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Report delivered on Kashmir trip

Professors talk about positive experiences with lectures, people

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

A trip to Kashmir by two Notre Dame professors and members of

the Kroc Institute to study and promote the peacemaking process was a positive experience, said Dan Philpott, director of undergraduate studies at the Kroc and assistant professor of political science.

Philpott traveled to Kashmir on behalf of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, a Washington, D.C.-based non-governmental organization. His colleague, Cynthia Mahmood, director

of graduate studies at the Kroc and an associate professor of anthropology, visited the region as an observer to further her research on peace and conflict resolution.

"It exceeded our expectations," Philpott said. "It was very positive."

The trip included a three-day seminar led by senior ICRD vice president Brian Cox in Islamabad on the Pakistani side of Kashmir, along with meetings with politi-

cians, militants and religious leaders in Delhi.

Seventy-two people attended the seminar, which included a series of 10 lectures and culminated in a reconciliation service, Philpott said.

"We had about 12 or 13 people come forward to speak words of healing," he said. "One man was a descendent of the Hindus who are

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Dorm elections modified

By KATIE MOUNTS
News Writer

Recent discussion of Notre Dame's student government indicates that the 2004-05 academic year will reflect significant changes on campus.

The Hall Presidents' Council requested that for this spring's elections, each of the 27 dorms elect only one hall president, said Farley Hall co-president, Beth Duran.

"It's going to be awesome to have one face per dorm ... I think its going to make things a lot more efficient," she said.

Under the current system, she stated, multiple presidents could be elected to serve either all year or for a single semester. Duran is one of four presidents representing Farley Hall this year.

Zahm Hall had similar situations in recent elections.

"Last year, Zahm elected three hall presidents and two were abroad in different semesters. One person stayed all year," said rector Dan Parrish.

Hall leaders seem highly supportive of the changes. Parrish stated that having one president will increase consistency and efficiency within student government.

Siegfried co-president Adam Braun further described the changes. Each dorm is required to have four elected officers, he said, a president and vice-president who run together, a hall programmer and a senator. In past years, the president, vice-president and senator were required, but the hall programmers are new additions. The campus programmer will serve on the

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IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

War hits home for ND community

Editor's note: This is the third in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Just over a year ago, the world watched as American bombers began their "shock and awe" campaign in Iraq, paving the way for the U.S.-led invasion and occupation of the country. But not everyone watched the Iraq War and its aftermath on television. Many figures with connections to Notre Dame have seen the situation in Iraq up-close.

The Priest

Among them is Father Mike Baxter, who traveled to Iraq in December 2002 under the sponsorship of Voices in the Wilderness, a Chicago-based organization dedicated to ending the economic sanctions on Iraq. The group's Web site boasts that it has organized "over 70 delegations to Iraq in deliberate violation of U.N. economic sanctions and U.S. law."

Baxter, an outspoken critic of the war, is a theology professor and a fellow in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

During the trip, Baxter and other representatives of religious, humanitarian and peace groups went to



Photo courtesy of Christopher Kane

Army 1st. Lt. Christopher Kane, in dark uniform, brother of Notre Dame ROTC student Erica Kane, poses in Iraq with his platoon. Many at Notre Dame are affected by the war.

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Doctor lectures on eye disease

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

The South Bend Center for Medical Education kicked off its 10th annual "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" Tuesday with a presentation by Dr. Philip Gabriele titled "Macula Degeneration and Glaucoma."

Macula Degeneration results from a lack of blood flow to the macula or central region of the retina, and is the leading cause of central vision loss in the United States and overall vision loss of the national population over age 85. Glaucoma is the

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Dr. Phillip Gabriele spoke Tuesday on various eye disorders as part of the "Mini Medical School Lecture Series."

Non-Profit Career Fair to be held tonight

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

The Career Center, in collaboration with four other campus organizations, will host the first annual Non-Profit Career Fair tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. in Stepan Center. The fair, presented in a more formal, one-on-one setting than other past career fairs, is designed to highlight internship and job opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Anita Rees, associate director of the Career Center, invited representatives from many local, national and international non-profit organizations to attend. There will be approximately 27 organizations that will participate and lobby both potential interns and full-time employees, she said. In addition, 10 other organizations will post drop boxes to collect résumés from interested students.

Among the participants, many rank within the Nonprofit

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INSIDE COLUMN

Un-jinxing Spring

The vase of wilting yellow daffodils I received last week is still sitting on my desk. The flowers are way past their prime and should have been thrown out over the weekend, yet I continue to water them daily, hoping for a miraculous revival. I have asked myself at least five times a day why I have yet to throw away the drooping petals, but I can only justify it to myself in one way: I refuse to give up on spring weather.

Angela Saoud
Saint Mary's
Editor

With the memories of my Daytona Beach spring break growing more distant each day, I am becoming desperate for any sign of spring. In Daytona, it was 80 degrees the day before we left to come home. As my roommates and I relaxed on the pool deck with our CD players, suntan lotion and endless amounts of reading material, I complained about how warm it was. I think the words "too hot," even came out of my mouth. Now I'm convinced — I jinxed spring.

Yesterday, the sun came out in the afternoon, and the temperature almost reached 60 degrees. Sixty degrees, and I was ready to pack away my winter coat until next year. But this is South Bend. I wouldn't want to be too presumptuous.

Now that midterms are over and finals loom in the not-at-all near future, the semester seems to be coming to a lull, a lull that spring could certainly perk up. We are at the point between spring break and Easter break where nothing much happens. The end of the semester is too far ahead to see the light looming at the end of the tunnel, and I think it has spring at the end of the tunnel with it.

The sun's few cameo appearances have not had a lasting impact on the weather. Evidence of this could be seen over the weekend with the snow flurries and insane amount of wind that gusted through our campuses. Mother Nature may have a great sense of humor, but I think I am starting to lose mine.

I miss walking across ground that is not frozen solid. I miss being able to go outside for more than five minutes at a time before my nose freezes and my ears turn red. And mostly I miss the warm air greeting me on my trek across campus.

So, this is my feeble attempt to un-jinx the warm spring weather that I previously wished so foolishly away on spring break. Mother Nature, I am sorry, and I want my spring back. According to the seven-day forecast, we are looking at the next seven days uninterrupted in the 60's and 70's.

I wholeheartedly hope the temperature makes it, because I am in desperate need of spring, sun and warm weather. And these daffodils — they need to go.

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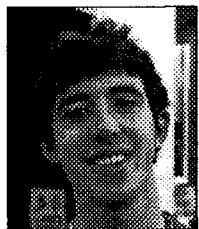
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST CLASS YOU'VE TAKEN AT ND/SMC AND WHY?



Anna Scott
Sophomore
PW

"Theology with Billy Mattison. He was so good, I took him twice!"



Daniel Lentz
Sophomore
Alumni

"Theo 100 with Billy Mattison. Great class ... the name says it all."



Erin Vranish
Freshman
McCandless

"Intro to Communications with Susan Baxter. We did a group hug after our final."



James Vranish
Sophomore
Siegfried

"Organic Chemistry with Paul Helquist. You learn how to make crack!"



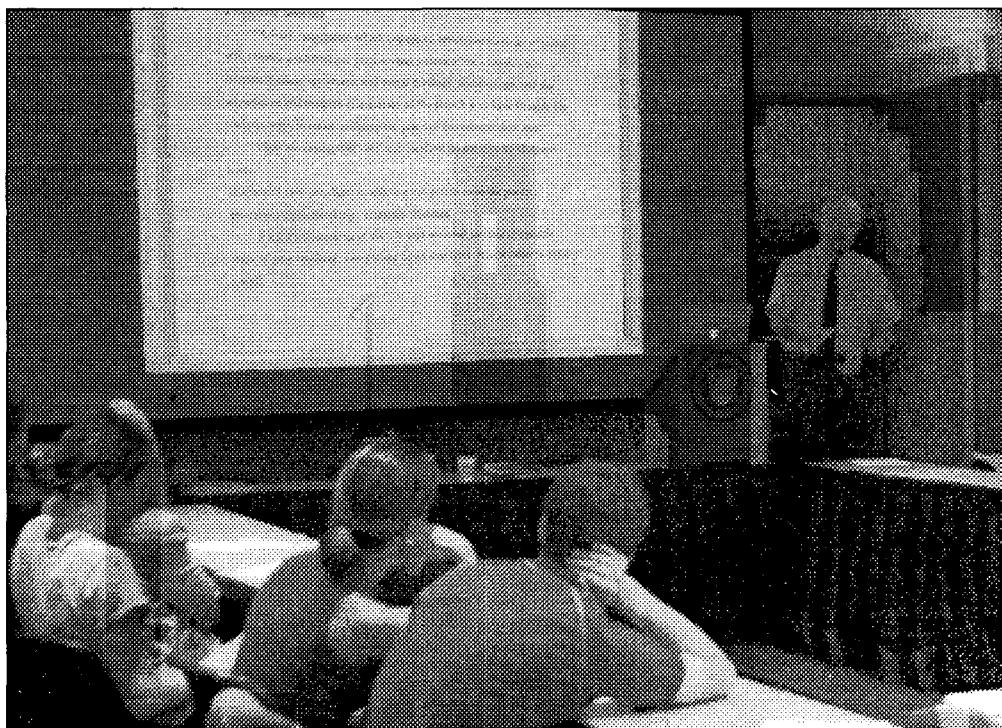
Katie Doyle
Freshman
McCandless

"Intro to Psych with Caroline Call. We heard funny stories about her childhood."



Merrie Cousins
Senior
Cavanaugh

"Swimming by the cute old coach, who taught us the strokes out of the water."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Visiting Kroc Institute fellow Glen Stasses, Smedes Professor of Christian Ethics, spoke Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center on "Just Peacemaking Theory: A better Approach to Terrorism?"

OFFBEAT

Police: Dentist traded drugs for favors

MONTICELLO, Ky. — A dentist has been charged with illegally dispensing prescription drugs, which police say he traded for sex, marijuana and labor.

Dr. Raleigh Andrews was indicted Monday on 10 counts of unlawful dispensing of a controlled substance and four counts of wanton endangerment.

Police said Andrews also hired an assistant with a ninth-grade education to perform "dental procedures on many of the patients," a statement

from Monticello police said.

Officials searched Andrews' Monticello office on July 3 and found "several items of evidence," the statement said. His office has been closed since July.

The grand jury also charged Andrews on Monday with two counts of violating administrative regulations to establish security requirements for prescriptions, a misdemeanor.

Punched attorney is allowed to withdraw

PHILADELPHIA — An

attorney punched in the face by his client was permitted to withdraw from the case Tuesday, while a second lawyer who refused to take it over was held in contempt and temporarily locked up.

Public defender Andrea Konow, who witnessed the sucker punch of her colleague in court Monday, said she could not in good conscience represent Malik El-Shabazz, 20, on trial for raping and murdering a 6-year-old girl.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The first annual Not-For Profit Career Fair will be held today from 4 to 8 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event will bring in employers seeking both graduate and undergraduate students interested in intern and/or career opportunities.

"War Takes," the third installment in the Human Rights International Film Festival, will be shown tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in Saint Mary's Carroll Auditorium, located in Madeleva Hall. The film documents the lives of three Columbian filmmakers over the course of four years.

Tonight's Theology on Tap features biology professor Michelle Whaley and psychology professor Kathy Gibney as they co-facilitate a discussion on medical ethics. The event will be held in Legends from 9:30-10:30 p.m. and center on abortion based on amniocentesis results, stem cell research and extraordinary life support.

A disability panel discussion will be held tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. in Reckers. The discussion will address the question of what it is like to be a disabled person on Saint Mary's or Notre Dame's campus. The event is a component of Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week, and is sponsored by Best Buddies, Junior Class Council, Howard Hall and the Office for Students with Disabilities.

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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Maduro speaks in remembrance of Romero

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Notre Dame continued its annual tradition of remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero by inviting Otto Maduro, professor of World Christianity at Drew University to lecture Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The lecture, entitled "Remembering Romero after September 11," was composed of five key points: "Which September 11th," "24 Years ago today," "Romero, a Christian martyr," "Romero, a victim of armed violence" and "So what?"

In accordance with his five-point agenda, Maduro began with a personal reflection of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. He recalled his own emotions and thoughts, comparing these evoked feelings to the world's response to the coup d'etat in Chile on Sept. 11, 1973. He spoke of his hope for a more pacifist response like that witnessed on a Web site depicting the response of victims' family and friends, and thus, was disappointed with U.S. response of imperious war.

His second point gave a brief history of Romero's appointment

by Pope Paul VI and his ministry of speaking out against war, which in the end, cost him his life. Romero was assassinated while presiding at Mass on March 24, 1980.

Maduro spoke of Romero as being "a speck of dust in a sandstorm;" a man killed by weapons provided by the United States to the El Salvador government, who was too soon forgotten by the American public.

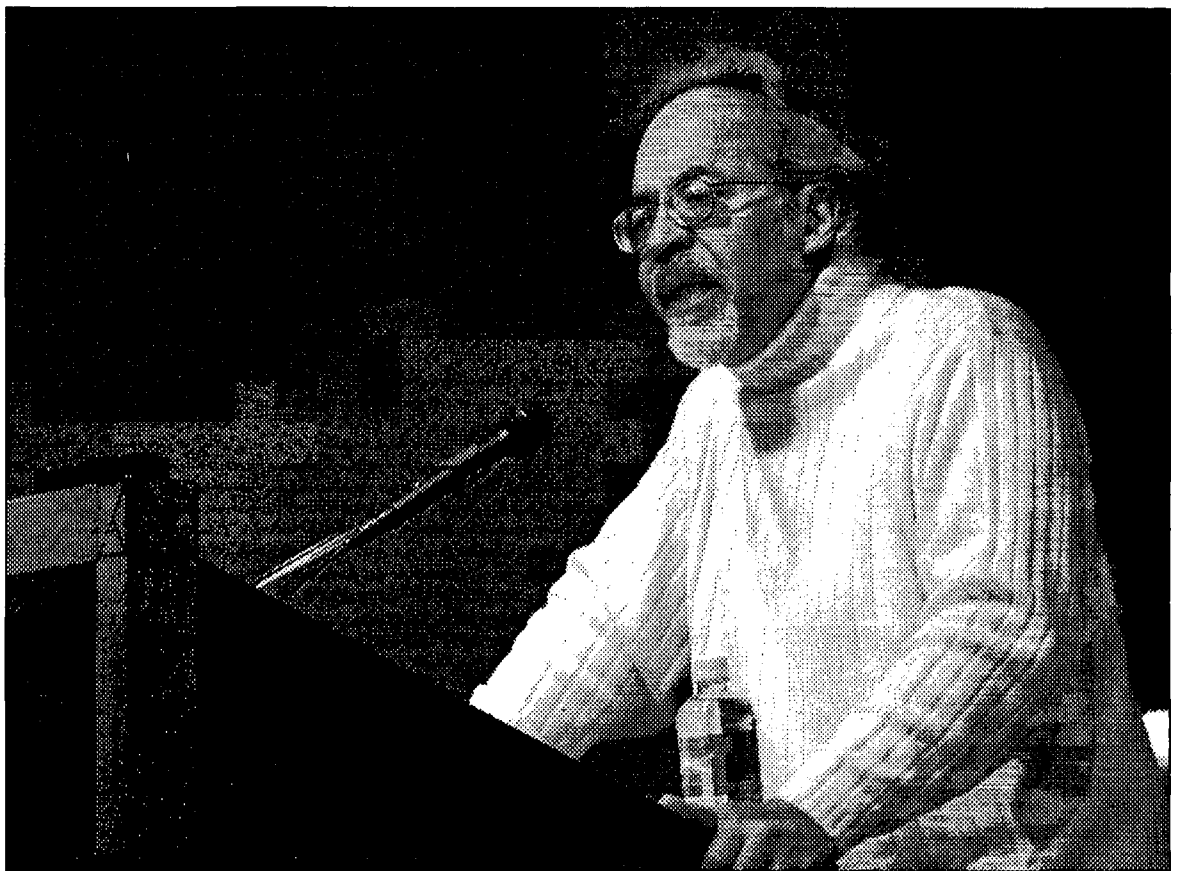
Maduro's next point evaluated Romero as a Christian martyr, a term that, according to Maduro, "means nothing to most people in today's globalized world."

"Most people in America would not recognize his name or face," Maduro said.

However, for those who do remember Romero, Maduro spoke of two ways that their remembrance can generate concern. The first is that people will remember him as an individ-

ual Christian martyr without recognizing his work and importance to those in El Salvador, Maduro said. His second concern is that people may not understand that Romero "was martyred because he is a saint and is not a saint because he was martyred."

Maduro's lecture expressed



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Otto Maduro, a Drew University professor, spoke Tuesday about Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was killed while presiding at Mass on March 24, 1980 for speaking out against war.

hopes of people who understand that Romero once began as a timid priest maintaining good relationships with the well to do, yet simultaneously had compassion for peasants. However, there came a point in his ministry when he began realizing the impossibility of remaining neutral. He consequently with-

drew from relationships with government officials and began being shunned by the wealthy — events that led to his assassination.

In Maduro's opinion, Romero's assassination and the death of thousands of El Salvadorians simply "confirm moral superiority of white, northern lands who

nurture the illusion that things will be all right."

"Before Romero, there was hope and thought of a feasible solution to the ravages of unbridled capitalism," Maduro said. "Now, this is gone."

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campus programming committee, a legislative body somewhat simi-

lar to the Student Union Board, he said.

Multiple representatives, however, mentioned a waning interest from hall residents in running for these positions. Both Farley and Pasquerilla West had uncontested tickets for president and vice

president of the dorms. Sister Carrine Etheridge, rectress of Farley, attributed part of the decline to the number of students who may be willing, but not eligible, to run.

Similarly, in Siegfried, no student ran for the campus program-

mer position. In order to stay with the "elected clause," Braun explained, the vice-president from Siegfried will attend the meetings for campus programmers.

Overall, though, leaders appear optimistic about the changes to government. Etheridge reinforced

the sentiment that the new requirements for hall elections will help establish more continuity for both the HPC and within the dorm itself.

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Times' largest 100 non-profit organizations in the nation, including the second-ranked American Red Cross and the seventh-ranked Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Others include the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute, Church World Service, Tax Assistance Program and Indiana Legal Services, Rees said.

Tonight's fair will offer a wide variety of jobs, ranging from athletic director at the Boys and Girls Clubs to a public policy internship at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Unlike January's career fair, the organizations will not be hosting specialized information sessions before or after the event.

"These [representatives] are overloaded; they wear multiple hats within their organizations, and therefore do not have ample time to give the sessions," said Rees. "They do not have the staff to take up the slack that other for-profit companies have."

Also, attendees should be prepared to meet and socialize more with representatives tonight than in January, said Rees. In the non-profit sector, employers, working with a typically more limited budget, make an extra effort to meet and get to know potential employees "because they cannot afford to make a mistake in hiring someone" she said. "It's very important to come and meet employers at this fair, one-on-one, to make the connection," said Rees.

This fair is the brainchild of Rees, who through her position on the advisory board of idealist.org, a Web site for the non-profit "network" Action without Borders, has met with other like-minded administrators.

"There is a whole crew of col-

leges and universities that have non-profit career fairs," said Rees. The extensive list includes Brown University, Harvard, William and Mary and University of Pennsylvania.

"How many [students] show up is going to tell me something: is this something Notre Dame students want to have?" she questioned.

As students may have noticed, however, non-profit organizations have always attended previous career fairs, and at some fairs, have constituted one third of all businesses present.

Rees decided to devote an entire fair to non-profit organizations because "our office and other offices around campus are trying to liaison better between non-profits and our students."

"We felt there was a great interest in this kind of a fair from the students that we work with," Rees said.

She added that 10.9 million people in the United States alone work for the non-profit sector, or one of every 12 citizens, making it a very viable option for future employment.

Also, many otherwise-interested non-profit organizations are unable to attend the January fair due to time and staff constraints, and Rees has tried to amend the problem by hosting tonight's fair much later in the spring.

"They've always been here; we've just never had a career fair to serve those people," said Kimberly Brennan, administrator at Mendoza's Master of Science in Administration program, of interested students.

The other four organizations that join the Career Center in sponsorship include the MSA program at Mendoza College of Business, Law School Career Services, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Center for Social Concerns.

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seen by the Muslims as having conquered Kashmir. He expressed ... repentance and forgiveness for the wounds inflicted by that community."

Philpott said that he was surprised by the participants who attended the seminar, including a significant number of young people.

"It was interesting who the participants were," he said. "We had many young people who were student leaders and connected to politicians of Azad [the Pakistani side of] Kashmir."

The seminar ended with a discussion circle in which members could voice their opinions regarding the days' events.

"We had people expressing an [appreciation] of the message of reconciliation. Some [said] ... that this is what we need in Kashmir," Philpott said.

