Merry Christmas!

The Observer staff would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. The next issue will be Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2000.

Appeal Denied

D. H. Fleenor's request for a stay of execution was denied by a federal judge.

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Jubilee 2000 offers giving and forgiving

◆ Catholic Church sets example of forgiveness for world powers

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

While the new millennium may find many people prepared for the worst, a number of devoted students and faculty on Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses will mark the Great Jubilee with celebration and reconciliation.

The Jubilee concept dates back to the days of the Old Testament, when every 50 years was called a Jubilee Year. Under this tradition, crops were not harvested for the entire year, debts were forgiven and slaves and prisoners were released. Jubilee celebrations also included a feast and property returns to previous owners.

The Catholic Church revived Jubilee celebrations in 1300. The upcoming Great Jubilee year in particular will reflect many of the same ideas practiced by the Hebrews of the Old Testament.

According to Frank Santoni, coordinator of special projects for Campus Ministry, the year 2000 Jubilee will focus on four main themes: letting the land lie fallow, answering the call to forgiveness, holding a great Eucharistic feast and proclaiming liberty and freedom.

President Bill Clinton announced that the United States will forgive all debt owed by 36 of the world's

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KATIE MILLER/The Observer

"Some people feel part of the power of the labyrinth is that it contains energies from the past and the present, propelling us into the future," said Sister Marilyn Zugish of Saint Mary's rock garden.

◆ Saint Mary's gives millennium gift to South Bend community

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

The ringing of wind chimes echoes through the trees bordering the labyrinth built by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in a quiet place next to Dalloway's.

This new addition to the Saint Mary's campus offers students and members of the South Bend community a place of solitude and reflection as the new millennium approaches.

Releasing, illumination and union are the three steps to walking a labyrinth according to a sign near the entrance. Built as a celebration for the Jubilee 2000, the labyrinth consists of white stepping stones in the shape of the "seven-circuit labyrinth" and surrounded by darker rocks.

"There's lots of symbolism to the seven [in the labyrinth]," said Sister Marilyn Zugish. "There's seven energy centers in the body and seven spheres in the universe according to the ancients."

"Some people feel part of the power of the labyrinth is that it contains energies from the past and the present, propelling us into the future."

The "seven-circuit labyrinth" is the most common and ancient of labyrinth patterns. Unlike a maze, there are no dead ends in a labyrinth, allowing the user to think with an intuitive mind rather than the thinking mind — allowing time for reflection.

"When you are walking into the center of the labyrinth, you might be thinking, 'What do I need to let go of?' And then you let go of it [in the center of the labyrinth] and see if there are any new feelings. And when you walk out, it's kind of like getting committed to doing what you need to do," said Zugish.

When used as a spiritual tool, the labyrinth can open users to healing and growth.

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FACULTY SENATE

Members support Observer, affirmative action policy

MARY CALASH/The Observer

A member of Faculty Senate discusses recent Observer ad issues and affirmative action hiring policies Tuesday.

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate passed resolutions dealing with The Observer advertising policy and affirmative action in faculty hiring at its Wednesday meeting.

The Executive Committee proposed a resolution in support of The Observer's editorial board in its decision to publish the ad submitted by OUTreach ND in the Nov. 19 edition.

The resolution commended The Observer for printing the OUTreach ND ad which "fits the editorial policy of The Observer," and it expressed the senate's "complete solidarity with the relevant policy and action of the editorial board of The Observer."

After debate on wording of the resolution, the resolution passed 31 votes in favor and one vote against.

The second resolution proposed by the Executive Committee called for an affirmative action plan in hiring to increase diversity at the University.

The resolution asked "the administration to develop [an affirmative action in faculty hiring] plan ... if one does not already exist; to publish the new or existing plan in the Notre Dame report."

Ava Preacher clarified the meaning of the resolution, referring to the Accreditation Report that the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools wrote when they evaluated the University in 1994.

In the evaluation, the group reported a need for the University to develop an affirmative action plan to show their commitment to increasing diversity.

According to the report, "The University should develop and implement a plan for filling the projected new 150 faculty positions that is sensitive and responsive to ethnicity and gender concerns. The absence of such a plan or an affirmative action office questions the seriousness of the [University's] commitment to increasing faculty diversity."

The Faculty Senate passed the resolution by a 29-to-three vote.

Inside Column

Choose wisely

Life is full of choices. More than just a clever catch phrase for beer posters and T-shirts, the motto makes a lot of sense.

Whether it's deciding to wear plaid or stripes, shower or not shower, we make important decisions every day. While some decisions have bigger implications than others (everyone knows one must choose carefully in the dining hall), these choices affect our lives on both a daily and long-term basis.

Christine Kraly

associate news editor

Take, for example, one's choice to not do one's homework: short-term effects include relaxation, napping, possibly even a seeing a movie or two; long-term effects include guilt, homework build-up and lowered grades. Did this student choose wisely? Who knows?

Choices in one's life are made solely on one's innermost desires and feelings. Whether moved by want or even guilt, life's decisions represent a person's whole character. In that respect, how can any choice be wrong?

I've questioned my choices a lot this semester. From first applying to study in Washington, D.C., next semester, to writing an antagonistic column criticizing the University, my decisions have often been based upon passion and emotion, not reason.

Never once, though, have I regretted anything I've done. Because of my actions, I will spend a full semester in one of the most (if not the most) influential cities in the world, and I've met some of the most helpful people at the University.

Everything hasn't gone smoothly, though. Every move in life has repercussions, and I will have to face mine for choosing to study in

Washington next semester. I won't see my friends now abroad for another semester. I can't celebrate with my parents and my friends' parents at Junior Parents' Weekend (an event I'd been looking forward to for a long time). And I'll have to give up a work position next year that I've lusted after for months.

I can't count how many times I've asked myself, Idiot, why are you going away?

There's so much I'll be missing and so much I had planned for next year that will inevitably fall through. Life truly is full of hard choices. I had never really believed in the motto until now.

The difference between choosing wisely and not is in what you use to make your decision.

My roommate has recently encountered a moral dilemma: relax and let loose after a very long, very strenuous semester, or protest the death penalty.

Her heart and mind are at odds, each one fighting its respective cause.

"I should go," she says, noting how much she is against capital punishment. "But I do want to go out." Her heart jumps into the debate. "What should I do?" she asks me, an anxious look of confusion on her face.

My response to these problems is always the same: do what you want to do, not what you feel you have to do.

Life is entirely too short to dissect every move, every word, every thought. What will we have left?

What will my roommate do? Her head and heart are still at war. What I tell her is to not live in regret. It is the worst sin one can commit.

So choose wisely. Let your mind rest and your heart take over. It's the best decision you'll ever make.

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

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This Week in South Bend

Wednesday
◆ **Musical:** "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;" Ramada Wagon Wheel Theater; 8 p.m.

Thursday
◆ **Art Exhibit:** "Bygones;" images and photographs by Ryan Flatau; Monroe Museum; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
◆ **Concert:** Grace Community Wind Ensemble; Rodeheaver Auditorium; 7:30 p.m.

Friday
◆ **Play:** "Miracle on 34th Street;" Osceola Players; Battell Community Center; 8 p.m.
◆ **Exhibit:** "International Trees;" Northern Indiana Center for History; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday
◆ **Christmas Open House:** Farmer's Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
◆ **Play:** "Cinderella;" Footlight Players; Footlight Theater; 8 p.m.

Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

MIT questions use of dorm funds for strippers

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Should residents of a dormitory be forced to fund activities to which they might object?

Reflecting national discussion over funding in American universities, residents of East Campus raised this question following a stripper party held in Talbot Lounge in November.

Under East Campus' social program, each of the dorm's ten floors is asked to host a party in Talbot Lounge during the term. Each floor receives funds collected from East Campus's mandatory house tax.

Funds are allocated by the East Campus house government.

East Campus's Second West floor took its turn hosting on Friday, Nov. 19. Members of Second West, continuing a hall tradition, decided to rent strippers for the party. Benjamin O'Connor, former chairman of Second West, stated that, although support for the party was not unanimous, "it was a foregone conclusion that [the stripper party] was going to happen."

A total of four female strippers were present at the party.

Segments of the audience were uncomfortable with the intensity of the strippers' performance. "[The strippers] were a little more hardcore than I expected," said Kristin Raven, a Second West resident.

Other party attendees who declined to be named said that the show was more intense than in prior years.

Defenders of the party stated that every hall at East Campus has the right to use its apportioned money in the way it chooses. Jennifer Frank, president of East Campus and the Dormitory Council, argued that the advantage of East Campus's social program is that each hall has autonomy to decide what type of party it will hold, exposing the entire dormitory to the diversity of its residents.

Mary Ann Rasku objected to having a portion of her house tax fund the strippers.

"I don't think stripping should be outlawed. I just think [Second West] should go off-campus and use their own money," said Rasku.

U of Montana buildings inaccessible

MISSOULA, Mont.

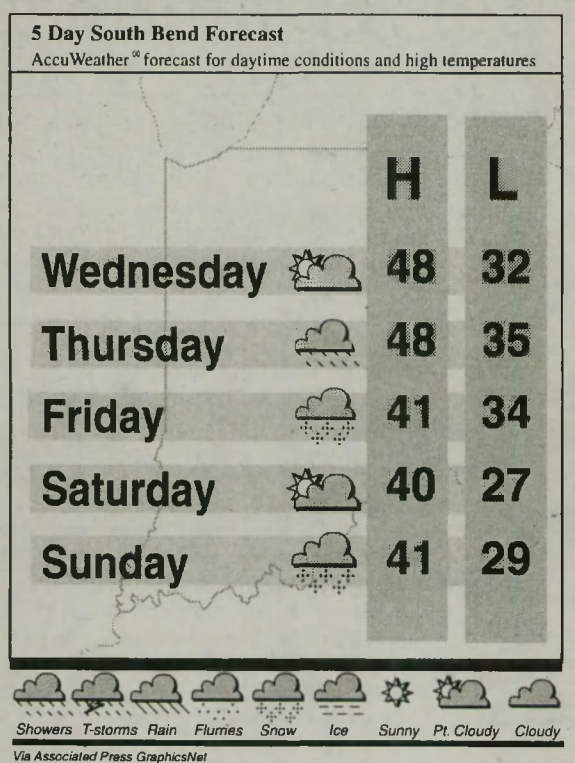
Disabled students still can't get into some University of Montana buildings despite a federal law passed a decade ago requiring all university classes and programs to be accessible to all registered students. UM's transition to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act suffered a major setback when funding was cut out of UM's budget last spring, leaving the university with no way to correct the accessibility problems for two years, said Jim Marks, Disability Services for Students director. The ADA, passed in 1990, requires that all public institutions and businesses make their programs and services accessible to disabled people. The university asked for $2 million to fund accessibility projects, but the money was cut by the Legislature, Marks said. Marks estimated that making the entire campus accessible would cost $6-7 million. "UM and the Montana University System did the right thing asking for money and the government and the Legislature turned their backs on it," Marks said. "We funded the highest priorities that we could with what we had," said Erik Burke, governor's policy adviser on education and labor.

Michigan pledge injured by BB gun

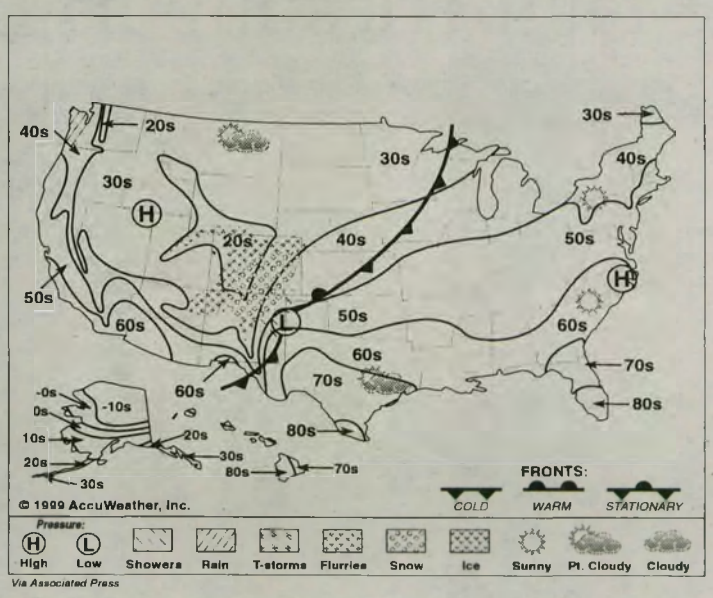
ANN ARBOR, Mich.

A first-year student and Alpha Epsilon Pi pledge is awaiting surgery after another fraternity member allegedly shot him in the groin with a BB gun Monday morning. The University of Michigan placed the local chapter on immediate suspension to investigate what university officials are calling a "possible hazing" incident. The 19-year-old student, whose name has not been released, is in fair condition at University Hospitals and is scheduled to undergo surgery today. The accident was an apparent pledge activity gone awry. A person at the fraternity called the Ann Arbor Police Department at about 12:30 a.m. to report the incident. Shortly after, the student was transported to the hospital by fraternity members, said AAPD Sergeant Michael Logghe, who is investigating the case. "Evidently they were taking a Crossman pump-type BB gun and shooting it at the groin area" of pledges," Logghe said. According to Logghe the shooter claimed he had checked the gun and found it to be empty. The gun had been fired at six other pledges before the student was shot. "There was evidently a BB lodged somewhere in the gun," Logghe said.

Local Weather



National Weather



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Students bring art to local elementary school students

ERIN LARUFFA/The Observer

A Notre Dame student gets creative with a St. Adalbert student. A Notre Dame art class visits the school weekly to share knowledge with first through eigth graders.

By ERIN LARUFFA
News Writer

On Wednesday afternoon, the halls of the St. Adalbert Catholic grade school in South Bend will become an art gallery.

A display will feature pieces the school's students created with help from Notre Dame art theory and design students this semester. The undergrads, taught by professor Catherine Poole, worked every Friday afternoon with first through eighth graders

"You see kids who never get the opportunity to have art ... It gives them another opportunity to express themselves," said junior Tom Hall, one of Poole's students. "I love it."

The class taught a simpler version of what they learned in class.

"When [my students] know they're going to be teaching, it changes their whole approach to learning," Poole said.

"You see kids who never get the opportunity to have art ... It gives them another opportunity to express themselves."

Catherine Poole
professor

The project began after Catholic Charities called the Center for Social Concerns looking for an art teacher for St. Adalbert. The CSC contacted Poole, who participated in service-learning in the past.

"The youngsters eat it up," said Sister Dian Majsterek, principal of the school. "It provides a wonderful kind of chaos and confusion."

She added that her school's students benefit from contact with college-age role models.

"They're fun," third-grader Sairah Bottom said. "They teach us a lot of things we didn't know about in art."

The college students also enjoyed volunteering.

"It's a nice change from just being in a class," said sophomore Elisabeth Parker.

The service experience was so popular that it attracted volunteers from outside the class.

"I love it. When I first heard about it, I was really intrigued," said Andrea Rossigno, a Notre Dame senior who is not in the art class but wanted to volunteer. "It really makes [the children's] week."

The Notre Dame students create their own projects to do with the children. Projects ranged from tie-dyed shirts and windsocks to still life drawings and self-portraits. The children also created ornaments for Christmas trees at Frank's Nursery on Grape Road.

Although last week was the final session for the current design class, students taking the course next semester will also teach at St. Adalbert.

Participation in the service-learning project constitutes one-third of each college student's grade, said Poole.

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SUB movies to change location in January

Observer Staff Report

Movies sponsored by Student Union Board will be shown in 101 DeBartolo rather than in Cushing Auditorium beginning next semester, said Joe Schellinger, director of Academic Space Management.

The movie venue will relocate because of Cushing renovation. The auditorium will be turned into a multi-disciplinary learning center for the College of Engineering, Schellinger said.

"We're excited because DeBartolo 101 is a very nice room," Schellinger said, noting that the room's stadium seating will make viewing easier for moviegoers.

The first showing in DeBartolo is at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20.

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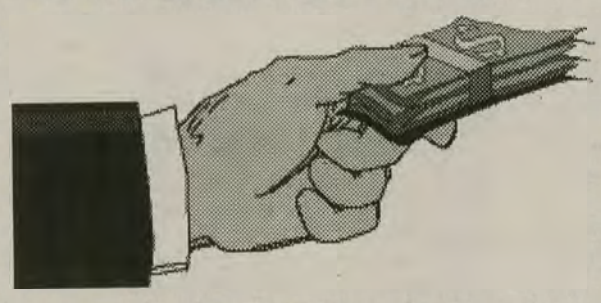

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"OH HEY, BAILEY"

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DONKEY"

SUB: Small turnout exemplifies problem of student apathy

MARY CALASH/The Observer

Members of the small audience entertain themselves while they wait for the SUB forum to convene. The forum was intended to discuss event programming on campus.

By ERICA THESING
Associate News Writer

In a sparsely attended open forum last night, Student Union Board members spoke on the challenges of getting campus participation in their events.

The forum, which SUB intended as a dialogue about programming concerns, drew little participation from students.

"This is exactly the type of apathy we come up against all the time. We try to do things for the students and only a few show up," said Ross Kerr, SUB manager.

The few students who did attend were generally supportive of SUB's efforts to plan campus events. They praised SUB and blamed low attendance on their apathetic classmates.

Sophomore Julie Perla said the apathy stems from a lack of diversity. She noted that Notre Dame students seem hesitant to try new things.

"I really think it's a problem with the student body," she said. "There's definitely a lack of open-mindedness on this campus."

The programmers seemed frustrated that their efforts go unnoticed by the majority of their peers. As Kerr explained, the board exists to provide an education outside the classroom. He said that Cowboy Mouth, whose concert generated little interest at Notre Dame, played for a sell-out crowd at Princeton University the following night.

"It doesn't make any sense," said Kerr, who has been involved with SUB for four years.

He said the apathy is nothing new. "It goes in waves, but it's a general apathy," he said. "We're doing everything we can to combat it."

He was not surprised by the small attendance Tuesday night.

"It was an opportunity for the student body to come and let us know what they think," Kerr said. "By them not doing that, that says a lot to me."

Kerr and Clare Pistey, director of programming for SUB, urged students to contact them via phone or e-mail with suggestions for increasing participation. Meanwhile, they plan to continue with their programming efforts.

"We'll go with what we do best," Kerr said.

Church

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poorest countries, Santoni said. The announcement came in part from pressure by churches, international organizations and a call by Pope John II for international debt relief.

"Restoring justice and participating in acts of forgiveness are key Jubilee themes," said Keith Egan, professor of theology at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. "The pope has called upon wealthy nations to forgive the crushing international debts that plague many third world countries."

Egan noted that John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter, "On the Coming of the Third Millennium," which theology faculty and students have studied in preparation for the new year, Egan said.

"Jesus has come to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, sight to the blind [and] freedom to the oppressed," said Egan.

Notre Dame began on-campus activities in preparation for the Great Jubilee last spring. A special Holy Year Door was designated at the Basilica. The door, at a side, front entrance of the Basilica, is locked and will not be opened until a special ceremony on Christmas Eve.

The door stands as a symbol of Christ, who is the portal to eternal life, said Father Peter Rocca, rector of Sacred Heart Basilica, Those celebrating the Great Jubilee, he said, should use their experience in conjunction with prayer, confession, celebration of the Eucharist and works of charity.

At Saint Mary's, the main door at Le Mans Hall, which also acts as a Holy Year Door, has remained sealed since last fall. Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred believes Saint Mary's students are called to become Jubilee women and has promoted the notion since her arrival at the College more than two years ago.

"Restoring justice and participating in acts of forgiveness are key Jubilee themes."

Keith Egan
theology professor

Campus groups including ND Right to Life, Global Health Initiative and Pax Christi have worked with Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns to plan various events leading up to and during the Jubilee year.

"The year 2000 is not just another year on the calendar like any other," Santoni said. "It's a special chance to re-energize our faith lives and celebrate the love God has for each of us through existing relationships ... and through new ones with those in need."

Santoni said prayer services, rallies and social action campaigns will occur through out the spring and fall semesters of 2000.

"[The] Jubilee is about ... restoring your view to a final end," said Pax Christi member and Notre Dame student Sheila McCarthy, who emphasized the role of the Jubilee in restoring relationships and overcoming apathy toward problems that face humanity.

More details about the Great Jubilee and how the Catholic Church is celebrating it can be found at *www.nccbuscc.org/jubilee* , which provides online information from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference.

Security will store bikes, valuables for students

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security/Police is offering free storage to off-campus students over Christmas break.

Students can bring items such as televisions, laptop computers and VCRs to the Campus Security building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Valuables will be stored in a locked and alarmed room during the break.

Local police departments also offer a Vacation Home Watch service. Officers make periodic checks of houses for signs of foul play.

If their house will be completely unoccupied during the break, off-campus students can call the department with jurisdiction in their area. South Bend, St. Joseph and Mishawaka Police all offer this service.

All students also can store their bicycles with Campus Security during the break. Bikes can be deposited at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium on from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Students can reclaim their bikes any time, either at the end of break or when the weather warms up.

