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Cross-examination reveals inconsistencies

Alleged victim testifies at Elam trial, but defense attorney discovers inaccuracies

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

SOUTH BEND — The defense attorney for former Notre Dame football player Abram Elam cross-examined his 22-year-old accuser Wednesday, pointing out several inconsistencies in her statements and testimony

about the alleged sexual assault incident.

Elam is charged with conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery in connection with a March 28, 2002 incident at a tri-level house on Warrick



Elam

Street.

During defense attorney Mark Lenyo's questioning, the alleged victim — who was a 20-year-old Notre Dame student at the time of the incident — admitted she had consumed alcohol while taking two pre-

scription medications, disregarding the instructions on the bottles. She said she drank three mixed drinks and several sips of beer, prompting Lenyo to question her written statement that she was "100 percent sober" on the night of the incident.

The woman also said she had

not intended to inform either the University or the police of the events, but her parents contacted the Notre Dame administration after she told her family what had happened.

The University, she said, specifically advised her not to go

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Professor emeritus injured in U.N. attack



San Jose Mercury News

Rescue workers examine the rubble of the U.N. compound Aug. 19 after a suicide bomber blew up a large portion of the building. Notre Dame professor emeritus of political science Gilbert Loescher was seriously injured in the attack that killed 22.

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The Aug. 19 suicide bombing outside the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, which killed at least 22 and wounded hundreds, seriously injured a Notre Dame professor who was in Iraq researching the costs and reconstruction after the recent war.

Gilbert Loescher, a professor emeritus of political science, and colleague Sergio Vieira de Mello, a U.N. special representative, were working in the headquarters when the late-afternoon explosion occurred. Loescher, who retired from Notre Dame three years ago, was working for the Open Democracy Project at the time of the blast.

The Washington Post reported an Army sergeant and a paramedic from the New York City Fire Department worked for approximately three hours to free Loescher and Vieira de Mello from the debris that pinned them down. About 15 minutes before Loescher was freed, Vieira de Mello died

before rescuers were able to free him.

Loescher was flown to a U.S. Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany for medical attention. As a result of the blast he lost both legs above the knee, fractured several bones, severely injured his right hand and sustained several scrapes and cuts.

Loescher's wife and daughters joined him in Germany and created a Web site to post updates of his recovery.

The Web site said Loescher's condition varies daily but has improved considerably. He remains in the intensive care unit on a respirator, and doctors have begun to reduce his sedatives, which had stabilized his condition and relieved pain. His larger wounds remain open and some cuts on his body were so deep staples were needed to close the lacerations.

Doctors and family members said they were uncertain whether Loescher is aware of the severity of the bombing and if he knows that Vieira de Mello

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Lawsuits threaten student filesharing

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

For years, students downloaded copyrighted music and other files under the anonymity of handles such as NDQTPie, Golrish04 and BellesFan12. Most knew these downloads were not legal, but few feared they would get into trouble for downloading the latest U2 song.

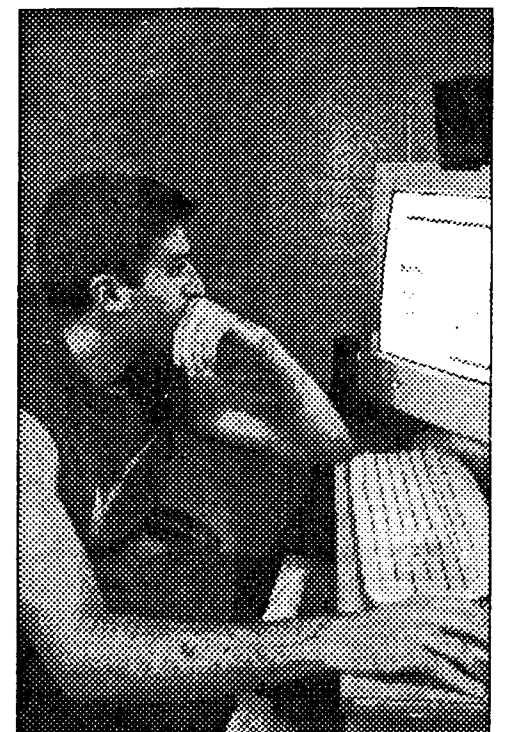
But a series of court rulings and decisions by the Recording Industry of America threaten to change

this culture, putting students who illegally download copyrighted files at risk of legal action.

"We are advising all students to think very carefully about the degree to which they put themselves at legal risk by downloading or sharing copyrighted files," said Gordon Wishon, Notre Dame's chief information officer.

Saint Mary's has repeatedly warned students not to download copyrighted files.

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ANDY KENNA/The Observer

A student browses his computer for music files. Filesharing may soon become more risky for students due to the RIAA's decision to pursue legal action.

ND tuition, fees continue to rise

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

In what has become as traditional as football and finals for university students across the country, the cost of a Notre Dame education has risen once again.

Tuition and fees increases, which were announced in the spring for the 2003-04 academic year, jumped from \$32,515 to \$34,680 for each on-campus student. While a \$1,660 rise in tuition itself has constituted the bulk of the increase, the University's Board of Trustees approved a 2003-04 tuition package that added for the first time a \$50 per semester Health Center Access Fee to its undergraduate tuition.

Ann Kleva, director of University Health Services, said that the increase was made after Health Services, the University Counseling Center and the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education submitted a joint budget proposal to the Office of Student Affairs suggesting the need for increased funding to the three organizations, which classify themselves as wellness and prevention services for the University community.

After careful review, the proposal was approved by the administration and passed on to the Board of Trustees, which gave the addition a positive nod as a component of the 2003-04 tuition and fees package.

Increase in Student Costs

Annual Costs for Notre Dame Undergrads

2001-2002	2002-2003
Tuition: \$24,320	Tuition: \$25,510
Tech Fee: \$100	Tech Fee: \$250
Student Acct.: \$65	Student Acct.: \$80
Observer: \$12	Observer: \$12
Room/Board: \$6,210	Room/Board: \$6,510
Room Phone: \$147	Room Phone: \$153
Total: \$30,854	Total: \$32,515

2003-2004

Tuition: \$27,170
Tech Fee: \$250
Student Acct.: \$80
Health Center: \$100
Observer: \$12
Room/Board: \$6,930
Room Phone: \$158

Total: \$34,700

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"This is not taken lightly," Kleva said. "[The administration] is very sensitive to any tuition increases. But to be able to provide these programs on campus, you've got to support them."

Notre Dame is not alone among its peers nationally when it comes to charging students for medical services within its general tuition package. A large part of the health and wellness organizations' report to Student Affairs included benchmarking the University's programs with those of other comparable national institutions, such as Boston College, Duke, Indiana University, Clemson and Texas A & M, among others. Most of these institutions, Kleva said, charge students directly for services rendered, on top of the annual health services fee.

"They charge anywhere from \$55 per semester at Texas A & M to over \$200 per semester at Duke," she said. "We thought \$50 per semester was a realistic and workable fee to help us out in the future."

Kleva attributed increasing operating costs in part to the ever-increasing costs of health care and the documentation of thousands of student immunization and health records that the University is required by state and federal governments to keep on file.

"We must provide tuberculosis immunizations for international students and those from high-risk areas," she said. "We must keep and document their records — and all students' immunization records... We are also required to provide education to students regarding the hepatitis and meningitis vaccines. That's a full-time job in itself."

The costs of maintaining a full-time, 24-hour a day health center have become increasingly difficult to address, Kleva said, as updating academic buildings and hiring new faculty often take precedence over spending tuition dollars on such auxiliary programs as health and wellness

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INSIDE COLUMN

Scandal at the Rock

Shoulders aren't sexy. They can be freckled, bony, muscular, shrimpy or even minorly attractive, but they're not sexy. I don't sit in South Dining Hall with my girlfriends talking about the hot shoulders on that guy in the stir-fry line, and I seriously doubt that any of the men on this campus waste their time checking out the shoulders on us.

Claire Heininger

Production

But apparently, according to the rule-makers at the Rock — that's the Knute Rockne Memorial workout building for all of you sloths out there — shoulders are an urgent issue.

Or rather, hiding shoulders is an urgent issue.

Let me explain. When this exhausted, sweat-soaked, endorphin-drenched female stumbles the last few steps of her lake run up those famous stairs, she is not only greeted by the smiling statue of Rockne.

Knute's contented, welcoming expression bears no resemblance to the indignant look on the front desk attendant's face. "Sorry," he or she will say, frowning disapprovingly at my shoulder-exposing tank top. "You gotta have sleeves on to come inside."

This has happened to me on several occasions, and countless more times to my female friends — having our ambitious post-run plans of weight-lifting, stretching, or even just getting a drink of water shot down at the sight of our scandalous shoulders.

Never mind that male friends walk right on upstairs in their cut-off T-shirts, bound for the familiar light-headed scents of chlorine and basketball rubber and oversprayed weight-room Lysol. Never mind that a girl could be wearing a hat, gloves, full-length pants and boots, but still be turned away at the mere glimpse of a collarbone.

If it's Notre Dame's responsibility to protect our chastity, then why stop at locking down female dorms 24 hours a day? Why stop at forcing male visitors to hand over their ID cards, sign in their names and suffer under the scrutinizing looks of security guards when they even dare to broach such a security fortress?

They ought to know by now that the real temptation doesn't come from spending time with a member of the opposite sex after midnight, or even from taking a sip of beer — it's the naked shoulders of the panting, dripping girl on the next treadmill.

If you consider yourself a knowledgeable Notre Dame student, you already know that Knute Rockne was an amazing football coach and an honorable American. But now you know that his legacy isn't complete without a mention of his shoulder fetish.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE STRANGEST THING YOU'VE SEEN IN A DORM?



Emree Chapman

Freshman
Pasquerilla
East Hall

"Someone sleeping outside the door."



Conner O'Keefe

Junior
Alumni Hall

"Someone's puke."



Dave Cieslak

Senior
Carroll Hall

"A bat, it was flying around and it had to be chased out the front door."



Cory McDevitt

Senior
Breen-Phillips Hall

"Lots of cockroaches."



Michaelae Carney

Senior
Cavanaugh Hall

"Dirty underwear."



Gary Pritts

Freshman
Stanford Hall

"The mess in Alumni Hall."

THE WRITING ON THE WALL



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Alumni Hall residents use the front of their dormitory to voice their comments on former football players Chris and Greg Olsen's decision to transfer from the University.

OFFBEAT

Volunteers find skeletal hand in roadside cleanup

DUNKIRK, Ind. — Volunteers picking up trash along a highway found the skeletal remains of a human hand that apparently was once a teaching tool for a biology class.

Volunteers discovered the hand Tuesday along Indiana 167 just north of Dunkirk, about 15 miles northeast of Muncie.

Investigators determined the hand had been reconstructed for use in a biology or anatomy class. The bones were connected by wires, said Lt. Andy Coffee, commander of the Indiana State Police post in Redkey.

"It's kind of weird when

you reach down to pick up trash, and I looked down and realized — that's not animal bones," said James Wasson, a veterinarian who was working with members of the Dunkirk Kiwanis Club.

When he spotted the bones in the grass, Wasson immediately backed away and called police, who later secured the scene and took a series of photographs before picking up the hand.

Prosecutors offer amnesty for return of fiberglass pigs

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The county prosecutor is offering amnesty to those who stole four life-size fiberglass pigs that were part of

a public art display in the city's downtown.

About one pig per month was swiped from 300-pound concrete slabs throughout the display that began in May as a benefit for the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette and CASAs for Kids Inc.

If those who have the stolen pigs return them to police or the art museum by Sept. 1, they will not face criminal charges, Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Jerry Bean said.

"We'd like to get the pigs returned, and hopefully they're in good condition," he said Monday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame sophomores may purchase season football tickets today at the Stadium box office, across from the Joyce Center. Tickets are available for \$144.

The Graduate Student Union will host a picnic to celebrate the return of all graduate students and their families to campus. The welcome-back event will be held at the Fischer Graduate Residence from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today. All graduate students and their families are invited to attend.

The Class of 2006 will hold a late-night grill tonight on the Fieldhouse Mall from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services will sponsor a welcome back picnic Friday to celebrate the beginning of another academic year. The dinner will be held on the Fieldhouse Mall from 4 to 6 p.m. and will feature ethnic food and cultural dances. All students are invited to participate.

The Show. Notre Dame's annual opening concert, will return to campus Friday with performances by Black Eyed Peas and Guster. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center, and tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office for \$10.

Legends of Notre Dame will hold a Club Dance night from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday morning to celebrate its grand opening.

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

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Department of Chemical Engineering changes name

Discipline will now be known as Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In order to better reflect their gradual process towards integrating bioengineering and molecular biology into their curriculum, the Department of Chemical Engineering formally changed its name over the summer to the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

According to Mark McCready, department chair, the name change reflects seven years of integration of molecular engineering into his department's curriculum, faculty interests and research opportunities. In addition, new faculty in bioengineering were hired and additional faculty modified their interests in research to better represent a biological perspective.

"By the end of last year, we felt we had made enough progress on our plan to alter the department name to reflect our changes in research and curriculum," he said. "The embracement of molecular biology is occurring because it provides intellectual and educational opportunities that are so exciting we could not pass on them."

The name change will give both

undergraduates and graduate students better access to research and courses focusing on biomolecular engineering. Courses in such areas as biomaterials engineering and bioprocess engineering have already been offered, and McCready said that his department plans to recruit at least one additional faculty member specializing in bioengineering to further advance course and research opportunities.

"If the opportunities were there to take electives, I would consider it," said Jon Conover, a Knott Hall junior majoring in the department. "The more opportunities there are for people, the better."

Agnes Ostafin, an assistant professor in the department specializing in biomolecular engineering, said that the name change may also attract students with an interest in this area of engineering who would not otherwise have applied.

"In the past, students interested

"Biomedical and biomolecular engineering is the hottest, fastest-growing trend in engineering right now."

Andre Palmer
Chemical and Biomolecular
Engineering professor

in these areas [biological or biomolecular engineering] were unaware of the opportunities available to them. Web searches did not hit our department, and our name was not associated

strongly with this area," she said. "If they [students] do not see they can get appropriate training here, they will go elsewhere. It is a necessity to sell the assets of the department in the strongest terms possible."

At the graduate level, McCready said the changes to the graduate core are planned in "the near future," but he also said that the addition of biomolecular engineering to the department's name will probably not significantly improve the reputation of the program, since it is already highly regarded.

"Since we are already recognized by leading chemical departments as producing students for their Ph. D programs who are better or equal to any other university, our growth into bioengineering will not be likely to improve this situation," he said. "However, our students will be intrinsically better educated ... [and] should see expanded employment opportunities as chemical engineering programs around the country are hiring faculty who have bioengineering interests."

Chris Norfolk, president of the Chemical Engineering Graduate Student organization, says that the department's additional focus on biomolecular engineering will have a global rather than an individual effect on students enrolled in the program.

"The change in name makes the department more appealing to a wider group of students, at both the graduate and the undergraduate levels,

and we're excited about attracting even greater numbers of the nation's brightest students into our labs," he said.

Andre Palmer, an assistant

professor in the department, said that the name change reflects the growing importance of biomedical and biomolecular engineering within the numerous concentrations that comprise engineering.

"I am thrilled that the department is at the vanguard of the trend towards biomolecular engineering," he said. "Biomedical and biomolecular engineering is the hottest, fastest-growing trend in engineering right now ... universities are trying to increase their research capacity in bio-

based projects and industries such as pharmaceutical companies always are looking for students with a fine-tuned understanding of biomedical, biochemical and biomolecular applications and concepts."

Palmer also said that students of all levels in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering will see benefits.

"The name change will benefit current students because when they enter the job market, prospective employers will understand that their curricula includes solid grounding in biomolecular theories and applications. I hope it also encourages current engineering students to consider taking a bio-based course, or to conduct research in a bio-based lab," he said. "Additionally, both undergraduate and graduate students who are considering study at Notre Dame will understand that they can take advantage of the department's shift toward biomolecular engineering."

McCready said that his department is considering some changes to the undergraduate chemical engineering curriculum, but these changes are not related to biomolecular engineering. He also said that the current concentration option in biomolecular engineering will continue for students who wish to take electives devoted solely to this topic.

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services.

"We're in an academic environment," Kleva said, "but we provide support to that academic environment — but tuition is coveted to provide the best academic environment possible. We almost have to rely on our own resources ... to be able to provide 24-hour service and to improve and expand education. We do provide quite comprehensive health services on campus, and for that we require additional funding. We don't want to decrease services."

Students who visit the University's health center, which is open 24 hours a day during the academic year, are not charged for such basic services as physician visits, drop-in appointments or overnight stays in the center's upstairs inpatient care department. The center provides a free van service to transport students to and from off-campus doctor, dentist, physical therapy and counseling appointments during normal business hours.

Kleva estimated that the health center has had an average of 18,000 annual visits during the last three years in its walk-in clinic, which includes allergy and travel/immunization services.

Since the addition of the annual fee, University Health Services has not increased its operating expenses, and has continued to assess the lowest costs possible to students who utilize such services as X-rays and pharmacy, Kleva said.

"The costs that we charge are way below market," she said. "We're not in the business to make money — we're in the business to pay for supplies."

The extra revenue generated by the addition to this year's tuition package will go directly to a Student Affairs fund that has been allocated to the office's three health and wellness organizations.

"[The money] is solely used to support student health and wellness and prevention services on campus," Kleva said. "This was a necessary increase to maintain the richness of healthcare on cam-

pus."

The \$50 per semester Health Center Access Fee that students and parents will be assessed is not expected to increase over the next few years, Kleva said.

"I don't anticipate an increase — we feel in the very near future that this isn't something that's going to increase annually," she said.

Another increase to the tuition bill that students and parents received in the mail this year was in the room telephone charge, an annual fee that covers the costs of local phone and voicemail services.

Room phone fees increased \$7 in 2003-04 from the last academic year, a 4.5 percent rise comparable to that which affected room and board charges.

"We key the phone rate increase to the increase in room and board," said the University's deputy CIO Dr. Dewitt Latimer. "Like room and board, the phone service is tied to the cost of providing it."

Although dorm room phone charges have increased for students, they have not risen at the same rate assessed to the rest of campus. Faculty, staff and administrative offices have seen an 11 percent increase in their own phone services this year, he said.

While increased revenue will cover the ever-fluctuating costs of operating phone systems on campus, it will also allow the University to utilize increased technology in the voicemail system used by faculty, staff and students alike.

"The old phone systems that don't treat voice as data will be replaced by phone systems that do treat voice as data," Latimer said.

Latimer heads the newly created Integrated Communication Services directorate on campus, which has brought the former Telecommunications department under the auspices of the Office of Information Technology since July 1 of this year.

"One of the reasons we merged the two departments was to gain the benefits of common technology," he said. He has led the effort to research possibilities for upgrading the University's voice messaging system over the course of the next few years.

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SMC launches technology store

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

A new addition to Saint Mary's is now open for business.

The campus iStore, located in the Information Technology office, offers students, faculty and staff educationally-priced computers, software, Nextel cellular service and other peripherals.

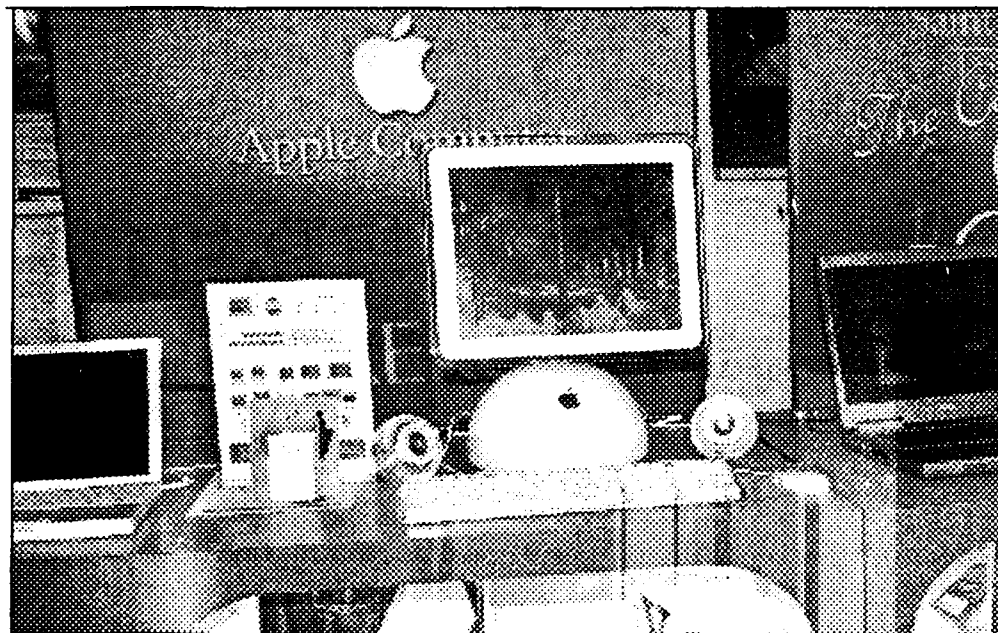
"The feedback I've received has been very positive," said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology. "Most people who bought through us are finding that they are having far fewer problems with their computers."