Philpott and members of ICRD also met with some of their key contacts in Delhi, including Firduf Syed, a former militant leader turned peace activist, and Kemal

Chenoy, a human rights activist and supporter of the organization's work.

Both affirmed the positive effects that ICRD's efforts are having in promoting peace in the volatile region.

"[Chenoy] said that over the [past] three and a half years we've really built a lot of respect in the Kashmir community as people who are committed to the long term," Philpott said. "That was very encouraging."

In the future, Philpott said that ICRD would like to hold a bridge building meeting involving members of the four Kashmiri provinces' civil sectors to discuss reconciliation. At some point, ICRD plans to turn their work over completely to the Kashmiri people and the core and cell groups they have set up to further the peace making process.

"Eventually we hope to make ourselves obsolete as the work is carried on at the indigenous level," Philpott said.

Philpott said that neither he nor Mahmood experienced any problems with safety.

"We never felt in immediate danger of any kind," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Jewish center bombed in France

TOULON, France — Attackers set fire to a Jewish community center in southeast France overnight, slightly damaging its entrance hall, police said Tuesday.

The unidentified assailants broke a window at the center in the southwestern city of Toulon and doused the interior with a flammable liquid that was then set on fire, according to the police account. Several walls were blackened; no one was injured.

Who carried out the attack was not immediately clear, but officials have noted that such violence tends to coincide with rising Mideast tensions. A day earlier, Israel assassinated Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder and spiritual leader of militant group Hamas.

Yves Haddad, who leads the local Jewish community, expressed "disgust and sadness" at the attack, saying it might be "an importation of what's happening in the Middle East."

"If they wanted to scare us, they made a mistake," Haddad said.

Nine police recruits killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen opened fire on a van filled with police recruits south of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing nine, and assailants shot and killed two policemen — twin brothers — north of the capital.

The slayings were the latest to target police and other Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led occupation.

The attack in the south took place on a road between Musayeb and Hillah when a car pulled in front of the minibus and assailants sprayed the van with small arms fire, police in Hillah said.

A U.S. military official confirmed that nine

NATIONAL NEWS

Nichols prosecution continues

McALESTER, Okla. — An FBI lawyer testified Tuesday that barrels and fuses like those used to build the bomb that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building were found at Terry Nichols' home just days after the deadly blast.

Nichols smiled as prosecutor Lou Keel dragged the empty 55-gallon barrels, white with blue rims, to an area in front of jurors hearing the first-degree murder case.

The 48-year-old defendant then took notes as Keel balanced one of the barrels on the witness stand while FBI lawyer Mary Jasnowski testified she found it and three pieces of Primadet detonation cords at Nichols' home in Kansas three days after the April 19, 1995, bombing.

Jasnowski also said FBI agents recovered 30 firearms, as many as 60 gold and silver coins, and \$10,000 in cash stored under a mattress and in a bag in a bedroom closet.

Doctor to testify in abortion trial

NEW YORK — A pediatrician who says a fetus can feel pain during an abortion will be allowed to testify in a legal challenge to a new law banning a type of late-term abortion, a judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Richard Casey ruled Friday that Dr. Kanwaljeet S. Anand can testify as a government witness at a trial scheduled for later this month.

The judge rejected arguments from the National Abortion Federation that the testimony would be irrelevant and unreliable.

LOCAL NEWS

Defibrillators placed in schools

INDIANAPOLIS — Supporters of a campaign to equip all Indiana high schools with portable defibrillators said Tuesday that about 40 percent of the schools have them or soon will.

The heart-jolting devices, which are smaller than a laptop computer, could save lives if a student-athlete, coach, referee or spectator suffers cardiac arrest at a sporting event, said Blake Ress, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Fatal heart attacks are rare in schools, Ress said.

Israel threatens Hamas militants

Before withdrawing from Gaza Strip, Israelis make strikes on Hamas group

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel threatened to kill the entire leadership of the Islamic militant group Hamas after assassinating its founder and hinted Tuesday that Yasser Arafat could wind up on the hit list in the future.

The accelerated strikes at Hamas are part of an attempt to score a decisive victory ahead of an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Israel does not want to be seen as being driven out of the strip by militants, who already are claiming victory.

The tough talk came on the same day Hamas hard-liner Abdel Aziz Rantisi was elected as the new leader of the Islamic militant group in Gaza. The 54-year-old pediatrician replaces Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike early Monday.

Early Wednesday, about 25 Israeli tanks entered the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza, setting off exchanges of gunfire between soldiers and Palestinians, residents said. No casualties were reported. Residents said attack helicopters firing machine guns accompanied the tanks, as bulldozers demolished two buildings.

Israeli military officials said the operation was aimed at clearing an area used by Palestinian gunmen.

Hours earlier, Israeli gunboats opened fire off the coast of Gaza, targeting fishing boats and piers, witnesses said. No one was hurt. The Israeli military said the gunboats fired at a suspicious object.

Also late Tuesday, an armed Palestinian was killed as he approached a Jewish settlement in Gaza, Army Radio reported.

Around the same time, Israeli helicopters opened fire at guerrillas setting up



Muslim clerics in Lebanon take place in an anti-Israel rally on Tuesday. Israelis killed Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin while he left a mosque on Monday.

rocket launchers in south Lebanon, the military said. Lebanese officials said two guerrillas were killed and one wounded.

Rantisi, who has pushed for accelerating attacks on Israel and rules out all compromise, told tens of thousands of cheering Hamas supporters at a soccer stadium that he was chosen in secret elections. One by one, senior Hamas officials got up and swore loyalty to him.

In his acceptance speech, Rantisi made his priorities clear. "My people, we must unify under the umbrella of resistance," he said, and exhorted the Hamas mili-

tary wing to "teach this Zionist occupation a lesson."

Rantisi has rejected even a temporary truce with Israel and any compromise with Arafat's Palestinian Authority. His aggressive style is particularly popular with younger Hamas activists.

With his new post, Rantisi will likely become an even more tempting target for Israel's military, which wounded him in a missile attack on his car last year.

On Monday, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and various security agency chiefs decided to go

after all the Hamas leaders, a security official said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli army chief, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, hinted that Arafat might eventually be targeted as well. The killing of Yassin should be seen as a signal "to all those who choose to harm us that this will be their end," Yaalon said.

"It is our view that decapitation of the terrorist infrastructure is one means among the strategies in the war against terror," the general said. "The strike on Yassin is a significant blow to the Hamas terror organization."

Racial disparity still exists in U.S.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Black Americans are less likely than white Americans to own homes, don't earn as much as whites, don't live as long, and don't do as well in school, according to a report by the National Urban League.

The report, released on Wednesday, is a collection of survey data and essays by experts in race, social justice, health, psychology and civil rights.

The most conspicuous differences it found were in the areas of home ownership and economic parity, with black earning power about 73 percent that of whites.

"The wealth gap is significant," Urban League President Marc

Morial said in an interview.

"There are a number of things we have to get much more focused on as a community: health, home ownership, estate planning, community economic development," said Morial, a former New Orleans mayor who was named president of the 93-year-old civil rights group last May.

The Urban League report found that blacks are denied mortgages and home improvement loans at twice the rate of whites.

About 68 percent of Americans own their homes, but the Census Bureau has reported that ownership among blacks and Hispanics is about 48 percent. Nearly 54 percent of Asian-Americans own their homes, compared with 75 percent

of whites.

The report also found that, 50 years after the Supreme Court, in Brown v. Board of Education, decreed segregated public schools unconstitutional, the performance of black students continues to trail that of their white counterparts.

The 2000 census found that 91.8 percent of white students graduated from high school, compared with 83.7 percent of black students.

"The as-yet unfinished process of implementing Brown has turned out to be nearly as slow as the process of tearing down the Jim Crow system that allowed the educational segregation challenged in Brown," Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree Jr. said in one of the report's essays.

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Baghdad, as well as the northern city of Mosul and Basra in the country's south.

Baxter said the trips' purpose was to understand the potential effects of the increasingly likely war.

"It was really to come to know some Iraqis personally, and to come to a better grasp of their situation," Baxter said. "We wanted to see what their plight was probably going to be during and after the war."

He said that the collapse of the Saddam Hussein-led government has led to positive and negative consequences for the average Iraqi civilian.

"People no longer live in the fear of him," Baxter said. "But on the other hand it's a much less secure place."

Baxter said he was concerned that sectarian disputes could lead to Muslim backlashes against Iraq's small Christian population.

"Just from being there, you could tell the country was going to split along certain factions," he said. "[Christians] were concerned that by quickly taking away the Baathist regime, they would suffer."

"Saddam Hussein put a quash to religious fanaticism of any sort, and that tended to benefit the Christians."

Baxter worries that the U.S.-led occupation could lead to a sort of religious imperialism, prompting violence from Iraqis.

"Now you have American bible-thumpers in there who are telling Muslims they have to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior," Baxter said. "There will be more [backlash] in the coming years."

He criticized the Bush administration's attempts to justify the war in religious terms.

"A lot of the Muslims there interpreted this invasion as a sort of Christian crusade," Baxter said. "You have people like George Bush saying 'God bless America' and leading the invasion ... you have neoconservatives thinking this was a just war."

He said the future of U.S. foreign policy should be rooted in peace, not war.

"What we need are Christians who embody the peace of Christ, who live in such a way that the peace is not a sentiment or a thought, but an essential part of their lives," Baxter said. "Part of my reason for going over there was to be part of that witness, even for a short period of time."

The Soldier

Capt. Angela Hennessey has also seen Iraq firsthand, but in a very different capacity. She commanded the headquarters company of the 5th Engineer Battalion, part of the 4th Infantry Division, in Iraq. The unit, based in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., was stationed in Taji, some 30 miles north of Baghdad.

Hennessey said the lack of modern conveniences made her work difficult. Even things like basic hygiene became luxuries in the parched desert.

"I didn't get a shower for 84 days, and then it was a wooden stall with a garbage can full of water on top," Hennessey laughed. "Before that, it was baby wipes and a bottle of water, huddled underneath a poncho."

"Think about going back in time, but trying to accomplish the same missions you were trained to do," she said.

Those missions consisted of logistical support, providing supplies and utilities to her unit. At the outset of the war, Hennessey was tasked with setting up reli-

able supplies of food and water, without the benefits of electricity or refrigeration.

Hennessey said the heat provided unique challenges.

"Refrigerators just don't work when it's 120 degrees out," she said. "And if you leave a bottle of water on the dashboard for 30 minutes, it would be hotter than a cup of coffee."

In addition to logistical work, her company also "adopted" four local schools, helping organize contractors to repair dilapidated facilities. The unit also delivered school supplies and basic medical provisions to local civilians.

Hennessey said being a woman in a male-dominated society attracted helpful attention to her efforts.

"The Arab men were just astounded," she said. "They were so intrigued with women in the U.S. Army." Out of the 163 soldiers in her unit, 23 were women, including mechanics, cooks, clerks and communications specialists. Under U.S. military policy, women are barred from serving in nearly all combat roles.

"When I went out to the schools, everyone came out to see me. The sheik of the town even came out to shake my hand."

She said she hopes her work in improving Iraqi schools has a lasting impact on the children of that country.

"If the kids grow up remembering the moment when a U.S. soldier gave them something, maybe they'll grow up to like Americans," she said.

She recalled an instance when an Iraqi woman came to the soldiers, complaining of stomach troubles, and was handed a bottle of Pepto-Bismol.

"They thought it was just the best stuff in the world, because they didn't even have that," Hennessey said.

But not all the response was

positive, however. Hennessey said the grandson of the sheik who had helped her efforts in the local schools was shot in an effort to intimidate the leader.

But the thing she missed most was her family.

"I missed talking to my husband and communicating with my family back home," she said. "Being in that circumstance can be very lonely." Her husband, Capt. Bart Hennessey, is also an instructor in the Fighting Irish Battalion.

Hennessey had been married less than two weeks when her unit was deployed to Iraq.

In the weeks leading up to the war, she didn't know if she would even be able to make the wedding, held in Sacred Heart Basilica on campus.

"By January, we were living week to week," she said. "Every day, I was coming to work ready to go."

"I had my family notified, my will written and my bags packed - all the things you do before you go to war."

Despite the sacrifices, Hennessey said she's proud to have served.

"Being back, I feel like time stopped for a year and now we're catching up," she said. "But that's part of being in the army."

The Politician

Last August, Rep. Chris Chocola viewed the effects of the war he voted for. The Republican, who represents Indiana's 2nd District - including Notre Dame - traveled to Iraq with 10 other members of Congress.

Chocola said he was interested to see if the media coverage surrounding the war accurately reflected what was really happening.

"On my way over there, I had a little fear and trepidation," he said. "All the news and TV stories looked like a bleak picture."

However, Chocola said he found a very different Iraq.

"For every tragedy you see on TV, there are literally thousands of successes," the first-term congressman said. "Schools were being reopened, power was coming on above pre-war levels, the economy worked."

"The tragedies we see on TV happen ... but there is another side of the story: We're winning the war on terror."

He said the worst such tragedies came long before the war, wreaked by the Baathist regime.

"In the Babylon area, we went to a mass gravesite where over 15,000 people were buried," Chocola said. "Civilians were very happy that they were no longer under Saddam Hussein's regime."

However, Chocola acknowledged that there are still dangers on the horizon. He said he was concerned about recent developments in Spain. Days after coordinated terrorist attacks killed 190 people on commuter trains in that country, Socialist leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero was elected prime minister. Zapatero has pledged an immediate withdrawal of all Spanish troops from Iraq.

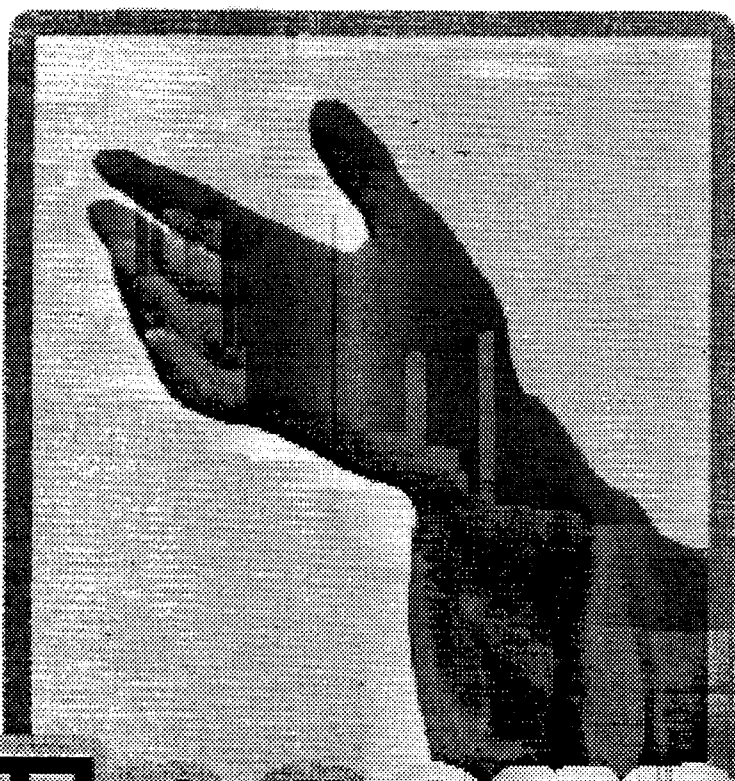
"If terrorists think they can influence an election, that's a cause for great concern," Chocola said. "It's yet to be seen how the new Spanish government reacts to this."

Chocola said he is confident that the U.S. will help transform the face of Iraq.

"I'm very hopeful and optimistic about our success there," he said. "The troops are doing a tremendous job."

"Iraq can be a model for stability and democracy in the Middle East, where there isn't a lot of that."

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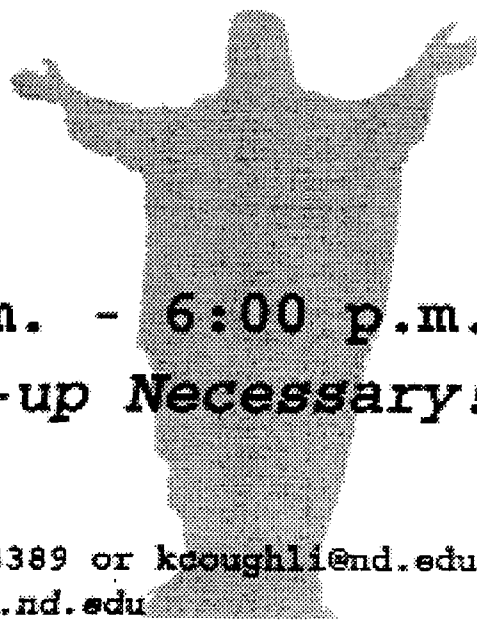
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Up: 750	Same: 136	Down: 136	Composite Volume: 1,447,753,728

AMEX	1,239.19	-13.31
NASDAQ	1,909.90	-30.57
NYSE	6,404.27	-97.26
S&P 500	1,095.40	-14.34
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,318.51	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,333.80	-83.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.53	-0.13	24.50
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.98	-0.26	26.23
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	+0.50	+0.02	4.02
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.67	-0.15	22.35
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-1.39	-0.16	11.34

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.95	-0.45	46.74
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.69	-0.64	37.24
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.44	-0.67	26.81
3-MONTH BILL	+0.65	+0.06	9.23

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.57		37.03
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Exchange Rates			
YEN			106.8
EURO			0.8102
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CANADIAN \$			1.334

IN BRIEF

French govt. is against takeover

PARIS — Swiss drug giant Novartis AG said Tuesday that a white knight bid for France's Aventis SA would make sense — but only if the French government changed its "negative attitude" toward the possible merger.

Basel-based Novartis said its own feasibility study had backed a combination with Aventis — currently the target of a hostile offer by a smaller French rival, Sanofi-Synthelabo SA.

"This study concluded that a business case is viable," Novartis said in a statement, issued in response to a request for information from France's Financial Markets Authority.

But it added: "The negative attitude of the French government has influenced Novartis' consideration to a point that it will only enter into a negotiation phase if formally invited by the Aventis supervisory board and if the French government assumed a neutral position."

Playboy sues for plagiarism

PARIS — All publicity is good publicity, or so the maxim goes — but Playboy, venerable pioneer of the mass-market nude centerfold, begs to differ.

Playboy Enterprises Inc., publisher of one of the world's most famous top-shelf magazines, is due in court Tuesday to press criminal charges against the owner of Voici, a French women's weekly that printed miniatures of Playboy pages featuring the actresses Daryl Hannah and Shannen Doherty.

Voici publisher Prisma Presse and its chief executive, Axel Ganz, have been summoned to the preliminary hearing to face accusations of "counterfeiting by publication or reproduction," a court official said.

Prisma's legal director, Martine Berard Mirepoix, said Playboy had also filed for \$490,000 in damages after Voici used the images in its press review.

In its Oct. 6 issue, Voici ran page reproductions measuring six-by-eight centimeters (three-by-two inches) from a Playboy photo-shoot with Hannah, 43, whose film credits range from 1980s sci-fi classic "Blade Runner" to "Kill Bill," the latest blood-drenched comedy from Quentin Tarantino.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Criminal intent key in trial

Jurors ask judge to explain term for second time during Tyco trial deliberations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The jurors in the grand-larceny trial of two former Tyco International executives focused again on the concept of "criminal intent" Tuesday during their fourth day of deliberations.

They asked the judge to explain the term — the second such request since deliberations began — and urged him to "go slowly" when giving the explanation.

Justice Michael Obus, as he did Friday, told the jurors: "A defendant is not guilty of larceny if he believes he had the authority to take the property."

"If he is aware that he is not authorized to take the property, then taking the property is a crime," the judge added.

The jurors finished deliberating Tuesday evening without reaching a verdict and were to continue Wednesday.

Former Tyco chief executive Dennis Kozlowski, 57, and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz, 43, are accused of looting the conglomerate of \$600 million. They could get up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Swartz testified that he did not do anything he believed was illegal. The defense also argued that the two had earned every dime and that the company's auditors and board of directors knew about the



Former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski exits court accompanied by his wife. Kozlowski and former CFO Mark Swartz are on trial with 32 felony charges.

compensation and never objected.

Prosecutors said the pair stole \$170 million by taking unauthorized bonuses and abusing company loan

programs, and netted an additional \$430 million by pumping up Tyco's stock price and selling their holdings.

Tyco, which has about

270,000 employees and \$36 billion in annual revenue, makes electronics and medical supplies and owns the ADT home security business.

ANTITRUST

Microsoft begins appeal process

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — In a preview of its promised appeal, Microsoft Corp. accused the European Union on Tuesday of overreaching by including its U.S. business in calculating a record fine of about \$615 million for alleged antitrust abuses.

With the EU decision due Wednesday, trans-Atlantic tensions also began to sizzle as they did the last time the EU took on U.S. corporate giants in the ill-fated GE-Honeywell merger.

