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## Irish beat No. 1 Santa Clara, fall to UNC in final game

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The Irish watch from their bench as Meredith Florance, North Carolina's game-winning goal scorer, beams after the Tar Heel championship ceremony. The Irish defeated Santa Clara to advance to the finals against North Carolina, where the Irish lost 2-0. KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

## Power outage prompts closure of SMC campus

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
Saint Mary's Editor

Power was restored to Saint Mary's College at 10 a.m. Friday following an outage that left the College without electricity for nine hours. Campus was closed Friday until 1 p.m. for faculty, staff and students following the outage.

Two wires leading to an oil switch in the main building north of Le Mans shorted at approximately 1:15 a.m. Friday, causing a 4,160 volt outage, said John DeLee, director of Facilities Friday.

Campus systems sustained no damages during the outage, although voice mail systems remained unavailable for students during the weekend. Campus officials hope to have services restored today.

Emergency situations on campus prevented immediate investigation into the cause of the power outage. Two campus residents trapped in separate residence hall elevators prompted immediate

response from security officials. A McCandless Hall resident was freed shortly after 1:30 a.m. after being trapped on the first floor.

A Holy Cross Hall resident remained trapped between the second and third floor of the residence hall for more than two hours before it was determined it was too dangerous to remove her. Resident assistants remained with the victim throughout the evening while security officials and Montgomery Elevator Services worked to free the woman. The woman was freed shortly before 4 a.m. Friday.

Security officials contacted Koontz Wagner Electric shortly after the outage, and the company worked throughout the evening to restore power to campus.

Regina Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts were the only buildings not affected by the outage, which left Saint Mary's residents without heat, voice mail services and computer network access. Network access was restored to

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## Lecture examines survivors

### ♦ Jewish women had children soon after Holocaust

By SARAH RYKOWSKI  
News Writer

While healthy German women were avoiding pregnancy immediately after World War II, Jewish women wanted to have children, said Margaret Feinstein, a Germany History professor at Indiana University, in lecture last Thursday.

Feinstein's lecture, entitled "Hannah's Prayer: Jewish Women Holocaust Survivors in Germany After World War II," was part of the Saint Mary's history department's celebration of History Week, which concluded Friday.

The title and topic of the lecture was based on a quote from the prayer of Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel, who was barren before the birth of her son.

"Those who have plenty sell themselves for a crust, while the mother of many is left to languish," said Feinstein, quoting 1 Samuel 2:5.

The quote related to Jews after the Holocaust because living conditions were harsh for many of them, especially those living in displaced persons (DP) camps for refugees in Germany.

"[Jewish women] were concerned that they would not be able to bear children," Feinstein said. "They had no money. They didn't know where to go or what to do."

The diet in the camps was very poor, consisting of bread, soup and sometimes coffee. Women resorted to trade on the black market to get milk and fresh produce

for their babies.

"Anxiety was a part of their existence," said Feinstein, who has interviewed many women who lived in the camps.

"[Holocaust] survivors were drawn to each other ... this need to belong to someone led men and women to courtship," Feinstein said.

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Margaret Feinstein  
German History professor

continuity."

There were 1000 births per month in the DP camps in 1946, said Feinstein.

"Their persecution led them to seek to recreate the family life of which they had

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Do you know what I know?

A personal e-mail. An emotional conversation. A heated debate. A private moment shared between you, your significant other, and — the guy from the Office of Information Technology? In the words of the famous "Sesame Street" song, one of these things does not belong.

It has come to my horrified attention that the University is reading and screening personal e-mails and abusing its access to them. One student has been recently expelled for possession of marijuana, but the only way the University knew about it was through its monitoring of the student's personal e-mail. Apparently the OIT people can and do read both incoming and outgoing e-mails from all accounts on the University's server.

I don't know about you, but I find this highly disturbing.

The University would claim that because it owns the server and pays for the transmission of e-mail, it should be entitled to such a blatant invasion of privacy. I say, we pay a hefty tuition that includes such services and should be entitled to a little respect. Our personal e-mails should be protected from this outrageous intrusion the same way our old-fashioned, snail mail is protected. The United States Postal Service is prohibited by federal law from opening, tampering with or in any way intentionally mishandling letters and packages; what makes the University of Notre Dame Office of Information Technology exempt?

Is nothing private anymore? It's bad enough that we have watchdogs in our dorms, dining halls and in the student section at the Stadium, but now they are monitoring our personal, private thoughts and feelings sent through e-mail. That letter I sent my sister about our family issues? They read it. That beautiful forward about friendship and women from my old roommate? They read it. And that sexy e-mail I sent my boyfriend? Yep, they read that too.

I feel completely violated. Although not the most romantic means of communication (I grieve the untimely death of the hand-written letter), e-mail is nevertheless by far the most effective. I understand that OIT needs to monitor the volume of e-mails because a severe increase in volume would create serious systems problems, and I also understand that they scan to prevent solicitors from obtaining our e-mail addresses. But just because they offer a great service at a good price doesn't give anyone license to invade people's privacy. Once again, the University is hiding behind legitimate reasons to mask its illegitimate and feeble attempts to create a totalitarian state.

Ironically, one of the official conditions of OIT use prohibits the violation of privacy. I wonder, do they apply this same rule to themselves? Forget that Big Brother is watching. I'm more concerned about the University and its OIT.

Today is the feast of jolly old Saint Nicholas, a time of giving and judgement. I was going to put my shoe out, but I know the University would have checked its contents first.



Colleen Gaughen

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ <b>Session:</b> Volunteering after graduation, Sean Maurer, Room 217, Debartolo, 6:30 p.m.	◆ <b>Lecture:</b> "New Directions in Complexity," Albert-Laszlo Barabasi, Room 138, Debartolo, 8 p.m.	◆ <b>Dinner:</b> Class of 2000 dinner, free pizza, Alumni Senior Club, 5 p.m.	◆ <b>RecSports:</b> Ice skating, free admission and skate rental, Joyce Center Ice Rink, 7 p.m.
◆ <b>Celebration:</b> "ACE Goes Latin," featuring Sabor Latino, LaFortune Ballroom, 9 p.m.	◆ <b>Prayer:</b> "Jubilee Prayer Service," Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 10 p.m.		◆ <b>Concert:</b> Handel's Messiah, Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## Georgetown bookstore sues VarsityBooks.com

WASHINGTON  
The Georgetown University Bookstore, as a member of the National Association of College Stores has filed suit in Federal District Court against VarsityBooks.com, alleging that the company's discounts are "false and without factual basis."

The suit alleges that VarsityBooks.com, an online textbook retailer, falsely claims on its Web site that it offers textbooks at a 40 percent discount while, in reality, selling only a fraction of their books at the advertised discount. Further, the suit alleges that the firm's advertisements falsely imply that college bookstores overcharge students.

The suit does not ask for monetary damages, but instead seeks that the court forbid VarsityBooks.com to promote discounts unless they iden-

*"Our members are deeply concerned that students are being duped into believing they're saving 40 percent on textbooks when such claims are completely false."*

**Brian Cartier**  
National Association of College Stores

tify "clearly and prominently, the true basis for the discount," NACS said through a press release.

"Our members are deeply concerned that students are being duped into believing they're saving 40 percent on textbooks when such claims are completely false," NACS Chief Staff Officer Brian Cartier said in a press release.

Jon Kaplan, vice president of communications and strategic planning for VarsityBooks.com, denied the allegations made by NACS.

"The lawsuit that NACS has filed is completely without merit," Kaplan said. "VarsityBooks.com has advertised up to 40 percent discounts, and we will continue to do so."

Kaplan declined to go into the details of the case because of the ongoing litigation but did further assert that VarsityBooks.com would not change its practices as of now.

"What we [VarsityBooks.com] have brought is competition, choice, discounts and convenience ... VarsityBooks.com is going to continue to do this," Kaplan said. President and CEO of VarsityBooks.com, Eric Kuhn also expressed his concern with the lawsuit.

## Bomb scare shakes Washington State

PULLMAN, Wash.

Firefighters responded to an alarm last Thursday and found a bomb threat posted in a hallway next to a fire alarm location. The Fire Department closed the building and police arrived on the scene along with students from parking services to restore order and keep the area clear while the building was searched. WSU police found no hint of a bomb and reopened the building. WSU police Capt. Mike Kenny and police Chief William Mercier were unable to provide details about where the note was placed or what it said, or if they had any suspects. Monty Cobb, a deputy prosecutor for Whitman County, said if the person who made the threat is caught, the perpetrator could face a charge of felony threat to bomb. The person could be fined up to \$20,000 and sent to jail for as many as 10 years. "There is also a statute that says that even if it is a hoax then they are still guilty," Cobb said. Twelve classes were in session during the fire alarm and 25 classes were unable to meet as a result of the threat.

## Nazi group posts signs at U. of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS

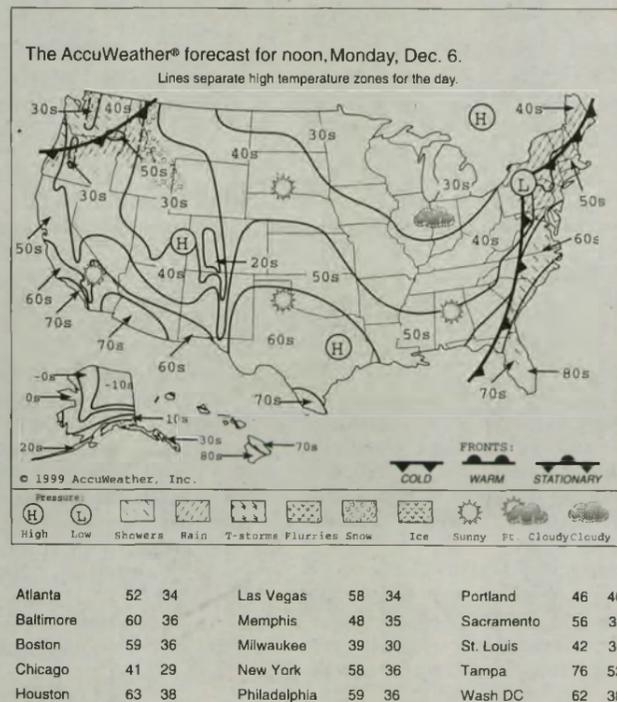
A grainy black-and-white photo depicts an interracial couple walking hand in hand with the bold headline, "Hey, white girl! Race mixing is a crime." The National Socialist Movement, a Nazi group posing as a University of Minnesota student organization, posted two letter-sized leaflets on a campus bridge this week. The leaflet implied the student group was a registered campus organization by listing a St. Paul Student Center address. Although the Nazi group has a mailbox at the student center, the group is not recognized by the University. June Nobbe, director of the involvement center, said the U.S. Constitution requires the University to allow all groups regardless of ideology to become student organizations. "We have to abide by their freedom of speech and First Amendment rights," she said. "As long as they comply with the criteria, we must register them." Little is known about the group, except that at least one person involved is a University student.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



# Senior art exhibits open at SMC

## ◆ Projects reflect personal triumphs, tragedies

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
News Writer

Saint Mary's art majors Keri Lanchsweerd and Mary Robinson presented their senior comprehensive exhibition Friday at the Moreau Center for the Arts, demonstrating their capacity for visual perception, imagination and expression.

On huge frames of canvas, Lanchsweerd expressed the far-reaching power of diseases in her family.

As a child, Lanchsweerd was affected by her father's arthritis in that it prevented her from playing some sports with him that other children might normally have played with their fathers.

"All diseases my family [have] affected me in some shape or form," said Lanchsweerd. "I decided to do large paintings because the disease is small and microscopic, and the huge paintings represent the power of the disease. I used oils because I like the way they blend. They don't dry as easily. I wanted to get a lot of emotion [in my pieces]. I hope the pieces are powerful."

Robinson tried to reflect on her life choices in her exhibition, which consists of several garments and outfits she put together.

"Some [choices] were good, some were bad," she explained. "But even the bad choices I gained from."

"In these garments I'd like to present both positive and negative role choices. They're called symbolic garments to represent roles that have been taken -- mother, father," said Robinson, whose father and husband were alcoholics.

"I raised my children by myself," Robinson said. "[The art project] brought up a lot of bad memories. Even after reflecting, though, I realize I'll never be a weak or defeated person."

This close relationship the artists have with their work make this a very important part of their lives, said Johnson Bowles, director of the Moreau Center.

"They work very hard. This is very important to them and they typically have an emotional contact with their piece of work," he said. "The best part is how much of themselves they put into it. It's unique to have your own show as an undergraduate."

Each student submitted a proposal to the art department the semester before exhibition.

The materials, method and content of their artwork are all presented in a short paper and a "maquette," which is a small scale version of a piece of artwork, demonstrating proportion technique.

When the proposal is accepted, the students work with an

advisor.

"They also spend some time talking with me in the gallery about presentation and professional criteria of how to show work," Bowles said. "It is a solely individual project."

The art department wants the students to be educated on how to be professional with their work. The department makes contracts with the students and treats them as if they are professional artists.

"Some students have even shown their senior composition projects in professional galleries," said Bowles.

"It was a lot of time," said Lanchsweerd. "Each painting took roughly 12 hours. I built everything myself. It took everything from going to Lowe's to buy the wood to building the structure. It was an expensive project."

Robinson, meanwhile, spent time finding garments of clothing and making garments completely from scratch.

"I dyed fabric, applied textures and [did] surface design," said Robinson.

Both Robinson and Lanchsweerd have plans for what they would like to do after they graduate this semester.

"I would like to either go into advertising or web design and do my painting on the side," said Lanchsweerd.

"I'd like to work on ceramics and photography," said Robinson, who also one day wants to be an art teacher and work in a gallery.

# THIS MADGRIGAL MOMENT



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer  
Diners enjoy a night of medieval entertainment at this weekend's annual Madrigal Dinner at Saint Mary's.

# Senate appoints alum to U.S. Circuit Court

Special to The Observer

U.S. District Judge Ann Claire Williams, a University trustee and alumna, has been confirmed by the U.S.

Senate as a member of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, making her one of the seven Notre Dame graduates currently sitting on the nation's second-highest court.

A 1975 Notre Dame Law School graduate, Williams is the first African-American to serve on the 7th Circuit appeals court, which sits in Chicago, South Bend, and Milwaukee. She has been a federal judge on the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois since 1985.

Williams currently serves as president of the Federal Judges Association, an 800-member organization of Article III judges, and from 1993-1997 was chair of the Court Administration and Case Management Committee of the United States Judicial Conference.

A 1970 graduate of Wayne State University, Williams earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Michigan in 1972. Before her appointment to the federal bench, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney and chief of a criminal division.

Williams is secretary of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, to which she was elected in 1988, and she received an honorary degree from the University in 1997.

A week before Williams' confirmation, another Notre Dame graduate, Charles Wilson, was sworn in as a member of the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Formerly the U.S. Attorney in Tampa, Fla., Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in government and international studies from Notre Dame in 1976 and a juris doctor degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1979.

They join the ranks of grads Edward Leavy ('53), Paul Niemeyer ('77), Emilio Garza ('69), Daniel Manion ('64) and Paul Kelly ('63), all of whom serve on the nation's Circuit courts.

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## 'Zero tolerance' gets controversial test

Associated Press

Fourteen-year-old freshman Branden Pieratt got a taste of Lakeland High School's "zero tolerance" policy against alcohol abuse this fall when she took a drink from a friend's Gatorade bottle at a football game.

The drink was spiked with alcohol, and Branden was expelled for a semester, despite her argument that she didn't know the booze was there.

Her case illustrates the controversy surrounding this popular approach to school discipline: Some school administrators and parents say public concerns about student safety require an unbending approach to students who violate certain rules. But others say common sense has disappeared from the process.

"The types of school violence in the last two to three years has shaken all of us, especially administrators and school boards. We weren't ready for that kind of violence," said Russ Skiba, an associate professor of education at Indiana University. "We look for things we perceive are going to solve the problem quickly."

Branden, a cheerleader, was caught when she went to ask for bottled water from one of her coaches. The coach smelled the alcohol on her breath and alerted police, who performed a Breathalyzer test.

Pieratt's mother, Holly, said her daughter's blood-alcohol content was 0.004 percent, well below the 0.10 percent required to be legally intoxicated in Indiana.

Lakeland Superintendent Russell Hodges declined to

talk about individual student disciplinary matters. But he said the LaGrange County school is "up front" about offenses and students are aware of "the rules and expectation."

Another problem cited with "zero tolerance" is inconsistencies in how the policy is applied.

In September, Jennings County High School volleyball player Ashley Riordan had a second violation of the Panther Code of Conduct, which bars the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs by athletes.

She was suspended from the volleyball team but reinstated after an appeal to the Jennings County School Board. In her appeal, Ashley presented the results of a lie detector test, which showed that although she was at a party where alcohol was served, she did not drink.

Some parents in the school district complained Ashley received preferential treatment because her father, Steve Riordan, is the school's principal.

Kerry Wisner's son Trent was suspended from the school's soccer team after also twice violating the code.

Wisner's son wasn't allowed a second appeal to the School Board, and she isn't sure why Ashley got one. "All kids can say, 'I wasn't drinking,'" Wisner said. The bottom line with zero tolerance, despite its name, is that "some kids get punished and some kids don't," she said.

Riordan refused to talk about his daughter's case.

"She's been drug through the mud enough," he said. "She's 18. As a family, we want to move on."

## Feinstein

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been robbed," Feinstein said. "In the Jewish DP camps, Hannah's prayer [for children] was answered."

By 1948, the situation Jews faced in the DP camps began to improve as the United States relaxed immigration quotas and Israel became independent.

