaul and Morris.

Cleaves was voted to the second team at the end of the season, while Penn was a third-team pick. The others were all among the honorable mentions.

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Mr. David Morrison. Aware of his attraction to other boys from about age 13, Mr. Morrison grew up as an isolated, angry adolescent who then became a gay activist until his late twenties. Becoming disillusioned with the actively gay life, he turned to God and, later, the Roman Catholic Church. He has written extensively on issues of faith, identity, sexuality, and culture. Mr. Morrison is also the author of the widely-read book *Beyond Gay* (Our Sunday Visitor, 1999).

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V-ball

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do that tonight in two and a half games."

The Notre Dame seniors came out strong in the third game to lead the Irish to a 12-0 lead before allowing the underclassmen a chance at St. Louis. The Billikens, however, fought back to close the gap to 13-10 before the Irish secured their win.

"I thought it was great for the seniors to play together for two and a half games," Brown said. "They did a great job. For a last regular-season game I think it's good. I think our young ones

learned that they needed to get the job finished and they finally did — they just made us all sweat a little bit.

"We had a little bit of a lapse in the end of the third game but we showed some composure to pull it out in the end."

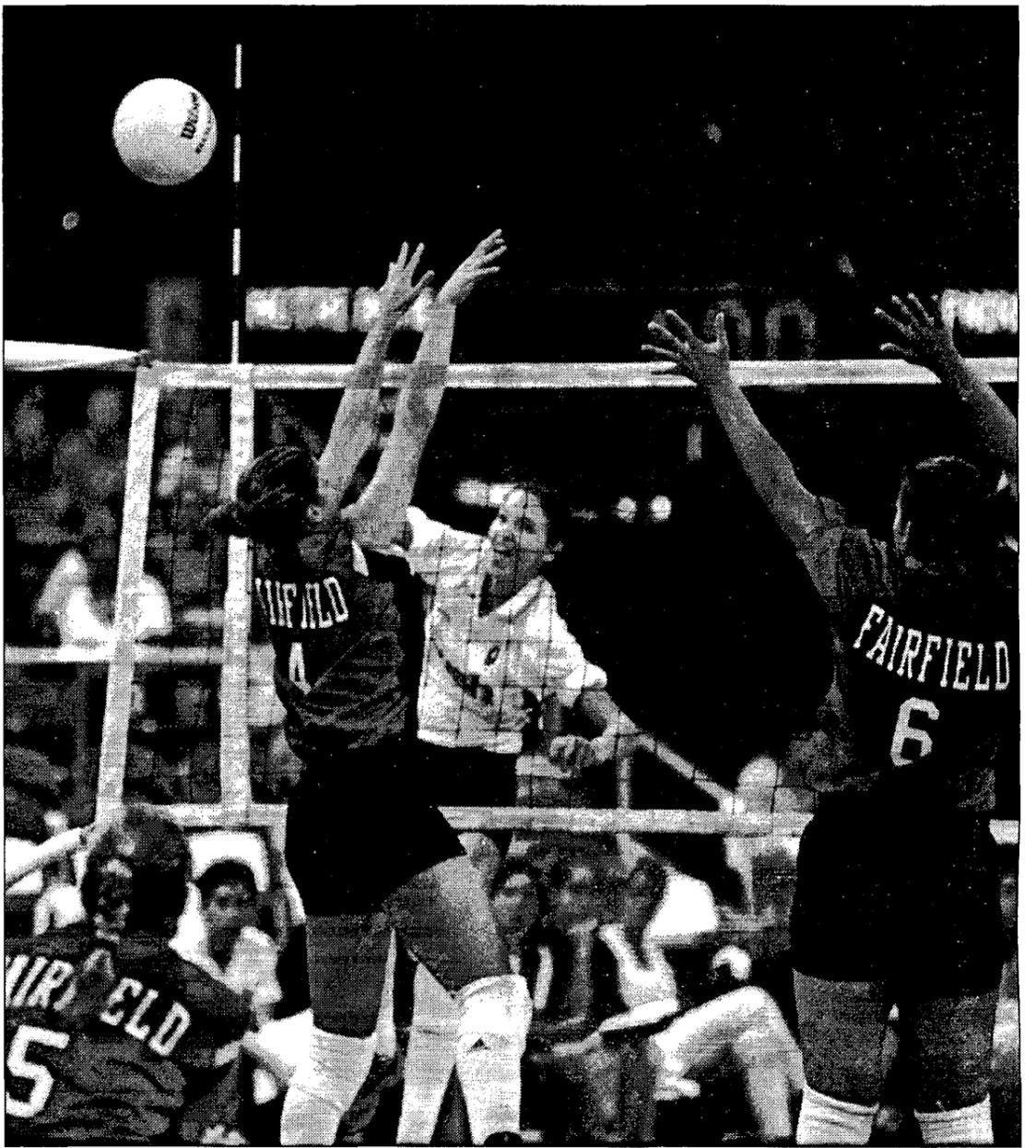
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Debbie Brown
Irish head coach