If there is a problem with something bought from the iStore, a technician will be sent out to fix it.

"It takes the worry out of buying a computer for college," Fowlkes said.

The Saint Mary's campus is progressively transferring from Dell computers to Omni Tech computers. These machines are specifically designed for Saint Mary's campus. All of the equipment in the iStore is tested by Information Technology and compatible with Resnet.

"The Omni Tech computers are a brand that might not be familiar to many people, but they have great prices, service and support," said Fowlkes.



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Saint Mary's new technology store, iStore, offers computers, software and cellular phone service. The store is located in the Information Technology building.

In addition to the lower prices of computers, the iStore is selling Nextel cellular phones and service at a discounted price. Nextel cellular phone and accessory prices are discounted 27 percent while cellular phone service is 10 percent less than that of normal Nextel rates.

Toshiba notebook computers have been the most popular selling item thus far, Fowlkes said. The iStore also reports selling an equal amount of Macintosh and PC computers.

Although the iStore is primarily targeting new students, Fowlkes is hoping to attract returning students to the store as well.

"We're going to be having promotional events in December and near the end of the year," Fowlkes said.

During promotional events, the iStore will open its mobile kiosk in LeMans Hall's Reinbeaux Lounge.

Although the main clientele to the iStore are students, faculty and staff of Saint Mary's, the iStore is open to the larger community.

"We're more than willing to take customers from the Notre Dame and Holy Cross communities," Fowlkes said.

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Baghdad

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and colleague Arthur Helton, from the Council on Foreign Relations, died in the blast. They expect he will experience significant emotional trauma as he recovers.

"He sometimes surfaces from the fog induced by sedatives and seems terrified," the family posted. "He tries to run, throwing his limbs about rhythmically and rolling his head."

Since Friday, Loescher has successfully undergone a series of surgical procedures to flush and clean debris from his wounds. He continues to run a

fever and his blood pressure remains erratic. The family said on the Web site they were hopeful because in recent days Loescher has followed their voices and his high blood pressure drops when a family member talks to him or places a hand on his chest, though Loescher's erratic recovery raises concerns.

Doctors diagnosed Loescher with pneumonia Wednesday and discovered a potential blood clot in his thigh. However, they believe both can be treated.

The family said they hope to move Loescher to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England when he is released in a few weeks. They said doctors expect

to insert a tracheal tube to help him breathe on the respirator when the swelling in his neck reduces.

Loescher, whose expertise is in human rights and refugees, joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1975 and is a fellow in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

His family said on the Web site, "In thinking about Gil and the other new U.N. patients here we have been also thinking about the Iraqi casualties who are not so lucky and who are dying in unsatisfactory hospitals in Iraq ... he would want us to keep them in our thoughts."

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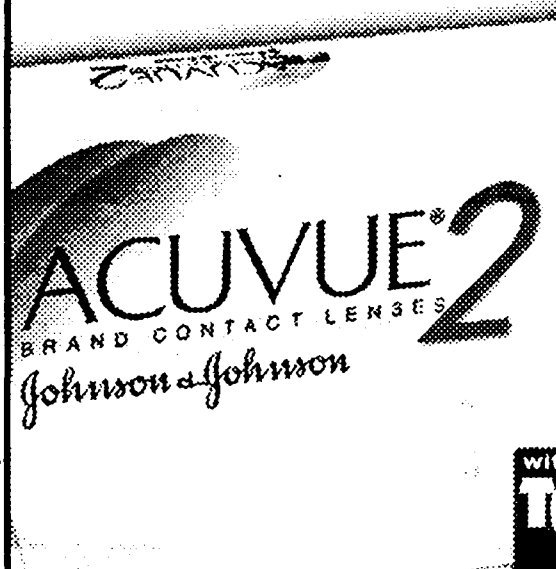
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dozens killed in India stampede

NASIK, India — Crowds of Hindu pilgrims waiting to bathe in a holy river in western India surged over a flimsy bamboo fence, triggering a stampede that killed at least 39 people and injured 125.

Worshippers spilled to the ground as the fence collapsed and were trampled by the thousands of others pushing toward the Godavari River outside the town of Nasik, about 110 miles northeast of Bombay. Twenty-six of the dead were women, said Nasik Mayor Dashrath Patil.

Hamas rejects Arafat peace plea

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat asked militant groups Wednesday to halt attacks on Israelis, the Palestinian leader's first public attempt to restore calm following the collapse of the armed groups' unilateral truce.

But a Hamas leader rejected the call, while Israel, which has tried to sideline Arafat from the peace process, dismissed it as empty rhetoric and said the army would keep rounding up terror suspects and hunting down their leaders.

Spaniards relish tomato battle

MADRID, Spain — Tens of thousands of people got pasted in eastern Spain on Wednesday in one of the country's most popular summer traditions — the annual tomato-throwing festival.

Participants pelted each other with over-ripe tomatoes, turning the streets of the eastern Spanish town of Bunol into red, juicy pools in an annual festival known as "La Tomatina."

It is said to be the world's largest tomato battle. Last year, the crowd numbered around 38,000 — more than four times the population of Bunol.

NATIONAL NEWS

Study: Only 2 of 10 teachers male

WASHINGTON — Know anyone having trouble finding a man? Add public school leaders to the list.

Only two out of 10 teachers in America's classrooms are men, the lowest figure in 40 years, according to a National Education Association survey. Just one in 10 teachers is a minority, another sign that teachers have far less diversity than the people they educate.

West Nile infections leap to 1,400

ATLANTA — West Nile virus activity has again doubled, now affecting more than 1,400 people in the United States, federal officials said Wednesday.

Thirty-four states reported a total of 1,442 cases and 21 deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Last week, the agency reported 715 cases and 14 deaths.

Hope memorial draws stars, pols

LOS ANGELES — Bob Hope was eulogized Wednesday as one of the legendary figures of the past century during a memorial Mass that drew Hollywood stars, politicians and generals.

"He knew how to use laughter to bring us joy," Roman Catholic Cardinal Roger M. Mahony told mourners including Hope's widow, Dolores, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood.

LOCAL NEWS

Baby undergoes major transplant

INDIANAPOLIS — A 14-month-old girl who was born without the ability to digest food was recovering Wednesday after undergoing surgery to replace her intestines, liver, pancreas and stomach.

Doctors said Stormy Bryant was healing from the surgery, known as a multivisceral transplant. Only 29 such procedures were performed last year in the United States, doctors said. Stormy was the first transplant patient in Indiana.

Seven dead in hail of gunfire

Worker kills 6 in Chicago warehouse before being shot dead by SWAT officers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A man who had been fired from an auto parts warehouse six months ago came back with a gun Wednesday and killed six employees in a rampage through a maze of engine blocks and 55-gallon drums before being shot to death by police.

Salvador Tapia died in a gun battle he waged with police inside and outside of the building, hiding behind a container as he fired off rounds from his semiautomatic pistol, authorities said.

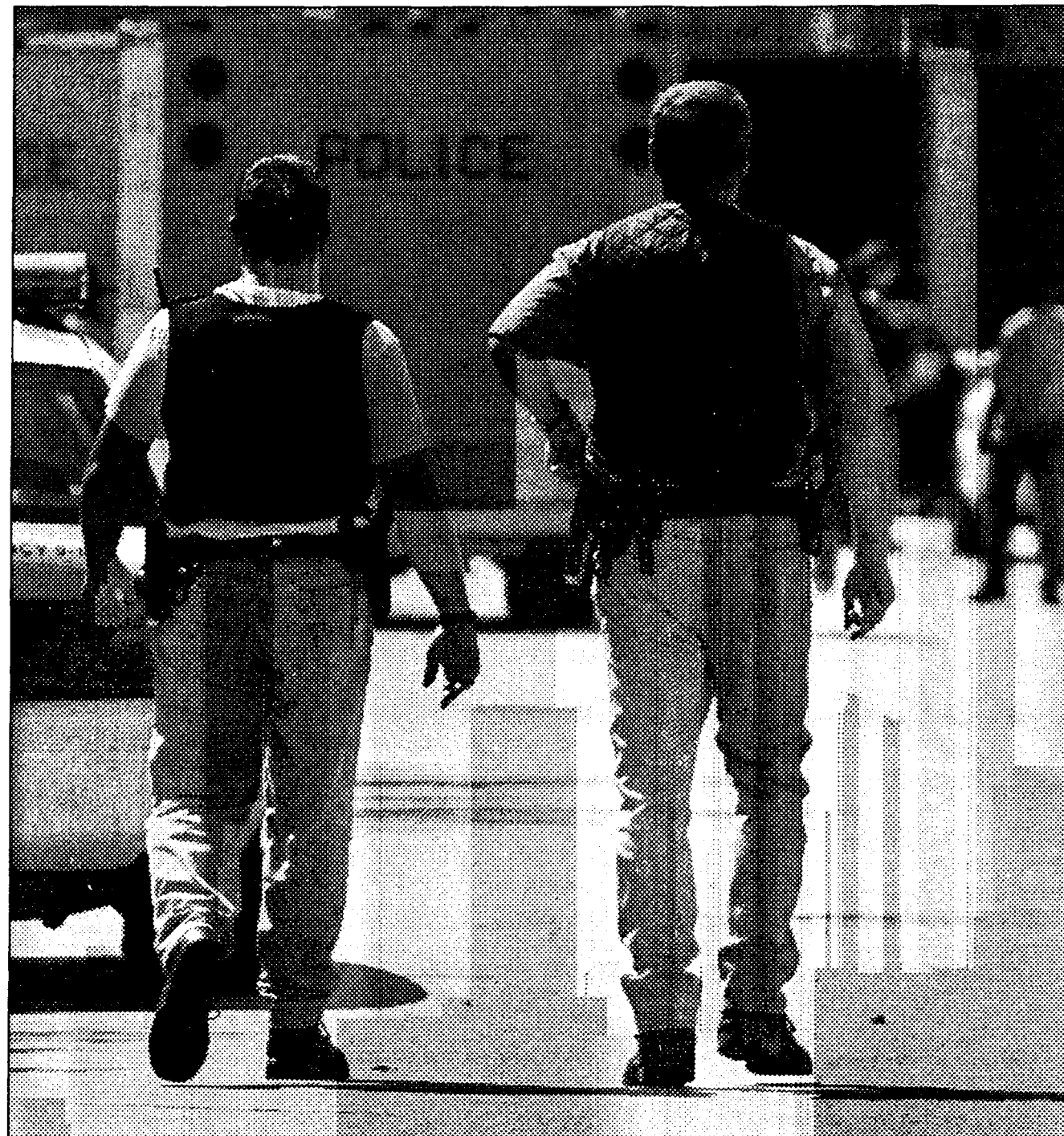
"He got up, he had the gun, they ordered him to drop the gun, he refused to drop the gun. That's when the officer shot him," acting Police Superintendent Phil Cline said.

"We saw a guy shooting at police officers outside the building and saw people running around like crazy," said Al Martinez, who owns a business a half-block away. "We came and saw all the cops running, hiding behind cars."

Tapia, 36, lost his job Windy City Core Supply about six months ago for causing trouble at work and frequently showing up late or not at all, Cline said. He said Tapia had an extensive arrest record.

Cline said when police arrived shortly after 8:30 a.m., they tried to get in the building but were driven back by gunfire. He said when an assault team entered the building they had trouble maneuvering through all the auto parts.

He said four people died at the scene. Tapia and two others were taken to



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Chicago police officers head toward the Windy City Core Supply warehouse, where a disgruntled former employee went on a shooting spree Wednesday. The man killed six people before police officers shot him dead.

hospitals and died there.

"From the scene it appears that he went throughout the supply warehouse shooting them," said Cline. "They weren't all in one section."

Tapia also tied one man's hands behind his back, but the employee escaped unharmed, Cline said.

Pamela George was cooking at the Dox Grill

across the street when a warehouse worker ran in, looking for a phone. "He said someone was in there shooting. He was really scared, like a chicken with its head cut off," she said.

She said police arrived and evacuated the restaurant within five minutes. All buildings within a block of the auto parts and supply store were evacuated.

It was the nation's dead-

liest workplace shooting since July 8, when Doug Williams shot 14 co-workers, killing six, at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant in Meridian, Miss., before taking his own life.

In the Chicago area, William D. Baker, 66, killed four people and himself at a Navistar International engine plant in suburban Melrose Park in February 2001.

Mars makes closest pass in eons

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Mars, the planet the ancients feared and revered as the Red One, the Fiery One, or Death Star, made its closest pass to Earth in 60,000 years Wednesday, glowing a pale orange in a moonless night sky.

Mars is usually about 140 million miles away from Earth, but on Wednesday its orbit brought it about 34.6 million miles away, reaching the closest point at 5:46 a.m. EDT. The planet will not be so close to Earth again until 2287.

Tertius Dormehl and his two children were among those waiting in the long lines wrapped around the parking lot of Johannesburg's planetarium to gaze through telescopes.

"It's stunning, so bright that it's incredible. It gets your mind wandering to space travel — the ultimate adventure," said Dormehl, 40, a project manager at an information technology firm.

For the sharpest eye on Mars, there

was no beating the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope, which snapped dramatic close-ups of the passing planet.

"They are quite spectacular. You knew they were going to be good; seeing them is something else," said Michael Wolff, an astronomer with the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo. "These are the best that have ever been, and will ever be taken with the Hubble Space Telescope."

David Laney, head astronomer of the Cape Town Observatory, said the best vantage point was Tahiti but that viewing would be spectacular anywhere. The good viewing will last for several days as Mars pulls away from Earth, astronomers say.

"The planet is at its biggest and brightest from any position," Laney said. "There is something special about being eyeball to eyeball with Mars."

Budding astronauts abounded at the Johannesburg planetarium.

"I want to study outer space, and I'd really like to go to Mars," said 8-year-old Jessica Gallacher. Her pony-

tailed friend, 7-year-old Robin Walker, said she'd stay away. "I'm scared there would be aliens there," she said.

The Vatican's Jesuit astronomers at the pope's observatory at Castel Gandolfo manned their 40-centimeter Zeiss telescope for some nighttime viewing, said the Rev. Sabino Maffeo, the retired director of the observatory.

In Australia, the skies cleared over Sydney and thousands of people went out to catch a glimpse of the planet in the eastern sky. The view got better overnight Wednesday as Mars rose in the horizon.

About 3,000 people gathered along Hong Kong's waterfront for a closer look. Some waited to peer through a telescope atop Hong Kong's Space Museum, while others settled for the naked eye and cameras.

In Argentina, hundreds of people bundled up against the South American winter chill and passed the night at Buenos Aires planetarium to look through three telescopes set up for the occasion.

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IN BRIEF

EPA relaxes costly air rules

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Wednesday made it easier for thousands of older power plants, refineries and factories to avoid having to install costly clean air controls when they replace aging equipment.

In a major revision to its air pollution rules, the Environmental Protection Agency will allow up to 20 percent of the costs of replacing each plant's production system to be considered "routine maintenance" not requiring expensive anti-pollution controls, according to agency documents and interviews with EPA officials.

The new rule culminates decades of debate over a controversial Clean Air Act program. Electric utilities and oil companies have been urging the White House to revise the program, saying the costs prohibit them from making energy-efficiency improvements.

Biotech firm plans Indy location

INDIANAPOLIS — A biotechnology company said it plans to open a specimen-storage center near Indianapolis International Airport that could eventually create 100 jobs.

The announcement Wednesday by BioStorage Technologies was welcomed by state and city officials who see the life-sciences industry as a way to reduce Indiana's dependence on manufacturing.

BioStorage Technologies said it would invest \$3.5 million to build the headquarters in an industrial park on the city's west side. The company expects to store several hundred thousand specimens during its first year. Temperatures in the storage area will range from room temperature to minus 232 degrees.

NYMEX gasoline futures tumble

NEW YORK — A sizable sell-off in U.S. gasoline futures Wednesday dragged the rest of the New York Mercantile Exchange crude futures trading complex lower.

Since Monday's settlement high of \$1.1163 a gallon, the September gasoline futures contract has lost 8.5 cents, or 7.7 percent. Monday's high had been a new five and a half month high for front-month gasoline futures.

"It's a free-fall," said Tony Rosado, floor trader at Zone Energy, reacting to the selling.

HealthSouth execs plead guilty

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Two former HealthSouth executives pleaded guilty Wednesday to fraud charges in a scheme to overstate earnings at the rehabilitation services company.

The pleas were entered in federal court by Richard Botts, 45, former senior vice president for tax, and Jason Brown, 34, former vice president of finance.

They are among 14 former HealthSouth executives who have entered into plea agreements with prosecutors. Investigators say HealthSouth overstated its earnings by at least \$3.5 billion.

"I regret my actions and I'm very sorry for my actions that furthered this conspiracy," Botts said.

Students boost area eateries

Local restaurants, bars thrive on student business as academic year begins

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Many South Bend and Mishawaka-area restaurants and taverns have witnessed a sharp increase in sales, coinciding with the beginning of classes and the return of students.

Deanna Reed, manager of Famous Dave's, a barbecue restaurant on Grape Road, said business is booming now that Notre Dame students have returned for the fall semester.

"We've definitely picked up since students came back," Reed said. "It's a huge plus for us — I'd say 10 to 15 percent this week."

Higher-end restaurants also count on increased business when school is in session. Tippecanoe Place, which bills itself as "Michiana's most romantic restaurant," caters to students looking for an upscale treat, said general manager and Notre Dame alumnus Dave Barry.

"It's not astoundingly dramatic, but it is a market," he said.

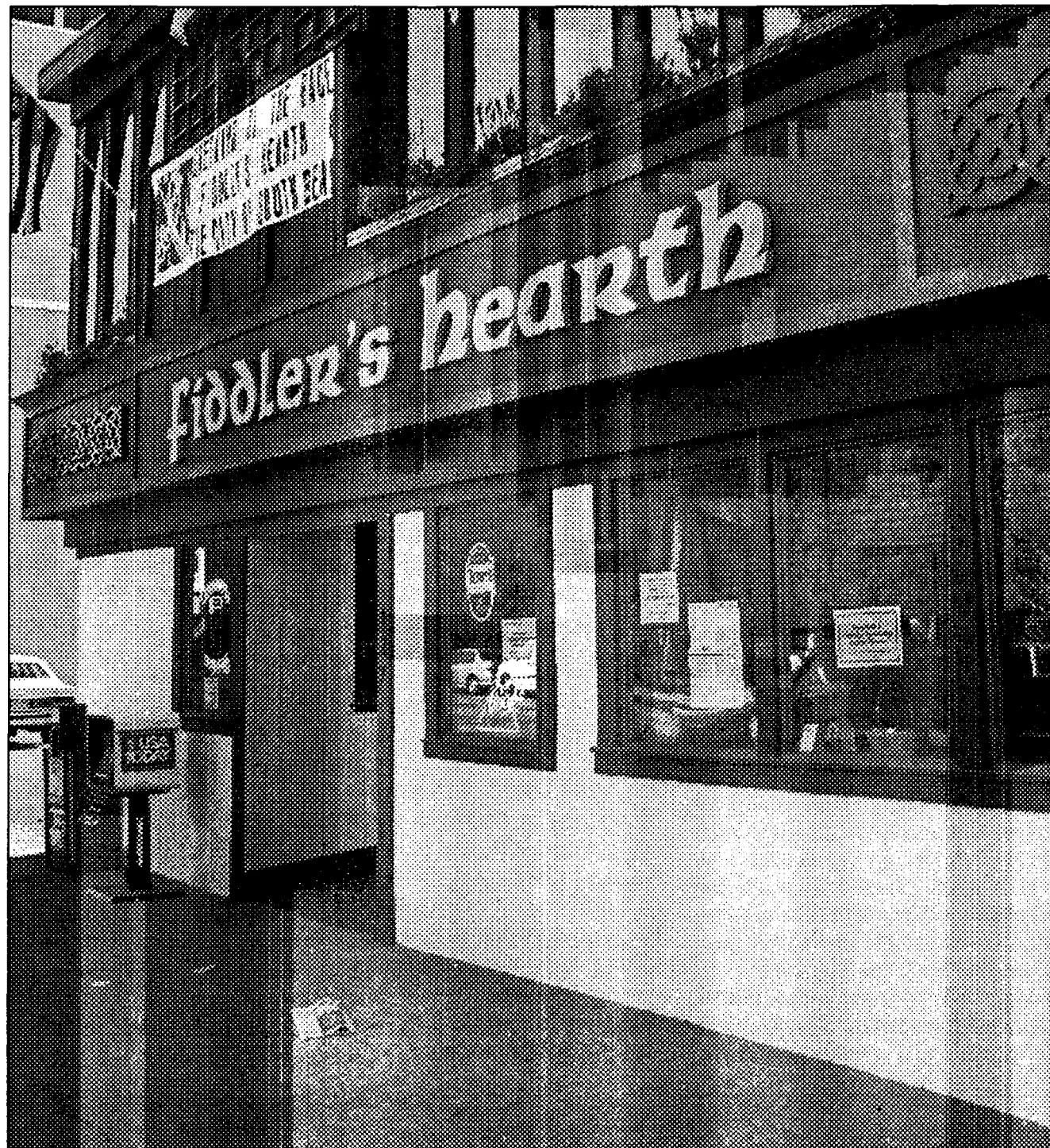
Drinking establishments likewise count on traffic from Notre Dame students, as well as thirsty football fans.