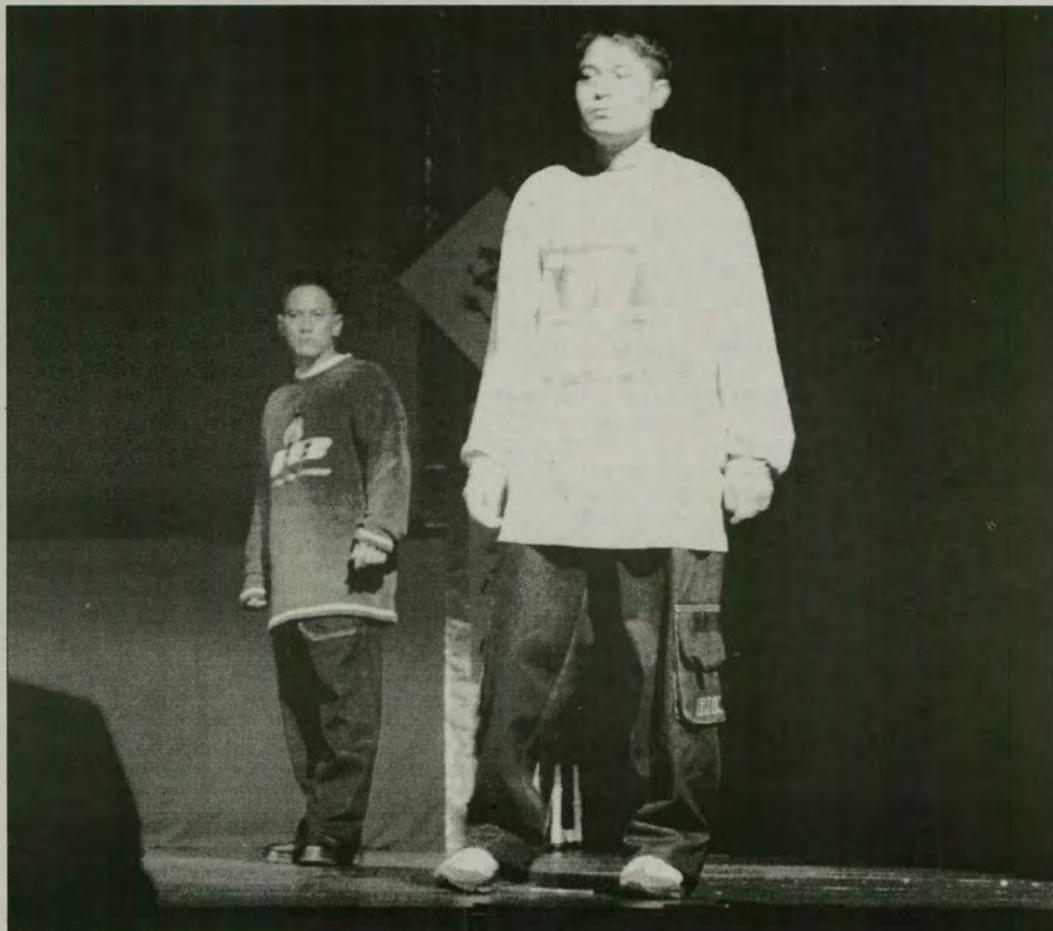
Feinstein is the author of four books and is currently working on a fifth.

## Power

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campus approximately one hour following the restoration of power, said Joel Cooper, director of Information Technology. E-mail services were restored at noon Friday.

## ON THE CATWALK



SUZANNE KELLMAN/The Observer

Notre Dame's Asian-American Association took to the catwalk Saturday night during Asian Allure '99. A yearly event, the evening featured cultural entertainment as well as a fashion show.

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# WorldNation

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Arafat gives poet a pistol

RAMALLAH, West Bank

Fending off criticism of corruption in his government, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday gave a pistol to a poet and told him to shoot him if he betrayed the Palestinian people. The wry pledge of loyalty stood in sharp contrast to Arafat's harsh crackdown on lawmakers and intellectuals who for the first time have named him in connection with charges of corruption, waste and fraud in the Palestinian Authority. Five of the dissidents, jailed for signing a manifesto last week against government corruption, said they were beginning a hunger strike Sunday to protest their incarceration. Palestinian human rights groups and intellectuals inside and outside the Palestinian territories have protested what they say is a violation of freedom of speech.

### Terrorists target U.S. company

ELK GROVE, Calif.

Mary Wilcox just finished moving into her home a half-mile from a huge propane storage facility, and now she wonders if she should pack up and leave because of the possibility of a terrorist attack. Two men were in custody Sunday on federal weapons charges while authorities investigated whether they were plotting to blow up the Suburban Propane fuel storage center. Court appearances were scheduled Monday for Kevin Ray Patterson, 42, of Camino, and Charles Dennis Kiles, 49, of Placerville. They were arrested following a yearlong FBI investigation into a potential threat against Suburban Propane and other Sacramento-area targets, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. It did not identify the other threatened sites. The men arrested have militia connections, a source familiar with the probe told The Associated Press.

### Americans react to Y2K

WASHINGTON

The U.S. official responsible for Y2K readiness said Sunday he is confident there will be no catastrophic computer breakdowns but is concerned public reaction to any small problems could provoke economic crises. "If we got a panic we could create a shortage of all sorts of things as we go forward — either food, gas, pharmaceuticals," John Koskinen, the White House Y2K coordinator, said on CNN's "Late Edition." Koskinen said there were no signs so far that Americans were concerned enough by the hype surrounding the millennium bug that they were beginning to hoard supplies or remove large sums from their bank accounts. "Our biggest concern is that we may have a whole series of otherwise manageable events one at a time but, particularly internationally, there may be a number of them," Koskinen said.

## CUBA



AFP Photo

The Cuban government takes precautions against public demonstrations for the return of the Cuban boy by placing several dozen soldiers outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana.

## Castro demands return of boy

Associated Press

HAVANA

President Fidel Castro demanded Sunday that the United States return a boy rescued at sea to his father in Cuba within 72 hours, warning that the Cuban people were losing patience and soon would begin mass demonstrations. "There will be millions of people in the streets demanding the boy's freedom," Castro said, according to state radio and television. "It is

difficult to hold back the population with the state of irritation" generated by the case of 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez.

Castro accused the U.S. government of kidnapping Elian, who was found clinging to an inner tube floating off the coast of Florida. He promised a "battle for world opinion" to bring the child home. In an unusual move Sunday, the Cuban government stationed several dozen soldiers outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana — the American

government's Cuban mission.

The reason for the move was not clear; generally there are only about four soldiers outside the mission. Calls requesting comment from the mission were referred to Washington.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said last week that Cuba had asked the U.S. mission in Havana on Nov. 27 for the child's return. But the case was referred to the Florida state courts

because they take precedence in custody disputes, he said.

Greeting the Cuban delegation at the airport upon their return from the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, Castro blamed the U.S. government for the boating accident that killed Elian's mother and 10 others.

The overloaded powerboat they had been traveling in sank during the 90-mile crossing to Florida. The boy was found Nov. 25 just off Fort Lauderdale.

## Iranian students protest for freedom

Associated Press

TEHRAN

Hundreds of Iranian university students, some with their mouths taped shut, staged a peaceful rally Sunday against efforts by Islamic hard-liners to curb freedom of expression. Some 1,000 students took part in the rally, organized by the Islamic Students' Association of the Allameh Tabatabaie University in Central Tehran. The protesters gathered in a university courtyard. Some had their mouths taped

shut, with the word "silence" written in Farsi over the tape.

Others carried portraits of prominent pro-reform Iranians, like former interior minister and journalist Abdollah Nouri, who was given a five-year jail term by a hard-line court last month on charges that included religious dissent.

"Unfortunately, limits on free speech are becoming a part of our society," said Nazila Sattari before taping her mouth. "The hard-liners did this to Mr. Nouri for political reasons, so that he could not run in the parliamentary elec-

tions." Powerful hard-liners, locked in a power struggle with rival reformists led by President

Mohammad Khatami, have shut down four pro-reform newspapers in the past year, including Nouri's. Several writers and intellectuals have been harassed, jailed and killed.

Nouri was the most popular reformist running for next February's legislative elections. He was widely expected to sweep the polls and bid for the Parliament speaker's position, currently held by a hard-liner. Nouri's conviction bars him from the

polls, but Khatami has been trying to get him released. Meanwhile, the Office of the Military Prosecutor said Sunday that several police officers were under investigation in last July's student unrest that followed the closure of a leading reformist newspaper.

The closure of the Salam daily had led to student protests. When the students returned to their dormitories, they were beaten by vigilantes backed by police forces, triggering the worst unrest since Iran's 1979 revolution.

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AMERICA ONLINE	AOL	-2.02	-1.6200	78.38
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## Bradley preaches racial progress

Associated Press

WATERLOO, Iowa  
Promising an administration that would "set a tone in the air" promoting racial unity, Democrat Bill Bradley preached a message of racial progress Sunday during services at a Baptist church in eastern Iowa.

Bradley, who is challenging Vice President Al Gore for the Democratic nomination, recalled growing up in Missouri during the 1950s, when two of his American Legion baseball teammates were barred from restaurants because they were black.

"Today it's not a matter of hotels or restaurants that block your entry, but something more subtle," Bradley said.

Bradley spoke to about 80

church members at Corinthian Baptist Church, touting his goals of extending benefits to 44 million Americans without health insurance, building after-school programs for children and creating an administration that would put racial progress at the forefront.

The former New Jersey senator said he would make diverse appointments at the federal level, support affirmative action and create an administration that would help eliminate racial division.

"I'm going to do that by the tone in the air of the administration," Bradley said. "If I'm president and you want to please the boss, you're going to show that in your life, in your job ... you'll pro-

mote racial understanding."

Following his speech, Bradley took questions from church members who asked him to make improvements in education and after-school programs.

Bradley's speech was part of three-day campaign swing through Iowa, where he plans to spread his message on health care and labor issues.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bradley said his ideas were driving the campaign and resonating with voters, prompting criticism from Gore.

"He's in attack-mode but his attacks are getting a counter-reaction from those who want a politics of positive and don't want to have politics as usual, where you end up with an election where instead of voting for someone, you're voting against someone," Bradley said.

"I think they're demonstrating a deep lack of confidence in some of their policies and positions," he said.

*"Today it's not a matter of hotels or restaurants that block your entry, but something more subtle."*

**Bill Bradley**  
presidential candidate

## GOP candidates prepare for debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes said Sunday he has been clear in letting voters know what he stands for, unlike

front-runner George W. Bush, and hopes for "a real interchange" among the six candidates in Monday's debate so people can judge for themselves.

Scheduled to join Forbes and Bush in Phoenix are Gary Bauer, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Alan Keyes. The state's senior senator, John McCain, will participate via satellite from New Hampshire, where he is campaigning.

McCain led Bush 39 percent to 31 percent in Arizona in a late October poll by the Media Research Program at Arizona State University, but 18 percent of the voters were undecided.

Bush, in his debate debut, drew fire Thursday night from his rivals during a candidate forum in New Hampshire on Social Security, abortion and tax cuts. Forbes hopes to keep up

the pressure.

"I do want a campaign of issues and ideas and I think I've got some very exciting ideas out there and I hope that we have a chance in these future forums and debates," he said on ABC's "This Week."

"I hope we have more flexibility so we can have a real interchange so the people can see what we stand for. I've put out there ... what I stand for and I wish that George Bush on some of these issues would do the same, and I hope that will come out in these future debates."

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said later that Bush "looks forward to healthy debate and lots of interaction with the other candidates."

"He's going to keep his remarks hopeful and positive and discuss his plans on taxes, education and Social Security," said Fleischer.

Keyes, appearing on "Fox News Sunday," said he took

*"Compared to the other folks who are out there, [Bush] does not have any special quality or ability that makes him an outstanding choice for the Republican Party."*

**Alan Keyes**  
presidential candidate

heart from the candidates' performances Thursday.

"The one thing I saw the other night that was clear," he said, "was that 'Bush does not stand out in this field. Compared

to the other folks who are out there, he does not have any special quality or ability that makes him an outstanding choice for the Republican Party. Nothing."

## Church offers 'drive-thru' holiday

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.  
In a nation of fast food restaurants, cash machines and even drive-through liquor stores, the city's First Church of the Nazarene is finding people like their religion quick and convenient as well.

This week, the church is closing its parking lot to set up a drive-through Nativity scene for those who want to experience the "true meaning of Christmas," but don't want to leave their cars.

"I suppose some people will

feel it is tacky, and I suppose intellectually it is," said Carla Johnson, professor of communications at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. "But from the standpoint of they have a message that they want to get to as many people as they can ... it's a really good idea."

The church expects about 10,000 people to take the 15-minute drive, said Jane Krutz, a member of the church's board of directors.

Since the church started the tradition 12 years ago, the five-day exhibit has grown to about 140 costumed characters and a stable-full

of animals, from donkeys to hens.

Motorists pass through nine scenes illuminated with candles, each telling a part of the Christmas story. In a scene where shepherds watch their flocks by night, an angel is suspended in the air.

Many churches have had to turn to secular-style marketing efforts to attract a crowd, Johnson said.

"They're using the channels that people are comfortable with. They're giving you something you want to see and at the same time getting the message across," she said.

## Lack of help angers online shoppers

Associated Press

NEW YORK  
E-retailers are turning to live online chats and other interactive customer services for the holidays as more shoppers abandon the mall for the Web. But it's hardly the warm-and-fuzzy experience some people crave.

Online shoppers fed up with e-mails that go unanswered and 800 numbers that eternally ring busy are demanding instant assistance at the click of a button.

"People get frustrated with the level of customer service available," said Seema Williams, an e-commerce analyst for Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass. "They're in a hurry."

Two-thirds of all cyber-shopping carts are abandoned before transactions are complete, she said, so Web operators that were preoccupied with getting sites up and running a year or two ago are now honing in on customer service.

The apparel giants Lands' End and Eddie Bauer are among the largest sites that use interactive software con-

necting a customer service representative to a shopper via on-screen "chat," a two-way dialogue that appears in a tiny box when the shopper clicks on an icon.

The agent then synchronizes her computer screen with the customer and can "push" pages of the Web site with the requested information before the shopper's eyes, in addition to answering questions about sizing, availability and billing.

"It works, and it makes cus-

tomers happy," said Bill Bass, vice president of e-commerce for Lands' End, which added chat and other live service options in September and has heavily promoted them offline.

It works sometimes, countered Bob Chatham, another Forrester analyst focused on e-commerce. LivePerson.com, one of the companies that sells the chat service, tracks the live interactions and says about 35 percent of customers who use it buy after the experience.

*Looks like Diana got an early start on her 21st birthday.*



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**SOUTH AFRICA**

# Dalai Lama calls for mediation

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN

The Dalai Lama on Sunday called for two fellow Nobel laureates — former South African President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu — to mediate talks between Tibetan leaders and China to resolve a 40-year dispute.

"They can make a contribution, of course, no doubt," he said in an interview on SABC television. "I personally would appreciate" such an offer.

The Dalai Lama is in South Africa to attend the Parliament of World Religions, which began Wednesday.

Later in the day, Mandela spoke to 3,000 religious leaders and experts at the conference. He said religion will play a "crucial role" in the next century to meet the challenges of poverty, conflict, abuse of women and children, AIDS and environmental destruction.

Mandela received an award from Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, the assassinated leader who led India to independence in 1948.

He did not mention the situation in Tibet.

Chinese troops occupied Tibet in 1950, sending the Dalai Lama and others fleeing into exile in India. China claims that Tibet is within its borders, but Tibetan exiles are seeking autonomy for their country.

The Dalai Lama said in the interview that he was not seeking independence for Tibet. In the past, he has advocated autonomy that would preserve Tibetan culture, religion and language.

Controversy has surrounded a request by supporters of

the Dalai Lama for a private meeting with South African President Thabo Mbeki. They charged last week that Mbeki's insistence on only meeting him as part of a group of religious leaders

resulted from pressure from the Chinese government.

Li Peng, No. 2 in the Chinese communist hierarchy, recently visited South

Africa, which just recently opened diplomatic relations with the country.

The Dalai Lama shrugged off the issue when he spoke to reporters Saturday in Durban.

"I don't want to create any embarrassment, any inconvenience to anybody," he said. "If the leader should find it a little inconvenient, then that is no problem for me."

*"I don't want to create any embarrassment, any inconvenience to anybody."*

Dalai Lama

**ISRAEL**

# Peres: Officials made Contra deal agreement

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres revealed rare details about the Iran-Contra affair Sunday, saying that he and two other

former Israeli premiers unanimously agreed on participating in the deal.



Peres

Appearing on a talk show on Israel TV, Peres also expressed shock that then-President Reagan withheld information from top U.S. officials about the controversial deal to sell arms to Iran in the mid-1980s.

The weapons, including anti-tank missiles, were sent to Iran in exchange for Iran's agreement to work for the release of U.S. hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim extremists. At the time, both Israel and the United States publicly condemned arms sales to Iran.

The affair resurfaced last week, when police found documents and tapes on the deal

from the office of Yaakov Nimrodi, one of three Israeli arms traders who brokered the deal in which U.S. weapons were sent to Iran via Israel. Part of the profits were funneled to anti-Sandinista insurgents in Nicaragua known as Contras.

He defended Israel's participation in the affair, saying it was the joint decision of then-Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and himself.

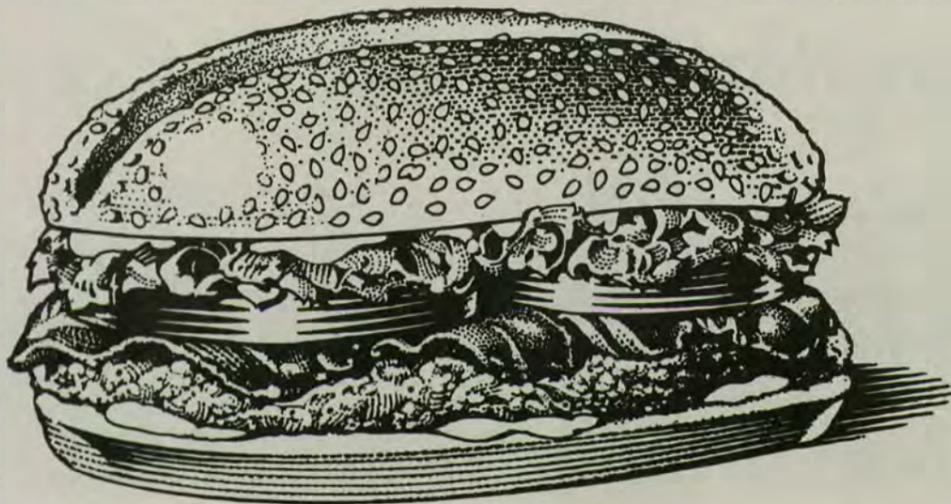
"There were three people, the most experienced the most responsible, and we did it unanimously," he said.

Peres, who is now Regional Cooperation Minister, said that while the request to broker the deal came from U.S. security agents, he discussed the deal with Reagan and had no idea that then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and then-Secretary of State George Shultz were not fully informed about the operation.

"I didn't know there was a dispute among them," said Peres, who was Foreign Minister at the time. "It was the surprise of my life when I later found out that Shultz and Weinberger didn't know."

Both those officials claimed they were ignorant about most of the deal.