Shimmel set a career-high with nine kills and five blocks in the match while Girton also set career-highs with 15 kills and 11 digs. **Senior**

Denise Boylan racked up 40 assists and Kreher added 13 kills, four blocks and six digs.

The Irish will end its regular season at Syracuse this Saturday before moving on to the Big East championships, to be held Nov. 18 and 19 at the Joyce Center.



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Jo Jameyson, shown above, sends the ball past Fairfield defense in a win earlier the season. The Irish are currently 22-5 on the season following a win against St. Louis.

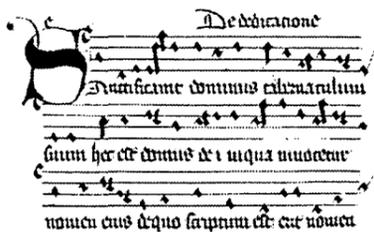
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Tennis

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"She is a good player. She got me a little scared in the second but I was serving well. Overall I am happy with the way I played."

In the doubles final, going for their second straight crown, Dasso and Varnum faced off against the second seeded team of Dascoli and Monica Rinon.

The Irish duo once again rolled through the match to claim an 8-3 victory and their second consecutive doubles title. Dasso and Varnum, who are now ranked seventh in the country, have earned spots in the Rolex National Indoor Grand Slam with this finals victory. Overall Dasso and Varnum were happy with their performance and glad to repeat their championship.

"Throughout the whole tournament it was tough because

everyone was out to get you," Dasso said. "But I was kind of relaxed. I just wanted to go out and enjoy it and have fun."

The story of the season for the Irish has to be Dasso, who has played better and better each week. Dasso set out some lofty goals for herself this year but has stressed having fun and enjoying her last year as an Irish tennis player.

"This fall I tried to keep a positive attitude and I just wanted to go out and enjoy my senior year as much as possible and do the best I can," Dasso said. "Heading into the fall I just wanted to improve on last year. They key was staying positive and believing in myself."

This marks the last tournament of the fall for the Irish and Dasso. They open up the team competitions in January against Duke.

"In the spring I just want to help the team as much as possible," Dasso said. "I think we can do very well. We have some great freshman and great juniors."

After a solid first semester the Irish from the seniors right down to the freshmen will look to make some major waves in team play starting next spring.

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FOOTBALL

Politics, election hit home for Davie, Irish

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Proving that the attention given to close presidential election extends everywhere, Irish head coach Bob Davie told reporters of his feelings regarding the campaign at his weekly news conference Tuesday afternoon.



Davie

Davie compared the preparation that the candidates put into their campaigns to the weekly preparation the Irish go through before taking the field on Saturday.

"I look at the schedules those guys have kept — not that I follow it closely — but just all the time those guys have put into things," Davie said. "All of a sudden it comes down to today. They're going to tabulate those votes just like you tabulate [the score] at the end of that game."

