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Students to travel to Georgia for SOA protest



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Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who are members of Pax Christi will depart South Bend today for Georgia. There, they will participate in protests against the School of America, a U.S. Army-run program that the students claim violates human rights.

Pax Christi members will make third cross-country trip to fight U.S. Army program

By MYRA McGRIFF

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This afternoon, dozens of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will pile into vans for a 780-mile ride down to Columbus, Ga.

When they arrive, they will join thousands of other protesters from across the country in a two-day prayer vigil to denounce the School of the Americas [SOA], a U. S. Army program at Fort Benning which has been accused of teaching Latin American officers the arts of torture and human rights abuse in the name of democracy.

This is the third year that students from the two schools have gone to the vigil. Twenty-four made the trip last year and nine the year

before. Last year, 12,000 people participated in this peaceful demonstration; this weekend even more are expected.

"It's amazing, the diversity of people who are there," said Sheila McCarthy, a Pax Christi Notre Dame member who went last year. "You've got priests, nuns, punk high school kids, Catholic Workers, anarchists ... It's just an amazing variety of people who come out and say we should not pay our tax dollars to support this."

The SOA was founded in 1946 in Panama to spread democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. In 1984 it was moved to Fort Benning, on the border of Alabama and Georgia. From its beginning, the school has taught Latin American soldiers about United States military techniques and discipline, and, as

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Communication focus of education conference at ND

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

The University will hold its fifth annual Excellence in Teaching conference at McKenna Hall this weekend. The theme of this year's conference is "How to Communicate More Effectively with Students."

The conference is sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association and consists of lectures and all-day workshops.

More than 170 educators from across the country will be in attendance this year. Forty-six of Notre Dame's Alumni Clubs are sponsoring 68 teachers this year.

"The convention reflects Notre Dame's concern and commitment to quality education at all levels," said Kathleen Sullivan, associate director of the alumni association and director of alumni continuing education.

In accordance with the theme, co-authors of the book How to Communicate More Effectively With Students Adele Faber and Elaine Mezlish, will present a workshop, "How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk."

Notre Dame English professor Paul Rathburn will present a lecture titled, "Teaching Values: The Dignity of Our Profession."

"This conference provides an opportunity for genuinely gifted teachers to get together and exchange

ELECTION 2000

Court allows recount to continue

◆ Question remains if results will aid in determining a winner

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida's high court gave the go-ahead Thursday to ballot recounts in the state's chaotic presidential election but left unanswered the question of whether the results will matter.

"There is no legal impediment to the recounts continuing," the court said in a case brought by Palm Beach County. Within minutes, county officials announced they would join adjacent Broward County in reviewing hundreds of thousands of ballots by hand.

The Palm Beach count began Thursday evening. A state judge was to decide as early as Friday whether to overturn the Republican secretary of state's decision to reject any further

recount totals from Democratic controlled counties.

In the overtime campaign between Bush and Al Gore, the ruling was a victory for the vice president, who had pressed for manual recounts in four counties in hopes of overturning the Texas governor's 300-vote lead. About 2,600 overseas absentee ballots remain to be counted, but so far there is no dispute about them.

"The Supreme Court's clear and unambiguous ruling that the counties are authorized to proceed with a manual recount is a victory for everyone who wants to see the votes counted clearly and fairly here in Florida," Gore campaign chairman William Daley said.

"The one-paragraph, interim order of the Florida Supreme Court has just been presented to you as the best thing since night baseball," said Bush's recount manager, former Secretary of State James Baker III. He said, in fact, the order "does nothing more than preserve the status quo."

Bush running mate Dick Cheney said the state's official count and recount showed Bush was the winner — with the overseas absentee still to come — and barring any change he expected Secretary of State Katherine

Harris to declare Bush the winner Saturday.

Cheney dismissed the Democrats' litigation. "You can't change the rules in the middle of the game, and we shouldn't try," Cheney said Thursday night on ABC's "Primetime."

The seven-member Florida court, all chosen by Democratic governors, issued its unanimous, one-paragraph order as Bush lawyers looked to a federal appeals court in Atlanta to stop the recounts altogether.

One of the four counties, Volusia, completed its new tally in time to meet a 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline established by Harris.

She has said the state will not include any of the post-Tuesday recount figures in its official tabulation, which she intends to announce on Saturday.

In another county, Miami-Dade, officials said they would meet Friday to decide whether to proceed.

Republicans, meanwhile, released federal court affidavits from at least five witnesses who contend they watched earlier hand recounts in Palm Beach County this week and observed irregularities and possible ballot tampering.

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INSIDE COLUMN**Dumb and Domer**

So they say students at Notre Dame are supposed to be smart? Future leaders in business, government and community are supposed to develop the ability to think on their feet and make quick, sound judgments.

This being so, I wonder why it appears at times that my brain sends signals to my body via an absentee ballot from overseas.

The worst example of my unintelligent behavior has to be an incident at a local fast-food establishment a few weeks ago. Following a leisurely drive to Hesburgh Library from D-6 — why walk when you can spin the wheels of a '97 Altima — I headed to Wendy's to indulge myself in a feast of cholesterol and saturated fat.

I placed my order through that ever-so-clear sounding intercom, pulled the vehicle around to the window, paid and left. I just forgot one final detail — the food. So of course I did an always safe and legal U-turn on Michigan Street, turned around, and re-entered the drive-through.

"Wow, in all my years working here at Wendy's I've never seen that," said my friend, the drive-through attendant in a means of boosting my self-esteem.

Just a few weeks later, I actually pulled an even larger act of stupidity. On the Thursday before fall break, I finished my last mid-term at 3 p.m. and immediately hopped in my car and headed to O'Hare Airport to catch a 6:30 flight to New York, where I was traveling to visit friends.

Fighting a traffic jam, I made my first mistake — exiting the expressway within 10 miles of the airport and heading back towards South Bend. After realizing my mistake, I soon turned around and parked my car in the airport lot at 6:15. Luckily, my flight was delayed until 7:30.

After rushing through packing my bags in the airport parking lot, I headed to the gate. Going through the metal-detector, I put my tape recorder and cellular phone in the basket for metal goods. Never did it hit me that I probably should have put something else in there. Never, that is, until I had boarded the plane and realized what was missing — my car keys.

Yes, in my infinite brilliance, I had left the keys to my car sitting on the front seat of my vehicle in the \$20/day lot. I had to have my mother and brother meet me at the airport on Sunday night to give me the extra key. Needless to say, my family has not soon forgiven me for that one.

My younger brother refers to such behavior as "Noahisms." He constantly reminds me of the time I was on hold, holding the phone up to my ear, while at the same time frantically looking around the room for the telephone. Or the time when I was driving down the road looking for those same car keys.

These condescending comments about my intelligence come from the same person who sent me these Instant Messages the other night.

IB Eli C: hey, don't laugh....

IB Eli C: is a 930 on the SAT any better than a 20 on the ACT?

Yes, it appears intelligence really does run in my family. While I may have topped my brother by almost 40 percent on both those scores, he has always been infinitely more capable of going out and getting cheeseburgers without disaster.

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 HISTORY**Real Christmas trees prohibited**

Nov. 27, 1973

The student life council voted to prohibit the use of natural evergreen trees as Christmas ornamentation in order to comply with federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972 which make the custom illegal at Notre Dame. The committee suggests the use of fire proof artificial trees and trimmings where such Christmas decorations are desired.

Students stand vigil outside Indiana prison

Nov. 21, 1997

While the clock counted down the minutes until Gary Burris' execution early Nov. 20, more than 60 members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community prayed quietly together near the Indiana State prison in protest of capital punishment. A jury had convicted Burris in 1980 for the execution-style murder of Kenneth Chambers, an Indianapolis taxi-driver.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Marquette freshman retracts claim of fraud**MILWAUKEE, Wis.**

Just one day after telling ABC News he voted for himself four times in the Nov. 7 presidential election, Marquette University freshman Robert Bosworth has retracted his statement.

In a statement issued by Bosworth's attorneys Wednesday, the law offices of Kohn and Arbuckle, Bosworth expressed his regret for his comments and insisted he meant no ill will by them.

"His motivation was to draw attention to the flaws he observed in the election process," the statement read. "Caught up in the emotion of the moment, he did not stop to think of the ramifications which his statement carried nor the negative impact the statement had."

**Marquette University**

"He crossed the line by making a direct statement that he had voted on more than one occasion on Election Day," the statement continued.

ABC News has taken notice of the developments and will continue to follow the news on voting improprieties,

said David Scott, field producer for ABC News.

"We reported the representations as [Bosworth] reported them to us," Scott said. Scott did not wish to comment further on the matter Wednesday.

University president Father Robert Wild also issued a statement Wednesday regarding the situation.

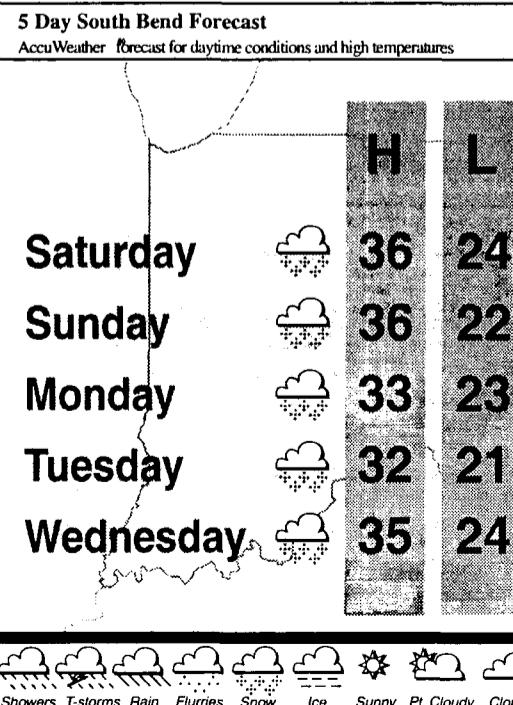
"I am shocked, disappointed and frankly angered by the actions of those Marquette students who claim to have voted more than once in last week's presidential election," Wild said in a letter to the Tribune. "If this truly occurred, these individuals have not only violated the law, they have shown a cavalier disregard for the fundamental virtues of honesty and integrity."

TEXAS A&M**Texas schools lay aside rivalry****COLLEGE STATION, Texas**

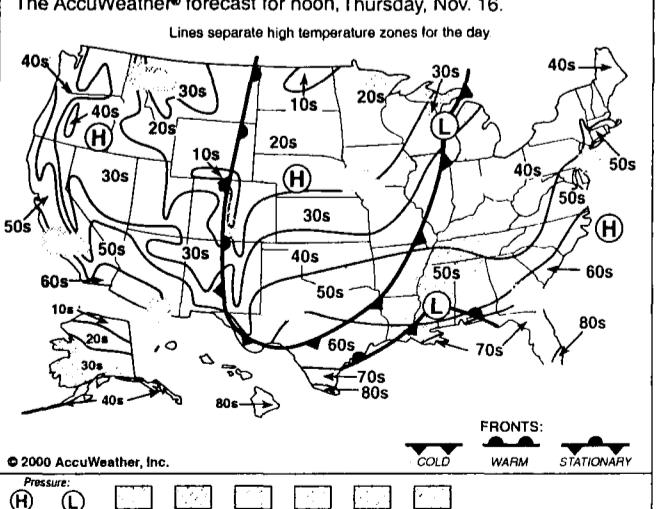
Tremors from the tragedy of the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse were felt across the state and remain in the thoughts of university students throughout Texas one year later. On Nov. 17 and 18, the UT Tower at the University of Texas-Austin [UT] will remain dark in remembrance of the 12 Aggies who lost their lives in the accident. Snow Montesinos, student relations assistant at the UT Ex-Student's Association, said that observing the tragedy is natural. "We wanted to make a special statement," he said. The darkening of the tower is a rare occurrence, said Peggy Kruger, director of the office of public affairs at UT. The tower has been darkened only three times. In a letter to A&M president Ray Bowen, UT president Larry Faulkner wrote that the Bonfire is still in the thoughts of the students. "As we approach Nov. 18, the Bonfire accident at College Station a year ago still remains a strong memory on our campus," he wrote.

UCLA**Regents will negotiate lab control****LOS ANGELES**

Despite security breaches, accusations of racial profiling and the mysterious disappearance of classified nuclear data, the University of California Board of Regents unanimously agreed Wednesday to negotiate with the U.S. Department of Energy to retain management of the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories. Last month, U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson announced the department would enter into negotiations with the UC system to renew the contract, provided the university makes several improvements in its security and management. The current contract, set to expire in Sept. 2002, will be extended until 2005, granted negotiations between the department and the university are successful which begin next Monday. "The Department of Energy's action is a vote of confidence in UC's management and will allow us sufficient time to take several steps to strengthen laboratory oversight, among them recruiting a new vice president for the laboratory management," said UC President Richard Atkinson.

LOCAL WEATHER**NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 16.



Atlanta	56	34	Las Vegas	54	38	Portland	50	33
Baltimore	51	32	Memphis	46	31	Sacramento	61	37
Boston	56	35	Milwaukee	34	25	St. Louis	41	27
Chicago	35	24	New York	52	36	Tampa	79	59
Houston	57	53	Philadelphia	51	33	Wash DC	51	35

ND faculty artists to present chamber music concert

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Department of Music will present a chamber music concert Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art on campus. The concert will feature Notre Dame faculty artists Carolyn Plummer (violin), Karen Buranskas (cello) and Maria Stäblein (piano). The program will include piano trios by Schubert, Mendelssohn and Brahms.

Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$8 for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College faculty and staff, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center or by calling (219) 631-8128.

Carolyn Plummer, associate professor of music at Notre Dame, served as assistant concertmaster of the Houston Symphony from 1977-86. She was a frequent soloist with the Houston Symphony, as well as an active recitalist and a member of Houston's chamber ensemble, Cambiata Soloists. Prior to joining Notre Dame's faculty, Plummer was a professor at the University of Florida and violinist for the Florida Arts Trio.

A critically acclaimed cellist who has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in the U.S. and Brazil, Karen Buranskas is an associate professor of music at Notre Dame. She has performed in major concert halls, including Carnegie Hall, in the U.S., Europe, Japan and Taiwan, and has been a featured soloist on National Public Radio and CBC broadcasts. The recipient of numerous awards, Buranskas was recently awarded a solo recital grant by the National Endowment for the Arts to record 20th-century solo works for cello.

Maria Stäblein joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1999 as a visiting assistant professor. She studied with Erich Appel at the Meistersinger-Konservatorium Nürnberg and with Bernhard Ebert and Arie Vardi at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover, where she graduated with the Konzertexamen in 1996. The recipient of numerous awards, Stäblein won first prize at the International Competition of the 33rd European Musicfestival in Neerpelt, Belgium in 1985.

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ND prof studies Dead Sea Scrolls

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden away in Holy Land caves 2,000 years ago and unearthed after World War II, are often rated the 20th century's greatest archaeological find. The chief reason for most people: the rediscovery of 230 texts of biblical books, which have begun to change details in the Scriptures read by millions.

For instance?

The height of Goliath. "He's barely tall enough to make the all-star game," remarks Frank Cross, a Harvard University expert on the official team working on the scrolls.

That is, in 1 Samuel 17:4 most English translations say Goliath stood "six cubits and a span," meaning a towering nine feet plus (about 3 meters). But a damaged Dead Sea scroll can be read as saying "four cubits and a span," a mere six and a half feet (2 meters). That's why the official U.S. Catholic Bible gives Goliath the shorter stature.

Or consider Psalm 145, an acrostic where each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This chapter was always a head-scratcher because the verse for one letter is missing in the standard Hebrew text. But a phrase with that letter turned up in a Dead Sea scroll and is tacked onto 145:13 in most recent translations:

"God is faithful in his words and gracious in all his deeds..."

Further rewordings are expected and some of them could shift meaning. In all Bibles, Deuteronomy 8:6 speaks of "fearing" or "revering" God, but a Dead Sea scroll says "loving" instead. Should scholars consider this change?

To those for whom each word of the Bible was inspired by God, even such small alterations are significant.

Still, as Cross puts it, "There is no 11th commandment." The rewording prompted by the scrolls does not challenge basic beliefs.

But a fellow researcher, Eugene Ulrich, professor of Hebrew at the University of Notre Dame and chief editor of the Dead Sea biblical materials, sees far more sweeping implications for the Old Testament (the Christian term for what Jews call the Tanakh).

Seated at a customized computer surrounded by galley proofs, infrared photographs and marking pens in six coded

colors, the red-bearded, 61-year-old scholar surveys his 23 years of labor.

"I feel like the person who put the last stone atop the pyramids," he says. "I'm as weary as can be, but I'm glad I did it."

Ulrich was polishing the last volume on biblical texts for the official scholarly series from Oxford University Press, which will be a landmark in this painstaking and highly technical project. The overall effort hit the headlines in 1991 when two independent groups, frustrated with the slow pace of the official scholarly team, rushed unauthorized editions of the texts into print so all scholars could begin assessing them.

Ulrich's own assessment? He repeatedly encountered scrolls that "did, and didn't, look like what we call the Bible."

His conclusion: In ancient times, two or more contrasting editions of many biblical books existed side by side and were all regarded as Scripture. In other words, back then the Old Testament was far different from what we think of today.

He concludes that there were multiple editions for at least these books: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Samuel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Psalms and Song of Solomon. Ulrich spells out his theory in

"The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Origins of the Bible."

An example of the problems he and others ponder: In two of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Psalm 33 directly follows Psalm 31, skipping number 32. Did the scribes who wrote those manuscripts believe 32 was not God's Word?

And the opposite situation: Various scrolls include 15 psalms that are not found in standard Bibles. Sample: "Blessed be he who has made the earth by his power, who has established the world in his wisdom..." Was this Scripture that was later lost, or did Dead Sea scribes merely collect devotional poetry and mix it with biblical psalms?

"If Ulrich is on the right track, we've got some major thinking to do," acknowledges John Walton, a staunchly conservative professor at Chicago's Moody Bible Institute. The problem as he sees it: "If it could be

demonstrated we have two biblical traditions arising independently of one another, instead of one being a revision or corruption of the other, then which one are you going to call God's Word?"

Personally, Walton thinks Ulrich's conclusions are premature and professes himself untroubled by any findings to date. The scrolls, which include

portions of all books except Esther and Nehemiah, were written between 200 B.C. and 70 A.D. In that same period, rabbis began establishing the standard Masoretic Text, the basis for all Old Testaments since the early Middle Ages.

Should the Bibles used in churches, synagogues and homes be thoroughly revised to reflect all the variations? Not necessarily, says Ulrich, a lay Roman Catholic. But at least serious students should be reading a Bible with multiple options. And he insists that future Bible translations should be less wedded to the Masoretic Text and rely more on the alternate renditions.

Scholars have just begun work on an "eclectic Bible" to show these textual variations, which will take years to complete.

But Ulrich, with co-editors Martin Abegg Jr. and Peter Flint, has taken the first step with "The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible." The book presents new English translations of the Dead Sea biblical manuscripts (the scholarly Oxford volumes have the original Hebrew) with user-friendly explanations of how they differ from standard Bibles.

The book is billed as "the oldest known Bible." The reason: The scrolls are a millennium older than the surviving Masoretic Hebrew manuscripts that provide the basis for all modern Old Testaments, which date from around A.D. 1000.

Specialists know that this puzzle of different Old Testaments, raised anew by the scrolls, is not really new. Before the scrolls were discovered, scholars were aware of three main editions: the Samaritan, which included only the first five books; the early form of the Masoretic Hebrew; and the Septuagint, a Greek translation from a different Hebrew version.

(Catholic and Orthodox Bibles follow the Septuagint in including seven extra books that Jews and Protestants do not recognize as part of the Bible.)

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Protest

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outlined on its website, the SOA provides — cost effecting training in democratic values and human rights.

But its critics are many. An organization called School of the Americas Watch was founded in 1990 to get the school shut down, decrying the fact that many of its 60,000 graduates have achieved international notoriety for human rights abuses.

One graduate is former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, now serving a 40-year sentence for drug trafficking. Roberto D'Aubisson, a Salvadoran who is widely believed to have ordered the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and three of the five Salvadoran military officers who killed three American nuns and a lay social worker in 1980 were also graduates of the school.

This is what motivates the students traveling there this weekend.

"In 1980 graduates of the SOA killed 800 people, destroying the El Mozote village in El Salvador," said Maureen Capillo, a member of PeaceMakers at Saint Mary's. "We do not want our tax dollars to fund this school."

The vigil itself is a two-day event. Saturday there is a rally outside the base gates, with speakers and concerts protesting the SOA. Sunday is the "Vigil for Nonviolent Civil Disobedience" in which protesters march onto the base itself in a "funeral procession."

The procession is led by marchers bearing eight coffins, one each for six

priests and their housekeepers assassinated in 1989 by El Salvadoran officers, many of whom were SOA graduates.

Behind the coffins are thousands of mourners, each carrying a white cross in memory of a victim. Many of these people will cross into the base, and thus risk arrest for trespassing.

"We cross the line to demand justice for all the victims that have died at the hands of the School of the Americas," senior Sarah Greeman said.

Other students want the protest to bring awareness to government policy.

Many see the United States playing a large part in perpetuating the wars in countries like Columbia, El Salvador, and Mexico. Outside of training Latin soldiers, some students voice concern with the United States exporting weapons into the hands of these Latin soldiers.

"I think there needs to be a revaluation of the U.S. foreign weapons policy,"

Capillo said.

Another goal of the vigil is to shut down the SOA. On this front, protesters have come close to success.

In 1996, Pentagon officials admitted that the SOA had used manuals on the use of fear, torture and truth serum in its classes. Last year, voting down several previous attempts, the House of Representatives approved a measure to cut \$2 million from the SOA's budget. But the money was later restored.

This year, for the first time, the Notre Dame students making the trip will be sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Institute for International Peace Studies and the Institute for Latino Studies and Campus Ministry.

We cross the line to demand justice for all the victims that have died at the hands of the School of Americas.

Sarah Greeman
senior

Miami-Dade reconiders recount

Associated Press

MIAMI

Miami-Dade County may jump into the presidential recount again Friday when its canvassing board reconiders a request

from Democrats for a hand count of presidential ballots.

The panel previously rejected

the request on a 2-1 vote.

County Democratic chairman Joseph Geller asked for another chance Wednesday, and the board set a hearing for Friday.

Republican attorney Bob



Bush



Gore

Martinez fought the move, charging the request was "out of line" and pleading for an end to political maneuvering.

"What you're being asked to do here is reverse yourself, and that stretches the fabric of the law," he said. "People are going to say, 'is there no end to this?'"

County Judge Lawrence

King, the board's chairman and lone vote for more counting, said: "I think there is no harm if either party wants to file something in writing."

Gore picked up six votes after a hand recount of 5,871

ballots in three overwhelmingly Democratic precincts. But the board then voted 2-1 against recounting all 654,000 ballots.

Miami-Dade is one of four counties where Democrats sought complete hand recounts. Volusia finished in time to meet a Tuesday deadline, Broward faces a court challenge Friday to its count, and Palm Beach was starting its hand count Thursday night.

Democrats hope the recounts can turn up enough new Gore votes to overcome the 300-vote Bush margin certified Tuesday.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris has said the state will not include any of the post-Tuesday recount figures in its official tabulation, which she intends to announce on Saturday.

Conference

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Catholic schools, private schools and public schools, so we really do have a range of all schools in the community," said Judy Gibson, associate director of Alumni Continuing Education.

"Educators will return to the classroom with a greater appreciation for their vocation and a stronger commitment to their students," said Sullivan.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Explosion kills 5: An explosion at a munitions factory in Cuba killed at least five people and wounded 11 more, the Revolutionary Armed Forces reported Thursday. Another three soldiers were unaccounted for. The cause of the Wednesday explosion at the Comandante Ernesto Che Guevara Military Factory in Villa Clara province was under investigation. The accident occurred as troops were unloading a military truck outside a warehouse.

Legionnaire's disease infects 40: Investigators were scouring ventilation and water systems for the source of bacteria that has infected at least 40 people with Legionnaires' disease, health officials said Thursday. At least four of the victims are in serious condition, said Joan Guix, director of Barcelona's Health Department.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Feds raid home of ex-Klanman: Federal agents raided the home of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke on Thursday, carting off boxes of documents and a rifle during a search that lasted more than seven hours. FBI agent Sheila Thorne refused to disclose the nature of the investigation. But Roy Armstrong, who identified himself as Duke's bodyguard and a caretaker at the house, said agents told him they were looking into whether Duke was illegally using money raised for his new white-rights organization for his personal use. "It's a fishing expedition," Armstrong said.

Court blocks Texas execution: The U.S. Supreme Court blocked Thursday night's execution of a convicted killer said to be so mentally retarded he spends his days coloring with crayons and still believes in Santa Claus. The high court said it wanted more time to decide whether to hear arguments that Johnny Paul Penry's mental deficiency was not properly explained to the jury. The justices did not say how long the stay of execution would last.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Two shot on ISU campus: Two people were injured in a shooting Thursday afternoon on the Indiana State University campus. University spokeswoman Teresa Exline said the shooting happened on the north side of the campus at about 1:20 p.m. EST. She said the victims are not ISU students. University public safety director Bill Mercier said shots were fired from a sports utility vehicle that pulled alongside the victims' car. The gunshot victims were taken to Union Hospital in Terre Haute, where they were listed in stable condition.

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Up: 1,838 Same: 497 Down: 972 Composite Volume: N/A

AMEX: 894.15 -7.59

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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.60	-1.12	68.94
NORTEL NETWORKS (NT)	-7.85	-2.93	34.44
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-3.61	-1.50	40.00
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-5.18	-1.49	27.38
WORLDCOM INC (WCOM)	-2.29	-0.37	16.00

RUSSIA

Cabinet to ditch Mir space station

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia's Cabinet decided Thursday that the space station Mir will end its 15 years of pioneering achievements and white-knuckle mishaps with a fiery plunge into the Pacific Ocean in February.

Mir's successes and tribulations mirrored the epochal changes that shook Russia during its time aloft, and ditching it in a remote corner of the sea 900 to 1,200 miles off Australia will extinguish a potent symbol for many Russians.

But Mir is deteriorating, foreign investors who bought the station an eleventh-hour reprieve this year haven't met their commitments, and Russia

wants to concentrate its revenues on the 16-nation international space station, which received its first crew last month, Russian Space Agency chief Yuri Koptev said.

Koptev said it would be unsafe to leave Mir aloft without new, expensive missions to refurbish it.

"This year has already been rich with disasters," he said. "We must not encourage new attacks and speculations aimed against our country."

Russia's one-time image of technological prowess was severely tarnished this year by the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk and the fire that engulfed Moscow's TV tower, one of the world's tallest structures.

Russia also was embarrassed by the funding problems that caused it to fall years behind in launching a key module of the NASA-led international space station. But its launch this summer, followed by the station's first Russian-American crew arriving in a Russian space capsule, has restored some of Russia's pride.

For years, NASA has been urging Russia to concentrate its funds on the international project.

"Our concern has only been that the Russians have adequate resources to support their commitments to the international space station," NASA spokeswoman Debra Rahn said Thursday at the space agency's Washington head-

quarters.

"We've always said the decisions on Mir are the sole purview of the Russian government," she said.

When Mir was launched Feb. 20, 1986, it was the epitome of achievement for the Soviet Union, which had already launched the world's first satellite and put both the first man and first woman in orbit.

The first of a series of mishaps that were to bedevil Mir took place only a year later: the station's second module, Kvant 1, was unable to link up because of an "alien object" blocking the docking port. The object, later reported to be a plastic bag, was removed during an unscheduled spacewalk by the crew.

VIETNAM



Three Vietnamese employees of Hanoi's Deaha hotel hold U.S. and Vietnamese flags as they leave a brief welcoming ceremony held for U.S. President Bill Clinton. He is the first U.S. President to visit Hanoi since the end of the Vietnam War 25 years ago.

Clinton visits communist capital

Associated Press

HANOI

President Clinton began a historic visit Thursday to Vietnam, stirring painful memories back home of America's longest and most unpopular war and promising a former enemy "to build a different future."

Clinton arrived in the communist capital late at night, the first U.S. president ever in Hanoi, a city once bombed by American warplanes. The welcoming ceremony was put off until morning, but that didn't stop thousands and thousands of Vietnamese from turning out at midnight to catch a glimpse of Clinton's limousine and

jam the square in front of his hotel.

Even though the visit received scant advance publicity, the Vietnamese lined the streets, some just looking on and others waving and clapping when the president's motorcade passed.

"This only happens once in a thousand years," said homemaker Tran Thi Lan, 50.

Clinton was to be formally welcomed Friday by President Tran Duc Luong at an honor guard ceremony in the courtyard of the French-built presidential palace on Ba Dinh Square.

Reaching out to a generation of students born after the war, Clinton will speak at Hanoi National University to describe his vision for a new chapter

in U.S.-Vietnamese relations. State-run television was to broadcast the address live.

More than 50 U.S. corporations sent executives to Vietnam during Clinton's visit in hopes of gaining a foothold in what they believe is a vast untapped market of 78 million people.

As a young man, Clinton "opposed and despised" the Vietnam War, organized protest marches and avoided the military draft. As commander in chief three decades later, Clinton acknowledged that "A lot of people still bear the wounds of war" in both countries.

The war cost 58,000 American lives and tore the nation with suffering and turmoil.