Fiddler's Hearth, a downtown tavern that opened on North Main Street last year, has found success with an influx of Notre Dame customers.

Jason Fawcett, a bartender at the Irish pub, said he has seen "a little bit of a jump" over the past week.

"But the big boom is home football weekends," he said.

Corby's Irish Pub on LaSalle Avenue is also heavily dependent on student patrons.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Fiddler's Hearth is a popular downtown Irish pub. The tavern, like many bars and restaurants in the South Bend area, has experienced a surge in business with the return of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

Manager Jason Zolman said the vast majority — "70 to 80 percent" — of his revenues come from local students.

But the level of business at Corby's is relatively stable year-round, he said.

"For us, it's a smooth transition — Notre Dame students take the place of students who were home for the summer," Zolman said.

Not all businesses have

profited from the beginning of the academic year, however.

Macri's Deli on Niles Avenue, however, has not enjoyed the success of some of its competitors. Manager Gerry Mott blames the popularity of on-campus dining options.

"More restaurants being built on campus hurts community restaurants," Mott

said.

He remained optimistic, however, that the beginning of the Notre Dame football season will bring hungry Irish fans to his door.

"We're standing behind the team, and we hope the community gets the benefit," Mott said.

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State charges WorldCom, execs

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma prosecutors filed the first criminal charges Wednesday against WorldCom and former CEO Bernard Ebbers in the \$11 billion accounting scandal that plunged the long-distance giant into bankruptcy.

The company, Ebbers and five other former executives were accused of falsifying the firm's books in violation of Oklahoma securities law.

Each executive faces 15 charges, each carrying up to 10 years in prison. The former executives have one week to appear in court in Oklahoma City. WorldCom, which now calls itself MCI, could face millions in fines and restitution.

"By falsifying information, the company looked stronger on paper than it really was," Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson said. "Investors counted on this information when buying WorldCom securities. The company lied. These employees lied. The law was broken. It's just that simple."

WorldCom collapsed last year in the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history — part of a wave of scandals to rock corporate America in the last two years.

The plunge in WorldCom stock cost investors an estimated \$180 billion, and Edmondson said the Oklahoma state pension fund took a \$64 million hit.

Ebbers' attorney, Reid Weingarten, said he expects the former chief executive to be exonerated.

"The entire WorldCom matter has been investigated exhaustively for over a year by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice and no charges have been brought against Bernard Ebbers," Weingarten said. "This is not because of any lack of prosecutorial zeal; rather, it is because of a total lack of any evidence that Mr. Ebbers committed crimes."

Although this marks the first criminal charges against Ebbers and the company itself, other former WorldCom executives have been charged in federal court, including ex-chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, who was also charged in

Oklahoma.

Four other former executives who have pleaded guilty to federal charges and are helping prosecutors were charged in Oklahoma as well: David Myers, Buford Yates Jr., Betty Vinson and Troy Normand.

The company has been under investigation by several other states and federal authorities, and was recently barred from signing new contracts with the U.S. government.

Oregon officials announced a lawsuit Wednesday against WorldCom seeking \$24 million to cover losses suffered by state investment funds. A spokesman for the attorney general said criminal charges remain an option.

The Oklahoma charges come as MCI tries under new management to emerge from bankruptcy and the scandal, which has already led to a \$750 million settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Today's action against the company would only punish our 20 million customers and 55,000 employees — 2,000 of which work in Oklahoma," MCI general counsel Stasia Kelly said in a statement.

Building project will revamp Saint Mary's

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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The Saint Mary's College Master Plan, an expansive building project which will span several years, is well under way and has already given the college a new look. And returning Saint Mary's students are finding themselves slightly disoriented on campus this fall.

The recently-completed Noble Family Dining Hall, a keystone of the campus changes, has given students a taste of what the future of Saint Mary's will look like. The verdict on the new facility, however, is waiting to be heard.

Many students agree that the building itself, which sits just west of the site of the old hall, is beautiful both inside and out.

"It is pretty cool because it is more open and modern, there is a different atmosphere in here than in the old one," said McCandless sophomore Desiree Antonson.

New seating arrangements, which consist of an assortment of long rectangular and circular tables, have been well received. The layout and organization of the new facility, however, has received its share of criticism.

"It is a bit chaotic with all the different food lines," said Le Mans senior Erin Quinn. "Everyone just gets in the first line they see."

Regina junior Tabitha Rand said that the new look may have compromised convenience.

"The atmosphere is better," she said, "but it takes longer to get your food. They are all about the presentation, not necessarily the process."

Another concern the students have is the fact that they may no longer serve themselves. Instead, they must wait in line for a dining hall employee to place a single serving onto their plates.

Others had positive responses to the improvements and said they believe it will simply take some adjustment to smooth out the confusion.

A subsequent component of the College's Master Plan includes a student center. The center, which will connect to the new dining hall, will house the College's bookstore, a cyber café, Campus Ministry, and Student Government. The center will provide both a social and academic meeting place for students and advisors. It is scheduled to be completed in January of 2005.

A third building phase is the addition of on-campus apartment-style housing. Projected to be inhabitable by the fall semester of 2004, the three-story building will hold 72 residents. Although it has not yet been determined whether Saint Mary's residence hall rules will apply, the apartments are expected to make living on campus all four years an attractive option for students.

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Schwarzenegger discloses views

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Arnold Schwarzenegger spelled out his views on issues ranging from abortion to taxes on talk shows Wednesday, bowing to weeks of criticism that the action star's campaign has been all style and no substance.

Schwarzenegger's comments on several social issues were his most detailed to date in his bid to replace Gov. Gray Davis in the Oct. 7 recall election. But he did not give a position on affirmative action or Proposition 54, an initiative on the recall ballot that would ban collection of most racial data by state institutions. He also left open the possibility of raising taxes in an emergency situation.

The Republican said he is in favor of legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, abortion rights, an assault-weapons ban and background checks on gun purchases. He said he is opposed to offshore drilling, gay marriage and granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

The governor, meanwhile, signed a sweeping financial privacy bill Wednesday that gives California consumers the right to block banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions from sharing their personal information.

Asked whether he thought Schwarzenegger would make a good governor, Davis said

the actor met the minimal age and state resident qualifications.

"Sometimes people want a little more," Davis said to chuckles from the traders around him at the Pacific Stock Exchange in San Francisco. "Like a little experience."

Schwarzenegger gave his opinions during a call to the syndicated Sean Hannity radio show, which also was broadcast live on Fox Television.

Some of his responses, including his opposition to gay marriage and his support of prayer in public schools, could play well with the state's conservatives. They so far have been wary of him and have supported state Sen. Tom McClintock, Schwarzenegger's main challenger among Republicans on the ballot.

His more liberal positions on abortion and marijuana, however, as well as his support for a ban on assault weapons, could undercut some of that support.

McClintock said he got the impression Schwarzenegger was becoming more conservative as the campaign moved along.

"I've been in the public arena for 20 years. Positions I've taken have not changed in 20 years," McClintock said. "I am pro-life; I believe in the right of people to self-defense. It's enshrined in the Second Amendment. And again, these are positions that people can count on."

Schwarzenegger described himself to Hannity as "pro-choice" but said he did not support late-stage procedures described as "partial-birth" abortions.

Asked whether he is in favor of parental notification when minors seek abortions, he replied, "I am. But in some cases when there is abuse in the family or problems in the family, then the courts should decide."

Asked about gay marriage, Schwarzenegger said, "I do support domestic partnerships" but added that he was against gay marriage. He said marriage should be between a man and a woman.

Schwarzenegger also said illegal immigrants already in the country should stay here, but he said it was a federal issue and a spokesman said he was not proposing an amnesty program.

Schwarzenegger supported Proposition 187 in 1994, which sought to deny many services to illegal immigrants, but he said Wednesday that the issue was history because courts had largely voided the measure.

Although his positions on social issues have nothing to do with ending California's financial crisis, which Schwarzenegger has said would be his main concern as governor, they are important because they could help him gain support from the conservative wing of the Republican Party.

FBI investigates McVeigh case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI internal affairs office is investigating the conduct of the crime lab's chief of scientific analysis in the Oklahoma City bombing case, according to people familiar with the investigation.

The Associated Press reported last spring that a transcript of a Justice Department interview showed that FBI scientific analysis unit chief Steven Burmeister initially had alleged in 1995 that his lab colleagues performed shoddy work in Timothy McVeigh's case, but then retracted several statements before appearing as a prosecution witness at the trial.

AP also reported that lawyers for some FBI lab employees sent a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft in 2001, just days before McVeigh was executed for the April 1995 bombing, alleging Burmeister may have been pressured to give false testimony in the case. No action was taken and the allegation was never divulged to McVeigh's lawyers.

The revelation about Burmeister, however, became an issue in the Oklahoma state murder trial of McVeigh conspirator Terry Nichols this spring. Burmeister had given key testimony against McVeigh and was originally slated to be a prosecution witness in the new trial for Nichols, whom Oklahoma prosecutors want to put to death.

Burmeister has been withdrawn as a state witness by the prosecutors.

The FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility,

which investigates allegations against agents, recently opened an internal investigation into Burmeister's conduct in the McVeigh case, including his recantation, according to persons familiar with the investigation.

One of Burmeister's former colleagues said the FBI internal affairs office had contacted him in the past month.

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ISRAEL

Arafat tells militants to stop violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Arafat on Wednesday asked militant groups to halt attacks on Israelis, the Palestinian leader's first public attempt to restore calm following the collapse of the armed groups' unilateral truce.

Israel, which has tried to sideline Arafat from the peace process, dismissed his appeal as empty rhetoric and said the army would keep rounding up terror suspects and hunting down their leaders.

Militants formally abandoned the nearly two-month unilateral cease-fire after Israel responded to a deadly suicide bombing in Jerusalem last week with missile strikes on Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip.

Arafat stepped forward with the appeal at a time when he's caught in a power struggle with his prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, and when the United States is pressing the Palestinians to act against militants, a key requirement under the creaking U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Arafat rejected U.S. demands he give Abbas control of key security forces that would lead any sustained crackdown and instead appointed his own security adviser: the tough former West

Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub.

Rajoub openly supports the peace plan and has arrested militants in the past. But in an interview with The Associated Press, he was evasive over whether he would launch a crackdown now, and suggested Israel should stop military action first.

"The ball is now in the American court to pressure Israel and monitor the process of implementation," Rajoub said. "If Israel stops its attacks and begins to take serious steps to end the occupation, all the conditions that are demanded of the Palestinians will be fulfilled on the spot."

Abbas staked his political future on being able to rein in Palestinian militants through persuasion, rather than force. With his authority crumbling, Abbas was meeting with Cabinet ministers Wednesday to try to rally support.

Abbas was to present the achievements of his first 100 days in office to parliament Monday, and aides said he was planning to seek a vote of confidence.

But amid speculation that Abbas could lose, Information Minister Nabil Amr said later it was not clear whether such a vote would be held.

FRANCE

Officials ponder holiday cut

Associated Press

PARIS — France, a country where leisure time is sacrosanct, is mulling a radical plan for financing health care after a heat wave estimated to have killed thousands: Make people work on a national holiday.

The idea, which the government floated Wednesday, immediately split opinion and provoked one main question — which of France's 11 national holidays should go? Labor Day, perhaps, or a religious festival?

At least two ministers said Christmas should not be touched.

Ever wary of angering France's powerful unions, the government insisted it still hadn't made a decision. But even considering the idea shows how seriously the government is taking calls to improve care for the elderly, who made up most of the victims from the record temperatures that baked Europe this month.

Hamlaoui Mekachera, secretary of state for war veterans, told The Associated Press that if the plan is adopted, social taxes from the extra workday could help finance elderly care.

But most of all, abolishing a holiday would signal that France is ready to make sacrifices to better care for the vulnerable, he said.

"It's a very important, very strong symbol," Mekachera said in an interview. "The gesture of solidarity is more important than the financial gesture ... so that we never witness again what we saw."

Thousands died in the heat, the government has estimated,

many of them elderly and living alone. The deaths focused attention on France's struggle to care for an aging population and prompted a

storm of criticism that the center-right government reacted too slowly.

Secretary of State for the Elderly Hubert Falco noted that Germany has made people work the Day of Penance and Prayer in November to finance care for the aged since 1995.

"It's one of the possibilities, among many others," Falco said after a Cabinet meeting. "It would be, as is the case in Germany, a holiday that would be worked to the advantage of national solidarity."

At first blush, the idea seemed fraught with risk.

Many French, long connoisseurs of fine living, appreciate the extra time off granted by a law passed by the previous Socialist government that restricted the working week for many to 35 hours.

There are also religious and historical sensibilities.

Transport Secretary Dominique Bussereau said he opposed abolishing a May 8 holiday that celebrates the end of World War II in Europe, or Christmas, or Armistice Day on Nov. 11, when fighting stopped in World War I.

"Definitely not May 8, because it left quite a few memories; not December 25 because I want Christmas presents," he said.

On the political left, there was outrage.

"There's no question of touching holidays," thundered Communist lawmaker Alain Bocquet. "There's no question of erasing May 8 and the memory of victory over Nazi barbarity and fascism!"

Jean-Claude Mailly, a leader of the Workers' Force trade union, said a wealthy country like France should not have to make workers labor longer to finance health care. The union, he warned, would not take kindly to the abolition of the May 1 Labor Day holiday.

"It's enforced charity, totally unacceptable," he said in an interview.

"There's no question of touching holidays."

Alain Bocquet
French legislator

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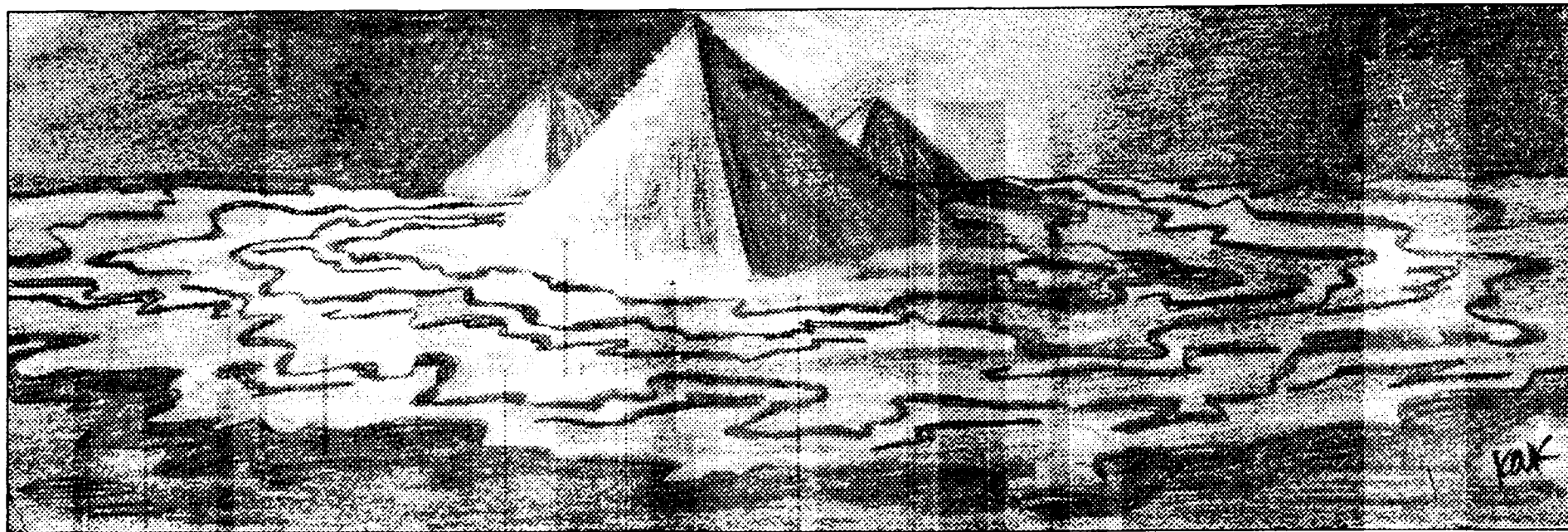
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Lessons from Cairo

Egypt is a country with a special history and grace. There is an open air about the culture where friends greet each other with a kiss on both cheeks. As in many developing countries, it is common to see men walking arm in arm on the street.

There is a calming simplicity and a peaceful joy among the people.

Many Egyptians welcomed strangers with open arms. During his studies in Cairo last semester, Terry Fitzgibbons, now a Notre Dame senior, met many random people on the streets who wanted to meet at later times for tea or conversation.

Despite having little money, Egyptians were willing to give gifts and share what little they had.

His time in Cairo during the war added a special dynamic. The day the war began, the U.S. State Department advised Americans in Cairo not to go out, and the city was heated with protests. Despite this, he took a 40-minute walk alone from the school to the dorm without feeling threatened. He walked around town with friends that evening, and they were pulled into a wedding to dance around the new couple. The Egyptian hospitality was warm, however this attitude was not shown for all aspects of the United States: "We love Americans! We do not love your President."

Near the end of my summer there on a National Education Security Program scholarship, I could talk with taxi drivers and shopkeepers and heard this often. Egyptians described Bush as "magnoo" (crazy) and as a thoughtless Yankee. There was graffiti on one street wall saying, "No, no, no to American products." However, I personally encountered no hostility in Cairo. The streets were safe. I heard about no stories of crime. There's a sense of communal justice and with one cry, several armed guards standing

outside buildings could run to one's aid.

Learning about the Quran and visiting mosques were key opportunities. The Western view of Islam is rife with misunderstanding. The word "Islam" itself has an awesome sense of divinity with a literal meaning of "peaceful submission." This is a far cry from images of terror we may associate with the faith. Linking Islam primarily with extremist terrorists does the faith a gross injustice.

Jihad is also a term that's been misused. With a definition related to a purposeful struggle, jihad resembles evangelism more than war. However, some Muslims have hijacked the idea and used it to justify violent acts. On top of that, the Western media reports these extreme incidents and soon the world has a misconstrued view of the principle. Only when the faith is seriously threatened or attacked does jihad permit the use of force in limited fashion. This has similarities to the Catholic doctrine of the just war theory.

While there are notable differences between Christianity and Islam, claims that the Quran tells Muslims to kill Christians are alarming. I am at a loss for how one reaches this conclusion. I encourage anyone, whether Muslim or not, to make this clearer.

Another key lesson gained from Cairo was to distinguish between the political and religious aspects of Middle Eastern culture. We may too often lump the two together as being one in the same. There are countries with strict social rules that stem from that nation's government and not the Quran. My Quran professor noted that, while fierce dictators such as Idi Amin and Saddam Hussein may have proclaimed themselves to be great Muslims, those true to Islam know the opposite to be true.

The best exemplars of the faith I encountered were the many common people in the streets of Cairo who lived with peaceful hearts and a joyful love toward others.