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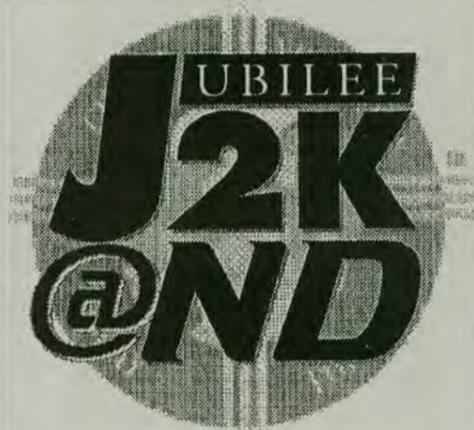
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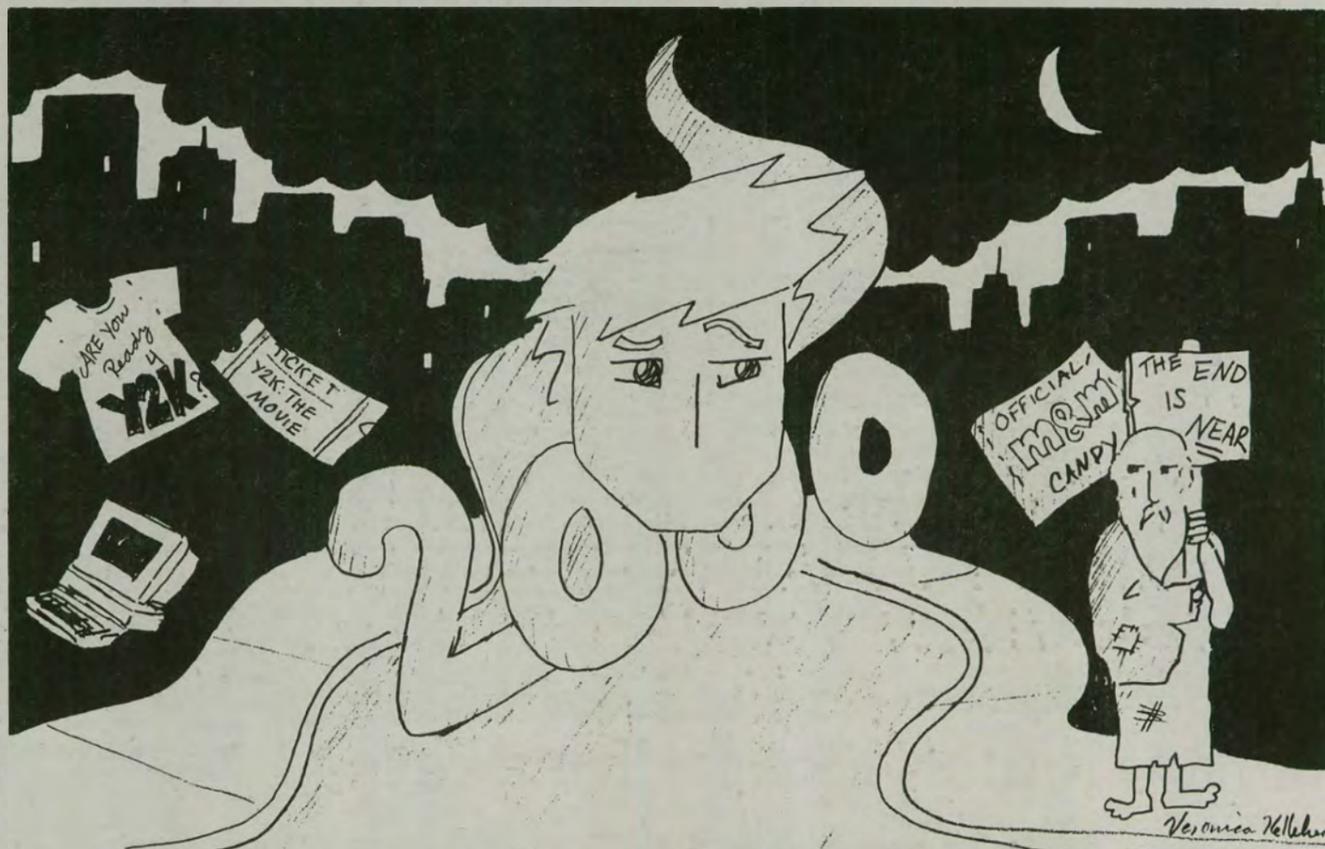
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## Debunking the hYpe 2K

Every week on my radio show on WVFI, I do what I call a "Millennium Update," during which I talk about some weird, strange or otherwise idiotic thing that has to do with the year 2000. For the half-dozen or so of you who've actually heard my show, you know. For the rest of you, here's a brief primer.



Mike Marchand

### Questionable Freedoms

Calling this impending New Year's "the dawn of the new millennium" is wrong on two counts. The millennium begins in 2001. I won't get too purist on this, since we find 2000 more special because of the fact that it will be the first time in 1000 years that the year won't start with a 1, and plus, we love round numbers. It's a moot point, anyway, because we know have scientific evidence that whoever first dated Christ's birth at the year 0 was off. Jesus was actually born in 4 or 5 Before Christ, which means we're getting all stoked to ring in the year 2004 or 2005. Kind of takes some of the starch out of it, doesn't it? This is also why it's moronic to think that 2000 will be the year God destroys the earth. If it were, we wouldn't have lived past 1996.

But enough of that. Let's get on to the dumber stuff. The year 2000 has been, more than anything else, a huge marketing ploy. M&M's have been declared "the official candy of the new millennium" for almost two years now.

Cheerios is making a millennium spinoff in which they have 2's in with the 0's. Wait, did I say "Cheerios"? I meant Spaghetti-O's. No, I meant both. There's Millennium Twinkies, Millennium Fruit Loops, the Mi-loony-um at Subway and Act II Microwave Popcorn, "the microwave popcorn of the new millennium." What, is the popcorn Y2K-compliant? If it were, you wouldn't need a microwave, would you? Ah, yes, Y2K. Did you see "Y2K: The Movie" on NBC a couple of weeks ago? That's okay, no one else did, either, except me. It won't be as bad as that irresponsible film says that it will. I have reasons why I believe that Y2K is a lot of hYpe-2K.

First, I bought a computer in 1992. It has Windows 3.1. It sucks. About three or four years ago, I got curious as to whether or not it would accept dates after the year 2000, unlike my VCR. (Don't worry, that VCR has made its trip to the great Radio Shack in the sky.) I reset the date to 11:58 p.m., Dec. 31, 1999, and in a couple of minutes, it read 12:01 a.m., Jan. 1, 2000. Now, if my computer, which probably would get whipped by an Apple IIe, is Y2K-compliant, I imagine most of the computers in the world are.

Second, Bill Gates is estimated to be worth \$70 billion. Problem is, most of it is tied up in Microsoft stocks. If, on Jan. 1, 2000, almost every Microsoft computer in the world does nothing but state "Abort, Retry, Fail?" Gates' fortune will be vaporized. I have a feeling he'll spend a little quid if that's what he needs to do to get the job done.

Third, here's a short list of all the things that are Y2K-compliant: most of the U.S. government, including the j2

Pentagon and the State Department, the Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service (damn it, if there was just one thing that Y2K could wipe out); the New York Stock Exchange; and Meijer, where I am so privileged to be employed. Therefore, we will all have a world filled with basic human necessities. Now, I do have a worry or two that we might have a dip in stocks because computers in other nations may not be as Y2K-compliant. But I don't think that the global financial market will suffer a meltdown because the Pakistani market has a blip.

However, there are still some people who are pushing the panic button. Some jerk has been incessantly spamming my e-mail address for almost three months, saying that Y2K is the end of the world. Apparently, he's the only one who's seen some verse of Revelations that says that the world will end. He also believes that he's the only one who truly understands the universe, therefore he should be made the head of NASA. If I had my way, I would put him in a straightjacket in a rubber room and watch him go insane on New Year's, but that's just me.

Those are just some of my pet peeves. I don't write this to try to be a buzzkill. By all means, go nuts on New Year's Eve. Party like it's 1999. We've earned it for putting up with all of this stuff.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn but to unlearn."

Gloria Steinem  
co-founder of MS Magazine

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Martinez's 'arrows' miss the mark

### *Martinez a danger to academia*

I hope that most students who read Gabriel Martinez's recent column, "Be Aware of the Signs You Send to Men" (12/2), are intelligent enough to recognize how offensive and ignorant this column is. This article is not only an affront to women, to whom Mr. Martinez addresses it, but to men as well.

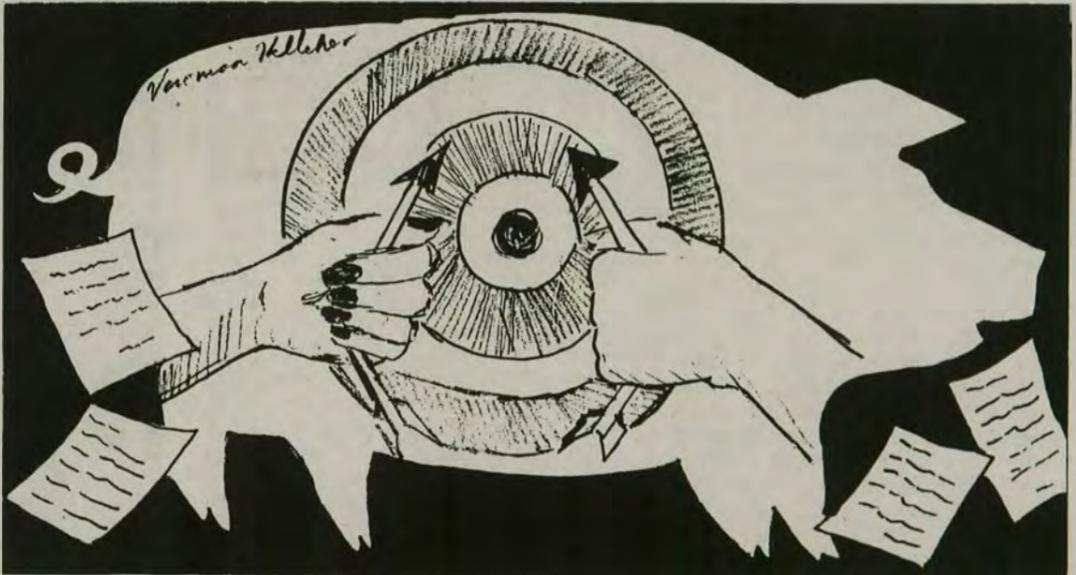
First, it may surprise Mr. Martinez to know that not all women choose their clothes with men in mind. My hope is that most women on this campus, whether they wear "beautiful clothes that don't reveal anything" or "tight, revealing clothes" (or sweat pants, for that matter), do so because these clothes are comfortable, functional, or just fun. That is, I hope women wear clothes because they like them, not because they anticipate a certain reaction from men. Further, regardless of how women dress or why they dress in certain ways, Mr. Martinez and other men remain responsible for any assumptions they might make and feelings they might have about the "signals" these women are sending.

Second, just as I hope that women on this campus would recognize that the "good girl/bad girl" dichotomy with which Mr. Martinez presents them is false, I would also hope that the men on this campus would recognize that the "good guy/pig option" is no less insulting.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to add that as a fellow graduate student, I am horrified by the thought that Mr. Martinez may be in a position to grade the papers of, or even to teach, female students. I cannot imagine how the views of women which he presents in this article do not affect the way in which he assesses the performance of female students in class. Images of women that are as stereotyped as those presented by Mr. Martinez (the age-old virgin/whore dichotomy to be precise) continue to make it difficult for women to be treated fairly and equally in the classroom and in their professional lives. If Mr. Martinez does have any grading or teaching responsibilities, his views, expressed in such a public forum, should be a serious concern to his department and a caution to any future employers.

Maria Malkiewicz

Ph.D. Candidate, department of theology  
December 3, 1999



### *Excerpts from more letters*

We live with these guys for four years. We eat with them, attend classes with them, study with them, go to parties with them and form relationships with them. Roughly 65 percent of us typically marry these men after we graduate. How are we to know which of them support sexist and misogynist ideas when many of us remain unaware of the undercurrent of sexism and misogyny that has traditionally plagued our campus? Gabriel Martinez's column greatly concerns me in this respect because of its insistence upon only seeing and labeling women either as saints or as whores. This kind of thinking contributes to the culture of rape, sexism, and misogyny which has traditionally been espoused by peoples all over the world.

Blaming women for "the pig's" sexism and misogyny simply represents a way of skirting the real issue at stake here — that people set limits and restrictions on women's sexuality in response to our culture's traditional espousal of sexism and misogyny.

Stephanie André  
Junior, Farley Hall

Mr. Martinez has latched onto the misperceived notion that these "easy" women are responsible not only for their actions but somehow responsible for the actions of any men who may gaze upon them. The issue here is one of blame. To classify a woman because of the way she acts and dresses is ignorant. To lay blame of this classification upon the shoulders of women surpasses the realm of ignorance to that of stupidity. The problem lies not with "easy" women, but with men, like Mr. Martinez, and their arrogant belief that they can classify women based on "signs."

Christopher Reyes  
Senior, Off Campus

This is the most offensive column I have ever read in The Observer.

Roshin Sen  
Graduate student, department of sociology

Mr. Martinez's idea that women need to prove that they deserve respect through appropriate attire and actions is extremely dangerous. It is precisely this attitude that has justified rape on the basis that a woman dressed provocatively. Urging women to dress and act "properly" does not protect them — it victimizes them, and most tragically it excuses the "pig-like" behavior that Mr. Martinez describes. Women of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross: don't accept Mr. Martinez's invitation to imitate his sisters. Instead, continue to be the independent, intelligent and highly motivated women that you are. The right to basic human respect is already yours, no matter what you are wearing.

Katie Koch  
Sophomore, Cavanaugh Hall

Believe it or not, women are not solely preoccupied with finding a mate for marriage. Furthermore, Martinez shortchanges the male gender by portraying them as incapable of controlling their own sexual drives. Are men really so weak that they succumb to every temptation — even those that relate to unworthy, immoral, slutty women? Instead of unduly placing all responsibility on women to remain "worthwhile" and holy, why not focus some attention on correcting male "pig" immorality? Mr. Martinez, please do not aim to reform all pigs into your "good guys," though. The last thing we need is more arrogant, self-righteous individuals like yourself.

The Residents of 819 East Washington Street  
Seniors, Off Campus

Mr. Martinez, get real. Grow up. Talk to some educated, mature women and realize that a woman dressing or acting in a certain manner is never a justification for men acting like "pigs." I think it's more "piggish" to try to make excuses for them at all! A man is always responsible for the way he perceives someone no matter what, just as a woman is. Don't put these ideas into other immature males' minds in the future and add more ignorance to the world.

Melanie Peldo  
Graduate student, department of chemistry

Perhaps Mr. Martinez would prefer a return to the fashions of 100 years ago with women completely covered from the neck down. Or perhaps he prefers the burkhas that the women of Afghanistan are required to wear? I suspect Martinez is a pig of another kind — a sexist pig.

T. Piatt  
ND Class of '95

### *There are more kinds of men than 'pig' and 'good guy'*

In one fell swoop, Gabriel Martinez could send gender relations at the University of Notre Dame to the Dark Ages. His column did nothing but perpetuate every gender stereotype I have ever heard. In the future, I would hope that Mr. Martinez would stick with his clear-cut economic analyses rather than ignorantly dabble in an evaluation of gender relations.

Here is why. As a man, I am offended by Mr. Martinez's classification system. In his column, men can be identified only as partying pigs or church going, wife-seeking "good guys." I know a lot of guys who go to parties and talk with girls dressed to the nines without thoughts of sexual activity. They do not walk around hunting for a girl who is sauced to take home. These are the same guys who have no problem hanging out with the same girls the next day when they are in baggy sweats sans makeup. Guys can go to dorm parties, drink if they choose, flirt with and compliment girls and still go to church the next morning with a relatively clear conscience. Not all party animals are pigs, and not every good guy wants to put a ring on the finger of the first good girl he meets. College is an important time to meet people and establish friendships, friendships that can grow into meaningful relationships. It is not just a hunt for the future husband or wife.

My other problem exists with Mr. Martinez's classification of women. One would think that Mr. Martinez would have better sense having been raised with sisters. The mere use of words like "sluttish" and "damaged goods" to describe a woman, any woman, is unsuitable. Additionally, his analysis of the party scene is remiss once again. Why shouldn't a girl go out in what she feels comfortable in? Why does he make the assumption that guys see all girls who are dressed up and having a drink or two as "sluttish." What is even more disturbing is his classification of experienced girls as "damaged goods." Not everyone can be perfect; there are drives that people have problems disciplining. Is an alcoholic "damaged goods"?

I don't purport to be an expert on relationships or gender relations, but I recognize that when it comes to love and friendship, you learn as you go. However, I fear that Mr. Martinez's search for perfection will most likely leave him sorely disappointed. Our human nature assures that no one can ever be perfect. I, for one, plan on spending my time with someone I enjoy passing it with, regardless of whether she parties or prays, and any flaws there might be between us could be worked out.

I am afraid when it comes to gender relations, Mr. Martinez's arrows are off the mark.

E. Vilbever  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
December 2, 1999

## Griswolds stay home for vacation

By JOEY LENISKI  
Scene Movie Critic

Every Christmas Break for 8 years, as soon as I got off the school bus at the beginning of vacation, before I even called my friends to start planning our winter-type activities, I curled up in front of the television with a pillow and popped "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" into the VCR.

It became a ritual in my life, a signifier for the beginning of two and a half weeks of snow, sledding and Santa Claus. It let me know that I would not have to crack a book, lift a pencil or study a single note until a new year appeared on the calendar. If not for Clark W. Griswold, Jr. and his family greeting me every year on that very important December day, I may never have realized the stressing, frantic, emotional, care-free, short and wonderful nature of my winter sojourn. At least, until I found myself alone on a cold, dark morning waiting for the yellow kiddie-wagon to drag me back kicking and screaming to another semester of classes.

"Christmas Vacation" is a retreat from the previous two National Lampoon films chronicling the wacky travel travails of the Griswold clan. Whereas the first two movies found the family traveling across the U.S. and Europe, "Christmas Vacation" presents them with the most difficult family outing of all: staying at home. The change of scenery in this third film in the series also signifies a change in spirit. The sex, nudity and language associated with the preceding movies are toned down here, making it a much cleaner and, in many ways, funnier family experience.

Few films capture the true nature of the holidays at home like "Christmas Vacation." There is Clark, an All-American dad in every sense of the word. Nothing will stop him in his quest for his family's perfect Christmas celebration. He will endure trimming a 20-foot Christmas tree, stapling 20,000 lights to the outside of his house and accommodating a score of rude, mean and just plain filthy family members that have settled in for a long winter's nap.

There is Ellen, his ever-loving, patient and understanding wife. Every time Clark falls from the roof, the attic, the ladder, smashes windows, sleds into dumpsters, attacks squirrels or pins his family underneath a two-ton semi truck at 60 miles an hour, she is there to pick up the pieces and drop an "I love you, Sparky" just when he needs it the most.

There is Eddie, his hopelessly dumb cousin-in-law and houseguest. He burps, drinks beer and lives in a mobile home with his family and pet dog named "Snot." But I challenge anybody to produce a more dedicated cinematic character whose "heart is bigger than his brain." Who else would drive a pile of junk into the rich suburbs, abduct a man in his pajamas, tie him up in a red ribbon and bring him in front of Clark like he asked so rhetorically in a fit of rage ten minutes before?