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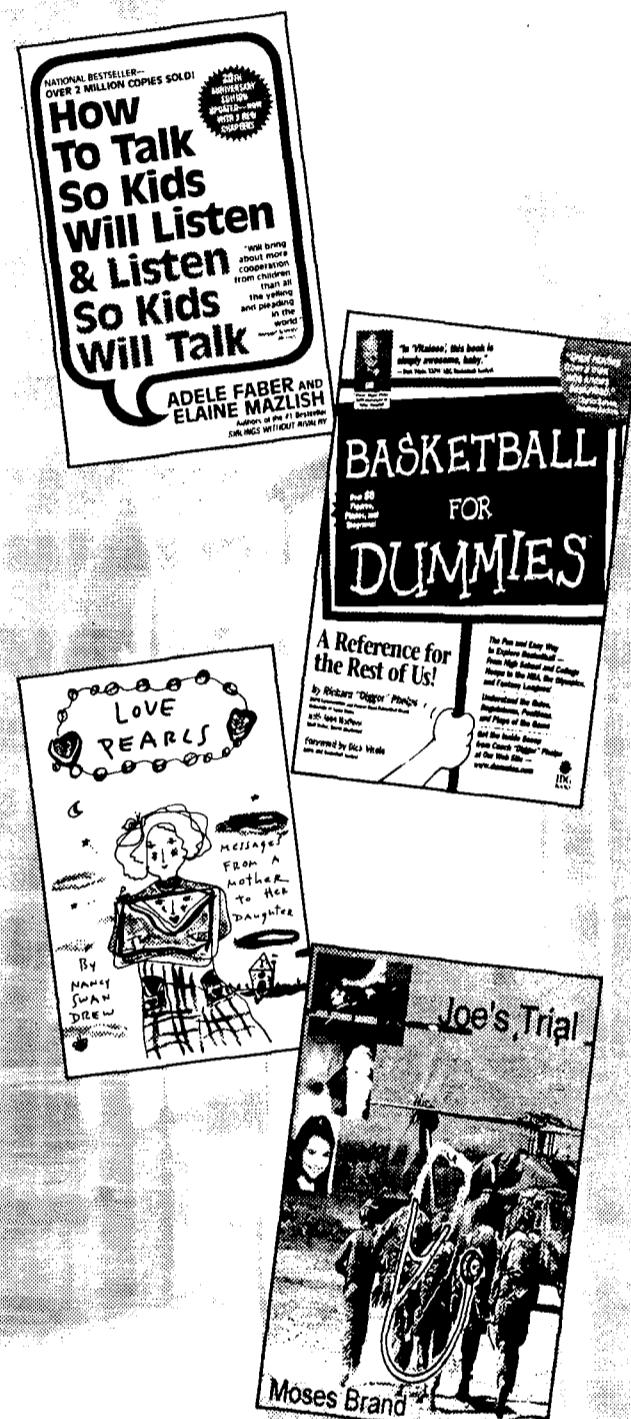
Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 11:00 a.m., Storytime features the book *Big Hungry Bear*, with craft and sing along.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 11:00 a.m., Storytime features the book *Sleepy Bears*, with craft and sing along.

Thursday, Nov. 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Digger Phelps signs copies of his newly revised book, *Basketball for Dummies*. Digger is an ESPN Commentator and former basketball coach for Notre Dame.

Thursday, Nov. 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., join artist Nancy Swan Drew for a tea party. Nancy will encourage your creative spirit and help you create wonderful holiday gifts.

Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m., local pediatrician Dr. Yuval Brandstetter, writing as Moses Brand, will discuss and sign copies of his new and timely book, *Joe's Trial*. Written over a period of six years, during which time Dr. Brandstetter served with the Israel Defense Force in Lebanon, this is a fictional version of the political and scientific events of the 1990s and their relationship to the grand scheme of the ongoing Arab-Jewish conflict. Dr. Brandstetter specializes in Blood and Cancer diseases in children, and is a native of Israel.



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Biotech corn hurting U.S. exports

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government is reporting a steady drop in exports of corn, evidence that the mishandling of genetically engineered grain on Midwest farms is starting to damage U.S. markets overseas.

The Agriculture Department on Thursday reported net sales of 517,700 metric tons for the week that ended Nov. 9, about half the weekly rate in October. Japan, by far the biggest U.S. customer, purchased less than 150,000 tons during the week, less than half its normal amount.

"This is a big drop-off and it is a concern to us and to anyone who wants high prices for corn," said Chris Schaffer, manager of international operations for the U.S. Grains Council.

A variety of biotech corn not approved for food use prompted nationwide recalls of taco shells in September and October. The corn also was discovered in snacks and animal feed in Japan. The Agriculture Department subsequently reached agreement with Japan for screening U.S. corn shipments.

Purchasers in South Korea, another major U.S. market, have expressed concerns, too, about the biotech corn known as StarLink.

When the Korean corn

processors association earlier this week solicited bids for corn, the United States was omitted from the list of eligible sellers. The Korean government has issued a recall for U.S.-made tortillas, although the manufacturer says there was no corn in the product.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman acknowledged that StarLink is probably a cause of the export drop. "That's why we're working to get StarLink out of the inventory," he said.

On Wednesday, his department offered to start testing corn for StarLink at the request of elevators and other grain handlers. A fee will be charged for the service.

Federal regulators say there is little, if any, health risk for the corn, but it was never approved for human consumption because of unresolved questions about its potential to cause allergic reactions.

The discovery of the corn in the U.S. food supply has so snarled grain traffic in the United States that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering a request

by the corn's developer, Aventis CropScience, to temporarily approve it for food use.

No decision by the agency is expected before December.

The Food and Drug Administration disclosed on its Web site this week that a major food processor, ConAgra Inc., has pulled some of its corn meal and corn flour from the market because it may contain StarLink. The problem was reported to FDA in early October. The company told the agency the product was never distributed.

Corn prices had been dropping for a week on the Chicago Board of Trade and fell again Thursday morning when the export report was released. Prices rose later in the day as investors concluded the outlook was not bad enough to keep pushing the market down.

"There definitely is a StarLink concern," said Jason Roose, an analyst for U.S. Commodities Inc., West Des Moines, Iowa. But he said the corn exports should turn around as foreign customers gain confidence that U.S. is being properly screened for the biotech grain.

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Chris Schaffer
marketing manager

Recycle The Observer.

Residents: space station almost livable

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

The skipper of the new international space station says the air conditioner thumps and other equipment clatters, but the toilet, thankfully, works great.

"That's one thing that's working really well," NASA astronaut Bill Shepherd reported Thursday, two weeks after he and two Russian cosmonauts became the station's first full-time residents.

In his weekly status report, Shepherd said the crew spent a couple days trying to reduce the bothersome noise from the air conditioner.

"We have a lot of equipment that runs all the time. Some of it's quiet. Some of it's not," he said. "We would like it to be a little bit quieter, but it's certainly livable."

Overall, Shepherd said living conditions are a little better than what he expected. He said it took him about three days to settle in and sleep throughout the night.

Shepherd and his crew arrived for a four-month stay on Nov. 2.

The three men spent the first week installing an oxygen generator, carbon-dioxide removal unit and other life-support systems. It took longer than planned, Shepherd said, because of hard-to-find parts

and confusing procedures.

"It's kind of a brave new world for an organization like NASA, where we fly 100 pounds of documents on each shuttle flight," he said. "But we're kind of a test bed for how that's all going to work. So far, it hasn't been flawless, but it's been working OK."

Shepherd said the men also have had to contend with computer problems and spent considerable time organizing their new home.

The workload is about to pick up.

A Russian cargo ship loaded with food, boots, brackets, cables, trash bags and another air conditioner is due at the space station late Friday, following a two-day flight.

The crew will have just two weeks to unload the carrier, put away all the gear and then fill the carrier with garbage for jettison. All this must be done before space shuttle Endeavour can lift off on Nov. 30 with a new set of solar wings for the station.

Once the solar wings are installed, Shepherd, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev will have full run of the space station. One of the station's three rooms currently is sealed off because of limited power.

Flight director Jeff Hanley said the crew and Mission Control will have to work on Thanksgiving.



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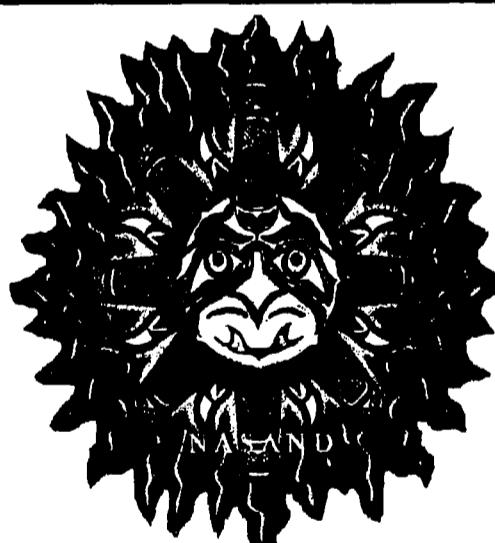
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ITALY

Company to pay Holocaust victims

Associated Press

ROME

The Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali on Thursday agreed to pay up to \$100 million to settle thousands of Holocaust-era claims.

The agreement, which came after protracted negotiations, was signed in Rome by former U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, chairman of the International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, and the general manager of Generali, Giovanni Perissinotto.

"This whole exercise has taken much too long," a weary Eagleburger said. "It has taken us more than a year to get here."

Perissinotto said he hoped the agreement would bring "closure to a matter of highest moral concern."

No one knows yet how many Nazi-era claims Generali might end up paying. The commission is conducting a worldwide search for Holocaust survivors who may have unpaid insurance policies.

Eagleburger said the commission was adding 20,000 names unearthed in German archives by its researchers to the list, which is published on the Internet.

"It demonstrates the value of aggressively pursuing the research necessary to uncover the documents, records, and testimonies necessary to identify potential claimants and ultimately achieve justice, which has eluded us for more than half a century," he said.

The Web site now has 19,000 names, including 9,000 Italian policyholders.

The agreement signed Thursday allows Generali to deduct payments on Holocaust-era claims it has already made from the \$100 million fund, according to one of Generali's lawyers, Marco Schnabl. He said the company has paid out more than \$7 million in the past year.

Eagleburger said the commission is now going to set up its own mechanism to handle claims and may enlist a Generali-financed Holocaust foundation in Israel. "We have to work out all the details," he said.

As part of the agreement, the commission also is helping Generali muster support for extricating itself from lawsuits over Holocaust-era claims, Eagleburger said.

Thursday's deal won a

quick endorsement in Washington, where Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat issued a statement saying the United States

"encourages" resolving Holocaust-era restitution matters "on a cooperative basis, rather than subject victims and their families to the prolonged uncertainty and delay that accompany litigation."

The International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims includes Jewish and Holocaust survivor groups, U.S. and European regulators, the country of Israel and five European insurance companies that operated during the Nazi era and now have subsidiaries in the United States.

It was established two years ago to settle unpaid insurance policies issued between 1920 and 1945.

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Civil rights leader Williams dies

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Hosea Williams, the fiery lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. who was at the forefront of the civil rights struggle for more than three decades, died of cancer Thursday.

He was 74.

Williams died at Atlanta's Piedmont Hospital, where he was admitted for an infection Oct. 20. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer three years ago and had a cancerous kidney removed last year.

"We were with him when he was absent with body and were present when the Lord took him," said Williams' daughter, Elisabeth Williams-Omilami. "He was selfless. What he did for this earth will now reveal itself because the fruit of the seeds he sowed will begin to emerge."

The chief organizer of King's marches and demonstrations, Williams helped lead the "Bloody Sunday" march in Selma, Ala., in 1965. Another leader, John Lewis, called Williams a patriot.

"Hosea Williams must be looked upon as one of the founding fathers of the new

America," he said. "Through his actions, he helped liberate all of us."

Williams was also at the Memphis, Tenn., motel where King was shot in 1968.

He recalled his anger that day during a 1993 interview with The Associated Press: "I was wishing I could pull some molecules out of the air and make me a weapon and just wipe out every white person near, because I thought they had shot Dr. King at that time."

He continued: "I said to myself, 'America, racists, economic exploiters, you sure have messed up now ... because there lies the only one among us, the main one, who has tried to keep us calm. Now you've killed him.'"

The shot, he said, ended King's dream because it fragmented his lieutenants.

Williams was born Jan. 5, 1926, in Attapulgus, Ga., the illegitimate son of a blind girl who fled a state training school when she discovered

she was pregnant. He was raised by his grandfather, whom he described as a tough man who had killed at least three people, including one on church steps on a Sunday morning.

A drifter who held odd jobs across Florida, Williams wound up in the Army, was badly wounded in Europe and returned to Georgia, where he was beaten bloody while trying to use a whites-only drinking fountain at a bus station in Americus.

During the next five weeks in a military hospital, he recalled, he kept thinking: "I'd fought on the wrong side."

Williams later taught agricultural chemistry before joining the civil rights movement. He recalled his children crying in a Savannah drug store when he told them they could not join white children spinning on soda counter stools because of segregation rules.

He became King's advance man throughout the South during the 1960s.

**Elisabeth Williams-Omilami
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U.S., Yugoslavia re-forge ties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

After an exchange of diplomatic letters, the United States and Yugoslavia will re-establish a relationship that soured in the conflict over Kosovo. They will reopen their embassies in each other's capital within the next few days.

In an interview Thursday with state radio in Belgrade, President Vojislav Kostunica said Yugoslavia was "returning to the world swiftly, its head high up, and with dignity."

He also said his government would focus its relations mostly on Europe and Russia, while also forging ties with "the most powerful country in the world — the United States," and others.

Earlier, the Yugoslav government announced it was ready to restore diplomatic relations with Germany, France and Britain as well.

Still, more than a hint of discord remains. Kostunica has refused to send Slobodan Milosevic and a handful of the former president's loyalists to The Hague, Netherlands, for trial on war crimes charges.

Kostunica has said they should face justice in Yugoslavia. But Foreign

Minister Goran Svilanovic on Thursday said visas would be issued to tribunal personnel to reopen an office in Belgrade.

"I'm not aware that the new government has fully moved ahead on a number of matters," a State Department spokesman, Philip Reeker, said while welcoming Belgrade's invitation to renew ties that have historically characterized the relations between our two countries and peoples."

**Philip Reeker
spokesman,
State Department**

The Yugoslav embassy in Washington and the U.S. embassy in Belgrade will be open for consular services and staffs will be hired. Also, Reeker said, the United States was reviewing restrictions on travel here by former Yugoslav officials.

The U.S. ambassador, William Montgomery, will exchange presidential letters and diplomatic notes with the Yugoslav foreign ministry in the next few days. And then, Montgomery said in Belgrade, the U.S. embassy would be "up and running."

Relations with Milosevic were virtually nonexistent toward the end of his 13-year rule. The Clinton administration did not disguise its hope that Kostunica would take the presidency from him in an election in September.

A legal scholar, the new president questions the independence of the war crimes tribunal, which has indicted Milosevic and other senior Serbian military and political officials.

The United States and its allies, meanwhile, have made no effort to arrest them.

VIETNAM

Hillary Clinton to meet with Vietnamese women

Associated Press

Setting out on her own, Hillary Rodham Clinton plans during her stay to Vietnam to meet with women who have benefited from a micro-credit program that provides money to encourage women to establish small businesses.

The first lady arrived by herself Thursday and was joined by her husband, daughter and mother when Air Force One landed to start the first visit to Hanoi by an American president.

Mrs. Clinton, just elected as New York's junior senator, intends to use her visit to spotlight Vietnamese women, whose profile rose during the Vietnam War, slipped in peacetime and has begun to ascend again.

She flew from Israel, where she delivered a eulogy at the funeral of Leah Rabin, widow of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson and young women wearing the traditional ao dai, a long flowing tunic over loose-fitting pants, handed Mrs. Clinton flowers as she stepped off her plane.

With no official activities scheduled for the day, Mrs. Clinton toured an art gallery and went shopping on

Hang Gai Street, famed for a string of shops offering wares ranging from inexpensive souvenirs and high-quality silk products.

Boisterous crowds gathered everywhere she went, even though the city had come almost to a halt to watch the national soccer team compete in the semifinals of the Tiger Cup regional tournament.

Mrs. Clinton waded into one group, shaking some of the hundreds of hands extended toward her.

The war with the United States raised the status of Vietnamese women, many of whom fought side by side with men. Some rose through government ranks, particularly in the communist North.

When the war ended in 1975 and the country was reunited, many women found themselves nudged back to the sidelines as soldiers returned from the battlefield to prior jobs.

The pendulum has been swinging slowly back in recent years — the vice president, Nguyen Thi Binh, is female — although women who venture into business or politics still are generally expected to be housewives, too.

With her election last week to represent New York in the Senate, the profile of Mrs. Clinton's visit has been elevated.

Before leaving Monday to return to the United States, she is to give a speech in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, while her husband addresses a business reception.



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Group says U.S. needs better space spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The United States may eventually become "deaf and blind" to terrorist threats unless it devotes more resources to developing new technologies for spying from space, says a congressionally chartered group.

The 11-member National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Organization, which reviewed the federal agency in charge of space-based spying, concluded that requirements for intelligence from satellites have grown so rapidly that the agency responsible for building and operating satellites — the National Reconnaissance Organization — is being stretched too thin.

"Users of the intelligence provided by the NRO's satellites have long competed for priority," the report said. "But now, the number of these customers has expanded dramatically.... In the absence of additional resources, the NRO is being stretched thin trying to meet all its customers' essential requirements."

The report was posted on the commission's Internet web site Wednesday.

The commission was created by Congress in the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2000 and is headed by Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., who is chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who until recently was vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The NRO, which was created in the 1950s, but whose very existence was a secret until

1992, is an agency of the Defense Department and is staffed by employees of the department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The commission concluded that the NRO's "clarity of mission" and sense of urgency have dissipated since the end of the Cold War, and that the president and secretary of defense need to give more policy direction.

"Without bold and sustained leadership, the United States could find itself 'deaf and blind' and increasingly vulnerable to any of the potentially devastating threats it may face in the next 10 to 20 years," the report said.

The commission recommended establishing a new office, under the direction of the NRO director, to allow the government to make greater technological advances in space reconnaissance. It suggested calling it the Office of Space Reconnaissance.

"The new office would attack the most difficult intelligence problems by providing advanced technology that will lead to frequent, assured, global access to protect U.S. national security interests," the report said.

The commissioners also concluded that the NRO's move toward public openness in the 1990s has backfired.

"Widespread knowledge of the NRO's existence and public speculation on how NRO satellites are used has aided terrorists and other potential adversaries in developing techniques of denial and deception to thwart U.S. intelligence efforts," it said, without providing any details or examples.

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NRO report

Amtrak's bullet train debuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

High-speed rail travel in the United States debuted Thursday with the maiden run of the sleek Acela Express, which hit an Amtrak-record 150 mph during the New York-to-Boston leg of a trip that began in Washington.

A full load of VIPs nibbled on salmon, filet mignon, prosciutto and caviar hors d'oeuvres as they made history aboard the train that Amtrak and high-speed rail advocates hope represents the future of U.S. ground travel.

"Today's inaugural run symbolizes the beginning of a new era of American transportation," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said at a kickoff ceremony in Washington.

Regular service on the train begins Dec. 11 in the Northeast. Rail enthusiasts hope favorable reviews will boost demand elsewhere in the country for high-speed trains.

Amtrak, which has received \$23 billion in federal operating subsidies since its inception in 1971, is under orders from Congress to become financially self-sufficient by 2003. High-speed rail plays prominently in its survival plans.

Amtrak wants its bullet train to compete with airline shuttles popular with Northeast business travelers. Acela Express will cut about a half-hour off the current Metroliner train service between Washington and New York and about 45 minutes from the New York-to-Boston trip.

A one-way coach ticket between Washington and New York will be \$143, compared with \$122 for the Metroliner.

Travel between New York and Boston will cost \$120, compared with \$57 on conventional Amtrak trains, which will continue to run in the Northeast.

For the 300 passengers invited for the inaugural run from Washington, the day began with breakfast inside a stately restaurant in Union Station that once served as a VIP suite for presidents and other dignitaries preparing to ride the great trains of America's past.

"We gather in the same place this morning to prepare to ride the great train of the future, Acela," said John Robert Smith, the mayor of Meridian, Miss., and member of Amtrak's governing board.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, Amtrak's chairman, christened the train by shattering a bottle of California champagne on Acela's tapered nose.

Passengers remarked about the spacious restrooms, overhead luggage bins, oversized windows and brightly colored blue-and-purple seats. The cafe car includes bar stools and serves beer on tap.

Acela Express pulled out of Washington just before 10 a.m. It arrived at New York's Penn Station two hours and 26 minutes later — two minutes ahead of schedule.

"We deliver!" Thompson said emphatically to the crowd gathered to welcome the train.

Eighth-grader Alicia Garrison was among 11 students from J.R. Masterman school in Philadelphia taking the free ride from Washington to New

York as a reward for perfect attendance record this year. She gave the train a grade of "pretty cool."

The train got a rave review from sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer, who hopped aboard briefly in New York to say hello to Michael Dukakis, the former Massachusetts governor who is now Amtrak's vice chairman.

"I think it's a very sexy train," she said. "Maybe you can walk around and find a partner here. Those of you who don't have partners..."

"I think it's a very sexy train. Maybe you can walk around and find a partner here."

Dr. Ruth Westheimer
sex therapist

... find them on Acela," Dukakis said.

Among those greeting Acela Express passengers in New York were Gov. George Pataki, former New York Mets star Keith Hernandez, actor Henry Winkler and cast members from the Broadway show "Fosse," who stuck to the railroad theme by performing the song "Steam Heat."

The train had a date with history later in the day. At 4:18 p.m., near Kingston, R.I., the train hit a top speed of 150 mph, faster than any train in the 29-year history of Amtrak.

"Congratulations, and let's toast," Walt Peters, Amtrak's chief scheduler, said over the loudspeaker as passengers applauded.

The train arrived in Boston — two minutes early, again — and was greeted by fireworks shot from the top of South Station. "This is the future. We've seen it," Dukakis told several hundred people gathered to greet the train.

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Bush won't dispute Iowa results

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa George W. Bush's campaign gave up on Iowa's seven electoral votes Thursday, portraying him as a candidate willing to respect valid results when they go against him.

"People have voted and the votes have been counted," said Eric Woolson, a spokesman for Bush's campaign in the state. "Let's get on with it."

Democrat Al Gore had forged a lead of just over 4,000 votes in the state out of about 1.3 million cast, according to the latest count.



Bush

Republican Bush had a Thursday deadline to ask for a recount, and strategists had debated for days about whether to take that step.

Some Bush backers pushed for a recount to keep the state in play as an insurance policy, should things go wrong in Florida. By giving up on Iowa, Bush was placing his hopes almost entirely on Florida.

Campaign chairman Don Evans announced in Austin, Texas, that Bush would not seek a recount in the "exceptionally close" race.

"Both sides waged vigorous campaigns in Iowa," said Evans. "Governor Bush believes the time has arrived for our nation to begin the process of moving forward."

Bush campaign officials in the state conceded privately that there was not much hope of reversing the election's outcome.

While a 4,000-vote margin

is the closest presidential election in decades, the state does not use punch ballots or others likely to be miscounted.

A canvass after the original tally — where most mistakes are likely to be found — shifted only about 1,000 votes.

Democrats were glad to make the same point.

"We've got a fair and honest system here and a recount wouldn't have made any difference," said Iowa Democratic Chairman Rob Tully.

With Bush's decision, the vote count will be certified by the state's Executive Council, a panel of statewide elected officials, on Dec. 4. Four of the five members of that panel are Democrats.

The result also means that Iowa will fall into the Democratic column for the fourth straight presidential election.

Bush rests on ranch; aides grow subdued

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

George W. Bush stayed on his isolated Texas ranch as subdued advisers shed the exuberance of a week ago when they paraded would-be Cabinet members before cameras. The new reticence reflected both the passage of time and the growing influence of James Baker.

Top Bush campaign officials said little on Thursday, leaving details of the vote recount in Florida to the former secretary of state, known for his meticulous attention to detail and careful use of language.

Baker, a longtime friend of Bush's father and also close to GOP vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney, had not played a visible role in Bush's campaign.

But, from Tallahassee, Fla., he is increasingly becoming the voice of the campaign in its current state of limbo.

Campaign chairman Don Evans came to the podium on Thursday and read a statement lasting only a few minutes in which he said the Bush campaign wouldn't demand a recount in Iowa, closely won by Gore; and that in Florida a law setting a deadline of midnight Friday "must be respected."

"Win or lose, this election will be over," Evans said. He took no questions.

The night before, Bush came back to Austin from his ranch — about a two-hour drive — just long enough to deliver a statement. He read from a TelePrompTer and took no questions.

The Texas governor then returned to his 1,500-acre ranch, where he has been since last Friday evening.

Campaign officials were slow to return phone calls and had little information on what Bush was doing on the ranch, or when he would resurface.

"We'll let you know when he comes back," aide Gordon

Johndroe told reporters at campaign headquarters clamoring for more information.

Johndroe said he didn't believe anyone was with Bush on the ranch other than wife Laura. "They're working on a variety of different things," Johndroe said. The ranch is near Crawford, Texas, about 80 miles northwest of here.

In the days immediately after the election, Bush advisers exhibited no reluctance in talking about transition planning for a Bush presidency, saying it was in the national interest. More recently, they've grown silent on the subject.

Condoleezza Rice, expected to be the national security adviser in a Bush administration, declined to discuss it on Thursday. She had been one of those presented in a picture-taking session last week with Bush

in the governor's mansion here as he discussed potential transition planning.

"We are all awaiting the outcome of this election. I think that's appropriate," Rice told a reporter in Washington, D.C., where she was attending a foreign policy conference. She said he had been in frequent contact with Bush to keep him apprised of national security developments, but she would not elaborate.

She said he was heartened that the American people have been "demonstrating their faith in the system," even if it sends a message to the rest of the world that "democracy is sometimes a little bit messy."

Evans' brief statement appeared designed to signal to the nation a desire by the Bush team to wrap things up. "The process must have a point of conclusion," Evans said. It offered no-recount in Iowa as a good-will gesture. But his statement wasn't as simple as it appeared — it would cut off Democratic hopes to continue vote-counting in Democratic-leaning counties beyond the Friday deadline.

Republican strategists saw the clear hand of Baker at work.

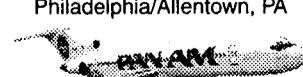
Bush aides said that all questions pertaining to the vote count were being referred to Baker in Florida. That left little to say in Austin.

Frank Luntz, a GOP pollster not connected with the campaign, said Baker has handled his assignment "pretty well. He stopped talking about process and started talking about principles in language that the American people can understand."

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Congress may play role in race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican and Democratic leaders prepared Thursday for the possibility that Congress might elect the next president, though members of both parties said they considered that unlikely.

Among the possibilities: A process, spelled out in a 19th century law, by which Congress might annul Florida's contested electoral votes. Under the Constitution, that could send the presidential election to the House and leave the vice president's selection to the Senate, creating the improbable possibility of a president and vice president from different parties.

Amid escalating political tensions, top lawmakers from both parties were issuing memos or compiling historical and procedural information about Congress' role in the elections.

Among them were Rep. Bill Thomas (R-Calif.) chairman of the House Administration Committee, who said he hoped to have an objective report on the subject from the non-partisan Congressional Research Service by Monday.

"There are many backwater areas of our jobs that aren't visited on a weekly or monthly basis," Thomas said.

A separate two-page memo by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) described a process by which the House and Senate could vote to

reject some or all of a state's electoral votes. His paper does not mention any states or candidates by name, and DeLay spokesman Jonathan Baron said the lawmaker "neither expects nor desires this to be decided in the House."

But with the high-stakes Florida battle between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore still raging, some congressional Democrats viewed the GOP research as the start of an effort to thwart Gore's election.

"I don't think the country would stand for that," Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, a member of the Democratic House leadership, said of any House effort to invalidate a state's votes. "That would be a blatant partisan act by Republicans."

Frost said he was updating a report he had prepared 20 years ago on House procedures for electing a president.

Others researching the issue included House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.); Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Administration panel; Rep. David Price (D-N.C.), a former political science professor; and Democratic and GOP Senate leaders.

In a part of the presidential election process usually ignored, each state's electors — chosen by the voters on Election Day — will meet in their state capitals on Dec. 18 to cast their votes for president. A joint session of the new Congress will convene on Jan. 6 to officially count those ballots.

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Big speakers deserve bigger venues

Tim Russert's lecture Monday in McKenna Hall on "Washington from the Inside Out" was an interesting and very timely event. With lively anecdotes from his career, a rundown of the 2000 presidential campaign and an explanation of his vision for the future of American politics, Russert kept the audience spellbound for the entire lecture.

Too bad many students were not able to hear it.

The planners of the Jack Kelly and Gail Weiss Lecture Series on Journalism should have had the foresight to expect

the hordes of people that tried to attend the lecture and therefore should have provided a larger venue for the event and given students priority to attend.

McKenna Hall is not the only, nor is it the largest, lecture hall on campus.

Russert's talk easily could have taken place at a larger site such as Washington

Hall or a DeBartolo classroom. Because

McKenna Hall was the chosen location, many students were blocked from the room and forced to stand outside, struggling to hear Russert from the hallway.

Not only is McKenna Hall too small for a speaker of Russert's caliber, but the

seating arrangement limits its capacity further. Because the front of the auditorium contains several large conference tables, seats close to the podium are limited. Had those tables been removed, more chairs could have been put in their place, allowing more people to attend the lecture.

The sponsors of the event should be commended for making an effort to bring speakers such as Russert to Notre Dame, however, their efforts are overshadowed by poor planning.

In the future, when speakers of national prominence and interest, such as Russert or Joseph Liberman come to campus, the largest venue should be chosen so that the most students possible can be exposed to their ideas.

The Observer Editorial

Election endangering our nation

So this is what it has come down to. Both sides alleging voter fraud; protesters demanding new elections; a face-off between two equally questionable candidates, neither of whom wants the political black eye of being the bad guy, but wants less to lose. A hijacking of legal procedures by a partisan official whose position is being phased out anyway. An endless and random recount of ballots by officials who can't understand how it went wrong.

This sort of thing is supposed to happen in third world countries and democracies struggling to subsist in the face of vast social problems, not in the largest, most successful country in the world at the height of its largest economic boom in decades.

But, with all eyes on Florida and the law suits about vote counts, protests and partisan speeches coming from both sides, this election looks more like one that we would send President Jimmy Carter and Senator George Mitchell to oversee.

The Secretary of State of Florida, a close ally of the Bush campaign, has attempted, from the first minute that the results were in doubt, to railroad this election through before the vote could change to favor Gore.

The county election boards, mostly Democrats, have attempted, from the same minute, to recount as many times as necessary to find the result that they want.

I think that Florida should have allowed a hand count from the first doubt and set up standard procedures for such a count. That count could then become official and there could be no legal challenge to either side.

I voted for Vice President Al Gore, then again, so did 57 percent of Maryland. I did not vote for his domestic policies or against those of his opponent. I don't believe that either candidate would change much of the economic and social climate that has existed for the last eight years and I think that things are going pretty well on the economic front and at least progressing on the social front to the point that domestic issues are not a concern. After reading a number of learned opinions on the subject — one in this very newspaper — Supreme Court appointments were not an issue that moved my vote.

Governor Bush, with the very weak nature of the Texas gubernatorial office, is not up to the job of President of the United States. He can say that he has led one of the largest states in the union, but he does not do much more than preside over the legislature and they do not meet that often.

Additionally, with his apparent inability to grasp international situations as evidenced by some of his answers in the presidential debates, I have serious reservations about Bush's ability to handle foreign policy in a time when it is so very important. But Bush can surround himself with knowledgeable people. What worries me more is the tint of Republican discourse.

With the razor's edge of unprecedent violence that the Middle East is walking and the fledgling democratic spirit that has taken hold in Serbia, we cannot afford to adopt an isolationist attitude toward the world. I worry that the Republican agenda is just that.

That said, I will be happy if Bush wins and Gore graciously concedes. I will be just as happy if the reverse happens as well. This election needs to end, but more importantly, both sides need to meet and with a show of friendship tell the American people that they have decided to follow the results regardless of what those results might be.