Davie also revealed having an indirect relationship with the Bush family through his close friendship with Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocumb. The two had jogged together around a pig farm adjacent to the football practice fields while coaching together in College Station. Where that pig farm once sat is now the Bush Memorial Library.

Slocumb has also become good friends with former president Bush.

"RC has become good friends with George Sr.," Davie said. "They golf a lot together. They're good friends."

Davie also addressed the possibility of moving injured starting quarterback Arnaz Battle to another position when he returns next fall. While making it clear that Battle would be the current starting quarterback were he not injured, Davie admitted that with the development of freshmen Matt Lovecchio, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday, he has toyed with the possibility of switching the athletic Battle to another position.

"You know what, if those young quarterbacks make that kind of development and can pass him up," Davie said. "I

think it would be a win-win situation for us because that means those young quarterbacks would have to be really good."

Looking onto Saturday's game against Boston College, Davie is paying little attention to talk that Eagles' star quarterback Tim Hasselbeck will miss the game with an injury. Davie believes that Hasselbeck's backup, Brian St. Pierre, is nearly as capable as Hasselbeck.

"He throws the ball well. He's pretty mobile," Davie said. "I'm not sure he runs the same way Tim Hasselbeck does. He can run. We recruited him."

Facing a multi-faceted Eagles offense, Davie expressed concern after the Irish defense has proved vulnerable in the fourth quarter of the last four games.

"I think looking at it, it's been three different kinds of situations," Davie said. "But it's still a situation where we need to improve on pass defense. I mean, that's still our Achilles' heel, just like it was back before a game was ever played here."

The pass defense will have to improve as reserve cornerback Clifford Jefferson is out with an ankle injury.

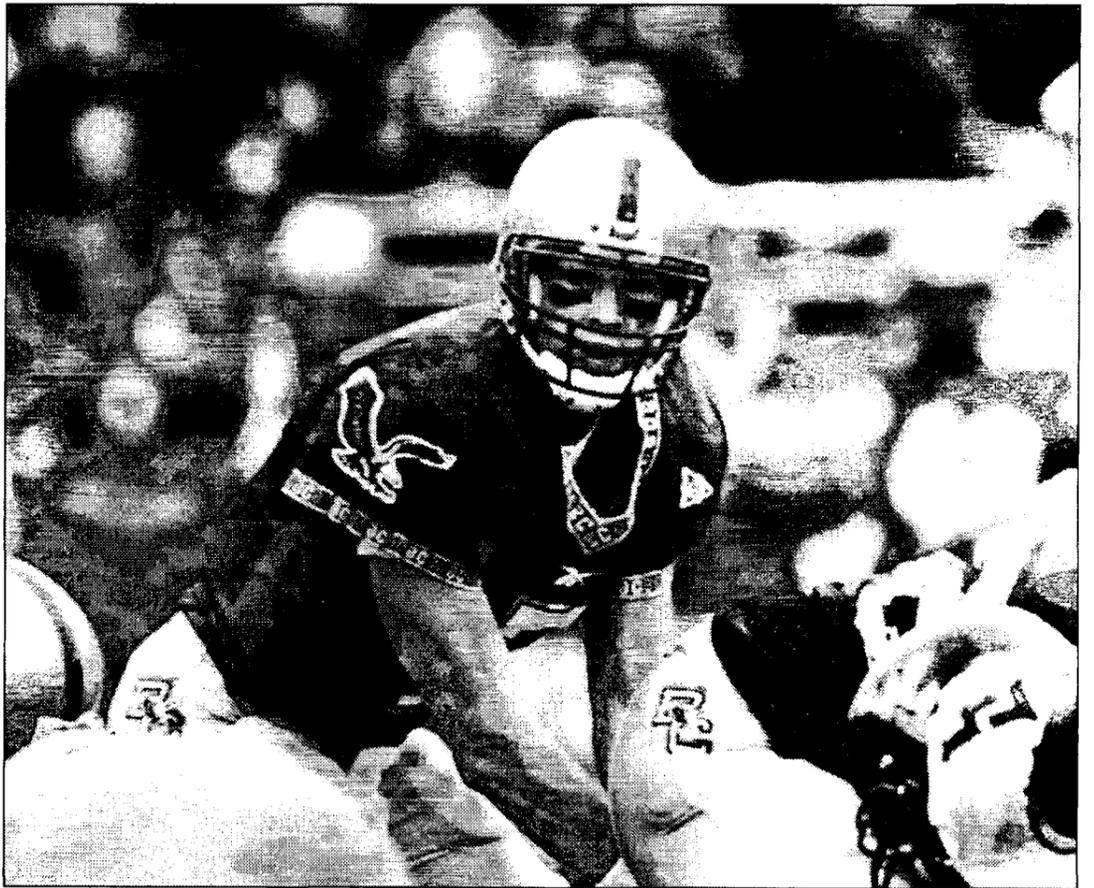
Jason Beckstrom will get more time on the field as a result of Jefferson's injury. Davie believes this week's game will be a test for Beckstrom.