Labyrinth

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according to the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

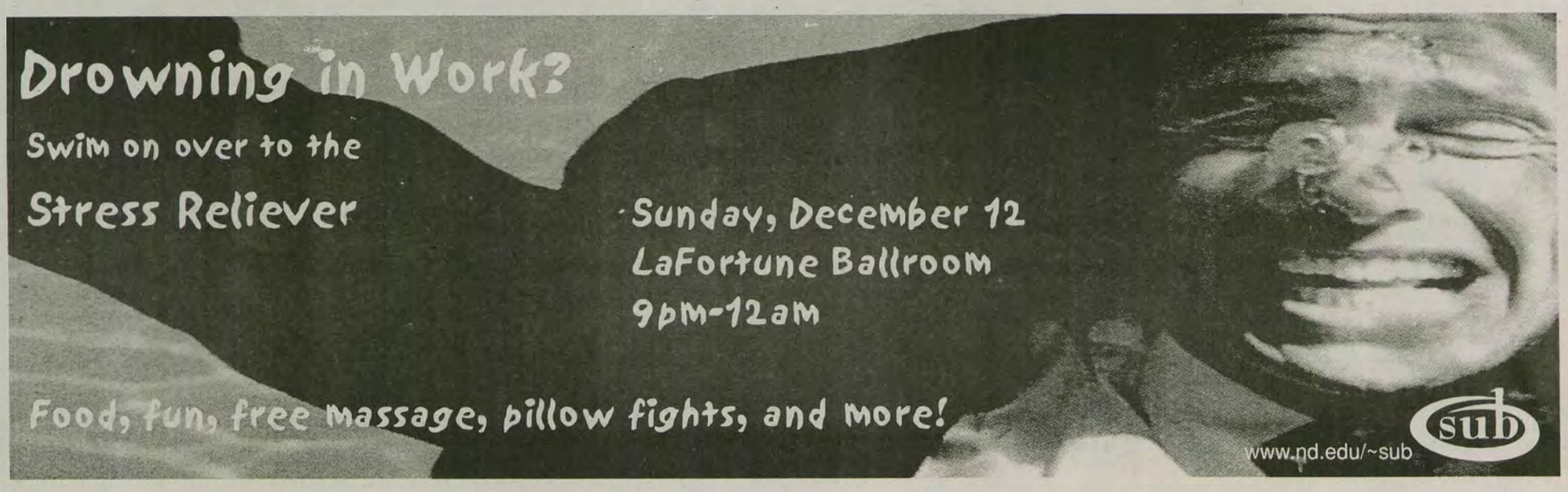
The Sisters of the Holy Cross encourage labyrinth visitors to choose a personal style to explore the labyrinth.

"Some people skip, run, move very slowly and others listen to music," said Zugish.

The labyrinth was finished July 1, and since its completion it has been in constant use for those seeking reflection in nature. By next week, finger labyrinths for those incapable of walking the labyrinth will be ready for use at the site of the labyrinth.

The Holy Cross sisters have been continually improving the area around the labyrinth.

"We're hoping to plant more flowering trees to make this a spot of beauty," said Zugish. "It's our millennium gift to the people of South Bend."



WorldNation

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Sistine Chapel renovations near completion

VATICAN CITY

The Vatican completes its two-decade restoration of the Sistine Chapel on Saturday with the dedication of newly bright frescoes created by Botticelli and his peers more than five centuries ago. Pope John Paul II will preside over the service celebrating the restoration of the frescoes, scenes from the lives of Jesus and Moses that line the chapel walls beneath the better-known frescoes by Michelangelo overhead. In a preview tour of the chapel last week, it was apparent that cleaning and patching have given the wall frescoes the depth, color and detail of the earlier-restored Michelangelos.

Germany re-elects Schroeder

BERLIN

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder rallied his governing Social Democrats behind his course of cautious modernization Tuesday, winning re-election as their leader in an unexpectedly strong vote of confidence at a party convention. Visibly relieved, Schroeder declared "the start of a real upswing for our party" after struggling for months to convince the Social Democrats and much of the nation of the need for trimming Germany's cushy welfare state. The three-day convention that opened Tuesday is designed to point Germany's oldest party toward the new millennium and help lift Schroeder's popularity out of a recent slump. Running unopposed, Schroeder won 86 percent of the votes from 500 delegates — a vast improvement over 76 percent he polled when he was elected chairman in April. Ahead of the vote, he pleaded for unity in a 1 1/2-hour convention speech.

Japan seeks death penalty for sarin bombers

TOKYO

Prosecutors sought the death penalty on Tuesday for two doomsday cult leaders accused of spraying nerve gas in a deadly attack on Tokyo's subways, an official said. Toru Toyoda, 31, and Kenichi Hirose, 35, are on trial along with Aum Shinri Kyo guru Shoko Asahara and other cult members in the 1995 rush-hour assault on a subway station in Tokyo's government district. The sarin attack killed 12 people and sickened thousands. Prosecutors sought life imprisonment for the cult's driver in the attack, Shigeo Sugimoto, 40, said a spokesman for the Tokyo District Court who only gave only his surname, Kashima. National broadcaster NHK reported that prosecutors said Toyoda and Hirose deserved death because they participated directly, while Sugimoto had a lesser role.

Market Watch: 12/7

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AFP Photo

Personnel at the Mars Polar Lander command center hear from controllers that no signal has been detected in the latest attempt to communicate with the unmanned spacecraft Tuesday. NASA has been unable to make contact with the Lander since its planned touchdown on the Red Planet Friday.

NASA pledges Mars investigation

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.

NASA abandoned any real hope Tuesday for the missing-in-action Mars Polar Lander and promised to investigate every aspect of the failed mission and delay future expeditions to the Red Planet if necessary.

The last, best chance to make radio contact with the spacecraft yielded only silence early Tuesday. A somber Richard Cook, the spacecraft's operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said the flight team had "played its last ace."

NASA said it will undertake a complete review of its ambitious Mars program, which has now lost three spacecraft since 1993 — two of them in back-to-back failures over the past three months.

"Clearly something is wrong, and we have to understand it," NASA Administrator Dan Goldin said. "It is conceivable that we will completely change our approach."

Critics have accused the space agency of trying to do too much with too little money with its "faster, better, cheaper" approach to spaceflight, in which smaller, less expensive probes are launched more often than in the past.

NASA officials agreed Tuesday that goals may be too high, but they stopped short of saying they would seek more funding.

"The thing we will not do is use this as an excuse to have a raid on the federal government," Goldin said.

Mars Polar Lander was on a mission to study the atmosphere and search for water, which could help scientists determine whether life ever existed on Mars. But NASA hasn't heard from the spacecraft since it attempted to land on Red Planet on Friday.

Over four days and six opportunities to make contact, NASA methodically eliminated possibilities that would explain the lander's silence, including a mispointed antenna or a computer reset.

Among other possibilities: It crashed, burned up in the atmosphere, or was doomed by landing in a bad spot on the Martian soil.

Efforts to reach it will continue for about two weeks, but no answer is expected.

A NASA failure review board will be asked to explore whether enough was known about the landing site, if the spacecraft was adequately designed and whether NASA had enough money to achieve its goals.

The investigation could delay the next mission to Mars, which is now scheduled for 2001.

Mars Surveyor 2001, consisting of an orbiter and lander, is similar to the Polar Lander and the also-lost Mars Climate Orbiter.

"Everything is on the table, and we're not going to just go rushing off, build a spacecraft just to meet an arbitrary deadline," Goldin told The Associated Press.

RUSSIA

Grozny residents hide from soldiers

Associated Press

ACHKOI-MARTAN

Hiding in basements, terrified residents of Grozny on Tuesday remained mostly unaware of Russia's ultimatum to flee or risk being killed by a massive attack on the Chechen capital this weekend.

Many civilians in Grozny have been too scared to venture outside amid the current relentless Russian bombing, so many have not seen the leaflets dropped by Russian planes Monday carrying the threat of the air and artillery assault set to begin Saturday. Strong winds also reportedly whisked many of the leaflets away.

While word of the ultimatum reached world capitals and provoked outrage in the West, Grozny's residents have no access to news coverage about the threat, as the shelling has wiped out television and radio transmitters.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin brushed off the foreign criticism, saying calls for restraint by President Clinton and other leaders were "prompted by kind intentions."

Moscow announced Monday that it would open a safe corridor for civilians to flee Grozny, but jets bombed the city Tuesday, making it dangerous to move. There was no confirmation whether a safe corridor existed.

Associated Press Television footage showed a trickle of people — mostly women, mostly on foot — leaving the city. Russian riot troops checked documents and frisked the men. A hunched woman carried a bundled child on her back.

Clinton, European Union foreign ministers and the United Nations refugee agency criticized the Russian plans for Grozny, saying they would seriously taint Russia's image abroad and risk civilian lives.

"Russia will pay a heavy price for those actions, with each passing day, sinking more deeply into a morass that will intensify extremism and diminish its own standing in the world," Clinton said Monday.

Notre Dame recognized for service in Templeton guide

◆ Exclusive list commends the University's service commitment

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

On the 10th anniversary of "The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development," the foundation has again recognized Notre Dame, this time with five citations for excellence.

Overall institutional distinction, presidential leadership, the Academic Code of Honor, the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) were all mentioned for programming excellence.

"We are quite pleased about this continuing distinction for the University," said University spokesman Dennis Brown. "We think it says a lot about what the University tries to do, that is, provide the student body with an education that is based in large part on issues of character and goes beyond the books."

Notre Dame's mission aligns well with that of the Templeton Foundation. Arthur Schwartz, director of Character Development Programs at the foundation, explained, "With the Templeton Guide, we hope to help prospective college students and their parents who want to know what colleges are doing to promote the core values of honesty, self-control, respect and service to the less fortunate. The Templeton Guide identifies colleges that encourage students to understand the importance of civic responsibility, which will help them succeed in college and beyond.

"The Templeton Award elevates our program as a model program across the country."

Stuart Green
English professor

"[Father Edward Malloy] and Notre Dame's work in this area is most impressive ... a model for colleges and universities nationwide," Schwartz continued.

In fact, Notre Dame was one of only 20 universities to be honored both institutionally on the Templeton Honor Roll and for the quality of its presidential leadership, a new criterion on this year's evaluation.

Malloy was recognized for his continued dedication to teaching throughout his presidency and for his campus-wide presence as a resident of Sorin Hall and as a celebrant at not only Basilica Masses but at dorm Masses as well. Malloy's national leadership was also noted by his work to combat substance abuse and promote service learning.

Representatives of the three honored programs — CSC, ACE and the Academic Code of Honor — were also pleased to be acclaimed by the foundation.

The Templeton Guide called the CSC "a living model of Gospel values and Catholic social teachings through education experiences."

Jim Paladino, associate director of CSC credited the students for the honor. "We are obviously very pleased to be acknowledged. This award affirms the fact that the students here at Notre Dame take an exceptional look at poverty and injustice. They don't just consider charitable giving, but they really try to make and impact and change systems."

Cited under the category of faculty and curriculum initiatives in the guide, ACE was praised as an innovative teacher-training program that is "shaping talented new leaders for the future of education." John Staud, director of ACE, said, "We are thrilled to be honored in such distinguished company. I think that just to be recognized nationally like this may help our recruiting, [because] now we are on the radar screen as a recognized name. This can only help as we continue to try to make a national impact."

The Academic Honor Code program has already felt that impact.

"This is a special honor because the Templeton Award elevates our program as a model program across the country," explained Stuart Green, associate professor of English and a member of the Honor Code roster.

"I think it's this kind of notoriety that has led to a number of different institutions contacting us about our Honor Code program. It's a good affirmation of what we are trying to do here."

In addition to these individual citations, Notre Dame's First Year of Studies, Campus Ministry, Alcohol and Drug Education Office, Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and Erasmus Institute were featured on the Templeton Honor Roll.

Security Beat

Minor in possession/consumption
Friday, Dec. 3
11:30 p.m. Security issued a University citation to a Pasquerilla West resident for minor in consumption of alcohol.

Saturday, Dec. 4
4:04 a.m. Security issued a University citation to a Keenan Hall resident for minor in possession of alcohol.

6:28 a.m. Two Stanford Hall residents were issued University citations for minor in possession of alcohol.

Theft
Friday, Dec. 3
5:20 p.m. An off-campus student reported his car stereo stolen from his locked vehicle while it was parked in the C01 parking lot.

Saturday, Dec. 4
10:45 a.m. A visitor reported the theft of her purse from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

11:34 p.m. A University employee reported the theft of his wallet. The case is being investigated further.

Injuries
Sunday, Dec. 5
3:00 a.m. Security transported a Farley Hall resident to the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

4:48 p.m. A Lewis Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a knee injury.

Correction

In Tuesday's issue, the vigil before the execution was said to be Thursday, midnight to 1 a.m. The actual date and time for this event is Wednesday, 11 p.m. to 12 a.m.

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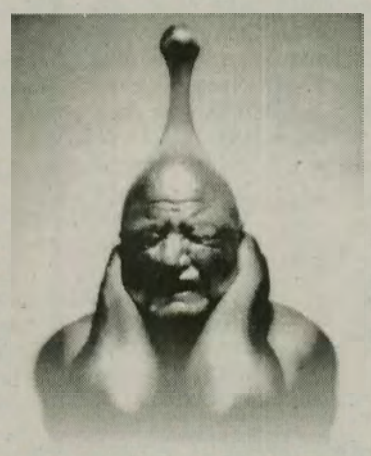

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Town baffled by school shooting

Associated Press

FORT GIBSON, Okla. A day after witnesses said a 13-year-old shot four schoolmates, friends and neighbors in this small rural town were baffled as to why a popular, church-going, honor-roll student would do such a thing.

He liked video games, touch football and his mom's cookies. He had a birthday party every year.

And yet, on Monday, the seventh-grader allegedly opened fire outside the Fort Gibson Middle School with the gun his father had bought a few years ago at a Wal-Mart. Four students were wounded, though none of their injuries was considered life-threatening. A fifth student was grazed by a bullet that ricocheted, police Chief Richard Slader said.

"He was always nice to everybody. He was real popular. You would never have known him to do anything like this," said Deania Pruitt, an eighth-grade cheerleader.

Authorities and the boy's lawyer have refused to release his name because of his age and because charges have not been filed, but schoolmates who witnessed the shooting identified the boy as Seth Trickey.

"He was a 'no sir, yes sir' kid," said Tina Mayo, who lives across the street with her 13-year-old son, Michael.

"We played football, Nintendo and hide and seek," Michael Mayo said of Seth's birthday party Friday night.

Most young witnesses said the boy didn't say anything during the shooting. But Justin Barnes told Tulsa TV station KOTV that the boy started yelling: "I'm crazy, I'm crazy." Sheriff's Lt. Tim Brown said, "To our knowledge the boy never said a word."

Police Chief Richard Slader said the boy fired at least 15 times outside the school before a science teacher pinned him against a wall, and had more ammunition available.

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>
> **Deania Pruitt**
> **classmate of Seth Trickey**

Authorities said they weren't aware of any previous trouble involving the teen, who attended church regularly. He didn't leave any notes, and his parents have refused to let him talk with police. Because of his age, police need permission to question Seth. Officers searched his home and several school lockers.

Shaila Benjamin said she rode the school bus with the boy. "He lived in a very nice, very pretty home. Lots of people liked him," she said.

Prosecution as a juvenile could lead to a sentence as harsh as incarceration until age 21 or as lenient as being returned to the custody of his parents with instructions to undergo treatment.

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Seattle police chief resigns

◆ Harshly criticized leader resigns after WTO protests

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Seattle's police chief announced his resignation Tuesday, becoming the first political casualty of the violent protests that disrupted the World Trade Organization conference.

Police Chief Norm Stamper had been harshly criticized by civic leaders, police officers and others for his handling of the demonstrations last week that cost downtown merchants nearly $20 million in lost sales and property damage. The protests got so out of hand that the National Guard was called in and a curfew was imposed.

Stamper, 54, said he had planned to announce his retirement in January but did so now in hopes of removing politics from the examination of what went wrong.

"He has not been in touch with the rank-and-file."

Mike Edwards
police union president

Mayor Paul Schell has also come under fire. But at a news conference with Stamper at his side, he repeated that he will not resign.

Stamper said he will cooperate in any investigation of the police department's role in dealing with the demonstrations. However, he declined to answer several questions Tuesday about the rioting.

He did say some accounts putting blame on him were inaccurate. "I don't accept the label of either victim or martyr," he said.

The mayor praised Stamper for his "sense of duty and sense of responsibility," and said he had tried to talk Stamper out of leaving when he was told of the chief's decision Sunday.

"I don't accept the label of either victim or martyr."

Norm Stamper
Seattle police chief

Stamper's resignation, which takes effect in March, also follows nearly nine months of turmoil over the integrity of the police internal investigations section. Relations between Stamper and Seattle's 1,200 uniformed officers have often been strained during his nearly six-year tenure.

"He has not been in touch with the rank-and-file," police union president Mike Edwards said. "His style is to not have a hands-on approach, and I think that has been a mistake."

Edwards said police officers lacked crowd-control equipment such as smoke grenades and tear gas last week, and found themselves on the streets for days with little food or rest.

Police critics have also said that tear gas and rubber bullets were fired indiscriminately and that innocent workers, shoppers and residents were swept up in the arrests of more than 500 people Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

No serious injuries, but downtown merchants have reported more than $2 million in property damage and $17 million in lost sales.

However, the police also had many supporters.

Hubert Locke, a criminal justice expert at the University of Washington, said police "had an impossible situation to begin with" during the WTO meeting. "The judgment of most people is that the police maintained, with some exceptions, a fairly professional stance," he said.

City Councilman Richard Conlin said he was on the streets last week and found that officers were acting responsibly. Conlin praised Stamper as a community-oriented chief who had improved relations with minorities.

Stamper also revealed in his letter of resignation to the mayor that because of the disorder, President Clinton nearly canceled his visit after months of calling the conference vital to U.S. free-trade interests.

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Auction house sells 25 Picasso paintings

◆ Pieces belonged to late fashion mogul Versace

By CAROLINE BYRNE
Associated Press

LONDON

In an unusual auction, 25 Pablo Picasso works owned by murdered fashion designer Gianni Versace were sold off Tuesday at a standing-room-only sale.

Pablo Picasso's "Young Girl with a Boat," featuring his eldest daughter Maya holding a model boat, sold for $5.98 million. The 1938 oil painting, bought by an anonymous telephone bidder, was the highlight of Sotheby's auction of drawings and oils by the Spanish artist.

"The market is very strong and people are prepared to pay top prices for highly collectable work."

Helena Newmann
Sotheby's auction house

Art lovers from around the world were lured to Sotheby's by the Picasso sale and a follow-up auction of impressionist paintings featuring Paul Cezanne's "Bouilloire et fruits," stolen in the United States in 1978 and recovered this year.

The Cezanne still life — a pewter pitcher and fruit painted at the height of the French impressionist's career — surpassed the individual Picasso works in price. It fetched $29 million, also paid by an anonymous telephone bidder.

The high price tags came on the heels of Sotheby's impressionist and modernist art sale in New York in November, which took in $242.6 million dollars over two days.

"The market is very strong and people are prepared to pay top prices for highly collectable work," said Helena Newman, Sotheby's senior director and specialist in impressionist and modernist art.

For collectors, the Versace auction had the dual appeal of buying a Picasso work that was owned by a famous collector and designer, Newman said.

Versace was killed in 1997 at his Mediterranean-style palazzo in Miami Beach. He was shot twice in the head by suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who later committed suicide.

The designer's art collection included five oils and 20 drawings from 1902 to the 1960s. His family sold the Picassos to trim an enormous estate, family spokesman Lou Colasuonno said.

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Judge denies stay of execution for death-row inmate

◆ Fleenor faces Indiana electric chair tonight

By MATT SLAGLE
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
A federal judge Tuesday rejected a bid to prevent the execution of condemned killer D.H. Fleenor, saying he is sane enough to die on schedule.

U.S. District Judge David Hamilton said in his ruling he lacked jurisdiction to decide the appeal lawyers from the Midwest Center for Justice filed without Fleenor's consent.

The petition asked Hamilton to stay the execution, appoint a psychiatrist to examine Fleenor and hold a hearing to determine whether he's mentally competent. The lawyers also asked to be granted next-friend status, which would allow them to appeal Fleenor's sentence on his behalf.

But Hamilton said the lawyers had not provided sufficient proof of Fleenor's insanity to justify a new look at the issue.

"Under the law, Fleenor is presumed sane, and there is no professional opinion to the contrary. A substantial volume of communications between Fleenor and the prison staff shows that Fleenor knows he is about to be executed and why," the judge wrote.

"We will continue to appeal his right to an independent psychologist at an evidentiary hearing in federal court."

Carol Heiss
Midwest Center for Justice

The Indiana Supreme Court rejected a similar petition Monday.

Lawyers from the center said they will appeal Hamilton's ruling to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago on Wednesday.

"We will continue to appeal his right to an independent psychologist at an evidentiary hearing in federal court," said Carol Heise, a lawyer at the center.

"Let's get to the bottom of it. We're not asking to prolong this thing forever. We're asking that no one should be executed without resolving these issues."

Barring a stay from a federal court, only Gov. Frank O'Bannon can stop Fleenor's scheduled execution early Thursday morning at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City.

"If the federal courts won't do it, by God, the governor ought to do it," said Heise. The governor refused to comment on the ruling until Wednesday, said spokeswoman Cheryl Reed.

Several members of the clergy, including Pope John Paul II, have asked him to commute Fleenor's sentence to life in prison without parole.

Bishop Dale Melczek of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gary said the pontiff appealed to O'Bannon by letter, as he did in 1997 when he asked the governor to grant clemency to Gary Burris. O'Bannon denied the request, and Burris was executed for the shooting death of an Indianapolis cab driver in 1980.

Melczek said he didn't know whether O'Bannon would be more receptive in this case.

"I believe we've put forth a very compelling reason and would pray that the governor would be moved to do so," Melczek said. "Beside prayer, I cannot think of anything else [we can do]."

Phil Bremen, O'Bannon's press secretary, said the office has received a letter from the pope's Washington, D.C., representative, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo. He also said the governor was still reviewing the case and had not decided whether to intervene or issue a statement on the matter.

"As a matter of principle, he [the governor] will not wait until the last moment," Bremen said.

Fleenor is scheduled to die for the 1982 shooting deaths of his parents-in-law, Bill and Nylaw Harlow, in Madison.

Under state law, he is allowed to select 10 witnesses for his execution, but he has decided not to allow anyone to view his death, prison spokesman Barry Nothstine said.

He also hasn't ordered a last meal, which is usually served the night before an execution, and has not requested the presence of family members or friends Thursday, which the state allows.