"This ruling is yet another example of the EU assaulting a successful American industry and policies that support our economic growth," said U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, a Democrat from Microsoft's home state of Washington.

The software giant's chief European lawyer, Horacio Gutierrez, argued that the EU's fine appeared to have been doubled from what it should have been under the European Commission's guidelines to account for the company's global operations.

Microsoft does about 30 percent of its business in Europe.

"We believe it's unprecedented and inappropriate for the Commission to impose a fine on a company's U.S. operations when those operations are already regulated by the U.S. government," Gutierrez said. "The conduct at issue has been permitted by both the U.S. Department of Justice and a U.S. court."

The company also argued it could not have known its behavior would infringe EU law and thus it should not be fined at all.

EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti "has said clearly the reason he wants a decision is to get a precedent, so clearly there isn't one currently," said Microsoft spokesman Tom Brookes.

Commission spokeswoman Amelia Torres declined to comment, saying Monti would address questions Wednesday at a news conference after the Commission adopts the ruling.

Sources familiar with the five-year-old case say the EU ruling finds Microsoft abused its Windows monopoly, harming consumers and competitors in the markets for digital media and server software.

Microsoft was found guilty of simi-

lar monopolistic behavior in the U.S. antitrust case but settled in late 2001 with the Bush administration. A U.S. appeals court is currently considering whether that landmark deal was adequate to restore competition.

U.S. firms that do significant business in Europe also are subject to EU law, which authorizes the Commission to levy fines for antitrust violations of up to 10 percent of a company's global revenue.

Representatives from the 15 EU governments approved the fine Monday. A source familiar with the case, but speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday it was around \$615 million.

Given Microsoft's cash reserves in excess of \$50 billion, experts say the fine is less significant than the changes Monti is seeking in how Microsoft sells Windows, which runs most personal computers worldwide.

The EU is expected to order Microsoft to release more of the underlying Windows code to rivals in the server market, and deliver a version of Windows without its Windows Media Player software in Europe to help competing products reach desktops.

Lecture

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product of increased eye pressure due to stress on the optic nerve. It is the leading cause of blindness in African Americans and the number one source of preventable blindness in this country.

"The eye is a glorified camera," Gabriele said, saying the eye contains a lens in the front, a retina analogous to film in the back and a cable called the optic nerve that transmits these "photos" to the brain.

The retina is made up of rods that are sensitive to black and white and cones which sense color. The cones are concentrated at the retina's center where Macula Degeneration occurs.

Vision is a complex and energetically costly process, Gabriele emphasized. A full 20 percent of the brain is devoted to vision and the optic nerve is composed of nearly one million neurons, he said.

"The process of seeing uses massive amounts of energy," Gabriele said.

The eye receives the energy and oxygen it needs through blood. If sufficient blood cannot reach the eye, it becomes deprived of oxygen and eventually its photoreceptors, the rods and cones die off.

"Your retina is demanding all this oxygen flow to see," Gabriele said. "The blood flow isn't keeping up with it. First the cells get sick and then they die."

People with increased risk of developing Macula Degeneration include those who have a prevalence of the condition in their family history and people who smoke because it drives down oxygen concentration and raises carbon monoxide levels. People with lighter colored skin are also more susceptible to Macula Degeneration though the exact reasons why are unclear. The condition's symptoms include blurred central vision, trouble reading and straight lines appearing wavy.

The early stage of the disease is referred to as "dry" Macula Degeneration. As the retina

becomes increasingly deprived of oxygen it attempts to compensate by releasing angiogenic factor to stimulate new blood vessel formation — a condition called "wet" Macula Degeneration.

"There's only one problem," Gabriele said. "The only time the body makes really good blood vessels is during fetal development."

Vessels produced later in life tend to be leaky, releasing blood under the retina.

"It makes a bad situation worse," Gabriele said. "It actually blocks the blood supply to the retina and leads to [decreased vision]."

The dry form of the disease can be controlled to some extent by increasing the intake of zinc, lutein (found in spinach and other green, leafy vegetables) and antioxidants. The "wet" form can be treated with photodynamic therapy in which doctors use lasers to destroy the forming vessels.

In addition to treating the disease, Gabriele also emphasized the importance of helping patients to cope with it.

"Macula Degeneration isn't just loss of vision," he said. "It's also loss of freedom."

Such consequences, however, are not inevitable and may be curbed with treatment administered by an ophthalmologist.

"It used to be thought that as people got old, failing vision was part of it," Gabriele said. "Nothing could be farther from the truth."

The treatment options for Glaucoma are even more effective, he said.

"Loss [of vision] due to Glaucoma is a much bigger shame because it's much more treatable," Gabriele said.

The eye has an innate pressure to it in order to maintain its round shape. An excess of pressure damages nerves, which leads to a gradual diminishment in a person's peripheral vision. Gabriele likened this decrease to the reformatting of panoramic movies into the square shape to accommodate televisions in which some of the image is cut off.

"This is why Glaucoma is referred to as the silent stealer of vision," Gabriele said. "The pic-

ture just gets smaller."

The more common form of the disease, called "open" Glaucoma exhibits no symptoms until late in its development but can effectively be treated if diagnosed by an ophthalmologist. It increases in prevalence among those over age 40 and does have a genetic basis.

"Glaucoma does not equal blindness in today's world," Gabriele said. "Bilateral blindness due to Glaucoma is extremely rare in the United States if [a person is] treated by an ophthalmologist."

The "Mini Medical School" Lecture series was sponsored by

the Medical Education Foundation. The series will continue next Tuesday with a lecture by Dr. Marguerite Shepard titled "Risks and Benefits of Hormone Replacement Therapy."

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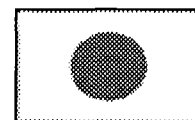
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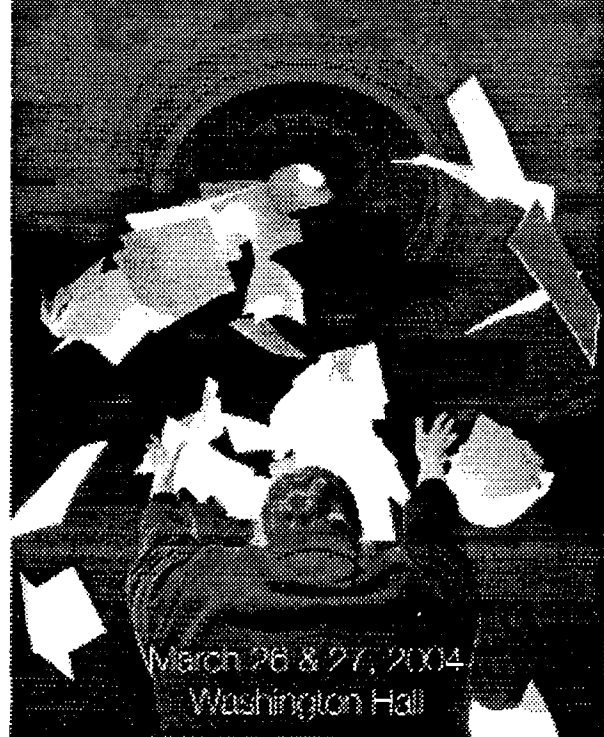
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Settlement marred by dispute over legal fees

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The plaintiffs in a \$300 million settlement over PCB contamination in Anniston will receive an average of \$7,725 apiece, while their attorneys will get millions each — including \$29 million to the firm of California celebrity lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr.

The numbers, revealed in court documents and letters that plaintiffs are receiving this week, have provoked a furor in the Alabama city, where many people already are seething over decades of pollution.

David Baker, a local activist who helped craft the case, said Tuesday he and his wife have received death threats over their role, and dozens of people vented their anger at a community meeting Monday night. Many of the people who filed claims are needy and had hoped for large payments.

"They're upset by the amount the lawyers got," said Baker, president of Community Against Pollution.

Attorneys involved in the federal case said about 27 lawyers, working for eight law firms, would share the \$120 million approved by the court for legal fees. That works out to an average of more than \$4 million for each lawyer.

After the attorneys and other costs are paid, the 18,447 plaintiffs will get an average of

\$7,725 and as little as \$500 each, according to documents from claims administrator Ed Gentle.

Cochran's firm recruited plaintiffs with TV commercials and a community meeting and helped guide the litigation.

The largest legal payment went to the firm of former Alabama Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley; it received \$34 million. Beasley, a lead attorney in the case, said none of the payments was excessive and his firm reduced its typical rate by 5 percent.

"The fees were approved by the court and they are not out of line for a case of that magnitude," he said.

Some are not buying it. Beverly Carmichael received a standing ovation at the community meeting when she challenged the size of lawyers' payments.

"I know one thing that will solve all the problems we've been having, if the attorneys gave us half the money back," The Anniston Star quoted her as saying.

U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon of Birmingham and Alabama Circuit Judge Joel Laird of Anniston approved two settlements reached last year between Monsanto Co., its spinoff company Solutia, and more than 20,000 plaintiffs.

The federal case was settled for \$300 million, the state case for another \$300 million.

Gay marriage ban criticized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speaking in highly personal terms, a gay member of Congress on Tuesday challenged supporters of a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages, asking "who are we hurting" when homosexuals want to express the same emotional commitment as other Americans.

"All we are saying is, 'Please, can't we in our lives do this?'" said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. "When I go home from today's work and I choose because of my nature to associate with another man, how is that a problem for you? How does that hurt you?"

He drew no immediate reply from Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans supporting the proposed amendment.

Frank's appeal was unusual in Congress, where lawmakers clash vigorously on matters of politics and policy, but seldom refer to their personal lives — much less sexual orientation — in an attempt to influence legislation.

His remarks were supplemented by more traditional criticism from Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, who accused unnamed supporters of the amendment of seeking to use it for political gain. "There are those who would like to politicize this issue and they'll use whatever means available to them to maximize whatever

value they find politically," said the South Dakota lawmaker. He said he opposes the measure, adding that supporters are "not even close" to having the two-thirds support needed to prevail.

At the same time, committee approval of what would be the 28th amendment to the Constitution is not in doubt, and the appearances by Frank and other members of Congress as witnesses amounted to a dress rehearsal of the arguments likely to unfold when the matter comes before the full Senate.

Sen. Wayne Allard and Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, the Colorado Republicans who are the amendment's main sponsors, said it is needed to curb the power of "activist judges" seeking to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples.

"A few state courts, not legislatures, have sought to overturn both statute and common perception of marriage by expanding the definition to include same gender couples," said Allard.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who presided over the hearing, agreed, saying, "these activists have given us no choice — either we define marriage in the Constitution or they will redefine it for us, and the people will lose out."

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., an opponent of the amendment and a black lawmaker, invoked the civil rights struggles of the 1960s in which he took part. "I have fought too

hard and too long against discrimination based on race and color not to stand up against discrimination based on same sex marriage," he said.

But Musgrave, speaking moments later, bluntly challenged that argument.

"Of course, this amendment is not about discrimination," she said. Musgrave, who is white, said "all the members of the Congressional Black Caucus are struggling" with the issue. She quoted one, Rep. Artur Davis, D-Ala., as saying he had yet to decide his position.

In a telephone interview, Davis said, "I do not compare the gay marriage movement to the civil rights amendment," and said there is a difference of opinion among black lawmakers on the issue. While Davis said he opposes gay marriage, he also said he does not yet have a position on the proposed amendment, and accused President Bush of attempting to use the issue for political gain.

The flare-up of racial politics in the Senate committee hearing added another dimension to an intensely controversial issue.

The issue has gained election-year momentum in the wake of a court ruling in Massachusetts, a spate of same-sex marriages in San Francisco and elsewhere, and Bush's call for Congress to vote on a proposed amendment.



Happenings

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Disability Awareness Week Events

Theology on Tap: "Is there such a thing as wrongful life?"

When: Wednesday, 9:30 pm

Where: Legends

Patricia Staley, author of the book, *The Boy Who Loved Windows*, Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened by Autism will speak.

When: Thursday, 7:00 pm

Where: 101 DeBartolo

Voice Applications Due Friday

Applications for the student advisory board to the CSC are now available at the CSC and due Friday, March 25.

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Lerner Speaks on Thursday

Rabbi Michael Lerner, founder/editor of *Tikkun* magazine, will speak on "Spiritual Politics and Social Healing in an Age of Culture Wars and Terror," a concept

he used for his 1995 groundbreaking book.

When: Thursday, March 25 at 5:00 pm

Where: 101 DeBartolo Hall

Wallis Speaks on Politics and Values

Rev. Jim Wallis, founding editor of *Sojourners* magazine, will speak on "Politics and Values in 2004." Wallis, an activist, writer and speaker has helped mobilize the religious community around issues of racism, economic justice,

disarmament and peacemaking among inner-city gangs. Lunch will be provided.

When: Wednesday, March 31 at 12:30 pm

Where: Coleman-Morse Lounge

Boys Hope/Girls Hope Info Session

BHGH is seeking graduates to devote a minimum of 2 years as residential counselors and is seeking candidates for their National Volunteer Corps.

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Where: Center for Social Concerns

Science Careers as Vocations

All students are welcome to come to this panel presentation reflect on how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Pizza will be served.

- Thomas Nowak, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame
- Kristin Tepas, '93, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program, Lake Michigan Biological Station
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When: Sunday, March 28 4:00-5:30 pm

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- Father Bert Pepowski, OFM - Missionary Pilot
- Mel Demars, Col USMC (Ret) - Medevac Helicopter Pilot

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Where: Center for Social Concerns, Coffeehouse

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When: Wednesday, March 24 from 5:00-8:00 pm

Where: Stepan Center

Amate House Information Session

This service program in Chicago runs from August to June. ND grads currently serving in the program will present. Visit www.amatehouse.org for more info.

When: Wednesday, March 24 8:30 pm

Where: Center for Social Concerns

Emissaries may go to Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday he hopes to send high-level emissaries to the Middle East next week to see if anything can be done to revive derailed Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. He also expressed concern about a Hamas threat against the United States.

"We take every threat seriously in this administration," Bush told reporters after the Islamic militant group threatened retaliation against both the United States and Israel to protest Israel's assassination of Hamas' founder.

"I worry about terrorist groups targeting America," Bush said. "Whether it be a Hamas threat or an al-Qaida threat, we take them very seriously."

"As far as the Middle East, it's a troubled region, and the attacks were troubling," Bush said. "There needs to be a focused, concerted effort by all parties to fight terror."

He said his administration remains committed to "a two-state solution" for both Israel and the Palestinians.

"To this end, if the circumstances on the ground allow, I'll be sending a team back to the Middle East next week to see if we can't keep the process alive, the process toward peace," Bush said.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed concern about the flare-up in fighting between Israel and the Palestinians and about reports that Israeli gunships had opened fire on gunmen in southern Lebanon.

"We are disturbed by the developments," Powell said. "We hope all parties will recognize the consequences of their actions."

Israel, he said, has a right to defend itself against threats from terrorists, like Hamas. But Powell said Israel should consider the consequences of its actions.

Bush spoke as Hamas elect-

ed as its new leader, a hard-liner who has pushed for accelerating attacks on Israel. That came a day after Israel assassinated Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin. Israel has threatened to kill the entire Hamas leadership ahead of a possible withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

The assassination touched off a wave of Palestinian protests.

U.S. emissaries have traveled to the region twice in recent months.

Earlier this month, Assistant Secretary of State William Burns, National Security Council Deputy Director Stephen Hadley and the council's Mideast specialist, Elliot Abrams, held a round of meetings with Palestinian and Israeli officials to learn more about Israel's proposal to pull soldiers and Jewish settlers out of Gaza and, perhaps, parts of the West Bank.

The three also traveled to the region in February for talks with the Israelis and the Palestinians on the same topic, as well as about terror attacks on Israel.

Burns is now in Libya visiting Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who has taken steps — including agreeing to dismantle weapons of mass destruction programs — to shed his country's rogue nation status. Burns also has been in Egypt during this trip, where he met with President Hosni Mubarak and then with European Union, Russian and U.N. officials to discuss the Israel-Palestinian situation.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been expected to meet with Bush next month, but no date has been set by either side.

After some initial hesitation, the administration has warmed to the idea of Israel relinquishing control of Gaza and expelling the 7,500 Israeli Jews who live in the predominantly Palestinian area.

Amnesty applications reconsidered

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of people denied a chance to apply for amnesty 17 years ago will be allowed to apply now, the Homeland Security Department's Citizen and Immigration Services announced Tuesday.

The agency said it will accept applications for up to a year from immigrants who were eligible for amnesty in 1982, but were later wrongly denied the chance to apply for it.

"These folks, after years of working hard and paying

taxes, will be able to become full Americans. It's a shame that bureaucrats and our government held this up, but justice was finally done," said Brent Wilkes, executive director of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Congress passed immigration reforms in 1986 that allowed undocumented immigrants to become legal permanent residents if they could prove they had been in the country before 1982.

Some immigration officers told applicants that they could not apply because they had left

the country during the holidays or emergencies and returned illegally. But Congress had allowed for such trips.

Catholic Social Services and LULAC filed lawsuits in 1987 against the Immigration and Naturalization Service on behalf of hundreds of thousands of the immigrants who were eligible for legal residency.

Citizenship and Immigration Services became the defendant in the lawsuit after it took over some duties of the now-defunct INS.

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Clarke remarks discounted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House, seeking to cool criticism from a former top anti-terror adviser, said Tuesday that Richard Clarke's resignation letter praised President Bush's "courage, determination, calm and leadership" on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It has been an enormous privilege to serve you these last 24 months," said the Jan. 20, 2003, letter from Clarke to Bush. "I will always remember the courage, determination, calm, and leadership you demonstrated on September 11th."

The letter was stamped "the president has seen" the next day.

Clarke, who left the Bush administration in March 2003 after 30 years in government service and 11 years at the White House, has written a book in which he criticizes the president and his administration for ignoring repeated warnings about al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and acting ineffectively afterward, primarily because of a preoccupation with Iraq.

On Monday, the day Clarke's "Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror" hit stores and the day after he promoted it in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," the White House went to great lengths to dismiss Clarke's accusations. Administration officials, including Vice President Dick Cheney and national security adviser

Condoleezza Rice, appeared on television and radio to argue that Clarke was inaccurate, politically motivated, disgruntled over bureaucratic changes that reduced his influence, merely trying to sell books — or all four at once.

That White House campaign continued Tuesday with the release of Clarke's letter announcing his intention to step down.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan suggested Clarke's praise belies his later criticism of Bush's handling of the crisis.

"At this time period, when he was leaving, there was no mention of the grave concerns he claims to have had about the direction of the war on terrorism, or what we were doing to confront the threat posed by Iraq, by the former regime," McClellan said.

But the letter contains no praise of Bush's anti-terror actions before or after the attacks — only on the day of. Clarke does commend Bush for his "intuitive understanding" of the importance of cybersecurity.

Clarke's job as the White House's counterterrorism chief was split in two early in the

Bush White House, with Clarke put in charge of cybersecurity and others brought in for the anti-terror role.

"You had prescience in creating the position of Special Adviser to the President for Cyberspace Security and I urge you to maintain that role in the White House," Clarke wrote.

Even though the White House argued that Clarke's memoir was released to do the maximum political damage to Bush in a presidential election year, Clarke has said a required national security review of the book delayed the book's publication. McClellan said the review, a routine procedure that makes sure publications by administration officials do not compromise classified

information or national security, was begun Nov. 4 and completed in early January.

Also on Tuesday, first lady Laura Bush defended her husband's response to terrorism.

"When my husband was inaugurated and he swore to protect and defend the Constitution and the people of the United States, he took that very, very seriously," she said after an event on heart disease in Chicago. "And for someone to imply that he doesn't is just wrong."

"I will always remember the courage, determination, calm and leadership [President Bush] demonstrated on September 11th."

Richard Clarke
former Special Adviser
to the President for
Cyberspace Security

Plea bargain reached in dormitory attack

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — One of two men charged in a dormitory attack that killed a Western Kentucky University freshman pleaded guilty to murder, rape and arson Tuesday, and agreed to testify against his co-defendant.

Stephen Soules' plea deal spares him a possible death sentence. The 21-year-old will instead get life in prison without parole, a sentence to run concurrently with life sentences on five other charges and 20 years for robbery.

The plea also requires him to testify against Lucas Goodrum, 22, who has pleaded not guilty to charges that could bring the death penalty if he is convicted. Goodrum remains jailed without bond.

Soules and Goodrum, both of Scottsville, were charged with killing and raping Katie Autry, a freshman from Pellville.

Autry, 18, was found in her smoldering dormitory room May 4. She had been beaten, stabbed and burned, and died three days later at a hospital.

"I don't know how to tell you how it felt when he admitted what he'd done," said Autry's aunt, Virginia White. "He did it and he admits that he did it and he's ready to take responsibility

for his action." The night before the fire, Autry had attended the same off-campus fraternity party as Goodrum and Soules, police said. The two men were arrested within a week of Autry's death.