"Jason Beckstrom is going to play," Davie said. "He played a lot at the end of the Air Force game. He got tired at the end of the Air Force game. No. 5 did some good things against him at the end of the Air Force game."

NOTES

♦With offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers' name being mentioned for various head-coaching spots, Davie believes that wide receivers coach Urban Meyer would be an appropriate replacement. He also revealed that Meyer has been considered for the head coaching spot at Bowling Green.

"I've got no reservations about Urban Meyer being a head football coach. I have no reservations about him being an offensive coordinator. He has a tremendous future," he said.



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Boston College quarterback, Tim Hasselbeck, shown above, will be out of the game this weekend due to an injury. Davie expects an equally capable performance from his backup.

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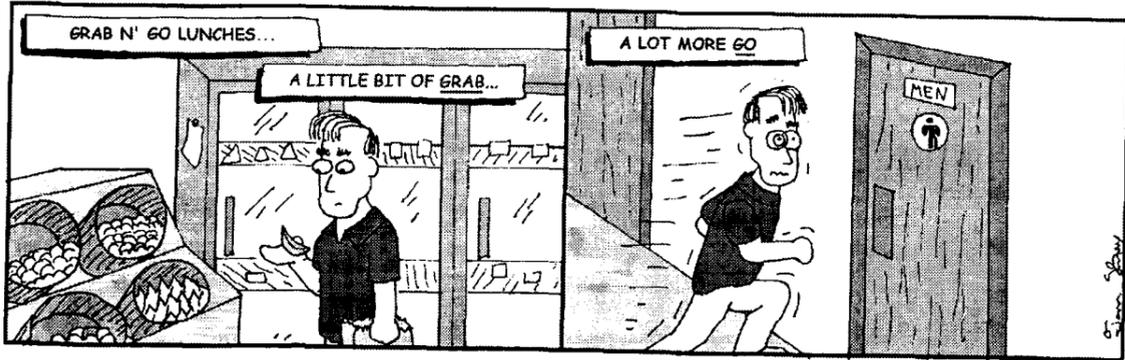
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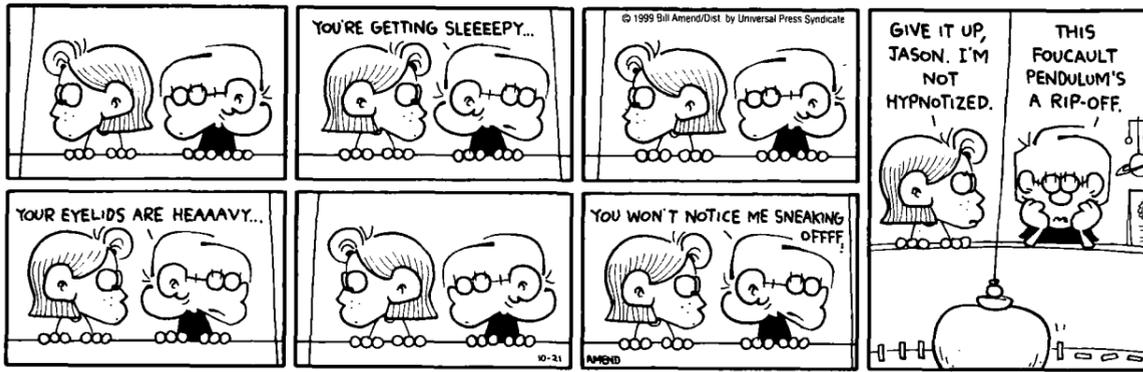
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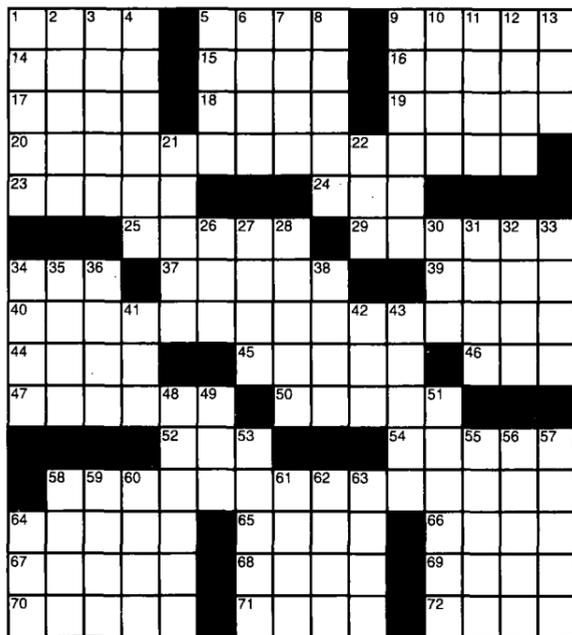