Instead there is stony, adversarial feel to this election. It is feeling dangerously like a power struggle. Have we gotten

so partisan and so completely unreasonably obstinate on issues that there is no room for debate? Is there no room for the type of compromise that brought this nation through its infancy in the late-eighteenth century and through its coming of age in the mid to late-nineteenth century?

This gesture would not just be for the American people. Every day that we look like we may have a Constitutional crisis or that the Republican and Democratic candidates hide out in their respective havens is another day that the stock markets around the world feel a slight panic. It is another day for a country like Pakistan, Iraq, Palestine or Israel to decide that the United States is in enough chaos for them to pull some destructive stunt.

It also worries our allies and all of the countries whose democracy is patterned after ours. How strong is a faint reproduction of American democracy if the original can break down so completely?

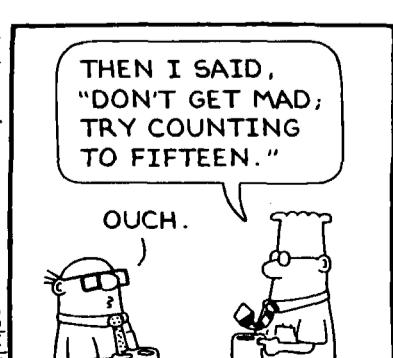
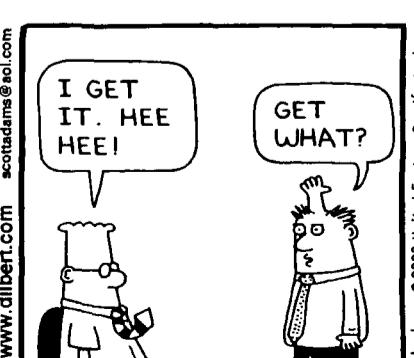
Of course, by the time that you read this column, the last of the absentee ballots have probably made their way to Florida and hand recounts have either been allowed or banished.

Regardless of the decisions on hand counts and pending law suits, the election should end now and our new President should take his place. And God help the man, for he has no mandate nor does he have the support of even 20 percent of the country (50 percent of the 100 million Americans who voted). Hopefully this will humble him enough that he will work with his fellow politicians on the other side of the aisle to actually fix some of the damage that this protracted process has done.

Matt Loughran is a '97 graduate of Notre Dame and his column appears every other Friday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Power is inflicting pain and humiliation. Power is in tearing human minds to pieces and putting them together again in new shapes of our own choosing."

George Orwell
author

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GUEST COLUMN

Getting the election opinions of people who matter

HANOVER, N.H.

As a result of this year's incredibly close election, the American media have focused only on Vice President Al Gore, Governor George W. Bush and the state of Florida for the past week. Unfortunately, this has resulted in the total absence of opinions asserted by people who are not "experts" working for news organizations. In fact, many notable individuals who have valuable opinions concerning the election have not had the opportunity to voice their ideas because the news stations are so determined to have their own people explain the manglement of this year's election.

It is important that we Americans hear the thoughts of those shunned by the networks, and therefore I suggest the following people be interviewed so that they may share their important feelings concerning the election.

Monica Lewinsky — Not only has this woman had sexual relations with that man, but she has also lost weight through some special diet. These features make her representative of a sizable part of the female population in the U.S.

No doubt she has several important statements to make regarding the election. Perhaps she would shed light on the fact that presidential mistresses often have been discriminated against in the election process.

Then she would charge that there was some sort of voter intimidation involved. One of the two major political parties would then say, "No way! Voter fraud stuff doesn't happen in our non-racist, unprejudiced, great, perfect country."

Then Monica would say, "Yes it does."

And then that same party would say, "OK, but we're going to criticize you for taking legal action and then hypocritically take legal action ourselves to stop you from rechecking the votes cast."

And that's probably what would happen when news stations decide to interview her.

Ralph Nader and Patrick Buchanan — Nader failed to get his 5 percent and he also failed in his little mission to completely destroy the Democratic Party and its chances at claiming the presidency. Buchanan simply failed to get any votes, except from his staunchest supporters — the elderly Jews and minorities of Palm Beach.

An interview with Ralph and Pat would allow them to comment on their respective failures and would also give them the opportunity to describe their promising friendship. Both would talk of their common interest in stealing votes from the evil Democratic and Republican parties and their plans to take over the country. Both would also note, however, that despite their budding relationship, they often get into arguments concerning strategies taking over the country.

Nader's plan would be to annihilate Democrats and Republicans with very green foliage, unpolluted air and "consumer-powered, universal, accessible, quality health care" forced upon them and then take over everything.

Meanwhile, Buchanan would argue that a much more efficient way would be to collect all the immigrants in the country and just launch them into D.C. That way, Buchanan would argue, the country would be getting rid of its two biggest threats.

Both would squabble during the interview;

each asserting that his way is the best. Finally, they would realize that they don't have a chance to complete either plan and Nader would move to Canada and Buchanan would move to 1939 Germany.

Jeb Bush — Jeb has the punishing job of governing a state characterized by ineptness on all levels — ineptness by the officials who designed ballots in Palm Beach County, the residents of that county who can't read the ballots and the officials who don't know how to deal with the problem of people who can't read the ballots.

Further, Jeb failed to deliver his state to his brother even though he "assured" George that the state would be in the Republican column Nov. 7. Interviewing Jeb would allow him to defend his poor execution of the master plan to cheat Al Gore of thousands of votes.

George would phone in during the interview and disparage his brother, calling him a "poopy head" and saying, "Al Gore shouldn't get Florida. Jeb, the Ultimate Authority on Everything, promised the state to me. I can't believe that butthead broke his promise."

The name-calling would escalate and finally Jeb would be forced to divulge the fact that George was once the biggest supplier to Yale drug circles. George would counter by saying that one time when Al Gore was in college he found a quarter and kept it.

People would forget George's petty offense and become outraged with Al's atrocious actions. In the end, the Jeb Bush interview would become famous for ending Gore's political aspirations forever.

Elian Gonzalez — Whatever happened to this wonderful child? For days he was our country's only news. He was so important that everyone from government to preschool was discussing his plight. Why has he not been contacted about our election? What an injustice!

Elian must have several valid points to make about the two candidates and the state of Florida where he was held captive. Speaking through a translator, Elian would explain to the interviewer his position on America's electoral process, comparing the benefits with the drawbacks.

When asked how he came to be so smart at such a young age, Elian would most likely answer that during the few short days he was in Florida, he received a wonderful education from Florida's astounding public school system.

He would then proceed to whip out an Uzi and point it at the interviewer's face, defending this action by saying it was also something he learned in the free United States.

It is essential that each of these people be allowed to express his or her views on the election. The absurdity of allowing only "experts" to dissect American politics must be stopped, as it perpetuates the idea that regular Americans (and little Cuban boys) aren't interested in the happenings of our government.

Of course, we all know that people actually do care a lot — how else could our country manage a turnout of over 50 percent?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking strides toward rape education

On Tuesday night, we had the privilege to attend the talk given by Katie Koestner on sexual assault prevention in the Library Auditorium. For all of us there, it was an amazing, eye-opening experience into the realities of date rape as well as the role we can all play in helping eliminate rape both from our campus and from our world.

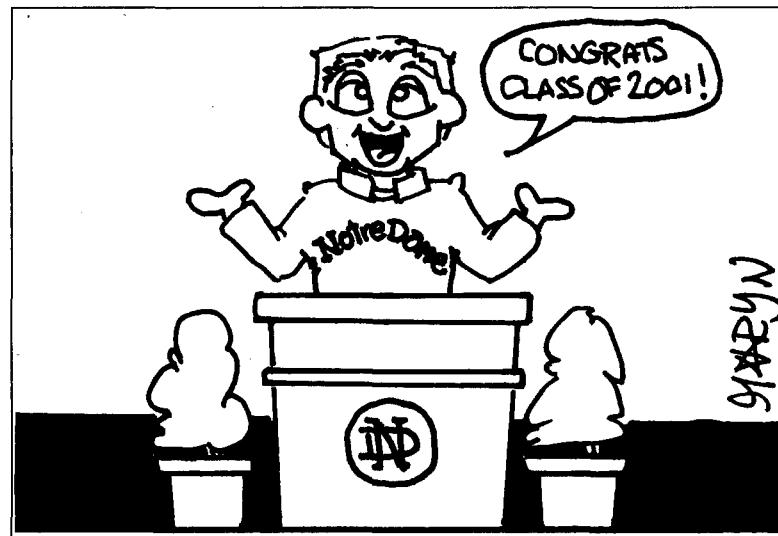
Katie is such an inspirational and courageous woman in her true commitment to this issue and love for others that we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her for coming to campus to educate us on this all-to-important issue.

We, however, would like to make sure that our gratitude does not end with that thank you. Having been among some of the men in attendance, we would like to add our names to those who are fighting nationwide to prevent rape. We pledge to promote healthy relationships in our own lives; to stand up against any jokes, pressures or norms condoning or promoting rape; to provide witness to realities of date rape and what can be done; and finally, to be support for any woman who needs our help.

In closing, we would like to challenge all our fellow members of the Notre Dame family to join with us in this fight and make a similar pledge in their lives. Together we must break out of the box of believing that this is only a women's issue.

Date rape affects all our lives whether we are male or female, and it is going to take the concerted effort of both sexes to make true strides in one day achieving a day without rape.

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Praising Martin Sheen

This may sound silly, or like I'm too easily influenced by the sway of popular culture, but how can I get Martin Sheen to be the commencement speaker this spring? Not just the actor Martin Sheen, but Martin Sheen the activist, the liberal and the supporter of social change for the good of the country. Liberal may not fly too well around here, but I think it would great and I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking this.

The West Wing (the television series, not the actual offices) has been a recent source of pride as Notre Dame students, alumni and fans all over the country can point out to their friends that the fake president is wearing a Notre Dame sweatshirt that anyone can still buy at the bookstore. Some might say that it's all part of a vast NBC conspiracy, but so what? Mr. Sheen is supposed to be a fan in real-life too, and the time is right to pay him back for his support with an invitation to speak at campus this spring.

Besides, anyone who would say "Michigan sucks" twice on a prime time program deserves some sort of reward. Let's all get together and welcome Mr. Sheen to campus next semester. Finally, a cause we can all get behind.

Jeremy Joslin
senior
Siegfried Hall
November 15, 2000

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach Brey thanks students

To the MOB:

We just wanted to thank you for all of your support during the preseason. We are excited about getting started Saturday night with you with us every step of the way.

Always remember how much a part of our team you are. We need you!

Let's make this a special season together! Go Irish!

Coach Mike Brey
2000-01 Irish Men's Basketball Team
November 16, 2000

Without football, what does

Beacon Bowl and Chippewa Bowl face off in the battle of the alleys as Scene judges which lane is the best bowl for your buck

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Scene Writer

Imagine a perfect evening in South Bend: the loud crashing, the smell of old dirty shoes and the squeals of delighted townies.

A weekday night at the Boat Club?

Hardly. The 10-mile radius outside of Notre Dame contains two bowling alleys — Chippewa Bowl, south of downtown on Chippewa Street, and Beacon Bowl on Lincoln Way West near the airport.

But which wins the Battle of the Alleys?

Atmosphere and Food

Beacon Bowl, by the South Bend Airport, is a quintessential bowling alley, straight out of "Kingpin" or "The Big Lebowski." The visitor enters the building to find 52 lanes of hardwood in what Beacon employee Cheryl Deardurff calls "one big straight line."

The alley has the traditional snack bar with pizza, hamburgers and French fries, and the usual assortment of hard-core bowlers and little kids' birthday parties, with open lanes every night for those who like to drop in.

Chippewa answers with an insane 70 lanes of bowling action, set inside a building that looks like the safest place to be if the Russians ever bomb South Bend. As employee Janet Briones says, "the advantage of 70 lanes is that we have open bowling every night."

Chippewa also features a fully stocked snack bar, with mozzarella sticks and jalapeno poppers as specialties.

Both alleys open at 9 a.m. every day and close at

midnight on weekdays and 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In terms of atmosphere and food, advantage Chippewa.

There's no arguing with lane number supremacy and jalapeno poppers.

Entertainment

One of the most essential parts of any bowling alley is the arcade.

After all, bowling can't be the only distraction if a visitor is only rolling up scores under 100.

Clearly, Chippewa Bowl has the advantage in this critical category. Their games are concentrated in one area, while

Beacon Bowl has them spread out down the concourse, discouraging the lazy college student from travelling from game to game.

Beacon Bowl, strangely, lacks pool tables in its lounge area. Chippewa has them, however, providing another source of entertainment besides just bowling.

The folks at Beacon strike back with a quality

darts facility in their lounge area. But once again, Chippewa gets the edge. Sure, bowling is fun, but visitors need a little extra.

Beer and College Night

Bowling and beer go together like macaroni and cheese. Low prices mean more drinking, which means more fun, and Beacon Bowl has better prices on pitchers, \$6.50 versus \$7.75 at Chippewa. Beacon features the usual selection of domestic brews on tap, including Miller Lite, Budweiser and Bud Light, as well as additional varieties of bottles.

For solitary drinkers, both facilities will charge \$1.65 for a glass on tap, but Chippewa charges 15 cents less for bottles.

Beacon and Chippewa feature College Night on Thursdays, and Beacon has it on Mondays as well. Both offer the same deal: \$5.95 for unlimited bowling between 9 p.m. and midnight.

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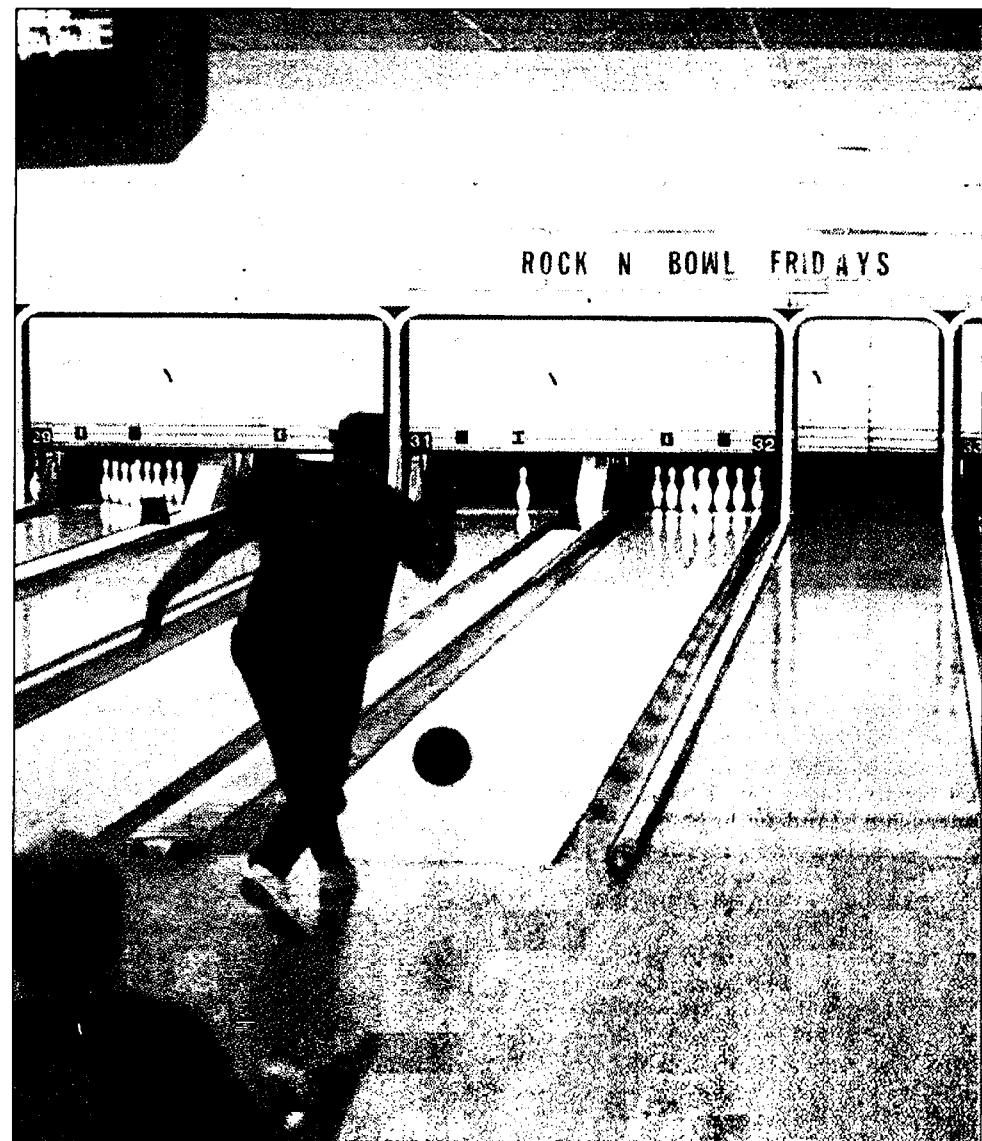
Sadly, neither alley's College Night has any discounts for beer or food, but Beacon throws in a free soda, included in the \$5.95 charge.

Beacon receives the advantage in this category, and a bonus point for the extra College Night.

That brings the score of the Battle of the Alleys to 2-2.

Tiebreaker

Chippewa has really cool bowling balls, nudging them over the finish line. Beacon is a fine alley with fine people, but as Boines put it, "Chippewa's a better center."



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Chippewa bowl, with its 70 lanes, video arcades, variety of bowling balls and college night features has plenty to offer the college student looking for a little off-campus fun.

South Bend have to offer?

Now for the feature presentation — Movies 14 or Showplace 16; which is the best pick for your flick fix?

By KATIE MALMQUIST

Scene Writer

Believe it or not, behind the tumbleweeds that blow through the streets of South Bend there are a few havens for all the Notre Dame movie goers out there. But how do you avoid those townie magnets with tiny, cramped theaters and popcorn lined seats? Well we're here to help guide you through a pleasant movie going experience.

Cinemark Movies 14

◆ 910 Edison Road

As part of Cinemark's international theater chain, Movies 14 is located only a few short blocks east up Edison Road, which makes it particularly accessible from campus.

Unlike many of the other theaters in town, Movies 14 offers a student discount on all evening shows that brings your ticket price down to \$5 with a flash of your blue and gold ID card. The prices are discounted from \$6.50 Sunday through Thursday and \$6.75 on Friday and Saturday.

Whether or not the student discount makes up for the Big Top lobby is up to you. If you're not suffocated by the checkered tile and flashy neon lights that are enough to induce nightmares of clowns and circus rings, you'll be lucky to make it to the concession stand without getting tired of the popcorn crunching underneath your feet.

In the event that you do make it there, however, you may be delightfully surprised by the salt-it-yourself popcorn (in \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 dollar bags) and ice cold drinks (running from \$2.25-\$3). And if you can brave it back again sometime during the show, Movies 14 promises free refills — with a catch. Only the large soda and two largest popcorns can be refilled, but after all, it's only 25 cents for an extra eight ounces of Mountain Dew, right?

Inside the auditorium, though, it's a whole other story. If you make it there anytime before the start of the movie (which, face it, you probably won't), they do offer a good 15 minutes of various trivia and movie facts to help pass the time.

While only half of the 14 screening rooms offer stadium seating — which means you could very well be stuck behind Marge Simpson — they all have high backed chairs that tip back to about a 50 degree angle, making for a fairly comfortable viewing experience.

Again, the only concern is the popcorn on the floors which can become a noisy nuisance if anyone tries to leave the theater in the middle of the movie.

Bottom line: Movies 14 may be close to campus but it's far from being the best in town. Movies 14 opens daily at 12:30 p.m. and closes after the final show of the night.

Showplace 16

◆ 450 Chippewa Drive



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

While Movies 14 opens for matinees daily and has lower prices on refreshments, Showplace 16 features all-stadium seating and free refills on all drinks no matter what the size.

Though Showplace 16 is a bit of a haul (actually only about 10 minutes south on US-31), the over-all movie-going experience should be more worth your money. Owned by the prominent Midwestern chain of Kerasotes, Showplace 16 also offers a student discount which brings evening tickets of \$6.50 to a mere \$5 — for most of you, that's less than you spent on your last laundry day, and it promises to be a lot more fun.

Showplace passes up the ever-popular circus theme for a silvery futuristic look that is equally

cheesy, but somewhat less harsh on the eye. They seem to run a clean ship, too — the only popcorn to be found on the lobby floor is behind the concession counter. And here's the best part: Showplace 16 offers free refills on everything from smoothies to popcorn with prices ranging from \$3.10 to \$4.52.

This is a little more expensive than Movies 14, but some might find the personal butter pumps worth the expense, as customers can decide the exact degree to which they drench their popcorn in buttery syrup.

Inside the 16 theaters, which are all stadium, high-back seating and equipped with either Dolby Digital or DTS digital sound systems, the cleanliness factor holds up. The chairs here do not rock, and the seat cushions do not flip up like regular theater seats, which means they collect popcorn easily.

Still, a hard working staff makes sure they remain clean and comfortable. The elevated seating assures a perfect view of the screen and flip-up arm rests let you cuddle with your date — of course they also double as a convenient barricade between you and the creepy townie you've been forced to sit next to.

Bottom Line: If you're going to make the trek to D6 anyway, why not settle for a few extra minutes in the car in exchange for a few more enjoyable ones in the theater?

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XFL

Ventura to announce new league's games

Associated Press

NEW YORK Networks have been playing an ongoing game of "Can you top this?" when it comes to hiring football analysts in hopes of creating a buzz about broadcasts.

There appears to be a winner: NBC tapping Minnesota Gov. Jesse



Ventura

Ventura for the XFL. It's hard to envision something more bizarre than a sitting governor taking time away from the statehouse to provide commentary for a fledgling pro football league whose main selling point in TV commercials has been the cheerleaders.

Dennis Miller seems bland in comparison.

"I don't think I'll have any handcuffs on me. I'll be free to express my opinions, whether they are right or wrong," Ventura said Thursday. "This is going to be a lot of fun."

The XFL, a joint venture between NBC and the World Wrestling Federation, opens its 10-game season in February. NBC will broadcast games in prime time on Saturdays, generally the lowest-rated night of the week.

"Saturday night needs a real rejuvenation," NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol said. "We can go into that time period, six days after the NFL season's over, and we can do the 4 or 4.5 rating that we've promised advertisers."

If the ads run so far are an indication — they've shown

armored tanks on a battlefield and the inside of a cheerleaders' locker room; none has featured a player — NBC is aiming more for sensational than sports.

And that could draw both the teenage wrestling fans the network hopes will watch the XFL and sponsors it hopes will buy commercial time.

"I think Ventura is a plus," said Paul Schulman, president of media buying company Schulman/Advanswers NY.

"He's controversial, he did a very good job when he was involved in wrestling. He got elected, so he seems to be liked. And he's a name. It's going to be a product starved for names. They're not going to have them on the field."

Ventura, a former Navy SEAL who used to wear feather boas into the ring during his pro wrestling career, doesn't shy from publicity, nor does he pull punches.

During his 1998 campaign for governor, Ventura said Minnesota should consider legalizing prostitution, possibly with a red light district similar to Amsterdam's.

In an interview with Playboy magazine last year he called organized religion a "sham and a crutch for weak-minded people."

Some Minnesota politicians questioned whether Ventura should have accepted the offer from the WWF and NBC.

"He's clearly using the prestige and the name of his office to enrich himself financially," state Sen. John Marty said. "And even if that's not illegal, I find it very troubling."

"Where's his loyalty? The loyalty ought to be to the public — the taxpayer — not people willing to enrich him based on how outrageous he can be."

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Yankees to return to TV network

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Yankees will return to the Madison Square Garden Network next season.

The MSG Network, exercising a provision in its expired 12-year contract, agreed to match the Yankees' new \$52 million, one-year contract with a division of the International Management Group, according to a baseball official with knowledge of the negotiations.

At the same time, MSG sued the Yankees on Thursday, asking that a justice decide whether the network also should get a right to match any offer at the end of the

2001 season.

The deal with IMG's Trans World International division was submitted Nov. 8 to MSG Network, which had seven business days to match it under the terms of MSG's expired \$486 million contract with the Yankees.

A key provision of the TWI deal is that it contains no right to match, which has hampered the Yankees in their attempts to negotiate a multiyear contract.

MSG, a division of Cablevision Systems Corp., has gone to court twice previously to enforce the right to match. The Yankees and TWI agreed in July to a 10-year contract that would have created a network 95 percent-

owned by the team. It would have guaranteed the Yankees about \$900 million in the next 10 years.

Justice Barry A. Cozier, who issued an injunction on July 31 that blocked the Yankees' first deal with IMG, will hear the latest lawsuit, the baseball official said. The Yankees and MSG have asked Cozier to hear the case on an expedited basis, and a hearing is likely to take place in January, the official said.

By going with a one-year deal with no right of refusal, the Yankees would gain the freedom to negotiate anew for their rights starting with the 2002 season.

MSG has broadcast Yankees games since 1989.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Colorado State advances to bowl

Associated Press

perered all season by injuries and inexperience, lost 10 games in a season for the first time since the school started playing football in 1893.

The galloping Gallimore brothers were part of a big night for the Colorado State defense. The Rams also scored on Rick Crowell's interception return as part of a game-turning second quarter.

With the victory, Colorado State clinched the Mountain West Conference title and earned its second straight trip to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 29.

As the seconds ticked down late in the game, the shivering crowd began chanting, "Sonny! Sonny!" and the Rams (9-2, 6-1) doused coach Sonny Lubick with ice water — a chilly celebration on a 14-degree night.

Wyoming (1-10, 0-7), ham-

threw three interceptions before being replaced by freshman Casey Bramlet early in the second half.

Bramlet led the Cowboys to their only touchdown, a 30-yard pass to Ryan McGuffey that pulled Wyoming to 27-13 in the third quarter.

Colorado State put the game out of reach on a 20-yard field by C.W. Hurst and Sapp's 2-yard touchdown run with 12:49 remaining.

The Rams came out sluggish, failing to cover the game-opening kickoff and committing two turnovers in the first half.

The Cowboys managed only two field goals, and their inability to capitalize on Colorado State's mistakes proved costly when Wyoming began making its own offensive gaffes.

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NBA

McDyess drops in 16, grabs 11 boards in Nugget victory

Associated Press

DENVER
The Denver Nuggets survived a near-collapse.

Antonio McDyess scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Nuggets squandered a 21-point lead but held on to beat the Chicago Bulls 89-85 Thursday night.

"We came out and took it for granted that we were up by 17 points," said McDyess, who grabbed the 3,000th rebound of his career in the game. "They came out and played hard in the third. We should have learned from their game against Houston that they don't give up."

"We just can't hold teams off right now. When we get to a point where we can hold teams off and play our game, we'll be all right."

Keon Clark matched McDyess with 16 points, eight rebounds and a key block. Clark had eight points in the fourth quarter as Denver won for the second time in three games.

"This was really something. This team refuses to play 48 solid minutes," Denver coach Dan Issel said. "Antonio did a great job in the first quarter with 11 points in the first quarter, and then he had only the three-point play and another basket the rest of the way because he is sitting next to me."

Elton Brand had 22 points and six rebounds, and Ron Mercer added 17 for the Bulls, who dropped their third straight game.

"We came out with absolute-

ly no intensity or heart," Brand said. "Coach was upset with us at halftime, especially with our rebounding and challenged us to step it up."

Chicago missed its first five shots of the fourth quarter, but trailed only 69-65 as the Nuggets scored just four points early in the period.

A 3-pointer by Corey Benjamin got the Bulls within 69-68 with 9:14 remaining, and free throws by Mercer and Brand gave Chicago a 73-71 advantage with 6:15 left.

Voshon Lenard buried a 3-pointer and McDyess hit a layup and free throw after running down his own miss as the Nuggets grabbed a 77-73 lead. Two baskets by Clark allowed the Nuggets to maintain at least a three-point lead until the 2:31 mark.

Mercer drained a running one-hander and Brand sank a pair of free throws as the Bulls closed to 84-82.

The Bulls had a chance to tie with 30 seconds left, but Clark blocked A.J. Guyton's layup, and Nick Van Exel hit two free throws to make it 86-82.

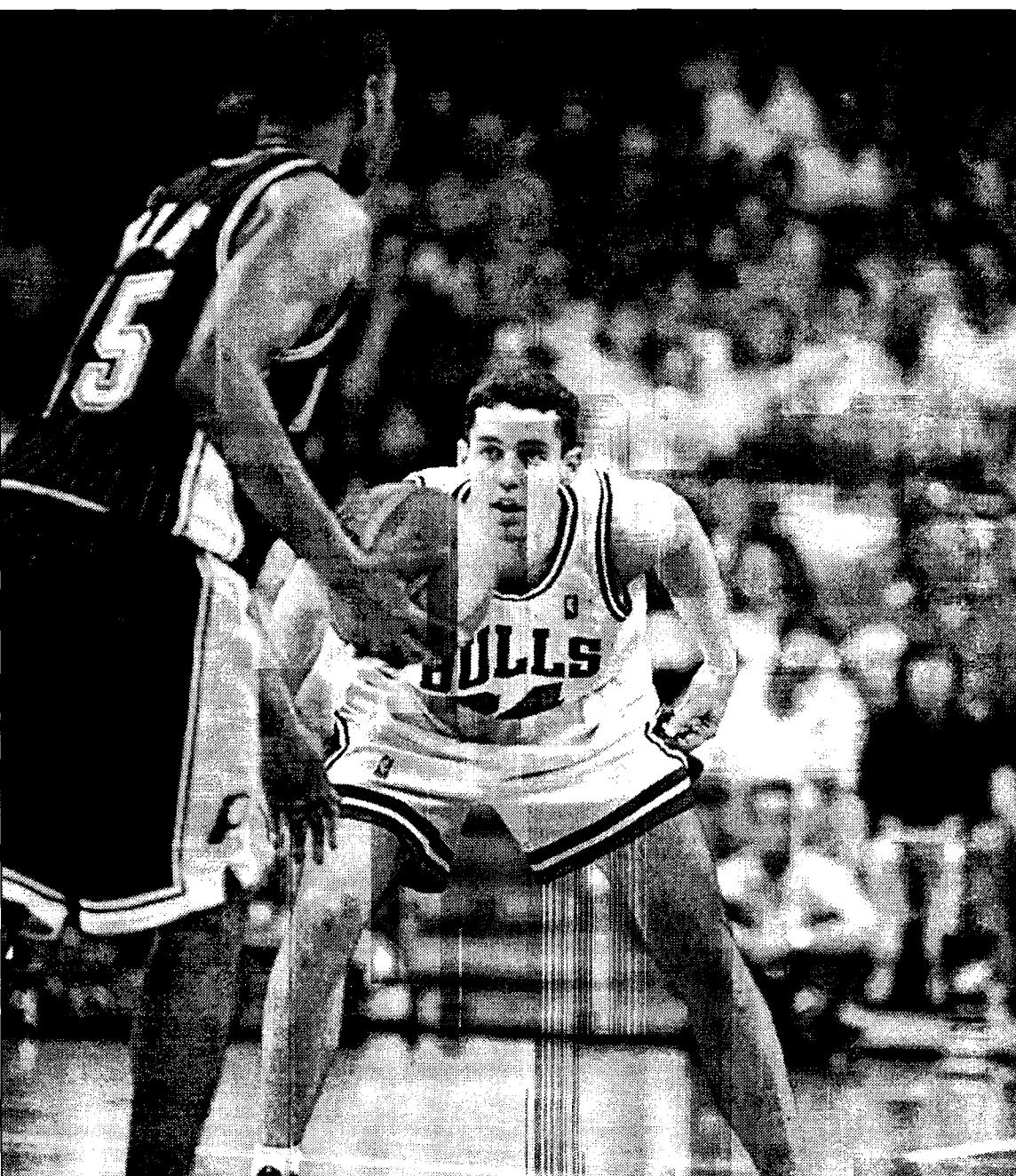
Fred Hoiberg added a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left.