Returning to the States brings a second reality check. Terry has struggled to find a shift from heavy social concerns in Cairo to worries about one's personal comfort in the United States. He has also returned with a sharper insight and concerns

about democracy. He has grown more suspicious of American media, having had an external perspective, and feels troubled from a seemingly unquestioned acceptance of American news.

There is much that today's current and rising leaders must address. Notre Dame is meeting this challenge head on. For the first time, incoming freshmen were required to do specified readings about tensions between the Middle East and the United States. Kudos are due to the Kroc Institute, First Year of Studies, the Program of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies and first-year students themselves who are preparing for a Sept. 23 academic convocation on "The United States and the Middle East: Do We Face a 'Clash of Civilizations?'"

Such efforts will help our generation forge ahead in promoting a more genuine and realistic leadership at home and abroad.

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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
essayist

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GUEST COLUMN

California recall mocks electoral process

There's a new breed of politician, and it's coming to a theater near you!

The recall election in California has been the topic of much debate recently and many are scrutinously asking, "Are recall elections ethical? Or are they merely a way for big money hustlers like Bill Simon to sway government doings? And if a recall occurs, is justice being served when one of the recall candidates takes

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office by garnering a lower approval rating than that currently held by Gray Davis?"

While these are all good questions, the answer to whether recall elections are a sound alternative rests precariously on a slippery slope.

In some ways, recall elections are a little like political piracy; the unpopular politician is hoisted from his throne before his term is up in order to make way for a preferred replacement. This begs the question: If someone is elected to do a job for four years and suddenly upsets the public with his decisions, should he be fired? Or should Davis be guaranteed the full four years to repair his mistakes and fulfill his duties?

Others regard recall elections as a feasible solution to rectifying high tier incompetence. After electing Davis, many Californians feel like he is no longer the most suitable man for the job and should be replaced by someone who can perform to a higher standard.

Unlike an impeachment hearing, recall elections don't accuse the defendant with any illegal activity; rather, they merely censure and point out a lack of constituent confidence. And in a democratic society, if the majority of people want to relinquish someone's political authority, shouldn't they have the right to do so?

This is where things start to get ugly. Most educated Americans concur that the majority of the population is made up of complete buffoons, and they're right in this belief. So to predicate the future of a country based on millions of button-pushing nincompoops seems like a very precarious way to run a country. Most Americans don't even know what their candidate's platform is, but the Constitution guarantees them the right to vote for the guy with a cooler sounding name.

The real humor lies not in the Constitutional promise that a million bozos get to determine the shape of things to come, but in the pool of qualified individuals who should be running the country, which seems to be shrinking by the day.

While the legitimacy of recall elections should be the most important issue in California and the rest of the country, it's not. Instead, Americans are more concerned with which of the recall election candidates has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Since actor John Wilkes Booth popped Honest Abe in the noggin, acting and politics have been an inseparable partnership, the pinnacle of which can be seen in the rocket to stardom of John Kennedy. Since Kennedy's forays with America's most noted blonde bombshell, Sonny Bono, Ronald Reagan, Clint Eastwood and Charlton Heston have all tried their hand in the politician poker game of celebrity and affairs of the state. And it's happening again in California.

Since the early rumors of a recall election, porn super-mogul Larry Flint, "Diff'rent Strokes" diminutive Gary Coleman, watermelon smashing comedian and general good-for-nothing Gallagher, coitus queen Mary Carey and former Mr. Universe/star of "Kindergarten Cop" Arnold Schwarzenegger have all announced their intention to run for

governor of America's most populated state.

Welcome to the freak show, folks! Two bits a gander!

It's easy to see that none of these candidates could be deemed "qualified" for the job. While Larry Flint has spent a lot of time in the courtroom arguing his right to expose women's genitals to the public, it appears as though the Austrian terminator has the best shot of taking the cake.

Schwarzenegger has already been vicariously employed by the government before by continually playing military men and police officers. Arnold may also be able to get a grasp on California's immigration problems as he trenchantly demonstrated his ability to wrangle up evasive aliens in "Predator."

Strengthening Schwarzenegger's chances is his role in "True Lies," in which he played a federal agent hunted by international terrorists. But with all of the action Schwarzenegger has seen in the last 20 years, one might wonder: Will politics be interesting enough for Conan the Republican?

Perhaps we should be giving him a high profile position lest he get fed up with taking press conferences and lay waste to every reporter in the room with a battle-axe.

Fortunately, Arnold's political aspirations could never carry him as far as the White House as he's not an American by birth. However, I fear that Schwarzenegger already has an answer to this problem. Borrowing from the plot of The 6th Day, scientists could birth a clone of Arnold inside the United States, speed up the aging process by feeding him nothing but coffee and Miracle Grow and install the Arnold clone in the White House.

Now you might be saying that it's important to see the actor apart from his movies and that to separate the two is essential. Perhaps actors can be good politicians.

But even before Arny starred in action flicks making casual murder to the '90s what casual sex was to the '60s, he wasn't all there. With an aspiration to sculpt his body after Gigantopithecus, can California stand to replace a poor financial manager with a violence-endorsing, self-absorbed body builder? And after admitting to using steroids, it's important to keep in mind that Arnold could have some very serious health concerns in the near future. Remember that steroids of Arny's era have been linked to causing brain cancer. And I don't think merely saying, "It's not a toom-ah," will dispel concerns.

While its true principles of acting and politics are structured around performance, rhetoric, approval ratings, hob knobbing and fundraising, the similarities between the two fields stop there. It takes years to understand the interconnectivity and complicated networks of politics. And jumping in head first in the race for governor might be a little too ambitious.

There's not a dearth of candidates to replace Davis. However, there is a dearth of suitable candidates. Instead of looking at a ballot that more resembles the MTV Movie Awards, California would be wise to stick with a professional and allow Gray Davis to complete his term. Unfortunately, America seems content on being the laboratory of humanity. So get ready for the decade of political method acting!

Hey Arny, I've got an idea for your re-election campaign: "I'll be back."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Decrease intolerance at Notre Dame

I was saddened to see that Notre Dame has been ranked No. 1 by the Princeton Review for Colleges and Universities for "Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative."

It is incredibly disappointing as an alumna of Notre Dame to see that the intolerance for gay and lesbian students that I observed when a student at Notre Dame has been not only verified but recognized widely. I realize that the University follows the teachings of the Church and I respect that.

My sadness is that while the University may not encourage alternative lifestyles, its students seemingly do not, either. It may be okay to hold ill will toward homosexuals and discourage their civil rights in the Catholic Disneyland that is Notre Dame but as you (third person) are exposed to different cultures and people in cities of the world, that kind of intolerance and ignorance is not accepted and is only a mark of inhumanity against fellow men and women.

I'm ashamed and embarrassed when my co-workers and friends ask me about this.

Laura Stolpman

class of '95
Aug. 26, 2003

GUEST COLUMN

Right-wing bias perverts law

Just when you thought it was safe to practice your first amendment rights again, here comes Fox News to smite those who present views that contradict its own. The supposed culprit? Al Franken, who used the phrase "Fair and Balanced" in the title of his new book. Franken, a vocal left wing "nut" was sued by the Rupert Murdoch owned entity that trademarked the phrase.

Of course, upon examination the court documents seemed more as though they were designed to promote the network than to present any real grievances.

And in the end, the case was dismissed as it was wholly without merit both legally and factually. So it seems that the behemoth has been defeated and good has prevailed once again. However, it just goes to show how conservatives try to suppress any that would oppose them.

Last semester was my first at the university and reading the letters to the editor in The Daily Cougar was interesting to say the least. Most of them consisted of pleas to cease printing the columns of writers who leaned to the left, as well as accusations against the paper of being communist. The fear of communism has permeated the country since the Cold War and has given socialist leanings a bad name. As such, the slightest suggestion that a person's beliefs include a measure of socialism meets with jeering and name-calling.

I guess some of the conservatives are too busy being religious fanatics to spend time listening to opposing viewpoints. As is well known by now, Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court has become a hero of sorts to the Christian right. Despite being overruled on the state, federal and supreme level, he refuses to remove a huge stone monument that he secretly contracted to be built in the middle of the night bearing the Ten Commandments. He purports to be upholding a "higher law" that will not be overruled by the law of man.

This is all fine and good, except that his job is to uphold the law of man.

He's not a priest; he's a judge. If he takes it upon himself to declare the law irrelevant, then how can he continue to serve? How can he enforce the law upon others when he doesn't obey it himself?

Just like the Fox News case, it's all about self-promotion. It might surprise some to find out that according to a local Alabama news source, in remarks he recently prepared, he mentioned God only 12 times, while mentioning himself 21 times. As long as his name is in the paper, I suppose that's good enough for him. It's funny how we as a nation denounce the Middle East for being in essence a theocracy, yet this sort of thing is celebrated.

Would these people fight for the right to keep a giant statue of Buddha clearly visible in a courthouse? Somehow I doubt it.

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Summer Blockbuster Roundup

Scene looks at the good, the bad and the just

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Movie Critic

Among summer traditions, the blockbuster "event movie" has become an American summer staple. Unfortunately, the 2003 roundup of blockbusters turned out flop after flop after flop. With special effects and production costs soaring to new heights, the quality of action flicks is starting to scrape rock bottom.

The blockbuster season appeared to be off to a good start with the release of *X-Men 2: X-Men United*. It is the follow up to the successful 2000 adaptation of the Marvel comic series about a world filled with mutants with wonderful and terrifying powers.

Breaking the Hollywood curse of sequels, director Bryan Singer managed to make X2 more compelling than his original film. X2 expanded upon the X-Men universe introducing many new characters like the tattooed teleporting demon Night Crawler (Alan Cummings) as well as expanding upon and integrating previously established plotlines.

X2's action sequences were some of the best of the summer. The sequel was notably more violent than the first film in the series, which brought cheers from audiences as Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) actually used his claws to, well, claw people.

After X2, the blockbuster season took a surprising nosedive with the much-anticipated *The Matrix Reloaded*. In the second of the man vs. machine sci-fi trilogy, Neo (Keanu Reeves) explores his god-like powers over the cyber reality of the Matrix as the machines begin burrowing their way to Zion, the haven of unplugged and freeborn humans. And, once again, Neo and co. must launch a daring rescue mission in the Matrix to save all humanity — blah blah-blah-blah.

The Matrix Reloaded was filled with eye-popping CGI effects, but little else. Instead of taking risks with

the storyline, part of the reason the original film captivated audiences, the Wachowski brothers stuck to their original formula. *Reloaded* showed audiences a bigger Matrix world, but not really a better one — perhaps "reloaded" was a bit too apropos.

Following the success of comic book heroes onscreen like *Spider-man*, *Daredevil* and *X-Men*, it was only a matter of time before everyone's favorite green behemoth bashed his way onto the silver screen.

The prospect of having veteran director Ang Lee at the helm of *Hulk* created a lot of early buzz about the movie. But the film never managed to shake the bad rep it picked up after the awkward CGI Hulk was previewed during the Super Bowl.

Lee, who directed the action masterpiece *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, attempted to focus on the dark side of a misunderstood hero, but the idea didn't translate to film well. In the comic book version of the story, mild mannered scientist Bruce Banner gets zapped with radiation during an experiment that turns him into a muscle-bound green giant when he gets angry. Granted, the explanation of the Hulk's origin may seem a bit unexplained, but watching Lee grind through a redux of the back-story involving genetic modifications passed on to children, weapons experiments and an unnecessary Freudian twist with a creepy looking Nick Nolte as Banner's father was nothing short of torturous.

To Lee's artistic credit, he used a number of interesting editing techniques to emulate the look and feel of a comic book. But Lee's artistic savvy couldn't wade through the tedious storyline and unsightly CGI.

The next flick to try its hand at box office gold was *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*. Reuniting Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore as a team of private eyes working for the mysterious Charlie Townsend, *Full Throttle* proved to be a movie that maintained the status quo — a mindless status quo, but entertaining nonetheless.

The plot and plot twists to *Full Throttle* proved to be essentially inconsequential, much like the original. Much of the appeal of the *Charlie's Angels* series has been its affable star power. Demi Moore bolstered the already camera friendly cast this time around as the angel-gone-bad Madison Lee; Bernie Mac stepped up to fill Bill Murray's shoes as Bosley. *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle* was entertaining, but a third outing might not be the charm for this franchise.

One of the summer's best action movies came from an unlikely source. *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* was Disney's first PG-13 movie ever. But the kids company's gamble turned into big bucks banking on Johnny Depp's acting chops as Captain Jack Sparrow, a swaggering pirate with a penchant for daring escapes that never quite work out.

Pirates was just plain fun. It was a pirate movie that used every pirate cliché in the book. Heck,

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Hockey masked slasher Jason Voorhees from the no holds barred showdown in *Freddy vs. Jason*.

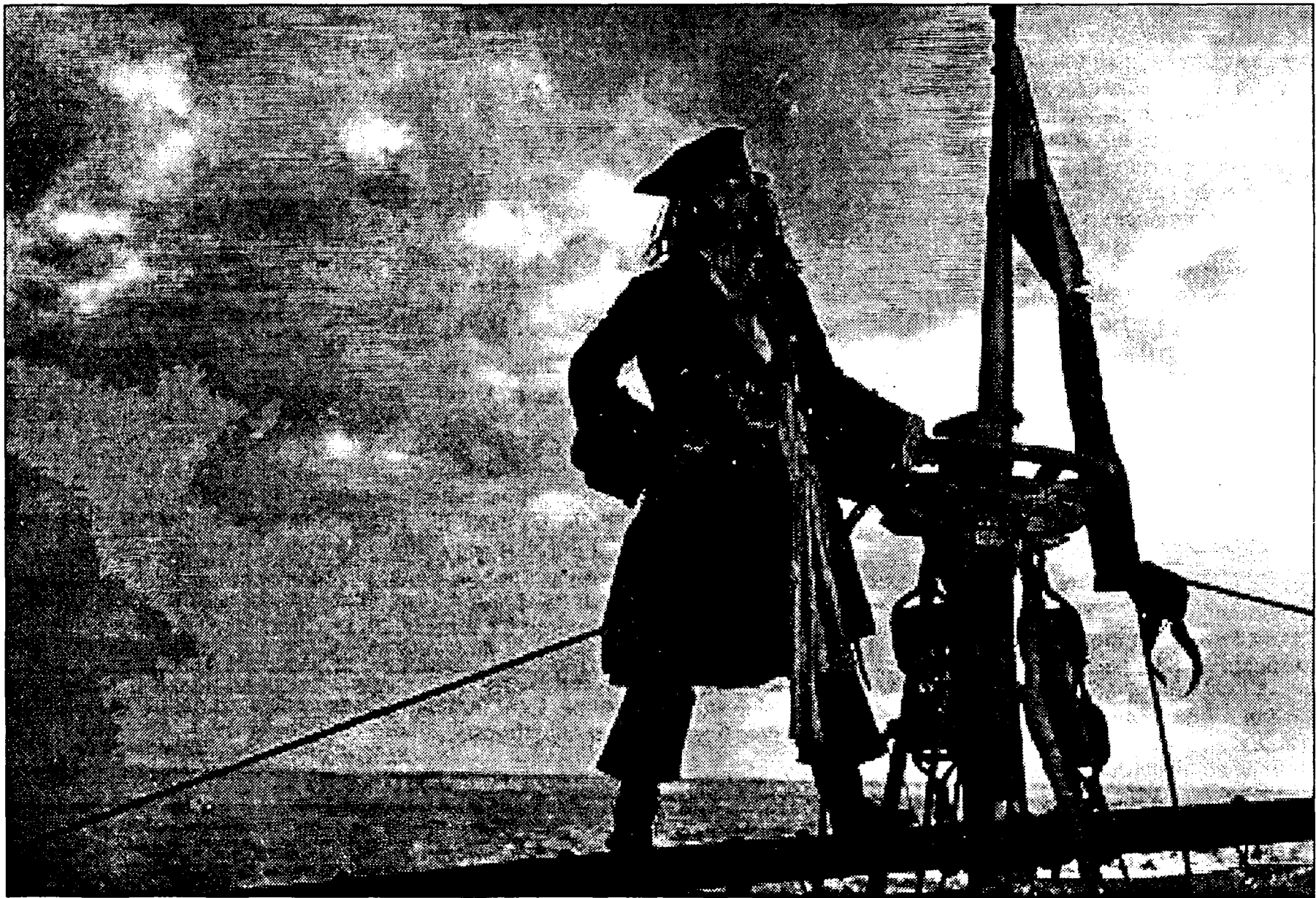
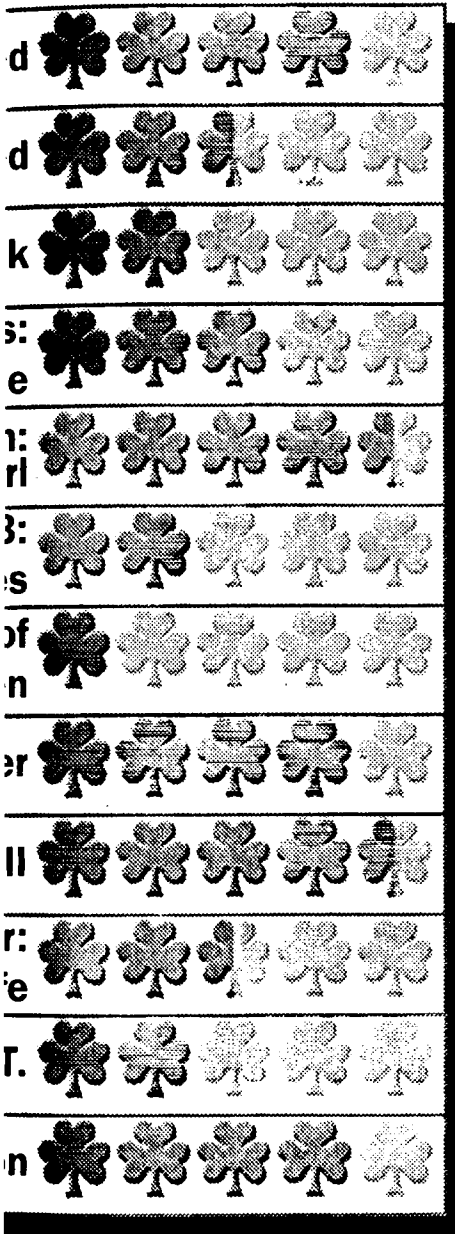


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Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow from *Pirates of the Caribbean* was a breath of fresh air in a summer filled with lackluster and formulaic blockbusters.

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Disney wrote the book on pirate clichés.

Of course, clichés can work against a film too. After 12 years Arnold Schwarzenegger returned to the franchise that made him famous. But for fans of the first two *Terminator* flicks, there's not much new in *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*.

Evil computers from the future send a killer robot back in time to kill the leader of the human resistance, John Connor (Nick Stahl) and the humans send another reprogrammed killer robot to protect him. Last time they sent a shape shifting Terminator, this time they send a shape shifting Terminator (Kristanna Loken).

Schwarzenegger tosses in a lackluster performance — he has more personality pretending he knows something about politics. And even though the film

has well choreographed action sequences, watching indestructible robots smothering each other for hours at a time gets really boring for each other. Remember when bullets were objects to be avoided?

One of the summer's biggest stinkers, *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, also had a lot of real potential. Sean Connery, who is put in charge of a group of literary superheroes in Victorian England to stop a stock B-movie madman hell bent on world domination.

The premise is a PLS major's fantasy: Quatermain teams up with Captain Nemo, the Invisible Man, Tom Sawyer, Mina Harker, Dorian Gray and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But the shoddy acting and cumbersome manage to suck the life out of any of the *League*'s characters. Connery's days as an action star are long over.

Sometimes, old ideas can be reused. What do you get when you cross *the Dead*, *The Stand*, *12 Monkeys* and *Lord of the Flies*? *28 Days Later*.

The breakout hit of the summer was released last November in the UK and has been steadily gaining momentum at the box office culminating in a double ending release earlier this month.

28 Days Later doesn't really have any one great idea; it has more like five pretty good ideas. Shot in the UK, director Danny Boyle of *Trainspotting* fame shows off his keen eye for gorgeous and morbid cinematography in this flesh-eating zombie blasting flick.

Bad Boys II also breathed some much-needed life into the summer movie scene. Reuniting Will Smith and Martin Lawrence as the Oscar and Felix of the Miami P.D., *Bad Boys II* is a testament to why Jerry Bruckheimer is a master of producing action flicks.