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Music whose name is Sanskrit for "color"
 - 5 Bear
 - 9 Commandment word
 - 14 Border on
 - 15 Fiendishness
 - 16 Room on board
 - 17 Lion's share
 - 18 "And ___ bed": Pepys
 - 19 Ain't right?
 - 20 Russian Irving Berlin classic?
 - 23 Opera house attire
 - 24 Pendulum's path
 - 25 Shoptalk
 - 29 Do a second hitch with
 - 34 Tread the boards
 - 37 Kind of game
 - 39 Writer Sarah ___ Jewett
 - 40 Russian regulars on the Lawrence Welk Show?
 - 44 Part of a western landscape
 - 45 Fireballer Ryan
 - 46 Place for quiet, at times
 - 47 Give a pep talk
 - 50 They're taboo
 - 52 Surgery sites, briefly
 - 54 Score marks
 - 58 Request to a Russian procrastinator?
 - 64 Stick with a pin
 - 65 Scratch
 - 66 Priest of the East
 - 67 "Mule Train" singer
- DOWN**
- 1 Hospital egresses
 - 2 Here or there
 - 3 Zest
 - 4 Fifth-century scourge
 - 5 Cancún coin
 - 6 Bristol's county, in England
 - 7 Name of two British P.M.'s
 - 8 Greeting or farewell
 - 9 Numismatist's description
 - 10 Mata ___
 - 11 Act as lookout, say
 - 12 Austrian city on the Danube
 - 13 Demolition stuff
 - 21 Chutzpah
 - 22 Misquote, say
 - 26 Card game cry
 - 27 Valhalla V.I.P.
 - 28 Dove-tail part
 - 30 Scribble
 - 31 They could use refinement
 - 32 Concerning
 - 33 Kite's home
 - 34 "Don't look ___!"
 - 68 Tutor of Siamese royalty
 - 69 Anon's partner
 - 70 He caught Holyfield's ear
 - 71 Gobi rarity
 - 72 Newsroom fixture

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ELSA LAGO CBER
 PALS ERODE ALVA
 ISUP NOTES DOIT
 CHRISTMASCAROL
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 ASH GEE CYS YDS
 HOO ORGAN
 HAMBURGERPATTY
 DOZE DELTA BAMA
 APEG OLEIC OXEN
 GILA ORNE BING