"I feel like both of them did this to Katie," White said. "She had very bad injuries. I do think, you know, that one's just as guilty as the other."

Police said Soules gave statements to police implicating himself and Goodrum. In one interview, police said, Soules said Autry was sprayed with hairspray and that Goodrum allegedly set her on fire.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cohron said he would have preferred a jury decide Soules' fate, but "this was the best we could do to ensure Mr. Goodrum's conviction."

Asked about a motive in the killing, Cohron said the case seemed to be a "random act of violence. They met Ms. Autry at a party at Western and things went bad from there."

The deal was announced when most students were on spring break.

"I don't know anybody who wouldn't be happy about this," said Sherry Blanton, a graduate student working in the campus bookstore.

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SPAIN

Cease-fire may be called by ETA

Associated Press

MADRID — The Basque separatist group ETA may call a unilateral cease-fire in its campaign of violence, a founder and other Basque sources said, in an effort to win political concessions from the newly elected Socialists due to take power next month.

Julen Madariaga, a founding member of ETA, said he thought a truce could be called soon.

"I have the impression that in a very short time — in coming days, or coming weeks — that ETA will declare a cease-fire," he said in a telephone interview Monday night from his home in southern France.

Within the month, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and his Socialists are to take over from the conservative Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who cracked down on ETA.

"ETA always has known how to take advantage of these occasions. ... It's very weak and needs a strategic truce," said Kepa Aulestia, a Basque writer who focuses on ETA issues in his columns in El Correo and La Vanguardia newspapers.

ETA issued a statement Sunday proposing dialogue with the Socialists, but Zapatero responded the following day with these point-blank words: "The only communiqué I await from ETA, as do the vast majority of Spaniards, is one in which it abandons violence."

Aznar's Popular Party government had succeeded in weakening ETA, but has not been able to end the separatist group's violence, which has killed more than 800 people since the late 1960s.

Spanish and French police arrested more than 150 suspected ETA members last year, including senior commando leaders, and the number of killings blamed on ETA dropped to three, compared with 23 in 2000 after the last cease-fire ended.

The government had claimed ETA used that previous truce to regroup, and 2000 was its deadliest year in almost a decade.

Politicians and analysts in northern Spain said they

expected a new ETA cease-fire.

"I believe there will be a truce soon," said Gorka Espiau of the Elkarri movement, which advocates dialogue with ETA.

ETA, whose name is the Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom, demands independence for the three Basque country provinces and part of neighboring Navarra in northern Spain, and three other areas in southwest France on the other side of the Pyrenees mountain border.

A minority of Basque nationalists support that demand — if not ETA's bombing campaign. Others want more autonomy, but not necessarily outright independence. About half of the region's 2 million people want to remain part of Spain.

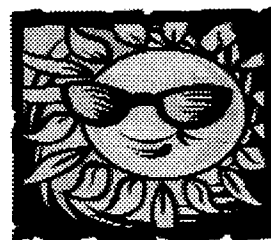
The three-province Basque country is one of 17 autonomous regions created by the 1978 constitution that followed the death of longtime dictator Gen. Francisco Franco.

The region already collects and spends its own taxes and manages many of its public services. If it gets more rights, or independence, there are likely to be more demands from other regions, notably Catalonia in the northeast, which have their own languages, cultures and autonomy aspirations.

"The Basques have an outrageously good deal right now," Charles Powell, historian at San Pablo University-CEU, said in a recent interview. Any additional concession "would set a trend in motion that would be very difficult to stop. For me, this is the area of greatest uncertainty right now."

Police recently foiled two bombing attempts blamed on ETA, including one on trains headed to downtown Madrid on Christmas Eve. A half-ton bomb was found in late February in a truck apparently headed for Madrid.

The Aznar government originally blamed ETA for the March 11 railway bombings in Madrid, which killed 190 people and wounded more than 1,800. But investigators are now focusing on an Islamic group with alleged ties to al-Qaida.



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RUSSIA

Naval chief questions fleet's safety

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's naval chief alarmed his country on Tuesday by saying that one of the country's most advanced warships, the nuclear-powered cruiser Peter the Great, was so decrepit it could "explode any moment."

Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov hastily took back his comments claiming Russian reporters had misunderstood him, but the salvo of contradictory statements was disturbing in a country with one of the world's largest nuclear fleets.

Some reports attributed the flap to infighting among the navy leadership and said it signaled a dangerous weakness that could undermine trust in the naval command.

Kuroyedov gave his comments to Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies in a smoking room on his way to a meeting of top military officials.

First, he said the massive cruiser, the flagship of the Northern Fleet, had been badly maintained and could "explode any moment."

"Everything is all right on the ship where admirals walk, but in the areas where they don't, everything is in such condition that it may blow up at any moment," Kuroyedov was quoted as saying. "I mean, in particular, the maintenance of the nuclear reactor."

At the same time, he said he had ordered the captain to fix the ship within two weeks — a deadline that seemed to contradict the urgency of his warning.

Three hours later, he took it all back.

"There is no threat whatsoever to the ship's nuclear safety," he said in a statement. "The ship's nuclear safety is fully guaranteed in line with existing norms."

Some flaws in maintaining the cruiser's living quarters

would be fixed within three weeks, he said, after which the ship would become fully combat-ready.

Commissioned in 1998, Peter the Great is one of the Russian navy's biggest and most modern ships. Experts said while there could be some problems with maintaining the expensive cruiser, its nuclear reactors were surely safe.

"Nuclear reactors have inbuilt safety systems," Retired Vice Adm. Yevgeny Chernov, a Northern Fleet veteran, said in a telephone interview. "It's ridiculous to even talk about an explosion."

Retired Capt. Igor Kurdin, the head of St. Petersburg's Submariners Club, said that Kuroyedov's statement was an "exaggeration ... people of

such rank should be very careful."

Kuroyedov's suggestion the ship was unfit for service could have stemmed from his personal feud with the uncle of the ship's captain, or from his role in the sinking of a decommissioned nuclear submarine last year, the business newspaper Kommersant said.

Nine of 10 crewmen aboard the K-159 submarine died when it sank in a howling storm on its way to a scrapyard — a disaster that deeply embarrassed the navy.

Kuroyedov also faced harsh criticism for his role in the August 2000 explosion of the Kursk nuclear submarine, in which 118 sailors died. Many expected Putin to fire Kuroyedov after that.

"Everything is in such condition that it may blow up at any moment."

Vladimir Kuroyedov
Russian naval chief

MEXICO

Officials in smuggling ring busted

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican police have arrested 42 immigration agents and other government employees accused of running a network that smuggled illegal immigrants into the United States, officials said Tuesday.

The suspects, arrested in raids last week in 12 of Mexico's 31 states, allegedly smuggled Cubans, Uruguayans, Brazilians, Asians and Central Americans through the southern border and guaranteed them safe passage into the United States. It was unclear how the ring operated in the United States.

Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said his office was asking U.S. law enforcement agencies for help in determining whether any Americans were involved in the ring.

Macedo de la Concha said it was the largest smuggling ring involving officials discovered to date, and that suspects face organized crime and migrant trafficking charges.

"Unfortunately, these criminal organizations operated with protection from public servants," Macedo de la Concha said, noting the officials "offered information about [police] raids, illegally freed captured migrants, and allowed them to pass with falsified documents."

Those arrested included agents and ex-agents of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, the INI, the very agency Mexico relies on to detect illegal migrants and prevent the country from becoming staging base for migrants from other countries.

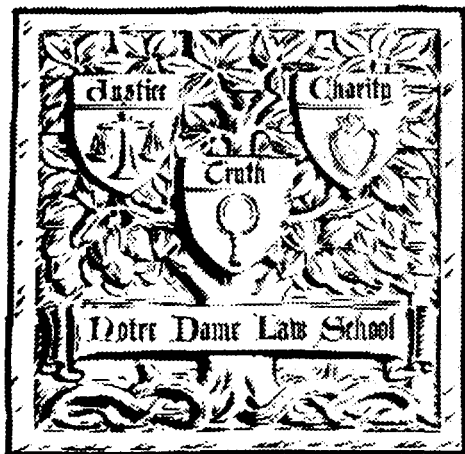
Even more chilling was the fact that seven of the 26 INI agents arrested were assigned to Mexico's Grupo Beta, a special force designed to protect immigrants.

The suspects also included six former INI agents, seven local police and three former officers. Two non-officials who were identified as smugglers were also arrested, bringing the total number of detentions to 44.

"Immigrant trafficking is a shameful, intolerable crime," Macedo de la Concha said. "But even more serious is the participation of public servants, because beside damaging people, that also hurts our institutions and principles."

Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos said the traffickers charged between \$2,000 and \$6,000 to get immigrants into the United States. The highest price was charged for smuggling Asians.

The ring operated in the northern border states of Baja California, Chihuahua and Nuevo Leon; the southern border states of Chiapas and Quintana Roo, and the central Mexico states of Jalisco, Tabasco, Veracruz, San Luis Potosi, Mexico and Mexico City.



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The purpose of the gray

I'm in a rut. The more that I try to talk myself out of it the more I can't deny that it is true. The weekends run together, punctuated by parties that can be considered close to being at a meat-packing plant. Shoulder to shoulder and crammed into small apartments, the level of enlightenment after four years of those parties is next to none. Going to class day after day mixes into a gray blur until I can't distinguish one day from the next.

Adam Cahill

A Domer's Outlook

The only way my memory can determine the days is by the severity of the wind and how hard I have to try in order to stay upright on my way to class. Even the comfort of concentrating on the same gray sidewalk each day in hopes of gaining relief from the wind has lost its appeal. It seems like months ago I was on the sunny beaches of Mexico where my only concern was the type of drink I was going to order and the sunburn on my shoulders. Now my only concern is the next paper and the cumbersome research that comes along with it.

The computer screen in front of me has been white for the past hour and a half and the fingernails that have thoroughly scraped through the skin on my scalp keep plugging away as I try to make sense of the 12-page paper that is no closer to being done. The only thing that can be seen on the screen is my name and the date. My eyes are bloodshot and the caffeine is starting to run low. The paper is due

in less than 12 hours and my name is a less than compelling response to the question the professor gave us to answer.

Around the lab, I hear others typing away in front of full pages of black letters against the backdrop of a white word processing program. The sound of the keys being punched radiates through my head like bullets whizzing about in an attempt to drive me insane. So I throw on the headphones and listen to the somber resonance of "Nature's Wonders" in an effort to relax and clear my head.

I try to concentrate on the task at hand but it is impossible to think of anything related to the subject. The 12 pages aren't writing themselves and the sentences, paragraphs and pages that I happened to put off until the day before the paper's due date aren't coming as expected. I read over the prompt for the hundredth time as if this time knowledge was going to come to me like an epiphany from heaven. No epiphany comes, however, and I end up taking solace in the only thing that keeps me company in such dire straits — internet solitaire.

I finish my 13th game of solitaire in a row and try to rationalize the importance of the paper. Will it cure a deadly disease? Will it put an end to world hunger? Will it even help me in my future profession? Will it do anything besides help me pad my resume for the job search after graduation? To my dismay, I can't answer a truthful "yes" to any of my own questions and my motivations fall into an even deeper abyss. The only consolation I can find for the mental anguish of doing

useless papers is that they will tutor me in the art of doing something you don't have any interest in doing. That can only mean one thing — preparation for the real world.

Although the epiphany that I was hoping for didn't come through in the form of 12 written pages, it comes nonetheless in the form of a reason to do the paper. All of the seemingly pointless assignments that have rained down on my parade in the past four years were in preparation for the real world, but not in the sense of the subject that the papers were designed. The papers and assignments help prepare us for the real world because the real world isn't bright blue skies and cloudless days.

It isn't the most interesting project that you've worked on every time out. It's the monotonous days of gray that South Bend gets you so accustomed to and the long hours of work that come with the job. There will be great times just like there are great times at school, but the majority of the real world is the sweat that you pour into the glass of your vocation.

As I type the thesis statement onto the screen in front of me, I finally have a reason to write the words. And with the words comes the meaning, and with the meaning comes the purpose of all the gray days in South Bend.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ND's own standard inspires

This letter is in response to Kamaria Porter's March 23 column entitled, "Chasing Harvard." While Harvard is a noted institution renowned for its prestige, I firmly believe that Notre Dame is not lagging behind in its efforts to ensure a Notre Dame education to those from every income level. Since my freshman year in the fall of 1997, Notre Dame has prided itself in its ability to offer a financial aid package representing 100 percent of a student's financial need to every student admitted to the University.

While I do not have the appropriate statistics available to me to cite in this article, what I can attest to are both the experiences I had as a student at the University and the benefits my Notre Dame degree has already begun to confer upon me. As to the former, the friends that I made while at Notre Dame came from all walks of life. True, some of them had parents that were attorneys, doctors and corporate executives, but many others (indeed the majority) were from middle-class, middle-income families of teachers and small business owners, factory workers and skilled tradesmen. Some were from single parent homes, while others hailed from extended families including immigrant relatives from their native countries.

My Notre Dame experience, and I truly believe that of most of my colleagues, was one of socioeconomic diversity and difference with incoming freshman having graduated from prestigious private high schools and inner-city public schools. Indeed, the majority share my religion, hardly a surprise being that this is the most prominent Catholic

University in the world.

Notre Dame testifies to its Catholic principles not only by supplementing the costs of an education for those who may otherwise be unable to afford it, but also through its rich heritage of service to the community, the Church and indeed as a citizen of the world. With participation from nearly every student in some form of service, I believe most universities — public and private — should feel a call to "chase" Notre Dame and emulate its phenomenal spirit.

Every fall, as my family meets up at Notre Dame for another tailgate, I am in awe at the unity before me of people from every walk of life, eating and drinking together in the Notre Dame spirit: a wealthy parent cracking open a Natty Light discussing the team's chances with a bricklayer visiting Notre Dame for the first time. In my experience, the legend of Notre Dame transcends all socio-economic barriers and unites together people in a common love for their school. To me, that is Notre Dame.

While I applaud the efforts of Harvard and schools like it, I believe that Notre Dame has set a standard for higher education that continues to inspire. My only hope is that Porter and students like her begin to appreciate their unique opportunities before it is too late.

Patrick Peters

class of 2002

New Philadelphia, Ohio

March 23

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"The universe is full of magical things,
patiently waiting for our wits to grow
sharper."

Eden Phillpotts
English novelist and playwright

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students called to recognize equality

Notre Dame: United in diversity?

On March 4, United in Diversity (UID) was denied club status. According to its constitution, this Gay-Straight Alliance seeks to "create a supportive environment that fosters respect, dialogue and education regarding sexual orientation among the Notre Dame student body," while respecting Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion and du Lac. The club's denial is based on the reasoning "that the needs of gay and lesbian students can best be met through the structures that are currently in place," namely the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. The needs of gay and lesbian students, however, are not the issue at hand.

UID is a group that endeavors to include any student regardless of sexual orientation. That phrase, "regardless of sexual orientation," appears numerous times in the group's constitution, and it is stipulated that the co-presidents be balanced in this respect, with one being straight and one being gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion states that, "We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community," and UID provides a means for all students (gay, straight or otherwise) to be treated as total and complete equals.

The creation of UID was not meant to imply that the Standing Committee is in any way ineffective; quite the contrary, it is an important resource that has accomplished many worthwhile goals. However, there is still an unfulfilled need. Just look at the name of the committee; it is designed specifically to serve gay and lesbian students. Heterosexual and questioning students also deal with issues regarding sexuality, and UID provides a much-needed resource for them. In addition, a student struggling with issues of sexuality and identity may hesitate to approach a Standing Committee function for fear of the stigma associated with a "gay-only" association, whereas UID would offer a safe place for all students.

Other Catholic institutions, such as Boston College and Georgetown University, have recognized gay-straight alliances. Nothing that UID represents is contrary to the Church, but rather it affirms the Church's position that homosexuals should be treated with all the dignity afforded to any other person.

I hope that as a University, we can recognize that.

Andrew Magee
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
March 23

'Blissful ignorance' of some makes others sick

You know it's a bad thing when you're reading a letter in the newspaper and you feel yourself becoming violently ill. I know people are entitled to their own opinions, but some people's honestly make me sick (as I'm sure mine may do for some other people).

While reading Gus Zeuhlke's March 22 letter, I was unsure whether to feel really, really saddened or just plain angry. It seems to me that Mr. Zeuhlke does not truly have the interests of homosexuals in mind when he goes on to say that being homosexual is intrinsically wrong. He also seems to me to be very stagnant, holding the same views he held over 30 years ago.

Mr. Zeuhlke also falls into one of my personal pet peeves that people do — using Biblical quotes, often improperly, to support their point or to negate someone else's. I agree that this is a Catholic University and so the Bible does hold sway over a majority of the population, but not all people like to have Bible passages thrown in their faces, especially ones where the history behind them is not first examined. Although I hate when people use Bible quotes, I think this situation calls for a little of the old maxim, "fight fire with fire," though I'm actually going to use an excerpt from a commentary on the Bible.

In The Collegeville Bible Commentary on Romans 1, it says that the wording

"natural" and "unnatural" should be more accurately translated "culturally approved" and "culturally disapproved" (p. 1082). What was culturally and socially acceptable during Paul's day is not entirely congruent with what holds today. Almost 2,000 years have passed and much has changed in that time, from cultural traditions and opinions to what is known about human nature. Now some people may say that homosexuality is still not "culturally acceptable" but I don't think anyone can argue that acceptance has not increased since the time when Paul was writing his letters to the Romans.

And finally, I would like to say to Gus that if I'm mortally sinful because I wore an orange T-shirt supporting a cause I feel strongly about, so be it. But I think I remember a Bible quote that tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, possibly spoken by some man named Jesus (I think he was important in the Bible). And I think that idea is a more fundamental one. But even if I'm wrong about that, I've learned enough in my various religion and theology classes to know that God forgives. Maybe someday, He'll forgive you, too.

Alicen Foresman
freshman
Pangborn Hall
March 23

Spirit of inclusion? You can keep it

In 1973, down the hall from my student union office was a room where a guy answered the campus gay hotline. He always looked tired — a sad puppy dog face covered with acne. He wore Coke-bottle lens glasses. He was strangely handsome. Once we passed in the stairway, and he nodded. Terrified, I thought, "He knows." If I were 19 and on those stairs today, when all of the talk from San Francisco to Boston is about men hitching up with men, I wonder if I'd think, "I could marry this guy." Not, I guess, even now, at Notre Dame.

That year the Sophomore Literary Festival, which I directed, was dedicated to W.H. Auden, who had accepted an invitation to participate a few months before he died. Stephen Spender and John Hollander agreed to open the week-long event with a tribute to the great English poet: Gay Auden.

The very private poet with one huge public fact out there for everyone to know. I'd even read he had a longtime partner, a dentist — jeez, how wonderfully ordinary. And me, deep inside the closet I would inhabit until about seven years ago. It was a closet, like the corner room of the gay hotline, that Notre Dame was perfectly happy for me and other gays to stay in. The closet isn't much different from the "spirit of inclusion" that the institution later offered gays on campus who began realizing it might just be okay to love whoever they want to love.

For years, before I came out, I had a recurring dream. I'd be in the student union and hear the gay hotline ring endlessly until I walked down the hall and answered it. On the other end was Auden's voice reading the opening of one of his great poems, "Musée des Beaux Arts": "About suffering they were never wrong/The Old Masters: how well they understood/Its human position; how it takes place/ While someone else is eating or opening a window or just walking dully along." Then the phone line went dead.

Back then, it was hard to imagine even a hint of gay marriage (certainly no civil-union celebrations in the Sunday New York Times) or the flurry of attention America would bring to being gay in the past two

decades: AIDS appeared and Rock Hudson came out. Gay pride days and parades proliferated the big cities. Poor Matthew Shepard became a martyr. Ellen DeGeneres got her own TV show. Jerry Falwell tried to ban the Teletubby Tinky Winky. Philadelphia and The Hours raked in the gold at Academy Awards ceremonies. Sodomy won the nod of the Supreme Court. Episcopalians elected a gay bishop. Cable TV's Queer Eye guys turned heads all over America.

It seems that all the while Notre Dame, among the elites who like to be seen as almost sacred learning places, has been alone in the dark ages, deep inside the closet itself, on the issue of equal rights for gay men and women. When I was a student at Notre Dame, there was enormous pride in the lead the University community took in civil rights.

We just never believed those rights could apply to gays. We liked to think that Father Hesburgh was our very own Martin Luther King, Jr. But gay men and women? Forget about them. They were, at best, students to be "tolerated." Students to invite, much later, into a circle of "inclusion." And today, when colleges all over America embrace sexual diversity, nothing defines the freefall of Notre Dame's moral character more clearly than the institution's intolerance for the gays.