Nick Van Exel finished with 15 points and six assists.

Chicago started out slowly, shooting 32 percent in the first quarter and 34 percent in the first half. The Bulls trailed by 17 at halftime.

"They blindsided us in the first quarter," Chicago coach Tim Floyd said.

"I didn't see it coming because our practices were so good yesterday and this morning. Denver did a nice job of making shots and executing early."



DUFFY MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Bulls guard Bryce Drew defends the perimeter against the Pacers during the preason. Chicago staged a stunning comeback against Denver Thursday night, but fell short 89-85.

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NHL

Last-second overtime goal pushes Devils past Bruins

Associated Press

Scott Gomez scored with two seconds left in overtime, as the New Jersey Devils snapped a six-game losing streak and beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 Thursday night.

Gomez scored his third goal of the season when he slid the puck past sprawling Bruins goalie Byron Dafoe in front of the net.

The goal came after a wild scramble in front. Patrik Elias dove on his stomach, away from the goal, and was able to swat the puck to Brian Rafalski in the slot. Rafalski moved the puck to Gomez, who scored from the right side of the net.

Petr Sykora tied it 2-2 for the Devils, scoring a short-handed goal with 1:58 remaining when he stole the puck at the Bruins blue line, and blasted the puck past Dafoe.

Devils goalie Martin Brodeur had 36 saves for the Devils and won for the first time since Oct. 30.

New Jersey's seven-game winless streak was its longest since an 11-game slump nine years ago. The franchise record was set in 1976 with a 0-21-6 stretch.

Joe Thornton gave Boston a 2-1 lead when he scored a power-play goal with 3:02 left in the third, after the Bruins were awarded a two-man advantage 17 seconds earlier.

Dafoe had 34 saves for the Bruins. He has not won since Oct. 7 against Philadelphia.

The Devils jumped to an early 1-0 lead, when Turner Stevenson flipped in a rebound that was kicked out by Dafoe at 5:17 of the first period.

Jason Allison tied it 1-1, when he skated around Devils defenseman Brian Rafalski, and jammed the puck past Brodeur at 6:02 of the second.

Allison leads the Bruins with 25 points, and his 10 goals this season match his entire output from last season.

Scott Niedermayer and Jason Arnott remain unsigned for the Devils, and although their agent Don Meehan met with Devils General Manager Lou Lamoriello recently, little progress has been made.

Despite being tied for the Eastern Conference lead in goals, the Devils have scored only 11 in six games.

Boston is 0-2-2 in its last four games against the Devils.

The Devils went 0-3 on the power-play, despite having the top unit in hockey.

Hurricanes 1, Senators 0

Shane Willis scored a power-play goal midway through the third period and Arturs Irbe recorded his second straight shutout over Ottawa as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Senators for just their second win in nine road games.

Willis, who scored twice in a 4-0 home victory over Ottawa last Sunday, fired a shot from the point over goalie Patrick Lalime's shoulder at 9:47 to give the Senators their fourth straight loss.

With Andre Roy in the penalty box, Willis wristed a shot past Lalime for his seventh goal of the season, sending the Hurricanes to just their fifth road point in nine games.

Irbe, who made 29 saves in the first shutout, turned aside all 27 Senators shots, including numerous scoring opportunities. He has 26 career shutouts.

The Senators, who scored 54

goals in their first 14 games — losing just once — haven't scored in 141:40 and are without a goal in seven periods.

Ottawa (9-5-4-0) has scored in just one of its last 11 periods and the Senators' last goal was tallied by Radek Bonk late in the second period of a 4-3 loss at Philadelphia on Nov. 11.

The Hurricanes, who lost 4-1 to Florida at home Wednesday night, have won three of four.

Irbe and Lalime each came up big in the first period as both teams enjoyed solid scoring chances.

Lalime made a diving stick save to rob Martin Gelinas. The forward knocked Lalime down behind the Ottawa net while clearing the puck along the boards. Lalime scrambled back to the crease and reached out with his stick to deflect a shot by Gelinas, who found himself with a wide open net when he was set up alone in the slot by Rod Brind'Amour.

Ottawa failed to convert a glorious short-handed opportunity 15:00 into the period as Irbe caught a piece of Martin Havlat's shot after Radek Bonk sent the Senators rookie in on a breakaway.

Hurricanes forward Bates Battaglia missed out less than a minute later when his shot from the edge of the crease beat Lalime, but rang off both posts and stayed out.

Blues 4, Penguins 3

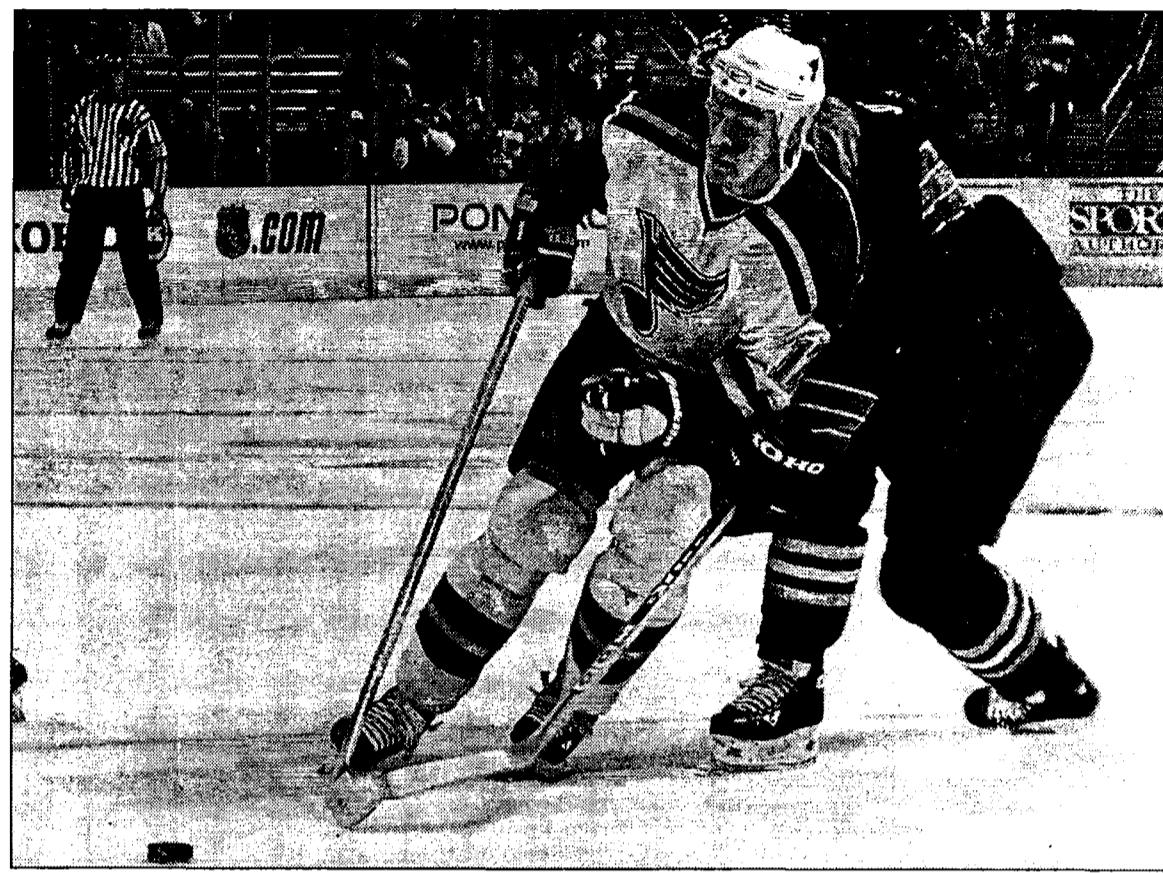
Pierre Turgeon had two goals and an assist to lead the St. Louis Blues to a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

On a power play, Turgeon deflected Pavol Demitra's shot past Penguins goalie Garth Snow at 9:48 of the third period. It was his eighth goal and gave the Blues a 4-3 lead. Turgeon has 16 points in his last 12 games.

St. Louis remained unbeaten in eight home games, winning seven times.

Turgeon's first goal also came with the Blues on the power play and tied it 2-2. He scored on a rebound of Al MacInnis' slap shot at 12:05 of the second period.

Michal Handzus scored his third goal of the season at 17:32 of the second to give St. Louis a 3-2 lead.



St. Louis center Jochen Hecht skates past a defender during Thursday night's 4-3 Blues victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Handzus took a pass from Mike Eastwood and fanned on a shot, but Jan Hrdina slid the puck into his own net.

Kip Miller tied it 3-3 for Pittsburgh at 5:20 of the third when he beat Blues goalie Roman Turek for his first goal this season.

Alexei Kovalev of Pittsburgh scored a power-play goal in the second period to give the Penguins a 1-0 lead. It was the first short-handed goal the Blues allowed in 22 opportunities.

Turgeon assisted on Dallas Drake's second goal of the season at 1:21 of the second period which made it 1-1.

Turek finished with 17 saves and Snow stopped 30 shots.

Rene Corbet put Pittsburgh back in front 2-1 at 3:58 of the second when he scored his fourth of the season. Martin Straka had a highlight reel assist when he kicked the puck to Corbet, who beat Turek with Pittsburgh on the power play.

Straka and Jaromir Jagr each had two assists for Pittsburgh.

Blue Jackets 5, Predators 1

Geoff Sanderson and Kevin Dineen scored in the first four minutes and the Columbus Blue Jackets tied an NHL expansion-team record with their fourth straight victory by beating the Nashville Predators.

The mark is shared by eight teams, most recently the Florida Panthers in 1994. Columbus will play the Panthers at home Friday night with a chance to break the record.

Dineen had a goal and an assist, Ron Tugnutt — 5-1-1 in his last seven starts — made 29 saves and Jamie Heward set up two goals to lead the Blue Jackets.

Sanderson sixth goal, on a deflection of a redirected shot, gave Columbus a 1-0 lead. Frantisek Kucera's shot from the left point appeared to go off Espen Knutsen's stick before Sanderson tipped it by Tomas Vokoun at 2:07. Only Kucera received credit for the assist.

Just 1:45 later, Dineen pushed the rebound of Heward's shot past Vokoun and the Blue Jackets led

2-0.

Sanderson, who once scored 46 goals in a season, has a six-game point streak (four goals, two assists).

Nashville's Vitali Yachmenev cut it to 2-1 early in the second period, knocking a shot off the left post and past Tugnutt as he was being hauled down. Kevyn Adams restored the Blue Jackets' two goal lead moments later. Vokoun gave up a soft rebound of Dineen's shot in front and Adams scored easily as Columbus took a 3-1 lead at 3:27.

Knutsen stole the puck from Predators defenseman Bill Houlder midway through the third period and beat Vokoun to make it 4-1, as boos were heard at Gaylord Entertainment Center. Tyler Wright put Columbus up 5-1 with 5:14 left, batting the puck out of the air.

The loss was Nashville's second in as many nights to a team that has been in the NHL for a shorter time than the third-year Predators. Nashville fell 1-0 to Atlanta on Wednesday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

USATF accuses 'political' officials

Associated Press

USA Track Field accused international officials of making unfounded allegations about its drug-testing practices as part of a "political agenda" against the American body.

USATF issued a three-page statement Thursday in response to recent "finger-pointing" by Arne Ljungqvist, the anti-doping chief of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and Dick Pound, head of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

At a WADA meeting Tuesday in Oslo, Norway, Ljungqvist reiterated his charge that USATF is withholding details of 10 positive cases, including two in which athletes were exonerated after testing positive for the steroid nandrolone.

Pound described as "nonsense" USATF's insistence that it is bound by confidentiality rules preventing the disclosure of names of athletes who test positive until they are proven guilty.

Pound also questioned USATF's contention that, on a number of occasions, backup "B" samples do not support the positive findings of the "A" sample.

USATF said the comments by Pound and Ljungqvist were

part of a pattern of "false and utterly baseless" accusations that surfaced during the Sydney Olympics. These included allegations that USATF had failed to report 12-15 positive cases from 1990-2000 and had covered up positive tests of shot putter C.J. Hunter, husband of sprint star Marion Jones.

"Dr. Ljungqvist and Mr. Pound, through their remarks in Oslo, are at best simply trying

"Why on earth would we want to discredit USATF and their leadership?"

Arne Ljungqvist
IAAF anti-doping chief

against USATF," the statement said. "USATF encourages Mr. Pound and Dr. Ljungqvist to cease their finger pointing."

Ljungqvist denied any vendetta.

"Why on earth would we want to discredit USATF and their leadership?" he said. "On the contrary, it's our most important member. Because they are, they have to set a good example."

Pound could not be reached Thursday.

USATF said it has a history of "frequently and completely reporting to the IAAF." Citing 22 positives from 1999-2000, USATF said it reported on 20

of them prior to the Sydney Games, with some tests reported as many as eight times.

"We do not know why Dr. Ljungqvist made this accusation in obvious contradiction to the facts," the statement said.

On Nov. 6, USATF chief executive Craig Masback sent IAAF president Lamine Diack several hundred pages of documents detailing the current status of doping matters from 1999-2000.

Regarding Pound's questioning of cases where the 'B' sample fails to confirm the 'A' finding, USATF said, "Laboratories do make mistakes."

Of the 22 positives in 1999-2000, three cases were dismissed because the 'B' sample did not support the 'A,' according to USATF. Another case was thrown out because a 'B' sample was destroyed by the lab before it could be opened.

"If Mr. Pound is critical of the lab work, he needs to criticize his own organization, the International Olympic Committee, which certifies these labs and has oversight of them," the statement said. "USATF has no involvement whatsoever with lab results or lab work."

USATF denied that Ljungqvist has ever written to the federation pressing for information on 10 cases, adding, "There are quite simply no 'unreported' cases about which to inquire."

Ljungqvist, who lives in Sweden, said the written requests were not sent directly by him but on his request by Gabriel Dolle, the doping control administrator at IAAF headquarters in Monaco.

"Whether it's in my name or Dolle's name is totally irrelevant," he said. "It's a bad excuse."

USATF maintained that IAAF rules do not require disclosure of the names of athletes who test positive. The rule states that a governing body must report "any positive results obtained in the course of doping controls."

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CHASE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hingis advances into semifinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Surviving a mid-match lapse, top-seeded Martina Hingis moved easily into the semifinals of the Chase Championships on Thursday night with a 6-1, 6-7 (2), 6-2 victory over Nathalie Tauziat.



Hingis

Ranked No. 1 in the world, Hingis is seeking her first major title since the 1999 Australian Open and her first victory here since winning this season-ending tournament in 1998.

On Saturday, Hingis will face the winner of Thursday night's second match between fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez and Hingis' doubles partner, No. 7 Anna Kournikova.

The second semifinal pairing will be determined Friday night when No. 3 Monica Seles plays Amanda Coetzer, followed by surprising Elena Dementieva against Kim Clijsters.

Dementieva upset defending champion Lindsay Davenport in a first-round match Wednesday night.

Hingis, 20, zipped through the opening set before the 33-year-old Tauziat, one of the oldest players on the WTA Tour, picked up her game and took a 5-3 lead in the second set. Hingis fought back to knot the score and send it to a tiebreak, where Tauziat quickly won the first five points.

After the French player won the tiebreaker to level the match at a set apiece, Hingis rolled out to a 5-0 advantage in the decisive

third set.

"She just picked up her game and started reading my game better. She served very well," Hingis said in explaining the second set. "I started pushing the ball instead of taking my chances."

That wasn't the case in the third set.

Hingis attacked, even from a defensive mode. She went for winners instead of just keeping the ball in play.

On one point, pinned behind the baseline on a ball that hit right in the corner, Hingis ripped a forehand down the line for a winner, choosing to go over the high part of the net instead of taking the usual crosscourt shot. Tauziat, expecting the usual, was standing at the middle of the net waiting when the ball whizzed by her for a winner.

Tauziat, who reached a career-high ranking of No. 3 in May, never wavered or changed her game, continually attacking, taking the net at every chance. But Hingis, who sometimes calls Tauziat "professor" because of her age and knowledge of the game, followed Tauziat into the net for putaway volleys.

"I had to change my game a little bit to play well with the power players, and that just quickens up the game a lot," Hingis said of her forays into the net. "And you don't give the other players too much rhythm from the baseline."

"You just have to make them think a little bit more, so they don't know what to expect from me. ... That's what she was doing better than me today, in a way, but then I started pushing her a little bit more."

The tournament is ending a 28-year run in the United States and will move next year to Munich, Germany.

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PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Kane's 67 earns her share of tourney lead

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. The way her fortunes have changed with one victory, Lorie Kane isn't ready for the LPGA Tour season to end quite yet.

Once the most popular bridesmaid in women's golf, Kane took a step toward yet another victory on Thursday with a 5-under 67 that gave her a share of the lead with Meg Mallon in the season-ending Arch Wireless Championship.

Kane, a runner-up nine times before finally getting untracked with three victories, bounced back with birdies after her only two bogeys and closed out a solid round on the Legends Course at LPGA International with an 8-iron shot to 4 feet.

"I'm looking forward to saying I'm a four-time winner," the Canadian said. "Now, it's a game of confidence."

It was a strange game Thursday for Karrie Webb and Juli Inkster.

Webb, who needs a victory to become the first player in LPGA history to crack the \$2 million barrier, struggled with her short game and had a 40 after nine holes. She wound up with a 75, going 2 under over the final four holes to avoid her worst round of the year.

Inkster is four days away from her induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame, and this isn't how she wanted her week of celebration to begin. She got spooked by missing a couple of short putts early and wound up with a 78.

"It can happen out here," Mallon said of the new Legends Course, with tight fairways that wind through a corridor of pine trees and wetlands, with wind swirling about.

Mallon made it happen with her wedge. Despite hitting only 11 greens, she twice holed long chip shots for birdie on her way to a 67.

"I didn't make any bad mistakes," said Mallon, who added her third career major and already has gone over \$1 million for the first time in her career.

Sweden's Annika Sorenstam had a bogey-free 68 and was one off the lead, tied with Leta Lindley and the recharged Dottie Pepper.

"I can't wait for January to get here," said Pepper, who is finally free of back and wrist injuries that have plagued her throughout the season. "This week is a finality for a lot of people, but I'm just getting going again. I'm going to play hard."

Nineteen of the 30 players had par or better on a course being used in tournament play for the first time.

The Arch Championship was supposed to be in Las Vegas until the Desert Inn began to lose its staff and the LPGA decided to move the event to its headquarters. Instead of the wide-open Champions Course, which held the Titleholders for five years, it went across the road to the more treacherous Legends Course.

It was a nightmare for Webb, the most dominant player in women's golf who was a picture of frustration throughout most of a breezy, warm afternoon. Trying to cap off her sensational season in style, she was well off the mark with several short irons and looked uncomfortable around the greens.

Mallon played in the group ahead of Webb, and noticed the 25-year-old Australian bombing her drives some 25 yards past Sorenstam on the final two holes.

"The thing with Karrie is ... when she gets mad, she plays so good," Mallon said. "Tomorrow, I don't expect anything less than a 66 or a 65 from here."

Kane expects nothing less than a victory.

For nearly four years on the LPGA Tour, she carried a huge burden of playing well enough to win but watching someone else cash the first-place check. That finally changed when she was inspired by comments about winning from former New York Rangers star Mark Messier.

"It's all about attitude," she said. "For the Canadians, it's all about hockey."

Just last week, Mike Weir got fired up watching Canada win the Deutchland Cup against Slovakia in overtime, and took that fighting spirit onto the course at Valderrama to win the World Golf Championships event.

Kane had more than confidence on her side. Having bought a Florida home nearby in Titusville, she often comes to LPGA headquarters for practice and is well-acquainted with the Legends Course.

Keeping her patience throughout the day, she burst into the lead with four straight birdies, including a chip from about 20 feet on the par-3 15th.

Smith leads Walker Classic

Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand

Wayne Smith made eight birdies and shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday to take the lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker Classic.

Tiger Woods opened with a 68 and was tied for fourth place with five others.

Smith was one stroke ahead of fellow Australian Paul Gow, while Scotland's Paul Lawrie, the 1999 British Open champion, was third with a 67 on the 6,989-yard Alpine Golf and Sports Club course.

Spain's Sergio Garcia struggled to a 74 that included a quadruple-bogey 8.

During his 16-year professional career, Smith, 39, has won twice on both the Australasian and Japanese Tours, but he hasn't had many rounds better than this one.

Smith made three straight birdies heading into the turn, then had another five on the back nine.

He missed the fairway on No. 7, chipped it back, hit a six-iron to the left fringe and chipped in from five yards. That, he claimed, was his most difficult hole.

"My goal was to hit a lot of pars at the start of the round and take the stress away from needing to get up and down from the rough," Smith said.

But he did bogey the par-4, 412-yard 11th, when he hit past the green and missed the par putt from 15 feet.

Woods, who won this event in 1998, made six birdies and two bogies, both of which came on the front side. He powered through the back nine in 3-under 33 with birdies on Nos. 12, 14 and 17.

"It could have been a little lower. I went out there to try and hit fairways and greens and I gave myself a couple of good chances there that I missed," said Woods, who three-putted the 555-yard, par-5 fifth after reaching the green in two.



Tiger Woods takes a shot Thursday at the Johnnie Walker Classic. Woods opened with a 68, good for fourth place.

"It was a solid start, score wise, but I didn't really feel like I was playing that great."

Woods, the world's No. 1 golfer, was met earlier this week by protesters demanding that Nike improve working conditions for its 70,000 workers in Thailand. Woods recently signed a \$100 million endorsement deal with Nike Inc.

Woods, whose mother is Thai, is a national hero in Thailand.

Gow, who finished with a 6-under 66, got off to a slow start. He bogied the second hole, but birdied the fourth and fifth.

"On the back nine I played really well with four straight birdies from the 11th hole," he said.

Gow holed putts from six, two and eight feet and had a two-putt birdie at the par-5.

Gow, who has qualified for the 2001 PGA Tour, said "the best player in the world is in the field and I will see this week if I can compete against him. There is no pressure on me. I always play as hard as I can and make as many birdies as possible."

Laurie, who teed off from the 10th, had four birdies on his first nine holes and an eagle on the par-5 17th. He made two bogeys and a birdie on the back side.

Garcia was 2-under after five holes, but then he went in the water twice. He had a double bogey on the seventh, and wound up with an 8 on the par-4 11th.

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Bryant hits two key shots for Lakers in 112-110 victory

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Kobe Bryant hit a game-tying 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds left in regulation, then made the go-ahead jumper with 24 seconds left in overtime as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings 112-110 Thursday night.

Bryant, who had eight points in overtime, finished with 31 points and several staredowns of the heckling fans behind the Lakers' bench, while Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 16 rebounds.

The world champions went from the brink of an unlikely upset to their third straight win thanks to the poise of their two superstars.

O'Neal also blocked Peja Stojakovic's layup attempt with six seconds left in overtime as the Lakers avoided losing to a fired-up Kings team playing without Chris Webber and Jason Williams.

Doug Christie scored 19 of his season-high 32 points after halftime, and Stojakovic had 29 points and 17 rebounds. Sacramento had its five-game winning streak snapped and lost at home for the first time this season.

The Kings began the game without Webber, their leading scorer and rebounder, who missed his second game with a sprained left ankle. Then, just 39 seconds into the second half, the Kings lost Williams to a sprained right ankle.

Sacramento jumped ahead of the Lakers with an impressive burst of offense in the second half and led 91-78 with nine minutes to play. But the Lakers battled back with O'Neal and Bryant leading the way, and they pulled within one in the final minute.

Stojakovic blew past Robert Horry for a layup to put Sacramento up by three, but after Brian Shaw missed with six seconds left, he passed out to Bryant, who drilled a long 3-pointer from straightaway.

The game was the first meeting between the teams since their contentious first-round playoff series last spring.

Sacramento lost twice at Staples Center, but won two elimination games at Arco Arena before losing the deciding fifth game in Los Angeles.

The hard feelings from the series haven't subsided, as shown by the "Beat L.A.!" chants throughout the stadium and the staredown between Williams and O'Neal after a collision in the first half. After Bryant hit his game-tying 3-pointer in regulation, he spent several seconds staring down a heckler.

The Kings completely abandoned an inside game with Webber out and O'Neal patrolling the middle. Instead, Christie and Stojakovic led an outside barrage of offense, while Vlade Divac and Scot Pollard tried to keep the ball out of O'Neal's hands on defense.

Trail Blazers 86, Raptors 80

Rasheed Wallace scored 25 points as the Portland Trail Blazers snapped the Toronto Raptors' four-game winning streak.

Portland's Steve Smith scored 15 points and Dale Davis added 14 rebounds, spoiling Vince Carter's season-high 37-point performance. Damon Stoudamire finished with 14 points and six assists against his former team.

Antonio Davis had 12 boards for the Raptors but was 0-for-11 from the floor and finished with a point as Toronto shot 35 percent from the field. Corliss Williamson scored 11 points and was the only other Raptor to score in double-digits.

Wallace hit three consecutive jumpers in the final two minutes to clinch the victory.

Carter tied the game 79-79 on a tough layup through a pile of Blazers with 2:49 remaining. But Wallace answered with a turnaround jumper, and then a pair of long outside shots within in a 1:30 span and gave Portland an 85-80 lead with 41.2 seconds to go.

Rookie Morris Peterson, who helped key a Raptors comeback, missed a field goal attempt on the Raptors' next possession, ending Toronto's comeback attempt.

The Raptors, rallied in the second half and kept it close on a pair of 3-pointers by Carter. Bonzi Wells gave the Blazers a 68-61 lead early in the fourth on a pair of outside jumpers.

Stoudamire found Smith open at the top of the arc for a 3-pointer to make it 75-69 with 5:33 to go. Thirty seconds later, Smith converted a missed shot by Wallace as Portland opened an eight-point lead.

Toronto matched up well against the Trail Blazers early, but Shawn Kemp and Wallace used their height advantage to begin an 8-0 run with to end the half with a 44-35 lead.

Kemp, who had seven rebounds in eight minutes, bruised his right knee midway through the game and did not return.

Rockets 89, Hornets 86

Cuttino Mobley made a crucial steal and hit two free throws in the final minute as the Houston Rockets beat the Charlotte Hornets.

Free-agent signee Maurice Taylor led Houston (1-1) with 16 points, followed by Mobley with 14, Steve Francis with 13 and Kenny Thomas with 11.

Reserve Tim James led Charlotte (1-1) with 16 points, David Wesley had 15, Otis Thorpe 14 and Jamal Mashburn 12.

Houston led 75-65 with 9:01 left before Thorpe scored 11 straight points for Charlotte to cut the lead to 80-76 with 5:06 remaining.

James' basket with 1:19 left pulled the Hornets to 84-83.

But on Charlotte's next possession, Mobley stole a pass and sank both free throws with 44 seconds remaining to give Houston a three-point advantage.

A pair of free throws by Moochie Norris and one by Kelvin Cato countered a 3-pointer by the Hornets' Eddie Robinson in the closing seconds to secure the victory.

Spurs 99, Wizards 72

Derek Anderson is the perfect complement to San Antonio big men David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

Anderson scored seven of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as the Spurs rallied to beat Washington.

Anderson keyed San Antonio's 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter as the Spurs kept the Wizards winless at home.

"He's better than what I expected because I didn't know he could pass the basketball," Spurs coach Greg Popovich said.

"We knew he could slash, make shots and break down defenses. But I didn't know he was so willing to hit the open man and he really did that well."

Robinson led the Spurs with 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Duncan had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Antonio Daniels added 14 points in 23 minutes as San Antonio won its third straight.

Anderson is aware his offensive contribution is crucial to the Spurs' success.

"They (Robinson and Duncan) get doubled so much, you have to be able to hit those shots to keep pressure on the defense," Anderson said. "I used to go 1-on-1 and put pressure on people, but here I'm just filling in a role and that helps them out."

"When they get doubled, they feel confident that when they throw it out, they are going to get a result."

Rod Strickland led Washington with 24 points, nine assists and four rebounds. Reserve guard Richard Hamilton had 19 points in 38 minutes for the Wizards, who lost their fifth straight game.

"We got beat by a team that played a little bit better at the end of the game," Washington coach Leonard Hamilton said. "Both the teams got the same shot opportunities, but the difference in the game was theirs fell, and ours didn't."

Mitch Richmond's 3-pointer gave the Wizards an 87-82 lead with 5:51 left in the game.

Sean Elliott hit two free throws for a 90-89 lead with 3:05 remaining, giving the Spurs their first lead since early in the fourth quarter. Anderson's 3-pointer with two minutes left sealed the win.

The Wizards took a 45-36

lead with 7:43 remaining in the second quarter on Gerard King's jumper. Daniels scored 12 points in the period to keep the Spurs close.

Duncan scored six points and assisted Robinson for an alley-slam during San Antonio's 10-0 run that gave the Spurs a 55-51 lead with 1:40 left in the first half. The Wizards countered with a 6-0 run for a 57-55 lead at halftime.

The Wizards erased a seven-point deficit and led 31-27 after one quarter, only the second time this season they've won the opening period. For the second consecutive game, the Wizards had their highest point total of the season in the first half.

"We've been in every game, I think that we have just got to keep going," Richard Hamilton said. "We can't get frustrated with ourselves, especially with our teammates. It is going to come around."

Clippers 76, Grizzlies 72

Lamar Odom scored 21 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:28 remaining, to lead the Los Angeles Clippers past the Vancouver Grizzlies.

The Clippers won for the second time in as many nights. Los Angeles beat the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

Los Angeles, which trailed 72-67 with 3:06 remaining, erased its deficit by scoring the final nine points of the game.