"He's just not cooperating," Nothstine said.

Study links teen sex with substance abuse

By ANJETTA McQUEEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Teen-agers who drink or use drugs are much more likely than others to be sexually active, starting sexual intercourse as early as middle school and with a greater likelihood of multiple partners, a research group said Tuesday.

With condom use among teens being erratic at best, there is a fear that the combination of substance abuse and sex could increase the 12 million new annual cases of sexually transmitted disease.

"In America, drinking and drug abuse are bundled with high-risk sex," said Susan Foster, who directed the report "Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sex" for the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. "Yet despite the high coincidence of substance abuse and sexual activity, remarkably few public or private prevention, treatment and counseling programs deal with this connection."

In its report, gleaned from a variety of data on 34,000 teenagers in grades 7-12, the research center admits it's not sure what comes first - the drinking and drug-taking or the promiscuity. In its analysis, the group factored out other reasons - such as socioeconomic status or race - that are associated with either drinking or having sex but not necessarily both and could have made the connection look weaker or stronger than it actually is.

But the report suggests there could be some lessons from adults: adult heavy drinkers - defined as about seven drinks a day over two weeks - are five times more likely than those who don't drink at all to have at least 10 sexual partners a year.

Ben Smilowitz, a University of Connecticut freshman who often finds little social life on campus beyond drinking parties, said his peers are not only turning to drink because of stress, they also are imitating adults.

"People see drinking as way of relaxing because that's what adults do," the 18-year-old said. "You go to a football game or hockey and see adults getting trashed."

He says more kids are drinking and therefore engaging in riskier behavior all around.

The report said drug-using teens are five times as likely to have sex than nonusers, and three times as likely to have it with four or more partners, according to the two-year analysis of data.

A generation ago, the report said, fewer teens were having sex. In 1970, 5 percent of 15-year-old girls had sex; in 1972, 20 percent of 15-year-old boys said they had sex. In 1997, 45 percent of boys and 38 percent of girls said they have had intercourse in their teen years.

Joseph Califano, the research center's chairman, and a former secretary of health, education and welfare under President Carter, says the report shows parents must realize that today's teens more than ever are forced to make decisions about drinking, illegal drugs and sex as early as middle school.

Facts about teen sex

- Teens who are 14 years or younger and drink are twice as likely to have sex as those who do not drink.
- Older teens who drink are seven times as likely to have sex as those who do not.
- 63 percent of teenagers who use alcohol have had sex compared to 26 percent of those who do not.
- 72 percent of teenagers who use drugs have had sex, compared to 36 percent of those who do not.

Source: "Dangerous Liasons: Substance Abuse and Sex."

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Army private admits to murder charge

◆ Prosecutor argues anti-gay motive in slaying

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.

An Army private accused of bludgeoning a fellow soldier to death with a baseball bat went on trial Tuesday, with military prosecutors saying for the first time that the victim was killed because he was thought to be gay.

Pvt. Calvin Glover, 18, of Sulphur, Okla., is charged with premeditated murder in the slaying of Pfc. Barry Winchell, 21, in July.

Before the start of the court-martial, Glover admitted to a lesser charge of unpremeditated murder in hopes of receiving a lighter sentence. But prosecutor Capt. Gregg Engler pressed on with the court-martial, seeking to prove the more serious charge.

Engler said he would show premeditation by introducing evidence that Glover hates gays and suspected that Winchell was homosexual.

"The overall feelings of hatred toward these classes or groups shows the motive," the prosecutor said in describing racial, ethnic and anti-gay comments attributed to Glover.

Premeditated and unpremeditated murder carry the same maximum sentence: life in prison without parole, plus a dishonorable discharge.

Glover sobbed while recalling the killing to the judge, Col. Gary Holland. He said he did not know why he hit Winchell "at least two or three times" with a bat during the July 5 attack in their Fort Campbell barracks.

"I wasn't really mad at him, sir. It was just a mistake, sir. I was really drunk."

Calvin Glover
private

In his opening statement, Engler said Winchell actually received up to five blows, which came with such force that blood spattered on the ceiling and on a wall 15 feet away. The first strike came as Winchell slept on a cot.

Glover said that he had been drinking before the attack and that another intoxicated soldier, Spec. Justin Fisher, encouraged him to use the bat to avenge a punch Winchell gave Glover during a party.

"I wasn't really mad at him, sir. It was just a mistake, sir. I was really drunk," Glover told the judge.

Capt. Thomas Moshang, a member of Glover's defense team, said Fisher wanted Winchell dead but Glover merely wanted to hurt Winchell.

For months, gay-rights advocates said anti-homosexual sentiment at least contributed to the killing, but the military would not comment on that.

Winchell, who was from Kansas City, Mo., was perceived as gay by some soldiers in his unit, and friends said he had recently visited a gay bar in Nashville.

Rhonda White, co-chairwoman of Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice in Nashville, was an observer at the court-martial. She said other gay-rights groups are also watching the case closely.

"We want our citizens, gay and straight, to feel safe with members of the military coming into our community," she said.

Fisher, 25, of Lincoln, Neb., who was Winchell's roommate, will be court-martialed at Fort Campbell on Monday. In addition to allegedly goading Glover into attacking Winchell, Fisher is accused of lying to Army investigators.

Winchell, Glover and Fisher all served in the 502nd Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion at Fort Campbell, which straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee state line about 50 miles from Nashville.

Winchell's mother and stepfather, Pat and Wally Kutteles, issued a statement Tuesday regarding the "thousands of messages of support" they had received from soldiers and civilians.

Mich. man indicted on murder

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

An ex-convict in custody in Detroit was indicted Tuesday on charges that he conspired to kidnap Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the atheist leader who has been missing since 1995.

A federal grand jury accused Gary Karr, 51, of conspiring with others to plot and carry out the kidnappings and extortion of O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair. Authorities have said the three were killed, but their bodies have not been found.

Karr and others allegedly stole more than $500,000 in money, gold coins, vehicles, watches and other jewelry from the O'Hairs. The indictment does not identify the other suspects.

"Today's indictment is not the final chapter in this investigation," said Bill Blagg, U.S. attorney for western Texas. "We are continuing our thorough effort to make sure that justice is served in this matter."

O'Hair is best known for a case that led to a 1963 *Supreme Court decision* that, along with a decision the previous year, struck down organized prayer in public schools as unconstitutional.

O'Hair and her two adult children vanished from San Antonio along with $500,000 in gold coins. Authorities questioned whether they were victims of foul play or merely ran off with the money from their organization, United Secularists of America.

Others suggested O'Hair, who was 77 and ailing, had gone off to die quietly so Christians wouldn't pray over her.

More than three dozen FBI agents — using dogs, a backhoe and a helicopter with night-vision equipment — spent several days last April searching a 5,000-acre ranch about 120 miles west of San Antonio. But their bodies have not been found.

In May, authorities said for the first time that O'Hair and her children were killed, and that the crime was orchestrated by her former office manager, David R. Waters, in a plot to steal $600,000.

Waters, who was convicted of murder in Illinois in 1965, and Karr were once cellmates. Karr served more than 20 years after a 1974 crime spree that included rape, kidnapping and armed robbery.

Waters, 52, has been convicted of skimming $54,000 from O'Hair's organizations and pleaded guilty to weapons charges after authorities found 119 rounds of ammunition in his Austin apartment in March. He is serving 60 years in prison. His attorney has said that prosecutors were wrongly trying to link Waters to the O'Hair case.

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VIETNAM

Flood death count rises to 114

Associated Press

TAM KY

Thousands of soldiers and relief workers flew over and boated through Vietnam's flood-ravaged central provinces on Tuesday, delivering emergency supplies to some of the 1 million people who have lost their homes.

Torrential rains triggered by a cold spell have dumped more than six feet of water in some areas since Thursday, flooding hundreds of thousands of homes.

At least 114 people have died.

The central provinces, home to 7.5 million people, had only just begun recovering from devastating floods last month. The area include some of Vietnam's most well-known destinations, from the white sands of China Beach to the ancient port city of Hoi An.

Vietnam's rescue forces responded rapidly to the latest disaster, learning new lessons from the November floods, which claimed nearly 600 lives.

Within 48 hours of the rainfall Thursday, military helicopters were making airdrops of food to flood-stricken areas.

By Sunday, more than 5,000 soldiers had been dispatched to help relief efforts.

"Without their swift response, we could have suffered bigger," said Le Tri Tap, the governor of Quang Nam province. Tap said 150,000 people in his province alone still needed emergency food but that Tuesday's reopening of Highway One, the country's main artery, would ease deliveries.

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Le Tri Tap
governor of Quang Nam

Despite the rain, military helicopters were able to resume relief flights to Quang Ngai province Tuesday afternoon, said Col. Vu Quoc Bao, chief of the air force division in Danang.

Other relief agencies also were at work.

Racing along Thu Hong River in a speedboat Tuesday, Phan Tan Cat of the Danang Red Cross led 10 volunteers to areas of Quang Nam isolated by high water.

Villagers in Duy Xuyen district waded out in knee-deep levels to collect the packages handed out by relief workers — each with enough rice, drinking water and noodles to feed a family for a week.

Carrying his 4-year-old son on his shoulders, Bui Thi Hoa, 27, was stoic about the flooding that destroyed his newly replanted rice field.

"Every year the floods come. What can we do?" he said. "We have no choice but to bear it."

On Tuesday, floodwaters had begun receding and the downpour had stopped in most places, but rain was still falling in Quang Ngai.

Vo Cuu of Quang Ngai's provincial flood and storm control bureau said 250,000 people in his province were in need of emergency food.

The National Committee for Flood and Storm Control said Tuesday that 5,395 houses were destroyed and 397,232 homes were submerged or damaged in the latest flooding.

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Bui Thi Hoa
Vietnamese farmer

No outbreaks of disease have been reported so far.

The United States was dispatching seven medical specialists to work with the International Red Cross and local experts to prevent any outbreaks, the U.S. embassy said Tuesday. The team was to arrive Wednesday.

IRAN

U.S. trade sanctions hamper Y2K efforts

Associated Press

TEHRAN

The U.S. trade sanctions against Iran are hampering the country's efforts to prepare for the millennium computer bug, Iran's top Y2K official said Tuesday, but he added that he did not foresee any major disruption.

"Some [government] organizations told us they were trying to buy some U.S. equipment and parts, but they did not succeed because of the sanctions," said Mohammad Sepehri-Rad, head of the Supreme Council for Information Technology.

"They asked us to help them through international organizations, and we tried, but to no avail," Sepehri-Rad said at a Tehran news conference, without saying which organizations had been contacted.

One of the companies that asked for help, he said, was the Arak oil refinery, a large facility in Iran's central Markazi province. It was the only oil facility that faced potential problems because nearly all of its equipment was U.S. made, Sepehri-Rad said.

New Y2K compliant equipment was being installed at the refinery, he said, adding that he did not know if the new equipment was American-made.

Most of Iran's technology was bought from the United States before the 1979 Islamic revolution. Iran, however, has been unable to get U.S. help to modify computer controlled systems for the millennium bug because of the trade embargo, which was put in place following the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by revolutionary militants.

Last week, Sepehri-Rad had warned his countrymen they could face breakdowns in the oil, electricity, communications, transport and health sectors because of Y2K.

But Tuesday he modified that prognosis, telling reporters "no problem is expected in any Iranian organization" because emergency plans had been put into place, and because all workers were trained to perform computer tasks manually.

"We do not expect any problem in oil exports, refineries and any kind of oil and gas industries," Sepehri-Rad said.

International Monitoring, a technology consulting group based in Britain, has ranked Iran as "moderately prepared" for the millennium bug.

The bug is expected to hit mostly older computer systems and programs that recognize only the last two digits of a year. Such systems won't be able to distinguish the year 2000 from 1900, leading to possible malfunctions.

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EAST TIMOR

Timorese try to erase Indonesian influence

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DILI

Determined to erase symbols of decades of iron-fisted occupation, East Timor's leaders on Tuesday renamed Dili's main thoroughfare, which used to honor the deceased wife of Indonesia's former dictator Suharto.

Ibu Tien Suharto Road is now Rua dos Martires da Patria, the street of martyrs of the homeland. The change came on the anniversary of Indonesia's 1975 invasion, which ushered in a quarter-century of brutal military occupation and resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people.

Nobel laureates Jose Ramos Horta and Bishop Carlos Belo, who jointly won the 1996 Peace Prize for their efforts to liberate the province, officiated at the simple ribbon-cutting ceremony.

It marked the start of a campaign to wipe out public references to Indonesian rule. Other street names will be changed, along with those of public buildings and utilities, officials said.

In their first public appearance together since collecting the Peace Prize, Horta and Belo paid homage to those who had died during Indonesian rule.

Suharto ordered his army to invade the former Portuguese colony after the failure of successive attempts to covertly destabilize its new government.

Some 2,000 East Timorese died in the first weeks of the occupation, which met with stiff resistance from a hastily assembled defense force consisting of former colonial soldiers and armed citizens.

Eventually, more than 100,000 East Timorese died — mostly of disease and famine — as the Indonesian army mounted successive scorched-earth campaigns aimed at rooting out the defenders.

The United Nations never recognized Indonesia's annexation of East Timor. After Suharto's fall in 1998, the Indonesian government agreed to a U.N.-supervised referendum on the province's future.

The people of East Timor voted overwhelmingly for independence on Aug. 30. This was followed by a rampage by Indonesian troops and their militia proxies that destroyed much of the region.

The violence ended with the arrival of an international peacekeeping force on Sept. 20. The province is now administered by the United Nations, in preparation for full independence within two to three years.

Ibu Tien Suharto died of a heart attack in 1996. Suharto, now 78 and ailing, quit office in May 1998, ending 32 years in power. He is being investigated on corruption allegations.

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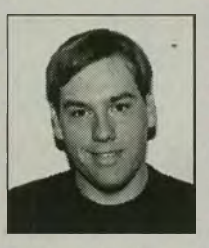

Matt Loughran

Random Thoughts

The holidays are upon us. Hanukkah began on Saturday. Christmas is less than three weeks away. Kwanzaa follows immediately afterward.

Because of this, I have made a list of what I think people relating to Notre Dame need and what anyone close to these people might give them in this season of overwrought commercialism.

First on the list is the senior class. I think that they deserve a beer. They have put up with the overbearing administration, self-absorbed professors and the massive amounts of schoolwork for 28 of the last 40 months of their lives. Enjoy your last five months of collegiate life. Now, mind you, I said *a* beer. Be careful that you don't mess up your exams and your classes next semester to the point that you must return next school year in the cold, hard light of day and face the same people that you blew off in the previous semester.

Second on the list is every other student. You get a pair of horse blinders to be worn during study days so that you cannot see the good time that the seniors are having. You have more time to recover from a bad set of exams, but slacking off is like eating potato chips: you don't even notice that you are doing it until you have demolished three bags and feel absolutely ill.

Third on my list is self-proclaimed "Coach D" and our revitalized basketball team. Matt Doherty, you gets a videotape of your win over Ohio State. For a brief moment, you brought Notre Dame basketball back to where it was in the early Digger Phelps era. We know that you are capable of playing up to the level of your opponents. The question is, will you let your last four losses against good teams effect the way that you handle what should be a relatively easy non-conference schedule?

Fourth on the list the other Coach whose name begins with a D. Sorry, but you get another head coaching job somewhere else, maybe at Akron. There was recently a quote from Ara Parseghian in a Notre Dame football weekly that told of his 14 years of head-coaching experience prior to assuming the reins at Notre Dame. He said that he "needed every minute of it." The last completely inexperienced coach that we had was Gerry Faust. He went 7-4 with Tim Brown, Allen Pinkett and Steve Beuerlein. I wonder if you had that kind of talent, that you might have done better. Coach, you didn't have the experience to take such a visible position. Sorry.

That brings me to the fifth recipient on my gift list: Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth. I think that I would like to get you a metal plate to weld to your mouth. Between refusing to go to a lower-tier bowl years ago, annoying the Bowl alliance with unreasonable demands and making unacceptable excuses for this year's team, every time that you are quoted in the media you make the school look bad. I have heard of your comments during the Boston College game that indicated that we might turn down a bowl game that someone might pity us and throw our way. That, coupled with the cop-out excuse after the loss to Stanford that rightfully brought out the worst in a Chicago Sun-Times columnist serve to only further the public impression of Notre Dame as a bunch of elitist jerks.

The sixth day of Christmas brings me to Father Malloy and the rest of the intolerencia. Unlike the underclassman's blinders, you need one of those laser-corrective eye surgery appointments so that you might see more clearly that giving someone the right to present their views in an independent publication will not bring about massive homosexual orgies on the quads. It will also not bring about the end of Notre Dame's Catholic character to engage in discussion with people who do not agree with you.

Finally, for myself I think that I will buy one of those "Ocean Sounds" relaxation tapes that I see advertised on late-night television. After having read over the last few entries onto my list, I think that I need it.

Well, that's it. Happy Holidays. Try not to stress too hard on exams and be safe until you return in January.

Matthew Loughran is a MALA candidate at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md, who has not yet done any Christmas shopping and wonders if he will actually get around to it this year.

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DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The 'silly question' is the first intimation of some totally new development."

Alfred North Whitehead
philosopher

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Scout team salute

I'd like to take this opportunity to say good-bye to some of my teammates. I am only a junior but I feel as though I have lost some of my best friends. Last week marked the end of the 1999 football season and an end of a 3-3 year run by 15 individuals who gave up their time and sacrificed their bodies for a, more often than not, thankless job. I am saying good-bye to some of the most determined individuals enrolled at Notre Dame, whom very few people know. They never got the glory. They never got the interviews. They never got the scholarships. However, what these men, and I stress men, gained was an experience and an emotional education that will help them for the rest of their lives. I am saying good-bye to the walk-on Class of 1999.

Within this article, I send out some personal messages to my teammates that contain a few inside jokes. If you don't understand, I encourage you to read on. I encourage you more to ask any one of these seniors as they are great stories. (It would be advantageous for me to mention now that I am writing a book chronicling the experiences of a walk-on. I won't give anything away now, but it is a must-read and a guaranteed best seller. Publishers, feel free to contact me!)

In my formal good-byes, I'd just like to let my teammates know that they are my brothers. It would be hard not to become so close to individuals whom I spent the majority of my days with, bleeding, sweating and sacrificing. Although not pictured in the Media Guide and always last in the program, they were all invaluable to the team and will be missed. Good-bye to:

Anthony Brannon: Always one play from being in the "show." Good luck if you're back for a fifth.

James Caputo: You were a true walk-on hero! "Look out for that wind."

Brendan Farrell: What's the countdown at now bodybuilder? The potential leader of the walkout.

Eric Glass: Sorry you couldn't be there in the end. You never received the proper send off for your effort. At least I will say, "Thank you, you did great, you'll be missed."

Mike Grady: "How you doing Chris ... I mean Mike ... or is it Chris? ... ummm ... What year are you Chr ... Mi ... buddy?" It's a good thing you chose a red shirt freshman year.

Dan Kerry: You were around long enough to see what it truly means to be a Notre Dame walk-on.

Chris Leck: Kenny, my best friend, I'll miss you most of all. Remember that time when a certain coach thought that you were a trainer? Ha ... that was funny!

Brendan O'Connor: Professor, even with the scholarship you remained "one of us." Now, how about one more wedge step for old time's sake?

Joe Recendez: Although you will be back for a fifth, I always wanted to see "Girls' Lacrosstitute" in print.

Mark Rule: "Be ready to go in, but Pittsburgh is out of the question considering Cleveland is closer to Stanford and all!" Wanna play hangman? D N I S _ (HINT: It's a vowel.)

John Schingler: You had the best season of your career in 1999.

Dave Shenk: While you may be crazy, you always gave 100 percent every play, every day.

Mike Tribe: Long live the yellow jersey!

Noah VanHook-Drucker: Monday: "Noah, you've got to start coming to meetings! Seriously, you're going to play this week." Thursday: "Noah, go with the scouts today."

Jonathan Hebert: "Damn it Hebert! You are the only player who is going to leave Notre Dame worse than when he came here!" You are a walk-on god. You are living the walk-on dream. Nobody tried harder and nobody worked harder than you. P.S. I still think that Joe "punked" you on that date with a certain female athlete.

For all of you who do not know, Jonathan Hebert was planning on coming back for a fifth year next year. However, just recently he had an MRI and learned that he could no longer play. If you see him, thank him for his efforts. If everyone played like him, Notre Dame would be a different team.

With all of this said, I would like to address the senior walk-ons as a whole. I know what it means to be a walk-on but I don't think that the average student or fan truly understands or appreciates all of the sacrifices that you have had to make in your years here. We are not Rudy nor do we want to be. When everyone was going out, you were studying. 18 credits, ROTC, or premed and 6 hours budgeted for football make for a long day. Thank God for group meetings and presentations.

The locker room will be empty without you. It is both joyous and saddening. No more scout meetings. No more walks-of-shame. No more yellow jerseys. No more special teams (this is a good thing). No more inside drill. No more camps. No more "young guys." No more Micky. No more being asked for tickets. No more conditioning. No more issue gear, a.k.a. proof. No more periods. No more cards. No more pranks. No more gold helmets. No more pep rallies. No more being mistaken for managers. No more laughing. No more crying. No more cheering. No more concussions. No more third team. No more tunnel. No more band. No more yelling for the old alumni to stop sitting on their hands and cheer.

It is time to enjoy. It is time to be a fan. Go out on Fridays (not like you didn't before). Tailgate on Saturday. Reflect on your years. The Dome will shine brighter when viewed in your rearview mirror. Relive the chills down your back when you walked out the tunnel for the first time. Did I say tailgate? Cheer for the walk-ons as they walk from North Dining Hall..- to the Basilica on Saturday. Wear your plaid Notre Dame pants. Storm the field. Attend pep rallies. It's time to cherish the memories.