These characters understand that, like the humor they unknowingly display, the family Christmas can be absurdly hilarious. When you go home for semester break, pop in that copy of "Christmas Vacation" that has been collecting dust for a few seasons and watch it. When it finishes, turn around and look at the chaotic bumbling of the family behind you and ask yourself, "Am I a Griswold too?"



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) has his share of holiday traumas in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." Battling in-laws, slippery roof tops, drooling dogs, staple guns and plenty of other holiday cheer necessities, Clark manages to salvage a wonderful Christmas for his family and a hilarious sign of the season for yours.

## Retreat to youth with Ralphie

By JASON HAMMONTREE  
Scene Movie Critic

"A Christmas Story" is just one of those movies. You grew up with it. You don't necessarily remember when you first saw it, but you remember seeing it again and again. It's part of our generation's pop culture, its lines a part of the common lexicon.

But beyond its particular importance to our age group, watching it again as a young adult illuminates the universality of this movie and its enduring appeal to everyone for its wonderful ability to capture what the life of a child is really like, especially around Christmas time.

You know the plot. Ralphie, who lives in a small town in northern Indiana, wants a Red Rider Air Rifle for Christmas. He struggles to convince his parents, his teacher and old Santa Claus himself he should get it. But they all disagree, warning him he'll "shoot his eye out." With that as its basic story line, the film is filled in with all the little scenes that are part of a kid's life, from avoiding the school bully to listening to your dad swear up and down about the faulty furnace, to daring your best friend to stick his tongue to a cold flagpole.

Even though the film is set in the 1950s, its setting in no way limits the audience's ability to connect with what occurs. Part of the appeal was sitting down to watch "A Christmas Story" with your parents, whose childhood was being depicted, and sharing the feeling that our own childhood was still like that (only with different toys). Everyone's childhood was filled with experiences just like those in "A Christmas Story."

Watching this film with a roommate, one watches Ralph, his little brother Randy and Ralph's friends, nostalgically remembering all personal stuff similar to that in the film. We wouldn't eat anything; when we broke our glasses, we honestly thought our dad was going to kill us; and we ate soap for

saying bad words. Also forgotten was how piercing a child's screams were whenever things didn't go his or her way.

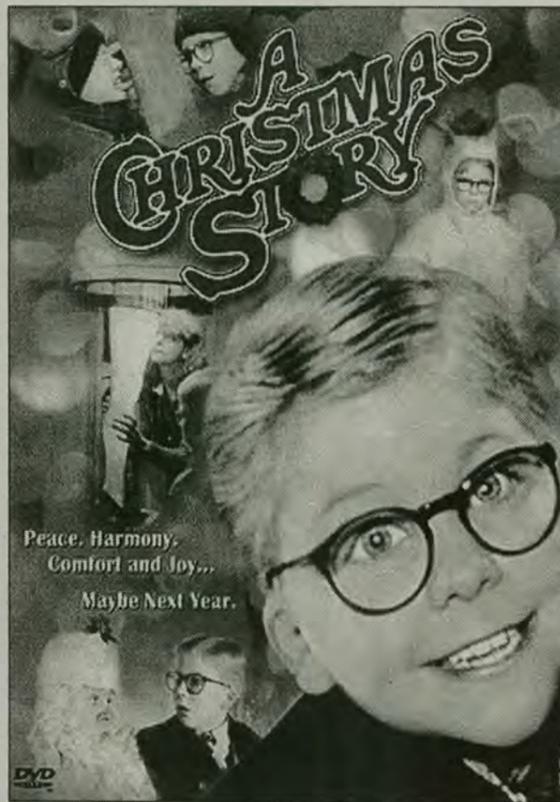


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"A Christmas Story" is a classic for any kid, or anyone who wants to visit the nostalgia of Christmas as seen through the eyes of a child.

That is what makes "A Christmas Story" the classic that it is. Anyone who watches the film was just like Ralph and company at some time. Everyone has gone through life, oblivious to what was going on, worried only about how to convince their parents and Santa to give them what they wanted for Christmas.

As far as the film-making goes, the narration by the adult Ralph that makes the movie a real joy to watch. The truly creative touch was to have the adult Ralph (the writer of the film, Jean Shepherd, lends his voice to this role) describe everything with the same zeal and exaggeration that a kid would, albeit with much bigger words. His voice-overs are filled with a wonderfully poetic language and style. The images created by his use of language are priceless — he refers to his dad's penchant for swearing as a "rich tapestry of obscenities hanging in space over Lake Michigan."

Peter Billingsley, one of the best child actors I've seen, plays Ralph. Acting in response to the voice-over of a narrator is extremely difficult, but he pulls that and the rest of the movie off with ease (Which begs the question, what is he doing these days?).

"A Christmas Story" is worth a holiday reviewing to remind everyone how they used to act around Christmas; it will even cause a sentimental longing to return to that simpler age, or at the very least, to start a return to the holiday mood.

To leave you with one caveat: when Schwarz "triple-dog" dares Flick to stick his tongue to the flagpole, and Flick's tongue gets stuck, trust that is what happens. It does stick. It does hurt. It does remove skin when you pull your tongue off. Lest you feel a need to experiment, a piece of this writer's tongue hangs on a lamp pole outside an apartment building in Columbus, Ohio, following an ill-fated attempt to disprove that little theory. It wasn't a pleasant experience.

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Senior forward Jenny Streiffer can't break through the stifling Tar Heels defense, which limited Notre Dame to just three shots on goal. North Carolina won its 16th national title Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

## Irish take semis, can't hold on against UNC

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It was the best of times and the worst of times.

In a tale of two games, the Notre Dame women's soccer team basked in the glory of a semifinal win over Santa Clara Friday only to suffer the agony of defeat in a 2-0 loss to North Carolina in the championship round of the Women's College Cup Sunday.

With a 1-0 decision over the Broncos, the Irish geared up to meet the Tar Heels in the finals, but no amount of preparation could have readied the underdog squad for the sharp play and relentless attack mounted by the Tar Heels.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum pointed to the squad's less than full-strength roster, magnified by the loss of midfielder Anne Makinen, as a reason for Notre Dame's inability to match the Tar Heels.

"If there's one thing I'm disap-

pointed in, it's the fact that I don't really think anyone here got to see our team at full strength and see what we can do offensively — that's just not the way the year has gone for us," said Waldrum.

"I don't know that we ever fully recovered from the four overtime games against Nebraska [in the quarterfinals]," he continued. "It was just a difficult week and I don't think we were very fresh and very sharp in either of the games, and I don't think it's an indication of what we can do."

The Irish struggled all weekend to put together a consistent offense, getting outshot 17-3 against both the Broncos and the Tar Heels.

In the championship game, the Tar Heels controlled the ball from the opening minutes of play. The Irish defense, led by right defender Kara Brown and goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene, came up big in the first half, stifling several Tar Heel attempts at a score.

Despite pummeling the goal with eight shots to Notre Dame's

one before the half, North Carolina went into the locker room at halftime locked in a scoreless tie.

"When you look at the balance of when we make our run, this team makes its run in the second half," said Tar Heel head coach Anson Dorrance. "It takes us a while to get tracked and it takes us a while to basically wear our opponent down."

"By the time the second half rolls around, that's usually when we make our move," he continued. "Going into the half, I wasn't particularly frustrated ... but I had a feeling that given the amount of energy it took Notre Dame to weather the Santa Clara storm, I felt we were going to have fresher legs in the second half."

Throughout the season, the Tar Heels established a pattern of tough play in the first half with a more productive, goal-oriented offense in the second half. According to Dorrance, the Tar Heels outscored their opponents 37-10 in the first half and 54-2 in the second half this year.

And Sunday's game was no exception.

Tar Heel forward Merideth Florance scored the game-winning goal 10 minutes into the second half, knocking a shot from the top of the box past Beene. Forward Susan Bush set up the Tar Heel goal when she booted the ball from the midfield to forward Kim Patrick at the left corner of the box. Patrick headed the ball to Florance, who kicked it in for the 1-0 lead.

"I knew that chances weren't going to come that often and that we would have to finish the ones we got," said Florance. "After I missed my first shot at the goal I just had to refocus and remember that on the next chance I got I would have to stick it."

Florance has been a thorn in the side of the Irish defense. The junior's only other game-winning goal this season came against Notre Dame in the Tar Heels 3-2 overtime win in the regular season.

The Irish tried to gain an offensive edge by making key position changes on the field to

even the score, but no altered plan of attack was successful against a stingy Tar Heel defense led by All-American defender Lorrie Fair.

"At that point you can take one of two approaches ... you can go a little longer to see if you get it back or try something different," Waldrum said. "Since we hadn't really put anything together against Santa Clara offensively and hadn't all day [Sunday], it doesn't matter at that point if you lose by one or by five. That's just the mentality you take: Do you want to try and win the thing or sit back and lose 1-0 and make sure you keep it close? I don't think any of these kids wanted to play that way."

Waldrum moved Jenny Streiffer from the midfield to the forward line and replaced her with Jen Grubb immediately following the Tar Heel goal. He continued to shift his lineup, attempting to find the right combination for a goal. Unfortunately, nothing seemed to work.

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### player of the games

LeKeysia Beene

The senior from Gold River, Calif., made 11 saves in two games and shut out the opposition for 145 minutes to anchor the Irish defense.

### quote of the games

"I don't think we can go through this season and be satisfied without winning the national championship."

Jen Grubb  
Irish captain

### stat of the games

1 corner kick

Notre Dame's only corner kick came in the first half against Santa Clara by Meotis Erikson.

## report card

- A-** goalkeeper: Beene made 11 saves to keep the Irish in the games. She was especially stronger against Santa Clara, coming off her line to grab high corner kicks and stuff fast breaks.
- B** defenders Brown, Pruzinksy, Grubb and Lindsey shut down two of the best offenses in women's soccer for 145 minutes. Brown's physical play sparked the Irish against the Broncos.
- C** midfielders: With Makinen out of the game, the Tar Heels dominated the Irish midfield. Sarkesian, Mikacenic and Dryer played tough, but the Irish opponents controlled the midfield in both games.
- B-** forwards: Erikson, Heft and Streiffer were held scoreless in both games without receiving much help from the midfielders. Lovelace came off the bench to score the only Irish goal.
- B** set plays: The Broncos had many chances on corner kicks but the Irish defense held tough and did not give up a goal on set plays. On offense, however, the Irish had just one corner kick against the Broncos and none against North Carolina.
- B+** coaching: With injuries mounting and his team exhausted, Waldrum juggled his lineup, and his team responded well. By advancing to the finals in his first year, Waldrum promises amazing seasons to come.
- 2.94** overall: Notre Dame played with a lot of heart, dealing No. 1 Santa Clara its first loss. North Carolina, however, wore it down in the finals.

## adding up the numbers

- North Carolina women's soccer national titles — 15 more than any other school **16**
- 1 times Santa Clara was shut out this season
- attendance at championship game — a new NCAA record **14,410**
- 17 shots yielded by the Irish in each game, while recording only three of their own
- career wins by Notre Dame's seniors **89**

## All-Tournament Team

- Christi Welsh, Penn State  
 Nikki Serlenga, Santa Clara  
 Danielle Slaton, Santa Clara  
 LaKeysia Beene, Notre Dame  
 Jen Grubb, Notre Dame  
 Jenny Streiffer, Notre Dame  
 Lorrie Fair, North Carolina  
 Susan Bush, North Carolina  
 Kim Patrick, North Carolina  
 Anne Remy, North Carolina  
 Jena Kluegel, North Carolina  
 Meredith Florance, North Carolina
- Offensive MVP: Susan Bush  
 Defensive MVP: Lorrie Fair

## IRISH INSIGHT

# Curtain falls on Irish seniors

SAN JOSE, Calif. Jen Grubb clasped her hands behind her straggly blonde ponytail and walked away from North Carolina's midfield heap of celebration.



Shannon Ryan

sports writer

Behind Grubb, the Tar Heel team dashed toward their senior star Meredith Florance, dancing, hugging and falling on the ground. She wandered toward the scoreboard that read Tar Heels 2, Fighting Irish 0.

Grubb stared at the turf. "Walking off by myself," said All-American defender Grubb, "I just wanted to have a few minutes to let it sink in that my career is over, we had lost. I wanted to get myself together."

After the loss in the national championship game, she needed a few minutes to herself. Some time to reflect before she had to shake hands with Tar Heels coach Anson Doran or hug her coach, Randy Waldrum. To contemplate four years before buttressing her teammates under her sturdy leadership and encouraging underclassmen to look forward to next year.

To think about time she doesn't have with the Irish anymore.

When she joined the huddle of inspiring green jerseys, the rock of solid support allowed herself to crumble into her teammates, letting her tears fall freely.

"I look at how brave [we were], especially toward the end of the season," she said after the game. "That's what we're all about."

They've drawn on the same courage they learned when they battled North Carolina for the NCAA title as freshmen. Back when losing didn't hurt so much because there would be more shots at the Tar Heels.

Since then, they've taught East and West Coast programs that a school where there are cornfields instead of coastlines can grow into a soccer power, too. Together, the Class of 2000 continued the dominance they inherited from the 1995 national champion Irish.

They learned about letdowns and laurels. Sunday, they learned about last chances.

Entering Notre Dame the year after the Irish celebrated their '95 title, the seniors spent four seasons chasing the standard. Often, that meant nipping at North Carolina's tarheels.

The Irish went 1-3-1 against the Tar Heels the last four years, including an overtime win in their initial meeting, a tie in a lightning storm, a loss in the '96 championship game and a 5-1 drubbing in front of the largest regular-season crowd recorded by the NCAA.

With rivalry, they discovered, comes respect. "A loss is a loss," said senior forward and All-American Jenny Streiffer, who had one of just three Irish shots Sunday against the Tar Heels. "I like some of the players on their team and I'm really glad they could go out with a win. If it had to be [another] team, I guess I'm glad it's them."

The Irish, the fifth seed in the tournament, were considered a surprise by advancing to the championship game after beating undefeated and No. 1-ranked Santa Clara Friday night. No eyebrow raised, however, on the no-nonsense Notre Dame side of the field.

What else, they figured, would a team so thick with talent do?

A team with three All-Americans (the most in Irish history), the all-time leading scorer (Jenny Heft, 80) and a player who accomplished only what Mia Hamm can do (Streiffer's 70 goal-70 assist mark) shouldn't fall any shorter than the championship game. So they didn't.

Following the lead of Heft's determination, goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene's focus, Streiffer's zest, Kara



MICHELLE KRUPA/The Observer

Jen Grubb can't bear to watch as time runs out on the Irish season and her collegiate career.

Brown's take-no-prisoner defense, Iris Lancaster's spark off the bench and Big East Defender of the Year Grubb, the Irish knew all the dance steps. Unfortunately for their chorus line, the Tar Heels took the bow at curtain call.

After the shutout, Streiffer showed how to lift a team. As Grubb stood in disbelief on the field, Streiffer slung her arm around her teammate, high-fived Beene, then consoled the younger players.

She understood them because she was there four years ago after an overtime championship loss. She knew what she needed to hear then; she knew how to say it now.

"They'll win," she said about the Irish underclassmen, smiling with confidence. "They're going to get one. Our team is too close, too tight of a unit and too hard of workers not to get one."

But the underclassmen wanted this game for the seniors.

"I feel really bad that we couldn't pull through for them," said junior Kelly Lindsey, her eyes red from spilling tears. "Every position, they've given us the leadership that we needed. I swear they're the best senior class in the nation this year. They worked so hard to get us here and we just couldn't do it for them."

Beene is ready to let the young ones lead.

"My freshman year, the thing they tell you is you'll get them next year," said Beene, who recorded seven saves against Santa Clara Friday and four against North Carolina Sunday. "You look back and kind of think. The first question was, do I have any regrets? And that was easy for me. It was obviously no; I have no regrets. It is our last game, so it's kind of sad. But at the same time you're kind of excited for the freshmen and you know they have a few years to get it accomplished."

The six Irish seniors might take a few days to wallow, but they won't need much more.

"They'll take a day or two to let it all sink in," said first-year Irish coach Waldrum, who credits the seniors with his smooth initiation into the system. "But hopefully, in a day or two, they'll all realize how important they are — what they mean to this team."

## Defeat

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"You know what they're going to do. They're extremely difficult to get in behind, especially with [goalkeeper] Jenni Branam coming off the line," Waldrum said. "We thought that we might compress her a little bit and get a turnover, but she was pretty solid."

Branam earned her 16th

shutout of the season with two saves on the game.

With 11 minutes remaining in the game, Tar Heel midfielder Beth Sheppard erased all hopes of an Irish victory when she scored, increasing North Carolina's lead to two. Earning her second assist of the afternoon, Bush made a leading pass to forward Raven McDonald down the left side of the field. Raven dished the ball to an open Sheppard in the middle of the box, setting up the play

for an easy score.

Despite the loss, Beene turned in a powerful performance for the Irish. Coming up with several impressive saves against Santa Clara, the senior goalkeeper anchored the Irish squad and led it into the final round.

"I've always thought that LaKeysia is the best goalkeeper in the country and I think she showed it this weekend," said Grubb. "In the game against Santa Clara she came up with

some big-time saves for us. ... Unfortunately it's been our fault that her goals-against average wasn't as good as it should have been this year."

Sunday's loss to the Tar Heels marks the sixth consecutive post-season appearance for the Irish, who won the tournament in 1995. With the win, the Tar Heels enhanced their record as the most winning team in women's soccer history and earned their 16th national title.

# Irish offense stalls after Makinen's injury

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After a four-overtime marathon victory over Nebraska in the quarterfinals, head coach Randy Waldrum brought a tired, physically beaten team to San Jose.

With junior forward Monica Gonzalez slowed by a torn meniscus in her knee, junior midfielder Anne Makinen limited by a knee injury and senior forward Jenny Heft weak from a bout with the flu, the Irish faced incredible odds against the undefeated Santa Clara Broncos.

"I think we got through ... this weekend on a lot of heart," Waldrum said. "We were a little banged up and throwing things together to try and make it work. I am just really proud of this group."

Thanks to 74 minutes from Makinen and a lot of hustle by an exhausted Irish squad, the Irish earned the right to face the perennial powerhouse North Carolina Tar Heels in the finals with a 1-0 victory. After managing just three shots against the Broncos, the Irish knew they would need a better offensive attack against the Tar Heels.

The Irish appeared to have a good scoring chance in the 30th minute as Makinen broke past her defender to the left of the Tar Heel goal and prepared to cross the ball to an awaiting teammate. But just before the Finnish national team player could send the pass, she fell to the ground and grabbed the back of her leg. The Irish offense would never be the same.