Michael Olowokandi scored 14 points for the Clippers and reserve Derek Strong chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Michael Dickerson scored 16 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight game. Shareef Abdur-Rahim finished with 15 points.

The Clippers matched their biggest lead of the game when guard Eric Piatkowski hit a 3-pointer and made it 58-48 late in the third quarter. But Dickerson and Mike Bibby spurred an 11-1 run and the teams started the fourth quarter tied at 59.

Derek Strong and Olowokandi scored six points apiece in a 13-0 Los Angeles run in the second quarter that gave the Clippers a 42-32 lead with 3:41 left in the half. The Clippers led 47-38 at the intermission on 51 percent shooting. Lamar Odom's 13 points and Olowokandi's 12 led the Clippers.

Vancouver was led by Othella Harrington, who had 14 first-half points.

The Grizzlies used a 9-0 run in the final 2:02 of the first quarter to take a 22-19 lead. But Odom took it the length of the court with five seconds left in the quarter and hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game at 22. Odom led all scorers after one with 10 points on 4-for-4 shooting, including two 3-pointers.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE**Kent adjusting to new MVP status**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jeff Kent planned to celebrate his National League Most Valuable Player Award in the same understated way t h a t he helped him win it.

Kent hopped on the tractor to mow the lawn at his Texas ranch, went out for a barbecue dinner and hoped to go hunting over the weekend.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Kent said Thursday after beating out San Francisco teammate Barry Bonds to win the award. "I don't have trophies up in the house. I don't keep pictures of myself. I don't brag about my accomplishments. This is something that is a fantasy."

Kent, the first second baseman to win the award since the Cubs Ryne Sandberg in 1984, received 22 first-place votes, five seconds, four thirds and one fourth for 392 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Bonds, a three-time MVP winner, got six first-place votes and 279 points to give

**Kent**

the NL West-champion Giants the first 1-2 finish for a team in the NL MVP since Bonds and Bobby Bonilla did it for Pittsburgh in 1990.

"There is no doubt I wouldn't be doing the things I'm doing without him," Kent said. "The way he gets on base gives me opportunities to drive in runs. You can't really ask for a better guy to hit in front of you than Barry. I complement him as well. I've earned the respect of opponents that they now pitch to Barry."

Kent hit .334 with 33 homers and 125 RBIs, solidifying himself

as one of the best offensive second basemen. His 475 RBIs the last four seasons broke Rogers Hornsby's 75-year-old record for most at the position over such a span.

Chiefly because of the second baseman's RBI total and knack for clutch hits, manager Dusty Baker said Kent would have gotten his MVP vote, not Bonds, perhaps swaying voters. Bonds also had praise for his teammate.

"He's been doing this ever since he got here," Bonds said in September. "The numbers he puts up for a second base-

man are amazing. They're great for any player, but to do it at second base is really something."

The only other MVP second basemen are Joe Morgan of Cincinnati (1975-76), Nellie Fox of the White Sox (1959), Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers (1949), Joe Gordon of the Yankees (1942), Charlie Gehringer of Detroit (1937) and Frankie Frisch of the Cardinals (1931).

"This puts me more in a category along side of guys like that," Kent said. "It is truly an honor to be mentioned in the

same breath as those guys. I never try to compare myself with anybody."

Bonds hit .306 with 49 homers and 106 RBIs. Bonds also scored 129 runs and

walked 117 times as he almost became the first four-time MVP in baseball history. He won the awards in 1990 and 1992 in Pittsburgh and in 1993 for San Francisco.

Mets catcher Mike Piazza was the only other player named on all 32 ballots, finishing with three first-place votes and 271 points. He hit .324 with 38 homers and 113 RBIs, but wore down in September, when he hit .222.

NCAA FOOTBALL**Duke-North Carolina, other showdowns highlight weekend**

Associated Press

In the days before the annual Duke-North Carolina game, Tar Heels coach Carl Torbush makes sure an ungainly 200-pound brass bell, complete with a hand crank to ensure it is heard, gets hauled from the locker room to the practice field.

"I hammer that Victory Bell every day," Torbush said, referring to the coveted prize that goes to the winning team. "I want my players to hear what that thing sounds like because unless we're ringing it, it's not going to sound very good."

Torbush may be on the coaching hotseat these days, but he knows what kind of impact a little ol' win over your biggest rival can have. Torbush was on the verge of being fired in 1999, but a season-ending 38-0 win over Duke N the Tar Heels' 10th in a row over the Blue Devils helped him keep his job.

On Saturday, North Carolina (5-5) plays Duke (0-10) for the 86th time in one of many classic rivalries on the final big weekend of the season. Carolina needs a victory not only to keep the coveted Victory Bell in Chapel Hill, but also to become bowl eligible.

Bowl bids, conference crowns and national championships are usually secondary, though, when such rivalries as The Game (Yale at Harvard), the Big Game (Stanford at Cal) and the Civil War (Oregon at Oregon State) are contested. Also at stake is the Iron Bowl (Auburn at Alabama), the Old Oaken Bucket (Indiana at Purdue), the Apple Cup (Washington at Washington State) and yet another Victory Bell, which goes to the USC-UCLA winner.

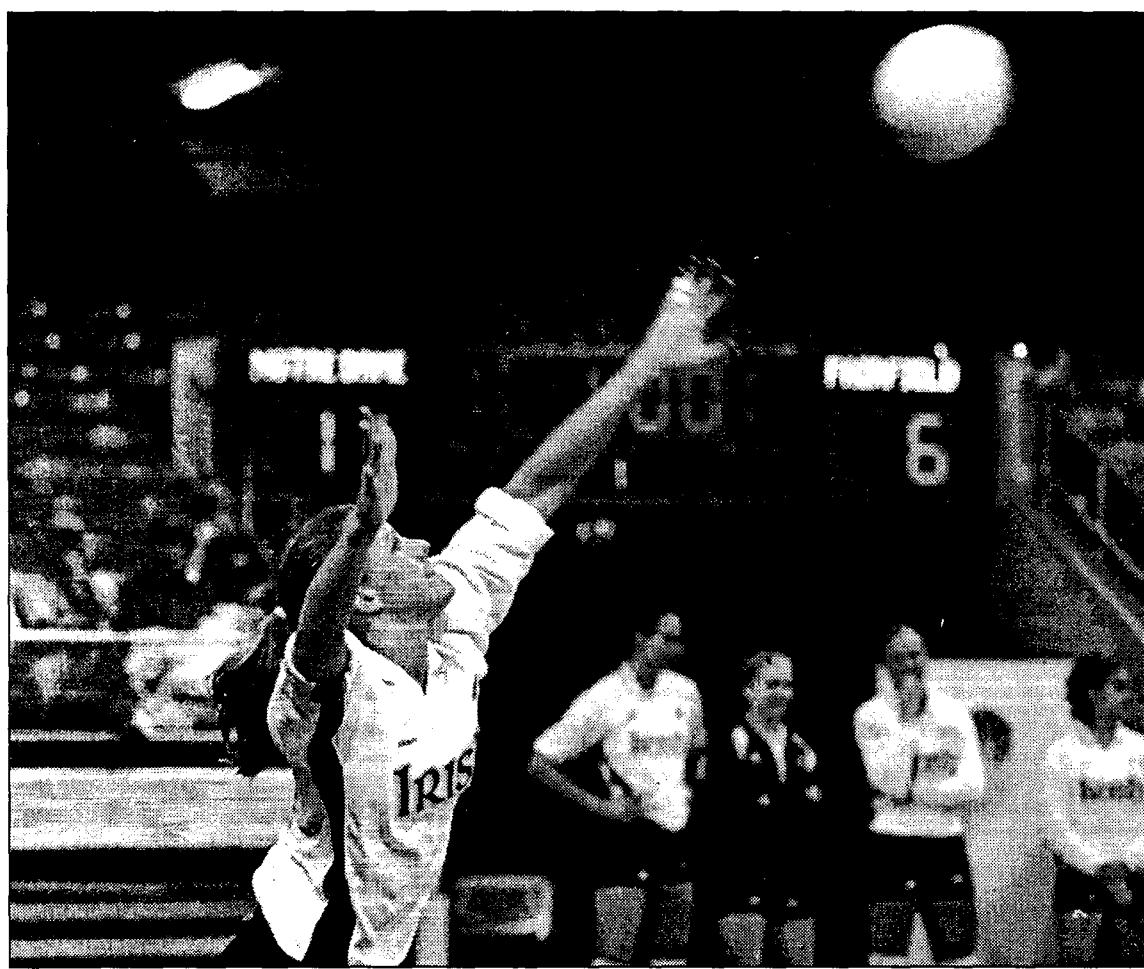
Let us not forget Michigan at Ohio State, which may produce the most pomp and pageantry of any rivalry, or the 136th renewal of Lehigh-Lafayette, also known as the Most Played Rivalry.

Some games, such as No. 4 Florida at No. 3 Florida State, will have a direct bearing on the national title, but first there are braggins' rights on the line. With rivalry games, ranking and records mean nothing, passion and pride everything.

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Setter Denise Boylan sets for the Irish in a recent match. Notre Dame hopes to capture the Big East championship this weekend in the Joyce Center.

Volleyball

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Kreher led the Irish with 14 kills, 15 digs and five blocks while Boylan added 43 assists, 11 digs and three blocks.

Pittsburgh finished its regular season at 22-9 and went 8-3 in the Big East.

The Irish lead the series against the Panthers at 14-3. Notre Dame earned the 2000 win on Oct. 8 (15-9, 10-15, 16-14, 16-14). Girton led the match

with a career-high 30 kills while Kreher added 22 kills, 10 digs and eight blocks.

Bomhak raked up 19 kills and 19 digs to aid the Irish. Boylan totaled 86 assists for a new school record while adding 10 digs.

Notre Dame is coming off a

four-game win (15-13, 13-15,

15-5, 15-3) against Syracuse last

weekend. Girton led the match

with 20 kills, eight blocks and

five digs while Kreher added 18

kills and nine digs. Bomhak

raked up 14 kills and 12 digs to

aid the Irish.

Throughout the season, the

Irish have had three players named as conference players of the week. Bomhak, the most recent, was named Big East player of the week for the week of Nov. 6 following her stellar performance in Notre Dame's wins against Boston College, North Carolina and Providence.

Boylan won the honors during the week of Sept. 4, while Girton was a double-winner on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

The Irish are set to play Connecticut in round one action at 1 p.m. on Saturday, while Rutgers will face Pittsburgh at 3:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish take 6-1 record into Indiana meet

◆ 18th ranked Notre Dame looks to win Invitational

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team, ranked 18th in the country, has continued its dual-meet dominance early this season. The Irish are 6-1 in 2000-01 and the loss to Purdue on Nov. 4, was the first for the team since the 1998-99 season. Head coach Bailey Weathers and his team hopes the momentum created during the early dual meet season will result in a strong showing at the Indiana University Invitational this weekend.

The team began the season with a strong start in the Oct. 9, Notre Dame Relays, where the Irish won 12 of 13 events to finish ahead of Illinois State, Valparaiso, Butler, St. Mary's and Marquette. The meet was highlighted by the record-breaking performance of Brooke Davey, Allison Lloyd, Tiffany O'Brien and Danielle Hulick in the 500 crescendo relay. Irish swimmers now hold Notre Dame Relay meet records in 12 of 13 events and will hold the 400-yard freestyle relay record, which eluded the team this year, as a top priority next season.

Using the momentum from the Notre Dame Relays, the Irish were able to produce an impressive victory over the 17th-ranked Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes. The Irish started strong with a victory in the first event, as Kelly Hecking, Lloyd, Sarah and Hulick combined for a victory in the 400 medley relay.

Notre Dame swimmers dominated the meet, winning 12 of 14 events, and four swimmers proved to be double-winners for the Irish. Hecking placed first in both the 100 and the 200 backstroke events and senior Kristen Van Saun also came out as the winner in the 200 and 500 freestyle. Hulick produced a standout performance with wins in the 50 (24.68) and 100 (53.02) freestyle events.

Freshman Marie Labosky had a big meet as well, cap-

turing the 1,000 freestyle and the 200 IM, while Lloyd contributed an individual victory in the 100 breaststroke. Lisa Garcia was able to produce a win in the 200 butterfly and Amy Deger picked up a victory in the 100 butterfly.

The Irish continued their winning ways in a Nov. 3, quad meet with Kenyon College, Pittsburgh, and Miami (Ohio). Notre Dame was able to win 11 of 16 events to earn three more dual-meet victories.

Five Notre Dame competitors won two individual events in the quad meet. The underclassmen showed their strength as Labosky won both the 1,650 freestyle and the 400 IM, and Deger took the 100 and 200 butterfly.

Not to be outdone, the veteran swimmers also did well with Hecking sweeping both the 100 and 200 backstroke events in 57.00 and 2:03.94, respectively. Junior Heather Mattingly captured the one- and three-meter diving events and Van Saun beat the field in the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

The Irish strength and depth was showcased in the quad meet as Hecking, Garcia, Jessica Roberts and O'Brien swept the top four spots in the 100 backstroke.

Hulick also made her presence known as she chipped in with a victory in the 100 backstroke.

The Irish moved to West Lafayette, Ind., the next day after the quad meet for their second consecutive day of competition, as the team recorded a victory over Evansville before falling to Purdue 138-161. The loss marked the first for the team since the 1998-99 season.

Mattingly was once again a double-winner for the Irish at the Purdue meet, taking both the one- and three-meter diving events. Labosky flashed her endurance in winning the 1,000 freestyle (10:41.16) and the 200 IM (2:06.46) while earning her third and fourth individual victories of the weekend.

Van Saun also was able to capture a win in the 500 freestyle (5:03.68), as was Hecking in the 200 backstroke and Lloyd in the 200 breaststroke (2:03.77).

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame signs Molina to star-studded recruit class

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Adding an element of versatility to an already talented squad, the Irish baseball team has signed catcher/right-handed pitcher Jay Molina as a member of the Class of 2005. Molina is one of seven players announced Tuesday in perhaps the greatest recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame baseball.

With current starting catcher Paul O'Toole, who is a junior coming off of a strong performance in the Cape Cod League this summer, possibly leaving after the 2001 season to enter the professional draft, the Irish faced the possibility of entering the spring of 2002 with only Andy Bushey to play behind the plate. Bushey is a junior who is being converted to catcher after starting at third base his first two seasons.

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri feels that Molina, who actually has pitched and played shortstop more in high school than he has played behind the plate, has the tools to be an outstanding defensive backstop.

"We think he has all the tools to be a great catcher and that's where we will need him most," said Mainieri. "He has arm strength, good quickness behind the plate, good hands, and he's a tough kid."

Toughness runs in the Molina family. His older brother Anthony, who was an infielder and catcher at the University of Evansville, has recovered from being intentionally hit in the face by a warm-up pitch from Wichita State hurler Ben Christiansen in April of

1999.

Anthony Molina was left with a shattered face and blurred vision. He will never play baseball again.

The story gained national attention, and a civil trial against Christiansen — who has since been drafted in the first round by the Chicago Cubs — begins Nov. 28.

The same toughness that helped Molina get through his brother's troubles has helped Molina become a more competitive baseball player.

"I'm looking forward to playing at Notre Dame and will do whatever they need me to do," said Molina. "I'm a hard-nosed player who likes to win and doesn't back down. I'll do anything it takes to win."

Molina excels at the plate as well as behind it. Known for being a quick line-drive

hitter who spreads the ball throughout the field, Molina enters Notre Dame with his coach's confidence.

"He will be a force offensively as he can really swing the bat," said Mainieri.

Molina could contribute on the mound as well. He has a fastball that has reached the mid-80s and is also known for a solid breaking ball.

Molina decided to attend Notre Dame after visiting the campus in early September. The spirit of campus during a football weekend sold the 18-year old on the Irish.

"My visit to Notre Dame was during the weekend of the Nebraska football game and it was pretty overwhelming," said Molina. "I knew it was the place I wanted to go to school."

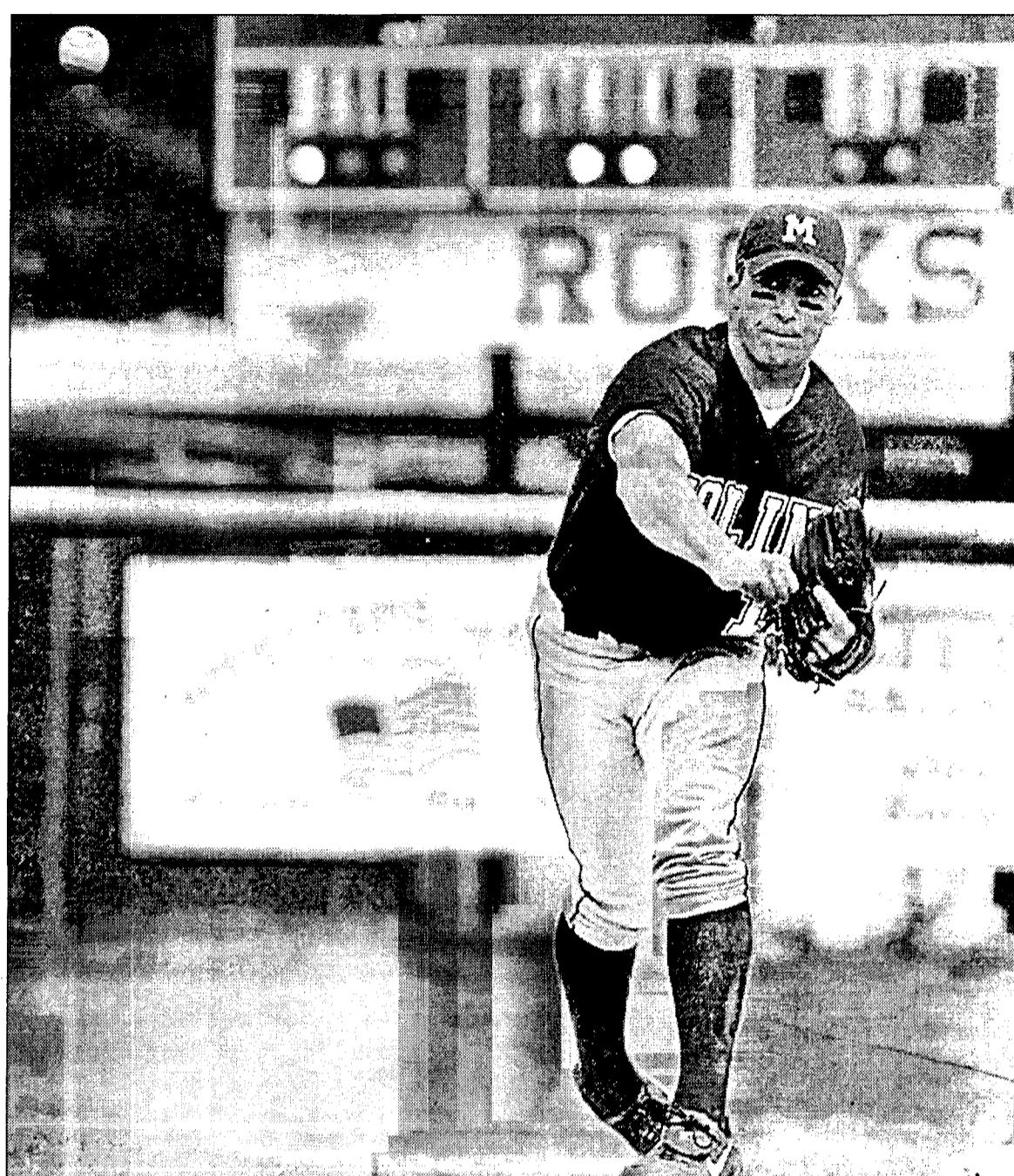


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Jay Molina makes a play at shortstop for Moline High School. Molina signed with the Irish Tuesday and will play catcher as well as pitch in 2001.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING**Belles squad to begin assault on record books**

Associated Press

Who said records aren't made to be broken?

After freshman Megan Ramsey began to make her mark in her collegiate debut season by shattering the 17-year old 100-yard butterfly record last weekend, the rest of the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team is looking to follow suit as they continue on their 2000-2001 campaign.

The team will put the record board to another test this weekend, as the team voyages to Indianapolis Saturday for the Wabash College Invitational at the IUPUI Natatorium, the site of the 2000 Olympic trials. The invitational, one of the largest meets the team will attend all season, is another opportunity for some of the talented underclassmen to make a premature imprint on the record board.

Solid performances are again expected from Ramsey, along with classmates Bitsy Doro and Maureen Palchak, whose swims are expected to challenge the sprint freestyle records by the end of the season. Veterans Lauren Smith in the breaststroke, Olivia Smith in the distance freestyle, and Colleen Sullivan in the middle distance freestyle will also be looked to for critical performances.

The weekend is mainly an opportunity to capitalize on already fast early season swims, said co-captain Olivia Smith.

"We've done excellent so far — we've dropped so much time as a team since the Notre Dame relays," Smith said. "We're just looking to swim well and looking to keep up the times we've been doing all season."

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Mia Sarksian surveys the field as she is confronted by a defender in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Michigan in the second round of the Women's College Cup. The Irish face Harvard at home Friday night.

Soccer

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ly see their fate hinge on the play of their goalkeeper, sophomore Cheryl Gunther. Harvard's ability to stay close and give itself a chance will lie in Gunther's ability to make the occasional big save.

As the Irish know, controlling a game does not necessarily guarantee victory. In last year's NCAA semifinal, the Santa Clara Broncos dominated the Irish for almost the entire contest; only the score didn't reflect the one-sided nature of the game. An opportunistic Irish team took advantage of its only real opportunity as Ally Lovelace scored late in the second half to give the Irish a 1-0

win.

Controlling the ball against a Notre Dame team that boasts so many weapons is too much to ask of any team, let alone one that has gone the entire season unranked.

"Notre Dame is certainly the best team we've seen all year," said Michigan head coach Debbie Rademacher, whose team had its season ended at the hands of the Irish. "They have so many weapons in terms of who they can bring in."

Harvard will hope not to stop Notre Dame, but to contain it. Led by senior captain and Big East player of the year candidate Anne Makinen, the Irish boast an attack that is among the nation's best. Complimenting Makinen is senior Meotis Erikson, who has a knack for scoring the big goal, and Lovelace.

The Irish also have added a potent mix of freshmen that have contributed more than anyone could have imagined. Amanda Guertin has consistently been among the team's top scorers, while classmate Amy Warner, her effectiveness limited by a knee injury, is still perhaps the squad's most dangerous scorer.

The Irish hope to put the Crimson away early

"We're going to try to get as many as we can early," Lindsey said. "Hopefully then we can sit back and get a bit more defensive."

In the first half against Michigan, Notre Dame was sloppy and not the least bit focused.

"We just weren't focused, and that's my fault," Waldrum said. "We know we need to play better."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL**No. 16 Notre Dame to open season against Sacred Heart**

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

With the bad taste of last year's NCAA Tournament snub and a loss in the NIT championship game still left in its mouth, the No. 16 Notre Dame men's basketball team opens the regular season Saturday with its most talented, most experienced and most respected squad in over a decade.

The Irish take on the Sacred Heart Pioneers Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in their 500th game at the Joyce Center.

"We're excited to get the season underway," junior forward David Graves said.

"We've been practicing together since June, so we're anxious to get going and play some games that actually count."

Notre Dame went 2-0 in the preseason with wins over the California Midwest All-Stars and the International Select All-Stars. The Irish showcased their explosive offensive attack, averaging 94 points, but it is clear that defense will ultimately determine just how good this Notre Dame team is.

"We know we can put points on the board," Graves said. "We can come at teams in a lot of different ways, but we also need to be able to stop people. We need to work on our defense teamwork and our communication is key. That's what makes the difference between mediocre and good teams."

The Irish opened up a 16-0 lead in the first preseason game and never looked back. But in its second exhibition contest, Notre Dame was challenged by the

International All-Stars until a 17-4 run late in the second half enabled the Irish to pull away for the 89-71 victory.

"They were two totally different games," Graves said. "In the first one, everything went our way, but in the second one, we didn't shoot well, but we put enough points on the board to win. I think it's good to have

a game like that because we are going to have some tough games this season where things don't go our way. We have to learn to win different ways, so it was good preparation."

The Irish expect big things out of junior All-American Troy Murphy, who ranked among the top 10 nationally in points and rebounds last season, as well as Oklahoma transfer Ryan Humphrey, who showcased his talents in the two preseason games. Senior Martin Ingelsby will run the point and look to dish it off to sharpshooters Graves and sophomore guard Matt Carroll.

Notre Dame will also look to its deep bench with key reserves Harold Swanagan, Ivan Kartelo and freshman Torrian Jones all looking to get quality minutes.

Sacred Heart opens its second season of Division I play after posting a dismal 3-25 record last year. To add insult to injury, the Pioneers lost seven players to graduation. They are led by senior guard Kurt Reis and forward Marijus Kovaliuks.

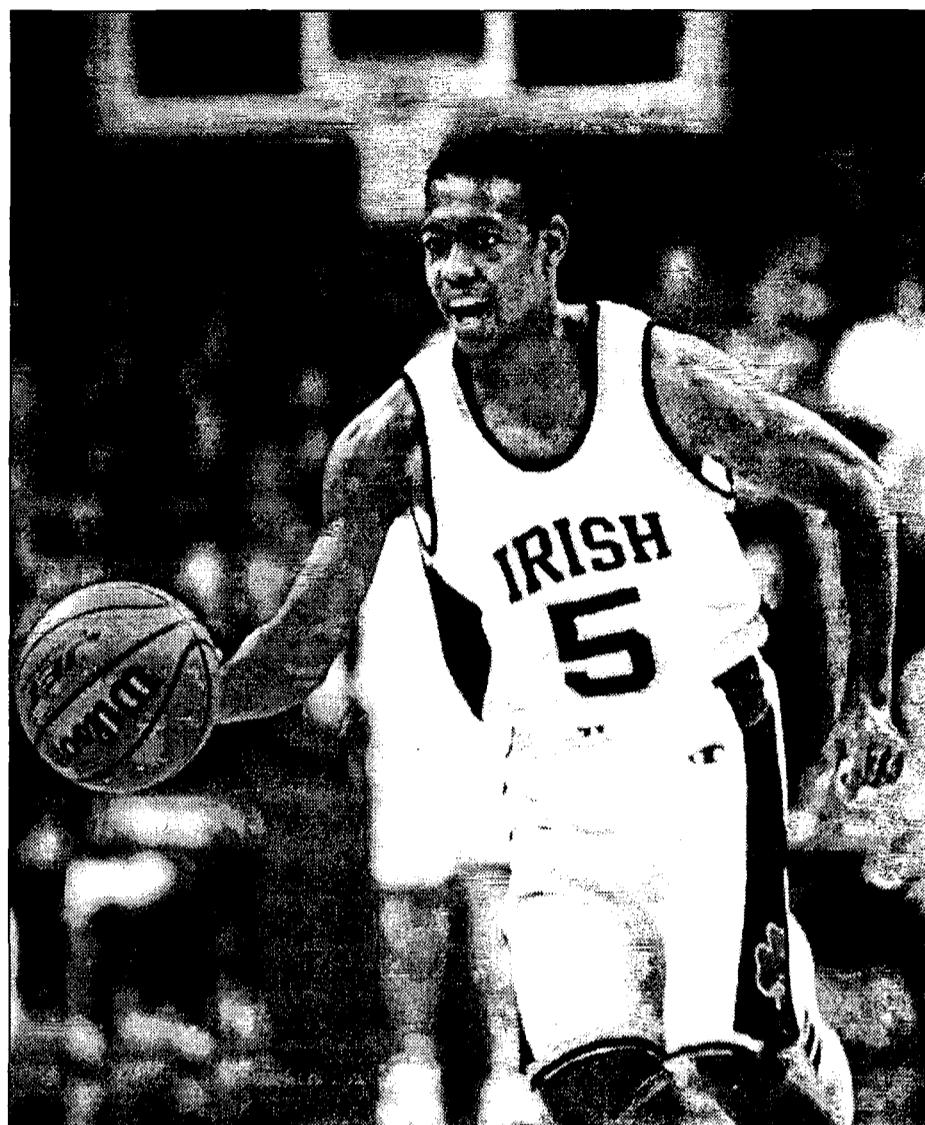
"We are going to go over them [today]," Graves said. "I don't know much about them, but they are like any small Division I team. They are undersized, but have good skills and can be dangerous, so we need to be prepared to play."

Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey will be looking for his 100th win as a head coach, after posting a 99-52 record at Delaware.

More importantly, he will be seeking his first win as head coach of the Fighting Irish.

Following the season opener with Sacred Heart, Notre Dame will host Loyola (Chicago), before traveling to Indianapolis for a showdown with perennial power Cincinnati.

"There isn't much time before we have a tough battle with Cincinnati," Graves said. "We have two important games, so we need to get off on the right track with that game a week away."



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Junior guard Charles Thomas brings the ball up for the Irish. Notre Dame enters the season ranked 16th in the country.