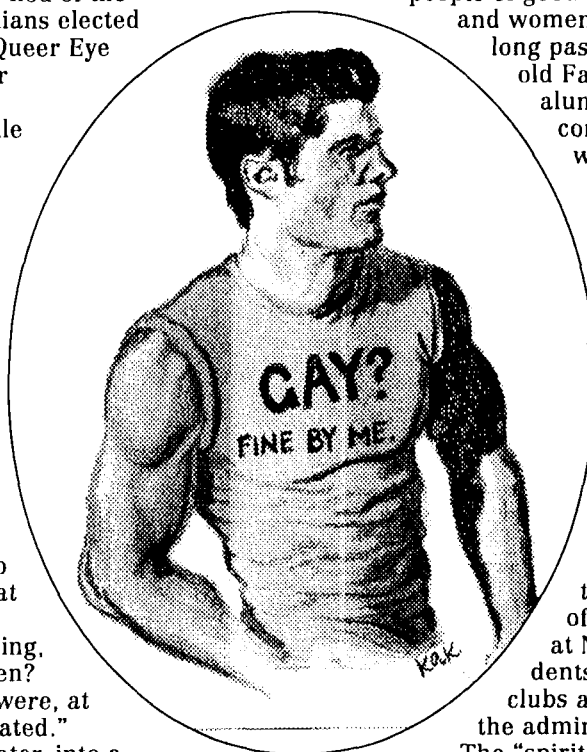
Yes, I'm enormously cheered by the Queer Film Festival and the sea of orange T-shirted students that

the event apparently has spawned, giving so many people, including me, the courage to stand up and tell the University, "Hurry up, it's time to understand gay men and women are no different from anyone else on the planet."

But it will take more than 1,500 orange T-shirted people of good heart and will to satisfy gay men and women on campus or those who have long passed from it. It will take more than old Father Hesburgh's hand on a gay alumnus' arm and his expression of compassion and understanding. It will take the University, in no uncertain terms, telling gays on campus: You are as free as anyone here by our lake in Indiana. You are who you are and the university respects you in the same way we respect everyone else here — black, white, Hispanic, Asian; tall, short, fat, skinny; male, female. You don't have to be some lonely guy with Coke-bottle glasses answering an anguished hotline and then walking down a stairway averting your eyes when another guy looks back and thinks, "He's cute." Anything short of real civil rights won't be enough at Notre Dame anymore. Gay students deserve University-sponsored clubs and unqualified recognition from the administration.

The "spirit of inclusion?" The phrase stinks. Sorry. You can have it. Gays at Notre Dame want to be free to be themselves and they want that freedom yesterday.

Gary Zebrun
class of 1976
March 23



Cooking up a tasty SYR pre-party

Springtime is finally on its way to South Bend, and that means hall dances are back in season. So between mustering up the courage to ask out your crush (or just being set up with the random guy who lives down the hall from your roommate's boyfriend) and finding the perfect dress, or toga, or whatever, make some time to plan a get together before the dance. Most people throw pre parties anyway, but if you're going to spend the better part of your day making yourself look great, you might as well have better accessories than a beer can and a handful of the popcorn that your RA makes sure you provide. Even Arbor Mist can look classy if you put it in wine glasses. Try some of these recipes for your next SYR and you'll be the hit of the dance in no time.

Maureen Malloy

Scene Columnist

Puff Pastry Cheese Straws

1 17-1/4 oz.- pkg. prepared frozen puff pastry, thawed in refrigerator
1 lightly beaten egg white
Paprika
Cayenne pepper (optional)

1 cup finely shredded sharp cheese such as aged cheddar, Asiago, or Parmesan (about 4 oz.)

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Open one sheet of puff pastry on a cutting board. Brush the surface lightly with some of the beaten egg white. Sprinkle lightly with paprika and a touch of cayenne pepper, if desired. Sprinkle surface with 1/2 cup of cheese to evenly cover entire surface. Roll a floured rolling pin over cheese to gently press the cheese into the puff pastry.

Cut the puff pastry into long 1/2-inch-wide strips; gently twist each strip several times. Lay strips one inch apart on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Repeat with remaining sheet of puff pastry, egg white, paprika, pepper, and cheese. Bake in the 375 degree F. oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until the straws are golden in color. Cool on wire rack. Best served the same day but can be stored overnight in an airtight container. Makes 36 appetizer servings.

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Chocolate Truffles

Roll truffles in nuts or colored sprinkles for a more festive look.

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

In large saucepan, melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Transfer the mixture into a medium bowl. Cover and chill 2 to 3 hours or until firm. Shape mixture covering and/or decorate them. Refrigerate in a tightly covered dish. Makes 50 truffles.

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Coconut Macaroons

14 ounces sweetened shredded coconut
14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine the coconut, condensed milk and vanilla in a large bowl. Whip the egg whites and salt on high speed in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until they make medium-firm peaks. Carefully fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Drop the batter onto sheet pans lined with parchment paper using either a 1 3/4-inch diameter ice cream scoop, or two teaspoons. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until golden brown. Cool and serve. Makes 20 to 22 cookies.

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Events coming up this week:

Notre Dame Theatre:

- PEMCo. Musical Revue, March 25-27, 8:30 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom
- ND Opera presents Menotti's "The Consul," March 26-27, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall
- Salome, March 26-27, 7:30 p.m., March 28, 10 p.m., Lab Theatre in Washington Hall

Legends:

- The Very Best of Acoustic Café, March 25, 10 p.m.
- Clayton Miller Blues Band, March 26, 10 p.m.
- The Low Life, March 27, 10 p.m.

ND Cinema:

- 21 Grams, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- Pièces d'identité, March 24, 6:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium

St. Mary's College:

- Human Rights International Film Festival, March 24-27, 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium

More than Talented f



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The band's youngest member, L.D., is the best known Miller, I gained some significant national exposure last year on NBC.



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Clayton, Larry, L.D. and Cole, the four members of the Miller faml together form the Clayton Miller Blues Band pose outside a bar.

Our average musical group

Family band coming to Legends

By PATRICK VASSEL
Scene Writer

It's been awhile since a band of family members has broken through to major notoriety. Long gone are the days of Sly & the Family Stone, The Osmonds, and The Jacksons. That doesn't stop talented families from jamming in basements and crossing the country on tours that are often difficult to distinguish from family vacations. Perhaps the hottest and most-talented family in the country right now is coming to Legends this weekend, the Millers of the Clayton Miller Blues Band.

"It was sort of an accident," Tammy Miller, the wife, mother and publicity agent for the band, says of how the family started playing music. "We loved going camping and it really just started out with jamming around the campfire." Tammy's husband, Larry, plays bass for the band, while their sons comprise the rest of the group. Clayton is the oldest at 21 and plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals; Cole is 18 and takes backup vocals while playing the drums; L.D. rounds out the group on the harmonica — at 11 years old.

"Clayton was the one that really wanted the band, thus the name," Tammy explains. "Larry and Cole just helped him out and backed him up in the garage, it went from there."

Bringing years of experience and the influence of blues and rock 'n roll classics, Larry has helped guide the boys as a father and as a band member. While playing together almost eight years and performing for just under six, the group started out with old favorites from Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn and B.B. King. Since that time, Clayton and Cole have spent significant amounts of time developing new material. With several songs under their belt and performing as often as possible, the band is hoping to have a CD in wide release by the summer.

Though the youngest member of the group, L.D. is the best-known Miller. Gaining some significant national exposure last year on NBC, L.D. performed and competed on the show "The Search for the Most Talented Kid." Not only did he gain some exposure, he gained some fans and made it well into the contest before being bumped off.

"He can pretty much play anything, he scares us sometimes," Tammy says only half-jokingly. "His specialty is harmonica, but almost any instrument he picks up he finds a way to get good at. We've been working with his vocals, too, and they're really getting there."

To those just listening and not looking, the intense wailing of L.D.'s harmonica could easily come from an eld-

erly blues master, and many people are shocked when they see him step up to the microphone. At the band's various gigs across the country, the youngster never fails to impress the crowds, but he is far from being the only reason the band stands out.

Starting out playing Silverchair and Nirvana riffs before jamming with his brother and his dad, Clayton quickly caught on to the blues influences of his father and it didn't take long for the chemistry of the family to bring the group together musically. Clayton's voice complements the emotional blues melodies of L.D.'s harmonica perfectly and easily soars above the crunchy, but clear guitar sounds.

Currently working with a production company in Atlantic City, the band has been taking breaks solely for tour dates, as they are this Saturday on campus. "You can kind of imagine what it would be like to be touring all over the country with your family," Tammy says of their gigs. "But we get along pretty well, to be honest, we try and give each other space. It's not quite the same as our camping trips

"It's not quite the same as our camping trips because we're rarely able to get back home, but we have a good time together and it's great to be able to do this as a family."

Tammy Miller
Clayton Miller Blues
Band publicity agent

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Perhaps the most exciting thing to happen to the Clayton Miller Band was on the set of the Steve Harvey Show earlier this year. Taping the closing show for this season, L.D. was just finishing up a powerful harmonica and vocal performance. The band was excited enough to see the crowd give him a standing ovation, but that wasn't even the most outstanding moment.

Seconds later, Stevie Wonder walked on stage not only to meet the band, but to jam away with L.D. Though obviously shocked to see one of the most influential voices in blues and rock history next to him, the young harmonica player quickly gathered himself to play on national television with one of his heroes.

Wonder invited the family back to his trailer after the taping to play some more and to invite L.D. to play again during his Christmas Special later this year. The Steve Harvey Show will be aired on April 29th on the WB network.

There have been a lot of great memories for the Miller family already, but they're hoping for even more up ahead. The Notre Dame campus will get to experience what many critics are calling the best kept secret in blues and rock music this Saturday night at Legends. Though headlined by Clayton, the whole family is sure to blow away blues fans, curious students and just about anyone else that may be fortunate enough to see them perform.

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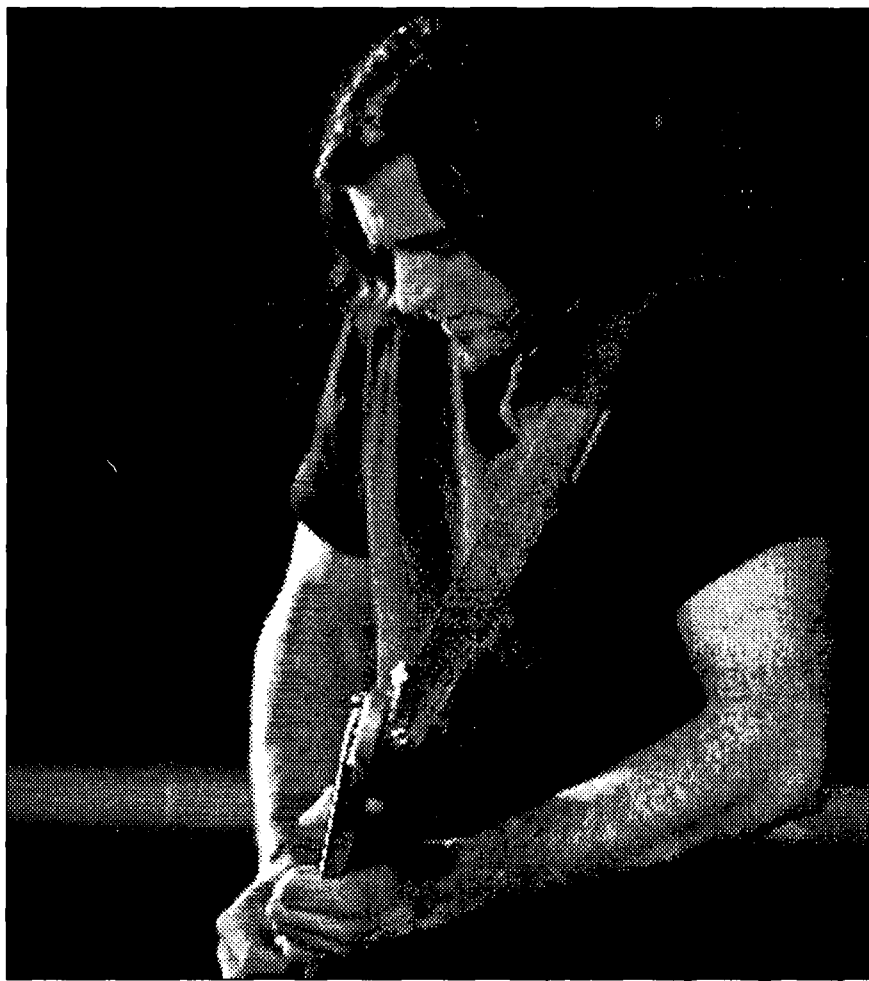


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The oldest son in the band, 21-year-old Clayton, plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals. He was the first to push for the band's formation.



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Father Larry, left, and three sons L.D., Clayton and Cole pose for a family promotional photograph of the Clayton Miller Blues Band.

NBA

Hornets snap Pistons win streak in thriller

Magloire hits an 11-foot leaning jump shot to sink Pistons, 82-81 Tuesday night

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Losing the lead on a late 3-pointer was a familiar feeling for the New Orleans Hornets. But this time they responded with a clutch shot of their own.

Jamaal Magloire's last-second leaner from 11 feet out lifted New Orleans to an 82-81 victory over Detroit on Tuesday night, snapping the Pistons eight-game winning streak.

Chauncey Billups' 3-pointer with 17 seconds left had put Detroit ahead, a shot was reminiscent of Vince Carter's 3 that lifted Toronto over New Orleans two days earlier.

New Orleans responded by going inside to Magloire, whose first shot was blocked out of bounds by Ben Wallace with 6.3 seconds left.

On the inbounds play, David Wesley went up for a perimeter jumper and Wallace blocked that shot, too, but Magloire grabbed the ball out of the air, turned and swished a jumper. He was mobbed by teammates while several Pistons collapsed onto the court. Hornets coach Tim Floyd, whose team had lost two straight coming in, threw both arms in the air.

"Wallace had a couple of huge blocks. We were just lucky on the last one that it fell into an open player's hands and Cat got an open shot," Floyd said. "I'm just proud of our guys' effort. We came off two very, very difficult losses and it really would have been easy to hang their heads."

Pistons' coach Larry Brown questioned whether the Hornets should have been given the ball back after Wallace's first block of the possession. Brown said the ball hit Hornets guard Darrell Armstrong, who was standing out of bounds, before it touched the floor.

"Until the ball hits the floor it's a live ball. And [the refer-

ees] wouldn't even acknowledge it," Brown said. "Now, I'll get a message from the league. But Ben makes two big defensive plays. Magloire made a hell of a shot."

Nets 84, Bulls 81

Lucious Harris showed he can handle the point, hit the boards and make big shots. Still, no one realizes more than Harris how much the New Jersey Nets miss Jason Kidd.

"Jason is a big part of this team. We're just trying to hold it down until he gets back," Harris said after leading the Nets over the Chicago Bulls.

The Nets broke a three-game losing streak and are now 1-2 without injured stars Kidd and Kenyon Martin, both of whom have knee injuries.

"Winning without them, that is going to help us out mentally. Just to get a win and get over the hump," said Harris, who scored 19 points, made three key fourth-quarter baskets and grabbed a season-high 10 rebounds.

"A lot of the shots were open and I just took them. Fortunately they were going in," Harris added. Richard Jefferson led the Nets with 20 points and

also had 10 rebounds as the New Jersey had a decisive 45-34 edge on the boards.

Jamal Crawford scored 34 points to lead Chicago, hitting a career-high six 3-pointers, but he missed one at the buzzer that would have tied the game.

The Bulls also had seven fourth-quarter turnovers.

"The situation at the end is the situation you dream about, you want to help your team tie, go to overtime and get the win," Crawford said.

"I got a good look and I missed the shot."

Harris' 3-pointer just before the shot clock expired put the Nets ahead 77-75 with four minutes left, and then he hit two more jumpers to keep New Jersey in front.

Crawford's basket cut the lead to two, and after a Nets' miss the Bulls had a chance to tie. But the Nets forced a jump ball and Jefferson controlled the tip, and Kerry Kittles hit the second

of two free throws with 7.2 seconds left to make it 84-81.

"At the end of the game it's about getting defensive stops and making that play," Jefferson said of the jump ball. "Those are things I learned from watching Jason Kidd. We've been in the Finals. We've been in and out of the playoffs. We understand the things it's going to take at the end of the game."

Grizzlies 95, Raptors 86

Each night, a different Memphis player is stepping forward in the team's record-setting season. The latest was Stromile Swift.

Pau Gasol scored 29 points, and Swift added 21 points and 13 rebounds as Memphis won for the 10th time in 12 games, holding Toronto to 33 percent shooting in a victory.

"When I get the ball, I just try to make things happen," said Swift, who has scored in double figures in five of the last seven games. "When I'm given an opportunity, I try to bring a spark."

Vince Carter, who led Toronto with 30 points, keyed a fourth-quarter rally, but the Raptors could get no closer than six on two occasions. Toronto's shooting percentage was a season-low for a Memphis opponent.

Memphis dominated the inside with a 48-28 advantage in the paint and outrebounded the Raptors 53-47.

"It helps a lot that the inside game is powerful, and it is working together," Gasol said. "It's a good weapon for a team."

Donyell Marshall finished with 13 points and 17 rebounds. Morris Peterson scored 12 and Chris Bosh and Jalen Rose finished with 10 each.

Timberwolves 86, Spurs 81

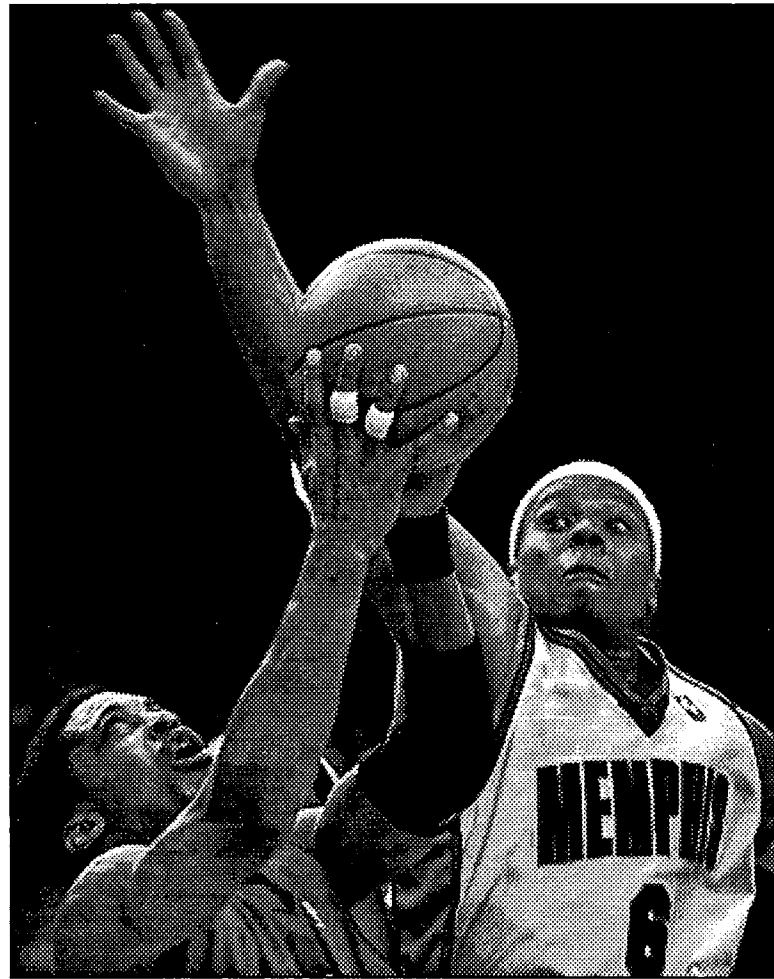
Sam Cassell wasn't thrilled after the third triple-double of his career.

Cassell had 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves held off San Antonio and extended their Midwest Division lead to three games over the Spurs.

Cassell was harassed into a 2-for-11 performance from the floor by defensive specialist Bruce Bowen but went 10-for-11 at the free throw line.

"I was terrible," Cassell said. "That's cool, but I pride myself on making shots."

He paused.



The Memphis Grizzlies' Bonzi Wells attempts to block a Rod Strickland shot in Memphis' 95-86 win over the Toronto Raptors.

"We won the game. I'll take that any night."

Despite his poor shooting effort, Cassell made four crucial foul shots in the final two minutes. It was his first triple-double of the season.

Kevin Garnett scored 27 points and Latrell Sprewell added 20 as the Wolves won their third straight.

The Spurs have lost four consecutive road games.

"We just couldn't find someone to knock shots down," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "A lot of guys had tough nights shooting."

It was a much different scene than when the teams played last Thursday, the Spurs embarrassing the Wolves 106-86 in San Antonio. Garnett said that loss gave the Wolves plenty of motivation.