"I am not quite sure what happened," Makinen said about the injury. "I don't think there was any contact. But after that, I was done."

With Makinen on the bench, the entire pace of the game changed, according to junior captain and center defensive back Kelly Lindsey.

"At the time she went down, no one really realized it but you could tell the minute she went out that our possession fell a little bit and we didn't have a spark up top," Lindsey said. "She wasn't there to collect balls for us and distribute them for us. We really missed her in the second half."

With Makinen out of the game, the Irish shifted the lineup and played with two freshmen — Nancy Mikacenic and Ashley Dryer — and a sophomore — Mia Sarkesian — in the midfield. Talented but inexperienced players, they lack Makinen's ability to find open players and to exploit defensive weaknesses from the center midfield.

"It definitely changed things just because when she is not in there we are not as dangerous," senior Jenny Streiffer said about Makinen's injury. "She is just an incredible player. We did the best we could without her, and I am disappointed



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Ashley Dryer sails after a loose ball against North Carolina. The freshman midfielder played a larger role in the offense after Anne Makinen's first-half injury.

for her that she couldn't play."

Makinen's injury became even more devastating when the Irish fell behind 1-0 in the 56th minute. Unable to hang back on defense and wait for an opening to score, Notre Dame had to attack more and juggled the lineup to get the best offensive punch.

"We could have said we can just keep it close and lose 1-0," Waldrum said about the more aggressive style of play after the Irish fell behind. "But I don't think any of our kids wanted to play that way."

The Irish shifted Streiffer back to mid-

field and brought in freshman Ali Lovelace at forward. Sophomore Lindsey Jones, a more offense-minded defensive player replaced Vanessa Pruzinsky.

When this alignment failed to score, Waldrum moved Streiffer back to her more natural forward position and pushed All-American Jen Grubb from defense to midfield.

"It was just an attempt to control the midfield more," Grubb said about her position change. "We were losing the battles in the air and they were getting harder tackles. I have also been bugging

Randy all year to move me back to the midfield, so maybe it was just to shut me up. We just wanted to get control of the midfield again."

While the offense never found the back of the net against the Tar Heels, Waldrum was pleased with his team's effort in a difficult situation.

"We've been very potent all year and I don't think anyone saw what we can really do," Waldrum said. "We won Friday on courage and we played today just on courage. That's something you can't coach."

## scoring summary & stats

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total	Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	0	1	1	Notre Dame	1	2	3
Santa Clara	0	0	0	Santa Clara	5	12	17

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Notre Dame	0	0	0	Notre Dame	1	2	3
North Carolina	0	2	2	North Carolina	8	9	17

Notre Dame					Santa Clara						
Pos.	Player	Sh.	SOG	G	A	Pos.	Player	Sh.	SOG	G	A
GK	Beene	-	-	-	-	GK	Gordon	-	-	-	-
D	Lindsey	-	-	-	-	F	Clemens	4	2	-	-
D	Brown	-	-	-	-	M	Wagner	2	1	-	-
M	Sarkesian	-	-	-	-	D	Bivens	-	-	-	-
D	Pruzinsky	-	-	-	-	M	Serlenga	4	3	-	-
D	Grubb	-	-	-	-	F	Aldama	1	-	-	-
M	Makinen	-	-	-	-	M	Hawkins	-	-	-	-
F	Erikson	-	-	-	-	D	Slaton	1	-	-	-
F	Heft	1	1	-	-	D	Kraus	-	-	-	-
F	Streiffer	1	-	-	-	F	Little	1	-	-	-
M	Dryer	-	-	-	-						

Notre Dame					North Carolina						
Pos.	Player	Sh.	SOG	G	A	Pos.	Player	Sh.	SOG	G	A
GK	Beene	-	-	-	-	GK	Branam	-	-	-	-
D	Lindsey	-	-	-	-	M	McDowell	-	-	-	-
D	Brown	-	-	-	-	M	Kluegel	3	2	-	-
M	Sarkesian	-	-	-	-	F	Remy	3	1	-	-
D	Pruzinsky	-	-	-	-	D	Fair	-	-	-	-
D	Grubb	-	-	-	-	D	Stoecker	1	-	-	-
M	Makinen	-	-	-	-	M	Sheppard	1	1	1	-
F	Erikson	1	1	-	-	F	McDonald	1	-	-	1
F	Heft	1	1	-	-	D	Mitchell	-	-	-	-
F	Streiffer	1	-	-	-	F	Florange	3	2	1	-
M	Dryer	-	-	-	-	D	Borgman	-	-	-	-

F	Gonzalez	-	-	-	-	M	Hollis	-	-	-	-
F	Lovelace	1	1	1	-	M	Weber	2	1	-	-
M	Mikacenic	-	-	-	1	M	Celio	2	-	-	-
D	Jones	-	-	-	-	M	Cathcart	-	-	-	-
F	Lancaster	-	-	-	-						

F	Gonzalez	-	-	-	-	F	Patrick	2	-	-	1
F	Lovelace	-	-	-	-	F	Bush	3	-	-	2
M	Mikacenic	-	-	-	-	D	Gaston	-	-	-	-
D	Bakker	-	-	-	-	M	Ball	-	-	-	-
D	Jones	-	-	-	-						
F	Lancaster	-	-	-	-						



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Notre Dame, wearing green jerseys for the first time since its 1995 championship, celebrates its 1-0 victory over No. 1 Santa Clara.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

North Carolina forward Raven McDonald knees the ball away from a Notre Dame midfielder, helping lead the Tar Heels to a 2-0 championship victory.

# PEAKS AND VALLEYS IN SAN JOSE

After its win over No. 1 Santa Clara Friday night, Notre Dame's hopes for national championship were dashed in a 2-0 loss to No. 2 North Carolina. The Irish failed to become the only team other than the Tar Heels to win more than one national title.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

The Irish collide with the Tar Heels in Sunday's national championship game. Notre Dame's all-time record stands at 2-7-2 against North Carolina.



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Ali Lovelace, the game-winning scorer over Santa Clara, winces as a North Carolina defender clears her zone.

## It's a wonderful movie

By JILLIAN DEPAUL  
Scene Movie Critic

Frank Capra's 1946 classic, "It's a Wonderful Life," has become about as much of a Christmas tradition as eggnog and mistletoe. Imagining a Christmas without "It's a Wonderful Life" is a bit like imagining Bedford Falls without George Bailey, and just look what happened in that case.

The test of a true classic is the effect that time has on the piece, whether or not the resonance of the film persists throughout the years. "It's a Wonderful Life," which was not successful at the time of its original release, has developed into an American trademark because of its timeless story and message. The resonance of this film has not only persisted, but has grown over time, seeming more appropriate now than ever, since modern Christmas is little more than an excuse for mass consumerism.

"It's a Wonderful Life" tells the story of George Bailey, an Everyman-in small town America whose heart of gold has thwarted his aspirations to travel the world and to "build things and design buildings," and instead, has anchored him in Bedford Falls, obligated to run his late father's labor of love, The Bailey Building and Loan.

One Christmas, circumstance frowns on George. In desperation, he contemplates suicide, and further, he wishes that he had never been born. Fledgling angel Clarence, who is faced with the task

of saving George in an attempt to gain his wings, decides to show him what the world would be like if he had not been born.

What ensues is a Twilight Zone-esque depiction of the impact that one humble man has on his surroundings. George encounters a bizarre universe

where he is a stranger to his family and his hometown of Bedford Falls is now Pottersville, named after the miserly millionaire, played by Lionel Barrymore.

James Stewart's performance in "It's a Wonderful Life" is the gem of a truly inspired career, as well as a key aspect of one of America's favorite personas. Stewart's unassuming hero, George Bailey, radiates the screen with disarming emotion, and Donna Reed stars in her first film role as Mary Hatch, George's love interest and eventually his wife.

Until a few years ago, when NBC bought the exclusive rights to "It's a Wonderful Life," the amount of showings throughout the Christmas season was borderline overkill. As a result, this film is very familiar to our culture, which is both a blessing and a curse. It's one of those movies that you see parts of over and over, and you never really bother to sit and watch the film in its entirety. Therefore, we take it for granted as a holiday feel-good movie, missing the tragedy of the bittersweet story about a man whose dreams did not come true, and ultimately, what makes that OK.

So do yourself a favor. This holiday season, sit down with the family and enjoy "It's a Wonderful Life," and see if you don't get choked up during the final scene and then crack up when you hear the all-too-familiar sound-byte about angels getting their wings.

You won't be disappointed. It's a wonderful movie.



Photo courtesy of Republic Pictures

**George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) has the chance to realize that his life has been worthwhile when visited by an angel Christmas Eve in "It's a Wonderful Life." This movie has become a staple of Christmas tradition, alred throughout the holiday season.**

## Holiday hijinks and heart

By MIKE VANEGAS  
Scene Editor

It's a modern Christmas classic. And though it really gets attention for its slapstick comedic violence performed by bungling burglars Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, "Home Alone" has a heart deeply affected by the Christmas spirit.

Taking child star Macauley Culkin on a single guy romp through Christmas vacation, the film is built on a fantasy premise of a lonely child being left alone to run amuck. But one must wholly embrace the unlikelihood of such a scenario to fully enjoy the jolliness and emotional whirlwind "Home Alone" ultimately succeeds to present.

The opening sequence of the film takes viewers into the home of pretty much any upper-middle class American family during the Christmas season. Kids run around dreaming about Santa Claus. Parents sweat out the mayhem of having the kids home for two or three weeks. But in the McAllister home, everyone makes an effort to trash on young Kevin (Culkin). The conflict forces Kevin to sleep in the attic, where everyone will forget about him come morning.

Culkin, however precocious he may seem, fleshes out the immature role he takes by giving a confident intelligence to 8-year-old Kevin McAllister. His initial pleasure upon realizing he was home alone translates into a freewheeling sequence of sledding down the staircase, pigging out on sugary goodies and scaring the crap out of a pizza delivery man.

But then enter Pesci and Stern, who play two robbers who visit homes while the owners are out of town. With the McAllister home as their main target, they soon encounter little Kevin, who makes their night a living hell. Feet step on nails. Scalding doorknobs brand hands. Paint cans fly from the second floor to knock out anyone on the first floor.

That's what Christmas is all about, right?

Well, a subplot develops out of necessity, where Kevin's mother, played by neurotic Catherine O'Hara, tries at all costs to get home to Chicago from her family's

holiday journey in France. The urgency she throws into her performance makes her a great Christmas mom.

It is this intense drive to get to Kevin that establishes "Home Alone" as a must-see holiday film. Returning to loved ones is a hallmark of the Christmas season, and though the reunion between mother and son lasts only a moment, the loving relief both actors exude upon seeing each other gives "Home Alone" a value beyond the \$300 million it made at the 1990-91 box office.

The sequel to "Home Alone," "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York," follows an identical story line, only Kevin finds himself in New York City, having boarded the wrong plane at Chicago's massive O'Hare Airport (his family flies to Florida).

Despite the repetitive nature of the sequel, the reunion sequence at Rockefeller Center is just as heartwarming as in the original. And because "Home Alone 2" invokes more of the spiritual motivation of the holiday season.

Both movies are family favorites. The light-hearted, schtick style humor keeps children enthralled. You have to admit, at some time you wished you were as lucky as Kevin, running the house alone while subsisting on a diet comprised solely of sugar. For the more mature audiences, the separation of parent and child is sure to tug at even the most taught heart strings. The reunion scenes are guaranteed tear jerkers. With action, minimal violence, humor, and some sentimentality, the "Home Alone" movies have secured their place among Christmas movie classics.



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**Ahhhhhhhh!!!! Macauley Culkin has become a mainstay for Christmas entertainment. Children across the country await their chance to be left "Home Alone" to defend their home in true bad guy fashion. However, this movie also provides a few moments for those with a sentimental side. The mother and child reunion reminds us all of how lucky we really are to spend the holidays with our loved ones.**

NBA

# Coleman leads Hornets to win over hapless Sonics



Associated Press

SEATTLE

Derrick Coleman scored 26 points, as the Charlotte Hornets handed the Seattle SuperSonics their second straight lopsided homecourt loss, 103-81.

Eddie Robinson had a season-high 18 points off the bench for the Hornets, who improved to 3-6 on the road this season and concluded their four-game trip with a 2-2 record.

Gary Payton led the Sonics with 17 points. The Hornets double-teamed him aggressively throughout and held him to 4-for-14 from the field.

Payton had eight assists and six rebounds and played the first 45 minutes of the game before he was taken out with 3:17 out and the Sonics down 97-77.

The Hornets held the Sonics to a season-low 35 percent shooting and without a basket for the first 3:50 of the fourth

quarter. Seattle went on a 10-1 run to take a 85-66 lead.

Baskets by Anthony Mason, David Wesley and Todd Fuller gave the Hornets a 75-58 lead late in the third quarter. The Sonics closed within 75-65 after three quarters.

McCoy kept the Sonics in the game during the first half with 10 straight points during the second period on 5-for-5 shooting. He also picked four personal fouls.

Raptors 98, Spurs 92

Vince Carter scored a career-high 39 points in the Raptors' win over the Spurs.

Carter, last year's rookie of the year, was 15-for-25 from the field. He also had seven rebounds, and made all eight of his free throws.

After Dee Brown got a steal with just under two minutes remaining, he fed Carter, who hit a mid-range jumper in traffic.

Avery Johnson, who had 20 points, responded with a jumper to pull San Antonio within one, but Tracy McGrady nailed a jumper with 44.9 seconds left to give the Raptors a 92-89 lead.

Tim Duncan, who was double teamed down the stretch, missed an 18-footer with 30 seconds left.

The Spurs then fouled Doug Christie, who hit both of his free throws.

After Terry Porter made a desperation 3-pointer to bring the Spurs within two, Carter was fouled. He made both free throws to give Toronto a 96-92 lead. Christie was fouled again. He then made both free throws to complete the scoring.

Toronto jumped out to a 12-point lead in the third quarter on a 9-0 run where Carter scored six points, including a spectacular dunk that had the crowd in awe.

Carter did a crossover, busted Chucky Brown's ankles, then dunked over David Robinson.

The Spurs began the fourth quarter on a 13-2 run as Duncan, who had 27 points and 13 rebounds, scored 10 points during the stretch.

Robinson was held to seven points. He was just 2-for-9.

Carter had 18 points as the Raptors led 45-44 at the half. Johnson had 14 for the Spurs.

Bucks 103, Mavericks 97

Sam Cassell dominated the game with 16 points and a career-high 18 assists as the Milwaukee Bucks held off the scrappy Dallas Mavericks.

Cassell, who had 23 points and 15 assists at Chicago on Saturday, emphatically put his early season offensive troubles behind him with a marvelous weekend of play.

Michael Finley was almost as impressive for the Mavericks. He had 29 points, including 12 during a last-minute rally that cut Milwaukee's 21-point fourth-quarter lead to 97-91 with 40 seconds to play.

But Glenn Robinson, who finished with 17 points, hit a short jumper and Finley turned the ball over. Damon Jones hit a three-pointer with 12 seconds, but Cassell hit two free throws to seal the win.

Ray Allen had 20 points for Milwaukee, and Tim Thomas added 13. Jones and Hubert Davis had 18 points apiece for the Mavs.

Milwaukee, which never trailed and led by 20 points early in the second quarter, beat the Mavs for the sixth straight time as Dallas saw its two-game winning streak snapped. Dallas finished a five-game road trip with a 2-3 record.

The Bucks blew a 17-point lead at Chicago on Saturday night before hanging on to beat the Bulls 92-91. At times, Milwaukee appeared ready to lose another big lead Sunday by committing an uncharacteristic 24 turnovers, including six by Cassell. The Bucks lead the league in turnover margin.

Dallas closed to within 69-61 in the final minute of the third quarter, but the Bucks made a 13-2 run in the next four minutes that appeared to put the game away.

Consecutive thunderous dunks by Thomas on passes from Cassell put Milwaukee up by 18 with seven minutes left. One minute later, Thomas dunked on 7-foot-6 Shawn Bradley.

San Antonio's David Robinson was held to seven points on 2-of-9 shooting in the Spurs' 98-92 loss to the Toronto Raptors.

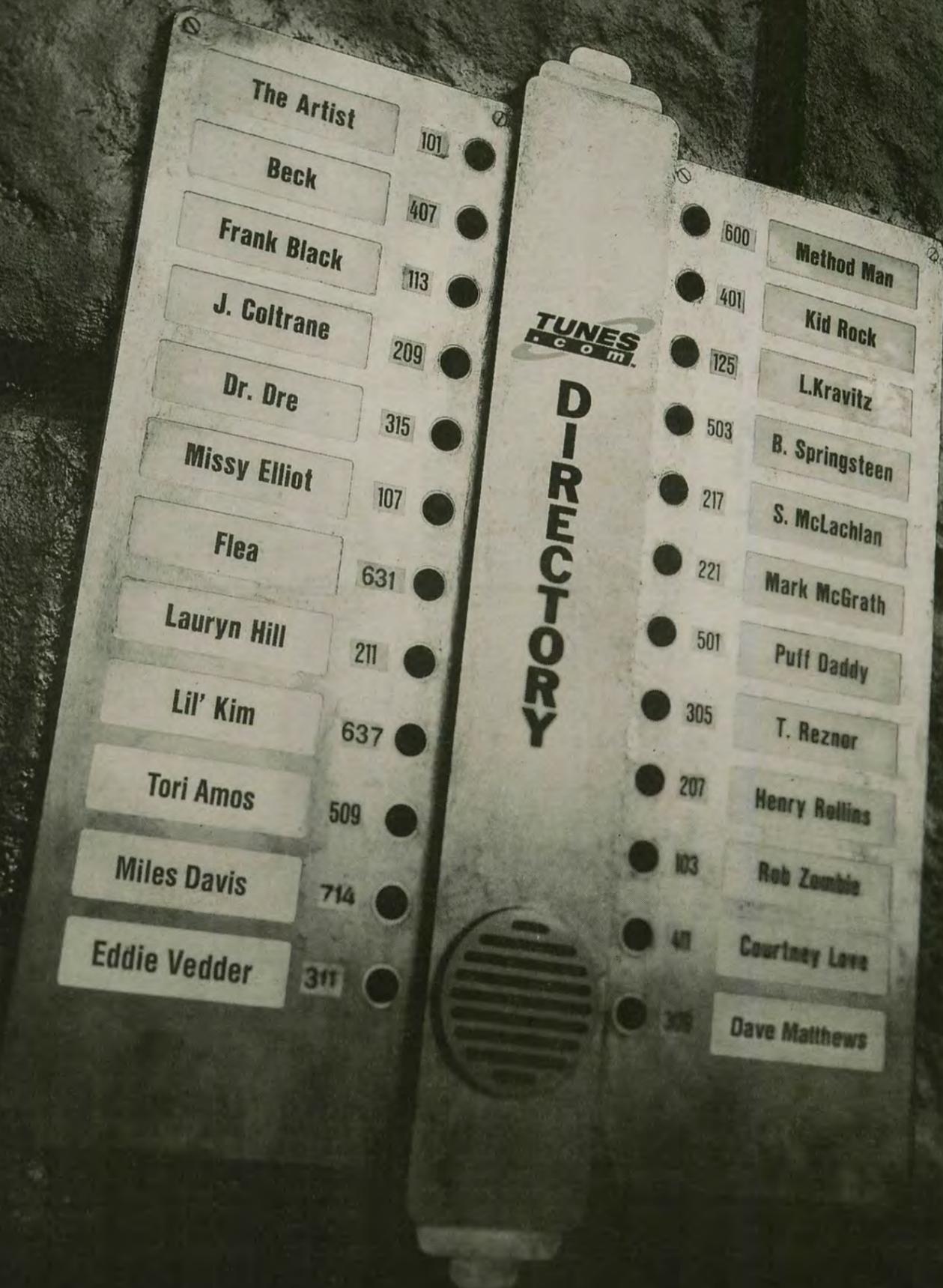
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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Seminoles, Hokies face off for national championship

Associated Press

No mystery, no intrigue, just this simple fact: No. 1 Florida State will play No. 2 Virginia Tech for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

In the second season of the Bowl Championship Series, the system of rating teams using polls, computers, strength of schedule and losses worked perfectly.