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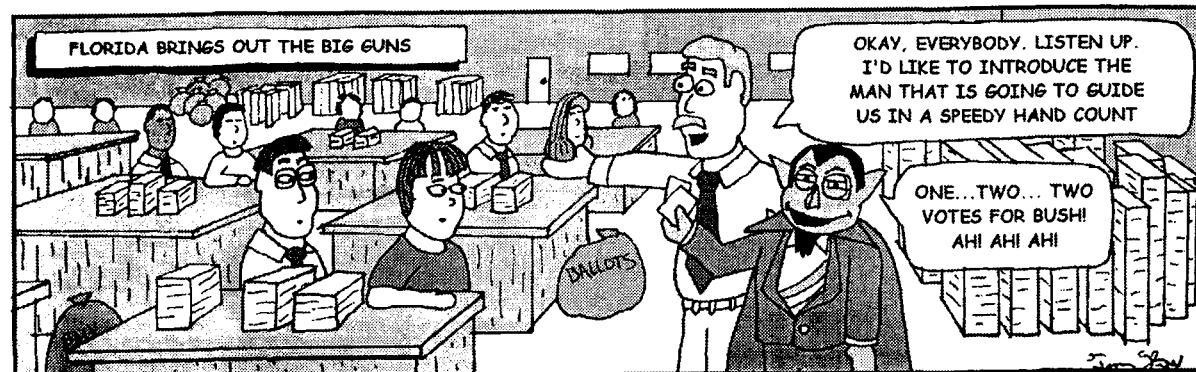
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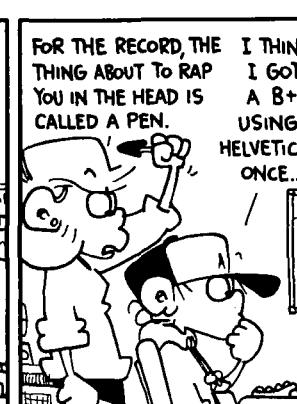
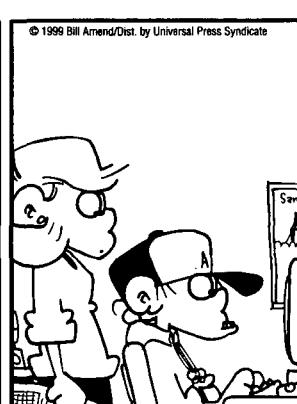
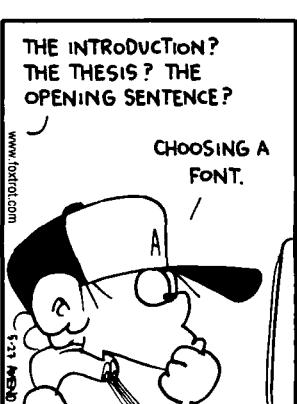
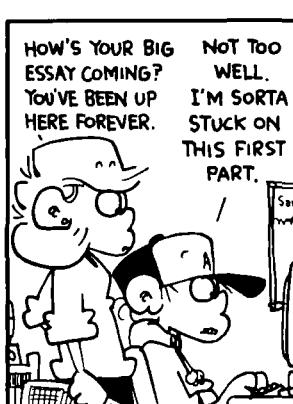
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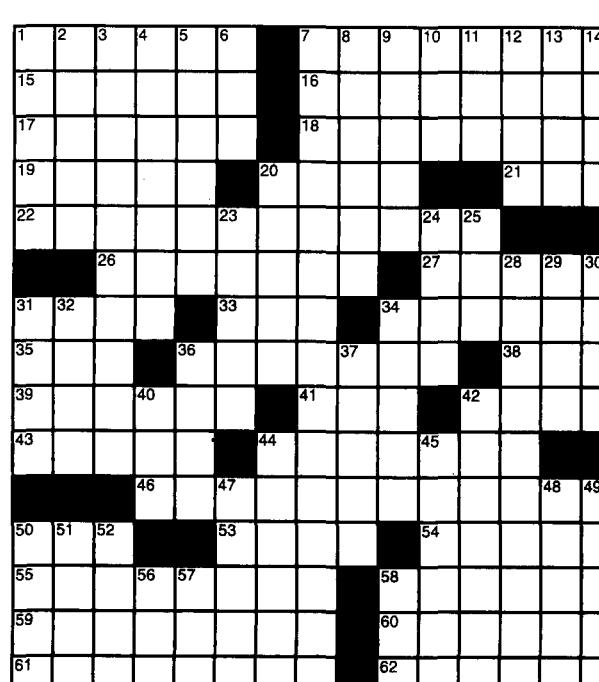
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel and social activity will be your best bets. Disruptions in your home are likely if you sit around the house doing nothing. Your partner may suggest that you're being lazy. ☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of the needs of older family members. You may find it difficult to handle all your responsibilities. Try to convince your mate or close relatives to help smooth out the difficulties. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be a little shy today. Accomplishments will be yours if you are willing to say what you really think. Be careful while in transit. A friend may cause you to worry. ☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Small-business ventures can be lucrative. Believe in yourself and stay away from people who don't want to work as hard as you do. Domestic services will make you extra cash. ☺☺

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BIRTHDAY BABY: You have a big heart and good intentions. You will thrive on adventure and will not back down, no matter how strong the competition or the opposition. You are intense, courageous and dramatic.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone who may be holding a grudge is just waiting to make you look bad. Be careful not to get involved in gossip or leave yourself open to ridicule. Keep your dealings totally above board. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Involvement in groups will lead to romantic interludes. Be careful that you find out enough information about the individual before revealing your own personal secrets. ☺☺

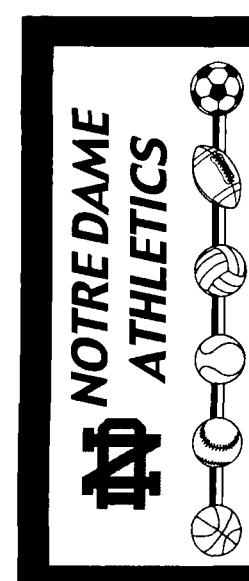
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't say you love someone if you're not sure you do. One-sided relationships are apparent and will result in upset if you aren't completely honest from day one. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can put everything you've got into the project you are working on; however, be sure to arrange for time off when you're done. Your dedication will enhance your reputation. ☺☺

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Thursday, November 16, 2000

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish to battle unfamiliar Crimson in NCAAs

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

When Harvard's Crimson touch down in South Bend today to battle with the top ranked Fighting Irish of Notre Dame in third round NCAA tournament action introductions will certainly be in order.

Both teams are unfamiliar with their opponent, as the Irish and the Crimson will match up for the first time tonight at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

While Irish head coach Randy Waldrum will enter the game at a disadvantage because the teams have never met on the field, he's prepared for a tough battle. With the Crimson currently 12-7 on the year and rolling on a three game win streak after defeating Quinnipiac and Hartford, the Crimson are ready for war.

"We're going to have to play a better game to beat Harvard," he said.

"We have to respect them" Lindsey said. "They beat a very good Hartford team and they'll be coming after us."

After receiving one of just 24 at-large berths into the NCAA field, the Crimson appear to be peaking just in time. Led by sophomore forward Joey Yenne, Harvard is capable of scoring in bunches. Yenne alone put the ball in the goal 11 times during the regular season, and will no doubt command considerable attention from the Irish defense.

The Crimson, making their fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, will ultimate-

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LISA VELTE/The Observer

Freshman forward Amanda Guertin leads an Irish charge against Michigan. Notre Dame takes on Harvard Friday night at Alumni Field.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish seek Big East title at Joyce Center

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball looks to earn its fifth Big East title this weekend as it plays in the conference tournament held at the Joyce Center.

The No. 20 Irish (23-5) have gone undefeated at 11-0 in regular season league play to earn the top seed for this weekend's tournament. Notre Dame will face No. 4 Connecticut on Saturday at 1 p.m. and with a win will advance to Sunday's match against the winner of No. 2 Rutgers and No. 3 Pittsburgh.

Since 1995 Notre Dame has

earned a .909 winning percentage in the Big East tournament, with 10 wins and just one loss to earn four titles.

"For each match that we play, we have to do different things. Against some of the teams, we have to block and defend against the middle a little bit better. For some of the other teams, we need to block and defend against the outside a lit-

tle better. So, we're just trying to sharpen some things before the championships. I think it will be good. I think we'll be ready for it," head coach Debbie Brown said.

Connecticut is 18-11 on the season with a 7-4 record in the Big East. The Irish hold a 6-1 lead in the all-time series with the Huskies. Notre Dame was able to edge Connecticut in a five-game battle (15-11, 11-15, 15-5, 13-15, 16-14) in their last

meeting on Oct. 29. Senior Christi Girton racked up 31 kills to post her career-high while junior Marcie Bomhak added 19 kills and 13 digs.

Junior Kristy Kreher totaled 21 kills and nine digs in the match, while senior Denise Boylan had 69 assists to aid the Irish. Sophomore Janie Alderete posted a career-high 18 digs to help Notre Dame defense.

Rutgers, 22-6 overall and 9-2 in the conference, has yet to win a match against the Irish. Notre Dame swept the Scarlet Knights in three games (15-6, 15-10, 15-13) on Oct. 20.

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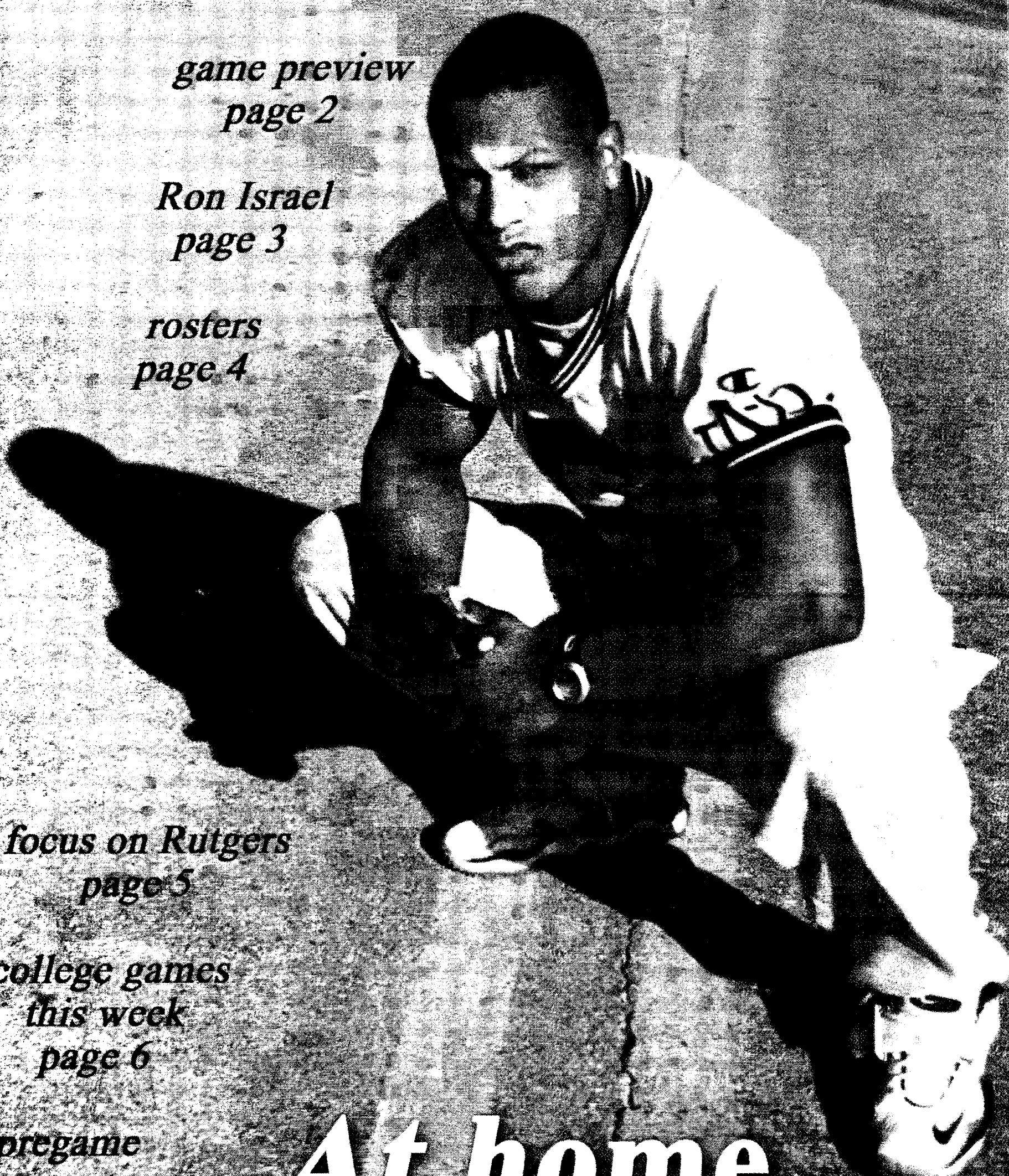
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**At home
on the road**



game hype



Ron Israel
strong safety

"We're not looking back at what we've done, and we're not patting ourselves on the back."



"I expect Rutgers to play their best football game of the year, but I expect us to play our best football game of the year."

"We have to play each game like it's a BCS game."



Tony Weaver
defensive end

"What matters is us staying focused on what we have to do."



Terrance Howard
tailback

Irish aim to overcome distractions

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

With Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers interviewing for the head coaching position with the Scarlet Knights following Saturday's game — as well as a number of key players playing in front of friends and family, the biggest challenge facing the Irish as they head to New Jersey is avoiding all of the distractions.

Rogers, who has helped lead the Irish to a 7-2 record with three different quarterbacks this season, was contacted on Monday by the Rutgers administration. While he hopes that he is one of a small list of candidates in Piscataway, the offensive coordinator remains focused on the remainder of the 2000 Notre Dame season.

"My focus legitimately is on our football team and what we're trying to do," Rogers said. "That's just speculation at this point in time."

The key player making a return home to New Jersey is freshman quarterback Matt Lovecchio.

"He played in a big high school program," Irish head coach Bob Davie said of Lovecchio. "His family has been to every game here. You know, he is going to handle this. If anything, I am going to tell him to enjoy this."

Linebacker Anthony Brannan, strong safety Ron Israel and defensive end Ryan Roberts all played high school football in the Garden State. Starting defensive tackle Anthony Weaver hails from



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Quarterback Matt Lovecchio (10) throws a pass in Notre Dame's 45-14 victory against Navy Oct. 14. Lovecchio is one of several Irish players who hail from New Jersey.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

"I'm excited. Hopefully I can get more tickets and have some more people come out," said Weaver.

On the gridiron, the Irish look at containing a potent passing attack by the Scarlet Knights. In last Saturday's 31-24 overtime loss to West Virginia, quarterback Mike McMahon led Rutgers to 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to tie the game.

For the first score of the

overtime period, McMahon found Aaron Lewis open in the end zone to put the Knights up 24-17. West Virginia then scored two unanswered touchdowns to tie, and then win the game.

"They just came back in the second half and really made plays," Davie said. "They're a team that has a good quarterback. They have big tall receivers. They spread the field on you, there's a lot of no-back."

The Irish defense — which has faltered during the fourth quarter in each of the last four games — will need to prevent a repeat performance by a Scarlet Knights team playing its final home game of the season. Davie knows that Rutgers is not lacking in confidence.

"They finished the game with a tremendous amount of confidence," Davie said. "I know they're coming into this game probably as confident as they've been all year."



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♦ **Youngest Israel continues family football ties as he leads Irish into home state Jersey**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Associate Sports Editor

The light is always blinking on strong safety Ron Israel's phone in his O'Neill Hall dorm room when he returns from Notre Dame football games.

Ron's older brothers, Steve, a defensive back with the New Orleans Saints, and Tim, a former football player at Temple University, call each week to give their younger sibling some constructive criticism. They give him a thumbs-up when he makes a big play — and an earful when he misses one.

"They praise me when I do well, and get on me when I'm doing something wrong," Ron said. "While they're watching the game, they call me. I'm actually playing in the game, but they call and leave a message on my voice mail as if I was in the room to tell me what I just did wrong, or if I did something good, they're on the phone praising me."

Ron regularly turns to his foot-ball-playing brothers for tips on his game. They talk weekly, with Ron on the receiving end of the coaching lessons.

According to Steve, Ron's a quick study.

"He's like a computer with an endless amount of megahertz," Steve said. "His memory bank is infinite. He's a very intelligent player."

With football so strong a tradition in Ron's family, there's a lot he can learn from his older brothers. Steve, 31, is in his ninth NFL season after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh. He's currently on injured reserve, but has started through much of his professional career. Tim, six years older than Ron, is now a police officer in their hometown of Lawnside, N.J.

Despite the family tradition, playing football was something Ron chose for himself.

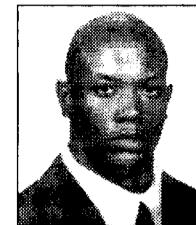
Even as a 7-year-old kid, he had a love for football. At the time, Ron shared a room with Steve, a senior in high school being recruited to play college football. The two would lie awake at night talking, and Steve wanted to be sure Ron didn't feel pressured to follow the same path as his brothers.

"I would tell him, 'You don't have to play football just because myself and Tim play football,'" Steve said.

"I know," the 7-year-old Ron answered. "I just like to play football for me."

But Ron still loved football. He convinced his mom to buy him a junior-sized uniform so he could go out and play like his brothers.

"He [Ron] used to get fully dressed in his uniform and go



Israel

position: strong safety
year: senior
awards: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick in high school, all-state selection in New Jersey
notables: picked up interceptions against West Virginia and Boston College, moved into regular spot on starting lineup this season

out and play by himself," Tim said. "He would have a whole game by himself, falling down, getting tackled, all in his personal-sized shoulder pads and pants."

Attending Steve's and Tim's games heightened Ron's interest in the sport.

"Any younger brother kind of wants to do what the older brothers do," Ron said. "Steve's influence on us was probably the biggest in that Tim and I both tried to follow in his footsteps in football and get an athletic scholarship."

"Both of them, I used to go to their high school games, and when it was time for me to be in high school, I was going to their college football games. Then Steve got drafted, and I was going to college and NFL games."

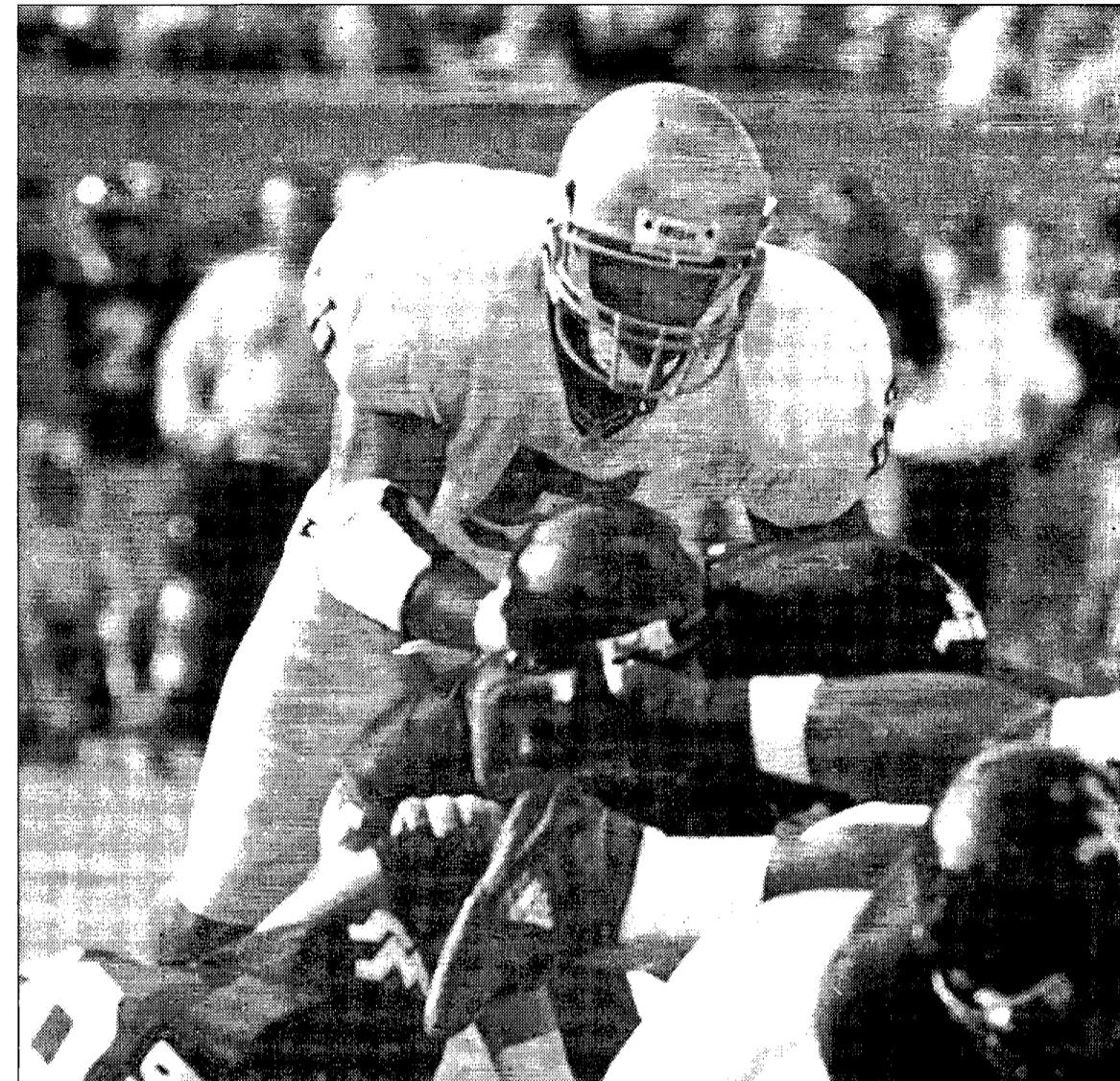
The trio of gridiron junkies even converted their father James into a football fan.

"Really I was a baseball fan and basketball fan before they got into football," James said. "I forgot about baseball and basketball. I'm a football freak now."

Having older brothers as athletic role models allowed Ron to set his sights close to home. While other kids worshiped Michael Jordan or Jerry Rice, Ron idolized his older siblings — not only Steve and Tim, but also oldest brother James and older sister Lisa, who guided him off the football field. As the youngest of five children, one thing Ron missed out on was serving as a good example to younger siblings. Now that he has seven nieces and nephews, he's found an outlet for his paternal instincts. One of his strongest goals is to be a good example for them.

"Some people say, 'Who are you playing for?'" Israel said. "I play for the University, I play for my family and I play for myself, but also another way of looking at it is I play for my nephews. I want to be a good role model for them."

With two older brothers who were hometown heroes in football, it took a little bit extra for



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior strong safety Ron Israel (5), shown above in Notre Dame's victory over West Virginia, will play in front of his family this weekend back in New Jersey.

Israel to become recognized for his own talents. In 1993, Al Mailahn's first year as head coach at Haddon Heights High School, Ron was a freshman. Mailahn saw Israel's gift for football, and put him into the starting lineup on both offense and defense. He worked so hard that Mailahn named him a captain as a sophomore. The team won just one game that year, but Israel had

helped lay the foundation for a winning team the next year.

"When I came to this school, the program was pretty much down in the dumps," Mailahn said. "Israel really put his mind to getting it into winning ways. I always refer back to those kids, their work ethics and their determination to be winners."

Haddon Heights reversed its fortunes with Israel on the team, finishing with a winning record from 1994-96 for the first time in 26 seasons. Israel played a crucial part in the turn-around, completing his career with 16 interceptions and 254 tackles on defense, along with 145 catches for 2,565 yards. He earned all-conference honors three years in a row, along with all-state mention and USA Today honorable mention All-America selection his senior season.

"We loved him on offense because he probably had the best set of hands on the team. He could catch anything we threw at him," Mailahn said. "Whichever

side of the ball he went on, he would produce."

Israel's high school efforts grabbed the attention of Division I programs across the nation, from Ohio State and Notre Dame to Miami (Fla.) and Florida.

Besides the lure of a top-notch education and national television exposure, Notre Dame had the added bonus of a coaching connection to Mailahn. Earle Mosley, an assistant under Lou Holtz, and the coach responsible for recruiting in the New Jersey area, had coached Mailahn in college and coached with Mailahn at Temple.

It was the academics that made the difference in the end.

"You can play bigtime football at Ohio State or Florida, but I wanted to get a bigtime degree," Israel said. "Out of all the schools I could have chosen to go to, Notre Dame was the most highly-ranked institution academically."

In 1997, Israel enrolled at Notre Dame, but beneath a new head coach, Bob Davie. The hardest part of coming to college was the wait for playing time, as Israel did not play at all during his first season, leaving him eligible for an added year.

In '98, he played just one minute, eight seconds. Last year, Israel saw substantial action for the first time, and this season, he moved into the starting lineup at strong safety.

Life on the field wasn't as perfect as Israel had hoped, however. Late in Notre Dame's 27-21 loss at Michigan State, he missed a key tackle on fourth-and-10.

"I should have made that play," Israel said. "Anytime people are

counting on you to perform at a certain level and to make a play that you should make, that's something that's just hard to swallow. It's even hard swallowing now, but it's reality, and it's in the past. We have to just put it behind us and move on, because all we have is the future. We don't have the past anymore."

The past few weeks, despite a nagging groin injury, things have been looking up for Israel. He recorded an interception in the fourth quarter against West Virginia, and another interception late in Notre Dame's victory over Boston College to sew up the win.

"Ron Israel is a guy who loves to play football," Davie said. "He's fought through a bunch of injuries when most guys wouldn't have played at all. He's just a good football player that's gotten better, and the biggest thing I see is that he has passion for the game."

As the season winds down, Israel and his teammates are focused on getting to a Bowl Championship Series bowl. The next potential roadblock comes this Saturday when Israel gets to show off for a partial crowd.

So many friends and family members requested tickets for Notre Dame's contest against Rutgers that Israel had to make a list to keep track. He only hopes his hard work will pay off with an eighth victory for the Irish.

If Ron follows his brother Steve's latest weekly critique, he will have done his part.

"Take it one play at a time," Steve said, "and things will work out."

birthdate: Jan. 5, 1979
hometown: Lawnside, N.J.
major: film, television and theatre / computer applications
dimensions: 6-feet, 208 pounds
dorm: O'Neill Hall

favorite movie: Coming to America
after college he hopes to: play professional football
goals for season: to win remaining games and improve each week as a player

plans after football career: to own his own business
best thing about playing for Notre Dame: being in the national spotlight
worst thing about playing for Notre Dame: being in South Bend

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WITH RON ISRAEL



Fighting Irish schedule

Sep. 2	TEXAS A&M	W
Sep. 9	NEBRASKA	L
Sep. 16	PURDUE	W
Sep. 23	at Michigan State	L
Oct. 7	STANFORD	W
Oct. 14	Navy	W
Oct. 21	at West Virginia	W
Oct. 28	AIR FORCE	W
Nov. 11	BOSTON COLLEGE	W
Nov. 18	at Rutgers	
Nov. 25	at USC	

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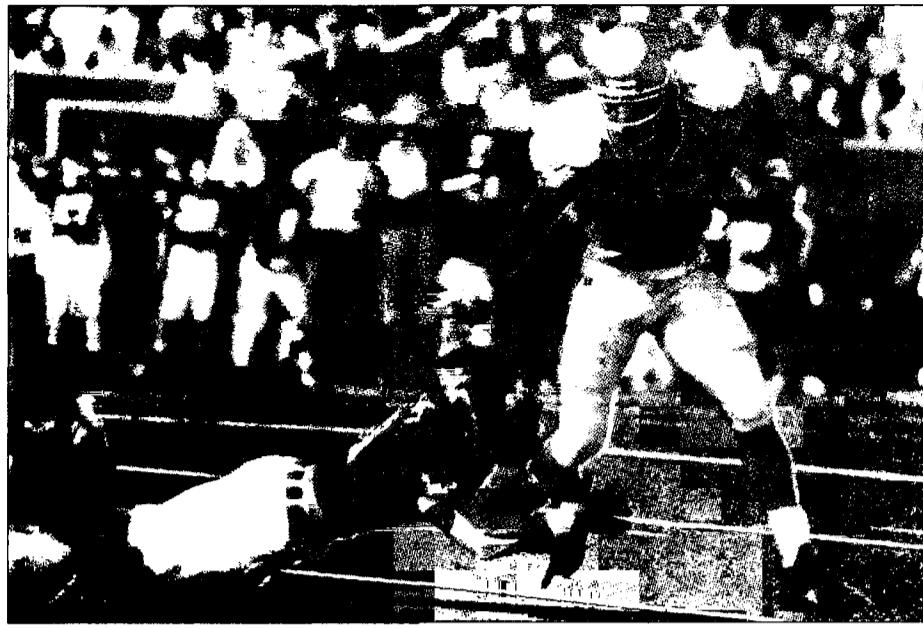
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Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Brock Williams	CB	5-10	190	SR
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	242	JR
2	Dan Novak	QB	6-1	220	SO
3	Arman Battle	QB	6-1	218	JR
4	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	197	SR
5	Ron Israel	SS	6-0	208	SR
6	David Givens	FL	6-3	217	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-2	190	FR
8	Lorenzo Crawford	WR	5-11	175	FR
9	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	220	FR
10	Matt LoVecchio	QB	6-3	200	FR
10	Ryan Krueger	QB	5-9	178	JR
11	Jay Johnson	SE	5-11	195	FR
12	Tony Fisher	TB	6-2	225	JR
13	Nick Setta	K/P	6-0	175	SO
13	Joe Recendez	QB/TE	6-0	222	SR
14	Gary Godsey	QB	6-7	240	SO
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	180	JR
16	Abram Elam	QB/DB	6-1	190	FR
17	Joey Hildhold	P	5-10	190	SO
18	Joey Gethersall	FL	5-7	175	SR
19	Glenn Earl	SS	6-2	215	SO
20	Gerome Sapp	FS	6-0	210	FR
21	Javin Hunter	SE	6-0	186	JR
22	Julius Jones	TB	5-10	201	SO
23	Chris Yura	FB	5-11	211	SO
24	Chad DeBolt	CB	5-10	193	SO
25	Tony Driver	FS	6-2	220	SR
26	Garrison Bible	RB	5-10	185	FR
27	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	190	SO
28	Donald Dykes	SS	5-11	195	JR
29	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	193	SR
29	Brian Olenick	FL	5-11	195	SR
30	Rocky Bolman	OLB	6-4	240	JR
31	Dwayne Francis	CB	6-0	195	JR
32	Terrence Howard	TB	6-1	195	JR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	220	SO
34	Vontez Duff	RB	6-1	175	FR
34	Jasinek Vukelich	FB	5-10	229	SR
35	David Miller	K	5-11	191	JR
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	170	JR
36	Tom Lopinski	FB	6-1	245	JR
38	Preston Jackson	DB	5-10	172	FR
38	Eric Nelson	LB	6-0	225	JR
39	Anthony Denman	ILB	6-2	235	SR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	259	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-4	225	FR
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	183	JR
43	Anthony Brannan	ILB	5-10	215	SR
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	275	SR
45	Matt Sarb	SS	5-11	201	JR
46	Jeremy Juarez	FB	5-11	251	SR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	240	JR
48	Kyle Budinck	DL	6-5	250	FR
49	Derek Curry	LB	6-4	225	FR
50	Cedric Hilliard	DT	6-2	290	SO
51	Tyron Harrison	ILB	6-2	242	JR
52	Jeff Fahey	C	6-3	292	SO
52	Mark Mitchell	OIB	5-10	220	SR
53	Jason Halvorson	LB	6-2	230	SO
54	Luigi Rao	ILB	5-10	215	SR
55	Jim Jones	OG	6-2	310	SR
56	Pat Ryan	ILB	6-3	235	SO
57	Justin Thomas	OLB	6-1	245	SO
58	Joseph Mueller	LB	5-11	195	SR
59	Brian Dierckman	ILB	6-1	255	SR
60	Darrell Campbell	DE	6-4	285	SO
61	Mike Zelenka	FB	6-0	225	SR
62	Casey Robin	OT	6-7	305	SR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	315	SO
64	John Crowther	C	6-2	240	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	295	SO
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	275	SR
67	Ryan Gillis	OG	6-3	292	SO
69	Mike Gandy	OG	6-4	315	SR
70	Jim Molinaro	DE	6-6	265	SO
72	Ryan Scarola	OG	6-5	301	JR
73	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	201	JR
75	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	310	SR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	305	SR
77	Greg Pauly	DL	6-6	275	FR
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	310	JR
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-3	288	JR
80	Omega Jenkins	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Jerome Collins	WR	6-4	200	FR
82	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	185	FR
82	Bernard Akatu	SE	5-10	180	JR
83	Josh Gentle	K/P	5-11	199	SO
84	John Owens	DE	6-3	265	JR
85	Jeffrey Campbell	TE/DE	6-1	200	JR
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-3	260	SR
87	Jabari Holloway	TE	6-3	260	SR
89	Gerald Morgan	TE	6-4	261	JR
90	Lance Legree	NG	6-1	285	SR
91	Andrew Dempsey	DE	6-2	265	SR
92	Matt McNew	K	6-3	200	SR
93	B.J. Scott	DT	6-3	290	SR
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	272	SR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	251	JR
96	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	250	FR
98	Anthony Weaver	DT	6-3	276	JR
99	Jason Sapp	LB	6-3	230	FR

IN POSITION: tailbacks

LIZ LANG/The Observer

Tailback Tony Fisher carries the ball Oct. 21 in Notre Dame's win over West Virginia. The junior will replace an injured Julius Jones Saturday at Rutgers.