You have all heard over and over how lucky you are to be on the team, but I say to you, the Notre Dame football team was lucky to have had you. There is nothing you will experience for the rest of your life that will be harder than this. You made it! You never let "it" beat you. You've received your letter and jacket that was deserved the first week of your first season. It is time for me to say good-bye and thank you. It is period 24 for the last time.

Jascint Vukelich
Junior
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December 6, 1999

Martinez responds to letters

Gabriel Martinez

Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior

First, I apologize to the woman who was raped, to all raped women (The Observer, letter to the editor, 12/3/99). You are not responsible for the brutality of rapist beasts. Rape, I think, is about power and not sex: it matters little what a woman does, the rapist wants to affirm his nil sense of self-worth.

Second, I value women immensely. That is why I exposed myself to vilification, because I am sick and tired of the men who do not care for women's dignity (or their own) and try to seduce women to whom they are not married. Women, if you wish, throw stones at me. But, please, know that you are worth dying for.

Third, I know that women do not always dress with a man in mind. That is precisely my point: men do care about how you dress, and that affects you. When you show much of your body, the natural male reaction is to focus on your body. Even if you do not intend it, you make men interested in a part of you, not all of you. Maybe you feel comfortable in short skirts and tight tops. I don't know. But I value you enough to tell you: "Know your effect on men."

Fourth, the man who seduces you is to blame for his seduction. But before you cast the first stone, think about whether you (unintentionally) are suggesting something to the man.

Fifth, women need to demand respect, not prove that they deserve it. They were born deserving respect. Make sure that men know that, by the way you dress and act.

Sixth, my poor offended co-males. There are three types of men: "the pigs, the good guys, and the guys in between." I am one of the guys in between. I have some self-control, but not enough. I want to live a good life, a holy life. I know what it is like to feel seduced by a tight dress. You are not going to fool me, or the women that read this, into thinking that you are not.

Seventh, I apologize for the use of the term "damaged goods." It was an insensitive term. Moreover, I did not want to classify women into one group or another. I just wanted to tell you how men do look at you.

Gabriel Martinez is an economics graduate student.

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Foster parenting fosters love

Kate Rowland

Read This. It May Save Your Life

My mom is a sucker for babies. But after four babies of her own, she and my dad decided they were through, and set to work raising my brothers and me.

Then when my youngest brother Patrick was three, she got restless. When she saw an ad asking for foster parents, she knew that was what she wanted to do. After a year of training, interviewing, and licensing, we were a registered Catholic Charities emergency foster family, specializing, at my mother's request, in newborn to three-year-olds.

Some of the children who come to us stay for a couple of weeks, some for a couple of months. As an emergency foster family, they aren't supposed to stay more than three months, but my mom always says that she isn't going to make a child leave unless the agency has a good home for him or her. So my three biological brothers and I all adjusted to having new brothers and sisters in the house all the time.

This unusual family structure naturally presented some problems. One day my mom got a phone call from the distraught mother of one of Patrick's second grade classmates. When the classmate had told Patrick that there was a new baby in his family, Patrick asked if he knew how long the baby was going to be staying, so the kid had gone home in tears wanting to know why the baby was leaving. My mom, laughing so hard she was crying, had to explain to Patrick that most families have permanent, keeper babies, and not temporary ones like our family.

We all had to adjust to having our foster siblings come and go quickly, and sometimes with very little warning. One day, for example, when I was in eighth grade, I went to school in the morning with four brothers and when I got home I had three brothers and two sisters. We also got used to having babies around all the time—it didn't take long for the social workers to realize that my mom welcomed infants and hard-to-place newborns and once they figured it out they really took advantage of it.

I actually think that every family with teenagers should also have an infant around. When my brothers and I were growing up, we knew how to feed and diaper and care for any baby, even difficult-to-handle crack babies or hyperactive toddlers. We all know what the rooting reflex is (it's the reflex that makes a newborn turn its head when you touch its cheek) and the word "fontanelle" is common-place in our house (it's the medical term for the soft spot on a baby's head — courtesy of my mom, a former pediatric nurse). We not only know what cradle cap is, we know how to help cure it. We learned what a pain in the butt infants are. It's not hard to take care of them, but it is boring and certainly tiring. I don't think anything would motivate more teenagers to hold off on having babies than spending two days with a newborn.

Some 30 children later, Derwin is our current baby; he is almost 18 months old and has been around since St. Patrick's Day. Amazing little child. He's adorable, of course, and very smart. It's a riot to watch him learn to talk. Right now Derwin has three words: Mom, Uck, which means "duck" or "truck," depending on the context, and Sha, which means everything else. Sha can mean "recycling truck" (which he loves), "airplane" or "give me a cookie." We're working on increasing his vocabulary bit by bit. He loves to read. He will drag his well-worn board books to you and maneuver himself into your lap and demand that you read. Sometimes he reads along: "Sha sha sha uck! Uck! Sha sha..."

Derwin is a very friendly and outgoing little boy. Last year my mom and Derwin came up to help me move out of the dorm, and Derwin ran around my section, making friends. Following the quiet strains of music from one room way down the hall, Derwin toddled down and wandered in the open door. The occupants found him dancing in their common room. He also attached himself to Derek, one of our Lyons football coaches, who is sort of a macho guy, not easily intimidated. Derwin looked straight up and made it clear that he wanted Derek to pick him up. Derek turned white, but picked him up and uttered some seriously immortal words: "Hey, kid." This baby may have terrified him, but he was at least willing to pretend he was at ease for the sake of his girlfriend, who was standing right there watching.

I have learned a lot from Derwin and all the other kids who have passed through my family. Babies are amazingly complicated creatures and watching them grow from newborns into actual little children with personalities is incredible. I also realize how lucky I am to know that next year I will be spending Christmas with the same people I spent this Christmas with. Love and stability do wonders for any child.

And to answer the question that everyone always asks: Of course we get attached to them. But as my mom says, if you don't get attached to them, then you aren't loving them, and then you're missing the point.

Kate Rowland is a senior from Lyons Hall.

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Holiday Movie Alert

Scene looks at the final movies of the millennium in its holiday movie preview

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critic

The holiday movie season always brings out the best and brightest of Hollywood filmmaking. And although this year has already seen some noteworthy films — "Eyes Wide Shut," "American Beauty," "Fight Club," "Being John Malkovich," "Dogma," "The Insider", "Toy Story 2" — many of the season's upcoming films (with a few exceptions) are sure to be on some year-end best films lists.

This time of year also witnesses some high box-office figures, thanks to the millions of family gatherings that end at the nearest Multiplex.

But considering the sleuth of studio releases coming out between now and the end of the year, no particular movie looks to dominate at the box office. So here's a guide to help you decide which films will get your hard-earned Christmas money.

The Green Mile

The Players: Starring Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise and Michael Duncan; directed by Frank Darabont

The Plot: Based on the Stephen King serial novel, Hanks plays a depression era death-row prison guard assigned to watch over John Coffey (Duncan), an enormous black man convicted of murdering two young white girls.

The Buzz: Early audience response to this film has been overwhelming. But that's not so surprising — director Darabont has already done a sensitive prison film ("The Shawshank Redemption"), and Tom Hanks is, well, Tom Hanks. Though death-row movies are not necessarily the rage at the holidays, the combination should add up to success at the box office and Oscar nominations in everyone's stockings. (opens Friday)

Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo

The Players: Rob Schneider

The Plot: Schneider co-wrote this tale of an aquarium cleaner who, while fish-sitting for a successful gigolo, answers his business phone and decides to take some of the business.

The Buzz: "Deuce" is Schneider's bid to become a marquee name and break out of his smarmy supporting roles. And although screwball comedies such as "Ace Ventura" and "Billy Madison" have led to breakout careers, Schneider just does not have the comedic talent to sustain an entire film, despite Adam Sandler's role as executive producer. From the looks of it, Schneider will end up sleeping with the fishes. (opens Friday)

The Cider House Rules

The Players: Starring Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron, Michael Caine and Paul Rudd; directed by Lasse Hallstrom

The Plot: Based on John Irving's novel, "Rules" tells the story of a young orphan (Maguire) raised by a kindly abortionist (Caine) in World War II-era New England.

The Buzz: This old-fashioned, sprawling saga is expected to pack emotional heft and feature a marvelous supporting performance by Caine. Hallstrom has a way with heart-tuggers (see "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?"), and "Rules" just might make Maguire a star if the movie is marketed right by Miramax. (opens Friday)

Cradle Will Rock

The Players: Starring Susan Sarandon, John Cusack, Bill Murray and Emily Watson; directed by Tim Robbins

The Plot: "Cradle" is based on the true events surrounding the controversial 1937 musical drama about a greedy industrialist taken down by an ordinary man.

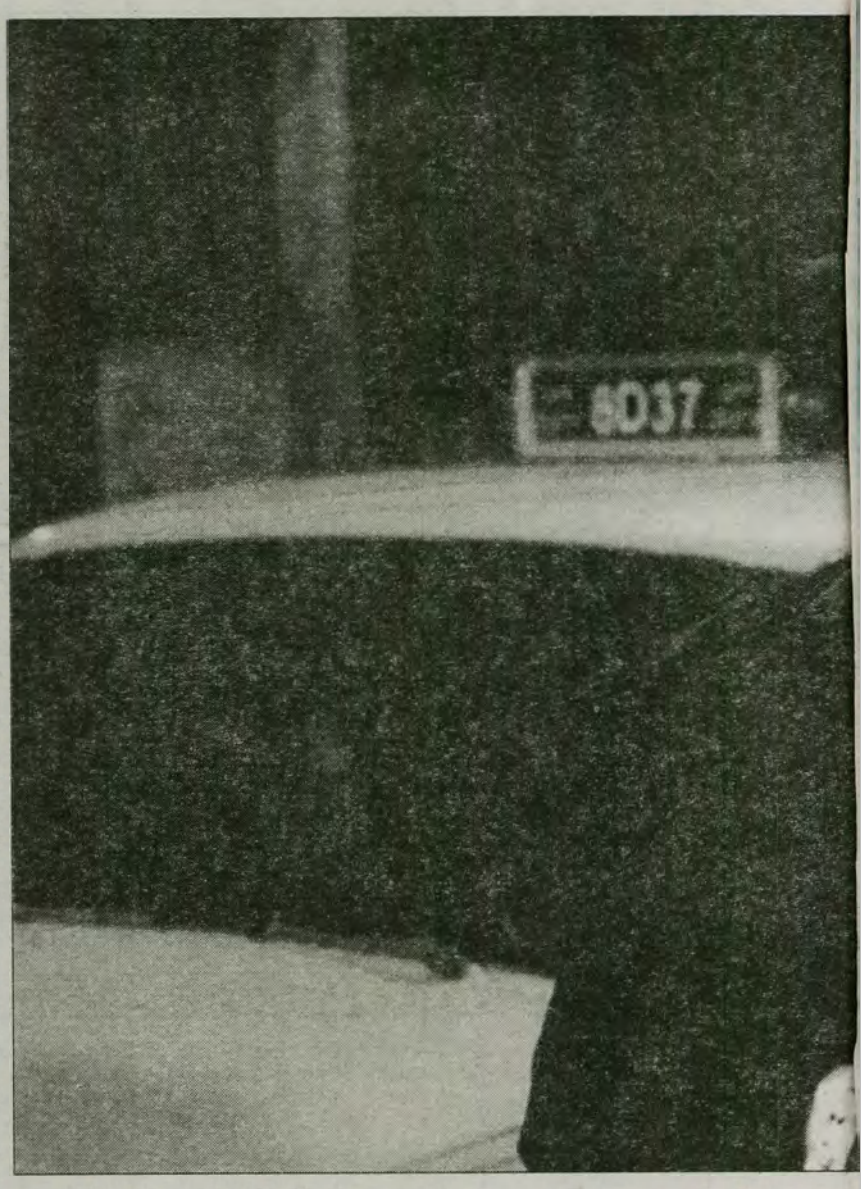
The Buzz: Returning behind the camera for the first time since 1995's "Dead Man Walking," Robbins is set with a holiday opening that may deliver his most powerful film yet. Plus, the terrific ensemble cast seems like it will provide the movie with some added weight. (opens Friday)

Bicentennial Man

The Players: Starring Robin Williams; directed by Chris Columbus

The Plot: An adaptation of Isaac Asimov's story about a robot so intrigued by humans that it attempts to become one over a 200-year span.

The Buzz: Though it is likely to be considered sappy and sentimental by the chronically nihilistic, this second teaming of director Columbus and star Williams (the first was "Mrs. Doubtfire") seems like it should hit the right notes with audiences. (opens Dec. 17)



Jim Carrey stars as late comedian Andy Kaufman in the biopic, "Ma Cuckoo's Nest," "Amadeus"), the film looks to be a top draw at the box

Anna and the King

The Players: Starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun Fat; directed by Andy Tennant

The Plot: An old-fashioned historical romance based on the true story of the 19th century British governess whose story is told in "The King and I."

The Buzz: Hong Kong action star Chow Yun-Fat gets to show Western audiences he can do more than just shoot, and Jodie Foster gets to stretch with a period film, a British accent and a love story. Director Andy Tennant proved he could give a pleasing, modern spin to the past with the Cinderella update "Ever After," however, "Anna" looks more like a big-screen epic of old than did that feminist fairy tale. Fox targets the whole family with this one, but it will have to do battle with "Bicentennial Man" and "The Green Mile." (opens Dec. 17)

Ride With the Devil

The Players: Starring Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich and Jewel; directed by Ang Lee

The Plot: Along the Kansas/Missouri border early during the Civil War in 1861, gangs of bushwhackers engage in bloody guerrilla warfare. "Devil" tells the story of a 16-year-old boy (Maguire) who becomes part of this bloody chapter of American history.

The Buzz: The success of "Saving Private Ryan" has made it clear to Hollywood that audiences are interested is seeing realistic portrayals of the horrors of war. Not counting "Glory," most Civil War movies of the last 20 years have not been tremendously successful, but an advantages of "Ride With the Devil" are its young cast, a very talented director ("The Ice Storm") and its unique look at a segment of the Civil War not known by most Americans. (now open in limited release)

End of the Affair

The Players: Ralph Fiennes,

Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

Jodie Foster as Anna in "Anna and the King."

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Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow star in "The Talented Mr. Ripley."

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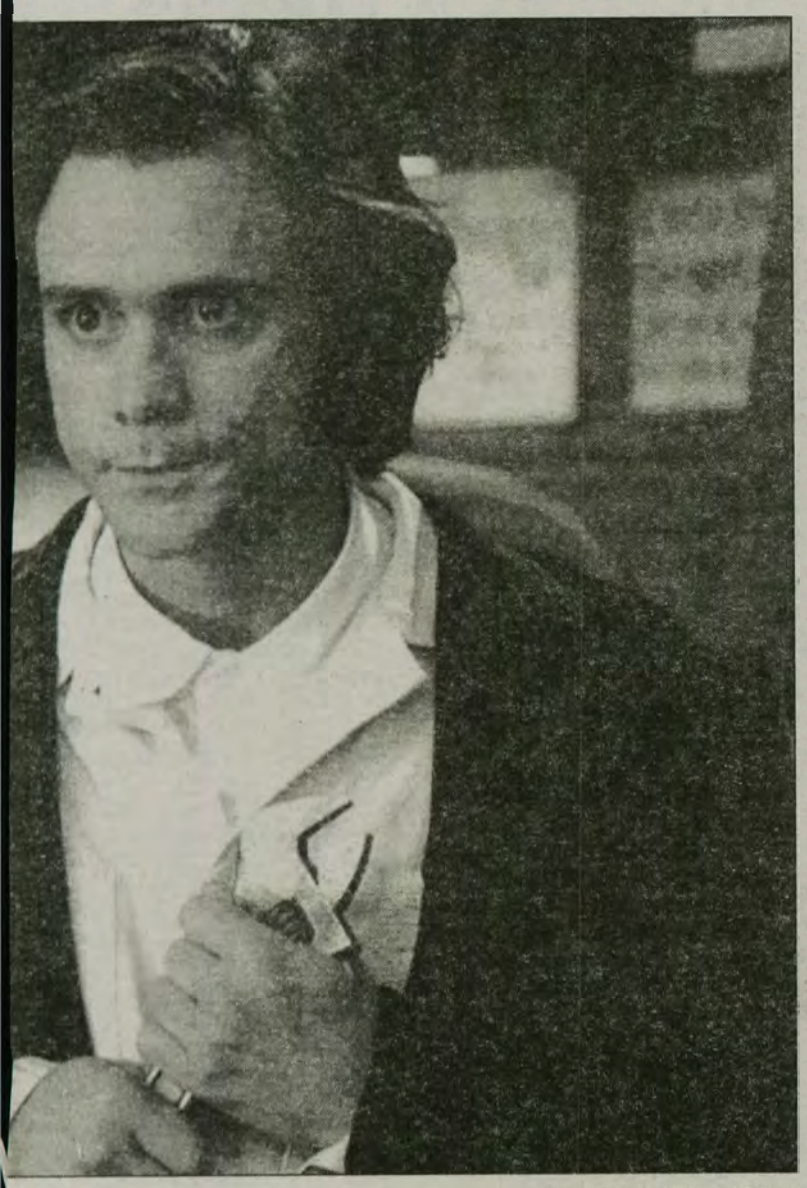

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on the Moon." Directed by Milos Forman ("One Flew Over the ffice and at Oscar time.

Julianne Moore and Stephen Rea; directed by Neil Jordan

The Plot: During World War II, a married woman (Moore) cheats on her husband (Rea) with a handsome novelist (Fiennes). But when her lover is injured during the London Blitz, she makes a pact with God that if he should live, she'll promise to end their affair.

The Buzz: This film appears to be low on everyone's radar despite the fact that it's based on a novel by famous English writer Graham Greene, regarded as one of the century's best scribes. Sounds classy, but given Jordan's erratic work (last year he gave us both the brilliant "The Butcher Boy" and the awful "In Dreams"), it's a toss-up. (now open in limited release)

Stuart Little

The Players: Starring Michael J. Fox as the voice of Stuart Little, Geena Davis and Jonathan Lipnicki

The Plot: An adaptation of the classic E.B. White story of a mouse raised as a human boy.

The Buzz: A number of studios have shown that family films like "Babe" and "Free Willy" have the potential to make loads of money. Using cutting edge technology to tell this charming tale could result in a big box office — not to mention fun — movie. And although last year's "Babe: Pig in the City" didn't win the attention of audiences, this little story of a mouse with a heart just might. (opens Dec. 24)

Any Given Sunday

The Players: Starring Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Jamie Foxx, LL Cool J and James Woods; directed by Oliver Stone

The Plot: A brash young quarterback (Foxx) is hankering to steal the starting gig away from the aging quarterback (Quaid). The owner (Diaz) of the fictitious Miami Sharks sides with Beamen, forcing coach Tony D'Amato (Pacino), whose life is already in shambles, to make some tough decisions.

The Buzz: Forget "JFK" — this is the NFL, and Stone tries to capture every last little gritty bit of it. As one might expect, Stone depicts the league as corrupt, rife with racism, drug use and other professional sporting debauchery. The most obvious element that sets it apart is the sheer overwhelming intensity of the cast's star power. Stone has put together a fantastic ensemble, but that doesn't mean people will take an interest. After all, folks can watch football on well, any given Sunday. (opens Dec. 22)

Girl, Interrupted

The Players: Starring Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Whoopi Goldberg and Vanessa Redgrave; directed by James Mangold

The Plot: "Girl" is based on Susanna Kaysen's 1993 memoir about her two-year stay in a mental institution, which started in 1967, when she was 17.

The Buzz: After being named executive producer by the brass at Sony, Ryder spent years trying to find the right director. How she settled on James Mangold, whose police drama, "Copland," wasn't exactly female friendly, is a mystery. Still, the devoted actress — who has said the film is not a female "One Flew Over Cuckoo's Nest" — and Mangold seem to have found common ground with the material.

Plus, the cast includes proven vets like Redgrave and the promising new blood of Jolie ("The Bone Collector"). Female moviegoers will, more than likely, be the dominant audience for this film. (opens Dec. 22)

Snow Falling on Cedars

The Players: Starring Ethan Hawke and Youki Kudoh; directed by Scott Hicks

The Plot: Hawke plays a journalist covering the trial of a Japanese American man accused of killing a Caucasian fisherman near the fictional Northwest island of San Piedro. Hawke's relationship with the accused's wife is depicted in flashbacks, along with the internment of the island's Japanese American citizens during World War II.

The Buzz: Scott Hicks follows his Oscar-winning "Shine" with an adaptation of David Guterson's best-selling mystery-romance-historical-courtroom drama. "Cedars" is much anticipated thanks to readers' passion for the book and because of Hicks' role as director. The film has the ingredients for a moving drama, but early reaction from the Toronto Film Festival has been mixed. (opens Dec. 22)

Man on the Moon

The Players: Starring Jim Carrey; directed by Milos Forman

The Plot: A biographical look at the late comic, Andy Kaufman (Carrey), who is considered one of the most innovative, eccentric and enigmatic performers of all time

The Buzz: Who's the man in "Man on the Moon"? None other than eccentric, spastic '90s comic Jim Carrey, who proved his dramatic chops in last year's "The Truman Show." And with the great Milos Forman ("One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Amadeus") directing, "Moon" has Academy Award potential and ambition. Audience reaction to the film will likely mirror reaction to the original Kaufman himself, including everything from confused silence to hearty laughs. Plus, Jim Carrey never hurts at the box office, and his extraordinary performance is said to be the best reason to see the film. (opens Dec. 22)

The Talented Mr. Ripley

The Players: Starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett; directed by Anthony Minghella

The Plot: A young, ambitious American named Ripley (Damon) develops a malicious taste for the privileged lifestyle as well as a dangerous fixation on friend Rickie Greenleaf (Law).