As expected, the Seminoles (11-0) and Hokies (11-0) finished first and second in the final BCS standings released Sunday, matching their finish in the AP media poll's final regular-season rankings. The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll also had the teams ranked 1-2, as did seven of the eight computers used by the BCS.

"They've been there so many times and we're kind of the new kid on the block," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "Hopefully, you'll get to like us. This is a good group, a hard-working group. We've met every challenge this year but we've not had a challenge like Florida State."

Florida State, national champions in 1993, will be playing in its third national title game in the past four years. Coach Bobby Bowden said he's just happy his team in the title game, but "I'd just as soon be No. 2 going in. There's a little more incentive. But the idea is to get there and whoever wins the game is going to be No. 1."

Even No. 3 Nebraska (11-1),

which dominated Texas 22-6 on Saturday to win the Big 12 title, conceded the Florida State-Virginia Tech matchup was the right one. The Cornhuskers, who lost their title chance two weeks ago with a shaky overtime win over Colorado, will play No. 6 Tennessee (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

"We'll live with the system," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said after his team avenged its only loss of the season. "There's probably four or five other teams out there that believe they could line up in the national title game. But Florida State and Virginia Tech are great teams, too, and deserving."

In the other BCS games, it's Southeastern Conference champion No. 5 Alabama (10-2) vs. No. 8 Michigan (9-2) in the Orange Bowl and Big Ten winner No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Pac-10 winner No. 22 Stanford (8-3) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

The Crimson Tide (10-2) beat No. 10 Florida 34-7 Saturday night to earn their place in the Orange Bowl.

The Gators (9-3), meanwhile, will play No. 9 Michigan State (9-2) in the Florida Citrus Bowl, and No. 14 Texas (9-4) was matched against No. 24 Arkansas (7-4) in the Cotton Bowl.

Also, No. 23 Miami's 55-0 win over Temple on Saturday sent the Hurricanes (8-4) to the Gator Bowl against No. 17 Georgia Tech (8-3) on New Year's Day.

The last time teams ranked 1-2 with perfect records played in a game that determined the

national title was the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, when No. 1 Nebraska beat No. 2 Florida 62-24.

The Sugar Bowl marks the 13th time teams ranked 1-2 have played in a bowl game, and the 33rd time No. 1 has played No. 2.

The BCS standings were used only to determine the top two teams, with the three other bowls in the series choosing from the remaining qualified schools. Six major conference champions received automatic bids, and Michigan and Tennessee were selected as at-large teams.

In the final BCS standings, Florida State had 2.24 points, Virginia Tech 6.12 points and Nebraska 7.42 points. Last week, the Hokies had a 1.54-point lead over the Huskers.

No. 7 Kansas State (10-1) was sixth in the final BCS standings, but the Orange Bowl passed over the Wildcats in favor of Michigan, eighth in the BCS standings. Last year, an 11-1 K-State fell all the way to the Alamo Bowl after losing the Big 12 title game. This time, the Wildcats will play in the more lucrative Holiday Bowl, against Washington.

Bowden, who joined the 300-win club earlier this season, also is looking for something that has eluded him his entire career — a perfect season.

The Seminoles are led by Chris Weinke and wide receiver Peter Warrick. Weinke is the nation's seventh-rated passer, completing 232 of 377 for 3,103

yards and 25 TDs.

Last season, Weinke missed Florida State's failed title bid against Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl with a neck injury.

"I've got to be one of the luckiest guys," Weinke said. "I'm just grateful I have another opportunity. I'm as excited as ever to play in a game of this magnitude."

Warrick, suspended for two games because of his involvement in a shopping mall scam, caught 71 passes for 934 yards and totaled 12 touchdowns.

Virginia Tech, in Beamer's 13th year as coach, completed its first perfect regular season in 81 years and are led by redshirt freshman Michael Vick, the nation's top-rated passer

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NFL

# Comeback by Marino falls short against Colts

Associated Press

MIAMI

Standing alone on the sideline, Dan Marino watched the game's final play, then unsnapped his chin strap and slowly walked off the field, head down in defeat.

He didn't see counterpart Peyton Manning leap in the air to lead the Indianapolis Colts' celebration.

"That's the highest I've ever jumped," Manning said later.

Manning and his teammates barely withstood a gallant comeback by Marino, and Mike Vanderjagt's 53-yard field goal as time ran out beat the Miami Dolphins 37-34 Sunday.

Marino, his career in jeopardy, threw three touchdown passes and rallied Miami from a 14-point deficit in the second half. But Manning hit Marvin Harrison with completions of 16 and 18 yards in the final 30 seconds to set up the winning kick.

"Never say it's not over until it's over," said Manning, giving Yogi Berra's famous phrase a twist.

The Colts (10-2) took control of the AFC East with a two-game lead over Miami and Buffalo. Indianapolis has won eight in a row since losing at home to the Dolphins on Oct. 10.

"This was a huge test for us, the biggest test of the season," Indy coach Jim Mora said.

Miami (8-4) was left to scramble for a wild-card berth. The Dolphins shared the NFL's best record before losing three of their past four games.

"The way the AFC is, we're fighting just to make the playoffs," coach Jimmy Johnson said.

**Rams 34, Panthers 21**

The St. Louis Rams capped their unlikely rise from NFC West doormats to division champions with a 34-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers on Sunday.

St. Louis, which improved to 10-2 for the first time since 1978, hasn't been to the playoffs since 1989.

After winning their first six division games by an average of 25 points, the Rams wrapped up the crown by weathering the Panthers' second-half rally.

The Rams' defense had shut out their last three opponents in the second half, but Carolina scored 14 points to make it close before Dre' Bly's 56-yard interception return put St. Louis up by 10 with 9:48 left.

Carolina (5-7) hurt itself all day with penalties, breakdowns in the secondary and missed tackles. The Panthers, who intercepted Warner twice but were unable to convert either one into points, missed a chance to reach the .500 mark for the first time in two years.

**Bengals 44, 49ers 30**

Cincinnati (3-10) put up its highest point total in 10 years, ended a streak of 11 straight home losses, got back-to-back wins for the first time since 1997 and had some fun at the expense of the team that has tormented them more than any other.

The Bengals had lost their last nine games to the Niners since 1975, including a pair of Super Bowls in the '80s. Fans booed as highlights of those games were shown on the video board.

At the end, thousands stuck around in the rain to cheer the most satisfying win of the season.

The 49ers trudged off the field with helmets in hand after losing their eighth in a row — their worst skid in 19 years — and clinching their first losing season since 1982.

**Lions 33, Redskins 17**

Desmond Howard returned a punt 68 yards for a touchdown, and Detroit's defense contained Washington's potent offense as the Lions beat the Redskins, snapping an 18-game losing

streak that had stretched to 34 years.

Howard, waived by Green Bay and signed by Detroit on Saturday, was needed because Terry Fair, who had a household accident and broke a knuckle, was unable to play.

**Chiefs 16, Broncos 10**

Tamarick Vanover returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown with 4:53 left, lifting the Chiefs to a 16-10 victory Sunday.

The Chiefs (7-5), who drew within one game of AFC West-leading Seattle after the Seahawks bowed 30-21 to Oakland, won a game of field position that featured punters Daniel Pope and Tom Rouen.

But it was Vanover who made it academic. With the score tied 10-10, he camped under a punt by Rouen, darted left and tightroped down the sideline, eluding four would-be tacklers for his third career punt return for a score and first since 1997.

The Chiefs missed the extra point when Pope, the holder, couldn't handle the snap, but Denver (4-8) failed to move past its own 46 on two subsequent possessions.

Kansas City, which punished Denver with 188 yards on the ground in a 26-10 win earlier this season, finished with 177 rushing. Tony Richardson had a career-high 80 yards, and Donnell Bennett added 66.

Kansas City's Elvis Grbac completed 20 of 34 passes for 183 yards and a touchdown, and Denver's Brian Griese was 20-of-36 for 227 yards.

**Chargers 23, Browns 10**

Playing without their two All-Pro defenders, linebacker Junior Seau and safety Rodney Harrison, the Chargers beat the Browns, their first win since defeating Seattle on Oct. 17.

San Diego (5-7) got short scoring runs from Kenny Bynum and rookie Jermaine Fazande, and three field goals from John Carney. Cleveland (2-11) lost its third straight

game.

With a tough final month that includes road games against Seattle, Miami and Denver, this was the Chargers' best shot to end their losing streak.

They did it without Seau, a late scratch because of a strained stomach muscle and a rib injury, and Harrison, who has missed seven straight games with a shoulder injury. Harrison was expected to return but tore scar tissue in practice on Friday.

The Chargers also were without defensive tackle Norman Hand, cornerback Terrance Shaw and running back Natrone Means, who's now missed six games.

**Raiders 30, Seahawks 21**

Overcoming a broken wrist and a strained thigh, Rich Gannon threw scoring passes of 14 and 5 yards to Tim Brown as the Oakland Raiders took a 17-point lead in the second quarter and held on for a 30-21 win Sunday over the Seahawks.

Seattle (8-4) was undermined by turnovers for the second straight week. Ricky Watters fumbled twice and Jon Kitna, who had five interceptions and a fumble in a 16-3 loss to Tampa Bay last week, was picked off twice by the Raiders (6-6).

**Cardinals 21, Eagles 17**

Jake Plummer, ineffective nearly all afternoon in his return to the Arizona starting lineup, directed the Cardinals to two touchdowns in the final 4:31 as they rallied to beat Philadelphia 21-17 Sunday for their fourth victory in a row.

Frank Sanders' diving catch of Plummer's 38-yard pass just inches from the goal line set up Plummer's 1-yard sneak for the winning touchdown with 57 seconds to play. The officials reviewed the play to make sure Sanders was inbounds, and the catch was upheld.

With the victory, Arizona (6-6) moved within a game of first

place in the NFC East going into next week's game at Washington.

**Packers 35, Bears 19**

As the wind howled and a cold rain swept across Soldier Field, Green Bay rookie De'Mond Parker told himself to just deal with the conditions. His chance to play had finally arrived.

Parker, playing because leading rusher and receiver Dorsey Levens was sidelined by cracked ribs, also focused on finding the end zone in the final quarter.

Green Bay rookie De'Mond Parker ran for a pair of touchdowns as the Packers handled the weather and beat the Chicago Bears for their third straight victory.

Late in the second quarter, Bears punter Todd Sauerbrun dropped the ball as he was trying to kick it, and Packers defensive end Keith McKenzie scooped it up and ran 45 yards for the touchdown with 1:09 left in the first half, giving the Packers a 21-10 lead.

**Giants 41, Jets 28**

Kerry Collins hit Amani Toomer for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Giants routed their local rivals, with the most points scored by the Giants in four years.

The Giants (6-6) set a season high for yards (490) while going 13-for-19 on third downs in breaking a three-game slide and keeping their playoff hopes alive. The Jets (4-8) were over-matched from the outset, even yielding 111 yards rushing on 38 carries to rookie Joe Montgomery, making his first start.

**Falcons 35, Saints 12**

Chris Chandler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Falcons snapped a three-game losing streak by routing the even-more-hapless Saints.

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That's the sports, and I...am...

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# Hockey

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minutes by keeping the pressure on the Irish, but the defense held strong, as it had all night, allowing few scoring opportunities. The closest that the visitors came to scoring came after Irish defenseman Evan Nielsen was sent to the penalty box for interference. Michigan State pulled its goalie to give them a 6-on-4 advantage. With only 20 seconds left in the game, left wing Brian Maloney fired a shot off the cross bar and the defense was able to hold off the Spartans.

Irish goalie Tony Zasowski made the key saves when the Irish needed them, stopping 15 shots in the final period. He had 24 saves for the entire game, getting his second shutout of the season and Notre Dame's first against Michigan State since February 24, 1978. The win also marked the first time that the Irish defeated the Spartans at home since 1982.

"It was an enormous win," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "That was the best all-around game we've played this year."

The first period proved to be a defensive battle, as both teams had only one shot on goal for the first 10 minutes. Despite the few shots, Michigan State spent most of the first period in the Notre Dame zone. The Irish defense was able to keep the Spartans away from the net, blocking and deflecting most of their attempts on goal. Michigan

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**Dave Poulin**  
Irish hockey head coach

State did beat Zasowski on one shot, when John-Michael Liles scored with 1:26 left in the period, but the goal was waived off because MSU center Shawn Horcoff was in the crease.

"We wanted to keep their offense on the perimeter as much as possible," said Poulin. "It was important to keep their defenders out of the offense. Borega and Clark were very good on defense, our whole defense was really good."

In the second period the Irish came out more aggressive on offense and outshot the Spartans in the period 11-3. Connor Dunlop and David Inman each had good scoring opportunities, but neither team was able to find the net.

"They'll give you a certain amount of space on offense, and we took the space they gave us," said Poulin. "It's tough to penetrate their defense."

The play of the Notre Dame defense and Zasowski gave the Irish a much needed two points in the CCHA. "What was most encouraging were all the different facets of the game we played well. Dolder played solid for us all night, and was huge going to the net for the goal. Zasowski was huge the last couple of minutes, especially on the penalty kill. We

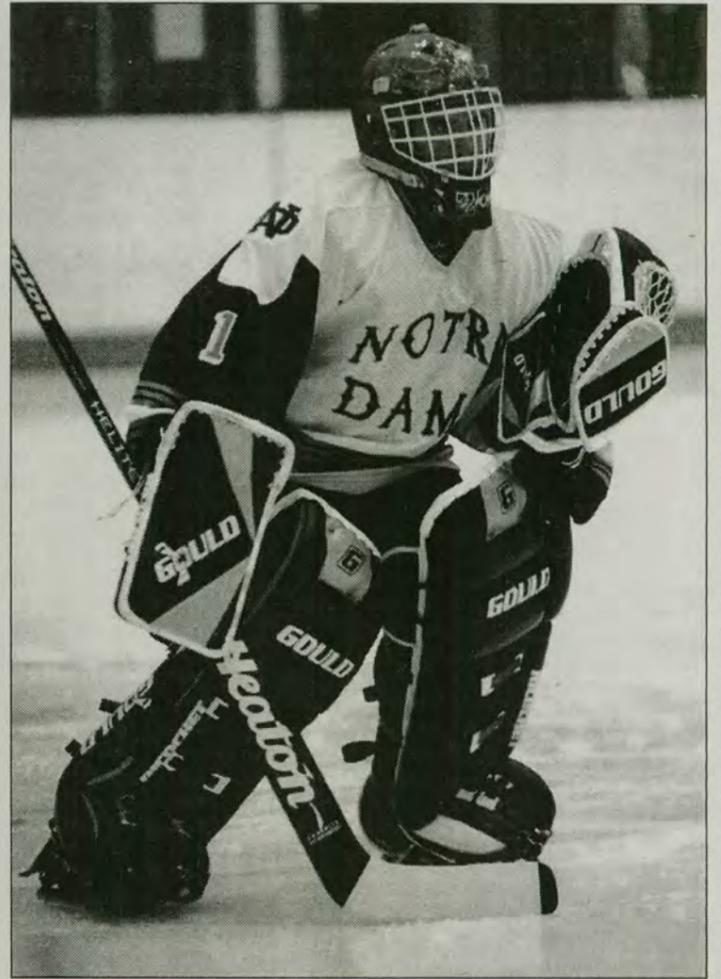
need to enjoy this for a bit and experience the feeling of knowing what went in to that game. We want that feeling every night, some nights you'll get beat, but we need to enjoy it and learn from what it feels like."

On Sunday, Michigan State scored in every period on their way to a 4-1 victory. The offensive outburst and the strong goaltending of Joe Blackburn continued Notre Dame's season-long drop-offs in the second games of CCHA series, with a 3-2-1 mark in the opening games and just a 1-4-1 record in the second games. A win on Sunday at Munn Ice Arena would have given the Irish a chance to move into seventh place in the CCHA.

The Spartans scored twice within a 23 second span in the first period and never looked back, adding a goal in each of the next two periods. Blackburn's 24 saves in the game now give him 95 saves in his career against Notre Dame.

The Irish, who failed to convert on all eight of their power-play chances, quickly responded to MSU's third goal of the night, on a frantic triple-rebound sequence at the 11:55 mark of the second period. Senior center Ben Simon started the series with a shot from the left circle that Blackburn knocked into the crowded slot area. Senior right wing Joe Dusbabek sent the puck back on the net, but Blackburn skated out for the save.

Dusbabek then sent the second rebound through the legs of the charging Blackburn but



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**Freshman goalkeeper Tony Zasowski recorded 24 saves in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Michigan State on Saturday.**

defenseman Brad Hodgins was guarding the goal line and nudged the puck back into the slot. Irish junior left wing Jay Kopischke was crashing the net and smacked the puck past Hodgins for his third career goal and first since scoring in

a 7-2 loss to Michigan on Jan. 30, 1998.

The Irish continue play this weekend with a two game series against UMass-Amherst. Notre Dame hosts the two games Friday and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

## WORLD CUP SOCCER

# 198 countries sign up for 2002 World Cup

Associated Press

TOKYO

A record 198 countries entered the qualifying draw for the 2002 World Cup, with only North Korea and four other countries skipping the soccer showcase.

North Korea's decision means there is no chance it will play host to some games or share a team with South Korea, said Lennert Johansson, the chief organizer of World Cup events for soccer's ruling body.

The 2002 World Cup will be staged by Japan and South Korea. The preliminary draw is Tuesday in Tokyo.