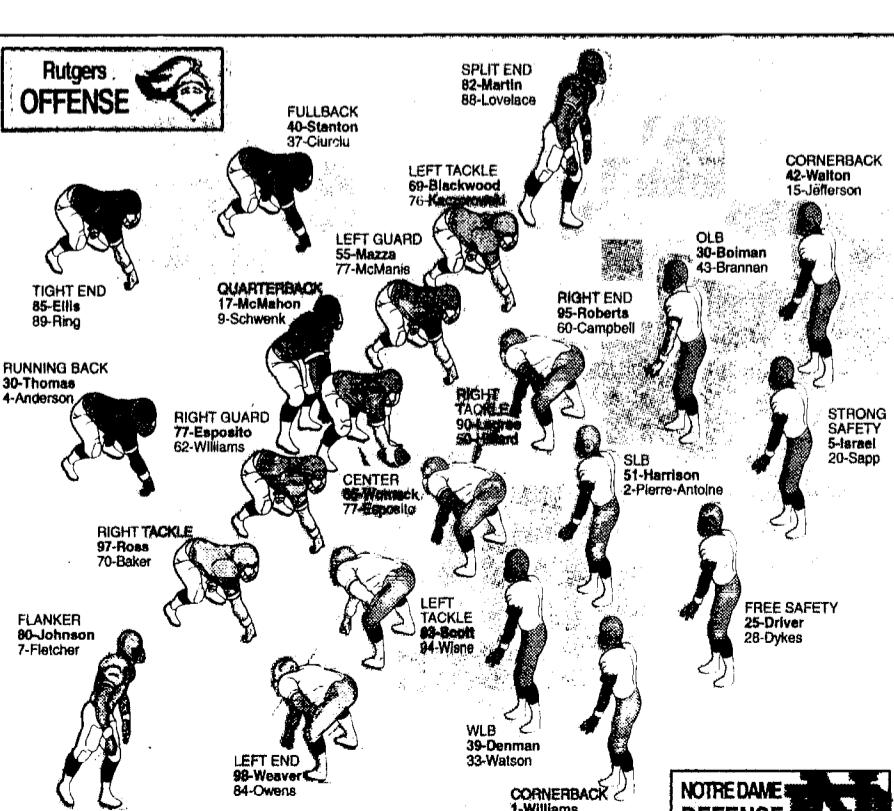
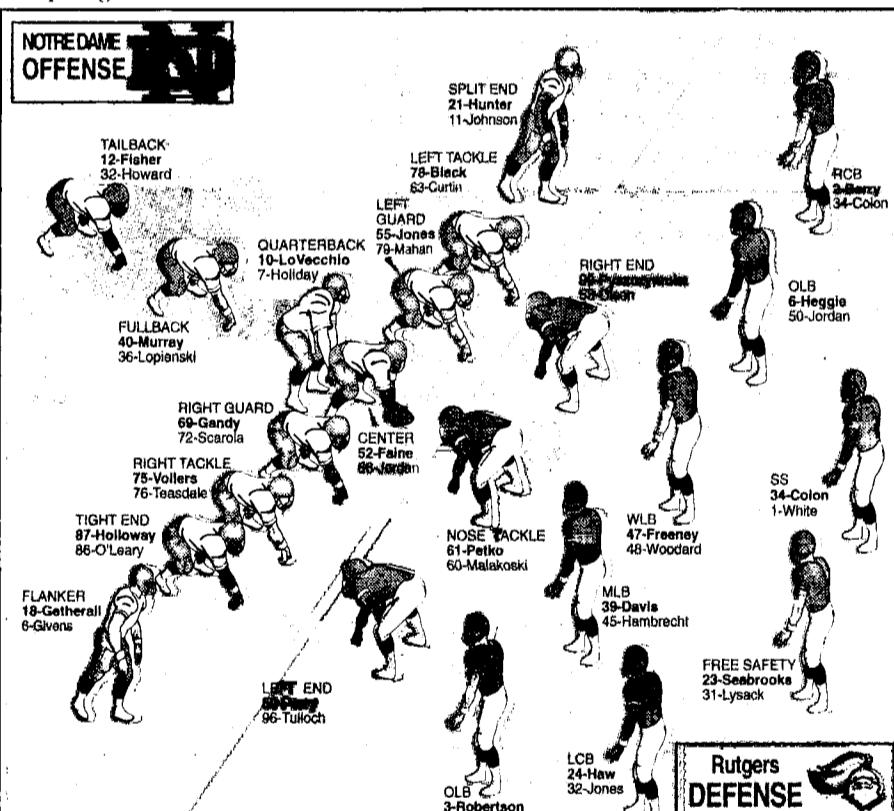
Rushing ahead as backup**Observer Staff Report**

Irish rushers stole the limelight Saturday when Notre Dame showcased its depth at the tailback position.

Rushing their way to 28-16 victory over Boston College, head coach Bob Davie and the Irish proved that they will not miss a beat with sophomore starter Julius Jones sidelined with a deep thigh bruise.

Roommates Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard showed they are a dynamic duo on and off the field, combining for 280 yards. Fisher rushed for a career-high 196 yards and two touchdowns.

With Jones out against Rutgers, Davie has moved Fisher to the starting spot and Howard to the No. 2 position. Look for the Irish to make big strides on the ground against a weak Scarlet Knight defense.

**Scarlet Knights schedule**

Sep. 2	VILLANOVA	W
Sep. 9	BUFFALO	W
Sep. 16	at Virginia Tech	L
Sep. 23	at Pittsburgh	L
Sep. 30	MINNESOTA	W
Oct. 14	TEMPEST	L
Oct. 21	at Navy	L
Oct. 28	at Boston College	L
Nov. 11	WEST VIRGINIA	W
Nov. 18	NOTRE DAME	L
Nov. 25	at Syracuse	L

Knights prepare to pull off biggest upset since 1988

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

On paper Saturday's match-up between No. 11 Notre Dame and unranked Rutgers looks more like an exercise than a contest.

Riding a five-game winning streak with a Bowl Championship Series bid on the horizon, the Irish have the talent to deliver a painful blow to the Scarlet Knights. And while Irish head coach Bob Davie expects to earn a win on the road, he is not looking past the faltering Knights.

"Rutgers is a team that spreads the field," Davie said. "They have good receivers ... Defensively they play really hard. They took West Virginia to double overtime last week and last year they beat Syracuse in their last home game."

Despite the clear mismatch, Davie may have good reason to wait until the final seconds tick off the clock before declaring his team the winner — even though Rutgers holds just a 3-6 (0-6) record, the Scarlet

Knights have enough motivation to catch the confident Irish off guard.

After announcing his resignation Nov. 3, Knight head coach Terry Shea is playing his last game in Rutgers Stadium and he and the 13 graduating seniors on the squad are eager to end the home season with one of the biggest wins in Rutgers' history. And Davie is ready to combat not only the physical challenge of the game but the mental as well.

"You go into this week and certainly [the scenario] changes a little more," Davie said. "It is Terry Shea's last home football game that he is coaching in ... So as always every week there are those [issues] swirling around."

The Knights look to capitalize on those intangible issues and pull off their first win against a ranked opponent since 1988.

Quarterback Mike McMahon heads an offense that has struggled all season to put enough points on the board this season.

Despite throwing 13 interceptions and leading

his team to a series of winless conference outings, McMahon is considered one of the leading signal callers in the Big East with a 50 percent completion rate.

Running back Dennis Thomas is the Knights' go-to player on the ground. With 96 carries on the season, he has amassed 371 yards and one touchdown.

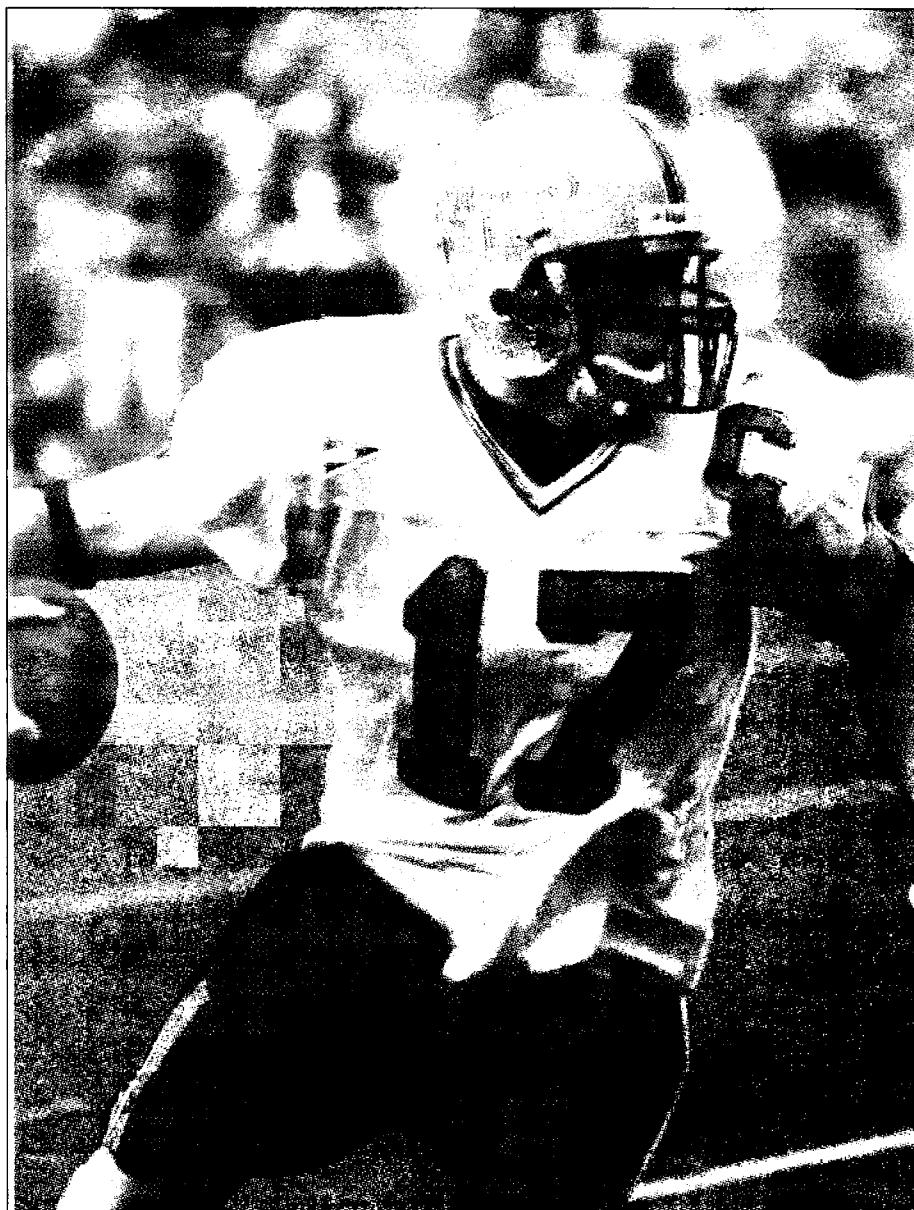
In the air, Errol Johnson has emerged as the leading receiver on the Rutgers' squad.

The wide receiver leads the team with five touchdowns and 435 yards.

The Knights' offense has struggled, however, and has yet to play a fumble-free game.

Defensively, the Knights have faltered continually. Giving up an average on 42 points a game, opponents have steam rolled over the Knights all season long.

Only an improved defensive effort coupled with a solid grasp on the intangible factors will let the Knights in the game — a game that they sorely need to win to add a highlight to an otherwise dismal season.



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Scarlet Knight quarterback Mike McMahon scrambles for no gain in Rutgers Sept. 23 29-17 loss at Pittsburgh.

fast facts

ABOUT RUTGERS

- ◆ Location: New Brunswick, N.J.
- ◆ Enrollment: 35,308
- ◆ Founded: 1766
- ◆ Colors: Scarlet
- ◆ Nickname: Scarlet Knights
- ◆ Conference: Big East
- ◆ Rutgers has not scored against Notre Dame in either of its previous tries in 1921 or 1996.
- ◆ Coach Terry Shea, Big East coach of the year in 1998, will step down following this season.



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AP poll

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	9-0	1,774
2 Miami (Fla.)	8-1	1,690
3 Florida State	10-1	1,629
4 Florida	9-1	1,551
5 Oregon	9-1	1,490
6 Washington	9-1	1,429
7 Virginia Tech	9-1	1,328
8 Oregon State	9-1	1,263
9 Kansas State	9-2	1,124
10 Nebraska	8-2	1,101
11 NOTRE DAME	7-2	1,006
12 Ohio State	8-2	957
13 Mississippi State	8-1	896
14 Texas	8-2	725
15 TCU	8-1	679
16 Clemson	8-2	662
17 Purdue	7-3	603
18 Auburn	8-2	599
19 Michigan	7-3	543
20 Georgia Tech	7-2	469
21 Texas A&M	7-3	328
22 Georgia	6-3	322
23 Northwestern	7-3	284
24 Southern Mississippi	7-2	238
25 South Carolina	7-3	121

ESPN/USA Today poll

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	9-0	1,473
2 Miami (Fla.)	8-1	1,407
3 Florida State	10-1	1,357
4 Florida	9-1	1,297
5 Washington	9-1	1,196
6 Oregon	9-1	1,169
7 Virginia Tech	9-1	1,115
8 Oregon State	9-1	1,025
9 Kansas State	9-2	966
10 Nebraska	8-2	887
11 NOTRE DAME	7-2	812
12 Ohio State	8-2	802
13 Mississippi State	7-2	726
14 Clemson	8-2	672
15 Texas	8-2	631
16 TCU	8-1	563
17 Purdue	7-3	512
18 Michigan	7-3	449
19 Auburn	8-2	410
20 Southern Miss.	7-2	323
21 Georgia	6-3	297
22 Georgia Tech	7-2	261
23 Texas A&M	7-3	154
24 Northwestern	7-3	141
25 Tennessee	6-3	102

GAME OF THE WEEK



KRT Photo

Florida State's Garret Shea breaks up a Clemson pass as Tiger wide receiver Kevin Youngblood fails to catch the ball in Florida State's 54-7 against Clemson.

Gators challenge 'Noles in heated rivalry

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

Enacting a time-honored ritual, the lone warrior on horseback rides to midfield and throws a flaming spear into the ground. At Doak-Campbell Stadium, this means one thing: the Seminole Nation is at war.

Saturday, No. 3 Florida State hosts No. 4 Florida for the right to stay alive in the national championship race.

Both teams enter Saturday's contest red hot and entertaining dreams of sneaking into the BCS Championship should either Miami or Oklahoma falter. The Seminoles have not been legitimately challenged at all this year except for a bitter 27-24

loss at the hands of archrival Miami. Florida handily defeated South Carolina last week, assuring it a trip to the SEC Championship game, where it will most likely face the only team that blemished its record, Mississippi State.

League championships aside, both teams are trying to leapfrog Miami in the BCS rankings based on the strength of schedule variable. More importantly, these two teams match up evenly with each other at almost every position.

Offensively, both the Gators and the 'Noles possess game-breaking talent at the skill positions.

Travis Minor, Anquan Boldin and Marvin Minnis give Chris Weinke an impressive array of options. Backup running backs Jeff

Chaney and Davy Ford are out for the season with injuries, so Minor should be the featured back.

The Gators counter with freshman Jabar Gaffney, who has had six straight 100-yard receiving games. Coach Steve Spurrier said he will employ the two-headed quarterback attack of Rex Grossman and Jesse Palmer for the entire game.

Defensively, two of the nation's finest defensive ends will be on display.

Florida's Alex Brown has shown flashes of brilliance intermixed with sporadic bouts of inconsistency. Seminole defensive end Jamal Reynolds has amassed 12 sacks on the season thus far, but none would be sweeter than against the hated Gators.

Prepare for hard hits,

turnovers, and plenty of trash talking all day long.

Aside from the BCS implications, this rivalry is special for many reasons.

Most of the players know each other and/or played against each other in high school. With both schools going after the same Florida natives, the coaching staffs have something to prove to all the anxious high school seniors around the state. Florida State possesses a 51-game home winning streak, longest in the nation. In addition to mutual dislike, all of these factors lead to one thing: intense competition.

Special teams always play a role in this game. Look for a three-point margin of victory and a battle to the end in one of the biggest rivalries in college sports.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Oregon at Oregon State: The annual "Civil War" takes on new significance this year, as the winner seizes the inside track to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Oregon and Oregon State join Washington in the top 10, yet the Pac-10 still struggles to get the same respect enjoyed by the other big conferences.

Coach Dennis Erickson knows how to build a winning program. In just his second year, he has guided the Beavers to an impressive 8-1 record. Running back Ken Simonton leads a balanced Beaver attack, which should only get better as Erickson recruits more talent.

The Ducks rely on the solid play of quarterback Joey Harrington, and need this victory to win the conference championship outright.

Of the two, Oregon State's defense has shown more mettle this season. Oregon's "Gang Green" defense has revealed some holes lately, most notably against Arizona State. The offense has had to come from behind in the last three games, a statistic that does not bode well heading into Saturday.

Michigan at Ohio State: This once storied rivalry has lost some of its luster. While other games will have more influence upon the Bowl Championship Series picture, this one centers on pride and tenuous Rose Bowl aspirations.

People have to wonder what went wrong with Michigan this year. Its schedule was manageable, and the Wolverine offense is one of the best in the nation.

Unfortunately for the maize and blue, the defense has not showed up all year. The Buckeyes got new life when Purdue lost a stunner to Michigan State last weekend.

They still need help from Northwestern, but could conceivably make it to the Rose Bowl after all.

The great thing about this match-up is that the better team rarely wins.

In the last decade, the team with more at stake has lost.

John Cooper's failure to defeat Michigan teams with the title on the line blew chances for two national championships.

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A.P. rank: NR
coaches' poll: NR

Series Record

Notre Dame leads
2-0

EVEN



quarterbacks: LoVecchio has gotten the job done with a 5-0 record as a starter. The second-ranked quarterback in Rutgers' history, McMahon is an NFL prospect, averaging 217 passing yards a game.

running backs: Jones is injured, but Fisher and Howard proved the Irish won't miss a beat. Rutgers' ranks 106th in rushing offense.

receivers: The Irish present multiple threats at receiver and LoVecchio is comfortable in the offensive scheme. Smith made the All-Big East pre-season list.

offensive line: The Irish are coming off their most productive rushing game this year.



defensive line: Weaver, Legree and Roberts have been a solid trio at the line of scrimmage. The Knights have let their opponents run all over them this season, giving up nearly twice the yards on defense than they have gained offensively.



linebackers: Denman and Boiman are standouts on the Irish, leading Notre Dame in tackles. Freeney and Robertson each have more than 60 tackles.



secondary: The Irish are strong with Driver and Williams leading the defensive effort. Rutgers' secondary has struggled all season, giving up too many big-yard plays.



special teams: The Irish have been stellar all season. Rutgers averages only 30 yards a punt and has made just four of nine field goal attempts.



coaching: With a faked punt and field goal against Boston College, Davie has proved he has guts to make risky calls. The Knights are suffering through another losing season and Shea resigned effective at the end of the season.



intangibles: The Irish need this game to earn a BCS bid, but the Knights have nothing to lose. Shea and 13 seniors are playing their last home game and are hungry for an upset.



Overall

Notre Dame should roll all over Rutgers Saturday. The Knights have a lot to play for and nothing to lose, but if the Irish stay focused and don't look ahead to bigger and better things they should win easily.

IRISH INSIGHT

Football gets cold reception in Northeast

Matt LoVecchio, Ron Israel and several other New Jersey natives return home this weekend. Parents, siblings, friends and a sold-out crowd of 41,500 will greet the Garden State guys when Notre Dame visits Piscataway.

The game marks only the second capacity crowd since the "new" Rutgers

Stadium opened in 1994. The fifth biggest audience in stadium history stands at 33,279.

And to think Rutgers is arguably the third best program in the Northeast, trailing only Syracuse and Boston College.

In that region (the six New England states, New Jersey and New York), college football's popularity ranks just above John Rocker's.

Think professional hockey in the Southwest.

"It's mostly basketball," said freshman linebacker Jason Sapp. "That's what the Northeast is about."

Add professional football, baseball, tennis, golf, hiking and mountain biking. Anything but the Sport that Rockne Built.

The New York and Boston media, two of the United States' biggest markets, virtually ignore local college football. And that's with some of the most recognized and respected football journalists in the country on staff. The Boston Globe's Mark Blaudschun, New York Daily News' Dick Weiss, New York Times' Joe Drape and several other Northeast-based college football writers rank among the nation's best.

But because only five of the 114 Division 1-A teams (the aforementioned three, Buffalo and Connecticut) reside in the Northeast, the newspapers would rather send their best to South Bend or Gainesville.

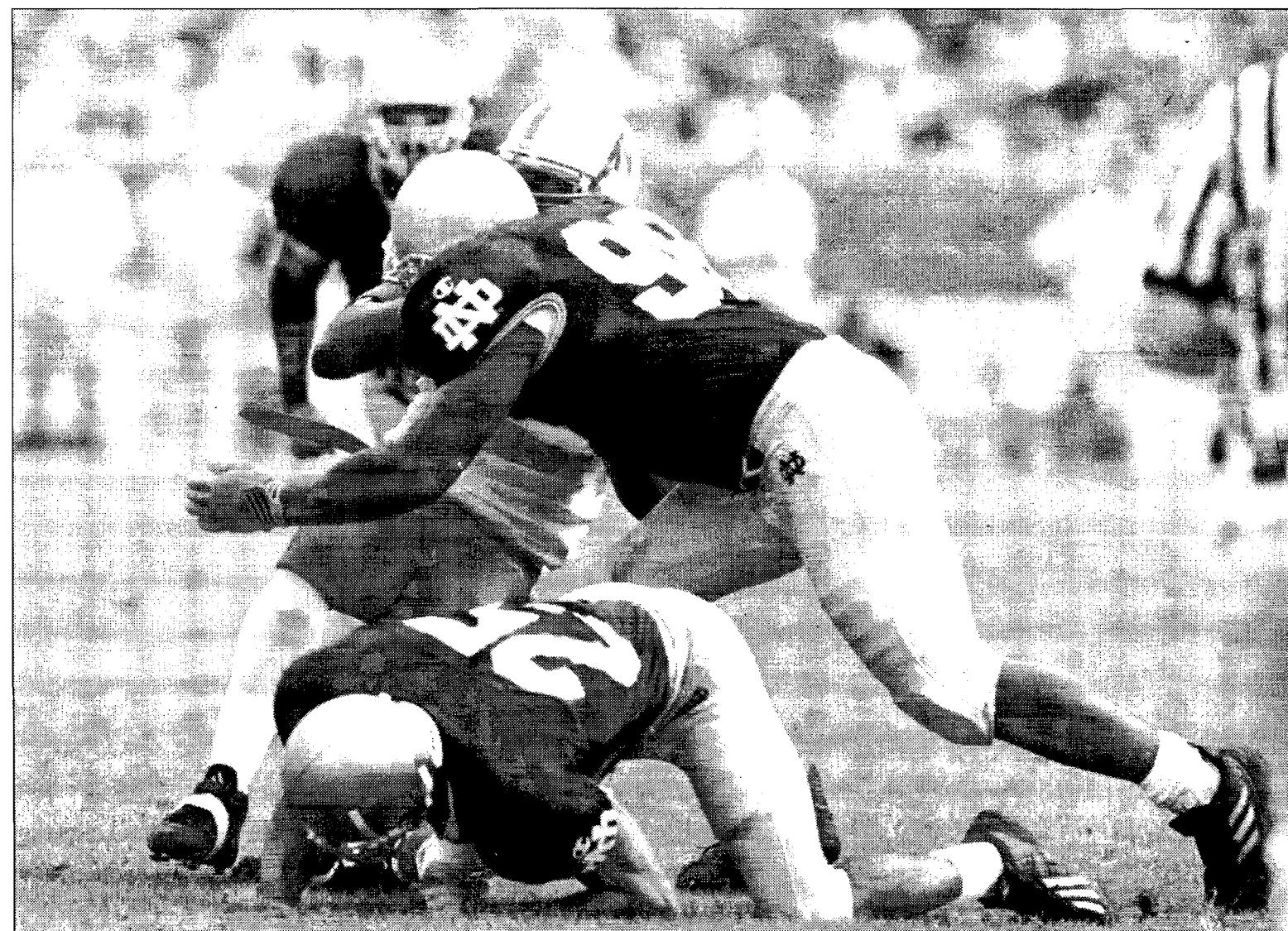
How bad is the quintet?

They have a combined record of 19-29. Connecticut is in its first year of 1-A and Buffalo joined the highest division last season.



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor



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No. 98 Tony Weaver is only one of four Notre Dame players hailing from the Northeast. Traditionally New England, New York and New Jersey are not hot football markets.

Besides the futility, there are other reasons for the apathy.

First, the competition for the sports fan. Massachusetts has the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics. New York has the Yankees, Mets, Rangers, Giants and Knicks. New Jersey has the Jets, Nets and Devils.

In Rhode Island and Connecticut, college basketball rules. Providence College, University of Rhode Island and the UConn men's and women's teams have a faithful following.

Residents of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont enjoy the pro teams if they aren't too busy skiing, snowboarding or listening to Phish.

In SEC and Big Ten country, arena football, minor league hockey and CBA compete with the local college team. And don't forget the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets and

Nashville Predators.

Then there's Texas, where the obsession begins early.

"There's nothing like playing in front of 20,000 fans in high school," said safety Gerome Sapp, a native of Houston. "The stadiums would be closed down, the streets would be blocked off before games."

"We make fun of them [the Irish players who are not from Texas] and say, 'you don't have football there and that Texas originated football.'

Defensive end Tony Weaver, from Sarasota Springs, N.Y., has felt the wrath of the 19 Irish players from the Lone Star State. Although he grew up as a Notre Dame fan, he realizes that the pigskin cannot compete with the round ball in the Northeast.

"I always here about how New York football's got noth-

ing, even from the Jersey guys," Weaver said. "I hear it from just about everybody. I'm just trying to represent the state."

Assistant coach Jerry Rosburg, who coordinates recruiting, would disagree with the players' assessments. In the past two years, the Irish staff has landed players from such non-traditional football places like Bridgeport, Conn. — Jason Sapp — and Billings, Mont. — Pat Ryan. Seven Notre Dame players are from New Jersey.

"To say that the Northeast is overlooked is an exaggeration," Rosburg said. "In the popular media, they don't get enough credit for having good football. Having lived there, I know there's good football coaches up there and good players up there."

"When you go to New Jersey, you'll find coaches from Georgia, Georgia Tech and Florida State. It's not like it's ignored."

But only four players on the Irish roster — Weaver, Sapp, JW Jordan and Chad DeBolt — are from the other Northeast states.

On Saturday, big-time college football comes to that region. And with that comes requests.

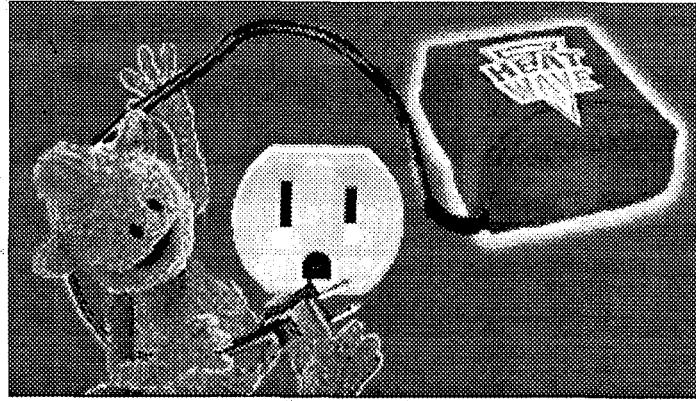
"Hopefully I can get some more tickets," Weaver said. "I should have a lot of family and friends there."

Wonder how many of those people attended last week's Rutgers' game against West Virginia?

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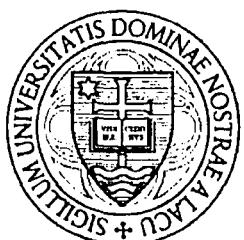
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PERSONALITY PROFILE



Esther Dyson President, EDventure Holdings

Esther Dyson is known to almost everyone who understands the business of the Internet. She's the President of EDventures Holdings, an influential VC firm with investments in Russia and Eastern Europe. "In many ways Russia is another world," she says. "But experiences there can tell us a lot about how the fundamentals of the old economics keep working under different conditions—both in the strange world of Russia and the supposedly new-economics world of the Internet."

Dyson is at the top of a profession dominated by men, but feels that women have unique advantages in the Internet world. "The Net gives the underappreciated, underheard, underwhatever more access, so to that extent it helps women."

Dyson also has a distinct opinion about privacy on the Net. "Individuals will have to learn how to manage their data for themselves. But they will have to get used to the fact that what they say to friends will probably be archived somewhere. If you want to keep something private, don't tell anyone!"

Education: Harvard 1972, B.A. in economics. "I didn't study much in college, to be honest, but the analytical thinking I learned in economics has proved useful."

Current projects: President of EDventure Holdings; Interim Chairperson, Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers; Publisher of *Release 1.0*, Internet newsletter

How she got there: reporter for *Forbes* magazine, 1974-77; Securities analyst with New Court Securities (1977-80) and Oppenheimer (1980-82)

Recognition: Ranked 23rd in Russia's Who's Who in the Computer Market; one of *Fortune* magazine's "most powerful women in American business" (1998). •

For the complete interview with Esther Dyson, log on to steamtunnels.net and search for keyword "Esther Dyson."



Gina Smith CEO, NIC Corporation

When 36-year-old reporter Gina Smith was named CEO of the New Internet Computer Company (thinknic.com) earlier this year, jaws dropped and tongues wagged. NIC is Oracle CEO Larry Ellison's latest venture, another step in his dream to bring Internet access to the masses.