- Puzzle by Fred Piscop
- 35 Food that's part of a square meal?
 - 36 Musician John
 - 38 1952 Winter Olympics site
 - 41 Southeast Asian
 - 42 Golfer Woosnam
 - 43 Bullpen sound
 - 48 Way past ripe
 - 49 Take a whack at
 - 51 S.W.A.K. part
 - 53 To date
 - 55 Amistad passenger
 - 56 Marathon data
 - 57 Lewis Carroll critter
 - 58 Wharf
 - 59 "The Haj" writer
 - 60 "Money ___ object!"
 - 61 Radius neighbor
 - 62 Rajah's wife
 - 63 Ugly Duckling, eventually
 - 64 Nonkosher lunch
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Katharine Hepburn, Angel Cordero Jr., Bonnie Raitt, Courtney Thorne-Smith, Rickie Lee Jones, Parker Posey

Happy Birthday: You will be aggressive, persuasive and determined to get what you want this year. You contribute good ideas and gain hands-on expertise, which will raise your profile as well as your confidence. You can achieve plenty if you are willing to accept change. The more you do, the more you will learn this year. Your numbers: 5, 18, 26, 34, 41, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't go fooling yourself. You aren't likely to see situations at work correctly. Help someone you care about. Spending too much on others will cause financial problems. OO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Secrets will be made public if you have told too many people your private matters. Confusion regarding travel is likely if you haven't made careful arrangements. OOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Groups that you have joined will not be as serious about important issues as you are. Your time will be wasted if you don't make things clear in the beginning. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Spend time with those you enjoy. You should look into activities that will allow you to exploit your talents. Your interest in history and genealogy will attract others. OOOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out of the house. You need to go out with friends and avoid the stress and tension that is hanging over your home environment. Look into jobs that involve a residential move. OOOOO

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay away from get-rich-quick schemes. You will be a bit of a spendthrift. Purchases made today will be unsatisfactory. One-sided infatuations are likely. Spare your heart by keeping things in perspective. OOO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't make up stories about your whereabouts. You may be trying to keep the peace, but deception is not the way. Talk to your confidant and ask for good sound advice. OO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful not to step on toes at work. Minor health problems may set you back. You need to put in a little overtime if you want to get everything done. OOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take financial risks. You will have trouble hanging onto money. Begin a sports activity that will tire you and keep you out of trouble. OOO

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moves will be hectic, but beneficial. You can expect family members to become upset if there is too much stress. Try to make the situation better by decreasing the workload. OO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will take things the wrong way today. Don't overreact to the innuendoes made by others. Be yourself and do your own thing. Rumors won't last if you don't acknowledge them. OOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be taken advantage of if you don't watch out for friends who don't have your best interests at heart. Don't be too eager to help those unworthy of your kindness and compassion. OOO

Birthdays: Your happy-go-lucky attitude will bring you popularity among your peers. You will have the courage to stand up for your rights as well as for those you care about. You are loyal, giving and eager to please. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tonight, 7:30 pm

vs. California AAU All-Stars

Support Mike Brey in his coaching debut! Come watch #15 Notre Dame in their first exhibition of the season!



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso wins Midwest singles, doubles championships

By STEVE KEPPEL
 Sports Writer

Another women's tennis tournament, another outstanding performance for Michelle Dasso. This past weekend Dasso won both the singles and doubles finals at the Midwest Regional Championships in Michigan. This is the first time the Irish have won both the singles and doubles finals in the event. Dasso won the singles title as a freshman in 1997 and also won the doubles last year with partner Becky Varnum.

"One of my goals has been to win both my senior year," said the All-American.

This tournament marked Dasso's second finals appearance this season. Her first came in the T. Rowe Price Invitational in September. The No. 1 seeded Dasso came out strong in singles and won a pair of straight-set matches to get her to the semifinals.