"Flip [Saunders] talked about the game we played in San Antonio, which was garbage," Garnett said. "A lot of energy filled the gym and we carried that over into tonight."

Jazz 85, Wizards 77

In an otherwise forgettable

game, Andrei Kirilenko's scintillating performance stood out.

Kirilenko was all over the stat sheet and engineered a key fourth-quarter sequence that led the Utah Jazz past the Washington Wizards Tuesday night.

"Andrei made some great plays defensively that saved us in the fourth quarter," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said after Kirilenko had 19 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, seven blocked shots and four steals.

"Right now we need this win. We played pretty good defense and helped each other and that's why we won the game," Kirilenko said after the Jazz moved a half-game ahead of Denver for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Kirilenko didn't get much help when it mattered. So he took charge late in the fourth quarter after the Jazz let the Wizards hang around.

The Jazz had scored just two points in a five-minute span and the Wizards closed to 74-71 on Etan Thomas's follow shot. Kirilenko then made a 3-pointer and blocked Larry Hughes.

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NHL

Islanders succeed in new ticket approach

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The New York Islanders' unique season-ticket plan, that rewarded subscribers with free playoff tickets, was quite a success.

The three-week promotion that ended Monday netted the Islanders a 90 percent renewal rate among current season-ticket holders and attracted 1,500 new subscribers.

All those who signed up for a full season-ticket package for next season will receive free tickets for the first two rounds of this year's playoffs or the next time the Islanders qualify.

New York is close to clinching a postseason spot for the third straight year. They entered Tuesday night's game against Washington in eighth place in the Eastern Conference, six points ahead of Buffalo in the race for the final spot.

The response to the ticket offer was good despite the Islanders going 0-3-1-1 in the five games immediately following the announcement on March 2. They then rebounded, winning four of their next five.

The Islanders were eliminat-

ed in the first round each of the last two years after not making the playoffs the previous seven seasons. Another first-round exit would fulfill the ticket offer.

One downside to the deal is the threat of a lockout next season if a new collective bargaining agreement can't be worked out between owners and players. The current contract expires Sept. 15, and many fear that next season won't take place.

If a lockout occurs, the Islanders will offer complete credit plus 2 percent interest for any games canceled.

The Islanders estimate that it will provide a savings to fans anywhere between \$1,500-\$4,500. This season's ticket packages for two seats range from \$2,940-\$10,500 for the 41-game home schedule.

The Islanders are not the first to try to increase ticket sales for next season by offering significant price-cutting incentives.

In January, the Dallas Stars drastically reduced the cost of more than 2,000 season tickets and lowered the price of other seats, partly due to anticipated changes in the NHL's economic structure.

Hospital releases Colorado's Moore

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado forward Steve Moore has been released from a hospital and faces weeks of rehabilitation following a hit by Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi that broke his neck.

Moore, 25, was released from a Denver-area hospital late Monday.

Team doctor Andrew Parker said it remains uncertain whether Moore will be able to return to hockey. He is expected to wear a neck brace for six to 12 weeks and his physical therapy will begin after he recovers from the concussion and neck injury.

Moore broke two vertebrae in his neck and nerves were stretched, but there was no

paralysis or evidence of spinal cord trauma. He also suffered a concussion and deep facial cuts when Bertuzzi hit him from behind and drove him to the ice during a March 8 game in Vancouver.

Bertuzzi was suspended for the rest of the season and playoffs, and will have to apply for reinstatement before next season. The hit was believed to be retribution for a February check by Moore that forced Vancouver star Markus Naslund to miss three games.

The Avalanche also announced that center Peter Forsberg was expected to be back in the lineup Tuesday night against Chicago. He missed 17 games with an abdominal and groin injury that has hampered him all season.



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MLB

Yankees extend Rivera's contract

Pitcher agrees to \$21 million, 2-year contract

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Mariano Rivera wanted to stay with the New York Yankees. That's why it took little time to negotiate a \$21 million, two-year contract extension through 2006.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner looked on as the deal was announced Tuesday and gave the pitcher a hug.

"I think I was born to be a Yankee," Rivera said. "I want to thank Mr. George [Steinbrenner] to get the opportunity to stay with the Yankees forever, have a chance to get into the Hall of Fame with the pinstripes. That's big for me."

Rivera, MVP of the 1999 World Series and last year's AL championship series, helped the Yankees win four Series titles and six AL pennants.

He was 5-2 with a career-low 1.66 ERA last year and had 40 saves in 46 chances, increasing his career total to 283.

"He's the best I've ever been around," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Not only the ability to pitch and perform under pressure, but the calm he puts over the clubhouse. He's very important for us because he's a special person."

Rivera will make \$8.89 million in 2004, the final season of a four-year contract. He is baseball's second-highest paid closer behind Atlanta's John Smoltz, who will make \$11 mil-

lion this year.

Rivera's extension calls for \$10.5 million salaries in 2005 and 2006. New York has a \$10.5 million option for 2007 that would become guaranteed if he has 60 games finished in 2006 or a combined 114 games finished in 2005 and 2006.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman negotiated the deal over the past week with Rivera's agent, Fernando Cuza.

"Without question we're talking about the best reliever, in my opinion, in the history of baseball," Cashman said. "This guy has become branded with the Yankee logo. People are going to remember this man for so long for what he's done."

Rivera has been outstanding this spring, not allowing a run and striking out nine over eight innings.

"I feel really strong," he said. "I think I'm ready."

Rivera put in a plug for Torre, who has been negotiating a two-year extension this spring with general partner Steve Swindal.

As they left the news conference, Steinbrenner told Rivera: "Now we have to get Joe, and we'll have everybody."

Torre and Swindal likely will talk again this week. Torre won't be concerned if the extension isn't agreed to before the season opener next week.

"You want to have it done today or tomorrow, no question," Torre said. "But it doesn't mean if it's not done then, it's going to change anything."

NFL

Jets near stadium deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Jets are close to a deal for a \$1.4 billion stadium on Manhattan's West Side.

A source close to the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the deal, which faces opposition from many neighborhood residents, could be announced within a week.

The proposal also would expand the nearby Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

The Jets would spend \$800 million on the stadium. The city and state would spend \$600 million on a deck over the existing rail yards and a roof that would

allow the stadium to be used as convention space.

The plan would be partly financed by an increase in the city's hotel tax. Portions of the plan would need the approval of the state Legislature.

The stadium proposal faces stiff opposition from neighborhood activists and elected officials representing the West Side, which consists mainly of warehouses, auto body shops and old rail yards. They charge that the \$600 million subsidy would be a sweetheart deal for the Jets.

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NHL

Brodeur gets 400th win in Devils 4-3 victory

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Martin Brodeur stood in the crease, his arms raised above his head in triumph. It wasn't another Stanley Cup victory, but winning 400 games so soon is almost as special.

Brodeur became the youngest goaltender to win 400 when Scott Niedermayer scored with 1:05 left in overtime Tuesday night, lifting the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory over the Florida Panthers.

"I take a lot of pride in winning hockey games," Brodeur said. "Stats are good, but wins really show the success you have. When I look at my years, I always look at wins."

The 31-year-old Brodeur made 21 saves to reach the milestone after failing in two previous attempts. He accomplished the feat in fewer games than any other goalie and is 400-215-105 in 12 seasons. Patrick Roy is the all-time leader with 551 wins.

"The scary thing about Martin is that there is a lot more left," Devils coach Pat Burns said. "He loves the game and he works hard at it and he's only 31 years old. The big thing is there is a lot more to come for Marty Brodeur."

Brodeur also became the first to win 400 playing every game for the same team.

"Not to take anything away

from the other guys, but it's tough for an organization to have success for so long," Brodeur said. "It definitely makes it special. It says a lot about the success of the organization."

Turner Stevenson, Brian Gionta and former Panther Viktor Kozlov also scored for the Devils, who clinched their eighth consecutive playoff appearance with the victory.

The Devils moved past Montreal into sixth place in the Eastern Conference with the win.

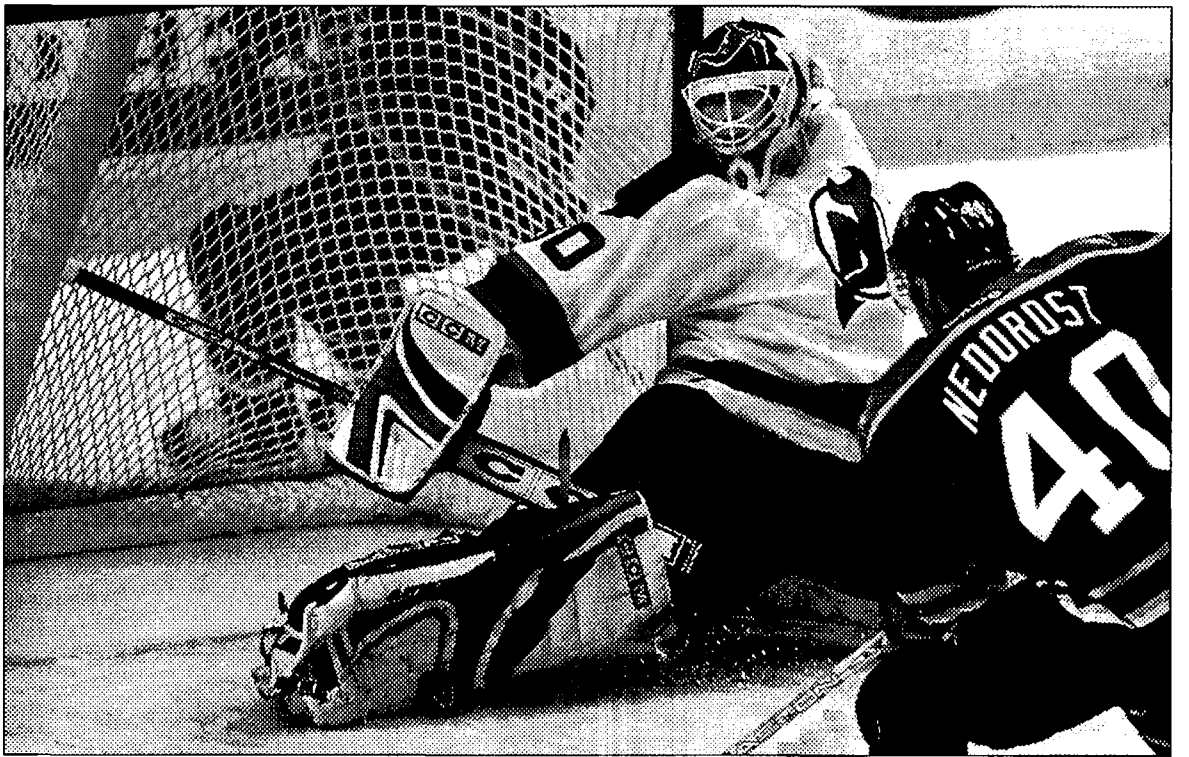
Niedermayer scored the winner when he skated in and beat Roberto Luongo with a quick wrist shot to the short side. At the other end of the ice, Brodeur raised his arms in celebration and was mobbed by his teammates.

It was Niedermayer's eighth-career overtime goal, the most ever for a defenseman.

Lyle Odelein scored twice for the Panthers, and Vaclav Nedorost also scored. The loss combined with the Islanders victory over Washington officially eliminated Florida from playoff contention.

"You want to win all your games," Florida defenseman Mike Van Ryn said. "It's unfortunate, we've had the goaltending to make a better [playoff] push than we did."

Luongo finished with 46 saves, including 24 in the third



Martin Brodeur stretches to make a save against the Florida Panthers. Brodeur notched his 400th career win during the Devils 4-3 win over the Panthers.

period when the Panthers were outshot 25-4.

Stevenson tied it at 3-all with 8:38 left when he poked home a loose puck lying behind Luongo in the crease.

"He's another great goalie," Stevenson said of Luongo. "He's going to be in the footsteps of Marty. This organization is going to be around a long when

you've got a backbone like that."

The Panthers took a 3-2 lead at 4:43 of the third period when Odelein scored on a power play with a slap shot from the point that went off the stick of Devils forward Jamie Langenbrunner and beat Brodeur through a screen.

Kozlov, the Panthers second-

leading scorer all time, was playing in his first game against his former team since being traded March 1. He tied the game 2-all with the only goal of the second period when he beat Luongo with a wrist shot from the right circle.

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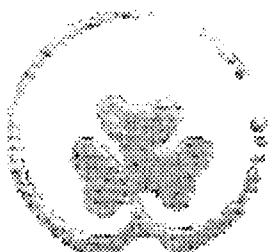
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NFL

Bucs move on without Sapp, Johnson, Lynch

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Fourteen months after winning their first Super Bowl, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have a new look.

Warren Sapp is gone, as are Keyshawn Johnson and John Lynch, and coach Jon Gruden is putting his distinctive stamp on the team.

"It's going to be different. But hopefully, the guys that are taking those positions will step up," linebacker Shelton Quarles said. "I'm confident the coaches did the right thing as far as knowing who they want to bring in and replace those guys."

Despite salary-cap constraints, the Bucs have signed 17 players since the start of free agency, although none has the star appeal of Sapp, Johnson and Lynch, who have made a combined 15 trips to the Pro Bowl.

In nine years in Tampa Bay, Sapp became the face of a franchise that was the worst in professional sports when he entered the NFL in 1995.

Along with Lynch and linebacker Derrick Brooks, the seven-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle helped transform the Bucs from laughable losers into perennial playoff contenders, who finally won the Super Bowl in their first season under

Gruden.

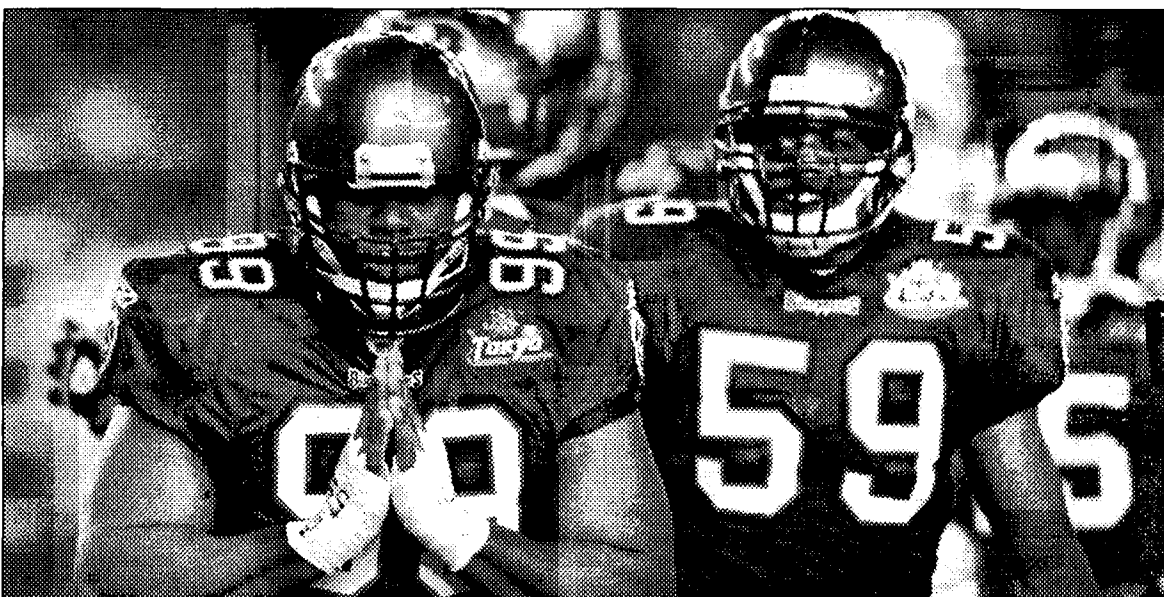
Still, the 31-year-old Sapp was allowed to walk as a free agent because of the team's tight salary cap situation.

Lynch, 32, was released last week after being told he didn't fit into the team's plans for next season, which would have been his 12th in a Tampa Bay uniform.

Sapp joined the Oakland Raiders, while Lynch signed with the Denver Broncos on Monday — the same day Gruden greeted players for the start of the Bucs' offseason conditioning program.

"In the age we're in right now, there's always going to be people changing teams and stuff like that. It's a shame those guys had to leave, but you've got to expect that sooner or later," Quarles said. "One day, sooner or later, I'm not going to be here. Brooks won't be here. ... It just happened to hit us with two of our major guys in one year."

Since dominating Oakland in the Super Bowl in January 2003, eight starters — Sapp, Lynch, Johnson, linebacker Alshermund Singleton, safety Dexter Jackson, tight end Ken Dilger, center Jeff Christie and punter Tom Tupa — have either left via free agency or were released or traded.



Warren Sapp, left, gestures during a pre-season game against the New York Jets at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan. Sapp signed with the Raiders after nine seasons with the Buccaneers.

Sapp preferred to stay, but was never given a proposal for a new contract after earning \$6.6 million in 2003. Lynch was willing to renegotiate a deal that would have paid him \$4.1 million in 2004 and \$5 million in 2005, but general manager Bruce Allen stonewalled him.

"It's a tough time, but that's the sport we live in," Allen says.

"We feel very confident about some of the young players on this team, and they need an

opportunity. They need to be given an opportunity to become their own stars, and if you don't do that, you're going to stunt the growth of your team."

Anyone who has followed Gruden and Allen from their days with the Raiders might find that statement amusing. The coach and general manager thrived in Oakland by attracting players in the advanced stages of their career. They've continued the trend

this offseason, signing veteran offensive linemen Derrick Deese, Todd Steussie and Matt O'Dwyer and also bringing in 32-year-old running back Charlie Garner.

Johnson, deactivated for the last six games of the 2003 schedule because of a squabble with Gruden, was traded to the Dallas Cowboys last week for Joey Galloway, who's 32 but still one of the fastest receivers in the game.

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Former tourney underdogs hope to avoid upsets

Associated Press

"The 16 teams left are the top 16 teams in the country," Kansas guard Keith Langford

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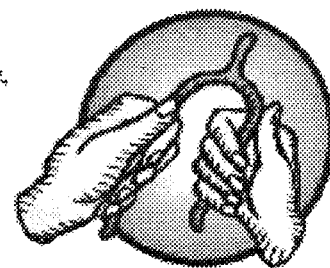
Texas coach Rick Barnes noted another challenge for favorites at tournament time: keeping a neutral-court crowd, which usually loves an under-

One person who's all-too-aware that forecasts can be wrong is Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, whose team was picked to finish seventh in the

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NBA

Activists fear testimony of Bryant's accuser

Rape-shield law overruled, accuser will speak today

Associated Press

DENVER — The woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape will be forced to testify Wednesday about her sex life — a move some experts fear could discourage other women from reporting sexual assaults.

The 19-year-old woman will testify behind closed doors, but media members will be at the courthouse to report that she had to answer questions from defense attorneys about intimate details of her life.

"I'm frightened about this decision, only for the fact that families will not support victims and survivors to go report because they can now say, 'Look what happened to so-and-so,'" said Jeri Elster of Los Angeles, who was raped in 1992 and has lobbied for changes in the law. "It feels like a huge setback for survivors and victims to come."

The hearing will be held to determine whether details of the woman's sex life can be introduced at Bryant's trial. The defense says the information should be admitted because it could show that the woman's injuries were caused by another sexual partner and that she had

a "scheme" to sleep with Bryant, possibly to gain the attention of an ex-boyfriend.

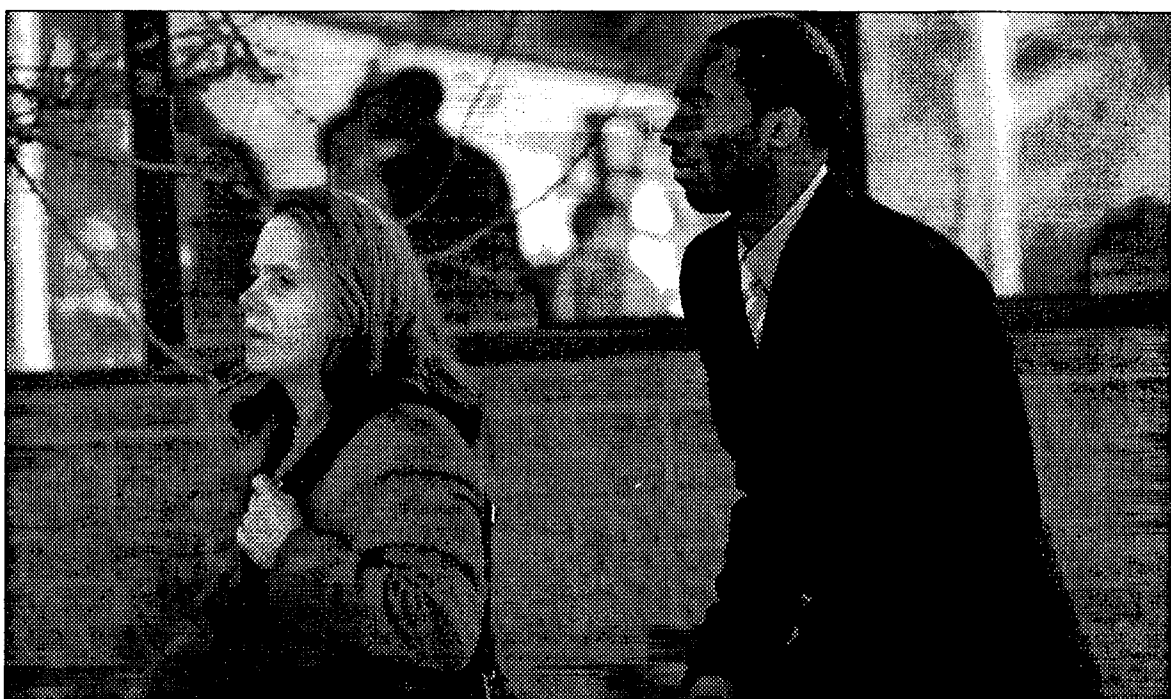
The prosecution fought to limit defense questioning, but was rebuffed by the Colorado Supreme Court. The hearing will be the first time the woman has faced Bryant since their encounter last summer.