Although the plot was one of the most unnecessarily convoluted storylines to reach a mainstream action flick — something about Cuban ecstasy kingpins who employ KKK members — *Bad Boys II* truly had it all: great car chases, huge explosions, wild gunfights and lots of comic relief. With star power like Smith and Lawrence in its corner, *Bad Boys II* was sure fire.

Angelina Jolie brought her bitch-in-boots back to the big screen in *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*. Jolie may be one of Hollywood's hottest, but she couldn't stop *Cradle* from being lukewarm at best. *Tomb Raider 2* plods along at a tediously slow pace and is almost exactly like the first one except set in different CGI locales. It's not that *Cradle* is the worst in way to spend \$10, but this is definitely better for a rainy day rental.

If you go to Barnes & Noble and purchase a copy of *How to Write a Movie Script in a Week*, you'll get the gist of how *S.W.A.T.* was developed. In one sense the film was amazing because it managed to be the most generic action flick ever written. If you couldn't guess the plot twists in bomb, there's some beach-front property in Iowa you might be interested in.

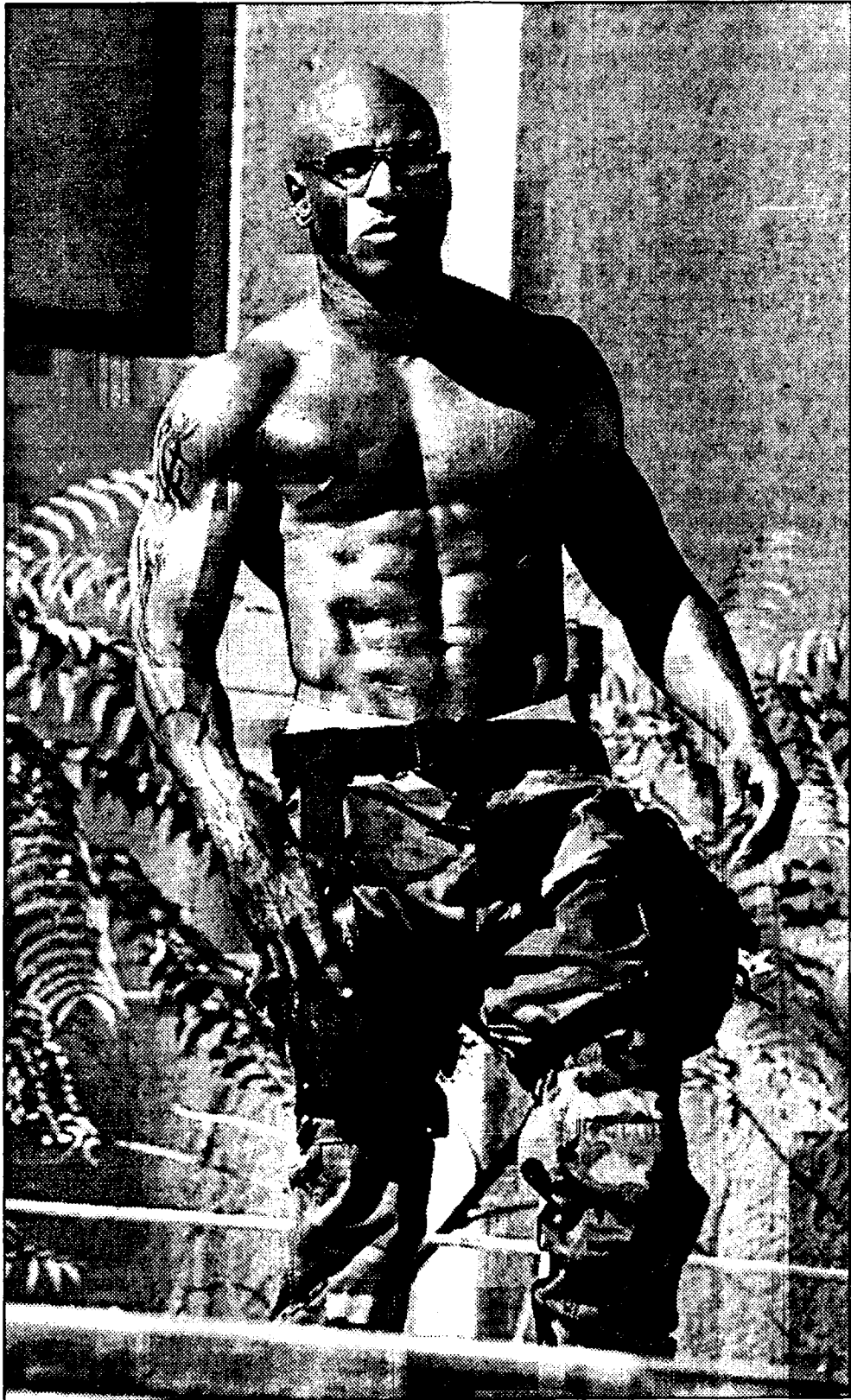


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Even a buffed up LL Cool J couldn't save *S.W.A.T.* from being a "so what" movie.



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

Alan Cummings as the teleporting mutant Nightcrawler in *X-Men 2: X-Men United*, the follow-up to the successful Marvel comic adaptation.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wood's 11 K's not enough as Cubs blow lead

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kerry Wood struck out 11 in seven shutout innings for Chicago, but the St. Louis Cardinals rallied against five Cubs relievers for a 4-2 victory Wednesday night.

Tino Martinez hit a tying, two-run single and St. Louis took the lead on Kyle Farnsworth's wild pitch in a four-run eighth. The Cardinals evened the series between NL Central contenders at a game apiece.

The Cubs fell to 5-24 at Busch Stadium since the start of the 2000 season. Sammy Sosa drove in both runs for Chicago.

Wood blanked the Cardinals on four hits and was pulled after 125 pitches.

Albert Pujols singled off Antonio Alfonseca to start the eighth and Jim Edmonds followed with a single off Mark Guthrie. Farnsworth (3-1) walked Scott Rolen to load the bases before Martinez singled on a 1-1 pitch.

On an 0-1 pitch to Edgar Renteria, Farnsworth threw a fastball in the dirt well in front of the plate and it bounced off catcher Damian Miller's chest protector as Rolen trotted in with the go-ahead run.

Pinch-hitter Eduardo Perez drove in an insurance run with a bases-loaded groundout against Joe Borowski. Second baseman Ramon Martinez fumbled the ball, costing the Cubs a chance at an inning-ending double play.

Steve Kline (5-5) got the last out in the eighth and Jason Istringhausen finished for his 15th save in 16 chances.

Expos 9, Phillies 6

Pinch-hitter Joe Vitiello singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as the

Montreal Expos beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-6 Wednesday night and closed within one game of the NL wild-card lead.

Montreal has won four straight overall and eight in a row at home. The Expos led 6-1 in the seventh, but Pat Burrell hit an RBI double and Marlon Byrd tied in the score with his first career grand slam. The homer came against Hector Almonte (1-1), who got his first major league win.

Endy Chavez hit a two-out double off Dan Plesac (2-1) in the bottom half and Vitiello, hitting for Almonte, lined a single to right for a 7-6 lead as the crowd of 20,105 cheered. Brian Schneider added a two-run double in the eighth off Carlos Silva.

Philadelphia has lost five straight and fell to 1-8 on a season-high, 13-game trip.

Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero hit his 19th homer and went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, falling a triple short of the cycle. Rocky Biddle got four outs for his 31st save in 37 chances.

Phillies reliever Turk Wendell was ejected by plate umpire Brian O'Nora in the eighth after hitting Guerrero in the eighth with a pitch, a batter after Wendell hit Jose Vidro.

Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa sprinted from the dugout to argue with O'Nora and crew chief Jerry Crawford, who had ejected Phillies backup catcher Todd Pratt from the dugout in the first.

Expos starter Tomo Ohka allowed four runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. Philadelphia's Brett Myers gave up five runs and 10 hits in five innings.

Pirates 4, Marlins 0

Kip Wells and two relievers shut out the slumping Florida

Marlins and Jason Bay had two key hits in his Pittsburgh debut, leading the Pirates to a 4-0 victory.

For the second straight night, the Marlins could do nothing against a Pirates starter pitching out of order. A night after spot starter Pat Mahomes held them hitless for four innings, Wells — moved up in the rotation following the Brian Giles trade — limited them to two singles in six innings.

The Marlins managed only three hits total and have just seven in losing the first two of the three-game series to the trade-depleted Pirates, who had lost four straight and nine of 13 entering the series.

Florida has lost seven of eight on a road trip to Colorado, San Francisco and Pittsburgh that ends Thursday, scoring more than four runs only once.

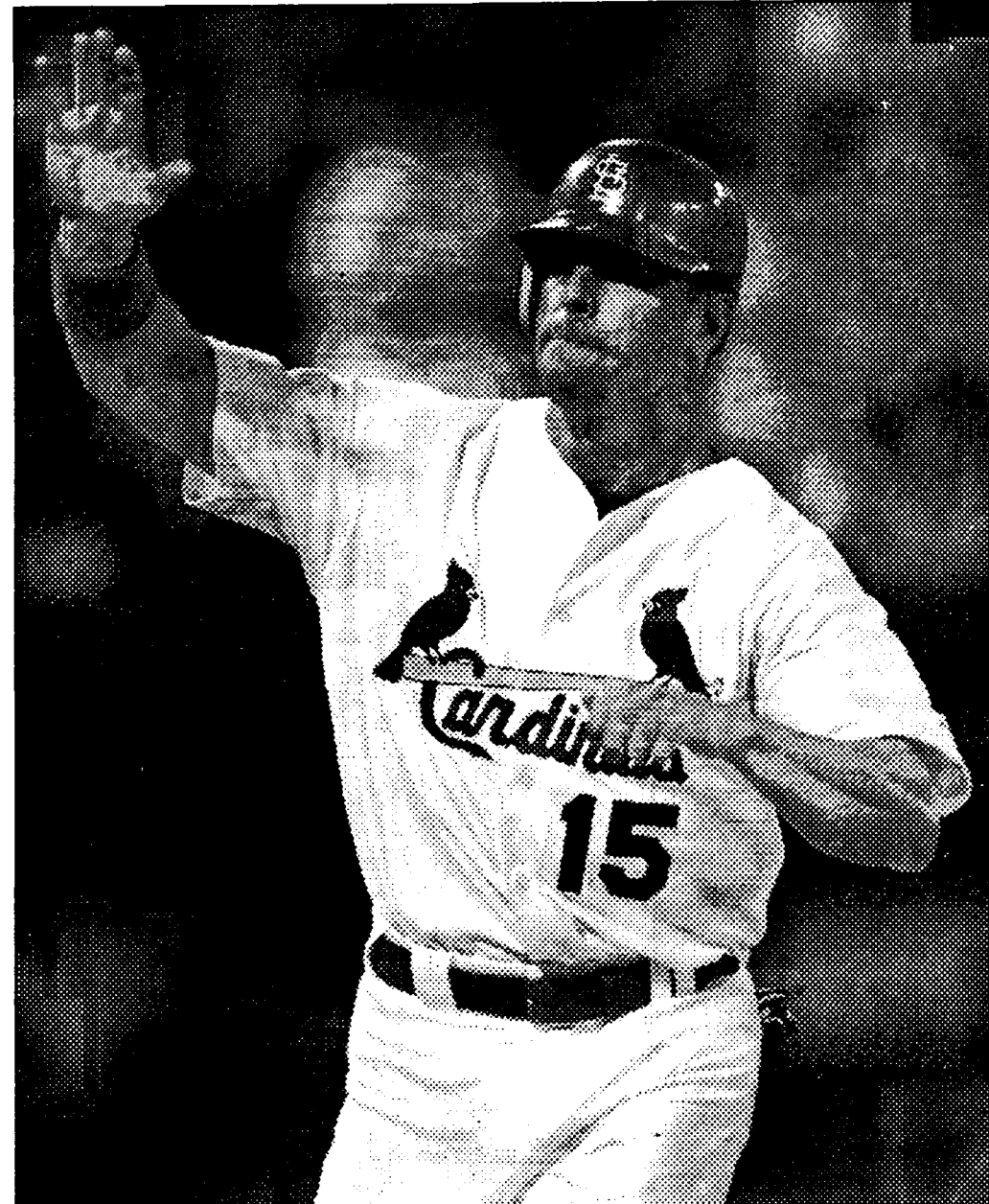
As promised, manager Jack McKeon jumbled his batting order, hitting Ivan Rodriguez sixth for only the second time and flip-flopping Juan Pierre and Luis Castillo at the top of the order. Castillo and Pierre singled in succession in the third off Wells, but Juan Encarnacion — hitting third for only the ninth time — grounded out to end the inning.

Wells (6-7) struck out seven and walked two to end a three-game losing streak and win for the first time in five starts since beating San Diego on July 30.

Astros 6, Dodgers 1

Jeff Bagwell became the 13th player in major league history to hit 30 or more homers in eight consecutive seasons, and the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-1 Wednesday night.

Houston won its third straight and increased its NL Central



Getty Images

St. Louis centerfielder Jim Edmonds celebrates as he scores in the eighth inning of the Cardinals' 4-2 win over the Cubs.

lead to one game. Los Angeles has lost four in a row but remained two games back in the crowded NL wild-card race.

Bagwell hit a three-run homer in a four-run first inning, the 410th home run of his career.

Wade Miller (11-11) won for the fourth time in five decisions, allowing an unearned run and seven hits in seven innings.

Shortstop Adam Everett helped Miller out of trouble in the first. With two on and two

outs, Adrian Beltre hit a grounder up the middle that Everett gloved and threw to first for the inning's final out.

Hideo Nomo (15-10) gave up six runs — five earned — seven hits and four walks in five innings.

Houston, which had 17 hits in Tuesday's 18-4 rout, took a 4-0 lead in the first on Bagwell's homer and Lance Berkman's RBI double, a long drive to the center-field hill.

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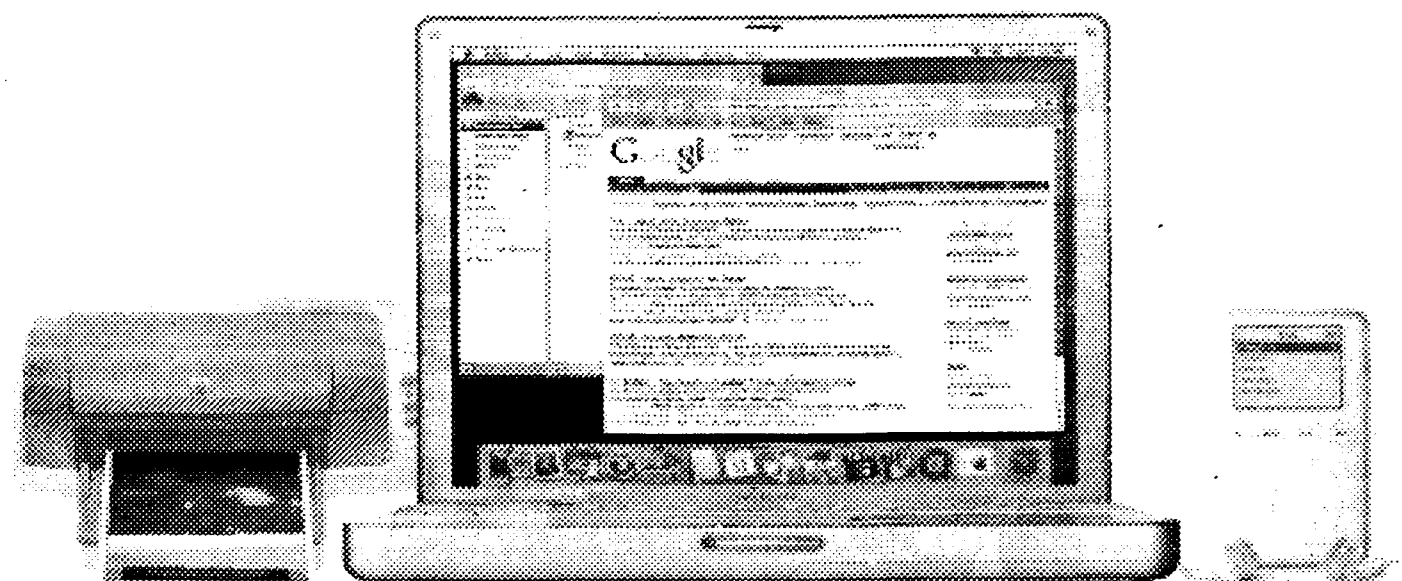
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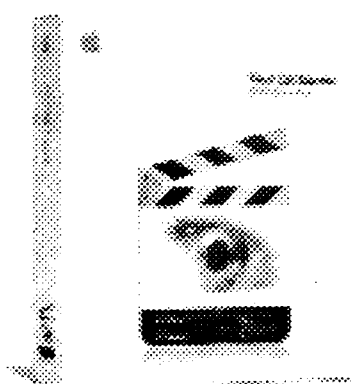
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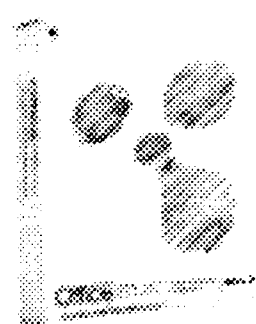
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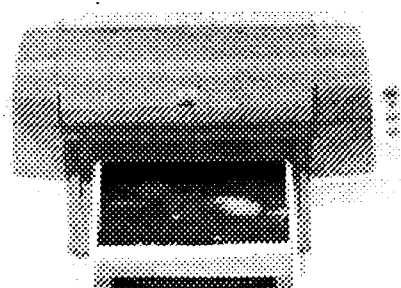
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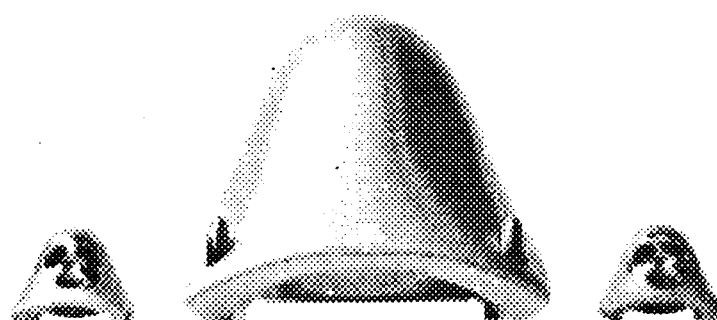
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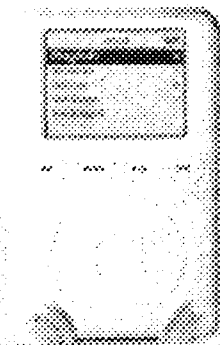
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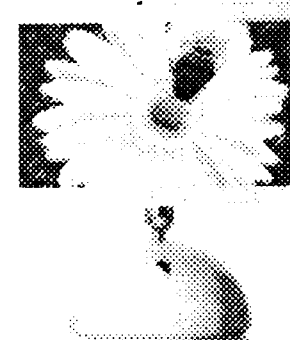
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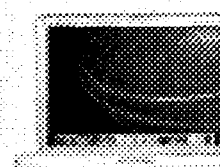
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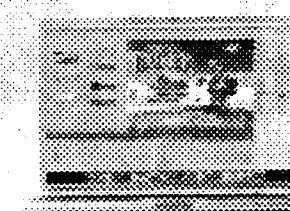
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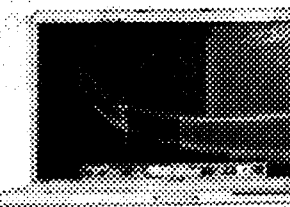
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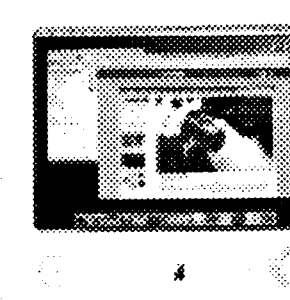
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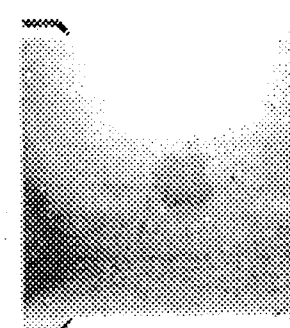
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Walker's home run completes Red Sox rally

Associated Press

BOSTON — Todd Walker hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning as the Boston Red Sox overcame a three-run deficit and beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 Wednesday night for their sixth win in seven games.