The Buzz: Just about three years later, Minghella follows his award-winning "English Patient" with three past Oscar favorites: Damon, Paltrow and Blanchett. The film is reportedly more existential drama than suspenseful nail-biter, but with Minghella, one can count on a postcard-pretty film. And although a picturesque but low-key psychological drama isn't exactly holiday fare, any movie with so much talent should not be missed. (opens Dec. 24)

Galaxy Quest

The Players: Starring Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman; directed by Dean Parisot

The Plot: Galaxy Quest is the title of a fictional TV show that airs for just three seasons but becomes a national obsession. It turns out that the series has extra-terrestrial fans who don't realize it's just a show, and they need the cast's help.

The Buzz: "Quest" sounds like "Three Amigos" set in space. If "Quest" can do for science fiction what "Amigos" did for Westerns, the audience is in for a hilarious time. And although Allen has had his share of misses, the former Home Improvement mainstay struck holiday box office gold with 1994's "The Santa Clause." (opens Dec. 25)

Magnolia

The Players: Starring William H. Macy, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Julianne Moore, John C. Reilly and Tom Cruise; directed by Paul Thomas Anderson

The Plot: The film's Web site simply states that "this is a story about family relationships and bonds that have been broken and need to be mended in one day."

The Buzz: Even armed with only the foggiest idea of what this film is about, anyone who saw "Boogie Nights," Anderson's critically lauded 1997 paean to the '70s porn industry, knows that he is more than capable of weaving involved, character-driven story lines. Anderson's reliance on a consistent core of journeyman actors makes his seemingly out-of-left-field casting of megastar Tom Cruise — who plays, of all things, a sleazy late-night infomercial sex advice guru — all the more intriguing. Surprisingly, out of the entire top-notch cast, Cruise has been the one to emerge with Oscar buzz. (opens Dec. 25)

Next Friday

The Players: Ice Cube; directed by Steve Carr (debut)

The Plot: This movie is the sequel to the popular 1995 urban comedy, "Friday." Following the events of the first film by just two weeks, Craig (Ice Cube) moves in with his cousin and uncle, while the town bully is still after him for knocking him out in the first film.

The Buzz: Chris Tucker, who was the best thing about the original, will not reprise his role this time around. However, after seeing the trailer, expect lots of laughs. (opens Dec. 24)

The Hurricane

The Players: Starring Denzel Washington; directed by Norman Jewison

The Plot: "Hurricane" tells the true story of middleweight boxing champion Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was falsely convicted of the 1966 murder of three white men in a New Jersey tavern.

The Buzz: Buzz is extremely high on this film and with good reason: Norman Jewison has a strong track record with comparable subject matter ("A Soldier's Story," "In the Heat of the Night"), and Washington's smoldering and solemn performance looks brilliant. With a strong lead and director, this appears to be a film to keep an eye as the Oscar season approaches. (opens Dec. 29)

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nter) star in "The Green Mile."

Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

Julianne Moore stars in P.T. Anderson's "Magnolia."

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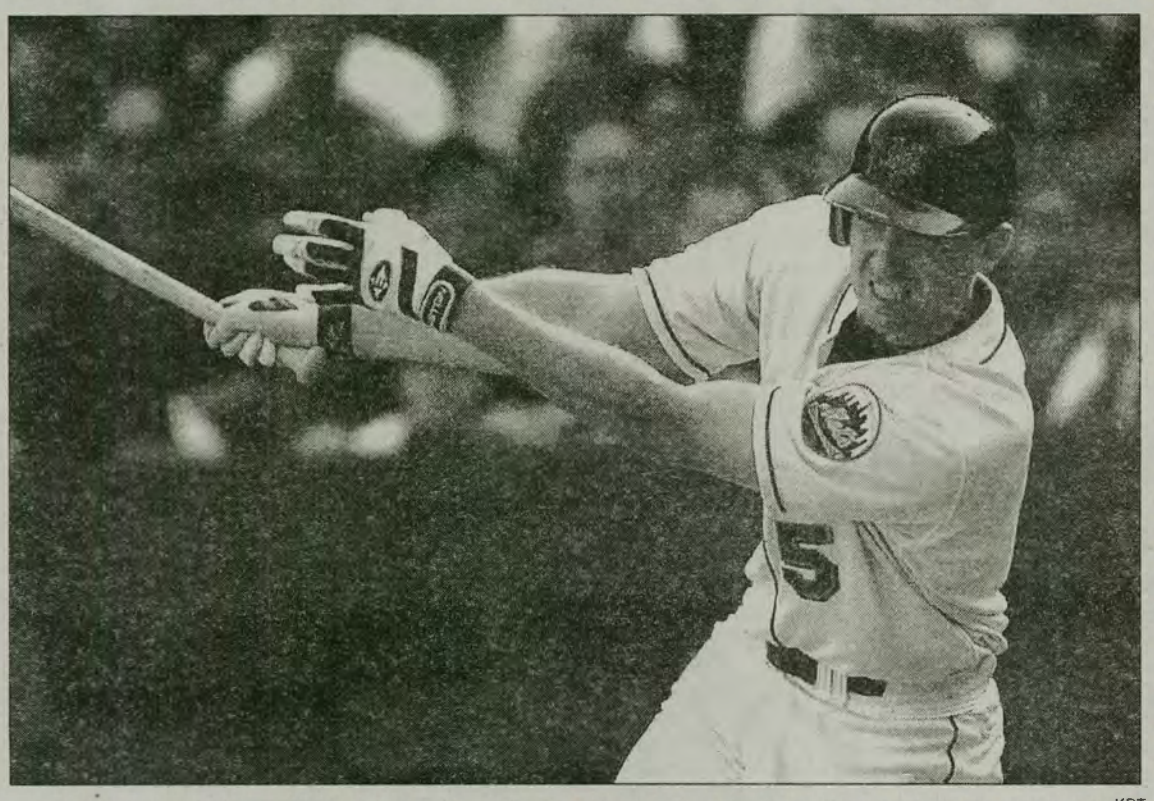
Rob Schnieder stars in "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



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John Olerud, shown here in the Natioanal League playoff, left the New York Mets to sign a three-year contract with the Seattle Mariners, today.

Olerud jumps to West Coast

Associated Press

SEATTLE

The Seattle Mariners signed free agent first baseman John Olerud to a three-year contract today.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, though the Mariners were believed to have offered a $21 million, three-year deal last month.

"We are very happy that we were able to bring John back home to the city of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest," said Pat Gillick, Mariners vice president and general manager of baseball operations.

Olerud, 30, played in 162 of 163 games for the New York Mets this year and batted .298 with 19 home runs and 96 RBIs. He finished fourth in the NL with 125 walks and fifth with .427 on base percentage.

The Mets were bidding to keep Olerud, but the lure of returning home was apparently too much to overcome.

A graduate of Interlake High School in suburban Bellevue and Washington State University, Olerud was the NCAA Player of the Year for 1987-1988 after setting school single-season records in six offensive categories. He was picked by Toronto in the third round of the 1989 June draft.

Olerud was an AL All-Star in 1993 and won World Series championships with the Blue Jays in 1992 and 1993.

Happy Holiday from The Observer Staff!

NFL

Panther's Carruth faces new charge

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth turned himself in to police Tuesday after being indicted on a new charge in the shooting of his pregnant girlfriend, then went free on bond again.

Carruth already was charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, attempted murder and shooting into an occupied vehicle in the Nov. 16 shooting of Cherica Adams. On Monday, authorities added a count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Carruth posted $3 million bail Monday, but had to return to court Tuesday for a hearing on the new charge. Superior Court Judge John Gardner set an unsecured bond of $300,000, which meant Carruth only had to sign a piece of paper promising to appear and did not have to provide any more money.

"He's already on the way home," said his attorney, George Laughrun.

Three other men also have been indicted on the same four charges as Carruth, and they remain in jail on $1.5 million bond each.

Carruth had been jailed since his Nov. 25 arrest.

Adams, who was shot four times, remains in critical condition.

"Her condition hasn't improved appreciably," White said. "She's had good and bad days, but we're hopeful of an eventual recovery."

The condition of her premature baby, named Chancellor Lee Adams, has improved. The baby was moved out of the neonatal intensive care nursery, said Scott White, spokesman for Carolinas Medical Center.

Carruth was placed on a leave of absence without pay by the Panthers last week, and the NFL has changed his status from active to a classification called "exempt -commissioner's permission." Once a player is put in that classification, he must stay there for the remainder of the season, team and league officials said.

The terms of his release call for Carruth to remain in Mecklenburg County but stay away from the victim, her family and Carolinas Medical Center, where Adams is being treated. If Adams dies, Carruth's bond would automatically be revoked.

Prosecutors allege that Carruth, 25, a wide receiver the Panthers selected in the first round of the 1997 draft, was the instigator of the attack on Adams. She was shot from a passing vehicle as she drove through a Charlotte neighborhood.

The other defendants are Stanley Abraham Jr., 19, Michael Kennedy, 24, and William Watkins, 44, all from Charlotte.

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You guys rock,
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To the entire staff of The Observer,
You are amazing. You are talented and dedicated. You do far more than what's expected and work for way less than what you deserve. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of a 33-year tradition and for raising the bar yet again. And thank you for making this basement the funniest, craziest, luckiest place on campus.
Michelle

NFL

No break for Vermeil, playoff-bound St. Louis

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

The tear ducts were dry for Dick Vermeil the day after the St. Louis Rams became the first team to clinch an NFL playoff berth.

The coaching staff was too busy on Monday evaluating game film and beginning preparations for the next game at New Orleans to remain giddy about the team's first NFC West title since 1985.

"I've said five times, wouldn't it be great to have a three-day break to just relax and enjoy what you've been able to accomplish?" Vermeil said. "But that's not the NFL. You don't get any time to rejoice and you don't get any time to recover when you lose one that you thought you shouldn't have lost."

Of course, it's a lot easier returning to the routine when the rewards are there. The Rams (10-2) have more victories this season than in the first two years of Vermeil's coaching comeback combined.

"It's back to work, but it's back to work with a little more of a smile, a little more pep to our step," tight end Roland Williams said. "Obviously, we achieved one of our goals and that feels great, but our team is so strong and we have so much going for us to just settle for going to the playoffs."

Vermeil, perhaps the NFL's most emotional coach, burst into tears at least four times after Sunday's 34-21 victory at Carolina. Then he broke out the champagne on the flight home, capped by a welcome-home celebration with about 500 fans at the airport.

"We want to take Georgia to Georgia," Vermeil said, referring to Rams owner Georgia Frontiere and the Super Bowl site in Atlanta, Ga.

Then he regained control.

The next objective for the Rams is securing home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. They've got a two-game lead on the NFC field with four games to play after Sunday's 34-21 victory at Carolina.

"That's very important," cornerback Dexter McCleon said. "You don't want to go to Detroit or Minnesota or Green Bay or somewhere like that having to win."

The Rams could clinch a first-round bye, which would be their first break since Week 2 of the season, as soon as this week. They need only a victory at New Orleans (2-10) and a Washington loss to Arizona.

St. Louis has never had a home playoff game. In 28 seasons before moving to Phoenix in 1988, the Cardinals played in only three playoff games — all losses and all on the road. So there's still plenty of targets.

The Rams, 200-1 longshots to make the Super Bowl in the preseason, have come a very long way in a short time. They were 22-42 their first four seasons after moving to St. Louis from Anaheim, Calif., and entered the season as the losingest team of the decade.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pirates ink four minor leaguers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Outfielder Adam Hyzdu, who had 24 homers and 78 RBIs in 96 games last season for Double-A Altoona, was one of four minor league free agents signed Tuesday by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Hyzdu began the season with Boston's Triple-A Pawtucket farm club, batting .229 with one homer and six RBIs in 12 games. After signing a minor-league contract with Pittsburgh, Hyzdu, 28, spent most of the season at Altoona before finishing at Triple-A Nashville, hitting .250 with five homers and 13 RBIs in 14 games.

Hyzdu was the San Francisco Giants' first-round draft pick in 1990.

The Pirates also signed infielder Jason Wood, right-hander Jose Lopez, outfielder Daren Hooper and sold the contract of right-handed reliever Greg Hansell to the Hanshin Tigers of the Japanese League.

Wood hit .159 with one homer and eight RBIs in 27 games with Detroit before spending most of the season in the minors. He also played for Oakland in 1998.

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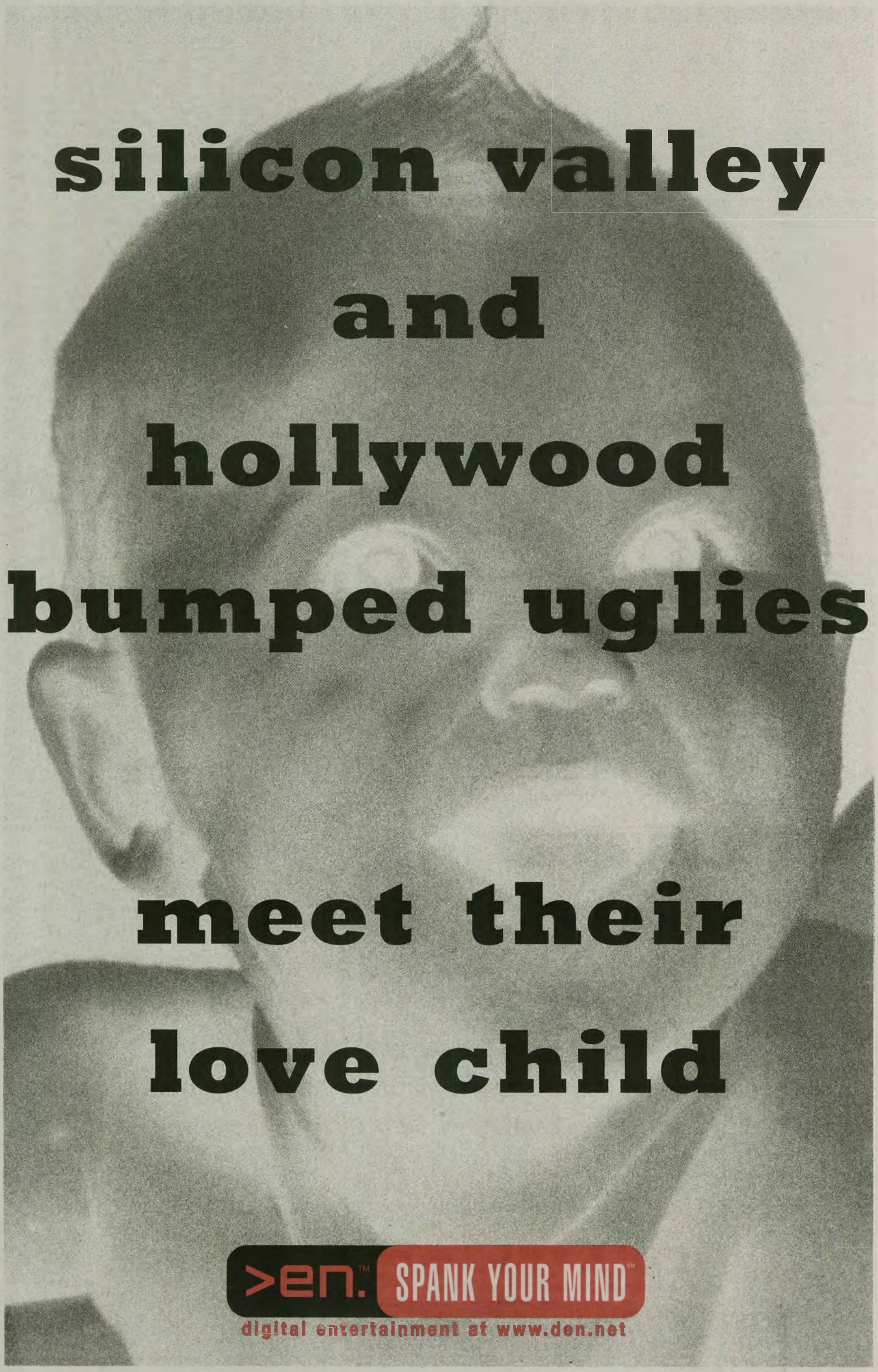
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Finalists await Lombardi Award

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Defensive end Corey Moore of Virginia Tech and nose guard Corey Simon of Florida State are competing to be No. 1 in more ways than one.

On Wednesday night, they'll join linebacker LaVar Arrington and defensive end Courtney Brown of Penn State as finalists for the 30th Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman. On Jan. 4, Moore and Simon meet in the Sugar Bowl to battle for the nationalchampionship.

"We've talked about it some but it's not Corey vs. Corey. It's Florida State vs. Virginia Tech," Moore said. "We don't have to block each other or anything. I just think there's a lot of respect both ways.'"

Moore won the Mike Fox-Bronco Nagurski Trophy on Monday night as the nation's top defensive player. He set a Big East record with 17 sacks this season and led a defense that ranked in the top 10 nationally in every category.

"A lot of schools recruited me out of high school, but a lot of them said I was too small to compete in Division I-A," Moore said. "I've been blessed to have the opportunity to have an opportunity to play for Virginia Tech."

Simon anchored Florida State's defense. He set a Seminoles record with 19 tackles for losses, including four sacks. He deflected three passes and had an interception. Simon thinks the Hokies and Seminoles are ready to put on a good show.

"We know that we're going to be playing against each other, but it's not an individual thing," Simon said. "I think both sides have a lot of confidence."

With Arrington and Brown, Penn State became the first school in 20 years to have two Lombardi Award finalists the same year. The Nittany Lions also accomplished the feat in 1978 with Matt Millen and winner Bruce Clark. Brown led the Big 10 with 11 1/2 sacks and 21 tackles for losses. He is Penn State's career leader with 31 sacks. Arrington was second to Brown this season with 15 tackles for losses and seven sacks.

"I'm very proud to be a finalist, win or lose," Arrington said. "To be in the group with these guys is a reward."

It's been a disappointing season for the Nittany Lions and Texas A&M, Penn State's foe in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 28. Both teams started the season expecting to compete for the national championship. "I see it as trying to salvage our season, it's been a rough three weeks," Arrington said.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Michigan State rolls over Kansas

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Miss Mateen? You bet Michigan State does. Not that the fourth-ranked Spartans can't win without their star point guard Mateen Cleaves.

They did it for the seventh time Tuesday night, beating fifth-ranked Kansas 66-54 in the Great Eight behind the play of Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson.

One sign at the United Center put it this way: "The Spartans are so hot, they can go Cleaveless."

But with Cleaves limping on a broken foot and wearing a big sweater on the Michigan State bench, the Spartans struggled handling the ball against second-half pressure as Kansas used a 19-2 run to cut a 23-point deficit to six.

Then the rally fell short as State (7-1) regrouped behind Peterson. Kansas' first loss this season after six straight wins also marked the first time this season the Jayhawks had played a ranked opponent.

Bell, doing most of the ball handling in Cleaves' absence, scored 21 points. Peterson shot poorly (3-of-14) but finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. And A.J. Granger had 13 for State.

Kenny Gregory scored 14 points and Luke Axtell 12 for Kansas (6-1).

State won the Big Ten tournament on the same floor nine months ago and the Spartans played like they were right at home during the entire first half and the first six minutes of the second.

The Spartans were rolling 51-28 and on the way to an easy victory when the Jayhawks finally got loose. They ran off 13 straight points, a run featuring Drew Gooden's slam and Nick Bradford's steal and layup.

State went six minutes with no points before Jason Richardson hit a jumper to end the drought and give the Spartans a 53-41 lead with 8:18 to go.

But Kansas wasn't through. Gregory went high for back-to-back dunks after steals as the Jayhawks turned up the defensive pressure and ran off six more points, cutting the lead to 53-47 with just under seven minutes to go.

Then Peterson showed his leadership. He dropped in two free throws, fed Bell for a lay-in on the break and then made a one-on-one move from the key and drove for a basket to put the Spartans back up by 12.

Bell was too quick for the Jayhawks to contain in the first half.

His 13 points on 6-for-8 shooting, Michigan State's sticky defense that limited Kansas to just eight points in the first 10 minutes and three 3-pointers by Granger helped the Spartans to a 39-23 halftime lead.

Kansas was making its fifth straight Great Eight appearance and for the second straight season, the Jayhawks struggled at the United Center. Last year they were routed 63-45 by Kentucky.

No. 6 Connecticut 78, No. 2 Arizona 69

Khalid El-Amin and Albert Mouring, the elder of the game's starting backcourts, led No. 6 Connecticut to a victory over No. 2 Arizona in the Great Eight.

The juniors, two years older than Arizona's starting tandem of freshman guards, didn't have very impressive shooting games but came up big enough to lead the defending national champions to their sixth straight win since a season-opening loss to Iowa.

El-Amin finished with 23 points on 9-of-24 shooting, but was 4-for-8 from 3-point range — mostly against Arizona's 2-3 zone — and helped keep the Huskies in front for the game's final 30 minutes.

Mouring, who has struggled this season as he tries to replace Big East player of the year Richard Hamilton as the shooting guard, finished with nine points, but five came at the start of an 11-0 run that gave the Huskies a 73-61 lead with 1:11 to play.

Gilbert Arenas, one of the Wildcats' freshman guards, had 18 points, while Loren Woods added 16 and Michael Wright had 14. Wright had 10 rebounds and Woods had nine.

Jason Gardner, Arizona's other starting guard, finished with nine points on 2-of-9 shooting.

The loss was the first of the season for Arizona (6-1), which is in the middle of a three-game stretch against Top Ten teams as it beat then-No. 9 Texas last Saturday and plays host to No. 4 Michigan State on Saturday.

Connecticut led 37-30 at halftime and Arizona made several runs, getting as close as 56-54 on a dunk by Richard Jefferson with 8:00 left.

Tony Robertson added 15 points for the Huskies, while Kevin Freeman had 10.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Burns leaves Arkansas for Tulsa

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla.

Arkansas defensive coordinator Keith Burns is the next head football coach at the University of Tulsa.

"They have offered me the job, and I'm going to take it," Burns told the Morning News of Northwest Arkansas today.