The Los Angeles Lakers guard has said he had consensual sex with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked. If convicted, he could get four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation. No trial date has been set.

Colorado's rape-shield law, like others around the country, generally bars defense attorneys from bringing up information about an alleged victim's sex life. The idea is to prevent the defense from depicting the alleged victim as a woman of loose morals. Judges, however, can hear such testimony in private to determine whether the information is relevant and admissible as evidence.

Experts said it is not unusual in Colorado for an alleged victim to testify in such pretrial hearings. But none has attracted such widespread publicity.

"This is the most harmful misuse of the rape-shield law I have ever seen," Wendy Murphy, a former prosecutor who teaches at the New England School of Law, said of



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant enters the Eagle County, Colorado, Justice Center accompanied by his attorney Pamela Mackey. Bryant's accuser will testify about her sex life.

the Bryant case. "Without it, the defense would have nothing to point to to drag her into court."

Murphy believes many women are watching to see how Bryant's accuser handles what could be hours of grueling testimony. "If she makes it, then I think a lot more women will come forward and be able to handle what comes out" in court, Murphy said.

Some experts said there is good reason for the alleged victim to testify.

"Who knows the facts better as far as her history than her?" asked Karen Steinhauser, a former prosecutor and visiting professor at the University of Denver School of Law. "I'm not sure I would want the judge to decide based on what other people say happened."

Steinhauser said publicity could actually increase assault reports by prompting discussions about acquaintance rape that could remove the stigma.

"I hope people see this as a system that, yes, is difficult on victims, but if it happened the way she says it happened, it's wrong, it's a crime and people need to be held accountable for that," Steinhauser said.

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NBA

O'Neal sidelined with knee injury

Bone bruise in knee restricts the forward from Dallas game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — As the playoffs near, injuries are starting to mount for the Indiana Pacers, most notably to star forward Jermaine O'Neal.

O'Neal has a bone bruise to his left knee and will not play in Wednesday's game against Dallas. Reserve forward Jonathan Bender is also out with a strained right shoulder and Austin Croshere plans on playing with a bulky brace protecting his sprained left thumb.

That means coach Rick Carlisle has some lineup-juggling to do.

"We don't have a choice, we're going to have to have guys step up and be ready and go out there and play our game," Carlisle said. "We're in a tough spot right now."

The good news is that all three injuries appear to be minor.

An MRI exam performed Tuesday on O'Neal's knee revealed only a bruise and no structural damage, an encouraging sign considering how bad

it looked at first Monday.

"It's positive news, without question," Carlisle said. "The fact that there is a bruise means there's some significant pain, so we'll deal with it."

The All Star injured his knee during Monday's win over the Chicago Bulls. He collided with Bulls guard Ronald Dupree while trying to set a pick on the baseline and immediately crumpled to the floor.


Two teammates had to help him off the court and into the locker room with 8:21 left in the first half. He did not return to the game.

Carlisle said Al Harrington would start in O'Neal's place against the Mavericks.

The Pacers have managed to play well while dealing with injuries all season long, something point guard Anthony Johnson doesn't expect to see change if they are without their leading scorer, rebounder and shot-blocker.

"We have a very talented, deep roster," Johnson said. "Whenever somebody's been down, that's given someone else a chance to step up and play well. Guys are taking great pride in that and I'm pretty sure someone's going to fill the void [Wednesday] night."

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Wednesday, March 24, 2004

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	41-28	.594	4-6	-
Miami	33-37	.471	8-2	8.5
New York	33-38	.465	7-3	9
Boston	31-40	.437	6-4	11
Philadelphia	29-42	.408	5-5	13
Washington	22-47	.319	2-8	19
Orlando	19-53	.264	2-8	23.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	51-19	.729	7-3	-
Detroit	46-25	.648	9-1	5.5
New Orleans	36-34	.514	4-6	15
Milwaukee	34-35	.493	2-8	16.5
Cleveland	31-38	.449	7-3	19.5
Toronto	30-39	.435	5-5	20.5
Atlanta	22-49	.310	2-8	29.5
Chicago	20-50	.286	2-8	31

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	48-22	.686	5-5	-
San Antonio	46-24	.657	7-3	2
Dallas	44-26	.629	5-5	4
Memphis	43-26	.623	8-2	4.5
Houston	40-29	.580	6-4	7.5
Denver	37-35	.514	4-6	12
Utah	36-34	.514	6-4	12

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	51-19	.729	6-4	-
LA Lakers	47-23	.671	8-2	4
Portland	35-35	.500	6-4	16
Seattle	32-38	.457	5-5	19
Golden State	29-40	.420	4-6	21.5
LA Clippers	27-44	.380	2-8	24.5
Phoenix	23-47	.329	3-7	28

ESPN Baseball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Texas (29)	26-3	982
2	Stanford (6)	15-3	959
3	LSU (6)	18-3	917
4	Rice	16-6	848
5	South Carolina	19-2	784
6	Miami	19-4	778
7	Long Beach State	16-5	729
8	Arizona State	20-5	717
9	Mississippi	18-1	659
10	Wichita State	8-0	638
11	NOTRE DAME	13-3	610
12	Texas A&M	21-4	483
13	Auburn	17-5	467
14	Florida State	20-5	434
15	Florida	20-5	383
16	Southern Miss	17-3	363
17	Nebraska	13-4	324
18	Tulane	16-7	315
19	Florida Atlantic	21-4	304
20	Tennessee	19-3	186
21	North Carolina	16-5	171
22	East Carolina	18-5	122
23	NC State	15-6	111
24	Georgia	16-4	98
25	Mississippi State	14-4	87

NCAA BASKETBALL



Jameer Nelson dribbles past a defender in a 76-53 Saint Joseph's victory over Temple on Feb. 24. Nelson and Connecticut center Emeka Okafor were unanimous All-American choices.

Nelson, Okafor unanimous All-American choices

Associated Press

There's no debate when it comes to Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson. They're unanimous All-Americans.

The stars at Connecticut and Saint Joseph's led The Associated Press men's college basketball All-America team Tuesday, the first time since 1985 more than one player was chosen by every voter.

"It is hard to express just what it means to be recognized as one of the best players in the country," Okafor said. "Individual recognition like this is really a reflection of the great teammates and coaches that I am fortunate to work with every day."

Okafor, a 6-foot-10 junior center, and Nelson, a 5-11 senior guard, earned a perfect 360 points by being picked on all 72 first-team ballots by the same media panel that votes on the weekly poll.

Each member selected three All-America teams, with players receiving points on a 5-3-1 basis. Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State was third with 308 points, while Josh Childress of Stanford had 235, and Ryan Gomes of Providence completed the first team with 208.

In 1985, four players were unanimous choices: Patrick Ewing of Georgetown, Chris Mullin of St. John's, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma, and Keith Lee of Memphis State. But only 10 people voted then.

"This is obviously a testament to both players to be unanimous selections," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "That is a lot of respect to be shown, and in neither case was it about hype. These two deserved it."

Nelson, the Atlantic 10 player of the year, led the Hawks to a 27-0 record and No. 1 ranking before they lost to Xavier in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. It was the longest such run since UNLV entered the 1991

NCAA tournament undefeated.

Nelson is the first All-American for Saint Joseph's, and he leaves as the school's career scoring leader with more than 2,000 points. He averaged 20.6 points, 5.0 assists and 4.6 rebounds, while shooting 49 percent from the field, 39 percent on 3-pointers, and 80 percent on free throws.

He and Delonte West were considered the best backcourt in the nation; their defense was praised as much as their offense.

Okafor collected a hat trick of awards in the Big East. He was the player of the year and defensive player of the year.

IN BRIEF

Houston hires Penders as new basketball coach

HOUSTON — Tom Penders was hired Tuesday to coach at Houston, the once-powerful program that hasn't won an NCAA tournament game in 20 years.

Penders and the university agreed to a five-year contract, but terms weren't finalized, officials said. Penders, a coach at Texas for 10 years, replaces Ray McCallum, who was reassigned March 8 after going 44-72 in four seasons.

"I feel like I am coming back home. I am excited about this opportunity here at the University of Houston," Penders said. "It is both a dream and a desire of mine to bring the Cougars back to national prominence and compete for a national championship."

Penders, 58, is best known for resuscitating Texas after his arrival in 1988 after successful stints at

Tufts, Columbia, Fordham and Rhode Island. He led Texas to a 208-110 record and eight NCAA tournaments, including a regional final in 1990.

"We feel very fortunate to have someone of Tom Penders' caliber as our coach," athletic director Dave Maggard said. "He has been to the NCAA tournament numerous times and has a breadth of experience at the collegiate level."

Penders is the seventh Houston coach but the fifth since the revered Guy Lewis retired in 1986 after 30 seasons and five Final Four appearances. Pat Foster, who followed Lewis, took the Cougars to three NCAA tournaments and went 142-73 in seven seasons.

IU plans to charge a \$30 per student athletic fee

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University officials want students at the

Bloomington campus to pay a mandatory \$30-a-year athletics fee to help reduce the athletics department's increasing deficit.

University administrators said during a public forum Tuesday that they were trying to keep tuition increases low — about 4 percent — while keeping educational quality high.

The mandatory athletic fee charged to the about 38,000 students at the main campus in Bloomington would raise an estimated \$1.1 million a year, officials said.

In recent years, the athletics department has been losing money. It posted a \$3.1 million deficit for 2001-02 and lost \$1.8 million last fiscal year, according to federal reports.

Athletics director Terry Clapacs told university trustees in January that the department would likely run a deficit of about \$2 million a year until long-term issues were resolved.

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NBA

Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., Comcast

Dallas at Indiana, 8 p.m., ESPN

Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m., FOX Sports

Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m., FOX Sports

Sacramento at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m., FOX Sports

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish host Hofstra

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sport Editor

Coach Kevin Corrigan and the Irish schedule tough non-conference opponents to obtain quality wins for the team's postseason resume.

This season, the early swarm of ranked opponents has dug the No. 15 Notre Dame lacrosse team into a 1-3 whole as it hosts No. 13 Hofstra (2-3) in the Loftus Sports Center at 7 p.m. tonight.

After defeating Penn State 17-7 in its season opener at home, Notre Dame has lost three straight games to No. 3 Syracuse, No. 9 North Carolina and No. 16 Loyola, respectively.

Hofstra has had a similar difficult early season schedule, facing No. 1 Johns Hopkins, No. 6 Princeton and Loyola. The Pride defeated Loyola, 9-8, the same team that beat Notre Dame 13-7 in its previous outing.

To get back on their feet in time for league play, the Irish must avoid falling behind early as they did 7-1 in the early going against the Greyhounds and 5-1 versus North Carolina. Despite scoring an average of twelve goals per game to rank eighth in the nation, the Irish offense cannot produce wins if team defense lapses in the beginning of a contest.

Hofstra already owns a 6-4 all-time advantage over the

Irish. The Pride have won each of the last five meetings between the two teams.

The game will be Notre Dame's final non-conference game before they enter league play with a home contest against Ohio State, no small task as the Buckeyes shared the Great Western Lacrosse League title with the Irish last season.

To beat teams like Hofstra and Ohio State, Notre Dame must stick with its strengths while addressing its weaknesses. The Irish are the No. 1 team in the country in extra-man opportunities, converting 10-of-18 opportunities for a 55.6 success percentage. A win against Hofstra would boost the post-season resume and show the NCAA committee that Notre Dame cannot only score against the best teams but that they can beat the best teams, as well.

Preseason honorable mention All-America Pat Walsh looks to continue his solid play to help ensure a victory. Walsh is living up to the preseason expectations as he leads the Great Western Lacrosse League with a 4.50 point per game average. He is also tied for sixth nationally, with nine goals and nine assists in the team's first four games.

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Baseball

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Central Michigan took advantage of a rare Irish defensive miscue in the top of the first when shortstop Greg Lopez mishandled Matt Edwards' throw at second base on an attempted double play turn. With two on and nobody out, designated hitter Bryan Mitzel scorched a two-run triple to the gap in right center to put his team up 2-0.

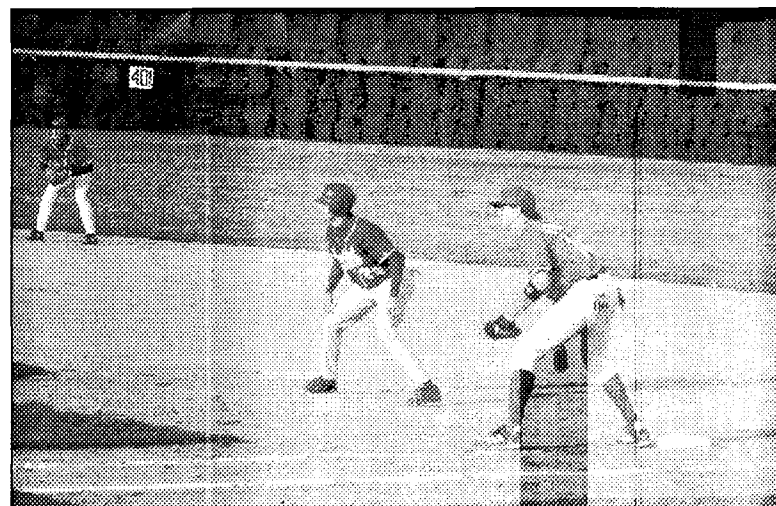
The Irish would later force right fielder J.T. Jones to ground into a double play, but Mitzel scored on the play to give the Chippewas the early 3-0 lead.

The Irish had a chance to strike back in the bottom of the inning. With two outs and runners on first and second, third baseman Matt Macri hit a hot shot through the right side, but Chippewa shortstop Ryan Peel made a diving play to keep the ball in the infield and prevent a run from scoring.

Designated hitter Matt Bransfield then grounded into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

"We just couldn't get a big hit," Mainieri said. "We didn't have that many scoring opportunities tonight, but when we did, we couldn't get a big hit."

Central Michigan added another run in the second when left fielder Eric Cannon got a two-out single and then stole second. Third baseman Jim Geldhof then doubled to the wall in right center to bring in the run.



CHRIS FEDERICO/The Observer

Irish first baseman Matt Edwards holds on a Chippewa runner in Notre Dame's 4-1 loss Tuesday.

The Irish, on the other hand, would not muster another serious scoring threat until the seventh inning. Bransfield led off with a solo home run to put the Irish on the board, but then some hard luck fell on the team.

With one out and a runner on first, left fielder Craig Cooper ripped a ball down the third base line that appeared to sneak inside the bag, but the home plate umpire ruled the ball foul. Cooper later hit an easy fly out to left, and after second baseman Steve Sollmann's single, Danny Dressman struck out to end the inning.

"Initially I thought [the ball] was fair, but I was standing on the side, and I really couldn't tell," Mainieri said of Cooper's foul ball. "The umpire was looking right down the line. Obviously if he calls that ball fair, it's a pretty big play ... But, I would never blame the

loss on a call like that. You have to overcome things."

The Irish made one last run at the comeback with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as Lopez and Cooper strung together consecutive singles. But with Sollmann representing the tying run at the plate, the senior hit a hard comeback to the pitcher for the final out of the game.

Stellar relief pitching by freshman right-handers Derik Olvey and Jeff Samardzija was a bright spot for the Irish.

The Irish will not have any time to dwell on the loss, however, as they will send right hander Jess Stewart to the mound today at 5 p.m. to host Detroit (1-9), who dropped a 12-9 game to Eastern Michigan Tuesday.

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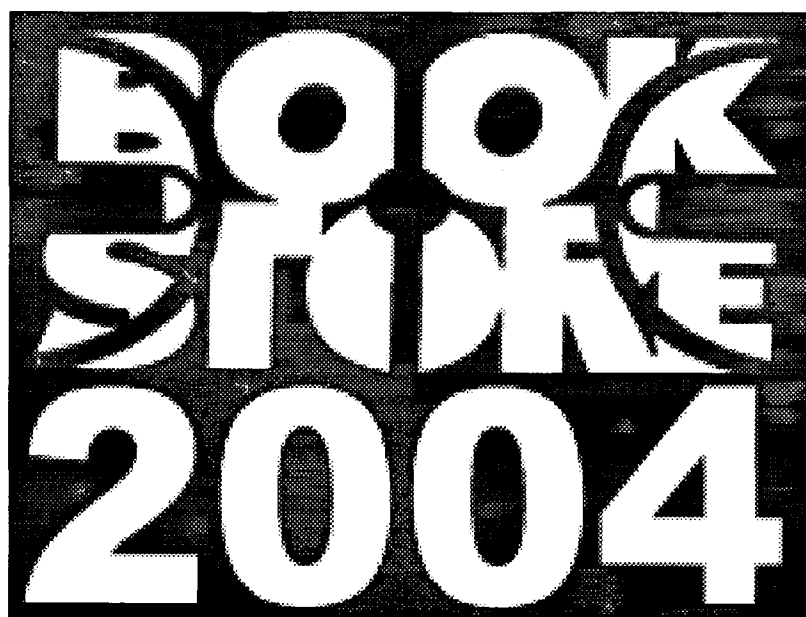
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Sweet

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Stephany Smith said. "We caused them a lot of problems."

But a Batteast three-pointer with 3:59 left in the half gave Notre Dame a 22-21 lead for the first time in the game. With that 3-pointer, the Irish ended the half by scoring 10 of the last 15 points to lead 29-26.

After halftime, Batteast took over by scoring 10 of the team's first 13 points and grabbing four rebounds before Tia Stovall made the Blue Raiders' first field goal of the half. By that time, Notre Dame had extended its three-point halftime lead to 18.

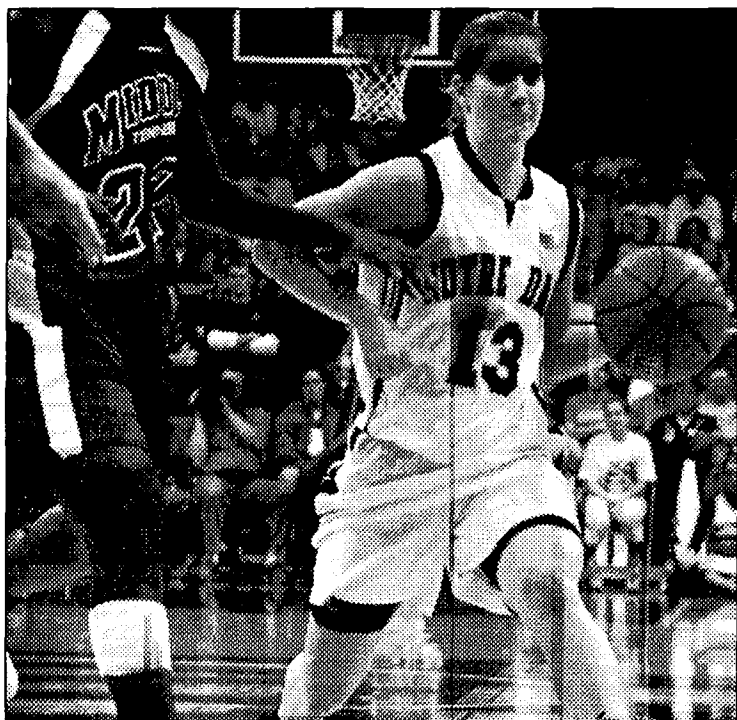
The Irish played more aggressive in the second half and toughened their zone defense.

The result was a flustered Middle Tennessee State team that made just six field goals in the final 20 minutes.

"We really just struggled on both ends of the floor," Smith said. "We struggled so much offensively that it just took us out of our rhythm on the defensive end. We were as poor tonight, especially closing out the first half and in the second half with our help-side defense, as I have ever seen us be this season."