With the score 3-all, Walker connected on an 0-2 pitch from Roy Halladay (17-6) for a two-run homer. He became the ninth Boston player with 10 or more homers, a Red Sox first.

David Ortiz added an eighth-inning solo homer for Boston, which tied the game in the fifth on a three-run homer by Jason Varitek, who has a career-high 79 RBIs. The Red Sox had 11 hits, their eighth straight game with 10 or more.

Mike Timlin (6-4) pitched one scoreless inning, and Byung-Hyun Kim got four outs for his 11th save in 14 chances. John Burkett gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Boston began the night five games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East. In the wild-card race, the Red Sox were one game behind Oakland and Seattle, who shared the AL West lead.

Halladay, tied with Chicago's Esteban Loaiza for the AL lead in wins, allowed all six runs and 11 hits in 7 2-3 innings. He gave up three homers for the first

time since April 25 against Kansas City.

White Sox 11, Yankees 2

Roberto Alomar and Frank Thomas homered in Chicago's seven-run fourth inning as the White Sox routed David Wells and the New York Yankees 11-2.

Alomar drove in four runs with a two-run homer that capped the fourth-inning outburst and a two-run double in the sixth that chased Wells, who was charged with a season-high 10 runs.

Bartolo Colon struck out a season-high 10, and the AL Central-leading White Sox got 15 hits in winning for the eighth time in nine games.

The Yankees' AL East lead over Boston, which was 7 1/2 games last Thursday, was cut to four. After Thursday's series finale, New York visits Fenway Park for a three-game series.

Thomas, who went 3-for-5, started the uprising in the fourth with a solo shot into the first row of seats in left field, quite different from Tuesday when his grand slam hit high off the foul pole in a 13-2 win.

Chicago's 24 runs the last two nights are the most by a visiting team at Yankee Stadium since the White Sox won 10-9 and 17-4 on June 17-18, 2000.

Alomar has avoided the New York media in his first trip back to the city since being dealt by the Mets last month. But he

brought loud groans from fans, who booed him each time up, by ripping a two-run homer to left that gave the White Sox a 7-2 lead.

Chicago pounded two homers, a triple and three doubles in the fourth off Wells (12-5), who has just one victory since the All-Star break. The left-hander had won six of eight decisions but is 0-2 in his last six starts.

Indians 9, Tigers 7

Jody Gerut drove in four runs while Coco Crisp had four hits and scored four runs to lead the Cleveland Indians over the Detroit Tigers 9-7.

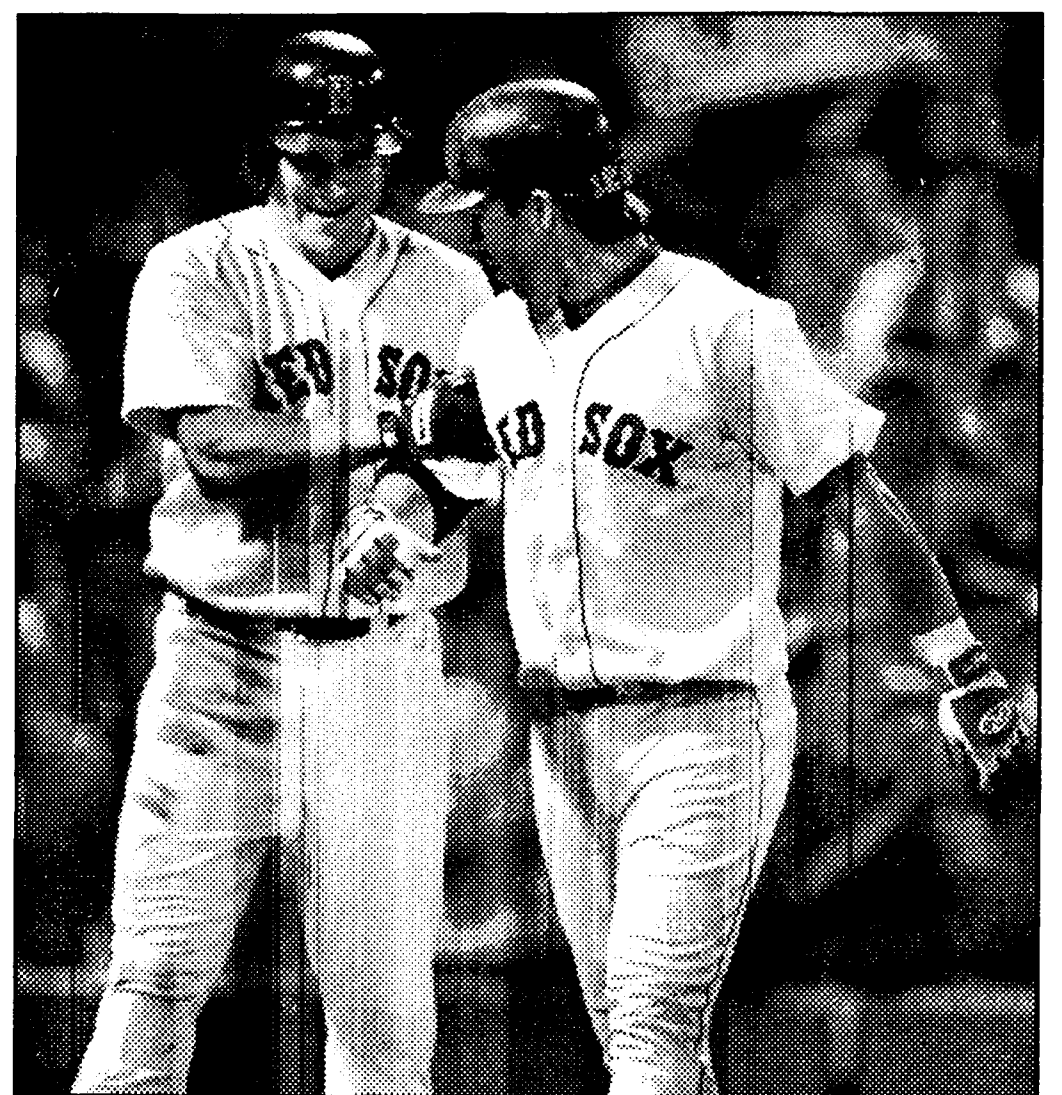
The Tigers hit a season-high five homers, but once again failed to win consecutive road games. They have not won two straight on the road since June 3-4 at San Diego.

Gerut hit a two-run homer and a two-run double and Matt Lawton drove in three runs with three singles.

Crisp went 4-for-5 — all singles — stole a base, and became the first Indians player to score four times in a game since Roberto Alomar on Sept. 19, 2001.

Jack Cressend (2-0) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings and David Riske worked the ninth for his fourth save.

The Tigers rallied from a 6-1 deficit with a five-run fifth inning that featured three homers off



Boston's Johnny Damon, left, squeezes Todd Walker's arm in jest after Walker hit a two-run home run with the game tied.

Terry Mulholland.

Brandon Inge began the barrage with his seventh homer. Dan Klassen added a two-run shot, his first homer since June 26, 2000, and Dmitri Young tied it with a two-run drive, his 26th.

Mulholland made his first start since last Sept. 13. The 40-year-old left-hander worked in 39 games in relief this year, but was called upon when scheduled starter Jason Davis developed tendinitis in his right shoulder.

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US OPEN TENNIS

Davenport feeling hopeful

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lindsay Davenport is replacing thoughts of retirement with hope for a U.S. Open title.

If her injured left foot holds up, she just might pull it off.

Davenport, the only past Open champion in the women's field, didn't play perfectly Wednesday night, but she played well enough to put together a 6-2, 6-4 victory against overmatched Maria Elena Camerin, an Italian ranked 92nd.

"The main thing is, my foot didn't hurt, and I'm on to the third round. You always want to be doing things better and better at Grand Slams," Davenport said, and she knows what she's talking about, having won three such tournaments.

Roger Federer, too, now knows what it feels like to take to the court as a Grand Slam champion. Kim Clijsters, still getting used to seeing "No. 1" next to her name, would love to be the proud owner of a major title, too.

Accustomed to shaky starts at Slams, Federer lost the first set of his U.S. Open, then took control against Jose Acasuso and eventually advanced to the second round when the Argentine quit because of pain in his groin and back. The official score was 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 2-0, ret.

Clijsters followed in Arthur Ashe Stadium and had a much easier time, beating Laura Granville of Chicago 6-1, 6-1 to get to the third round.

"If it's in their head they're playing the No. 1, maybe that's a little bit intimidating," Clijsters said. "On the other hand, that could even be also more motivating as well. I think it depends on the character of your opponent."

On a day of few surprises, the man Federer beat in the Wimbledon final, No. 20-seeded Mark Philippoussis, won his first-round match, as did 2002 Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian, No. 7 Carlos Moya, and No. 10 Jiri Novak. Philippoussis, also the finalist at the 1998 U.S. Open, pounded 20 aces to beat Janko Tipsarevic 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

U.S. Davis Cup player James Blake played later.

Women's winners included No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, French Open semifinalist Nadia Petrova, No. 14 Amanda Coetzer, and No. 13 Vera Zvonareva, who eliminated U.S. teenager Ashley Harkleroad 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 thanks in part to a 37-16 edge in winners.

In the second set, Harkleroad screamed at the chair umpire after what she thought was a series of missed calls.

"You can never be my chair umpire again! That's horrible!" Harkleroad yelled.

Conchita Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion, No. 18 Patty Schnyder and No. 28 Lisa Raymond were beaten. Raymond, Davenport's doubles partner, lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 to Melinda Cizink, who never before had won a Grand Slam match. Cizink's next opponent? Davenport, whose quarter of

the draw already has seen four seeded players lose.

On Wednesday, Davenport won in straight sets again despite putting in just 46 percent of her first serves and making more unforced errors than winners, 23-22. And then there's the nerve problem in her left foot, on which she'll have surgery after the tournament, ending her season.

The injury forced her to quit at the French Open, curtailed her at Wimbledon, and caused her to stop during the second set against Jennifer Capriati in the final of a tuneup event Saturday. Davenport got an injection later that day, and now is relying on ice and tape.

"Hopefully, as more days go by, if it doesn't flare up, I'll be more and more confident of pushing off it and not really worrying about it," she said. "More than anything, each day that goes by, I just have to keep ... playing the type of tennis that it's going to take to win the tournament, not necessarily just win matches."

Not long ago, she was talking about quitting altogether. After losing to Venus Williams at Wimbledon last month, Davenport said, "It definitely ran through my mind when I was out there that that could be my last singles" match at the Ali England Club.

In France and England, Davenport said Wednesday, she was "just really frustrated dealing with another injury, another surgery, another layoff. It takes its toll mentally. But I'm really happy I stuck around this summer."

MLB

Braves being cautious with Smoltz's elbow

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves closer John Smoltz went on the disabled list Wednesday with tendinitis in his right elbow, probably derailing his chances of breaking the single-season save record.

Team physician Dr. Joe Chandler stressed several times that the condition is not serious, and said Smoltz is not expected to have any lingering effects when he returns Sept. 8.

To take his place in the bullpen, the Braves recalled lefty Jung Keun Bong from Triple-A Richmond.

Smoltz, who had reconstructive surgery on his right elbow in 2000, will rest completely for seven days.

"This is an enforced period of rest that John otherwise wouldn't take," Chandler said. "This takes it out of his hands. This is not a serious problem."

A year after setting the NL record with 55 saves, Smoltz has a major league-best 44 this season and was on pace to beat the all-time mark of 57 set in 1990 by Bobby Thigpen.

The Braves have the best record in the majors at 84-47, and they have a 14-game lead in the NL East.

"This is classic tendinitis," said Smoltz, who's had problems warming up because of the ailment. "You have to do more to pitch less."

"I want to pitch in the post-

season at my best. If this was a four-game lead, I wouldn't be doing this. This is a luxury thing."

Chandler took Smoltz to see orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., earlier Wednesday. After an examination that included an MRI test, Andrews made the diagnosis.

To help with his recovery, Smoltz got a cortisone shot in the elbow. It's the third time since he returned from surgery in 2000 that Smoltz has gone on the DL with tendinitis, but the first time since 2001.

"You can't replace a guy like Smoltz," rookie starter Horacio Ramirez said. "Smoltz is Smoltz. He did say something about his elbow, but he'd go out there and throw 97 miles an hour and you figured he's fine."

Smoltz is 0-2 this season with an ERA of 0.89 and three blown saves. He hasn't pitched since Saturday in Colorado, when he struck out the side in the ninth for his 44th save.

"That's the frustrating part, because I consider this one of the best years I've ever had," Smoltz said. "I'll just end it on a different note, that's all."

Last week, in a tight three-game series in San Francisco, Smoltz never got to pitch as the Giants won all three in their final swing. Twice, Barry Bonds hit game-ending homers.

USA BASKETBALL

Mexico hangs with U. S. during 1st half

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Strange things happen at international basketball tournaments, and there were plenty of them — including Mexico being within five points of the U.S. team in the second half — on a wacky Wednesday at the Tournament of the Americas.

Mexico, which lost by 74 points to a team of U.S. professionals at the 2001 Goodwill Games, trailed just 52-47 early in the third quarter as the Americans had their sloppiest game of the Olympic qualifying tournament but won 96-69.

Earlier, Venezuela shocked Argentina 97-92, Canada beat the Dominican Republic 78-75 and Puerto Rico locked up a semifinal berth by defeating Brazil 72-70 in three games that featured weird and wild endings.

The most shocking thing about the Mexico-U.S. game was that it didn't become a blowout until the fourth quarter. Mexico led 26-19 after one quarter, surrendered a 13-0 run in the second quar-

ter and never truly had a chance to win in the second half.

Two jumpers by Allen Iverson and a fast-break layup by Jason Kidd highlighted a 10-0 run that gave the Americans a 62-47 lead, and the U.S. team eventually led by as many as 30 points.

"We had some good points in that game and some bad points," Iverson said. "We played good enough to win, that's the most important thing."

Venezuela came up with several key steals in the final minutes and closed the game with an 18-2 run to hand Argentina its third loss of the tournament.

Barring a victory by Puerto Rico over the U.S. team in the final game of the second round, Argentina needs to defeat the Dominican Republic on Thursday to avoid a semifinal matchup with the United States on Saturday, when two of the three available berths in the Athens Olympics will be earned. A third berth will be awarded to the team that wins the third-place game Sunday.

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Dotson indicted on Dennehy murder charge

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was indicted Wednesday on a charge of murdering his former teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy, and prosecutors began the process of extraditing him to Texas.

The grand jury heard evidence for about 90 minutes before handing up an indictment against Dotson, who has been jailed in his home state of Maryland since his July 21 arrest.

The indictment, which contained a single murder count, alleges Dotson shot Dennehy on or around June 12. Dennehy's body was found in a field southeast of town July 25.

He had been shot twice in the head, according to an autopsy report.

District Attorney John Segrest and other law enforcement officials have refused to discuss motive, which is not mentioned in the one-page indictment. The maximum penalty for the murder count is life in prison.

Segrest's office on Wednesday

began the paperwork to formalize a request to Gov. Rick Perry's office to seek Dotson's extradition. If Dotson continues to contest extradition, a judge in Maryland will schedule a hearing.

"How long it will take to secure his presence here is anybody's guess," Segrest said.

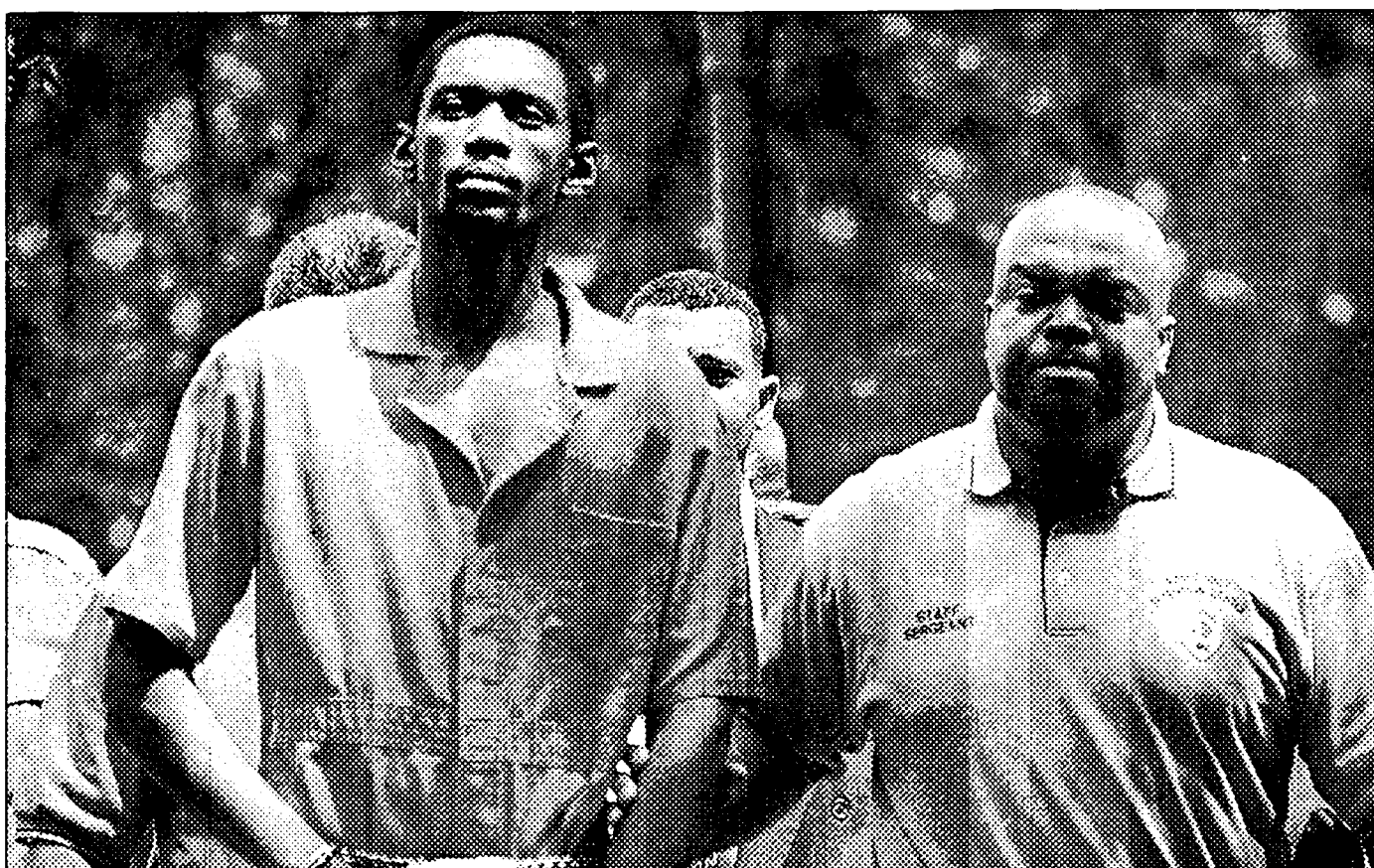
Dotson's lawyers could not be immediately reached for comment.

The grand jury met twice, Segrest said. Dotson's estranged wife Melissa Kethley testified Aug. 13, and McLennan County sheriff's investigator Clay Perry and Waco police detective Bob Fuller testified Wednesday.

Kethley's mother, Pam Bayuk, said the family had been expecting the indictment.

"We just didn't know why it took so long," Bayuk said Wednesday.

Kethley has said she last saw her husband when he drove Dennehy's vehicle to visit her in Sulphur Springs the night of June 12 — the same day Dennehy was last seen on campus.



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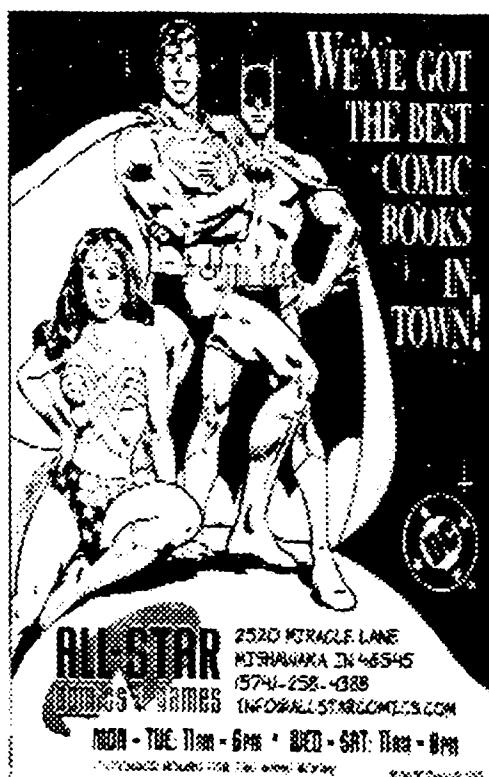
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Peppers reluctantly accepting Carolina fame

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers is too big-time to still shop at Wal-Mart, and he's too small town to have a wild night with his rapper buddies at the Grammy Awards.