A university source, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the hiring to The Associated Press.

The Tulsa World, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette at Little Rock and Morning News reported that Burns will begin his new duties at Tulsa immediately. The university called an afternoon news conference to announce Burns as its choice.

Arkansas Coach Houston Nutt says Louis Campbell, the director of football operations, will join the Razorbacks' coaching staff in place of Burns at the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1.

Burns said he will miss his association with Nutt.

"I hate leaving Houston because he's not only a great coach, but one of my best friends," Burns told the Springdale paper. "He has been great to me and my family. And my biggest regret is not having time to tell the players. As soon as I get back, I want to meet with them."

Tulsa fired longtime head coach Dave Rader on Oct. 25 in the midst of his eighth consecutive losing season. Tulsa finished 2-9, with defensive coordinator Pat Henderson serving as interim coach.

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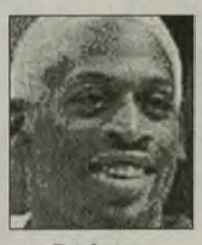
NBA

League will not probe allegations

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The revelation that alleged mobsters gave NBA players free alcohol and strippers won't prompt the league to open an investigation into the matter.



Rodman

The league said Tuesday it had not started any formal investigation into the NBA players linked to the case of the Atlanta strip club the Gold Club, whose owner has been indicted on racketeering and prostitution charges.

The New York Daily News reported that Patrick Ewing, Charles Oakley and Dennis Rodman were "comped" for thousands of dollars worth of entertainment and drinks at the club.

The newspaper quoted unidentified federal sources and investigative records as saying that during five nights in April 1998, "Patrick Ewing and friends" ran up a bill of $2,233, including a $991 tab in a single night at the club.

Oakley, who left the New York Knicks in June 1998 and now plays for Toronto, was "comped" for $1,313 and $665 on two nights in June 1997, while Rodman paid $411, $516, $786, $895, $926, and $946 in so-called "funny money" called Gold Bucks during visits from 1995-98, the newspaper said.

No athletes were named in the indictment and none faces allegations of wrongdoing. NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said the league was continuing to monitor developments.

"We have not started any investigation," McIntyre said.

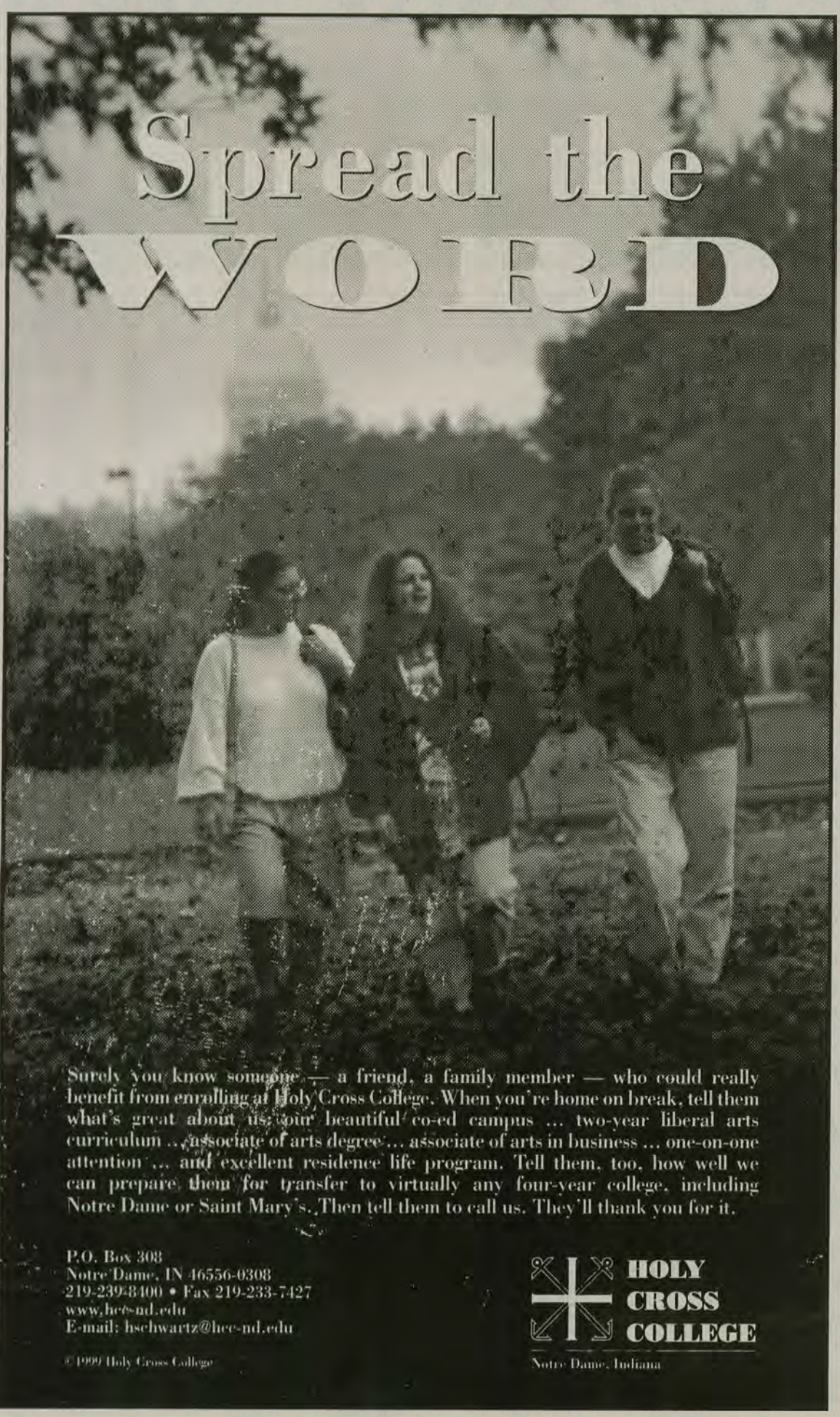
NBA players are occasionally advised by the league's security office to stay away from certain establishments where criminal activity is suspected, and the standard player contract forbids behavior that is "materially prejudicial or detrimental" to the league.

Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, said the league office had not contacted him or his client regarding the strip club indictment. Calls to agents for Ewing and Oakley were not returned.

Steven Kaplan, owner of the Gold Club, and 14 other defendants were indicted Nov. 4 on charges including prostitution, racketeering, money-laundering, loan-sharking and credit-card fraud. They have pleaded innocent.

The government contends the Gold Club was a virtual brothel that corrupted police, provided dancers as prostitutes for regular clients and skimmed millions from the cash flow to buy protection from the New York-based Gambino organized crime family.

The indictment says that in April or May 1997, Kaplan and the other defendants transported female dancers from the Gold Club to the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, S.C.



NHL

Lemieux, Devils burn Penguins

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Claude Lemieux set up goals by John Madden and Randy McKay to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 2-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, sending the Penguins to their third straight loss.

Martin Brodeur made 24 saves in winning an entertaining goaltending battle with Jean-Sebastien Aubin, who made 39 stops in filling in for the suspended Tom Barrasso.

Brodeur lost his shutout on a power-play goal by Jan Hrdina, his first of the season. But he preserved the win in the closing seconds, stopping a German Titov shot from the left circle.

Madden, who was kept out of the lineup the last four games, gave the Devils the lead at 2:55 of the second period, just seconds after being stopped on a breakaway.

Scott Stevens kept the puck in the Penguins zone and fed Lemieux for a shot in the circle. Aubin made the save, but Madden got the rebound and backhanded it into the net.

One of the reasons Madden was able to do that was Pittsburgh defenseman Hans Jonsson had left the ice to get a new stick.

Brodeur was at his best late in the second period maintaining the lead. He first made a sliding pad save on Martin Straka right in front and then stopped Jaromir Jagr on a semi breakaway.

Capitals 4, Islanders 2

James Black's go-ahead goal early in the third period led Washington a victory over the Islanders, and kept the Capitals unbeaten against New York in 13 games.

The winning goal came on a play started by Capitals defenseman Ken Klee, who lifted the puck through the neutral zone to Jeff Halpern just ahead of the blue line. Halpern knocked the puck down with a glove, but was taken out of the play by two Islanders defenders.

Black, the trailer, got to the loose puck between the circles and beat Roberto Luongo at 2:15. Two of Black's four goals this season have come against the Islanders.

The Islanders failed to convert a power-play chance after falling behind and pulled Luongo with 34 seconds left in the game. Richard Zednik scored an empty-net goal with 15 seconds remaining.

Sergei Gonchar and Steve Konowalchuk also scored for the Capitals, who are 12-0-1 in their last 13 against the Islanders. Adam Oates had three assists.

Washington is 6-1-3 in its last 10 home games and has not lost consecutive games since dropping the final two games of a West Coast trip late last month.

Mariusz Czerkawski and Jamie Heward scored for New York, which has dropped three straight and five of six. The Islanders fell to 1-7 against Southeast Division teams.

Gonchar, who failed to score in his first 26 games this season after a career-best 21 goals a year ago, put the Capitals ahead midway through the first period. From the right point, Gonchar one-timed Oates' cross-ice feed at 10:44.

The Islanders tied it 1-1 on Czerkawski's 10th goal 6:05 into the second period. Mats Lindgren dug the puck out of the left corner and passed to Czerkawski, who beat Olaf Kolzig to the glove side with a rising wrist shot.

Konowalchuk and Heward then swapped goals 20 seconds apart to make it 2-2.

Canadiens 3, Flames 3

Martin Rucinsky scored twice in the second period as the Montreal Canadiens skated to a tie with the Calgary Flames.

The tie snapped a three-game losing streak for the injury-riddled Canadiens, while the Flames concluded a six-game road trip on which they went 2-2-1-1.

Derek Morris and Cory Stillman scored on Calgary's first two shots on Jeff Hackett and Valeri Bure made it 3-1 after Montreal's Dainius Zubrus scored early in the second period.

Rucinsky's 11th and 12th goals of the season sent the teams into the third period tied at 3-3.

Montreal got three of its 10 injured regulars back. Defenseman Patrice Brisebois and left-winger Benoit Brunet, both returning from back injuries, saw their first action of the season while center Sergei Zholtok returned wearing a face mask to protect a bruised cheek.

Brisebois had a pair of assists while Zholtok helped set up Zubrus's goal.

Grant Fuhr replaced Fred Brathwaite in the Calgary goal for his first start in 11 games.

The Flames outshot Montreal 32-20 before an announced crowd of 19,106.

Hurricanes 4, Blues 2

Jeff O'Neill scored twice and added an assist, and Arturs Irbe made 28 saves as the Carolina Hurricanes ended the St. Louis Blues' seven-game home unbeaten streak with a win.

Since losing its first two home games, St. Louis compiled a 10-1-2 record at Kiel Center, with the only loss coming against defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas on Nov. 9.

The Blues lost for only the third time in 13 games (8-3-2).

Ron Francis had two assists for Carolina, giving him 1,056 for his career. He is now one assist away from tying Mark Messier for fourth place on the NHL career list.

O'Neill broke a 2-2 tie when he scored from right in front with 48 seconds remaining in the second period. Sean Hill started the play with a shot from the right point that Turek stopped. Francis' rebound attempt was also turned away, but the puck came to Hill who tapped it in.

Hill had a goal and two assists for Carolina. Fellow defenseman Paul Coffey scored the other Carolina goal. Carolina, which only had 15 goals from defensemen last season, has 13 goals in 28 games this season from the defense corps.

Ex-Illini Wallace dies

Associated Press

URBANA, Ill.

Stan Wallace, who helped Illinois to victory in the 1952 Rose Bowl and went on to play for the Chicago Bears, has died following heart surgery.

Wallace, 68, died Monday at an Urbana hospital.

A native of Hillsboro, Wallace returned a pass interception 56 yards to set up Illinois' go-ahead touchdown in a 40-7 victory over Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

He played defensive back for the Bears from 1954-58, then spent three seasons with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.

Wallace entered private business in Champaign-Urbana after his football career.

He is survived by a widow and two children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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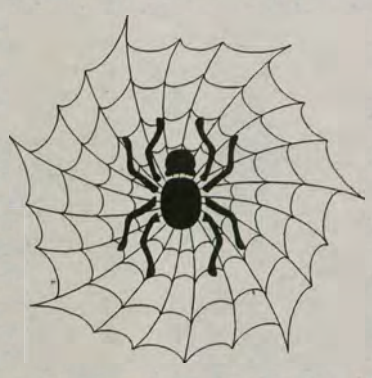

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NFL

King rules over Tampa Bay offense in first pro start

Associated Press

TAMPA

No one on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers seemed surprised by the poise Shaun King showed in his first NFL start.

The 22-year-old rookie has been a leader since the day he arrived at training camp, impressing teammates with his maturity, confidence and performance. King got a struggling offense into the end zone in each of his four preseason appearances.

He did it in his regular-season debut after Trent Dilfer broke his collarbone, and again Monday night when he threw two touchdown passes in Tampa Bay's 24-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

"He controlled the game, which is what you have to do when you're playing that position," coach Tony Dungy said Tuesday. "And that's not easy to do as a rookie. He made a few mistakes. ... I'm sure he will do better next week. But he played well and gave his team conf idence, and that's a big thing."

Although the former Tulane star only threw for 93 yards, the Bucs didn't streamline the game plan to try to minimize his mistakes.

The Bucs have posted four of the five lowest passing days in the NFL this season, yet are 4-0 in the those games.

So, when Dungy stressed last week that King didn't have to have a big night statistically to give the Bucs a chance against the high-scoring Vikings, he wasn't blowing smoke.

"We have the kind of defense that it's not going to take a whole lot week in and week out to win ball games," King said. "So if we go out and execute, and I don't make a crucial mistake, I think I can take us real far."

Dilfer will be sidelined for at least the remainder of the regular season, however that doesn't necessarily mean the starting job is King's to keep as the Bucs go down the stretch.

Monday night's victory was the fifth straight for Tampa Bay (8-4), tying a franchise record, and the Bucs are tied for the lead in the NFC Central with the Detroit Loins.

The teams meet Sunday at Raymond James Stadium. King, who completed 11 of 19 passes and was intercepted once, ensured another start byplaying well against the Vikings.

But Dungy doesn't want to push him along too quickly, and said he has not ruled the possibility that career backup Eric Zeier could take over the No. 1 job when his sore ribs are healthy.

"I think as Eric gets back closer to 100 percent, we'll have to evaluate things. You know, because Shaun is still a rookie. And we'll have to look and see what gives us the best chance to win," the coach said. "But right now, Shaun's the guy who's practiced for the last month and a half, and I think that's the way to go."

King received calls Tuesday from friends and other players around the league, congratulating him on the victory.

Among the well-wishers were fellow rookie quarterbacks Donovan McNabb and Daunte Culpepper, who was on the Vikings sideline.

"That's what you expect. The NFL is kind of like a family, and you root for other players. Even when you're playing against them, you root for them. You just hope they don't make enough plays to beat you."

King threw a 29-yard TD pass to Jacquez Green, lofting a perfect spiral to back of the end zone where the receiver made the catch with a defender draped on his back.

The rookie's cool behavior was especially evident on a game-clinching, 1-yard scoring pass to Dave Moore.

He faked a handoff to Mike Alstott after the Vikings stopped the Bucs fullback short of the goal line on the two previous plays.

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73 players declared free agents

Associated Press

NEW YORK

John Olerud left the New York Mets for Seattle as the first key free-agent deadline of the offseason approached Tuesday night, and teams cut off negotiations with 73 of their former players.

The World Series champion New York Yankees said goodbye to catcher Joe Girardi and infielder Luis Sojo, Anaheim let go of left-hander Chuck Finley and Cincinnati said so long to outfielder Greg Vaughn and pitchers Steve Avery and Mark Wohlers.

Meanwhile, 22 players were offered arbitration, a group that included outfielder Wil Cordero and left-hander Chris Haney (Cleveland) and three players who left the NL champion Atlanta Braves to become free agents: shortstop Jose Hernandez, right-hander Rudy Seanez and outfielder Gerald Williams.

Players offered arbitration may accept the offers through Dec. 19 and negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

Players not offered arbitration can't re-sign with their former teams until May 1. Also, teams can sign these players without losing amateur draft picks as compensation.

Among those were right-handers Andy Benes, John Burkett, Orel Hershiser and Bobby Witt; catcher Benito Santiago; infielders Jeff Blauser, Tony Fernandez, Mickey Morandini and Ed Sprague; outfielder Paul Sorrento; and designated hitter Harold Baines.

Right-hander Jeff Brantley, facing the midnight deadline, re-signed with Philadelphia, agreeing to a $250,000, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn an additional $2.5 million in roster and performance bonuses.

Shortstop Rey Sanchez agreed to a $4.6 million, two-year contract with Kansas City, and Texas signed two players just before the deadline, left-hander Mike Munoz ($850,000) and second baseman Luis Alicea ($750,000).

Atlanta agreed to a minor league deal with outfielder Brian Hunter, who would get a $350,000, one-year contract if he makes the team. Cleveland agreed to a minor league deal with left-hander Mark Langston, who would get a $300,000, one-year contract if he's added to the major league roster.

Others offered arbitration were first baseman Jeff Conine and left-hander Arthur Rhodes (Baltimore); right-hander Omar Olivares (Oakland); left-hander Norm Charlton (Tampa Bay); right-hander Aaron Sele and third baseman Todd Zeile (Texas); left-hander Graeme Lloyd and first baseman David Segui (Toronto); right-hander Steve Trachsel (Chicago Cubs); right-hander Juan Guzman (Cincinnati); outfielder Shawon Dunston and left-hander Kenny Rogers (Mets); third baseman Dale Sveum (Pittsburgh); and outfielder Thomas Howard and left-hander Darren Oliver (St. Louis).

Rogers' agent, Scott Boras, disputed the Mets' right to offer arbitration to his client.

"We have a clause in his contract that says that if his option wasn't exercised, which it wasn't, because we had it removed, they can't offer arbitration," Boras said.

The Mets also offered arbitration to Olerud in case there's a problem with his Seattle deal.

Olerud, one of the top players in a weak free-agent class, opted to return to his hometown, agreeing to a $20 million, three-year contract with the Mariners.

"This was a real difficult decision for me," Olerud said. "There were times where I was leaning toward the Mets, definitely. I came close, but never to the point where I said 'Let's go for it.'"

The first baseman, coming off an $8 million, two-year deal, said the Mets made a "very comparable" offer. The contract with Seattle calls for salaries of $6.35 million in 2000, $6.7 million in 2001 and $6.95 million in 2002.

"I think if it was any other team other than the Mets, it would have been a real easy decision," Olerud said.

With the Mariners, Olerud will be able to commute to Safeco Field for home games. He has a wife and 15-month-old son living in Seattle and will be able to play in front of his parents. He also has grandparents on both sides of the family in Seattle

"We couldn't match that," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "It really boiled down to what city he wanted to play in."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Boilermakers defeat Redbirds

Associated Press

NORMAL, Ill.

Jaraan Cornell and Maynard Lewis scored 19 points apiece to lead five Boilermakers in double figures Tuesday night as No. 25 Purdue beat Illinois State 86-75.

Purdue (4-2) was clinging to a 50-49 lead with just over 13 minutes to play when the Boilermakers went on a 13-3 run over the next three minutes that put the game away. Cornell hit two jumpers during the run, while Lewis knocked down one of his three 3-pointers.

Illinois State (2-4) never got closer than nine points after that.

Both teams were hot from the outside throughout the contest. Purdue was 10-of-17 from beyond the 3-point line, while the Redbirds went 7-of-14. Lewis, who came off the bench to score his career-high 19, was perfect in three attempts from long range.

Brian Cardinal scored 14 points for the Boilermakers, while Carson Cunningham added 13 and Mike Robinson 10. Purdue shot 55 percent from the field for the game.

Illinois State's Tarise Bryson kept the Redbirds in the game by hitting all five of his 3-point attempts on his way to a team-high 22 points. L. Dee Murdock contributed 15 points and 10 rebounds for ISU. P.J. Smith had 14 points and Shawn Jeppson 13.

No. 23 Kentucky 86, NC-Asheville 41

Desmond Allison scored 15 points as No. 23 Kentucky broke its longest losing streak in nearly a decade with a win over North Carolina-Asheville.

After successive losses to Arizona, Dayton and Indiana, a Rupp Arena date with the winless Bulldogs (0-8) was precisely what Kentucky (4-3) needed to get back on track.

The win stopped the Wildcats' worst slide since they dropped five straight in December and January of 1989-90, when Rick Pitino was in his first season as coach and the team was on NCAA probation.

The Wildcats, anemic offensively for much of the season, shot 45.6 percent from the field and scored a season-high 84 points.

The defense, a source of concern for coach Tubby Smith after Indiana shot 54.7 percent from the floor in Saturday's 83-75 loss, tightened, limiting the Bulldogs to just 36.1 percent shooting (15 of 44) and forcing 29 turnovers which led to 37 Kentucky points.

One day after Smith said he was thinking about benching Allison, following a scoreless performance against Indiana, he responded with his best performance of the season.

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NCAA Football

Dayne wins AP Player of the Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ron Dayne had his reasons for staying at Wisconsin instead of running off early to the NFL.

He wanted to spend another year with his 2-year-old daughter, Jada, and his girlfriend, Alia Lester. He wanted to earn a degree in Afro-American studies. And he wanted to break the NCAA major college career rushing record.

One thousand eight hundred thirty-four yards later — and much closer to a diploma — Dayne accomplished everything he set out to do in his senior season.

On Tuesday, he won The Associated Press' College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

Dayne received 43 of the 82 votes in the AP balloting. He beat Virginia Tech redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Vick, who had 14 votes. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was third with six votes.

"Although my name is on the award, I share it with my linemen and fullback — they do all the hard work and I just run," Dayne, of Berlin, N.J., said. "Winning this player of the year award is nice because it is picked by the people who watch the game closely."