The other four nations to miss the world's most watched sports event are: Afghanistan, Niger, Burundi and Papua New Guinea.

The qualifying rounds for the World Cup in France in 1998 had 174 countries.

France, the defending champion, and the two hosts automatically qualify for the 32-team field.

Europe will provide at least 13 other qualifiers from 50 nations. With past champions England and Italy not among the seeded teams, one could conceivably end up in the same group with three-time champion Germany.

European teams will be placed in nine groups, with each winner advancing. Playoffs among eight runners-up will determine four other spots. Another runner-up will face an Asian team in a playoff.

Asia will provide two or three qualifiers, plus Japan and South

Korea.

South American nations will not be included in the draw since they play a league system with the top four qualifying directly and the fifth facing a team from Oceania in a playoff.

Africa will provide five teams, coming through two rounds of group qualifications.

The most complicated system involves the group from North and Central America and the Caribbean. The United States, Mexico, Jamaica and Costa Rica do not enter the qualifications until the semifinal round.

Johansson, also the head of Europe's governing soccer body, said one of the 2002 semifinals will be in Saitama, Japan, and the other at a South Korean site to be decided. The final will be in Yokohama, near Tokyo.

Johansson said there will be random drug tests at all games for the 32-team tournament. Testing also will be conducted during qualifications, with FIFA aiming to test players from at least one game in a given round in each confederation.

Among the problems still to be ironed out are ticket allocations — Japan wants more — slow marketing and a decision on starting time to satisfy European viewers.

In another matter, FIFA, the world's governing body, said it is investigating reports that Brazil used three overage players in an under-17 competition.

If found guilty, Brazil, the only four-time champion, could face a two-year ban and miss the World Cup altogether.

## FOOTBALL

# Goolsby makes oral commitment

By TIM CASEY  
Sports Writer

Bob Davie was enjoying dinner at the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night with some current players, coaches and high school seniors making their official recruiting visits to Notre Dame.

The enjoyment turned into excitement when Mike Goolsby approached Davie.

"I went up to [defensive coordinator] Coach [Greg] Mattison first to tell him [that I committed to the Irish]," Goolsby said. "He said it wasn't official until I told Coach Davie. So I went up to coach Davie and told him. He seemed excited."

Davie had every reason to have a smile on his face.

Saturdays haven't been too kind to the Irish in recent weeks. Yet on the first Saturday in December, consecutive season-ending losses to Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Boston College and Stanford seemed a distant memory.

Though Goolsby will not officially be a member of the Class of 2004 until he signs a letter of intent on February 2nd, the first day recruits can sign, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound line-backer from Joliet, Ill., made an oral commitment to attend Notre Dame on

*"He's an impact player. He's somebody that can come in very early and perform well."*

**Mike Frank**  
recruiting expert  
on Mike Goolsby's ability

Saturday.

The Irish coaching staff has had its eye on Goolsby for over a year.

"He's a guy that Notre Dame targeted as a priority guy from the day they saw him," said Mike Frank, a recruiting expert from Omaha, Nebraska who runs the Irishreport.com website. "He has vast potential."

That potential was never more apparent than this fall when Goolsby led Joliet Catholic to the Illinois 4A state title. While the Irish were preparing for Stanford, Goolsby was in Champaign, Ill., celebrating with his teammates after a 48-13 victory over Metamora in the University of Illinois' Memorial Stadium.

For the season, Goolsby recorded 74 tackles, three sacks, eight caused fumbles and four fumble recoveries. In addition to being named first team All-State, Goolsby is rated the 13th-best high school senior in the country, regardless of position, by

recruiting expert Tom Lemming.

"He's an impact player," Frank said. "He's very, very fast — a disruptive player with incredible acceleration. He's somebody that can come in and play very early and perform well."

While immediate playing time and a chance to compete for a starting position next fall were important to Goolsby, the most lasting impression of Notre Dame came in its commitment to Goolsby as a student, not just as an athlete.

"They've been my favorite all throughout," Goolsby said. "But the main thing that got me was that they kept stressing the next 40 years instead of just the next four. I liked that kind of commitment. Coming out with a Notre Dame degree is special."

IRISH NOTES:

■ The Irish presented their end of the year awards on Friday night at the annual football banquet. The award winners were: Most Valuable Player — Jarious Jackson; Lineman of the Year — Brad Williams; Nick Pietrosante Award (the Irish player best exemplifying courage, loyalty, team work, dedication and pride) — Lamont Bryant; Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award — James Caputo.

**MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL**

# Tigers overcome Seminole scare

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala.

Doc Robinson hit one of two free throws with 2.3 seconds left as No. 7 Auburn overcame a scare to beat Florida State 55-54 on Sunday.

The Tigers (4-1) won their 20th straight home game, despite shooting just 31 percent from the floor. Auburn forced 29 turnovers and had 19 offensive rebounds against the Seminoles (3-3).

Tiger forward Chris Porter gave Auburn a 54-51 lead on a steal and coast-to-coast layin, but missed the free throw with 1:10 left.

Robinson missed the front end of a 1-and-1 situation with 31 seconds to play after another Porter steal. Florida State's Adrian Crawford then hit a long 3-pointer over Reggie Sharp to tie the game at 54 with 12 seconds left.

Robinson drove for the potential winning basket but was fouled by Delvon Arrington. He bounced his

first free throw off the back of the rim, but drained the second.

Porter then knocked the ball away before Florida State could get a shot off. Porter scored just nine points, going 3-of-11 from the floor, but he had three offensive rebounds down the stretch.

He didn't make a basket until there was 1:35 left in the first half.

Robinson scored a game-high 17 points and had five assists and three steals. He didn't have a bucket in the second half until his 3-pointer with five minutes to play gave Auburn a 50-47 lead. He followed that with a fallaway jumper and also had an alley-oop pass to Porter.

But the Tigers missed four straight shots and led just 52-51 after Damous Anderson's two free throws with 2:26 left.

Ron Hale scored 15 points for the Seminoles. Anderson had 12 points and Crawford 11.

The Tigers committed just 11 turnovers and had 10

steals in the first half.

But Auburn's lead was just 32-28 at halftime after getting outshot 53 percent to 33 percent from the floor.

The Tigers shot even worse in the second half, making just 10 of 34 shots (29 percent). Auburn was 4-of-17 from 3-point range, compared to 6-of-11 for Florida State.

The Tigers, who made just 5 of 18 free throws against Belmont on Wednesday night, were 2-of-8 in the second half and 9-of-16 overall.

The win was the 100th at Auburn for Cliff Ellis, a 1968 Florida State graduate, making him the fastest coach to reach that plateau at the school. It was his 158th game, while Joel Eaves did it in 165.

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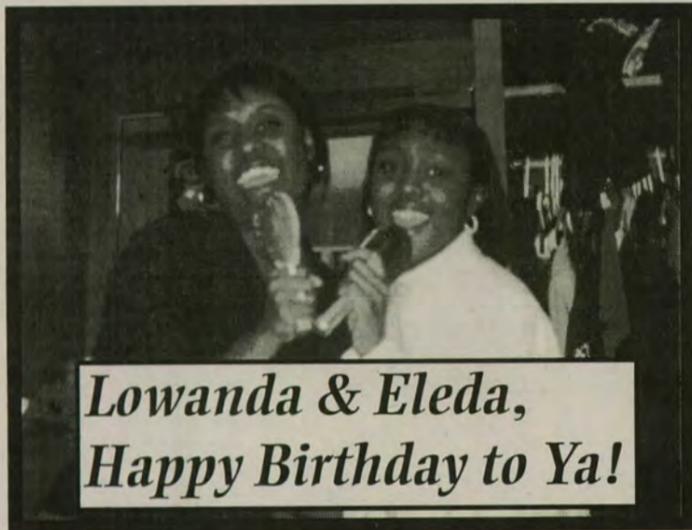
**Middle Tenn. St. 77**

The Jayhawks shot 65 percent from the floor and outrebounded the Blue Raiders 41-31, but Williams said his Jayhawks should have played better against a team from the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We're playing sort of un-Kansaslike," said Williams, who is 16-0 against OVC teams. "We've always been a team that's been intelligent. That's played smart basketball and just played with a lot of savvy and a lot of pose."

"Right now we're getting by on talent. We're definitely not getting by on coaching, and we're definitely not getting by playing intelligently."

The Jayhawks, playing in Murphy Center because of Williams' friendship with Middle Tennessee coach Randy Wiel, his former colleague at North Carolina, had trouble putting away the Blue Raiders.



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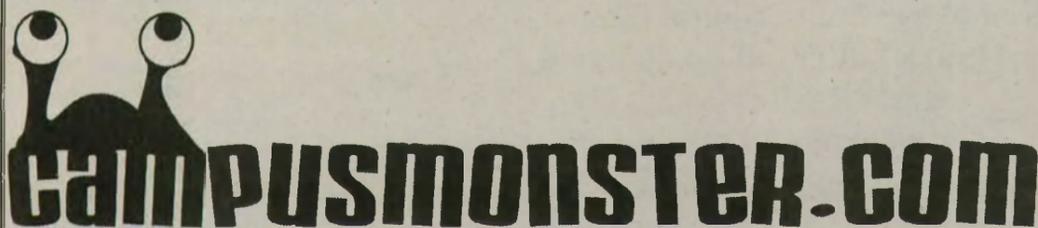
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**WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL**

# Summitt achieves coaching milestone

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis.

With flowers from her team and a kiss from her son, Pat Summitt celebrated a victory for the 700th time in her unmatched coaching career.

Semeka Randall's 19 points led five Lady Vols in double figures as No. 3 Tennessee beat No. 25 Wisconsin 85-62 Sunday, giving Summitt her 700th career victory.

Wearing a wide-collared purple suit and her customary glower during the game, Summitt was beaming by the final buzzer. The 47-year-old coach became the youngest in college basketball to win 700 games and just the second woman to do so.

"It feels like I've been watching a whole lot of basketball in my life," Summitt said. "I thought we played a great game, and the fact that it happened with the way we played in this game, that's the most important thing."

The Kohl Center crowd of 11,861, the fifth-largest ever to see a Wisconsin women's game, stood and cheered Summitt as her players gathered around for a giant bear hug and presented her with a bouquet of yellow roses. Her 9-year-old son Tyler also was on hand, cheering from the bench.

"It's special, and you can reflect on it a little, but tomorrow's another workday," Summitt said. "This season isn't about how many wins I can get. It's about how we grow as a team."

Summitt joined 16 men's basketball coaches and one women's coach — Texas' Jody Conradt, who got her 730th career victory Saturday — in the 700-wins club.

**No. 1 Connecticut 87, Penn St. 74**

Penn State got within three points in the first half but never threatened

Connecticut's lead again. The Huskies led by at least 13 points throughout the second half and by as many as 23.

Connecticut shot 54.0 percent in the game as Swin Cash and Sue Bird scored 13 points each and Kelly Schumacher added 11. Connecticut held a 40-28 rebounding edge.

Penn State shot 42.4 percent for the game and was led by Andrea Garner with 22 points and eight rebounds. Maren Walseth added 20 and Lisa Shepherd scored 10.

**No. 9 N. Carolina 106, Richmond 80**

Nikki Teasley scored 15 of her 24 points in the second half Sunday, leading No. 9 North Carolina past Richmond in the consolation game of the Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament.

The game was tied at 50 at halftime, but the Tar Heels (5-2) hit 20 of 36 field goals in the second half. A 21-5 run to start the second half gave North Carolina a 71-55 lead with 12:15 remaining.

Richmond (2-4) could get no closer than 13 the rest of the game.

**No. 22 Duke 83, Virginia 62**

Georgia Schweitzer scored a career-high 24 points Sunday to lead four players in double figures as No. 22 Duke beat Virginia 83-62.

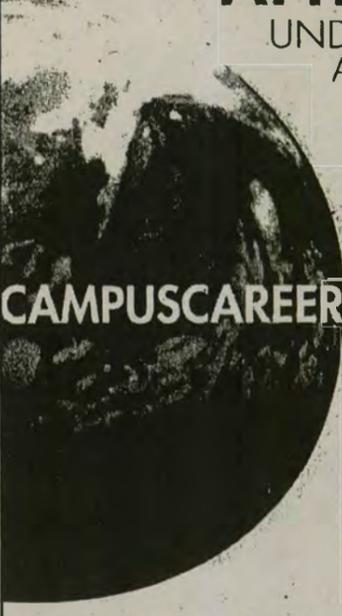
Peppi Browne had 15 points, Lauren Rice a season-high 14 and Sheana Mosch 13 for Duke (6-1 overall, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won 17 straight conference games at home.

It was Duke's second largest margin ever against Virginia, exceeded only by a 93-66 home win in 1998.

Telisha Quarles scored 17 and Schuye LaRue 12 to lead Virginia (3-3, 0-1).

Schweitzer scored 13 points in the final 8:28 of the first half to help Duke take a 41-23 halftime lead.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Foul line shooting allows Bluejays to coast over Belles

By **MOLLY McVOY**  
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

"If only, if only ..." were the words echoing through the minds of Saint Mary's basketball players on Saturday afternoon after a heartbreaking loss to Elmhurst College, 70-66.

The Belles repeatedly rallied to keep themselves in the game, but in the end, it was 17 missed free throw shots that gave the game to the Bluejays.

"If we make the free throws, we win today," head coach Dave Roeder said.

Saint Mary's was behind by more than eight points 10 different times throughout the course of game. Elmhurst led by as much as 14 points at one time. But the Belles brought it within three near the end of the game.

Saint Mary's would have won the game if it had made its foul shots in the final moments. The

Belles missed eight points on the line with less than three minutes left.

The Belles played with heart, but were out-rebounded and out-shot by Elmhurst.

Saint Mary's shot only 36 percent from the floor and 35 percent from the free throw line.

"We'll get better," Roeder said after the game. "We want to start shooting a better percentage from the floor."

Saint Mary's would not let this keep them out of the contest, however. Three times the Belles came back from a deficit of more than eight points to bring the score within three.

Sophomore Kelly Jones gave the Belles the spark they needed each time they tried come back against the Bluejays. She led the team with 15 points and five rebounds. Also playing well for Saint Mary's were Anne Blair and Jaime Dineen with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"We changed our line-up, and got great play from everyone," Roeder said. "Kelly Jones did a great job."

Elmhurst's consistent play proved to be just enough to outlast Saint Mary's comebacks, and they got the win.

The Belles went 0-2 on the weekend with the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic. Saint Mary's played its first game against Marian College on Friday night and were dominated by the Knights.

Dineen and junior Julie Norman were leaders for the Belles, tallying 10 and 13 points for the team, respectively. They lost the game 89-52 as Marian proved to just be too much. Again, rebounding was a problem for Saint Mary's and shooting percentages were not up to the level of the Knights.

The Belles return to the court on Wednesday against Olivet College.



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Sophomore guard Mary Campione (22) and the Belles lost two games in the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic this weekend.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Riley, Ratay lead Irish to victory in Wachovia Invite

By KEVIN BERCHOU  
Sports Writer

Winning is becoming habitual for the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team. The Irish enjoyed an extremely successful weekend, upending ninth-ranked North Carolina by a score of 99-86, and Liberty 85-68 en route to being crowned champions of the Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament.

Once again, the Irish women were sparked by the spectacular play of freshman sensation Alicia Ratay, and tournament MVP Ruth Riley. With the outcome of both contests still very much in doubt at the halfway point, the inside-outside duet of Riley and Ratay stepped to the forefront and took charge of the game's outcome.

It was Ratay who led the upset charge over the Tar Heels, netting a career-high 32 points, while shooting a scorching 80 percent from the floor. With her team up by a score of 42-39 at the half, Ratay turned a close game into a rout by scoring 13 points in a 23-4 run to open the second half. Ratay's big day saw her drain six three pointers and grab six rebounds.

With Riley being double-teamed on the inside, Ratay was given several good looks at the basket, and failing to

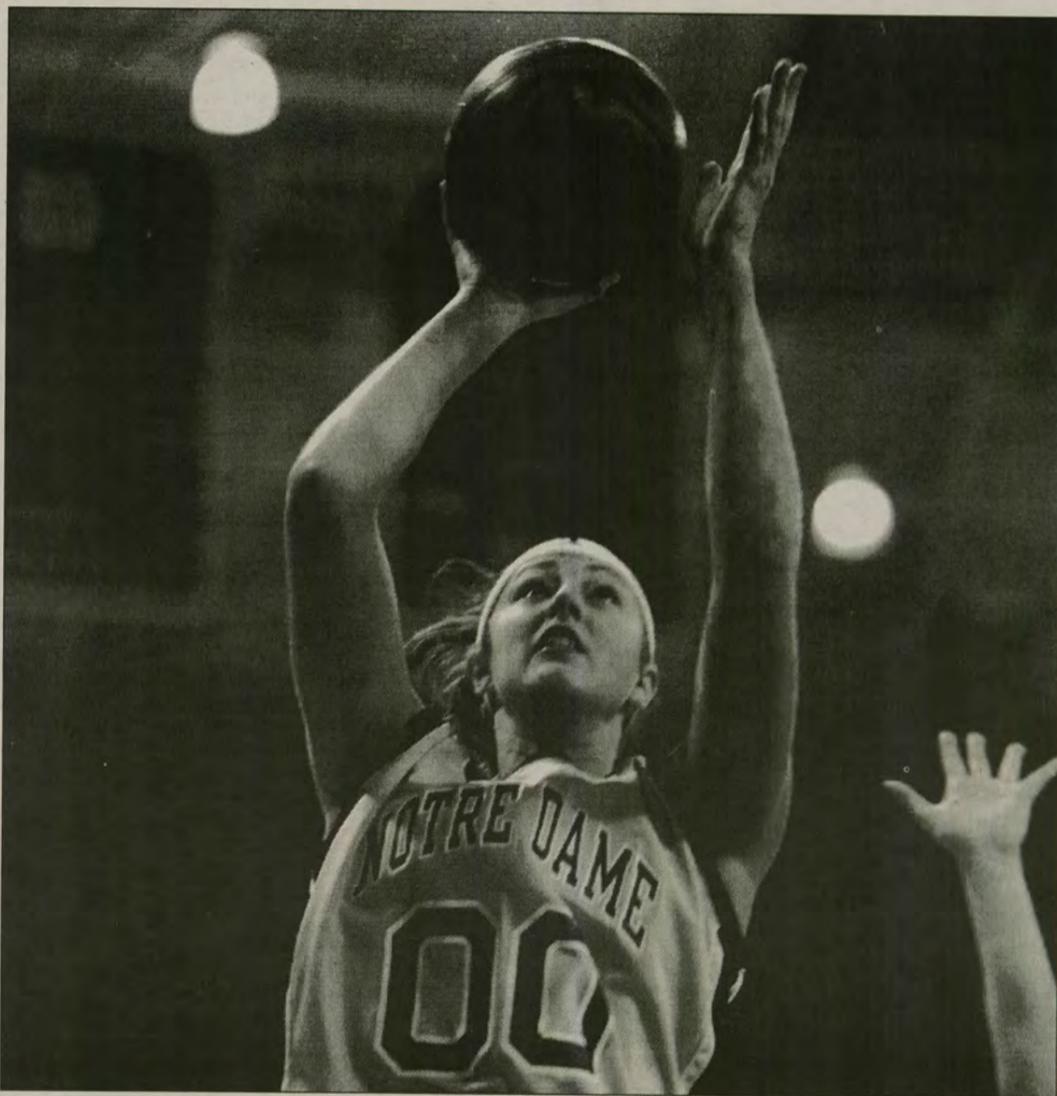
disappoint, she made good on six of her eight attempts from behind the arc.