McGraw said the 2-3 zone was responsible for the Blue Raiders' second half shooting percentage of 28.6.

"Overall, we talked at halftime about how we really just wanted to contain the ball and give everybody a cushion



Irish point guard Megan Duffy makes a bounce pass Tuesday.

but be in the area ... I thought we just got a little smarter in the second half," McGraw said.

Besides Batteast's 27 points, no other Notre Dame player scored in double figures. Jeneka Joyce had nine points on 3-of-4 shooting from three-point range.

Middle Tennessee State was led by Krystle Horton's 18 points on 7-of-14 shooting and four rebounds.

Notre Dame now travels to Connecticut to meet the East regional No. 1 seed Penn State (27-5).

The Nittany Lions overcame a three-point halftime deficit to beat Virginia Tech 61-48 Tuesday. Notre Dame needs two wins to earn a bid to the Final Four in New Orleans in early April.

NOTRE DAME 59, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 46 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (21-10) Batteast 13-17 0-1 27, LaVere 1-6 1-2 3, Severe 0-1 1-2 1, Duffy 2-4 0-0 4, Hernandez 1-2 0-0 2, Joyce 3-4 0-0 9, Borton 2-5 0-0 4, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Flecky 1-2 0-1 2, Erwin 3-6 1-2 7, Powers 0-0 0-0 0, Weese 0-0 0-0 0.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (24-8) Horton 7-14 4-7 18, Justice 1-5 0-0 3, Stovall 3-8 0-0 6, McClinic 1-10 0-0 2, Holmes 4-15 0-1 9, Jakobsen 0-0 0-0 0, Givens 2-3 4-4 8, Bailey 0-0 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	29	30	59
M. TENN. STATE	26	20	46

3-point goals: Notre Dame 4-9 (Joyce 3-4, Batteast 1-1, Duffy 0-2, LaVere 0-1, Hernandez 0-1), Middle Tennessee State 2-17 (Holmes 1-8, Justice 1-4, McClinic 0-5). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 36 (Batteast 12), Middle Tennessee State 30 (McClinic 7). Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Severe 6) Middle Tennessee State 13 (Holmes, 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 16, Middle Tennessee State 13.

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"We got a little smarter in the second half."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

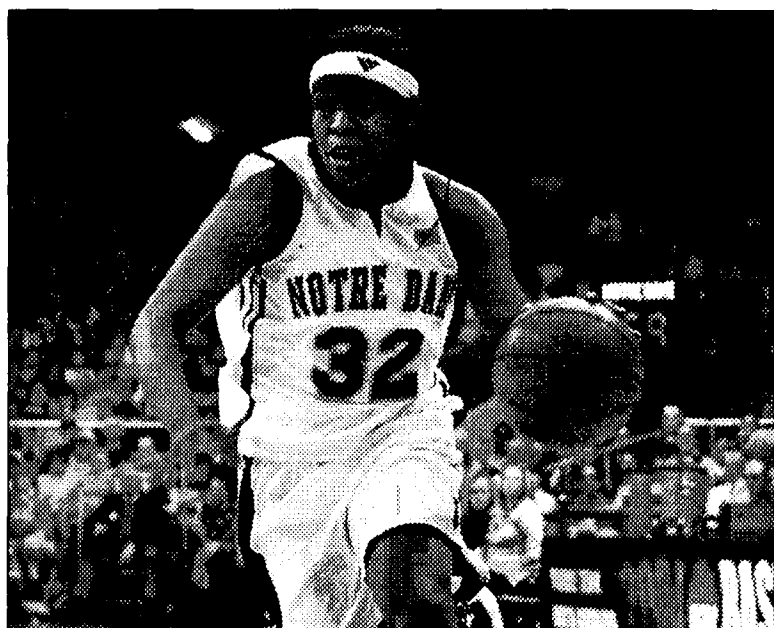
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Breona Gray drives to the basket during Tuesday's game against the Blue Raiders.

Batteast

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pending win, and in the process, they were having a blast. Batteast was living up to her potential and Joyce was shooting the ball like everyone knows she can.

By the time it was over, Batteast finished with 27 points, tying a career high while playing just 28 minutes. She also grabbed 12 rebounds, including 10 on the defensive end. But her most impressive stat might have also been the lowest — she missed just four shots the entire night, and one in the second half. Even Batteast knew that she couldn't miss.

"It was shocking," Batteast said of her shooting. "It feels really, really, really good. It was just that kind of night."

It was the kind of night when you don't want to face the Irish — especially at home.

The Jacqueline Batteast that has come to this year's NCAA tournament is not the one Irish fans saw last year. Last year, Batteast scored 13 points in three games in the tourna-

ment. She had that many points in the first half Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

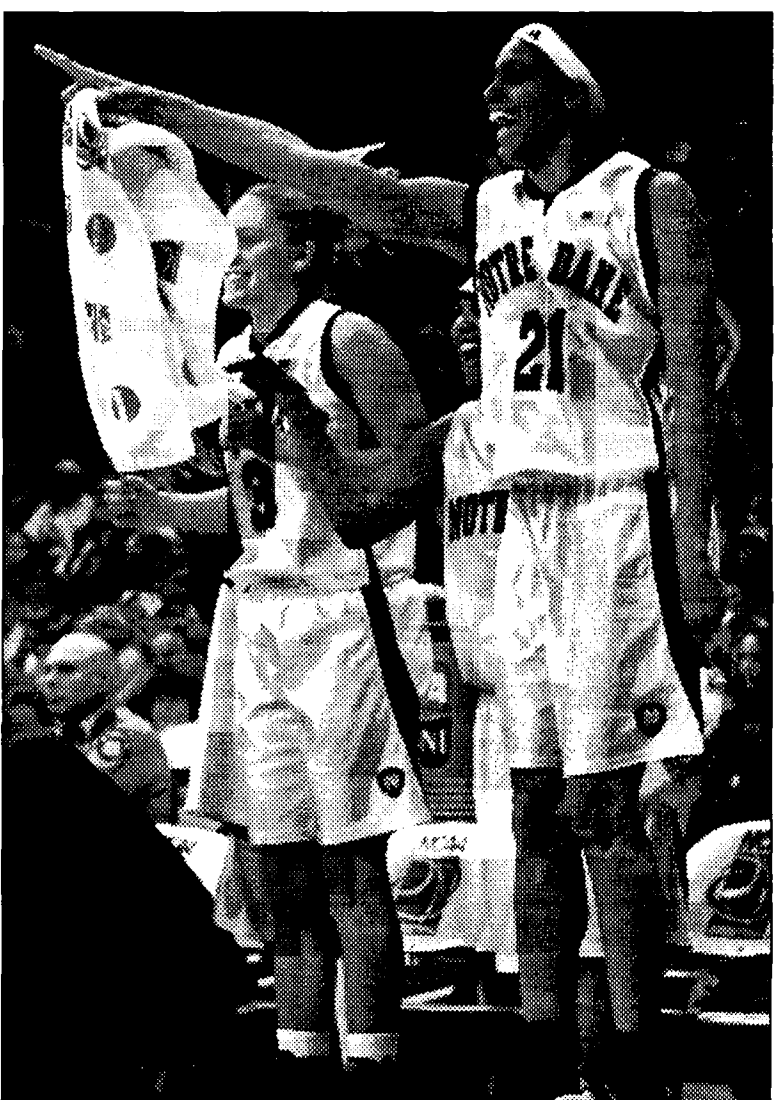
She was the star of the game, not Middle Tennessee State's Patrice Holmes. Holmes was held to 4-for-15 shooting, good for just nine points. The Sun Belt Tournament MVP could learn a few things about being a star from watching Batteast.

And if you are Notre Dame, you have to be glad that Batteast dons the Irish jersey. She presents matchup problems for other teams, and she can flat-out play. It seems that she has finally found her stride as one of the nation's best players in her third year in an Irish uniform.

But if you are unfortunate enough to be an opponent, you go home learning something. For Sun Belt champions Middle Tennessee State, the lesson was how to play like an All-American.

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Jacqueline Batteast and teammates leap for joy as the clock winds down in a 59-46 Irish victory.

FENCING

Rookies look to earn respect

The fencing team rests on the verge of another title

"Young, hot, brash. With an attitude that says, 'Who cares? It's only' ...fencing? Yes, I realize that actually quoting Zoolander in a newspaper column represents the low point in my writing career, but it fits, so work with me.

The confident group I refer to with the above quotation is none other than the Notre Dame fencing team. For those of you who only know them as the reason for Grace Hall's existence (I refer to the No. 1 atop it), it might also be relevant to know that the same fencing team is about to defend the right to keep yonder beacon alit.

But you might want to take a long hard look up at the sky during your late-night quarter dog run. Despite the swagger and youthful enthusiasm that characterizes the seven newcomers, that will not be enough to defend a title won by a group of fencers who all had at least one year of collegiate fencing experience.

Indeed they are young, but indeed they are good. Much has been made this season about the team's youth and rightly so. With seven freshmen in a lineup of eighteen, the weight of defending a national title could have been enough to smother any newfound enthusiasm.

But thanks in large part to the efforts of the coaching staff, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Vincent and Valerie Providenza scored their competition, piling up a composite 151-29 record. Epeeist Aaron Adjemian won the deciding bout against arch-rival Penn State to secure the men's 14-13 victory. Amy Orlando closed out her inaugural season by winning 45 of her last 50 bouts.

Yes, the freshmen breezed through their first few fencing quizzes and seemed able to do no wrong. But now it's time for the final exam: the post-season.

The fun and games of dual meets and meaningless conference championships are over. Now the team must defend the validation of its greatness, the trophy from last year's national championship.

But this will only be accomplished as a team, and that distinction could be a crucial one. The pressure of winning 'all for one' will be a task unlike many these rookies have ever faced. Most of them grew up fencing through clubs and only on an individual level. A loss meant they were sent home to try again, but disappointment was confined to the individual.

Now the expectations of a team and a school rest on their untested shoulders. As successful as each of their respective seasons have been, it may not be enough to bring home a second straight championship.

Don't get me wrong, it has been a great run for the Irish fencers this year.

With only one loss between the two squads, the young group has achieved more than many people thought.

But a more experienced field is the only thing that will stop them from repeating as national champions.

Though now might be a good time to start writing a eulogy for our illuminated digit, rest assured it will not be out for long.

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Tennis

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Bayliss did not learn until after the match that top Irish players Luis Haddock, Matthew Scott and Ryan Keckley were all suffering from illness, with Haddock and Scott forced to take injury time-outs during their matches.

"It showed me a lot," said Bayliss of the team's performance. "I was really impressed by the determination and the grit that I saw today."

Haddock clinched the match at No. 1 for the Irish, winning 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.

"[Brent] D'Amico was down 4-2 and came back to win 7-5, 6-4," said Bayliss. D'Amico, the first singles match off the courts, put the Irish on the board and tied the score 1-1. His opponent,

Ryan Heller, was previously undefeated in dual-match play.

NOTRE DAME 5, MICHIGAN 2
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SINGLES

No. 1: #80 Luis Haddock (UND) d. Anthony Jackson, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5
No. 2: Matthew Scott (UND) d. Brian Hung, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
No. 3: Brent D'Amico (UND) d. Ryan Heller, 7-5, 6-4
No. 4: Stephen Bass (UND) d. Steve Peretz, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-3
No. 5: David Anving (U-M) d. Barry King, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
No. 6: Ryan Keckley (UND) d. Carey Rubin, 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-2

DOUBLES

No. 1: Jackson/Hung (U-M) d. D'Amico/Keckley, 9-8(5)
No. 2: Haddock/Scott (UND) d. Heller/Josef Fischer, 8-3
No. 3: Vinny Gossain/Peretz (U-M) d. Bass/Eric Langenkamp, 8-4

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles must rebound

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a disappointing weekend that included four losses, the Belles will look to rebound today against Purdue-North Central.

Saint Mary's record dropped to 5-8 and the team has had six straight losses after beginning the season 5-2. Most of the

Belles' defeats can be attributed to inconsistent play in the early innings. The team has relied on late inning rallies that often have come up short.

"We don't want to play catch up anymore", coach Anna Welsh said. "Once we play aggressively, we'll be a more successful team."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How sweet it is

Batteast spearheads team's effort, Irish advance to Sweet 16

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

This one belonged to Jacqueline Batteast. By the time Middle Tennessee State scored its first field goal of the second half with 10:44 remaining, Batteast had taken over the second-round tournament game and guaranteed the Irish a trip to Hartford for the Sweet 16.

"[Batteast] showed why she is one of the top five players in the country," Irish coach McGraw said. "She is just an outstanding basketball player."

Batteast scored 27 points on 13-of-17 shooting and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 59-46 Irish win Tuesday night at the Joyce Center, almost single-handedly pushing No. 5 seed Notre Dame past No. 13 seed Middle Tennessee State and into the Sweet 16 for the sixth time in eight years.

"It's exciting, and I think it's great for the conference," McGraw said.

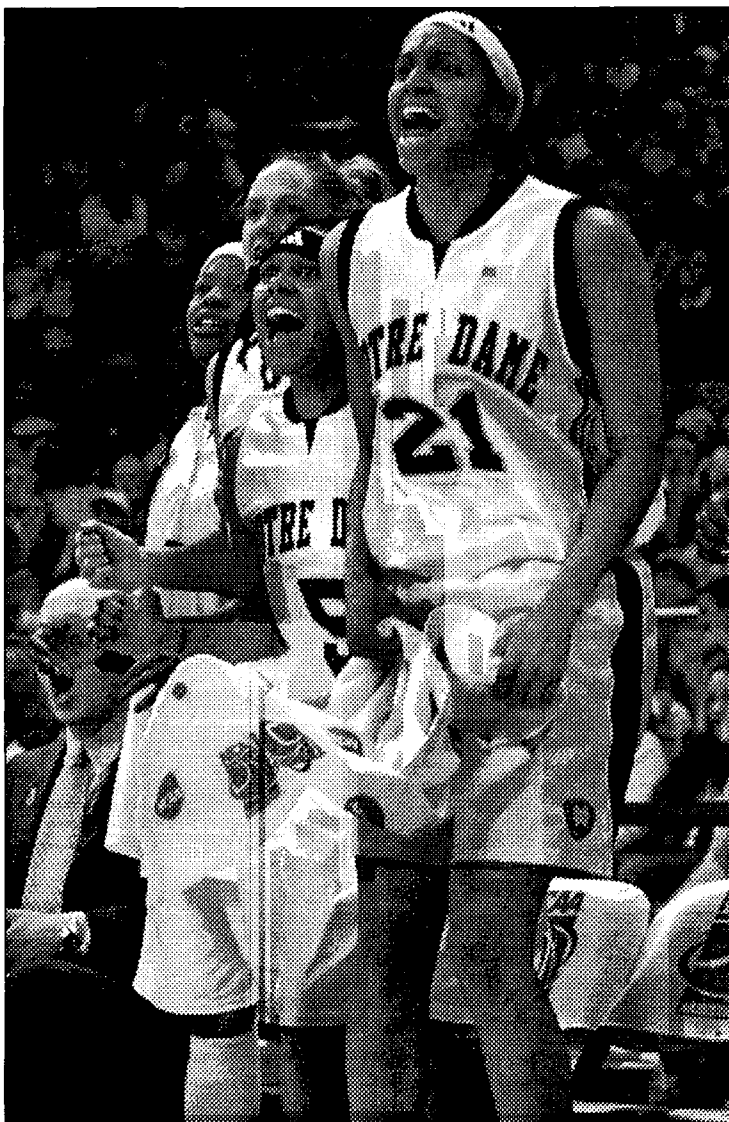
The Irish, who trailed most of the first half, took a 29-24 advantage into intermission and then opened the second half with a 16-1 run. After scoring 13 points in the first half, Batteast added 14 more in the second.

"I was really pleased when we made that run in the second half - I should say when Jackie Batteast made that run in the second half," McGraw said. "I thought she was outstanding."

Middle Tennessee State played poised and patient in the first half, and the Blue Raiders led by as many as seven. They worked the ball inside and consistently had good looks at the basket. On the defensive end, the Blue Raiders forced Notre Dame into 13 first half-turnovers.

"We were very aggressive, especially on the defensive end," Middle Tennessee State coach

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Jacqueline Batteast celebrates on the sidelines with teammates after contributing 27 points to the 59-46 win against Middle Tennessee State.

Batteast lives up to both legacy and All-American title against Raiders

Just hours after Jacqueline Batteast was named Associated Press honorable mention All-American, she showed the nation why.

"Jackie's carried us in so many big games," Irish guard Megan Duffy said. "I'm just glad she's on our team."

Batteast's dominating performance against Middle Tennessee State catapulted the Irish into the Sweet 16 for the second time in as many years as Notre Dame advanced with a 59-46 victory.

Heather Van Hoegarden

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It all started 3:19 into the game when Batteast hit a jumper off a Megan Duffy pass. From then on, it was all Batteast. She went on to score 11 more points in the first half, missing just three shots, and pulling down seven rebounds.

Batteast made the Blue Raiders defense look silly. They tried to prevent her from getting the ball. That failed. They tried to guard her man-to-man. That effort was also futile.

Stop and pull-up, drive to the hoop - it didn't matter. Almost every time Batteast got the ball, she scored.

Bottom line - the only person that could stop Batteast was herself.

And that sure didn't happen.

With the Irish up just three points, the second half began with a 13-0 Irish run. Or should we say a 10-0 Batteast run.

Just 42 seconds into the half, Batteast hit a lay-up to key the run during which she went 5-for-5 from the field. Later she tossed the ball behind her to the trailing Jeneka Joyce, who hit the three-pointer that all but put away the Blue Raiders.

The duo jogged down the court with smiles on their faces. They could feel the sweetness of the

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish spoil winning streak

Team beats Michigan to end Wolverines' home winning streak

By KATE GALES
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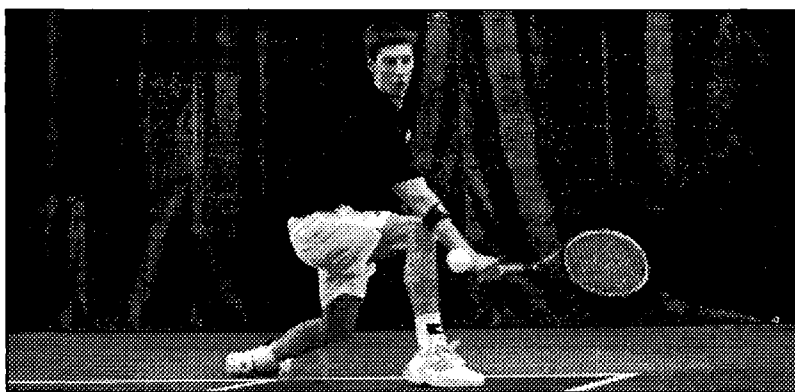
Bobby Bayliss loves to play spoiler.

On Tuesday in Ann Arbor, the head coach of the men's tennis team got to do just that.

His team improved to 11-7 in the dual-match season, handing Michigan just its second loss and ending a ten-match home win streak.

"We had lost to them twice in a row at Michigan, so it meant a lot to beat them," Bayliss said.

The Irish faltered in their recent strength, losing the doubles point to give the Wolverines



A Notre Dame tennis player takes a swing during a match against Miami earlier this season. The Irish beat Michigan 5-2 Tuesday.

a 1-0 lead.

"It was a very determined match on our part," Bayliss said. "We were unfortunate not to win the doubles point, it came down to a tiebreaker. They had a backhand return serve up the line for a winner to give them match

point."

Michael Rubin, the No. 44-ranked singles player, did not play for Michigan; however, his absence did not provide the expected advantage.

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BASEBALL

Irish fall to stingy Chippewa pitching

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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Central Michigan beat the Irish at their own game Tuesday night.

The Chippewas (7-10) built an early 4-0 lead and used solid starting pitching and errorless defense to upset sixth-ranked Notre Dame (13-3) 4-1.

"This Central Michigan team has a rich tradition in their baseball program, and they've got good players," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said after the loss. "I'm not saying we shouldn't beat these guys when we play them. I'm saying they didn't win by a fluke tonight."

"Their pitcher was outstanding, they made the plays and their hitters did what they had to do," he said.

Chippewa lefty T.J. Johnson kept the Irish hitters off balance all night with a steady diet of off-speed pitches. The senior worked all nine innings and allowed only one run, scattering eight hits and striking out six to get the win.

"You have to tip your hat to [Johnson]. We just couldn't solve him tonight," Mainieri said. "You don't usually run into a pitcher of that caliber in a mid-week game."

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The Belles have dropped six straight games.

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Magloire drains a jumper to send New Orleans past Detroit.

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This year's lower seeds hope to continue to advance.

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Tampa Bay looks to move forward

Without three star players, the Bucs are confident for next year.

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