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it works, the NIC will join a flood of devices that people use to access the Internet—cell phones, PDAs, pagers.

Smith may never have run a company before, but she's one of the country's best known tech journalists. In 1991 she began a popular column in the *San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle* called "Inside Silicon Valley." Her syndicated tech advice column, "Ask Gina," reached 10 million readers. She's done various radio shows on the ABC Radio network, and hosted the Discovery Channel's "Cyberlife."

College: Florida State, majored in Chemistry and English. "What was truly relevant from college was my work at FSU's daily paper, the *Florida Flambeau*."

About women in business: "Women are excellent communicators who collaborate well. That helps get things done more quickly. Speed is everything in the Internet business."

On being a writer turned CEO: "The advantage is the huge Rolodex. I know all the top dogs—and when I need to talk to them, I'm not afraid to call."

Internet future: "Anything requiring broadband will flourish. Live video. Online first-person action games, video conferencing, the beginnings of copying movies. What will fail? The PC-only approach to the Internet." •

For the complete interview with Gina Smith, go to steamtunnels.net and search for keywords "Gina Smith."



Jennifer Floren Founder/CEO, experience Inc.

You may owe your future job to Jennifer Floren. Her company, experience Inc., is an online and print resource aimed at graduating college students entering the job market. The company is one of the leaders in online student and alumni recruiting.

Floren is a role model for anyone wanting to skip "working for the man" and start up a business. Floren went straight from Dartmouth to Bain and Company, a top Boston consulting firm. She ditched the

corporate role quickly however, and soon founded Ivy Productions, an online and offline provider of job information for college students. She then merged with Crimson Partners to form a new company, experience.com, in 1996. With over 140 college subscribers and deep-pocket venture capital, experience.com plays a leading role in getting graduating students in touch with the best jobs.

College: Dartmouth College in 1993 with a B.A. in psychology: "I studied Organizational Behavior, and I use it every day. Study what you love; there's plenty of time for training later on."

The startup: Founder of Ivy Productions in 1996; launched experience network in

1996; currently CEO of merged experience.com. "I realized the need for credible, objective career advice."

Finances: Received \$20 million in second round VC financing from Polaris partners in August 2000. "Women stand out in the business world, and that's an advantage. But the VC world is male dominated, and a woman has to learn different rules."

Hiring students: "I look at what they want to do, not what they've done. I don't expect them to answer questions, but to know what to ask." •

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College: Tulane (1987-89); B.A. English Literature, writing concentration, from Clark University.

Hometown: Orange, Conn. Has lived in New Orleans, Worcester, New York, Baltimore, L.A., Boulder and Boston.

Favorite sites: survivorsucks.com, spinner.com, expedia.com and Mr.showbiz.com

Favorite books: *Sophie's Choice*, *The Fountainhead*, *The Great Santini*

Tony McRoberts Midwest Regional Marketing Manager



Tony lives and works in Chicago, maintaining his territory in the central U.S. He has the distinction of being able to work with his alma mater, Michigan State. It is rumored in the Boston office that Tony has a view of Wrigley Field from his Chicago apartment, and can catch Sammy Sosa's home runs from his balcony. Tony's brother, Matt, is also a Steamtunnels Marketing Manager.

Favorite place in Chicago: Wrigleyville

Dream vacation: Backpacking through South America

Worst job: Pulling weeds

Movies and CDs he'd want on a desert island: *The Mack*, Jimi Hendrix' Blues, Beatnuts' *Stone Crazy*

Favorite web sites: steamtunnels.net, cubs.com, scour.com

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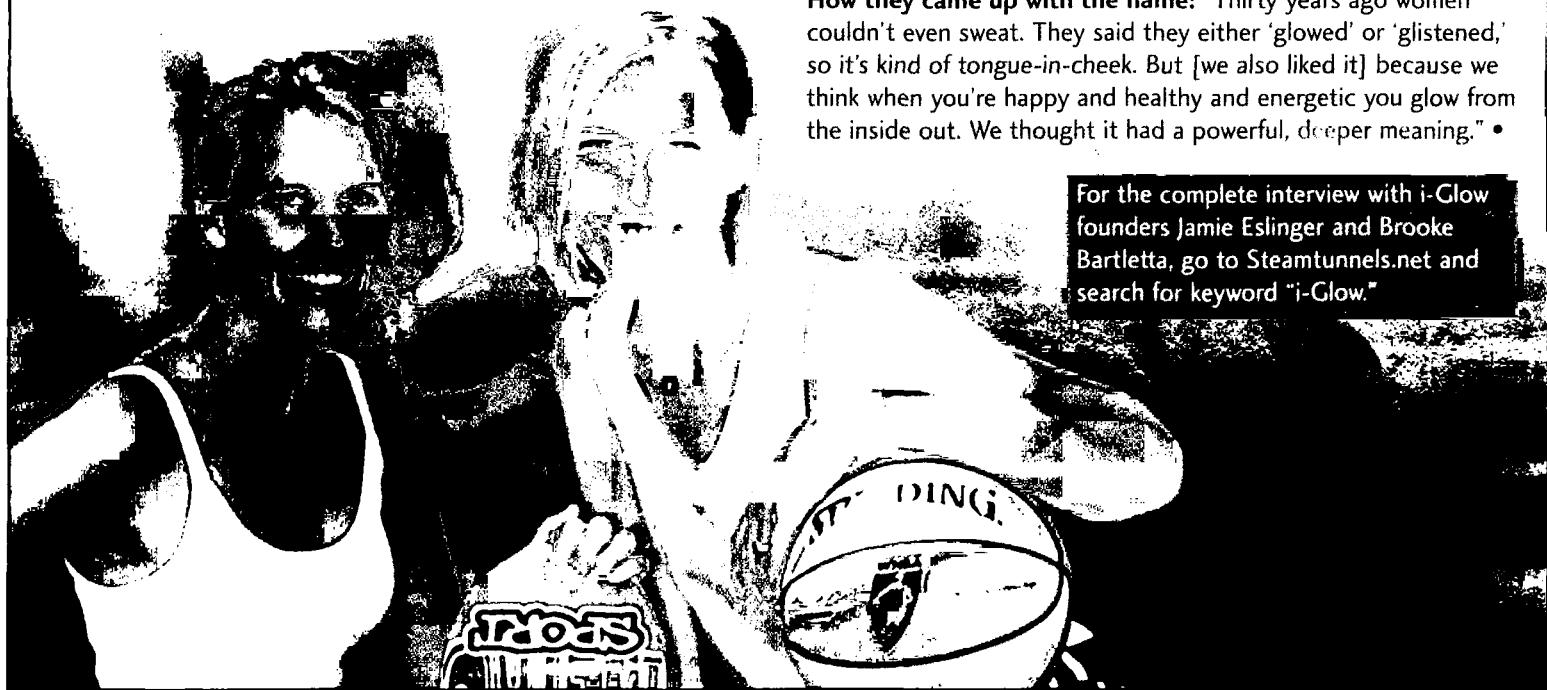
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i-Glow founders Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta

Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta are brand new to the Internet scene and are making a splash with their site, i-Glow. i-Glow is a sports-oriented community for girls aged 8-16, and its official launch in September generated a lot of attention. "We want to take a real approach to the site and to what girls want," Eslinger said.

Bartletta, who had experience in ad sales and worked for both AOL and the *Wall Street Journal*, and Eslinger, who worked in sports marketing and interactive advertising, met just over a year ago. Both played sports their whole lives, and wanted to give girls a place to come together to discuss why they love to play and to offer advice to one another. The result: a dynamic site where girls can support one another in a safe environment, provide encouragement and learn about real women athletes. "We wanted the site to belong to the girls," Eslinger said, "and we had them vote on the logo, the design, and the sections. It really does belong to them."



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55+	4.4%		

Source: mediameetrix.com

Education: Eslinger graduated from Smith College in 1996, Bartletta graduated from Lehigh in 1994.

Sports: Eslinger played basketball and was a walk-on on Smith's women's basketball team. Bartletta skis, plays tennis and volleyball.

What they look for when hiring a college student: Someone who is responsible, openminded, who wants to learn and wants to take on a greater level of responsibility than you'd find in a normal job.

Start-up business tactic: Three market research teams at Michigan's business school "adopted" i-Glow and helped with their focus groups and market research.

Why there is a need for i-Glow: There's a large drop-off in girls playing sports after age 14, and Bartletta and Eslinger feel that a stronger community will help them stay involved longer.

How they came up with the name: "Thirty years ago women couldn't even sweat. They said they either 'glowed' or 'glistened,' so it's kind of tongue-in-cheek. But [we also liked it] because we think when you're happy and healthy and energetic you glow from the inside out. We thought it had a powerful, deeper meaning." •

For the complete interview with i-Glow founders Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta, go to Steamtunnels.net and search for keyword "i-Glow."

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-Ryan Tucker, Director, Georgia Governor's Intern Program



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The COOLEST JOBS OUT THERE AND HOW TO GET THEM

Internships are your foot in the door.

Stacey Shackford

When Mount Holyoke College junior Erica Lutes landed a summer internship at the United States State Department (state.gov/www/careers/rinternments.html) in Caracas, Venezuela, she had no idea what to expect. The job titles "international paper shredder" or "coffee server for the ambassador" came to mind. But instead, the international relations major spent her summer heading up an election observation program for the American embassy, writing reports on Venezuela's economic situation, composing classified cables on revolutionary activity, and hobnobbing with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias. "It was wonderful. You just can't imagine how much you can learn in one summer," said Lutes.

Recent University of Vermont grad Jody Handly interned as a head field technician on a national wild fish health survey for Fish and Wildlife in Alabama, traveling between 10 states and working with state and federal agencies. Handly eventually developed her own project, which she hopes to complete in graduate school with the help of grants she was offered because of her internship.

"It was a life-changing opportunity for me," said Handly.

Finding the Right Internship

Erica had to go through a rigorous application process that included interviews with the CIA to get her internship. Jody found hers at the Student Conservation Association web site (sca-inc.org). The SCA is the country's oldest and biggest intern placement organization for those interested in conservation, placing thousands of students into positions with organizations like the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

The U.S. government has tons of opportunities in practically every field. Although

White House interns inevitably have to deal with occasional snide jokes about Monica, isn't it worth it to help shape domestic and foreign policy? Students interning for the Council on Environmental Quality advise the President on national and international environmental policy matters (whitehouse.gov/CEQ/interns.html), while interns at the Social Office help plan White House dinners and other gatherings. Try (whitehouse.gov/internship/program.html) for other government internships working



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for the Chief of Staff, Counsel to the President, Office of the First Lady, the National AIDS Policy and other offices.

Even the FBI is looking for a few good men and women (fbi.gov/employment/honors.htm). So is the Department of Commerce's Central and Eastern Europe Business Information Center (mac.doc.gov/eebic/intern.htm).

Whatever your interest, be it folklore, African art, space travel, or astrophysics, the Smithsonian will likely have an amazing internship (<http://web1.si.edu/ofg/resopp.htm#intern>).

From Mickey Mouse to Letterman

Ever wonder what it's like to be Mickey Mouse for a day? Disney theme parks (wdwcollegeprogram.com) have hundreds of opportunities for business majors, future hotel and restaurant managers, and even aspiring animators, filmmakers, dancers and actors.

Fan of daytime drama? The new NBC show "Passions" is seeking interns now

(<http://home.nbc.com>). Aspiring music video maker? Palomar Pictures lets interns dub and edit its music videos and commercial showreels with professional systems (rsinternships.com/applications/posting.php3?ID=192). Another internship site, www.rsinternship.com, can help you land jobs that range from running a night club in New York City to promoting the House of Chanel fashion, fragrance, or make-up lines through a public relations internship with the legendary French company.

Fifteen lucky students per semester get to pour coffee for David Letterman (csp.msu.edu/slcs/indetail.asp?code=CM A=010). And according to MTV Networks spokesperson Suzanne Lumerman, about 700 interns get to work in the same building with the likes of Carson Daly and the folks who bring you "Total Request Live" and "Real World" (mtv.com/jobs.html).

Even if you don't land on Letterman, there are likely to be plenty of possibilities for cool internships in your hometown. Check with your local newspaper, TV station, congressman, police department or courthouse.

It beats sitting in a stuffy classroom or flipping burgers for the summer. And a truly cool internship might lead to an even cooler job after graduation and end your burger-flipping days forever. •



Interns working for the Block Island branch of the Nature Conservancy.

A few hours on the Internet will reveal literally thousands of internship opportunities. Try these sites:

www.rsinternships.com
internshipprograms.com
4internships.com
summerjobs.com
futurecollegegrads.com
coolworks.com
resortinternconnection.com

Above: The New York Yankees share their 1999 World Championship champagne with David Letterman. (AP Photo/HO, Alan Singer)

Old School Gaming

The once popular Adventure genre is alive in Europe.

By Karen Zierler

Once the most popular form of computer game, the Adventure genre has waned to near non-existence. People new to computer gaming will never know just how prevalent adventure titles were, like: the *Zork* series, *Sherlock Holmes*, the *Blackstone Chronicles*, the *Broken Sword* series, the *Gabriel Knight* series and many more. These games were the staple of every early gamer, taking them through the story-book lives of heroes and antiheroes. The stories were well written, and the games themselves involved puzzle solving in order to unlock more of the story.

Hardcore adventure fans have tried everything under their power to keep the genre alive. However, one by one publishers killed off any projects for new adventure games. Speculation over what brought about the demise of the genre has raged online. Folks have blamed just about everything—from the popularity of *Myst*, considered not a true adventure, to lack of good marketing.

Whatever the case, it is hard to find a good adventure in the works in the U.S. Only one, *Escape from Monkey Island* (lucasarts.com/products/monkey4/), the

The adventure genre is still alive in Europe, where a small developer call Arxel Tribe is turning out great games.

fourth in the humorous *Monkey Island* series, is expected out later this year. But the genre is still alive in Europe, especially in the Paris offices of a small developer called Arxel Tribe (arxel.com). Arxel is producing adventure titles with a European flare, and is even publishing their own titles.

Their games are not for the faint-hearted. The two most recent are *The Ring: The Legend of the Nibelungen*, and *Faust*. For

any literature and music majors out there, you'll get the idea. However, both titles are modern and full of interest for even the novice.

Another title expected out soon takes things to epic proportions. The first installment of *The Legend of the Prophet and the Assassin* is a tale of the Templar Knight Tancrède, who is betrayed by his religion and country. To exact revenge he begins to track down the false prophet, Simon de Lancrois, and in his journey becomes a legendary bandit in the wilds of the Arabian deserts. If adventures are your thing, keep an eye out for it sometime next month. For the first time Arxel Tribe will release *The Legend of the Prophet and the Assassin* simultaneously in the U.S. and Europe. •



Monkey Island



Legend of the Prophet and the Assassin



The Ring: The Legend of the Nibelungen



Faust

Salary Comparison: the Big 12

	Head Football Coach	President	Average Professor
Texas Tech	\$250,000	\$236,000	\$79,900
Texas	\$201,200	\$311,000	\$89,400
Texas A&M	\$301,200	\$250,000	\$80,500
Nebraska	\$209,250	\$209,780	\$78,200
Oklahoma	\$175,000	\$216,522	\$77,900
Kansas State	\$190,000	\$193,572	\$66,900
Colorado	\$154,500	\$285,000	\$74,400
Missouri	\$180,400	\$204,540	\$79,000
Iowa State	\$158,360	\$195,000	\$83,200
Kansas	\$122,548	\$207,489	\$74,200
Oklahoma State	\$137,000	\$200,000	\$70,500
Baylor	Unavailable*	\$239,922	\$77,300

*Baylor officials declined to disclose coaching salaries



\$30K



\$250K

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

(AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

Texas A&M football coach R.C. Slocum.

Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen.



Former Afghan Whigs leader has a new sound—and a new outlook.

Greg Dulli Reinvents Himself

The Twilight Singers

Twilight as Played by the Twilight Singers (Columbia)
By Johnny Walker (Black)

When he rang the bell with 1993's classic *Gentlemen*, black-clad Greg Dulli of Ohio's Afghan Whigs created a "Leonard Cohen on testosterone" persona. He was the streetwise tough guy tormented by both the opposite sex and by the sensitive artiste within. This stance worked exquisitely for a few years, but after the searing post-*Gentlemen* effort *Black Love*, Dulli found his black romantic persona eating him alive, turning him to heroin and assorted other painkillers for comfort.

Finally stabilized by a Zoloft regimen, the singer-songwriter responded by rein-

venting himself on the Whigs's 1998's funk-soul departure *1965*, eschewing the tortured artist character for a more loose-fitting soul-man guise. The critics raved, but, predictably the fans frowned. Many demanded the old, depressed Dulli back.

The disgruntled faction of Whigites just might be placated by Dulli's latest effort, *Twilight as Played by the Twilight Singers*. Essentially a collaboration with sometime Whig keyboardist and Howlin' Maggie frontman Harold "Happy" Chichester, The Twilight Singers are half in love with an easel death, and at home in the encroaching darkness the Whigs against.



Here, the usual dramatic emotional catharsis found in the best Whigs songs is replaced by a nighttime electro-glide: silky R&B beats tinged with contemporary drum 'n' bass and trip-hop touches. Even more of a departure from the Whigs sound is "That's Just How That Bird Sings," which finds Chichester, Dulli and Shawn Smith emoting prettily like a streetwise version of Crosby, Stills and Nash over a gently strummed acoustic guitar. The three also team up again on "Clyde," a slinky, sinister number driven by a loping funk beat.

Fans of Dulli's more Cohen-like, tortured poet side will find plenty to mull over here. "King Only" finds him admitting that "I fell far enough to touch the hand of Lucifer," while in "Last Temptation" he admonishes a lover, "Every time I think of you I get the same old sinking feeling."

On *Twilight as Played by the Twilight Singers*, Dulli achieves artistic growth through a reconciliation of opposites, yoking dark and light, good and evil, God and Satan together in an effort to heal his fractured psyche. It all comes together on the anthemic closer "Twilight," where Dulli lyrically traverses the details of a dead love affair. Instead of ending in the usual fit of rage, he simply chants, "everything's gonna be alright." And, for the duration of this impressive album, everything certainly is. •

For more about Greg Dulli, the Afghan Whigs and Twilight Singers, go to Steamtunnels.net and search using keywords "Greg Dulli."

Photo: Danny Clinch

The Heisman Watch

Steamtunnels Profiles the Heisman Trophy Contenders.

LaDainian Tomlinson

TCU

Position: RB
Class: Senior
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 217
Hometown: Waco, TX

LaDainian Tomlinson might be the most explosive running back in college football today. Tomlinson owns the NCAA Division-I single game rushing record, which he set on November 20, 1999 against UTEP, when he ran for 406 yards on 43 carries. "LT" was a first-team All-America selection by *Athlon*, *Playboy*, *Football News*, *The Sporting News*, *Texas Football*, *Blue Ribbon*, *Street and Smith*, and *Preview Sports*. Tomlinson has led the Horned Frogs to two consecutive bowl victories, and they show no signs of letting up this season. They are currently ranked tenth in the nation and are undefeated. —ABaldwin

1999 stats

- Rushed for 1850 yards on 268 carries
- Averaged 6.9 yards per carry
- 18 TDs

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eBooks—Not Tree Books

The digital revolution comes to literature.

By Emile Andre

In March, 400,000 readers bought Stephen King's *Riding the Bullet* the very first day it was available. Doesn't sound like such a big deal for America's best-selling author—right? Wrong. All 400,000 of them downloaded the electronic version.

Many print publishers are doing electronic editions as well as hardcover paperback and audio books. Not every book is available in eBook format yet—but that day is not far off.

The eBook phenomenon began in the '70s, with Project Gutenberg (gutenberg.net) an early effort to make the classics available electronically. Other attempts to make the classics available online include the MIT site dedicated to Shakespeare (<http://tech-two.mit.edu/Shakespeare>). When dedicated eBook devices like the Rocket eBook Reader and SoftBook Reader came out in late 1998, it inspired publishers to make thousands of titles available. And with software like ActiveSync and Microsoft Reader, which make eBooks available for handheld devices, eBooks are now widely available for personal digital assistants.

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Like most of the digital world, eBooks are more widely available for PCs than for Macs. The industry is troubled by a lack of standards as well: with almost a dozen different file formats, some compatible with some devices, some with others.

EBooks range from about \$2 to \$25. Some eBooks are sold with Softlock, software that lets you preview before you buy. You can download them or buy the CD-ROM—downloads usually cost a little less.

A little browsing of some eBook links will give you an idea of what's available online. Check out some of the sites in the box at right to get started. •

Handhelds and eBooks

Use your PDA to read books on the road.

Since you can download a book to your hard drive, you can move that file over to your Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) as well. We tried out a few handheld devices to see how well they worked.

The Cassiopeia EM-500 (\$499) is a snazzy looking box that downloads books using ActiveSync software. It comes with only a couple of fairy tales pre-installed, but it's easy to read and use. The screen is large, and adjustable a million ways to Sunday. Best of all, it feels good and looks sharp.

If size matters to you, two slimmed down versions are the Handspring Visor Deluxe (\$249) and the Palm IIIe (starts at \$129; HotSync software is extra). Most users like the Palm III



for the price. As an eBook device, it's just a starter kit. The Visor Deluxe costs a bit more, but has lots more memory. Unfortunately, we did not receive the HP Jornada 545 in time for review. It lists for \$499, and uses Microsoft Reader for its eBook downloads, and looks like it's loaded with options.

Aiming for the top of the market, for the real hardcore eBook users, are the Gemstar eBook (\$299-\$699) and the Franklin eBookman (\$129-\$229), both of which will be released this fall. They're dedicated devices for reading eBooks, and can play MP3s as well (the Gemstar is a relaunch of the old Rocket eBook, which was pulled off the market earlier this year). These will be the Jaguars of the eBook world, with built-in dictionaries, loads of titles as part of the original package and enough memory to store 20 books (upgradable to 150). Into eBooks? Make sure one of these babies is on your holiday wish list. •

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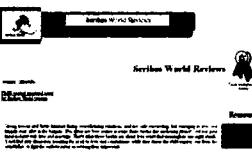
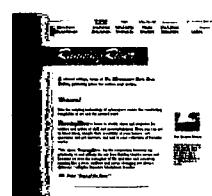
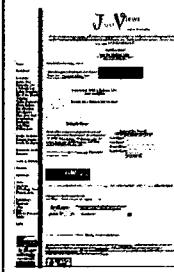
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SPECIAL FEATURE

Everyone's Doing It

Group Shopping: Lowers Prices, Raises Credit Card Bills.

By Tamar Maor

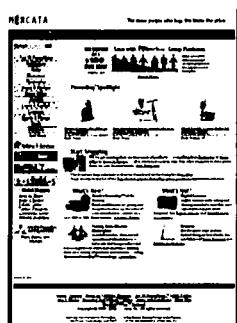
Everyone looks for deals when shopping. Instead of searching through the paper for sales, join the new craze of group shopping to save yourself some cash. These programs work by having people join together online to buy a product. The more people who buy, the lower the price drops (within reason). Essentially you get a wholesale price for buying one item.

The most popular of these programs is Mercata.com (mercata.com), where you can buy anything from electronics to hiking and camping equipment. Mercata offers a great feature where you can reserve a product and it will automatically purchase it if the price drops to whatever you specify. Browsing this site will lead you to purchase many more gadgets than necessary, so fix yourself a budget before logging on.

Volumebuy (volumebuy.com) offers three types of group purchase discounts, and each item in their catalog falls into one category. The first option is a time power pool, where there are several time periods with fixed

prices. The longer you wait, the less you pay because the program allows Volumebuy more time to receive orders and get a greater volume discount. The second option is flex power,

where the price drops as more people enter the group at any stage of the sale. The third—group power pools—work only if the specified amount of people purchase the item; then everyone receives the product. All three styles of discount offer lower prices than MSRP, however cross-checking other sites is a good idea before tying yourself down.



Mobshop (mobshop.com) has a similar selection as Mercata, but offers some unique features that might make it a superior site to some. Mobshop is offering free shipping in the U.S., so if you're purchasing something rather large it could be beneficial for you to pay more but not pay for shipping. They also have an excellent notification program. You can either reserve a spot if the price drops to a certain level, or you can be notified by e-mail so you can make the decision then. Being notified is convenient because it gives you a little more time to decide if you'd rather spend that money on an evening at the bar, or perhaps it's already spent.

If none of these sites offer what you want, direct your browser to Zwirl.com (zwirl.com). It works on a different concept: Groups of buyers interested in the same sort of product band together. Sellers look at the specifications of each group's request, and make them an offer based on the amount of people in the group. Joining a group allows you

to discuss the product with other members, look at product reviews, and view suggested helpful links. If a group for the product

you're looking for doesn't exist, you can create one on your own, perhaps other people will join and a seller will make an offer. If no one joins your group, try pricewatch.com to find a low price on the product.

Group buying offers some great deals for mainstream products. When looking to buy something from one of these sites, always compare the price they are offering to other general stores on the web. Many times the "great price" group buying list is not so great, and you can find a much better deal elsewhere. •

SHOPPING

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styleshop.com

Are you a fashion diva, or the queen of finding the best deals around? Either way, check out styleshop.com before your next mall trip. It gives you the latest information on the coolest brands and discounts at your favorite stores. Head-to-toe articles on where the latest trends are going, and super search capabilities will keep you ahead of the fashion crowd. EFeick

Usability: A- Content: A-



SPORTS

Crossrocket

crossrocket.com

Looking for latest quarterpipe contest coverage, rookie snowboarder info, or xtreme sport gossip? Check out crossrocket's site, where you can find all this and cool boarder movie trailers, photos, and a couple of interesting quotes from...Eminem? Well, if you're feeling frisky and particularly amoral, you can make bets with the Snowboard Bookie and compare notes worldwide or just with your friends. Adrenaline Theater, the folks behind this site, know what they're doing. YTabi

Usability: A- Content: B

SweetSport.Com

sweetsport.com

All you soccer fanatics out there take a breather and listen up: This is a site that you'll want to browse. Ever wanted to ask a pro soccer player for advice or chat with them about what it's like to play professional soccer? You can do it at sweetsport.com. While surfing sweetsport, ask a pro or coach for help. Players who haunt the site include Mark Chung, Robin Fraser and Tony Sanneh. BKeith

Content: A Usability: B+

SITE REVIEWS

Extreme Mountain Biking

Extreme.nas.net

For of the most comprehensive mountain biking sites out there, point your browser to Extreme.nas.net. Everything you need to know or even want to know about the sport is here. Wanna buy a new bike or maybe even sell one? You can do it here. Also find articles and reviews on bikes and manufacturers. Extreme.nas.net even has a section where avid bikers can post their worst crashes...even the pics! Gnarly, huh? Finding new single-track treks across the country is a breeze with their detailed trail search feature.

BKeith

Content: A- Usability: B+

GAMING

Game Spot

Zdnet.com/gamespot

GameSpot.com has been popular among hardcore gamers since its launch on the web. After a recent acquisition/merger with growing online giant ZDNet, Gamespot has maintained its place among the best video game sites the Internet has to offer. You would be hard pressed to find a site with more reviews, previews, hints, cheats, and features. The site is also a great place to find downloadable patches and up to date news from the gaming universe. JLowenthal

Content: A- Usability: A-

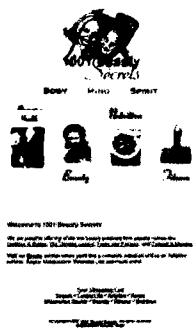
HEALTH AND BEAUTY

1001 Beauty Secrets

1001beautysecrets.com

If you're looking for a new lifestyle—or just a new look—this should be your first stop. The site is divided into four sections: alternative health, nutrition, fitness, and beauty. Each category has tips and articles along with links for buying books and health and beauty products. 1001beautysecrets.com will surely have you practicing yoga, eating bok choy, and taking daily bee pollen supplements after one visit. TMao

Content: B+ Usability: A



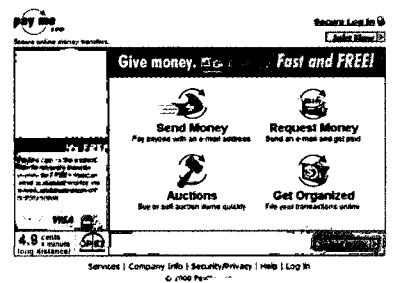
FINANCE

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Content: A- Usability: A-



Bepaid

bepaid.com

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Content: B Usability: B

FUN

FrozenFeline

Frozenfeline.com

While some people use the Internet to convey important messages to an audience that is wider and more diverse than anything that they could have possibly reached otherwise, others just use it to goof off. Such is the case at Frozenfeline.com, an oddball archive of absurd senselessness. From their colorful clip art of dancing monkeys to ridiculous filmettes,

FrozenFeline's visually stimulating art is as funny as it is engaging. The best feature of this wacky site is their goal of rhyming in as much of their prose as possible—it makes for very interesting reading, especially in the responses of their sex advice columnist. JLowenthal

Content: A- Usability: B

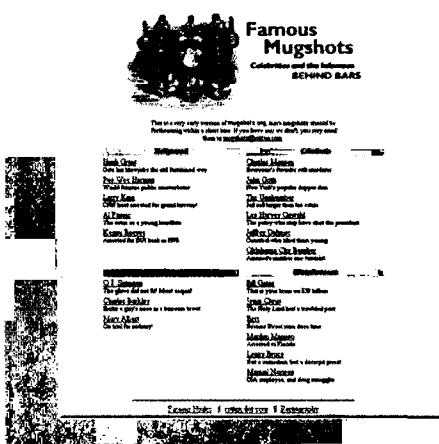
Editors Pick

Famous Mugshots

Mugshots.org

Ever wanted to see a celebrity at their worst? Mugshots capture that special moment right after an arrest. Their categories are Hollywood, sports, criminals, and miscellaneous. Each picture has a short blurb about the incident and when it occurred. A couple of spoofs like Jesus and Sesame Street's Bert stand side-by-side with OJ and Charles Manson. TMao

Content: A Usability: A



Do you have a web site you just can't live without? Tell us about it in our first ever "Your Picks" web site review special.

We'll publish 12 student submitted reviews in the April 2 issue of Steamtunnels.

Here are the rules:

1. Send your reviews to: editor@steamtunnels.net by Feb. 1, 2001
2. Reviews will be selected for publication by the Steamtunnels editorial staff
3. Reviews must be less than 100 words in length, and should follow the format of previously published reviews.
4. All submissions must be accompanied by the author's name, address, phone number and college or university. (Only name and university will be used for publication.)

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Please take a few moments to fill out and return this survey. Your opinions are very important to us and will help influence the look and feel of future issues of *Steamtunnels*. **The first 50 respondents will receive a free Steamtunnels T-Shirt.** Thanks!

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