Recently, Dayne won player of the year awards from the Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News. He is the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night.

Dayne broke Ricky Williams' 1-year-old Division I rushing record in his final game at Camp Randall Stadium. The Badgers' 5-foot-10, 254-pound tailback ran for 216 yards in a 41-3 rout of Iowa last month to boost his career total to 6,397 yards, breaking Williams' mark of 6,279 yards.

Dayne led No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) to its first outright Big Ten Conference title since 1962 and a second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. He carried 303 times for 1,834 yards — a 6.1-yard average — and scored 19 touchdowns.

This season he ranked second nationally in rushing at 166.7 yards a game. He was fourth in scoring (10.4 points) and ninth in all-purpose yardage (167.6). He also ran for 200 or more yards four times.

The numbers are even more impressive considering he sat out the second halves of blowout wins over Murray State, Ball State and Indiana. In an easy victory over Michigan State, Dayne ran for 214 yards but carried only once in the fourth quarter. The Spartans came into the game with the No. 1 rushing defense.

"This award is a great tribute for Ron, the ultimate team player, to realize this individual acclaim as the nation's top player," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said. "He has epitomized our program with his no-nonsense, blue collar approach."

After his record-setting game Nov. 13, there was a ceremony to acknowledge the Badgers' second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. There was also a surprise for Dayne.

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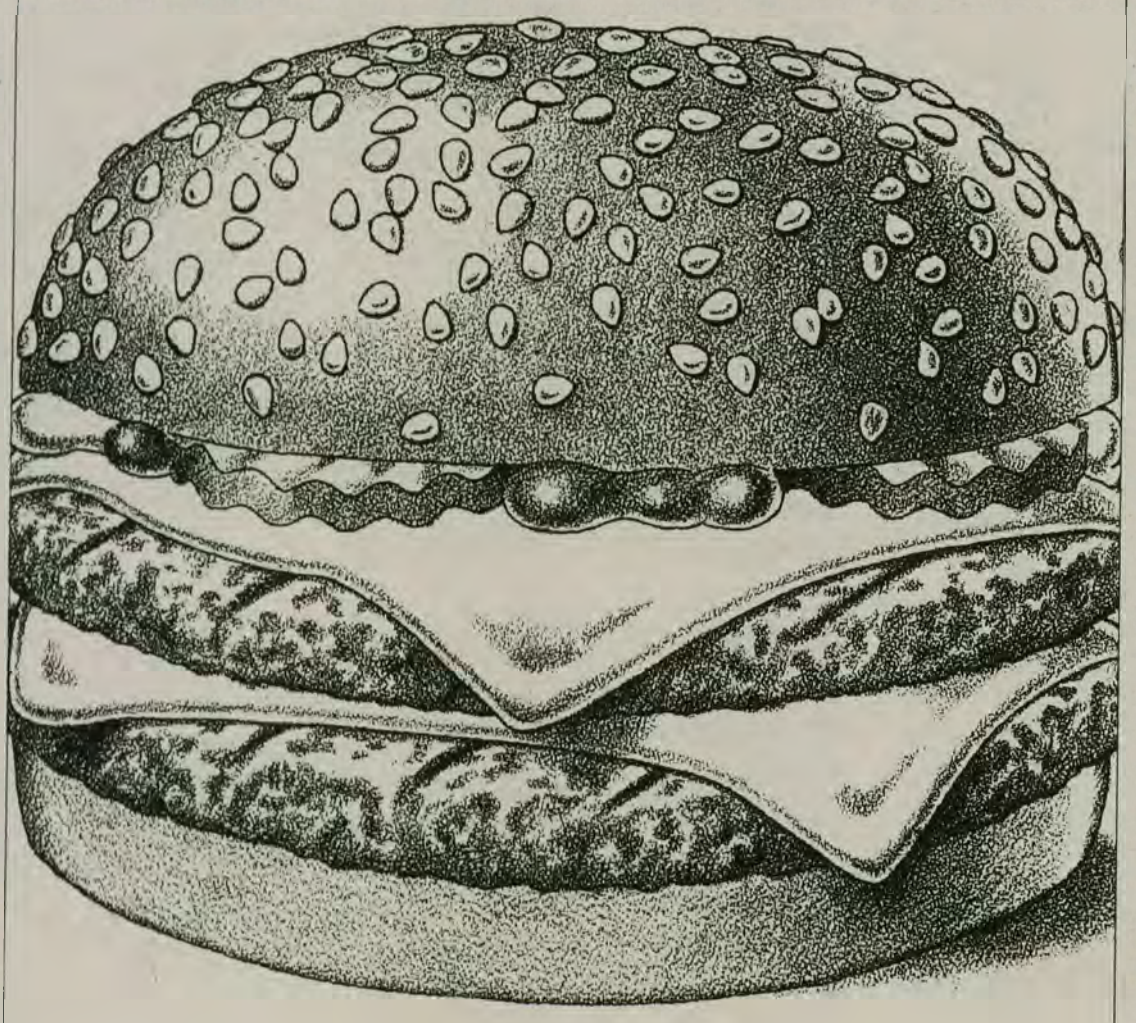

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NBA

Carter leads Raptors over Cavaliers

Associated Press

TORONTO

Vince Carter scored 15 of his 32 points in the decisive third quarter as the Toronto Raptors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 101-98 Tuesday night.

Carter, coming off a career-high 39 points against San Antonio on Sunday, missed 9 of 14 shots in the first half as the Raptors fell behind by 11 points. But he found the range in the third quarter, hitting 6 of 8 shots as the Raptors outscored the Cavaliers 31-13 to take control.

Carter hit a 3-pointer with 2:04 left in the third to give Toronto a 64-63 lead and then added a short turnaround jumper.

Following a technical foul on Carter with 39.6 seconds left, Brevin Knight made three straight free throws to cut Toronto's lead to 98-95. But the Raptors held on for their third straight victory.

Dee Brown scored 14 points of his season-high 17 points for Toronto in the first half. He was 5-of-10 from 3-point range.

Knicks 89, Warriors 83

Without a kind gesture for P.J. Carlesimo or a harsh word for any hecklers, Latrell Sprewell did enough damage in one half to keep John Starks from feeling at home in his return to Madison Square Garden.

Sprewell abused Starks when they were matched head-to-head and scored all 21 of his points in the first half as the New York Knicks defeated Golden State to send the Warriors to their 10th straight loss.

It was the second meeting of the season between Sprewell and the coach he once choked, and it was a different atmosphere from the night two weeks ago in Oakland when Sprewell spurned Carlesimo's attempt at a pregame handshake and engaged in a vulgar dialogue with hecklers.

Most of the hype, instead, surrounded Starks' return to the arena where he played for eight seasons.

Starks, the first player introduced prior to the game, blew kisses to the crowd as they gave him a 10-second standing ovation. But that warm moment was one of the few ones for Starks, who missed his first four shots and his final five and was helpless early on when he had to defend Sprewell — the player he, Chris Mills and Terry Cummings were traded for on Jan. 21.

Pacers 83, Spurs 77

Reggie Miller scored 23 points as the Indiana Pacers defeated the San Antonio Spurs.

The loss was the third straight for the defending NBA champions, all on the road. Indiana, which was held for eight minutes in the second half without a field goal, posted its fourth consecutive victory despite shooting only 36 percent from the field.

Miller, who was 5-for-9 from 3-point range, hit a 3-pointer with 1:26 left that gave the Pacers a 81-77 lead with 1:26 left. After Duncan missed a jumper and Indiana got the rebound, Miller assisted on a Rik Smits basket that gave Indiana an 83-75 lead.

Smits finished with 18 points and Al Harrington contributed 13 points to the victory. Johnson was the only other Spur in double figures with 15 points as David Robinson scored just six points on 3-of-12 shooting from the field.

Pistons 116, Bucks 112

Grant Hill scored 31 points and the Detroit Pistons overcame a 16-point halftime deficit with a 70-point second half to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 116-112 Tuesday night.

Hill, averaging 32.5 points in his last four games, added 12 assists as the Pistons won for only the second time in their last six games.

Jerry Stackhouse added 26 points, including four points in the final 37 seconds, as the Pistons snapped the Bucks' two-game winning streak.

Grizzlies 104, Mavericks 95

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and Brent Price hit two 3-pointers down the stretch as Vancouver snapped an 11-game losing streak with a victory over Dallas.

Michael Dickerson added 21 points and Othella Harrington had 16 to help Vancouver get its first road win of the season after opening with seven straight defeats away from home.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Big 12 places six schools in post-seaon bowls

By JOSHUA CAMENZIND
U-Wire

LINCOLN, Neb.

The Big 12 Conference will find itself bowling six times over in the 1999-2000 college football bowl season.

Oklahoma, Kansas State, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and Texas A&M all will try and better the 3-4 record compiled by Big 12 teams in bowls last postseason. Texas Tech was the only Big 12 bowl-eligible team that did not get invited to a bowl.

Oklahoma (7-4) will face Mississippi (7-4) in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. The bid marks the first bowl for the Sooners since 1994.

OU Coach Bob Stoops said he is pleased with leading his team to a bowl in his first year as a head coach.

"We realize that being in a bowl is an award for having a solid year," Stoops said. "I am appreciative of our seniors and the leadership on our team in our first year here."

Ole Miss running back Deuce McAllister is looking forward to playing the Sooners.

"They have great tradition at Oklahoma," McAllister said. "You usually think of the wishbone offense with them, but they have a great quarterback, and they really like to air it out.

"Their coach [Stoops] knows a lot about defense and has done a great job out there. It is going to be a great challenge for our offense against their defense."

Kansas State (10-1) will play Washington (7-4) in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. after being snubbed by the Cotton Bowl.

Wildcat Coach Bill Snyder said his team is looking forward to playing an improved Washington team, led by former Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel.

"We have looked at Washington," Snyder said. "I see a team that has made vast improvement throughout the course of the season. That is what you would expect with a new staff and players becoming accustomed to each other."

Snyder's team is a big favorite (11 points) against the Huskies, just as they were against Purdue last year in the Alamo Bowl.

Purdue beat KSU 37-34, but Snyder said he does not see similarities in the two games.

"Last year's ball game is just different from this," Snyder said. "It is a ball game we need to prepare well for. Last year was a little different scenario because we were coming off a loss to Texas A&M. That was a tremendously punishing loss emotionally for this football team.

"We were not well enough prepared to win the Alamo Bowl. It was an emotional and mental thing because there was so much residue left from the Big 12 Championship game."

Texas (9-4) will meet Arkansas (7-4) in the Cotton Bowl. The game, in Dallas, will be played at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1.

The Longhorns and the Razorbacks will renew a border rivalry that climaxed 30 years ago in the "Game of the Century," won by Texas 15-14. UT went on to win the national title.

Arkansas won the last matchup in 1991 14-13, but the rivalry ended when UT left the Southwest Conference. The rivalry will be renewed again in 2003 when Arkansas travels to Austin.

Texas Coach Mack Brown said his team will have no problem building emotion for the game.

"When you are coaching at the University of Texas, you need to win your bowl games," Brown said. "There is not a game that is not important to you. We would like to be a top 10 team.

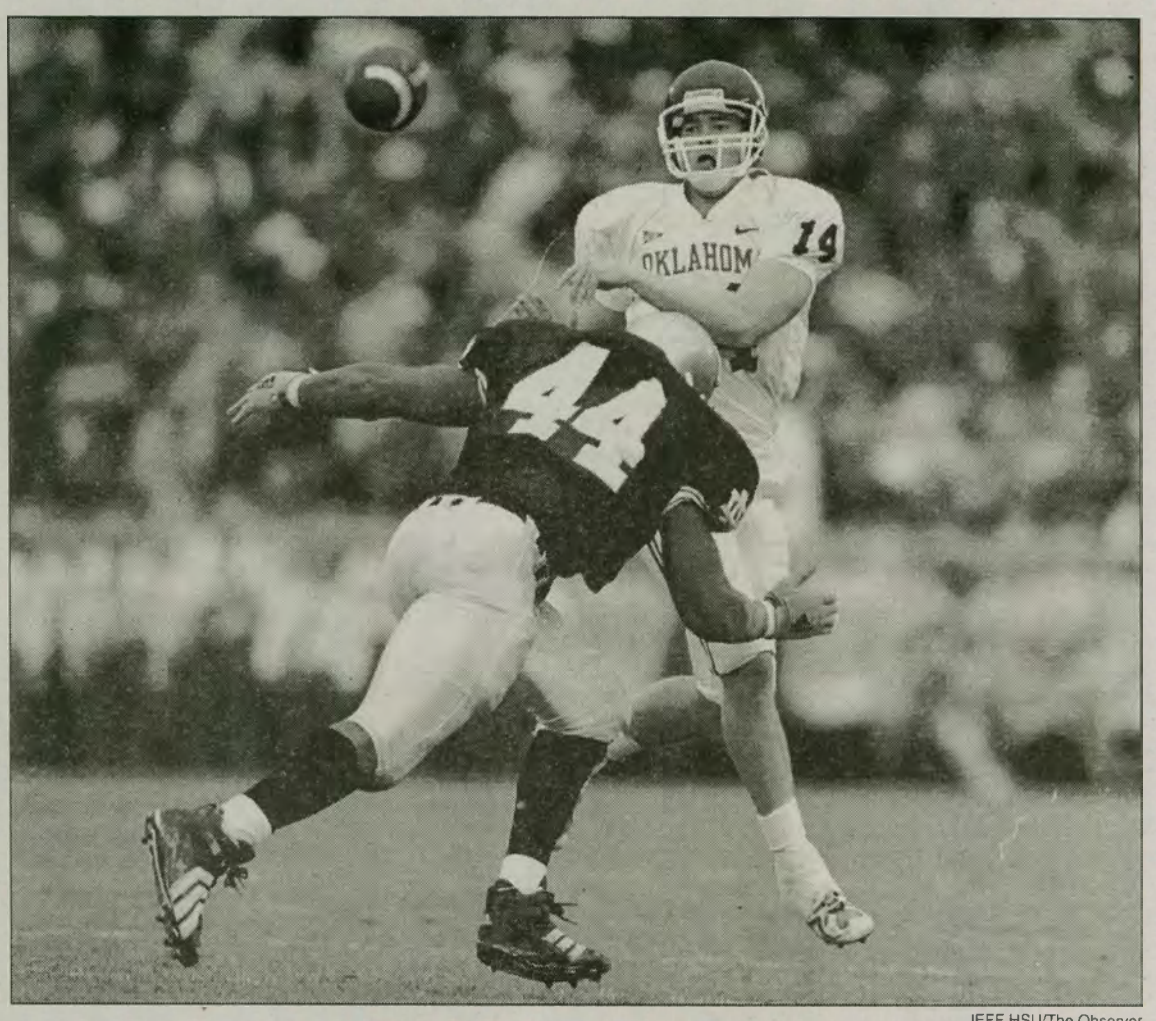
"Arkansas has beaten Tennessee and Mississippi State. They have had some big wins this year, so it will be a hard game for us. To play the emotional game against Texas A&M, and then the game against Nebraska and this will be an emotional game because it is a renewed series with Arkansas."

Texas A&M (8-3) will face Penn State (9-3) on Dec. 28 in the Alamo Bowl at 6:30 p.m. Both teams are ranked No. 13 in one of the two major polls, the Aggies in The Associated Press Poll and PSU in the Coaches Poll.

The bowl will pit two teams with national title hopes that fell apart quickly after good starts. PSU has lost three straight games after beginning the season 9-0. A&M started a downslide Oct. 2, losing to Texas Tech, and followed with poundings by Oklahoma and Nebraska.

But the Aggies beat their rival, Texas, 20-16 after tragedy struck campus, and that emotion may carry over in a game with the Nittany Lions.

Colorado (6-5) will be in Tucson on Dec. 31 to face Boston College (8-3) at 12:30 p.m. in the Insight.com Bowl. The Buffaloes have struggled with inconsistency all year, losing to Colorado State, Washington, Texas Tech, Kansas State and Nebraska. But they have looked good in other games and at times against the Wildcats and Huskers.



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Josh Heupel dodges the rush of Irish defensive end Grant Irons in Notre Dame's October victory. The Sooners are one of six Big 12 teams going "bowling" this year.

CU assistant coach Tom Cable said the fourth-quarter finish against Nebraska will help the Buffs' confidence.

"The kids really stayed together and found out a lot about themselves," Cable said. "If we just keep pressing and pressing against a great team like Nebraska, we can get going and be very good offensively. It will definitely be a springboard for us."

Nebraska (11-1) will face Tennessee (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. NU will represent the Big 12 as the only team in the BCS quartet of bowl games.

Tennessee lost to Arkansas and Alabama by a combined six points and, just like the Huskers, could be looking at a national title shot if not for a late loss.

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich said the bowl might be the best of any bowl played this season, but his team is hurting after the Big 12 Championship game against Texas.

Heading into the game, the Huskers face many injuries coming off the Big 12 Championship win. Solich said his team is in bad shape at this point.

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they deserved a better season than they got, and they deserve enjoy this feast of pepperoni breadsticks in the Lafortune Huddle.

I am sorry, though, guys. I can't invite your coach.

Individual invitations and commendations are also extended to the following people: Troy Murphy, men's basketball, for speaking up and saying what we all always want to say about refs; Jarious Jackson, football, for leadership and incredible dedication; Ruth Riley, women's basketball, for dominating games and earning Big East Player of the Week honors; and Mike Brown, Notre Dame leprechaun, for pumping people up when he probably didn't feel too pumped up himself.

Also, we have to get the squirrel from the Boston College game a bag of nuts or something. Not only did he not freak out in front of 80,000 people, he finally managed to score. I guess our squirrels really are arrogant — or at least pretty confident.

Well, that about wraps up the guest list for my holiday gathering. I hope there are enough BK Big Fishes and hot chocolates to go around. Nothing left to do now but sit down and enjoy this feast of flex points.

Oh, and don't mind that banging at the window — it's just Bob Davie.

Like I said before, I can't just let everybody in.

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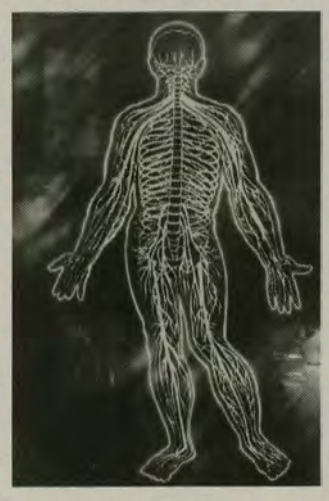

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ence to create winning opportunities for their teams.

Riley is averaging 18.4 points per game and is especially effective in the team's last outing against Liberty, when she registered a season-high 32 points. These scoring figures are more impressive considering that, because of foul trouble, the first-team All-American has only averaged 20.8 minutes per game.

Riley's list of impressive figures goes on: she is shooting with almost 74 percent accuracy and has not missed a free throw yet.

Her scoring counterpart on Purdue's roster is equally talented. Douglas is averaging 22 points per game and is as stingy on defense as she is potent on offense. She averages about two steals and five defensive rebounds per game.

Riley and Douglas are not the only two players with potential to light up the court tonight. Notre Dame's Alicia Ratay has proven in just five collegiate regular-season outings that she is a force. The team's leading scorer, Ratay has hit double digits in each game except one this season. The threat of her deadly three-pointer will keep the Purdue defense tight.

Mackey Arena, considered one of the most intimidating courts for opponents, will present a tough Boilermaker roster. Notre Dame will need tough play from Riley, Ratay and the rest of the Irish lineup from the outset to come out on top.

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Alicia Ratay drives against Butler on Wednesday. Ratay was named Big East rookie of the week for her play in Notre Dame wins over North Carolina, Liberty and Butler.

Readings leaves Sydney committee

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

Paul Reading, responsible for the Sydney Olympics ticketing-controversy, left the organizing committee SOCOG.

A spokesman for SOCOG would not say Wednesday if Reading was fired or quit. Reading bore most of the public criticism after he put aside hundreds of thousands of prime tickets for sale in premium packages at up to three times face value.