She later teamed up with partner Becky Varnum as the defending champion doubles duo reached the semifinals after two more straight-set victories. Last year in their first tournament as a team the two advanced to the finals after a tough first few rounds

and then won the Midwest Regional Championship.

"This year we played a lot better as a team," Dasso said. "Becky played unbelievable and we pretty much rolled through the tournament."

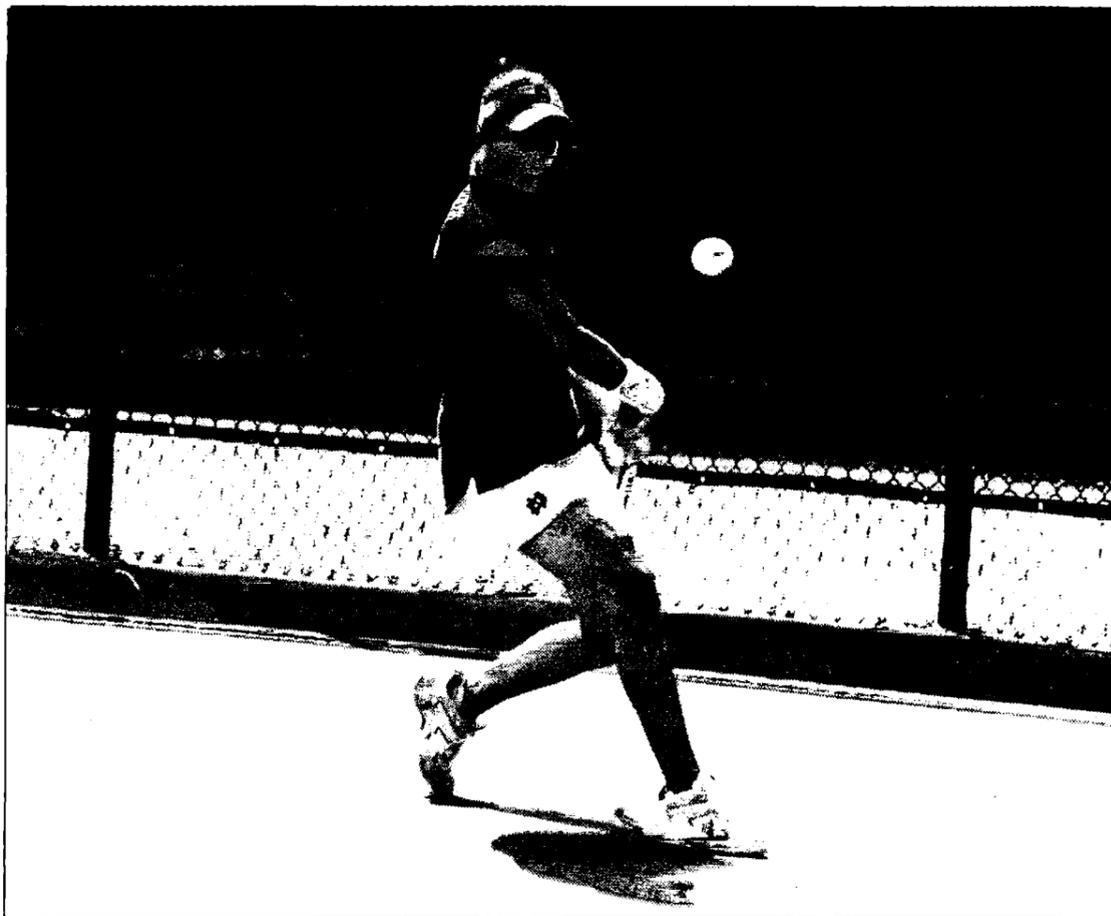
In the semifinals Dasso and Varnum rolled through Western Michigan's fourth-seeded Larissa Chinwah and Meaghan Colville 8-2 to reach the finals for the second consecutive year.