The budding NFL star is still feeling his way through fame, trying hard to settle into Charlotte. A standout defensive end on a Carolina Panthers team that lacks offensive stars, Peppers may be the city's biggest sports celebrity right now.

"When we go to the mall, sometimes I feel bad for him," said running back DeShaun Foster, one of Peppers' closest friends on the team. "It's like one person sees him, and word spreads and he gets totally mobbed."

"It's not like he can hide, because he's too big. So he just patiently signs everything, and then we get out of there."

Peppers is an enormous fish — 6-foot-7, 285 pounds — in a very small pond. But he's quiet, almost shy, and doesn't have much interest in cashing in on his celebrity status.

In some ways, he's an unassuming child in a man's body and doesn't quite understand why he's such a big deal.

"It's kind of hard for me to go anywhere in Charlotte because I draw a lot of crowds," he said,

taking one of his trademark long pauses to think about his answer. "And I don't really get why. I guess I really just don't see myself in a famous light."

"Other people around me see it, but I'm just me. I like to play video games, watch TV and go to the movies. That's about it."

Charlotte has never really had a marquee athlete, and currently counts NASCAR stars among its most famous residents.

Big names have come through the small city — Alonzo Mourning, Vlade Divac and Larry Johnson all played here for the now-departed Hornets. But all went on to bigger things in the bright lights of Miami, Los Angeles and New York.

For the Panthers, about to begin their ninth season, Kerry Collins made a small splash on the nightlife scene early in his career, but tight end Wesley Walls was the only player with any celebrity staying power.

That leaves Chris Leak, a freshman quarterback at Florida who set national high school records while playing in the Queen City, as Charlotte's most celebrated athlete.

Peppers is about to change that, whether he wants to or not.

When the Panthers took the North Carolina standout second overall in the 2002 draft, he already had a following with many of the team's fans, having

starred at nearby Chapel Hill.

Then he earned NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors, getting 12 sacks in the 12 games he played. Peppers probably would have done more, but was suspended from the final four games of the season for testing positive for an illegal supplement.

In the time he did play, the native of tiny Bailey, east of Raleigh, attracted an impressive fan base that stretches far beyond the Panthers' faithful and fathers who want their sons to grow into strong defensive linemen.

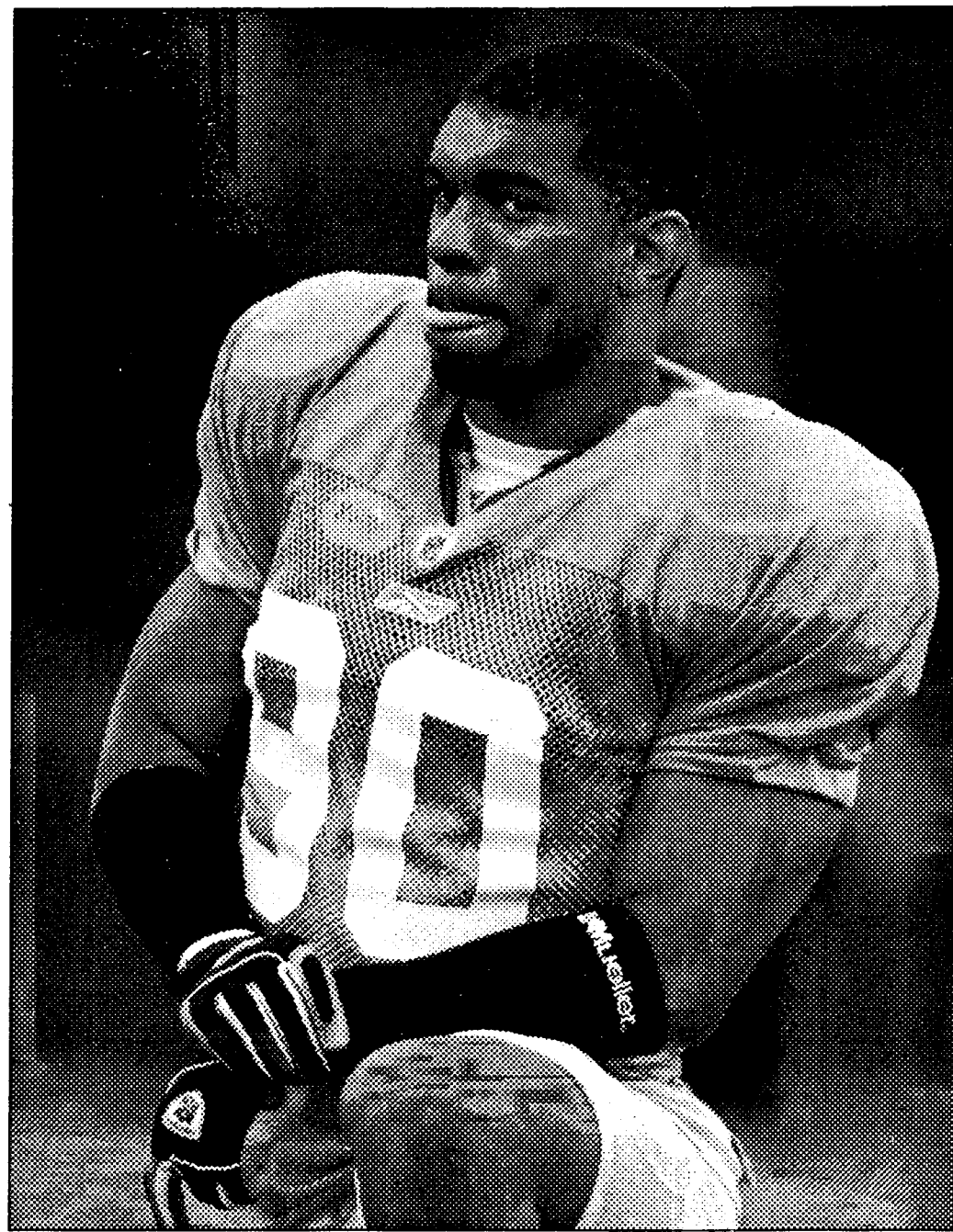
Now, he's on the verge of becoming Charlotte's first superstar, its first athlete to draw widespread attention outside the Carolinas.

Peppers is considered an A-list athlete among A-list celebrities. But if he's impressed by the doors it has opened for him, he doesn't let on.

He had a prominent role in one of Nelly's videos, and now considers the St. Louis-based rapper a friend: "I know his crew pretty good."

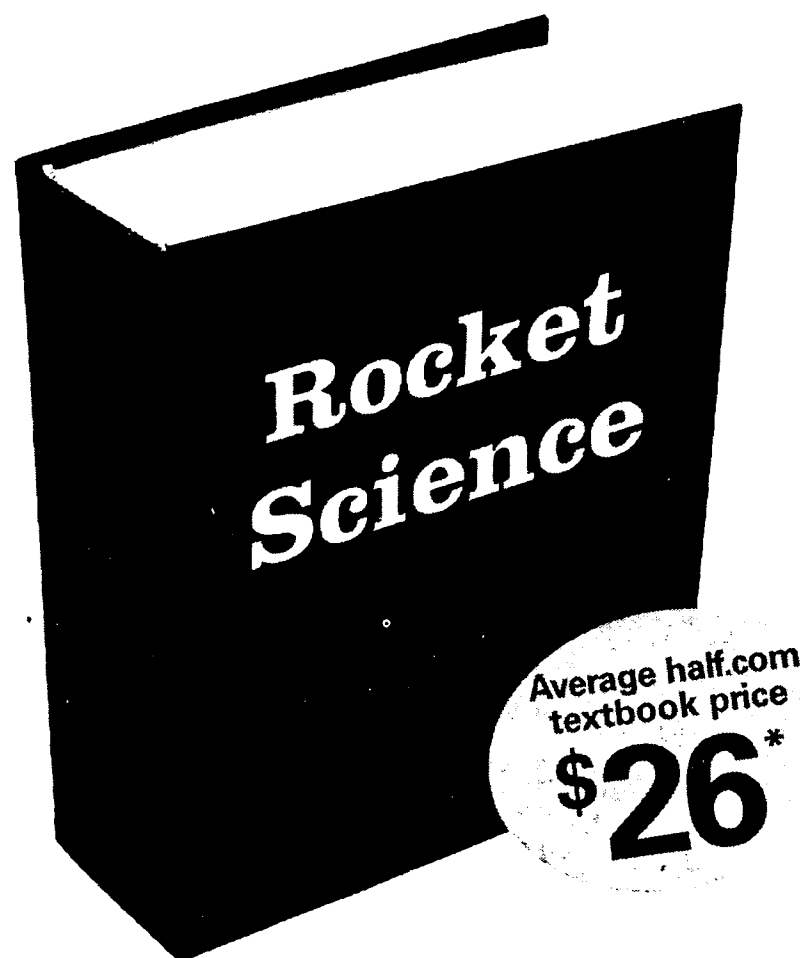
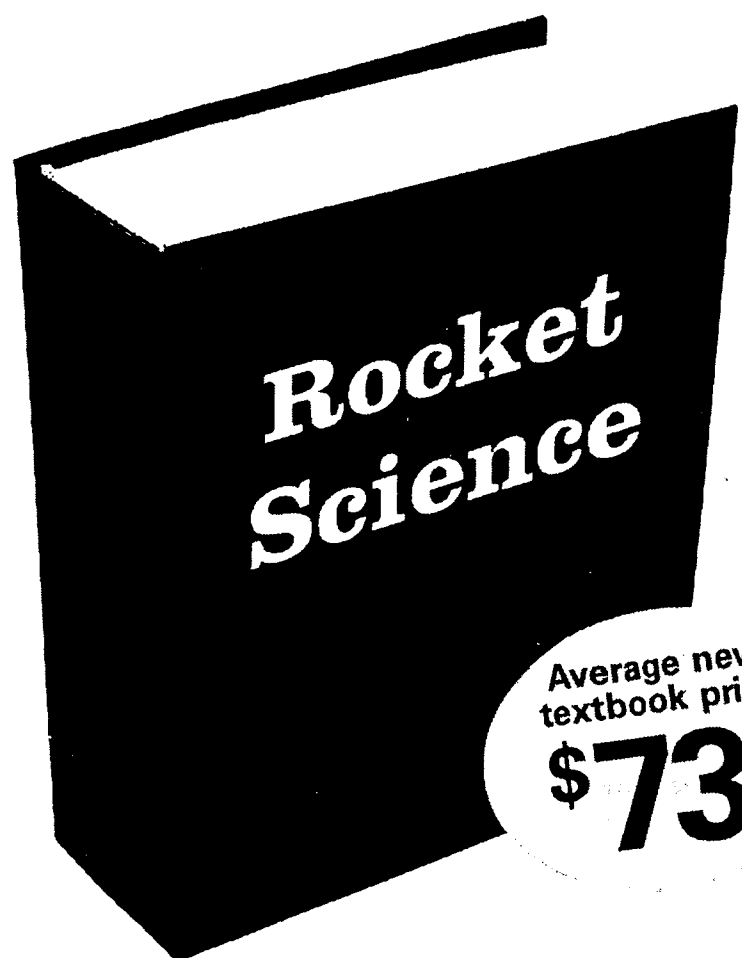
He attended the Grammy Awards: "I mean, you go to the Grammys when you get asked. It was cool, it was all right. It wasn't all that."

And he got great seats at a Mike Tyson fight: "Going to fights are cool, I guess."



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Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers takes a knee during practice at the Panthers' training camp in Charlotte, N. C. The second-year player is trying to adjust to life in the NFL.



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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	80-51	.611	6-4	-
Boston	77-56	.579	6-4	4
Toronto	65-68	.489	4-6	16
Baltimore	61-70	.466	4-6	19
Tampa Bay	51-79	.392	3-7	28 1/2

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	71-62	.534	8-2	-
Kansas City	68-62	.523	4-6	1 1/2
Minnesota	68-63	.519	7-3	2
Cleveland	59-74	.444	5-5	12
Detroit	33-98	.252	2-8	37

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	77-55	.583	3-7	-
Oakland	77-55	.583	8-2	-
Anaheim	63-69	.477	5-5	14
Texas	61-71	.462	6-4	16

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	85-47	.644	5-5	-
Philadelphia	70-62	.530	2-8	15
Florida	70-62	.530	3-7	15
Montreal	70-64	.522	6-4	16
New York	58-73	.443	6-4	26 1/2

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Houston	70-62	.530	6-4	-
St. Louis	69-63	.523	5-5	1
Chicago	68-63	.519	4-6	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	60-70	.462	4-6	9
Cincinnati	58-74	.439	4-6	12
Milwaukee	57-75	.432	9-1	13

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Francisco	79-51	.608	6-4	-
Arizona	69-63	.523	5-5	11
Los Angeles	67-64	.511	5-5	12 1/2
Colorado	64-70	.478	3-7	17
San Diego	52-81	.391	5-5	28 1/2

NBA



Al Bello

Former Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas argues a call in a game last season against the New Jersey Nets. Thomas was fired Wednesday, seven weeks after Larry Bird was named the president of basketball operations.

Thomas fired as Pacers head coach

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Bird insisted he took his new job with an open mind about the future of coach Isiah Thomas.

The Indiana Pacers' president of basketball operations needed only seven weeks to come to a decision.

Bird wasted little time in making his first major move, firing Thomas on Wednesday and immediately tapping former assistant Rick Carlisle as his successor.

"I just had a gut feeling this wasn't going to work," Bird said of a surprise move

that came only two months before the start of the season.

Bird said he didn't feel comfortable with the Pacers' direction after a second-half swoon that knocked them out of first place in the Eastern Conference and into third.

Bird also said there were other problems with Thomas, who was with the U.S. men's basketball team at the Olympic qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico earlier this week.

"I spoke to him one day in a meeting, and I talked to him one day on the phone. The communication wasn't really there," Bird said.

Carlisle and Bird's relationship dates to the 1980s when the two were teammates with the Boston Celtics. Carlisle also was an assistant for Bird from 1997-2000, but was passed over by current Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh in favor of Thomas.

Carlisle spent the past two seasons as coach of the Detroit Pistons before being fired in May. Carlisle spoke with Bird on Tuesday night and said he was interested.

"He's my first choice," Bird said.

Bird said he would have fired Thomas even if Carlisle was not available.

Bird and Thomas were

contentious rivals from their days of leading the Boston Celtics and Detroit Pistons to NBA titles in the 1980s.

When he was hired July 11, Bird walked off the podium at a news conference and shook hands with Thomas — but neither smiled.

The Pacers were 131-115 in the regular season under Thomas, making the playoffs all three seasons but never advancing past the first round. Speculation swirled toward the end of the season that Thomas would not be back for the final year of his four-year contract.

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Georgia Tech at BYU, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

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IN BRIEF

Lima placed on disabled list due to injured groin

KANSAS CITY — Kansas City Royals pitcher Jose Lima was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained groin for the second time this season Wednesday.

The Royals also added outfielder Rondell White to the roster. He was acquired Tuesday from the San Diego Padres.

Lima won his first seven decisions after he was signed out of the independent Atlantic League, but was 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA in two starts since coming off the disabled list.

General manager Allard Baird said he was unsure who would take Lima's next scheduled start Saturday against Anaheim.

"We'll make a decision for Saturday, whether that would be a waiver claim, a trade or in-house," Baird said. "We feel our chances with whoever toes the mound for Saturday is a better bet to contribute than an 80 percent Jose Lima."

Baird said Lima would be eligible to come off the DL on Sept. 8 and might miss just two starts.

"We're looking at the waiver wire and we're also talking to clubs," Baird said.

White was immediately put to work, batting sixth and playing left field for the AL Central leaders against Texas on Wednesday night.

White was hitting .278 with a team-leading 66 RBIs for the Padres. He had 18 home runs.

"I've been watching these guys on TV. You can't help but get fired up," White said. "It's a great situation for me. I'm just going to relax, try to drive in some runs and hopefully help these guys win their division."

"I'm just going to try to fill in. I hope things work out," White said.

Pappas wins big at World Championships

SAINT-DENIS, France — It was a painstakingly slow, yet totally sweet, victory lap.

With an American flag draped over his shoulders, Tom Pappas gingerly walked and lightly jogged around the track on which he had just wrapped up his world title in the decathlon.

He became the only American other than three-time champion Dan O'Brien to win the event, which traditionally crowns the "world's greatest athlete," at the World Championships.

"The victory lap, I was so overwhelmed and tired at the same time. I didn't feel like jogging, I wish I could have walked the whole way, but a couple of guys kept telling me to hurry up," he said.

Coming into the final event of the grueling two-day decathlon with a huge lead, Pappas struggled to an 11th-place finish Wednesday night in the 1,500 meters and fell into the arms of U.S. teammate Paul Terek. It was a personal-best time in the 1,500 for Pappas.

"When I crossed the finish line, I was trying not to fall over," said Pappas.

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that he would be on a team with players much bigger and stronger than he. Rather than fretting about size, he said that he was only encouraged to train and practice harder.

"I like [being smaller]; it's a challenge," Martin said. "I realize that personally I've got to be one of the hardest-training individuals just to keep up."

Martin seems to have kept up. As a junior, he was the fourth leading scorer on the team with 13 points (six goals and one assist). Being a midfielder, however, Martin is unable to focus primarily on offense.

Calling the position "the soccer brains," he explained that a midfielder is responsible for really bolstering the team because of his responsibilities on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

Of course, all the soccer talent in the world means nothing without a coach to organize it all, and Martin believes Notre Dame has one of the best in Bobby Clark.

"We call him 'The Boss' because you can't just call a guy like this 'Coach,'" Martin said. "He's so much more than just a coach. He's a father figure, a mentor, and probably least of all, he's a coach."

Before Clark was hired in 2001, the Irish went 15-17-5 in their two previous seasons. Under Clark, the Irish are currently a cumulative 24-13-3.

Despite his coaching expertise, Martin maintains that "The Boss" is special because of who he is off the field.

"He teaches us more about life and just how to be a good person," Martin said. "Even alumni who played for him 25 years ago realize he's just a very

special person. I've grown to be best friends with him. He's a saint, or as close as you can get at least."

In fact, it is because of Clark that Martin has said this year's seniors are so anxious to win a national title. With the recent Soccer America poll placing the Irish at No. 3 in the nation, Martin says it may be hard for the team to maintain its focus, which should be the immediate goal.

"For the season, there's ultimately one goal that every team in college sports has — the national championship," he said. "But in the meantime, we want to try and eliminate distractions and keep everyone on the same page."

Even if the Irish are unsuccessful in their pursuit of a title, Martin said that his experience at Notre Dame has been more than he dreamed.

"It's far beyond what I expected," he said. "I couldn't ask for more than what I've been given at Notre Dame. I think what makes it special is the quality of individuals. I think there's just a special kind of person here. I'll be deeply saddened when I have to leave."

Although it's still a long way off, Martin already has tentative plans for life after Irish soccer. He would like to continue to play professionally, but if that doesn't work out, he wouldn't be averse to attending law school, perhaps even at Notre Dame.

What is most important to Martin, though, is what people remember about him after he leaves Notre Dame.

"My goal at Notre Dame is to leave a legacy in the soccer program," he said. "By that, I don't mean championships or winning percentage, but just the way the team handles itself on and off the field. [The seniors and I] want to kind of create a mold in which future leaders can step in and be able to lead this team in the right direction."

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"I like [being smaller]; it's a challenge."

Greg Martin
Irish captain

Football

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cally different offenses. Before the switch to the pro-style offense, the Irish were always a run-first, pass-second team. Diedrick's system strives for balance, but emphasizes the pass. Running the offense well all comes down to spacing.

"What you have to understand first of all, is what a passing game means. Spacing is important. It opens up lanes," Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "When you understand that in a passing offense, then you begin to open up lanes and put pressure on a defense at certain points. It's the overall learning process and knowledge that we are gaining that is better than last year."

"Hopefully, every guy on our squad has learned a little bit more this year, and we learn a little bit more next year."

With the team now improving its understanding of the spacing concept, the coaching staff builds off those fundamentals to install the thick playbook.