Ericka Haney added 18 points and 14 rebounds in the win, while her backcourt mate, Niele Ivey, added a double-double of her own, tallying 17 points in addition to handing out 13 assists.

Motivated by their upset win over the Tar Heels, the Irish came out looking to bring home a tournament title as they met Liberty in the final. This time, with Liberty justifiably leery of Ratay's outside shooting touch, Riley saw the middle open up for her. For much of the game the Irish star had her way on the inside, taking over the game as the second half opened.

Riley poured in nine of her game high 32 points to spark the Irish on a 13-6 run as the second half got underway. Single-handedly turning a close game in her team's favor, Riley's strong play gave the Irish a 52-42 lead they would never relinquish.

Draining 12 of 14 shots from the floor, Riley made life miserable for the Lady Flames of Liberty, who saw their record fall to 2-3. The Irish, meanwhile improved to 4-1 with their victories over the weekend, and return to the court against interstate rival and No. 20 Purdue Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



Irish center Ruth Riley scored 32 points in Notre Dame's 85-68 victory over Liberty in the championship game of the Wachovia Invitational Tournament. Riley was named tournament MVP. MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

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## IRISH INSIGHT

## Irish gaining experience on the court

With a roster dominated by underclassmen, the men's basketball team knows this season is just getting underway. Its players are improving and adapting to the grind of college athletics every time they set foot on the court.

As the season winds along, the younger athletes learn the 100 percent effort it takes from start to finish to win a collegiate game, come to play as a team rather than as individuals and stop making the mistakes common to rookies.

"I have to be the emotional leader of this team right now until we grow up a little bit and mature," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "I think they did lay it on the line. Guys were all over the place, diving on loose balls. I have to grade the effort, not so much the results."

Sophomores Troy Murphy, David Graves and Harold Swanagan have started every game for the Irish this season, along with senior Jimmy Dillon. Freshman Matt Carroll replaced senior Martin Ingelsby Saturday to earn his first collegiate start. Freshman Jere Macura also played for 26 minutes in the game against Vanderbilt.

While Murphy, Graves and Swanagan all played significant time for the Irish last year, their role has changed somewhat this year. No longer freshmen, Graves and Murphy in particular are looked to as the go-to players on the hardwood, the top two Irish scorers and rebounders.

Murphy, picked in the pre-season to be one of the top players in the nation, is often double and triple-teamed, leaving him to be a team leader and find ways to break open. Murphy is averaging nearly 25 points per game and more than 11 rebounds, and has posted a double-double in six of seven games this year.

**Kathleen O'Brien**

*Assistant Sports Editor*

*"I'd rather score zero points and win. No matter how many points I had, we still lost."*

**David Graves**  
Irish forward

"Look at Troy getting the mess beat out of him and still competing, and he hit those two foul shots to put it into overtime," Doherty said. "Those guys are banging in there. He kept his composure well."

Graves is scoring 15.3 points per game, pulling down 5.1 rebounds and averaging three assists. His potential may be largely untapped, as he had the best game of his career against Vanderbilt with 33 points and 12 rebounds to lead Notre Dame in both categories. At one point, Graves hit nine points straight for the Irish to close the scoring gap from a 66-58 Irish deficit to within one at 68-67 Saturday.

However, none of his personal statistics matter to him if the team falls short of victory.

"I'd rather score zero points and win," Graves said. "No matter how many points I had, we still lost."

Doherty recognized the difference between a young team like this year's Irish and some of the experienced squads he helped coach while at Kansas.

"At Kansas we had Jacques Vaughn and Jerod Haase, and if we lost or didn't have great effort, they took care of it," Doherty said. "Vaughn and Haase were two amazing competitors and leaders, and I think we have guys capable of that, but there's a comfort zone. I think here's their [the players'] comfort zone to begin with and we've moved it towards the middle, and I want it to go all the way to the other side."

The Irish seem to be on their way to that comfort zone. They kept the number of turnovers down to 16 against

Vanderbilt, whereas at the beginning of the season, they posted more than 16 in the first half alone.

Carroll and Macura are two up-and-coming contributors for Notre Dame this year.

Carroll, a 6-foot-6 guard, hardly played at all in the first game against Ohio State. By the match against Vanderbilt, he had worked his way into the starting lineup, scoring 18 points in the losing effort for the Irish. His sharp-shooting touch behind the arc makes him a hot target when the Irish need a quick three-pointer. Macura is averaging about four rebounds per game.

The effort level also seems to be rising, with several mad scrambles for a loose ball against Vanderbilt, and improving coverage on defense.

In their first three losses this year, the Irish dug themselves into a hole early by allowing their opponent to take a large lead. Against Vanderbilt, Notre Dame came out ready to play and was ahead much of the first half before dropping to eight points behind at halftime.

"As we grow from these experiences and they get more comfortable with the style of play and the demands that we place on them, their comfort zone will change," Doherty said. "We've got to develop new habits, and it's hard to develop new habits. They're being developed slowly but surely."

The inexperience of the Irish showed somewhat in the first period as they were unable to contain Commodores star Dan Langhi. However, in the second period and overtime, they held him to eight points.

Although Notre Dame's record has fallen to 3-4, no one is making the mistake of counting the Irish out as an impact squad in the NCAA.

"The best thing is our kids hurt," Doherty said. "I'm more excited about this team right now than I have been since our game at Ohio State."

## B-ball

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Ohio State."

The Irish struggled early and trailed 42-34 at the half.

"I thought defensively we didn't do a good job guarding that lateral screen," Doherty said. "It got [Greg] LaPointe some shots and it got Langhi some shots. I thought in the first half Langhi was unbelievable."

The Irish, however, overcame a double-digit deficit in the second half and fought their way back into the game.

"We knew at halftime that we could compete with this team," sophomore forward David Graves said. "They hit some big shots in the first half. We came out in the second half and kept fighting. The one thing we did do is play hard. We got this into overtime. We had a chance to win, but the chips fell where they did."

Murphy hit a three pointer with 1:30 left in regulation and made two free throws with nine seconds left to tie the game for the first time in the half and force the overtime.

Langhi led the Commodores

with 27 points, including four free throws in overtime. Greg LaPointe and James Strong added 14. Graves led all scorers with a career high 33 points. He connected on 11-of-15 shot and knocked down 5-of-6 threes.

"I'd rather score zero points and win, said Graves who also pulled down 12 boards. "No matter how many points I had, we still lost, so I'm pretty upset right now."

Murphy scored 17 points and had 12 boards. It was the first time Murphy was held to under 20 this season. Freshman Matt Carroll had 18 off the bench, including a three in overtime that gave Notre Dame a four point lead.

After a 3-0 start, the Irish have now dropped four straight. Vanderbilt improves to 4-0 and snapped its 12-game losing streak on the road. Notre Dame hosts Valparaiso on Wednesday.

"We have a hell of a stretch coming up," Doherty said. "I think man for man, Vanderbilt is just as good as Indiana's starting lineup. Valpo is going to be very good too. They don't have the names of Maryland or Arizona, but they're darn good teams with darn good coaches."

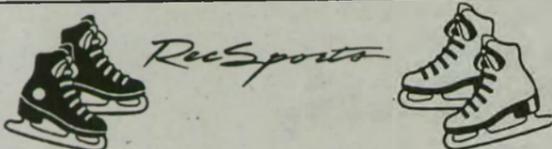
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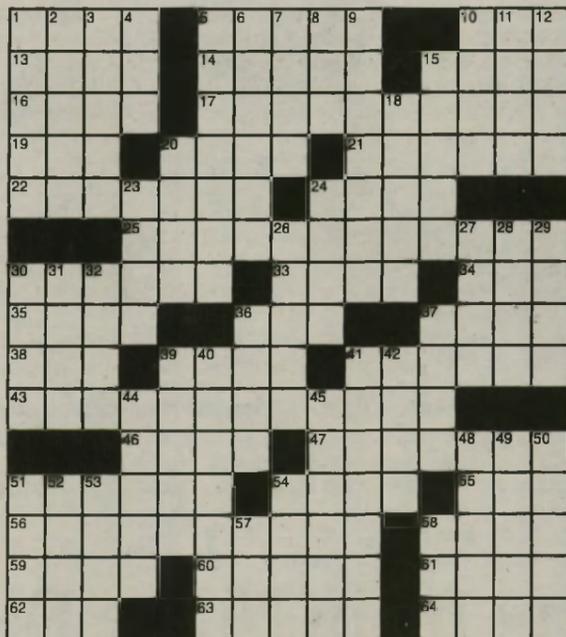
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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Weeps uncontrollably
  - 5 [Nothing but net]
  - 10 Midbody muscles
  - 13 Stage device
  - 14 Electrical pioneer Nikola
  - 15 Cabal's plans
  - 16 "Like, no way!"
  - 17 "The Breakfast Club" actress
  - 19 Pro's opposite
  - 20 "Gomer U.S.M.C."
  - 21 Thrill-seeker's cord
  - 22 Duelist's warning
  - 24 Actor Lugosi
  - 25 Star of TV's "Veronica's Closet"
  - 30 Image that may be burned
  - 33 Brinker with silver skates
  - 34 Fury
  - 35 Break off from a mother's milk
  - 36 "Misérables"
  - 37 Roman wrap
  - 38 Like some stocks, for short
  - 39 Vaudeville bit
  - 41 Key of Chopin's "Piano Concerto No. 2"
  - 43 1980's sitcom
  - 46 Spy Aldrich
  - 47 It doesn't look good
  - 51 Little piggy that went to market?
  - 54 Muscat's land
- DOWN**
- 1 Extraterrestrial realm
  - 2 With 6-Down, Citizen Kane portrayer
  - 3 Sound of a spring
  - 4 Coppertone no.
  - 5 Keep out of the rain
  - 6 See 2-Down
  - 7 \_\_\_ of Wight
  - 8 Foxy
  - 9 Faded star
  - 10 "Shake \_\_\_!"
  - 11 Foreshadow
  - 12 47-Across, literally
  - 15 Prison-related
  - 18 Luau dances
  - 20 Bluenose
  - 23 Like, with "to"
  - 24 Slant
  - 26 Iota preceder
  - 27 Its pride is its pride
  - 28 Thus
  - 29 Two semesters
  - 55 Phone transmission
  - 56 "Love Story" actress
  - 58 Wind instrument
  - 59 Severe sentence
  - 60 Boxing site
  - 61 Transylvanian lab assistant?
  - 62 Came across
  - 63 Dull, as text
  - 64 Shut (up)



Puzzle by Philip Lew

- 30 Friendly "Star Wars" creature
  - 31 Cheese from sheep's milk
  - 32 It's true
  - 36 Box tops
  - 37 20-20 and 7-up
  - 39 Pago Pago site
  - 40 Patella
  - 41 Abandon the nest
  - 42 Bearing
  - 44 Words on a Wonderland cake
  - 45 Noted French auto race
  - 48 Mature
  - 49 Kept going and going and ...
  - 50 Exercise
  - 51 Pain soother
  - 52 Tennis's Nastase
  - 53 Present
  - 54 Nabisco cookie
  - 57 Dog's warning
  - 58 Bigwig
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Thomas Hulce, Don King, Janine Turner, Steven Wright, Dave Brubeck, Wally Cox

**Happy Birthday:** Get moving and don't look back. Your creative ideas need to be given a chance. Finish what you start and you won't be sorry. Take the initiative and make the changes you've been contemplating. You will have to be well-organized and precise in all that you do to make the most of your time this year. Your numbers: 3, 19, 24, 31, 36, 43

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** It's best to take work home. You will find that someone you live with may not be too pleased, but you really can't do anything about it if you want a few extra days off during Christmas break.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Private discussions regarding money or ideas will be favored today. You should be putting money into long-term investments for future use or to ensure security in years to come.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your emotions will not be that easy to control. New love interests will be intense but rewarding. Look into unusual forms of entertainment if you wish to dazzle your new companion.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get trivial matters out of the way. Deal with agencies and institutions that can update your personal documents. Partnerships will be exceptionally good if you pamper your mate.

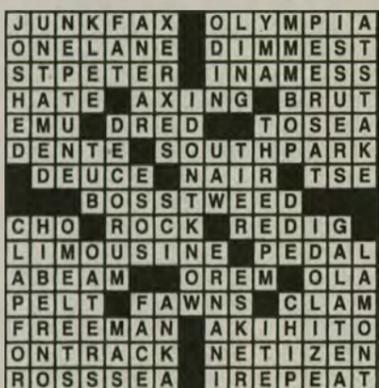
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You're all booked up. Don't make social promises that you can't possibly keep. You need to spend some time with the youngsters in your family.

**Birthday Baby:** You are outgoing, versatile and eager to be where the action is. Your zest for life and carefree spirit will be envied by those you encounter throughout your life. You're bright, cheerful and always ready to pursue new territory.

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# SPORTS

The Ruth, the Ruth, the Ruth is on fire  
Ruth Riley and the Irish women's basketball team won the Wachovia Invitational Tournament this weekend.  
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## HOCKEY

# Irish split two games with fifth-ranked Spartans

By MATT OLIVA  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's weekend series against Michigan State marked a crucial point in the Irish schedule. Two games against the league leader would determine whether the Irish would climb up in the CCHA standings or fall further. It was a home-and-home series between a Spartan team that was 11-4-0 (10-2-0 CCHA), ranked fifth in the country, but losers in three of their last four games, and a Notre Dame team that improved its record to 5-7-2 (3-5-2 CCHA) after a slow start, but had not defeated Michigan State at home in their last 10 meetings.

The Irish came out of the weekend with two points, winning the first game at home on Saturday night, before traveling to East Lansing for Sunday night's game. The Irish dropped the second game to the Spartans 4-1. The win on Saturday was the team's second strong showing versus a nationally-ranked opponent in the last eight days, after a hard-fought battle in a 2-1 loss at current No. 4 New Hampshire on Nov. 27.

Saturday night the Irish defeated Michigan State 1-0, on a third-period goal by junior right wing Ryan Dolder. The goal came at the 14 minutes, 56 seconds into the period, when Notre Dame defenseman Ryan Clark's fired a shot that was deflected toward the front of the net. Dolder then beat Spartan goaltender Ryan Miller for his third goal of the season, giving the Irish the lead with five minutes left in the game. Brett Henning and Clark were credited with the assist on the game-winner.

Michigan State made it close in the last five



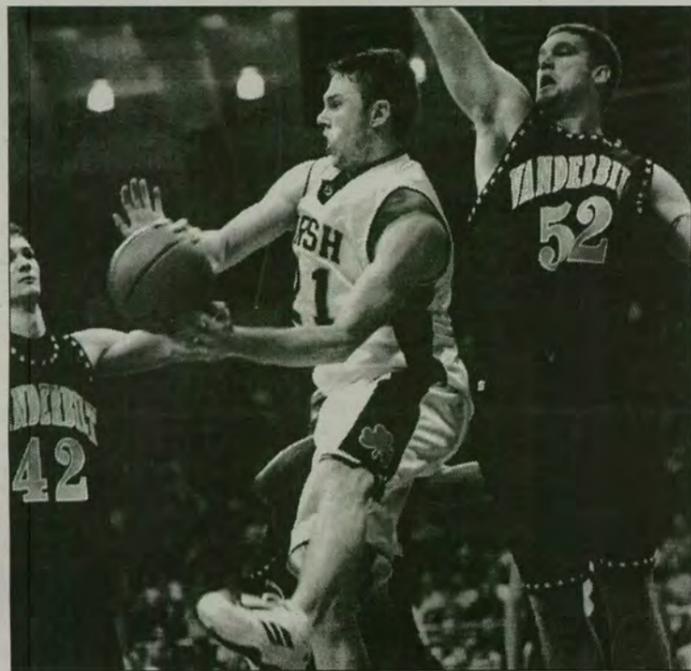
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Irish left wing Jay Kopischke(right) earned his third career goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 loss to Michigan State on Sunday.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Vanderbilt pulls away from Notre Dame in overtime



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Senior guard Jimmy Dillon and the Irish men's basketball team lost their second straight overtime game to Vanderbilt, 87-85.

By BRIAN KESSLER  
Sports Editor

With 22.8 seconds left in overtime, sophomore Troy Murphy stood at half court with his hands on his head in disbelief.

He scored on a put back that apparently gave the Irish an 84-83 lead. The announcer thought so, the fans thought so and so did Murphy. The one problem?

The refs didn't think so. After the crowd erupted and the Irish celebrated the basket, the referees called Murphy for a charge and Vanderbilt took over.

"I thought it was and one [additional foul shot]," Murphy said following Notre Dame's 87-85 loss to Vanderbilt. "You can tell as a player when a call is close or something, when it can go either way, so you check the

*"I was [fouled on the first shot] ... I thought it was an interesting call."*

**Troy Murphy**  
Irish forward

ref. But I didn't feel it was a close call. I thought it was and one and I was getting ready to shoot a free throw.

"[It was] unbelievable," Murphy continued. "It should have been a no call, if anything."

Murphy got the no call on the play before. He pump faked in the lane, got his defender in the air, leaned in and missed the shot. The ref didn't blow his whistle, but when Murphy got his own rebound and scored, the whistle blew.

"I was [fouled on the first shot]," Murphy said. "That's what I initially tried to do. I

tried to pump fake and lean in and get the foul. That obviously didn't go. And then I got the rebound and I was under the basket and he thought it was a charge. It was an interesting call."

Following the call, the Commodores' Dan Langhi fouled and made two free throws to give Vandy an 85-82 lead. Murphy had a chance to tie it, but his three point attempt missed and Vanderbilt went on to win. It was Notre Dame's second straight overtime game and for the second straight time, the Irish faced defeat.

"Our kids did lay it on the line, but we came up short," head coach Matt Doherty said. "The best thing is our kids hurt. They hurt. There's tears in here and that's great. I'm more excited about this team right now than I have been since our game at Ohio State."

The Irish struggled early and

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



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at LSU  
Wednesday, All Day



vs. Massachusetts  
Friday, 7:05 p.m.