In the same day Dasso defeated Northwestern's fifth-seeded Colleen Cheng 6-1, 6-1 in her third straight set singles match of the tournament. The win set up a finals match against second-seeded Kristy Dascoli from Ohio State, who had knocked out Dasso in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional last year.

In the singles final, like in much of the tournament, Dasso came out strong in the first match winning 6-2. Dascoli, however, battled back in the second, sending it into a tie-breaker after being down five games to two. In the tie-breaker, Dasso finished her off winning the match 7-6 (8-6).

"Dascoli and I always have tough matches," Dasso said.

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Michelle Dasso, shown above, won both the singles and doubles finals at the Midwest Regional Championship this past weekend to become the first in Notre Dame history to hold both titles.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready to move into season

By BRIAN KESSLER
 Sports Writer

The 2000-01 season hasn't even started yet and the Notre Dame men's basketball team is already sick of each other.

Sick of playing scrimmages against each other, that is.

"We've been playing against each other since July," sophomore guard Matt Carroll said. "We're ready to get out there and take on some new guys." The Irish will have that opportunity tonight when they host the California AAU All-Stars in an exhibition game at the Joyce Center at 7:30 p.m.

"I don't know too much about them, but we looked at some of their stuff today and there were a few plays that I recognized from other teams," Carroll said. "They are a bunch of talented guys that had successful careers in college and they've played a lot of good teams tough in the past."

Notre Dame finds itself ranked No. 15 in the AP Poll

and No. 17 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll after posting a 22-15 record last season en route to a runner-up finish in the NIT. It is the first time the Irish have been ranked since the first regular season poll of 1989-90.

The Irish, under first-year head coach Mike Brey, return four starters from last year's squad, including All-American and player of the year candidate Troy Murphy.

As a sophomore, Murphy was the only player nationally to finish in the top 10 in both scoring and rebounding as he averaged 22.7 points and 10.3 rebounds on his way to Big East player of the year and first-team All-American honors.

Murphy and senior transfer Ryan Humphrey are expected to be one of the best front-line tandems in the nation. Humphrey, a 6-foot-8 forward, will see his first action in a Notre Dame uniform since transferring from Oklahoma where he was a third-team All Big 12 selection in 1998-99.

Junior Harold Swanagan (6.4 points per game) also returns at center for the Irish.

"It's definitely a lot of fun to play with Troy, Ryan and Harold," Carroll said. "We have some good big men and you know when you get the ball inside to them, they are going to score."

Sharp shooters David Graves (13.2 points per game) and Carroll (9.8 points per game) expect to pick up where they left off last season, while senior Martin Ingelsby will run the show at point guard. Ingelsby, who started at the point during his first two seasons for the Irish, played behind senior Jimmy Dillon last season.

"Martin has looked really good," Carroll said. "He worked really hard in the preseason and he done a great job so far in practice. He's a senior with a lot of experience and I know he can't wait to get going."

With a potent scoring attack in place, the Irish have stressed

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VOLLEYBALL

Irish win last home regular-season game

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
 Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team, Big East regular-season title holder, swept St. Louis University in a three-game victory (15-5, 15-5, 15-10) in its last regular-season home match of the year.



Girton

"We thought that we should be able to beat them in three games if we played well," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We did come out and play strong. I think it was about what we expected."

The Irish, currently 22-5 overall and 10-0 in the conference, jumped into game one to grab five points before allowing the Billikens to score. Seniors Adrienne Shimmel and Christi Girton each racked up four kills to aid the Irish in the win.

Game two went back and forth between the teams, before Notre Dame was able to dominate the game. Girton slammed seven kills while junior Kristy Kreher added six.

"Christi Girton in particular had a great game in every aspect, blocking, hitting, defense, everything," Brown said. "She and Denise, all our seniors, have shown great leadership throughout the entire year and continued to

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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



Women's College Cup
 Second round
 Saturday, TBA



at Boston College
 Friday, TBA



vs. Boston College
 Saturday, 3:30 p.m.



Cross country
 NCAA District IV Championships
 in Ypsilanti, Mich.
 Saturday, TBA