"It now becomes how you apply the concept, is it vertical, horizontal, how do you work in the concept?" Willingham said. "The great thing about the system is once you understand the concept, you can take the concepts and show it to people in plays."

One player in particular who coaches think has

improved from a year ago is starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday. Last season, Holiday didn't seem to have a total understanding of the new system. After getting on-the-field experience in a more pass-oriented offense, studying film over the winter and having another off-season of practice, Diedrick can't even begin to explain the difference between the third-year starter from this year to last.

"Oh God, it's like light years," Diedrick said. "Even with the veteran receivers and the returning group, we have been able to install so much more and do so many more things. I think he has a much better handle on things now than he did at last year this time."

"He is a totally different person."

Diedrick wasn't able to quantify the difference in how much of the offense is currently in place compared to last year, but he said, "Quite a bit more of the offense has been put in [this year]."

No Game Tape

With Washington State opening its 2003 campaign Saturday against Idaho, some fans would argue Notre Dame has the advantage in seeing the Cougars' game film. But that is not necessarily the case.

"We are handicapped, because I don't know of our ability to see this play. We don't trade them film. We don't have a game to trade with them," Willingham said. "We hope

we can watch the game. It's very difficult when you watch a football game on television, to watch the game of football ... To actually see all of the nuances of a football game, you can't see with a television copy."

Willingham actually said he would prefer the option of having the roles reversed this weekend, the Irish playing and the Cougars on the sideline, on one condition — only if the Irish would win of course.

Tight End Situation

With the transfer of Greg Olsen and the unknown severity of Gary Godsey's knee injury, the tight end position has suddenly become a minor area of concern for the Irish.

Throughout the off-season, the tight ends — namely Jared Clark and Billy Palmer — tried to become better all-around players.

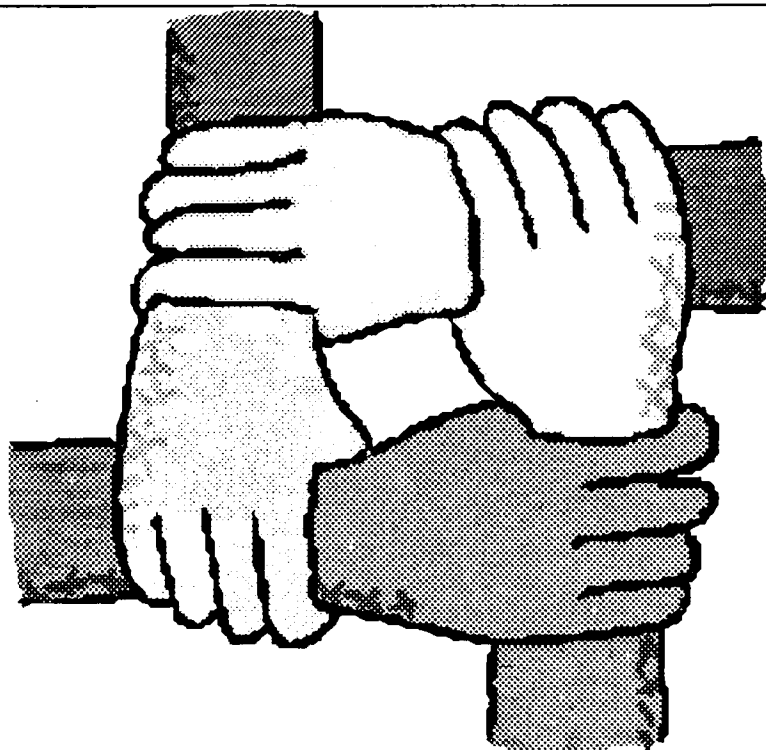
Last year, Clark was viewed primarily as a receiving threat while Palmer was at his best blocking.

"[Clark's] doing a much better job with his blocking, and is much more consistent. What that brings is an opportunity to be an every down tight end," Diedrick said. "I think Billy has made strides in that area [of receiving]."

Anthony Fasano and Marcus Freeman, who both sat out the 2002 season as freshmen, are pushing for playing time as well.

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we'll be able to continue to attract some quality players."

Even with all the applicants, Mainieri quickly narrowed the list down to three names and selected Terry Rooney, the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Stetson, after the interview process. Mainieri took one last bit of advice from his former associate, as O'Connor recommended Rooney as his successor.

"I conducted a really exhaustive search and refused to lower my standards of who we were going to hire," Mainieri said.

"Some real critical people that I talked to had some very compelling things to say about [Rooney] that got my attention. If you look at his record as a pitching coach and recruiter ... I think it was phenomenal. He was the third person I interviewed and was clearly the right person for the job for us."

At Stetson, Rooney's pitching staff led the Hatters to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and 40-win seasons. In

2003, Stetson eliminated perennial power Georgia Tech from the NCAA Tournament. With the Irish, Rooney will assume the role of pitching coach and work with assistant coach David Grewe on recruiting.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to be here and work at Notre Dame," Rooney said. "You really feel like you're working with the upper-echelon student athlete in the country with the combo of academics and

baseball here."

One aspect of Rooney's position that makes him enthusiastic is the talented staff O'Connor leaves behind. Rooney will work with juniors Niesel, John Axford and Johnson, who returns to the staff after missing all of 2003 due to shoulder surgery, sophomores Ryan Doherty and Tom Thornton and a hyped incoming freshman class that includes Texas phenom Jeff Manship.

"Certainly the staffs [Notre

Dame has] assembled in the past couple of years have been phenomenal, and I'm honored to follow in those footsteps with the staff we have this year," Rooney said. "With the corps of guys we have returning and the young guys coming in, I think it's a tremendous situation from a pitching standpoint."

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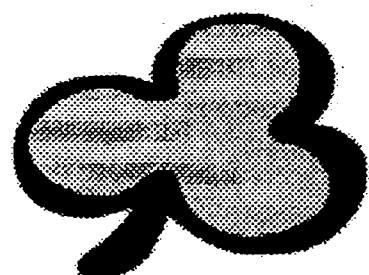
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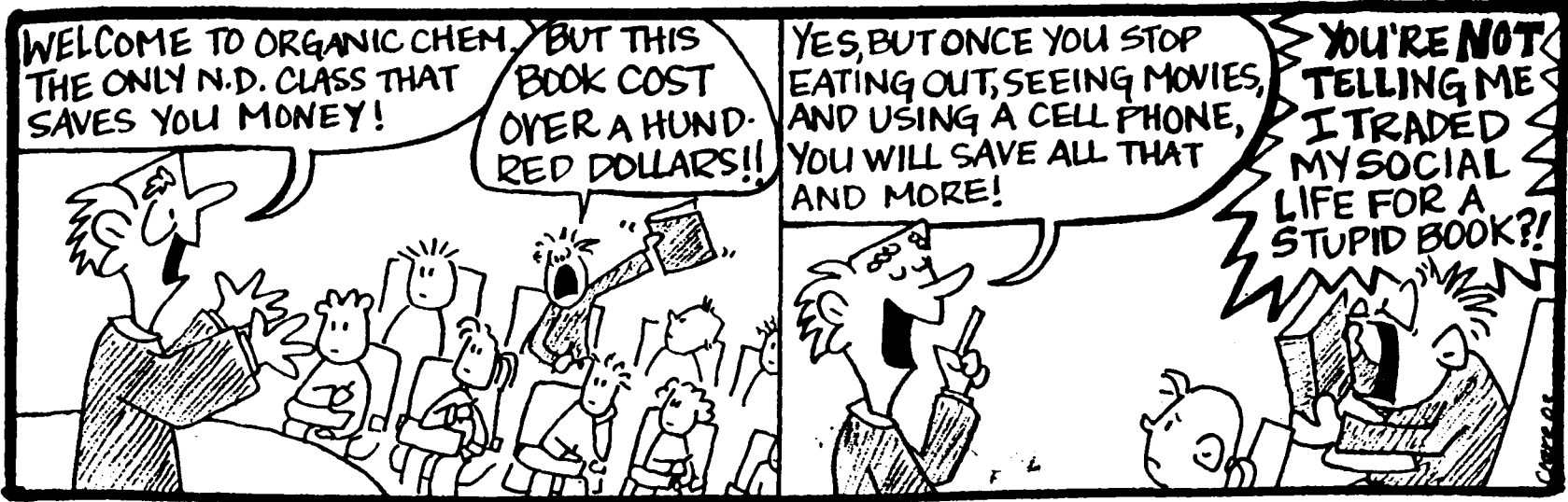
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- 5 Rice in a bookstore
- 9 Nobel-winning peacemaker
- 14 Conductor Klemperer
- 15 Pass
- 16 White poplar
- 17 No matter what
- 19 Asian tree with many trunks
- 20 Comparatively cracked
- 21 Sorrows
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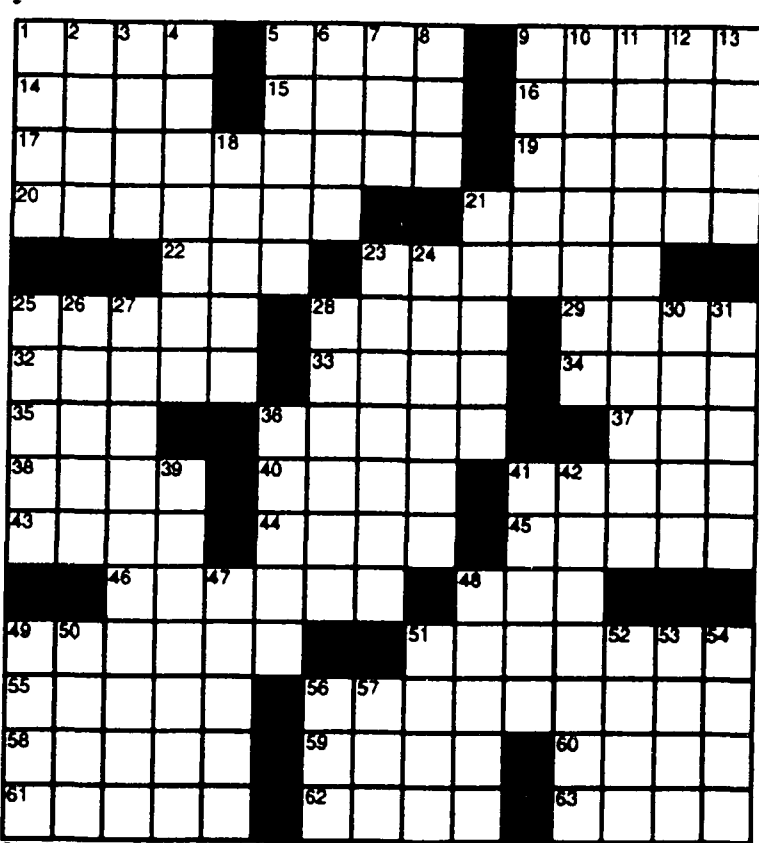
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- 32 Shoppers' pursuits
- 33 Joe Hardy's temptress, on Broadway
- 34 Its slogan was once "The sign of extra service"
- 35 Balmoral relative
- 36 Feller of folklore?
- 37 Uncommon insight
- 38 Mounted on
- 40 League: Abbr.
- 41 Lug
- 43 AWOL
- 44 Jupiter, e.g.
- 45 Olympian
- 46 Time out
- 48 CD follower
- 49 Visual
- 51 Kicks downstairs, so to speak
- 55 Echo location

- 56 Where cons may congregate
- 58 Steelhead or squaretail
- 59 Saint known as "the Great"
- 60 Talker with a beak
- 61 Antônio, for one
- 62 It's spun
- 63 Request

DOWN

- 1 Rivers with barbs
- 2 Famed words to a backstabber
- 3 Louisiana, e.g., in Orleans
- 4 Bun alternative
- 5 Be like-minded
- 6 Film genre
- 7 It has a peacock logo
- 8 Peacock plume feature
- 9 Wooden footwear
- 10 Marine rock-clinger
- 11 Live ascetically
- 12 Garden spray
- 13 Top scores, sometimes
- 18 A ton
- 21 "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" singer, 1973
- 23 Greek god of wine
- 24 Detective Pinkerton and others
- 25 Item on a chain
- 26 "Swell!"



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- 27 Sky Masterson's creator
- 28 Good things
- 30 Good thing
- 31 Shade of red
- 36 Supreme Court middle name
- 39 Leave rubber on the road
- 41 Remote option
- 42 Potential source of verbal misunderstanding
- 47 Poem division
- 48 Amber, e.g.
- 49 Fall times: Abbr.
- 50 Irene of "Fame"
- 51 Christian from France
- 52 "The Best Man" star Diggs
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MEN'S SOCCER

Small in stature, not ability

Three-time captain Greg Martin leads Irish to new heights

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

It's okay to call Greg Martin short. Really. He doesn't mind.

"I've always been the little guy," he said. "The guys will joke about it."

The jokes about Martin stop at his stature, however. There's nothing funny about the Plano, Tex., senior's leadership ability or the respect he garners from his team. After all, Martin is the first three-time captain in Notre Dame men's soccer history.

"I think it was flattering to know I had earned the respect of my teammates," Martin said of his sophomore year, the first year he was named captain. "At the same time, any time there's a leader, it's a credit to his teammates."

Even so, the 5-foot-8, 151-pound Martin has a lot to be proud of, especially considering that he didn't even begin to play soccer until the fifth grade, unlike several of his Irish teammates who had been playing at much earlier ages.

Despite his late start, there was no doubting Martin's talent, and at 15 years of age, he began to tour around the world with the Under-17 U.S. National Team.

In January 1999, Martin traveled to the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., a school that trains soccer players for college admission and academic recruitment.

During his years with the U-17 National Team and the time spent at the Academy, Martin became friends with four other current Notre Dame players, senior forwards Justin Dettler and Devon Prescod and senior midfielders Filippo Chillemi and Chad Riley.

Martin spoke of a conversation the five had during the recruitment process, when they all agreed to attend Notre Dame together with the goals of receiving a quality education and putting Irish soccer on the national map.

"Our goal was to come here and change Notre Dame," he said. "We wanted to make it a soccer school."

When Martin was offered a scholarship to join the Irish, he didn't give it a second thought.

"Just like any other kid in this university, you can't pass this opportunity up," he said.

Despite his prowess on national teams and at the prestigious soccer academy, Martin knew

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Irish captain Greg Martin dribbles the ball during a recent scrimmage. Martin was named the first three-time captain in the school's history.

FOOTBALL

Learning process for Irish

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

To understand a basic concept of Notre Dame's offense, think of a basketball court.

Think about how the five players on offense want to achieve proper spacing on the court to find the open shot.

That concept, which seems so basic, is essential to running offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick's pro-style offense. Last year, the Irish didn't totally grasp that concept.

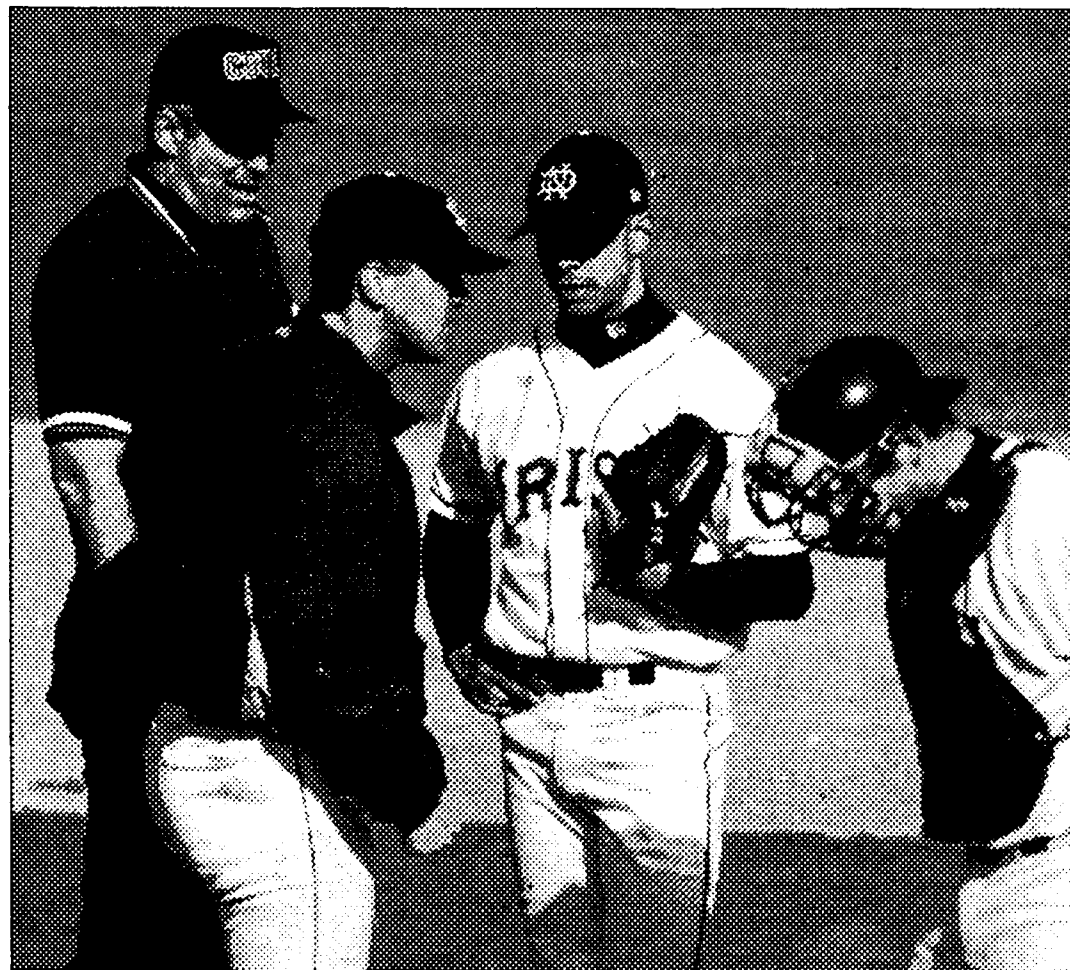
On paper, Notre Dame's 2002 offense wasn't very much different from the 2001 edition. The 2002 offense finished 108th in total offense and 91st in scoring offense compared to 2001 when the Irish were 110th and 99th, respectively. Looking at the passing game is a little more encouraging, as the Irish ranked — 91st in 2002 and 114th in 2001.

One reason for the marginal improvement came from the major switch in systems and concepts between the two radi-

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BASEBALL

Loyal O'Connor finally leaves for head coaching job



Observer File Photo

Former Irish associate coach Brian O'Connor instructs pitcher Martin Vergara during a game against Valparaiso. O'Connor left Notre Dame to take a head coaching position with Virginia.

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was only a matter of time.

Long considered one of the top assistant coaches in collegiate baseball, Brian O'Connor couldn't remain as Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri's associate forever.

Still, it was a sad day for the Irish skipper when his longtime assistant and friend O'Connor left Notre Dame to take a head coaching job at the University of Virginia July 9.

"You have a whole myriad of emotions," Mainieri said of O'Connor's departure from the program. "First is you're so happy for him and so proud of him. You know he's worked hard, and he deserves it. At the same time you have a tremendous sense of loss."

O'Connor came to Notre Dame with Mainieri nine years ago, serving as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator and earning the title of associate

head coach two years ago.

"It's almost like a death in your family," Mainieri said. "The guy's been with you for nine years and been involved with every major decision you've made relative to the program."

"You know he's had a lot of impact as far as success of the program, and not only that, but he's also a very close friend of yours. You developed a very close relationship and all of a sudden he's gone."

Along with helping Mainieri and the Irish to their first College World Series since 1957, O'Connor cultivated present major league pitchers Brad Lidge and Aaron Heilman, along with current Irish aces Chris Niesel and Grant Johnson.

But with a talented, young pitching staff that includes four incoming freshman, Mainieri realized the importance of quickly finding a skilled coach to replace O'Connor.

"The biggest emotion that I

had was concern for the future of our program," Mainieri said. "I know that I owed it to our kids to not rest until I went out and found what I felt was the best available pitching coach in the country ... so that we can carry on the great work that Brian did."

Mainieri had a great task ahead of him, however, as over 200 coaches — some of them Division I head coaches — applied for the position with the Irish, a testament to the growth in prestige the Notre Dame program has experienced under Mainieri and O'Connor.

"I think that position is a much better one now, nine years later, than it was when Brian entered the position," Mainieri said. "I think the thing that was attractive to a lot of candidates was the fact that we've had some great success here, we've got some quality pitchers in our program now, and I think people see that

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