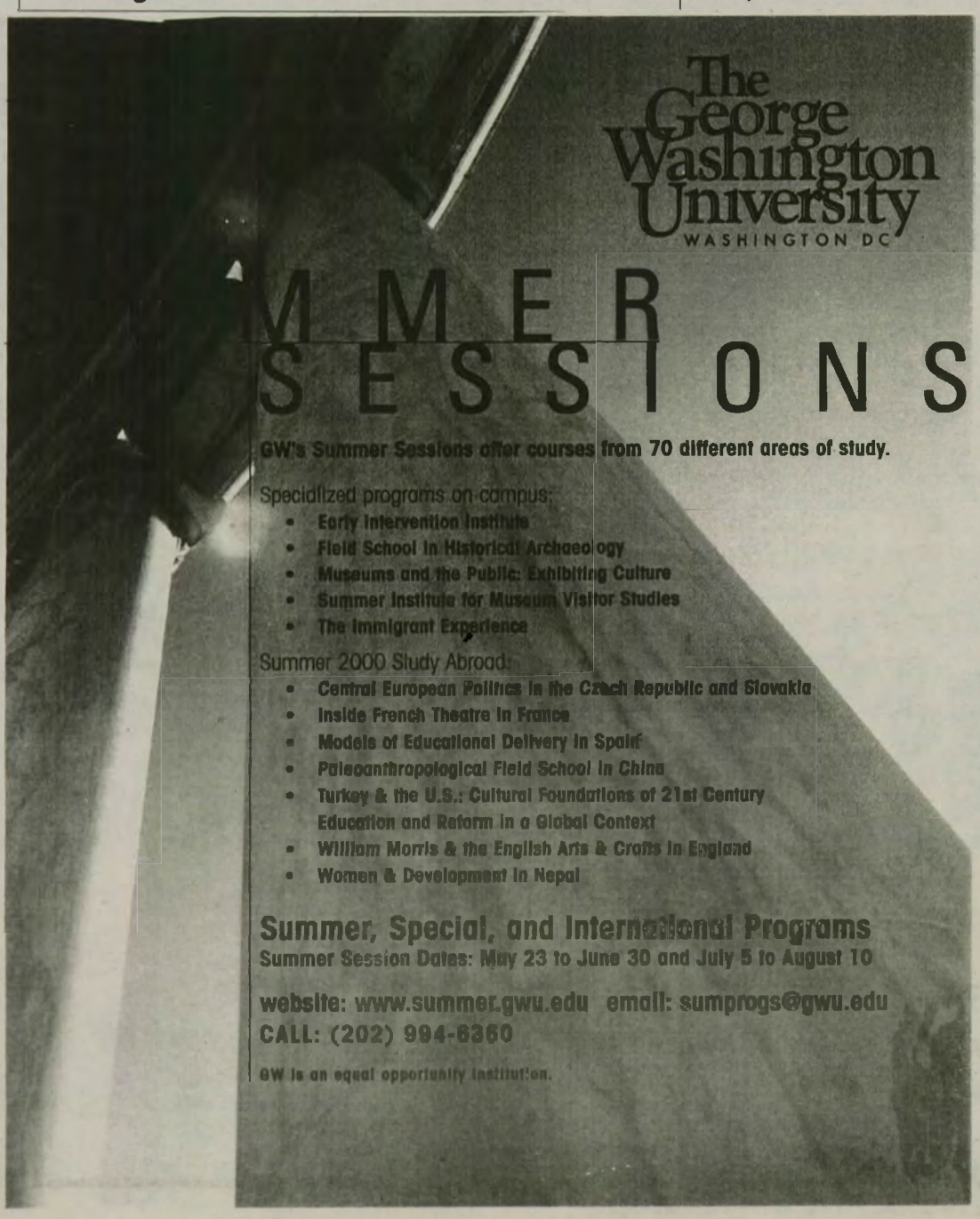
The SOCOG board, led by chief executive Sandy Hollway and president Michael Knight, said they had not been informed of Reading's move, which was made to help bridge a budget shortfall.

The premium packages meant the tickets were not available in a public ticket ballot as promised by SOCOG.

Reading's position with SOCOG was downgraded last month after a review slammed the ticketing process. He was stripped of responsibility for ticketing and finance, leaving him in charge of the marketing and hospitality programs.

Reading was appointed SOCOG's general manager, commercial and marketing, in August following the resignation of marketing boss John Moore. IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch spoke Tuesday with Michael Knight anddownplayed the ticket controversy.

"It was a problem, but I think now it is solved," Samaranch said at an IOC conference in Lausanne.



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HOCKEY

Minutemen visit Irish for two-game series

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While the academic semester is drawing to a close, the Notre Dame hockey team still has a little bit of cleaning up to do before exams.

On Friday and Saturday, the Irish take on the University of Massachusetts Minutemen in a two-game series at the Joyce Center.

The series marks the start of a month-long, six-game, non-conference schedule for the Irish. Apart from a pair of games against Michigan State last weekend, Notre Dame has not played a CCHA game in 55 days, something that's been frustrating for a few members of the Irish squad.

"Yes, [it's difficult]," freshman center Connor Dunlop said about the non-conference stretch. "But at the same time, we realize that we've had a limited amount of playing time. We realize that the those CCHA games at the second half of the season are going to be crucial."

The Minutemen sport a 3-7-2 record and a two-game losing streak after being swept at the hands of rival Boston University last weekend. In the final of the series against the 10th-ranked Terriers, Minuteman Jedd Crumb tied the game at three at six minutes, 23 seconds into the third period. UMass held out until 17.4 seconds remained in overtime, when BU scored on a scramble in front of the crease.

The defeat keeps the Minutemen winless in the Hockey East, despite a career-high 30 saves from starting goaltender Mike Johnson. The team is 0-6-1 in conference play.

Notre Dame and UMass have met only twice on the ice. During the 1994-1995 season, the teams held a two-game series at Amherst. The Irish won the first game, 6-3, before losing an overtime game, 4-3.

Notre Dame currently is tied for ninth place in the CCHA with Bowling Green. The CCHA standings, however, are very tight with just six points separating Notre Dame and third-place Michigan.

"It's been kind of a weird season," Dunlop said about the standings. "A lot of the lower teams are winning some games they're not supposed to. But its just shows how competitive the league is this season."

Strong goaltending from an unlikely source — freshman Tony Zasowski — has allowed Notre Dame to come back from a 0-4-0 start in the CCHA. The first freshman to start since Matt Eisler in 1994, Zasowski has already notched two solo shutouts — the second Irish goalie to do so in the same season — as well as conference rookie of the week honors.

"He's been real strong for us," Dunlop said about Zasowski's play. "He's made some key plays, big saves and just come through for us when we needed it, like in that win against Michigan State."

Following the graduation of three top scorers from last season, the greatest struggles for the Irish have been on offense. The team has allowed an average 2.6 goals per game, slightly lower than last year's average. Their total 36 goals (2.3 per game), however, falls behind last year's pace of 58 goals at the 16-game mark in 1998-1999.

Still, some sources in the lineup are providing the team with a needed boost. Dunlop is currently tied for third on the team in scoring with eight points and four goals, while senior left wing Andy Jurkowski has eight points in his last 11 games, already surpassing his career season high.

Sophomore center David Inman, after a 10-goal, 10-assist season last year, has seven goals this season.

"I think we're on the right track," Dunlop said. "Our confidence is high after the tough weekend. I think the season's turning around."

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the match-up and the rest of the upcoming games.

"We have a hell of a stretch coming up," Doherty said. "Valpo is going to be very good. That was a stupid game for me to schedule because they are northern Indiana and they're going to be fired up."

The Crusaders now stand at 2-4 on the season and fell to Minnesota 57-44 in their last outing. The Gophers built a 12-point lead at 43-29 with 9 minutes, 36 seconds to play before Valparaiso scored 10 straight points to climb within 43-39 at 5:40.

Then the Gophers, who missed eight consecutive free throws, had a 9-2 spurt for a 52-44 lead and finished the game sinking 6 of 8 foul shots. Valpo shot just 29 percent as a team.

The Crusaders, the preseason favorite to win the Mid-Continent Conference, are led by Ivan Vujic. The 6-foot-11 center is averaging 13.7 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per contest. Vujic, however, got in foul trouble against Minnesota and finished with just eight points.

Notre Dame sophomore center Harold Swanagan has yet to regain his form from last season and will have his hands full with Vujic. Troy Murphy the other hand, should present a challenge for the Crusaders. Murphy has six double-doubles on the season and has been held to less than 20 points just one time so far this season.

Tonight's game marks the 39th meeting between the two teams. The Irish lead the series 35-3 and hold a 27-2 record against the Crusaders at home. The teams last met on Nov. 27, 1994.

In that game, the Irish posted a season-opening 77-69 win.

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Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon drives agains the Commodores, Saturday in an overtime loss. The Irish look to snap their four-game losing streak tonight against the Crusaders.

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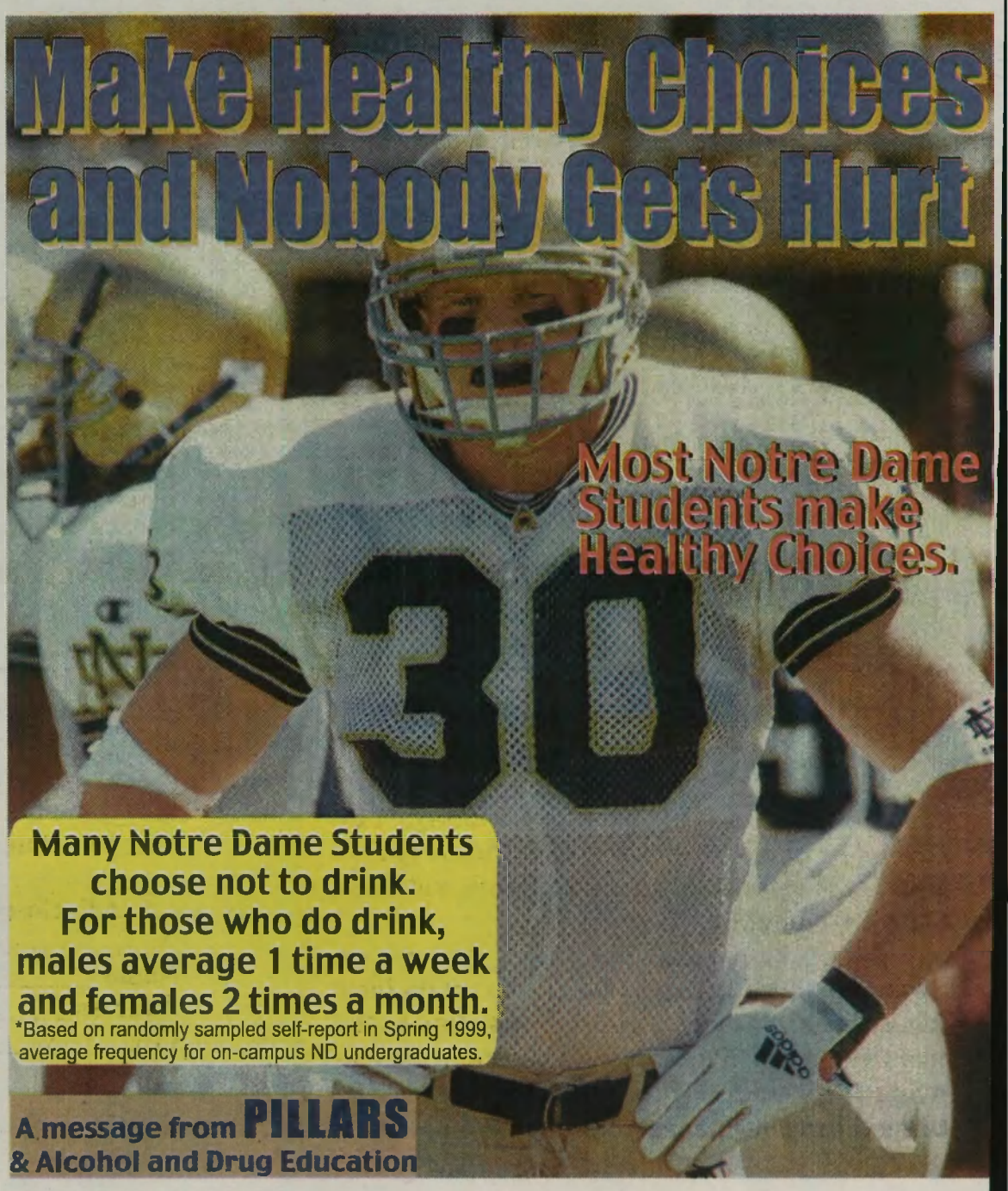

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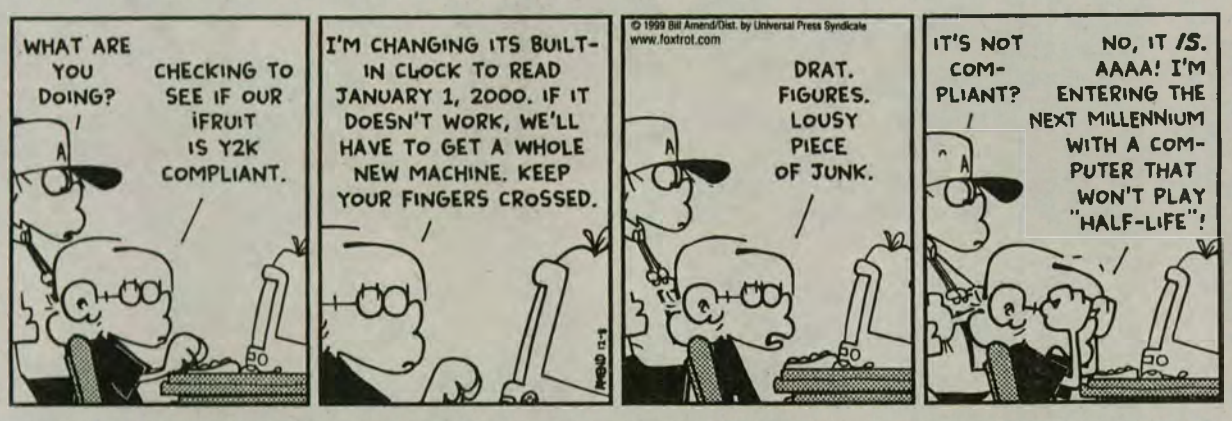

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6 Lawyers make it
10 Quarrel
14 Kosher
15 Last word in the New Testament
16 Olio
17 See 22-Down
19 Old Phillips 66 rival
20 All over the counter, say
21 Sacred place
22 Elizabethan pronoun
25 See 22-Down
28 Chips in
30 Sphere
31 "Norma ___"
32 Meathead's father-in-law
36 Like a very rare day in hell
40 Victorian ___
41 See 22-Down
43 Eng. defender
44 Sicilian spouter
46 Oil city of west Texas
47 "___ my brother's keeper?"
48 Florida's Miami-___ County
50 Swimming pool site, sometimes
52 See 22-Down
57 Salon job
58 Search blindly
59 Cleo of jazz
61 "___ it the truth!"
62 See 22-Down
67 Dirty
68 "Bye!"
69 Ruth's mother-in-law
70 Entreat
71 Goes on TV
72 "___ Fell Out of Heaven" (1936 hit)

DOWN

1 Totality
2 Neck design
3 It may be coddled
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6 Monte ___
7 Valuable violin
8 Jiffy
9 From Okla. City to Tulsa
10 Finish, of a sort
11 Ziti or orzo
12 Examine
13 Thunderous one?
18 Chip's partner
21 Simian
22 Word that precedes six *other answers* in this puzzle
23 The Tin Woodsman's quest
24 City on the Allegheny River
26 Manicurists' jobs
27 Walnuts and others
29 Dated
33 ___ Island Red
34 Gives up
35 Part of a giggle
37 Speak
38 Not so believable
39 See 22-Down
42 Hit hard
45 With skill
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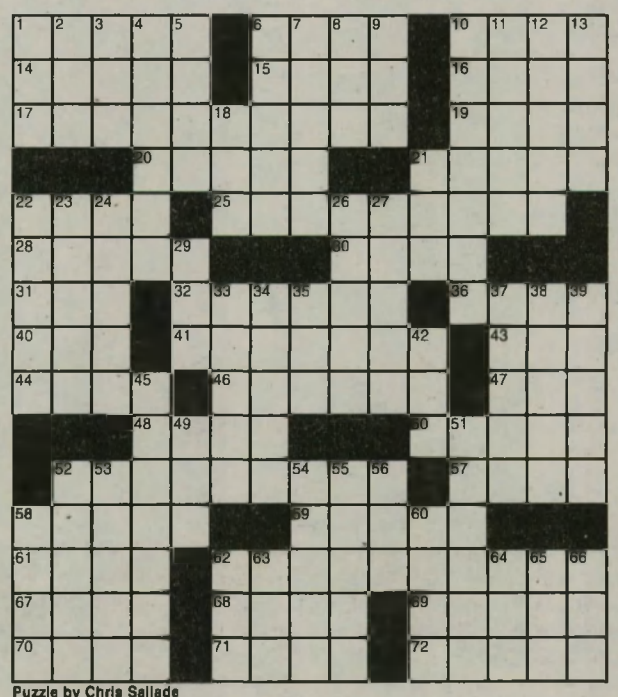

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1999

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kim Basinger, Sinead O'Connor, Gregg Allman, Flip Wilson, Maximilian Schell

Happy Birthday: Your motto will be think big or go home this year. You may be tempted to take on too much, leaving yourself in a position that could compromise your work. Keep in mind that it isn't how much you do, it's how well you do it. Sound financial advice will be necessary if you don't want to lose ground. Your numbers: 6, 17, 25, 32, 39, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Opportunities for advancement will develop through hard work or colleagues who believe in your abilities. Present your ideas or consider getting into your own small business in the new year. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't underestimate one of your competitors. You will have to do some technological research if you don't want to fall behind in your field. It's time to do a little personal update as well. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your partner won't be happy if you're too busy to help out around the house. You should find ways to increase the value of your premises or consider the possibility of making a residential move. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Shopping should be on your agenda. It's time you made an effort to change your look. Passionate encounters can be made if you get out with friends. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't tell others what you have discovered. It is best to hold your cards close to your chest if you want to get to the bottom of the situation. Your discretion will lead to a better position. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pleasure trips will result in new love relationships. You can make lucrative investments if you are willing to put your cash on the line. Much knowledge can be obtained if you're willing to listen. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should consider making changes to your living quarters. Get the whole family to pitch in and help. You can pick up some valuable knowledge if you listen to those with experience. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Contribute your time, not your cash, to a worthwhile cause. You will not do well with investments or purchases. Lock your money up in a safe place. This is not the time to be extravagant. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tie up loose ends at work even if it does mean missing your lunch or staying a little late. It is best to stick to yourself and avoid confrontations or debates of any kind with your loved ones. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make changes that will enhance your personality as well as your appearance. Don't let others bully you into agreeing with them or backing one of their ideas. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Investments will not be as solid as they appear. You must read the fine print before you decide to go ahead and sign your life away. Unusual circumstances will arise, causing financial concerns. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You mustn't let your mate get you going. You are likely to argue about everything. Changes in your home will be unavoidable. Acceptance will be necessary. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have a way with words that will make your requests hard to turn down. You have a strong will and the type of personality that invites popularity. You're entertaining, gifted and always on the go.

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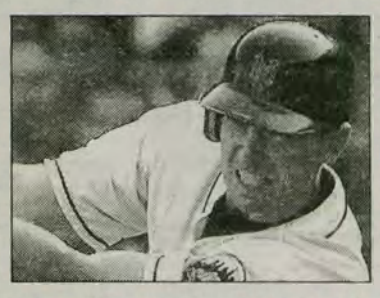
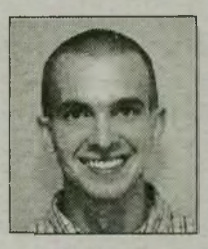
Former Mets first baseman John Olerud packed his bags for Seattle Tuesday as he signed a three-year deal with the Mariners.



Invitations for a celebration

A while ago, Mitch Albom, a sports writer for the Detroit Free Press, started a thing he called "The Huddle." It is an exclusive society, and he invites or bans members of the sporting community based on their behavior inside and outside of their sports.



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Fox Sports ... Almost

In honor of this tradition, I'd like to take a crack at forming my own "Lafortune Huddle," a group whose members could all sit down to a nice hot bowl of Huddle Mart chili or a Whopper value meal from Burger King and enjoy a pre-holiday feast.

So here we go: Whose getting invited into the LaFortune Huddle?

First of all, let's get the women's soccer team in here. That's a no brainer. When you make it to the national championship game, that pretty much guarantees your spot. When you beat previously unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Santa Clara in the national semifinals — avenging a 4-2 regular season loss — I'm throwing apple pies in with the Whoppers.

Next, I have to invite in the men's basketball team and coach Matt Doherty. You guys may be in a slump right now, but you're headed back to the top — where Irish basketball belongs.

Of course, I have to ask the women's basketball team to join me in front of that big screen TV, too. They already have Irish basketball at the top — currently holding a 4-1 record and a Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament title. On the way to that championship, the women disposed of then-No. 9 North Carolina — lighting the Tar Heels up for 99 points.

If you read my column last week, you know I think a lot of the Notre Dame football team, so they're definitely invited. I won't go into the details all over again, but

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND aims to end four-game skid against Valpo

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Christmas is coming and the Notre Dame basketball team aims to give first-year head coach Matt Doherty an early holiday gift — a win.

Doherty and the Irish haven't tasted victory since Nov. 21 — a span that has seen Notre Dame drop four straight contests. Despite his team's struggles, Doherty is still upbeat because, though his team has put forth great effort, his players aren't satisfied with moral victories.

Last Saturday, the Commodores invaded the Joyce Center and a controversial charging call against Troy Murphy late in the game allowed them to escape with an 87-85 victory.

"The best thing is: our kids hurt," Doherty said following Saturday's 87-85 loss to Vanderbilt. "There are tears in there and that's great. I'm more excited about this team than our game against Ohio State."

Notre Dame hosts Valparaiso at 7:30 tonight at the Joyce Center with hopes of ending their four-game skid.

"We've got a lot of golf left," Doherty said. "We've only played a couple holes. I have to grade the effort and not so much the results. It's like in practice; I grade the shot we get and not whether it goes in or not. I think we're making progress."

The Irish come off back-to-back overtime losses to No. 15 Indiana and undefeated Vanderbilt.

Valpo has been slow getting out of the box. Doherty, however, is still concerned about

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Sophomore David Graves, shown here against Vanderbilt, scored 33 points against the Commodores, and will be a key figure in the Notre Dame game plan against Valparaiso.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for rematch with Boilermakers

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When a team plans from the start to make a run for the national championship, every opponent poses a threat.

But some are bigger than others.

When the Irish travel to West Lafayette, Ind., today to take on the Boilermakers of Purdue, memories of last year's tournament will flood the court. Last year, the Irish fell to their intrastate rival as the Boliermakers went on to win the national title.

Riley

The Irish will also face the challenge of beating the Boilermakers on their home floor — a feat no team in the last 20 games has been able to accomplish.

But this is not last year, and these are not last year's teams. Coming into the game, the Irish are ranked seventh. The Boilermakers have fallen to No. 20.

Purdue, at 4-1 on the season, comes off a loss to second-ranked Tennessee. The Irish, with a matching 4-1 record aim to avenge their loss to the Boilermakers in the regional semifinals of last year's NCAA tournament.

When the two teams step on the court, all eyes will be focused on the teams' leaders — Irish center Ruth Riley and Boilermaker forward/guard Katie Douglas. Both players have anchored their teams this season and lend the necessary experi-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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